



■ New one-cent postal increases create a rush for stamps.

■ An era in American sports will likely end today, when Michael Jordan is expected to officially announce his retirement.

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■ SECURITY BEAT

Winter weather keeps Security on toes

By MICHELLE KRUPA
News Editor

Over 40 inches of snow and sub-zero temperatures posed the biggest problems for Notre Dame Security/Police during the University's winter vacation.

"The break was pretty uneventful," the department's assistant director Chuck Hurley said. "There was so much cold and snow that most people didn't even venture out."

Since students began returning to South Bend on Sunday, snow-covered automobiles and unstartable car batteries have kept officers busy helping on-campus residents.

"We can jump-start your car. We can provide different numbers to help you if

that doesn't work," Hurley said. "Rarely do we come across [a car] that can't be jump-started."

Students can acquire shovels to unearth cars buried in snow from the Security building near the D6 parking lot. Hurley also noted that Security can contact the Grounds department to aid any student having difficulties clearing his or her vehicle.

Most streets just outside campus boundaries have been designated as secondary priorities for snow clearing, according to Stacy Kirkendoll, South Bend Streets and Sanitation dispatcher.

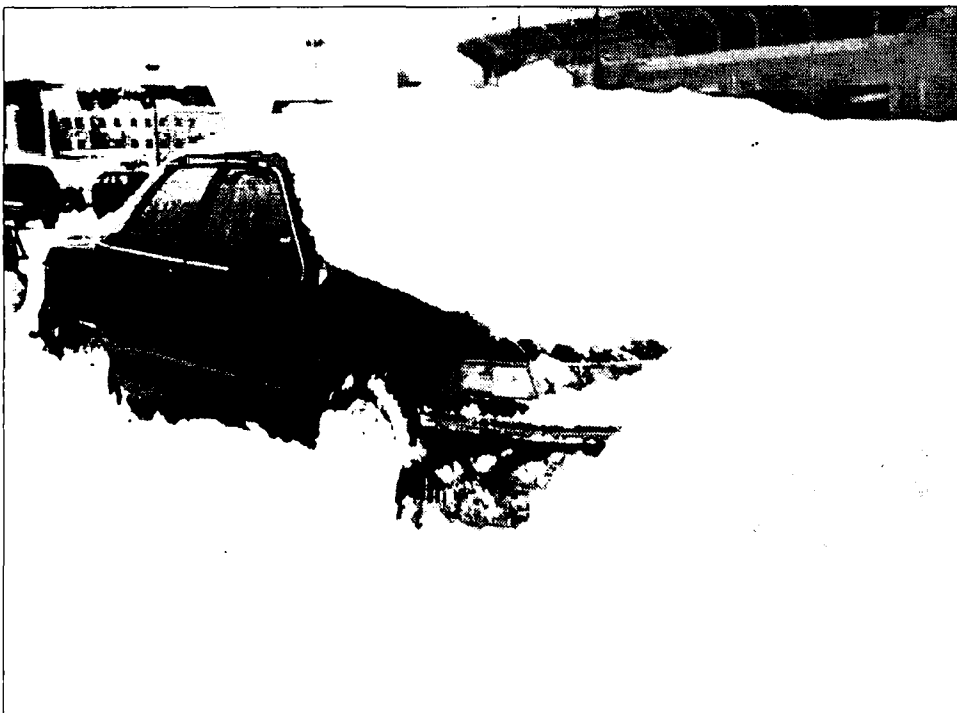
"The first priority is the main drags, which we did [Monday night]. We're working on the secondary streets [Tuesday morning]," Kirkendoll said.

"We're mostly doing the secondaries at night."

City plows and salt trucks have encountered difficulties when servicing residential areas where cars are parked on streets, according to Kirkendoll. Any vehicle impeding the plowing of streets or violating signs denoting city snow ordinances will be ticketed.

"The plows will go down the streets even with cars there, and then once the cars are moved, they'll plow again," he said.

Off-campus students should not expect complimentary help from Notre Dame Security/Police, since their residences fall outside the department's boundaries. The South Bend Police Department does not offer any services for jump-starting, towing, snow removal in private areas or



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Three weeks of snowfall piled atop automobiles has confronted many students returning from winter break. Students may borrow shovels at the Security Building, and Notre Dame Security/Police will help students jump start vehicles and can aid with snow removal. Assistance is available at 631-5555.

'WE CAN JUMP START YOUR CAR. WE CAN PROVIDE DIFFERENT NUMBERS TO HELP YOU IF THAT DOESN'T WORK. RARELY DO WE COME ACROSS [A CAR] THAT CANNOT BE JUMP-STARTED.'

CHUCK HURLEY
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ND SECURITY/POLICE

de-icing of frozen locks.

Turtle Creek Apartments, like most other local apartment complexes, provides parking lot plowing for its residents, but cannot offer other services like towing or lock de-icing for liability reasons. About 10 parking spots have been covered by plowed snow in the Turtle Creek lot, according to manager Beth Hoffman.

"Parking spaces are being lost, but we just can't afford to ship [the snow] off the

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Former prof readies for campaign

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Bill Bradley, a visiting professor of public affairs at Notre Dame last semester, has officially thrown his hat into the ring for the 2000 presidential race.

Just a month after forming a presidential exploratory committee, Bradley, a former New Jersey senator, officially stepped into the race for the White House today by filing a statement of candidacy with the Federal Election Commission.

The Bill Bradley Presidential Exploratory Committee will transform into the Bill Bradley for President Campaign, and Bradley joins vice president Al Gore in the race for the Democratic nomination.

For now, it's a two-person field. Two other prospective candidates on the Democratic side, senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota, have decided not to run.

House minority leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., has not decided whether to run and may choose to remain in the House in hopes of becoming speaker should Democrats take back the majority in 2000.

In forming his exploratory committee Dec. 4, Bradley left little doubt he would run. The former



Bradley

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■ STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Online book sales offer students an alternative

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
Assistant News Editor

Students may be able to save money and avoid hassle during this semester's book purchasing season by using a new online book sale created by student government.

"You post what you want to sell [on the site]," said student body vice president Andréa Selak. The service was first made available before Christmas and will be heavily publicized this week and next, according to Selak.

Students can reach the site via the student government homepage at www.nd.edu/~students.

"I see it as a great way for students to save money on

both ends," said student body president Peter Cesaro in a press release. "Those selling books can get more money for the books than the bookstore would offer. At the same time, students buying books online can find them for substantially less than the bookstore would try to sell them."

Sophomore student government webmaster Joe Shepherd was responsible for setting up the site.

"If students could sell to each other, it could save a lot of people a lot of money," he said.

"To me [the bookstore] is the perfect example of monopoly. We have to buy from them," Shepherd continued. "There's no other choice for students. They just don't have

any options, and there's no competition."

Though the program is available this semester, the final product is far from what designers had envisioned. Shepherd and others involved in the project had hoped to allow students to search by subject and professor, but computers capable of running the original, more complicated program designed by senior Jen Kaminski were unavailable.

Instead, the software is currently running from Shepherd's personal computer, and he reports that the bookstore's potential functions — including lists of the required texts for each class

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Students confronted with long lines while waiting to purchase books this spring may have another option; the student government's new online book sale. Available via www.nd.edu/~students, the site can help buyers and sellers circumvent the bookstore.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

And the Next President is ...

Regardless of whether or not Clinton is booted out of the Oval, er, uh, Oval Office it appears that our next president will be Al Gore. I am not trying to pose as some neo-Nostradamus, I do have my reasoning for this. Let me explain.

Throughout our history the American electorate has tended to choose a president that reflects the mood of the nation. After the Revolutionary War and the Civil War America faced an uncertain future.

The people called upon Washington and Grant, their heroes from these wars, to lead them once again.

As the nation moved toward grass-roots democracy and the empowerment of the common man, the people turned to Andrew Jackson. Jackson was not regarded as a man qualified enough to fill the position of his high-profile predecessors, but that's what the people wanted — a common man.

How about President Eisenhower? Ike played golf during his two terms and the American people could not have been happier. All Americans wanted after WWII was to settle down and have babies. They didn't need a lot of hype from Washington — and they knew they wouldn't get it from Ike.

The euphoria created by the steady fifties gave the American people a feeling of promise for the future. We needed a young, vibrant president to lead us into the new frontier. We chose John F. Kennedy. But the sixties would prove to be much different than the fifties. As Vietnam, sex, drugs and Rock 'n Roll rocked the nation, the presidential situation spun out of control. Kennedy was shot, Johnson declined to run again, Nixon ... well you get the picture.

Trying to find some sense of normalcy and integrity as a nation after a crazy spell that lasted well into the Ford Administration, we elected a born-again Christian, peanut farmer in '76. But then we decided Carter was too boring, so we turned to the glow of Hollywood and the business-minded Reagan for eight years.

I could go on, but at this point you're probably wondering where Gore fits into the picture. Let us turn, therefore, once again to President Grant. Grant's Administration was plagued by scandal. Whether or not he was to blame, the American people needed separation from the stormy seas that were rocking Washington at the time. They no longer wanted a national hero, or a dynamic personality. The next two decades, or so, following Grant gave us dull presidents — men most history students have a hard time remembering. Enter Al Gore.

In light of Clinton's never-ending list of scandals, Gore has found a degree of separation — for the most part. Despite the on-going soap opera in D.C., Clinton remains relatively popular with the American people which also bodes well for the vice president. But the nation is growing tired of the rotten stench that is wafting out of the nation's capital. It has become hard to distinguish between our newspapers and tabloids. It's time for a tranquil, non-confrontational presidency. In other words, we need a boring leader. Who better than Al Gore.

The other possible candidates that are slowly emerging are far too dynamic. Sorry Sen. Bradley, maybe if you hadn't been an NBA star. For those hoping for another Bush to lead them, well then maybe its time to pick up and move to Texas. The thought of having a president where the life of every inmate in the country is at danger is far too invigorating.

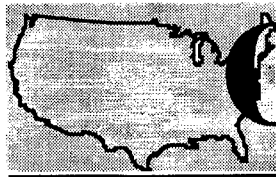
No, history speaks for itself. So, sit back, relax and prepare to catch a few Zs as we venture onward into the new millennium with Mr. Gore.

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Outside the Dome

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Secret Service investigates Ohio University student

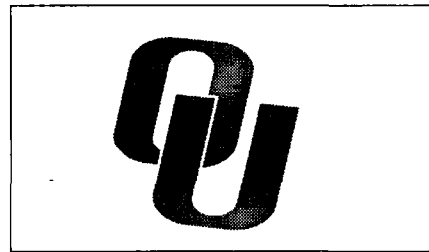
ATHENS, Ohio — After a search of his Wilson Hall room turned up more than \$5,000 worth of fake \$20 bills, an Ohio University freshman is being investigated by the U.S. Secret Service for allegedly making and passing counterfeit money.

John Swieton, 19, was charged Jan. 7 with carrying a false or altered identification and forgery, according to Athens County Municipal Court records.

The case was brought before Athens Municipal Court Judge Doug Bennett Jan. 8 and then was dismissed when the state showed interest in it.

The state no longer has jurisdiction and Swieton now could be charged on the federal level, Bennett said.

The Secret Service is investigating the incident but cannot discuss it because it is active, Shawn Young, a



Secret Service spokeswoman, said yesterday from Washington, D.C.

Last week Athens Police Department officers investigated complaints filed by the Hocking Valley Bank, 23 S. Court St., Taco Bell, 41 S. Court St., and Red Wagon, a vendor on E. Union Street.

On Jan. 6, Swieton, of Clarendon Hills, Ill., allegedly passed one counterfeit \$20 bill at Red Wagon, according to an APD report. The next day he allegedly paid for food at Taco Bell with another counterfeit \$20 bill.

"One of the businesses had spotted one of the counterfeit bills being issued and gave a description [of Swieton]."

"A uniformed officer located him then," APD Investigator Jeff Gura said.

Through communication with other Uptown businesses, Taco Bell general manager Carmaletha Byrd said her store received word to watch for counterfeit money being passed.

Two more counterfeit incidents occurred in Athens last week, but neither have been traced to Swieton. Hocking Valley Bank reported counterfeit \$20 bills were received in a deposit on Jan. 6 and another counterfeit \$20 bill was received at Red Wagon early last week.

Swieton's alleged actions during the Taco Bell transaction lead workers to be suspicious of his money, said Byrd. "He was obviously nervous and

■ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-IRVINE

FDA approves lyme disease vaccine

IRVINE, Calif. — Infecting approximately 10,000 Americans every year, lyme disease may soon be eradicated with the creation of the nation's first vaccine by a UCI researcher. The vaccine was approved for immediate release by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Dec. 21, 1998. "The action by the FDA is an important milestone in the prevention of lyme disease," said Eddie Gray, vice president and director of LYMERix, which is the company reproducing the vaccine. Lyme disease is currently the nation's most prevalent tick-borne illness. Realizing that this disease needs to be quickly controlled because it affects so many Americans, Dr. Alan Barbour's work has recently led him to uncover a solution. Barbour's development for this vaccine began with the isolation of the bacterium that causes the disease in 1981 while he worked in a National Institute for Health laboratory.

■ UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Police withhold warrants in brawl

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Warrants have not yet been requested for Michigan football players allegedly involved in a fight outside the Sigma Chi fraternity house early Friday morning. Michigan football players Jason Brooks, Ray Jackson and William Peterson were seen by a witness and Sigma Chi members involved in the incident that occurred outside the fraternity house. Since the case is still under investigation by the Ann Arbor Police Department, it is not known when or even if warrants will be requested by the police. "That all depends on when charges are filed" by the fraternity members, AAPD Sgt. Michael Logghe said Monday. A fraternity representative, who asked not to be identified, said several reports were filed with the AAPD. "It's now in the hands of the legal system," he said. Washtenaw County Prosecutor Joseph Burke confirmed that warrant requests had not yet been filed with his office Monday.

■ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES

Boron proven to destroy cancer cells

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — After years of research, UCLA scientists have discovered a compound, boron-10, which selectively and efficiently destroys cancer cells. UCLA chemist Frederick Hawthorne's discovery "could lead to a radical form of cancer treatment that selectively kills cancer rather than good cells," said William Pardridge, a professor of medicine at UCLA. In the 1960s, researchers began to examine the use of boron to eliminate cancer cells. Since then, boron has proven an effective adversary against cancer in clinical trials, said Hawthorne. Boron neutron capture therapy is a practical treatment because unlike traditional methods, such as chemotherapy and radiation, it does not endanger healthy cells. "Boron is like a land mine, in place to destroy, but inert," said Hawthorne. When a neutron beam reacts with boron, nuclear fission occurs, splitting boron into highly charged destructive ions.

■ PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Low loan default rate aids students

STATE COLLEGE, Penn. — The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) recently recorded the lowest loan default rate of the 44 major student loan guarantors. The rate of 1.96 percent is a positive for both students and other taxpayers. The low rate means that 260,000 student borrowers who might normally default on their loans were able to make payments. It also makes borrowing money easier for all students. "Fewer defaults make the risk lower, so (interest) rates are more reasonable," said Keith New, PHEAA spokesperson. When a student defaults, New said, federal tax dollars are used to pay off the loan. By keeping the rate of default low, PHEAA saved taxpayers \$774 million last year. PHEAA is the government agency responsible for providing financial aid to students. Should a borrower be unable to make payments on a private loan, PHEAA will reimburse the lender.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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| Thursday | 27 | 18 |
| Friday | 37 | 25 |
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Jan. 13.
Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.

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| Atlanta | 61 | 46 | Des Moines | 10 | 4 | Omaha | 16 | 3 |
| Baltimore | 49 | 38 | Fargo | 1 | -15 | St. Paul | 6 | -11 |
| Boston | 38 | 32 | Kansas City | 16 | 10 | Seattle | 51 | 42 |
| Chicago | 20 | 12 | New York | 45 | 35 | Washington | 50 | 40 |

Participant testimony praises Urban Plunge

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

While many Notre Dame students spent their winter skiing, eating, working, and shopping, 260 students participated in Urban Plunge, a 48-hour experience in which students live and work among the homeless at a variety of agencies, centers, churches, and shelters.

This program has grown in popularity at the University and is now a tradition, with more than 3,000 students having participated to date. Although the original Urban Plunge program began in Chicago 30 years ago, it is now available at 70 sites in 50 cities.

More important to the participants than the one credit they earn by completing an Urban Plunge is the insight they gain through the hands-on experience.

Sophomore Monica Garza spent two days at the San Antonio Catholic Worker

House working with two families living there, and was impressed with the diversity of circumstances she encountered. She was shocked to learn that both parents of one family held college degrees. Another resident at the house was a flood victim who was having a hard time getting back on his feet.

Later parts of Garza's service consisted of waking up at dawn, dressing in donated clothes from the shelter and heading downtown to find a meal from a soup kitchen. After eating lunch under a bridge, Garza and another volunteer from the shelter looked for a place to shower and stay for the night.

Finding food was not a difficulty for her, but very few places would let single women stay, said Garza. The majority of the homeless are middle-aged men and many shelters

are for men only and often allow families rooming priority over single women.

"Nobody wants to be homeless. It's hard. These people are normal, some have just had very bad luck," Garza said.

'THESE PEOPLE COME IN WITH FROZEN BEARDS AND RED HANDS, SLEEPING BAGS ON THEIR BACKS, BUT THEY LOOK YOU IN THE EYE AND WISH YOU A GOOD MORNING. THEY SMILE AND THEY SAY 'PLEASE' AND 'THANK YOU.'

LIZ DONNELL-FINK
URBAN PLUNGE PARTICIPANT

Sophomores Jill Boroneic and Scott Ford spent their 48 hours in the Urban Plunge program at the Crossroads Emergency Center in Detroit. At Crossroads, Boroneic sat in on interviews between the homeless and the center's

counselors.

"The homeless people were very nice to us. It seems that they loved having someone to talk to and someone who wanted to hear their stories. They were so appreciative," she said.

Ford's reaction was similar.

"Even though I had a pretty good idea of what I was going into, I was impressed by how sincere these people are. They really want to work. One guy was there because he was no longer able to work as a chef after he was hit by a bus and suffered brain damage. It can happen to anyone."

Liz Donnell-Fink, sophomore, who participated in Urban Plunge at The Catholic Worker House in Detroit, says that the people she worked with inspired her.

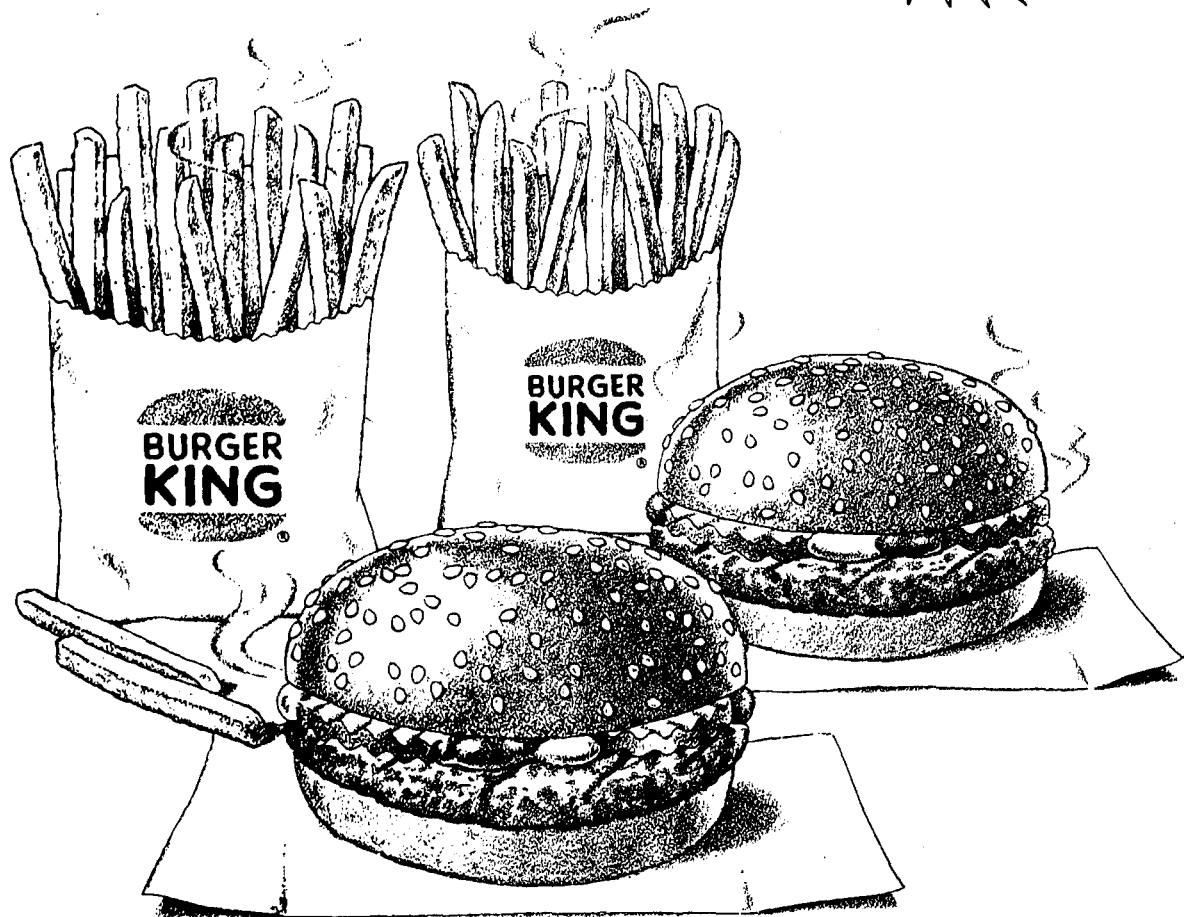
"These people come in with

frozen beards and red hands, sleeping bags on their backs, but they look you in the eye and wish you a good morning. They smile and they say 'Please' and 'Thank you.' They have nothing but I didn't hear them complaining."

Before taking the plunge, each student is given a course packet to read about welfare, single mothers, and other issues of homelessness. Upon the completion of the 48 hours, each student writes a 6-page paper and attends a couple of follow-up meetings.

When asked if they would recommend Urban Plunge, the participants answered with a strong affirmative response. Ford thinks that his experience will have a long-term effect on his life, shaping his decisions in a number of ways; he plans on returning as a volunteer this summer.

Students interested in participating in future Urban Plunge programs can find information at the Center for Social Concerns.



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| | Thursdays | 7:45-9:00pm |
| Pointe | Sundays | 4:00-4:45pm |

All classes will meet at the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center

Information Meeting

Sunday, January 17

1:30pm- RSRC Activity Room 2

Register in advance at RecSports

Registration fee is \$35.00, Pointe class is only \$5.00

Sign ups begin Monday, January 18, 8:00am

Class begins Sunday, January 24

Space is limited

Books

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and the option of online purchasing — greatly exceed the student government site's capabilities. To further develop the program's capabilities, Shepherd says that more help is needed.

"We have no help. I think we can go somewhere with this later, [but] I don't have the computer knowledge to set up something this huge," he said.

"We tried to do a lot more," he continued. "[Larry] Rapagnani (Assistant Provost for Information Technologies) told us he'd help us, but it didn't come through," said Shepherd, who claimed that Rapagnani mentioned hiring a professional web developer to work on the project.

But Rapagnani faults the students for the lack of Office of Information Technologies (OIT) support this year, stating that he asked students for a plan to ensure that the program would not be abandoned by future student government administrations after the University had invested the money. Rapagnani said that had students provided such a plan, OIT would have been receptive and willing to do what it could to help but that after making the request students did not contact him again.

"We have historically expended money to help students do things on the web," he said. "The problem is that there's no continuity with [student government] officers."

Rapagnani explained that an book sale was established three years ago, but that due to a lack of communication between administrations, students continued to see him year after year to establish a system already in existence. Finally, when the student government web page was redesigned, the pre-existing program was deleted.

"When [student] governments

transition, all of the work we had done was lost. If we're going to put effort into developing programs, there has to be a commitment to carrying these things over," he said. "I'm not willing to spend resources to develop the same thing again."

"If there's no methodology to carry this on, what happens to it? It dies," he continued. "The whole concept of underground book-selling is a very valuable idea. One would hope that student government would see this as a value-added service and continue to support it."

Candidate

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New York Knicks basketball star and three-term senator has already made fund-raising trips to California and elsewhere and has assembled a campaign staff.

A press release from his campaign said Bradley plans a formal public announcement of his candidacy by early spring. He had no public schedule today and was not

immediately available for comment.

Bradley, 55, has carried the presidential aspirations of his supporters since his college days as a star basketball player and student at Princeton University. He was a two-time All-American player for the Tigers and won a gold medal with the 1968 Olympic basketball team.

Supporters hoped Bradley would run in 1988 and again in 1992, but he demurred until now to make his move for the America's highest office.

Snow

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property anywhere," she said. "This is just sort of an act of God, and we'll have to deal with it."

Off-campus students with car problems should contact a private service station. Prices for towing range from \$35 to \$45, and jump-starts can run from \$25 to \$45, according to representatives from three South Bend service stations.

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RSRC Activity Room 1

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| 1 | 12:15-12:45 | Step I | M/F | \$22 |
| 2 | 12:15-12:45 | Cardio Box | W | \$12 |
| 3 | 3:15-4:15 | Step I | M/W/F | \$35 |
| 4 | 4:20-5:20 | Step II | M/W/F | \$35 |
| 5 | 5:30-6:30 | AeroStep | M/W/F | \$35 |
| 6 | 4:25-5:25 | Cardio Combo | T/Th | \$22 |
| 7 | 5:30-6:45 | Step II n' Sculpt | T/Th | \$30 |
| 8 | 12:00-1:00 | Step II | Sa | \$12 |
| 9 | 1:10-1:30 | All Abs | Sa | \$10 |
| 10 | 3:00-4:00 | Cardio Choice | Su | \$12 |
| 11 | 4:15-5:00 | Step II | Su | \$12 |
| 12 | 5:10-5:30 | All Abs | Su | \$10 |

RSRC Activity Room 2

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|----|-------------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 13 | 4:10-5:25 | Cardio Sculpt | M/W | \$30 |
| 14 | 5:25-6:10 | Lo Impact | M/W | \$22 |
| 15 | 7:20-8:20am | Cardio Choice | T/Th | \$15(until 3/4) |
| 16 | 4:00-4:45 | Step I | T/Th | \$25 |
| 17 | 4:55-5:15 | All Abs | T/Th | \$15 |
| 18 | 5:25-6:10 | Flex & Tone | T/Th | \$22 |
| 19 | 5:00-6:15 | Dbl Stepn' Sculpt | Su | \$15 |

ROCKNE CLASSES (Room 301)

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|----|-------------|--------------|-------|------|
| 20 | 6:35-7:20am | Step II | M/W/F | \$35 |
| 21 | 4:30-5:30 | Hi Intensity | M/W | \$22 |
| 22 | 12:15-12:45 | Flex & Tone | T/Th | \$22 |
| 23 | 5:30-6:30 | Step II | T/Th | \$27 |

AQUATIC CLASSES (Rolf's Aquatic Center)

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| 24 | 12:15-12:45 | Aquacise | M/W/F | \$22 |
| 25 | 6:45-7:45pm | Aquacise | T/Th | \$22 |

Registration begins **Thursday, January 14, 7:30am, RSRC**. Classes are open to NDstudents, staff, faculty and their spouses. Registration continues throughout the semester. Schedule is subject to change.

Minimum of 12 class registrants. Any ?s, call 1-6100.

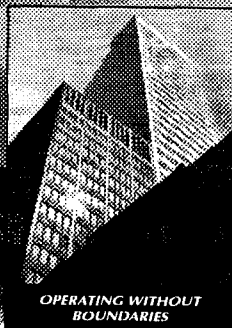
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Alcoholic treats scare parents

CANBERRA, Australia

An Australian company's brainstorm — selling ice pops with a kick of alcohol — is getting a frosty reception from parents and government officials who fear that kids will get their hands on the potent pops. Next month, the Melbourne-based Liquor Pops company plans to debut the frozen snacks laced with six-percent alcohol in flavors such as cola, melon, pineapple and orange. The amount of alcohol in the ice pops is higher than Australia's full-strength beers, which typically have an alcohol content of between four and five percent. Geraldine Burke, a spokeswoman for the Victorian Federation of State School Parents Clubs, said children will inevitably get hold of the new product. "I think it's just an absolute ploy for underage alcohol consumption," she said. Health Minister Michael Wooldridge urged the company to reconsider the plan. "Enticing young people, especially pre-teens, with a confectionery type product which is laced with alcohol is unconscionable," Wooldridge said.

'Oprah' hero shot in robbery

MILWAUKEE

A teenager who was celebrated as a hero on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" three years ago was shot to death in what relatives believe was an attempt to rob a drug house. Lafayette Clark, 17, was slain Sunday night. Another teen-ager was wounded. Police are investigating, but Clark's mother, Lorraine Allen, said, "He didn't agree with people doing drugs. ... I think he was going to take their money." She added, "We lost control." When he was 14, Clark saw a boy being kidnapped and chased the car. He wrote down its license plate number, the house it stopped at, descriptions of the man and the boy, and went to police, thwarting the abduction. Police gave him an award. Winfrey showcased him. Officers wanted him to join their ranks, but he said he planned on becoming an architect.

Quayle criticizes Clinton

WASHINGTON

Former vice president Dan Quayle, a likely GOP presidential candidate, said today that national security should be a major issue in the 2000 campaign and offered a critical assessment of President Bill Clinton's foreign policy. "No presidential candidate should be taken seriously unless he or she understands the importance of foreign policy," Quayle told the conservative Heritage Foundation. He refused to critique potential rivals, but said in an interview afterward when asked about Texas Gov. George W. Bush's foreign policy abilities, "Clearly experience helps. I don't need on-the-job training." Quayle said the Clinton administration "frittered away" opportunities left by his boss, former President George Bush.

YUGOSLAVIA



Members of the Kosovo Liberation Army guard the funeral procession of former Kosovo Information Center leader Enver Maloku. Tensions between ethnic Albanians and government forces have escalated in recent weeks.

Tensions renew in war-torn province

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BARE, Yugoslavia

In an abandoned schoolhouse in the northern mountains of Kosovo, patched with plastic sheeting and heated by a wood-burning stove, Yugoslav officer Dragan Jugovic crushes out a cigarette and stares at the wall.

"We are waiting for things to happen," Jugovic tells visitors. "We know nothing."

Since last Friday, Jugovic and seven of his men have been hidden in Bare, less than 25 miles north of Pristina, Kosovo's capital. They are captives of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army — and the focus of the latest flashpoint in the separatist province.

The KLA is demanding that some of its members held by Yugoslav forces be released in exchange for the soldiers — something the army is reluctant to do. International mediators said Tuesday they have negotiated the sol-

dier's release, which could come as early as Wednesday.

All eight captives appeared in good condition to an Associated Press Reporter and Associated Press Television News — the only foreign media allowed to visit them. Boredom and fear seemed the biggest immediate enemies — when not smoking, the hostages kneaded their hands, or cracked their knuckles.

But mostly, they waited.

Seated on a raised platform piled with mattresses and blankets that serves as a bed, Jugovic and a soldier from his unit, Nikola Cvijovic, said they were being well-treated.

"The gentlemen from the KLA ... treat us right," said Cvijovic in broken English, his voice shaking — either from the excitement of seeing people from the outside or because of the menacing presence of armed guards in the room. "Everything is OK."

Jugovic said the KLA stopped their

patrol after they unknowingly strayed into rebel-held territory. The eight were under orders to locate and deliver supplies to a Yugoslav military vehicle that had flipped over.

"We expected to find the vehicle, but didn't," said Jugovic. The KLA found them instead.

"The KLA stopped us and disarmed us," Jugovic continued.

"Then they brought us here. Since we have been here they have behaved very, very correctly," he said. "We get food, cigarettes, everything we need."

Prompted by a KLA commander in the room, who stood guard with six of his own men, Jugovic explained they had been allowed to listen to a report from state-run Yugoslav radio, that said the rebels had ambushed their patrol. "That is not true," Jugovic said.

"If we had wanted to fire on them, we would have done it," said the KLA commander, who refused to be identified.

One-cent stamp causes commotion

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Customers across the country are jamming post offices clamoring for them, sometimes demanding thousands at a time.

And they are only worth a penny.

On Sunday, the postal rate of a basic first-class letter increased from 32 cents to 33 cents, making 1-cent stamps a hot ticket at local post offices.

"The lines are out the door," said Danny Cashen, station manager at the Oak Lawn Post Office in Dallas on Tuesday. "It's very, very strange."

Cashen said his office

sold 40,000 of the 1-cent stamps on Saturday. On Monday, he picked up another 40,000 from his local distribution center. By Monday afternoon, it needed to replenish again.

"We didn't realize how quickly they would go out," Cashen said.

Cashen is surprised at how long people are willing to wait just to pick up some 1-cent stamps. One customer even came in and bought 10,000 of the penny stamps, probably anticipating a shortage, he said.

And many buying on behalf of their businesses have picked up sheets and sheets of the stamps. Demand is so high that the

U.S. Postal Service has witnessed spot shortages in some places.

"We want people to buy as many 1-cent stamps as they need," said Roy Betts, Postal Service spokesman. But "there's no need to stockpile 1-cent stamps. They'll always be there."

The Postal Service is resupplying 1-cent stamps to those offices that are running low, Betts said. With 2.5 billion 1-cent stamps printed just for the rate increase, there are plenty to go around, he said.

"It's not a question of supply," Betts said. "There's ample supply."

The rate increase, the

first in four years, may have caught some people off guard, even though the first 33-cent stamps went on sale last week. It's the Chinese New Year stamp commemorating the year of the hare. In addition, millions of undenominated "H" rate stamps are available at post offices to cover the 33-cent rate.

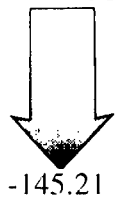
But at the Grand Shelby Post Office in Detroit, the buzz among customers was all about the 1-cent stamp.

"They need to hoard them," said George Kujan, manager for customer service. "It's a very good possibility they think (the stamps) won't be there next week."

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Midden: Four candidates remain for SMC VP spot

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

The pool of candidates for the position of Saint Mary's vice president and dean of faculty has been narrowed down to four, according to student body vice president Nancy Midden at Tuesday night's Board of Governance meeting.

Candidates' names have not been released. The final four were chosen after a search committee of eight faculty members and Midden interviewed candidates during Christmas break.

"It's still an ongoing

process," Midden said. "It's been very exciting and very tough. They are all very qualified candidates."

During the next two weeks, various BOG members and other students will meet and interview the four possible replacements. The students will complete evaluation forms with their opinions.

"Every opinion carries equal weight," Midden said.

Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of Student Activities, who also encouraged any students interested in meeting and interviewing the candidates should contact her.

The search committee was formed at the beginning of the year to replace Dorothy Feigl, who has been dean of the College for 13 years and previously a professor of chemistry.

In other BOG news:

• Rosenbush announced that Saint Mary's will host 28 colleges and universities during the annual Play of the Mind conference, marking the highest attendance for the conference. Sixteen of the schools are co-educational institutions, while the remaining 12 are women's colleges.

Rosenbush said that hosts are still needed for Play of the

Mind, which runs from Jan. 21 to Jan. 24. The theme this year is "Global Citizenship and Intellectual Life." Instead of the traditional keynote speaker, the conference will open with a "multi-media conglomeration reader's theatre" which highlights "the influences of other cultures," Rosenbush said.

• The elections committee is preparing for the upcoming student body and class elections. Bridget Heffernan, elec-

tions commissioner, announced that informational sessions will be held at 9 p.m. on Jan. 20 and 21 in the Hagar Game Room.

Students will have an opportunity to meet the class representative candidates on Feb. 22 before the Feb. 25 elections.

A "meet-the-candidate night" will also take place Jan. 20 and 21 for student body candidates before students cast their votes on Feb. 4.

■ WASHINGTON

Clinton pays Paula Jones

The Associated Press

President Clinton mailed a check for \$850,000 to Paula Jones on Tuesday to settle her sexual harassment allegations, officially ending the sensational legal battle that cast his presidency into crisis.

In the week his Senate impeachment trial was to resume, the president drew about \$375,000 from his and Hillary Rodham Clinton's personal funds and got the rest of the settlement, about \$475,000, from an insurance policy, a White House official told The Associated Press.

"This ends it. The check is being Fed-Exed" to Bill McMillan, one of Jones' lawyers, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said the personal funds were

drawn from the Clintons' blind trust, which was valued in their financial disclosure statement at between \$1 million and about \$5 million. None of the money was drawn from his legal defense fund, which raises money from private citizens to defray his legal bills, the official said.

Still unclear is how much money from the check will make it into Jones' bank account. As the settlement was reached in November, Jones still faced an outstanding claim by Joseph Cammarata and Gilbert Davis, the two lawyers who quit her case last year and filed an \$800,000 lien against any settlement in order to collect legal fees.

"I don't think it's been decided yet" how much Jones will receive, said her friend and adviser, Susan Carpenter McMillan.

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■ LIKE ARROWS IN THE HAND OF A WARRIOR

Newsflash

INTERNATIONAL CITY (Scientific Press)

A dramatic breakthrough in science was announced yesterday in the Auditorium of the Central University. Two new species of near-human

Gabriel Martínez

beings were discovered: the Homo Nescius and the Homo Osseus.

As the glaciers of the Ice Age that put an end to the Quaternary Age recede, scientists find more and more vestiges of what life was like eons ago. Dr. Francine Müllen, the leader of the discovering team revealed yesterday that she and her colleagues had been able to find, not far north of the Tropic of Cancer, a frozen city, where an unbelievably large amount of information was collected and examined. Digging through solid ice (much like Pompeii was dug out of lava), the scientists discovered an entire civilization, complete with two previously unknown species, very close to the present-day Homo Animus. A generation's worth of research was opened up to the world at CU today. The two species appear to have developed from the Homo Sapiens. H. Nescius's defining characteristic is the large orifice in the top of his head, directly communicating the universe with his brains, and the surprising lack of bones. The name Nescius was given by the team's paleontopsychologist and paleontosociologist, because the H. Nescius tried to be, above all, civil or nice (Nescius: Latin for foolish, ignorant).

Dr. Michael Newhouse, the paleon-

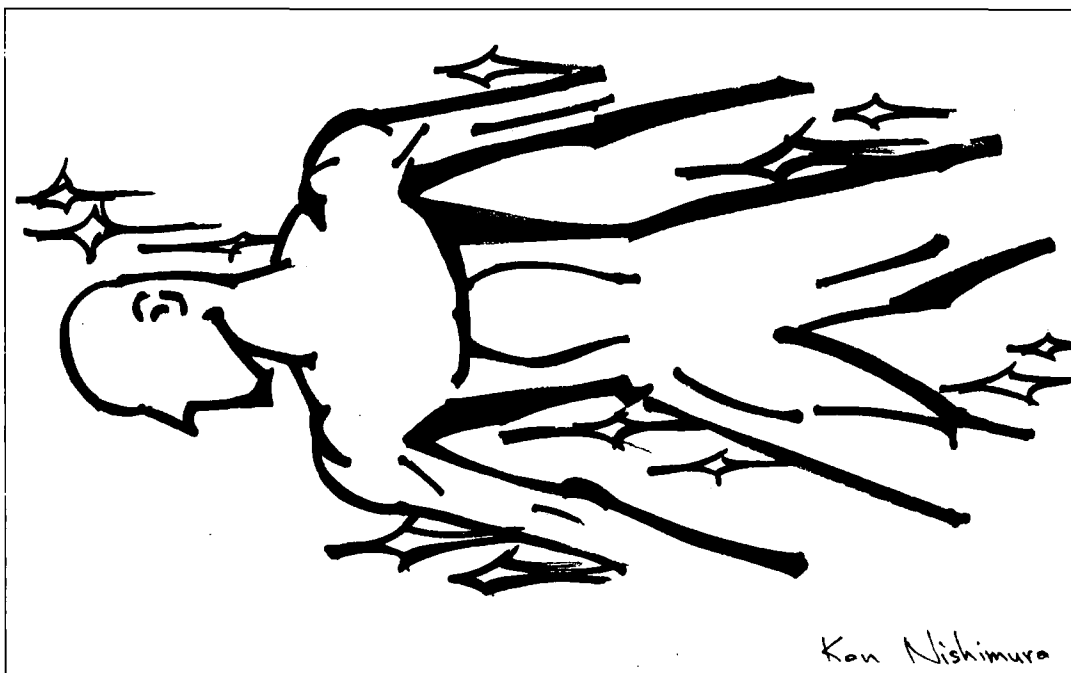
topsyologist, has determined that through the cranial orifice came out virtue and truth, in a supposed effort to absorb everyone else's "virtues" and "truths." Paradoxically, the H. Nescius was remarkably intolerant toward traditional morality and timeless truth. Moreover, the oral sections of the brain were remarkably diminished, and the H. Nescius was incapable of uttering the words "truth," "virginity," "sin," or "Hell," among others. Those words were not nice. Lance Chu, the paleontosociologist, notes that it was this moral poverty that ruined the H. Nescius's society. Just like his physical body, H. Nescius's worldview was spineless (it lacked cojones, as a noted Nescius journalist of the time proclaimed with pride).

The other species, the Homo Osseus, is also remarkable in its anatomy. He had no joints. The skeletal structure of the H. Osseus was a solid bone from head to toe. But the excess of calcium also reduced his vocal abilities, and the words "compassion," and "tolerance" were unpronounceable; more,

they were unintelligible. The H. Osseus showed a surprising lack of flexibility, privileging adherence to, and debate over minute details of the letter of the Law, especially in matters of liturgy and art. In doing so, he ignored the harder parts where the practice of the Law cannot be written down but must be learned in the living of it. Just as the H. Nescius worshiped civility, the H. Osseus worshiped intransigence:

great pleasure and in reaction to Nescius's selective intolerance.

Dr. Chu notes that although the lack of flexibility of the H. Osseus made him socially sub-optimal, "he actually believed in something, while H. Nescius did not. This alone would have made this curious specimen's society more long-lasting, since it worked better — well, less badly." When the Ice Age overtook these species, it put an end to their bickering and their senselessness, and now they are perfectly preserved for our museums. Let's not repeat their mistakes. The proud people who were our ancestors thought they were great because they thought they could think, and so they called themselves Homo Sapiens. We are Homo Animus, for we have been made in the image and likeness of God.



both are useful traits, but by making them central the species wrote their own death certificates. The H. Osseus did work, but his anatomy dictated his occupation: human hammers, sledgehammers, ice picks (very useful in the advanced stages of the Glacial Period), etc. The H. Osseus often perceived that he should be a sledgehammer in moral matters as well, and he hit the gelatinous H. Nescius every so often, to his

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Crime is the Problem, Activism is the Answer



It has been reported in the press for the last few years that crime is down by so many percentage points in the United States. Let us take a closer look at this phenomenon that has plagued our society for the last few decades.

If so, why are we building more jails, prisons and detention homes for troubled youth. Why more police — even in school corridors? We are virtual prisoners in our homes and dare not venture after dark because of the risk factor involved. The number

of car jackings is on the increase. The increased number of assaults against women and children, both mental and physical in their homes. At 78, I was a victim. No witnesses. No crime. No statistic. We are all vulnerable no matter our age or condition.

Or, the hundreds of harassing, obscene or threatening phone calls that are made each day across the United States, and some may never be reported, and are referred to as victimless crimes! Can there be such a thing?

As an aside, we are instructed by a brochure published by The Bell Telephone Co., which can be obtained upon request, that in the event of any type of threat, such as harassing calls, obscene or threatening phone calls, threats to one's life or property, bomb threats, threats to inflict harm or injury, threats of kidnapping or any type of threat, we are advised by the brochure to hang up IMMEDIATELY, and note the time and the date and call the police IMMEDIATELY and follow their instructions.

What can we, the ordinary citizen, do in reducing crime? First and foremost family life in American society must be rejuvenated with new life and meaning. It is of utmost importance that absentee fathers return to their God-given responsibilities in the home.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta (recently deceased), foundress of the Missionaries of Charity, observes the modern family. "I think the world is upside down. It is suffering so much because there is so little love in the

home and in the family. We have no time for our children. We have no time for each other. There is no time to enjoy each other. Love lives in homes, and the lack of love causes so much suffering and unhappiness in the world today."

Sen. Dan Coates (Rep./In.), remarks: "Broken homes lead to broken lives and broken lives lead to lives of crime." Our overcrowded jails, prisons and detention homes for youth is proof of that.

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— Mother Teresa

We can join organized groups such as walks against crime, injustice and for racial peace. Support CRIME STOPPERS. Call 288-STOP. It works, and 911 in case of necessity. Join Christmas in June, rebuilding homes in deteriorating neighborhoods. Clean up the environment and beautify America.

Praise and thanksgiving to the many Fraternal, Civic and other groups that are walking the highways and byways of America picking up trash, putting it in plastic bags by the side of the road for the highway department to take to the dumps in their trucks. So, pitch in.

Don't forget to vote and write letters to the editor, public officials and syndicated writers expressing your opinions for this

or that issue.

Work closely with men or women in law enforcement and men and women of the cloth. Attend the church of your choice and work with your Pastors for there is LIFE IN THE SPIRIT.

Let us all work together in our crusade against crime and the battle can be won if we do so. We will pray for all concerned beseeching Divine Providence to assist us in our efforts for the common good of our people and country.

Brother Edward V. Courtney, C.S.C.

Columba Hall
December 22, 1998

■ WHAT'S HAPPENING ELSEWHERE ...

Dry Versus Wet Campus not as Important as Education

LOUISVILLE, Ky.

Throughout the country many universities have been faced with tragic situations affecting the lives of students and the community. Many of these tragedies have been a result of alcohol or other drug (AOD) use. When do we react? How do we react and who is responsible?

These are the questions that are being debated throughout the university and community. The most recent debate at the University of Louisville is: "Should the University go dry?"

First and foremost, the University or any segment acting alone will never solve the problem. Everyone shares some sort of responsibility. If the University made the decision to go dry without also creating a comprehensive program, we will all lose.

We need a system of referrals for all violations of the AOD policy similar to the state DUI law. For the individual this allows a professional assessment of their AOD use and for the University it provides a system of fairness. We need everyone to support the programs that are already in place at the University. Also, the faculty and staff need to be educated regarding AOD prevention. But most of all each individual has a responsibility in this dilemma.

Alcohol and drug addiction is a lifestyle-related health issue. How much and how often we choose to drink are critical to our future health.

People with a family history of diabetes adjust their behaviors to reduce the risk. Even people without a family history of diabetes realize certain actions contribute to the development of the disease.

With the disease of addiction few people realize the risk associated with certain choices. Fifty percent of college binge drinkers will eventually develop an addiction. Educational programs are available that could help

students make the best choices for their circumstances.

Awareness programs and "just say no" messages are limited approaches for prevention.

As University of Louisville alumni, we would have greatly benefited from educational efforts. Other alumni lost to tragedy may have benefited from referral programs. Our vote as alumni is not for or

against a dry campus but to implore everyone to get involved in AOD prevention in a meaningful way.

Carl Boes and Rick McFadden are alumni of the University of Louisville. Their letter, which originally ran in the *The Louisville Cardinal* on Jan. 12, has been reprinted here courtesy of the U-Wire.

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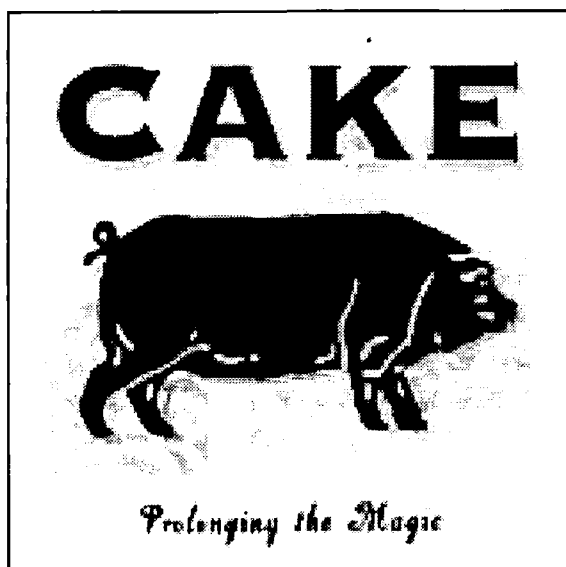


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Cake Prolonging The Magic Capricorn Records ★★★★ (out of five)

Cake's latest release, *Prolonging the Magic*, continues along the same road as their previous releases. It's silliness gone haywire, put to that rock/country melody (with horns) that Cake is famous for. As always, lead singer John McCrea lends his stylistic "oh yea, all right" to the end of his verses (now accompanied by the occasional "oh no").

Cake began in 1994 with "Motorcade of Generosity", and the single "Rock'n Roll Lifestyle," which mocked the life of concert-goers world-wide. In 1996, Cake made it big with "The Distance," and, perhaps their most popular song so far, a cover of "I Will Survive," both from Fashion Nugget. Now in 1998, they've kept their style (all the way down to the album cover), and kept it all simple.

Prolonging the Magic has its own immediate smash hit in "Never There," a McCrea lost-love ballad. "Never There" features a telephone introduction and a funky background beat which make it one of the more experimental songs on the album. "Never There" has once again jump-started the band into mainstream radio, and held *Prolonging the Magic* as MTV's 120 Minutes Album of the Week for the last month.

As a whole, *Prolonging the Magic* is less melodically complex than "Never There." "Satan Is My Motor" exemplifies the Cake style (both in melody and lyrics) and has a seriousness underlying McCrea's wit. "Mexico" follows along the same lyric path, with McCrea contrasting "I had

a match, but she had a lighter" and "You say you want me, but I have my doubts." This mixture of the inane and serious flows throughout Cake's third album. In "Guitar," McCrea explains "the way you treat me like the only / slightly brings me down a lot." "Sheep Go To Heaven" manages to take it to even another level. Its lyrics express a depressed state ("I'm not going to smile today / I'm not gonna laugh"), while the refrain is ultimately silly ("sheep go to heaven / goats go to hell"), creating the perfect Cake contrast.

Prolonging the Magic also includes a few Cake-style absurd songs. "When You Sleep" analyzes where it is "your fingers go," when you fall asleep. "Let Me Go" is a love song gone crazy, where the woman involved explains "let me go, and I will want you more."

But, let's not forget Cake's serious side. In songs like "Where Would I Be?" and "Alpha Beta Parking Lot," McCrea attempts a serious, saddened tone, but only manages "as serious as Cake can get." Still, these songs shine in McCrea's "failure."

Prolonging the Magic is Cake as Cake's always been: simplistic, silly and downright good.

Tim Donohue

Eleven songs, forty-one minutes. Pre-release word regarding this album spun its release as the biggest thing since The Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*. I never cared for "Sgt. Pepper", so I hoped that this might be what the other wasn't. The first single, "Somethin' Hot" gave me my first disappointment.

Singer/scribe Greg Dulli's lyrics on this album's opening track establish an insulting tonewhich is felt throughout the entire album. The primary focus of the album seems to be Dulli's insatiable sexual desires and the might of his prowess. If one thing can drag down an album, it is lyrics so self-involved that they cause the listener mental and physical illness. Additionally, Dulli's narrative style is neither interesting nor original.

The Afghan Whigs might be a much better if they were to dump Dulli in pursuit of a less irritating lyricist. The album's music has a nice thick quality that holds solid throughout. The best music can be found on "66", "Citi Soleil", "Neglected" and "The Vampire Lanois."

Exactly what the connection between this album and its patron year is remains to be seen. It certainly fails to form a musical or lyrical connection to my ears. As far as the link to *Sgt. Pepper* is concerned, I have failed to find anything in this album either revolutionary or more than vaguely interesting. Those looking for a good dose of self loathing will do better to stay with Nick Cave.

Stuart Smith

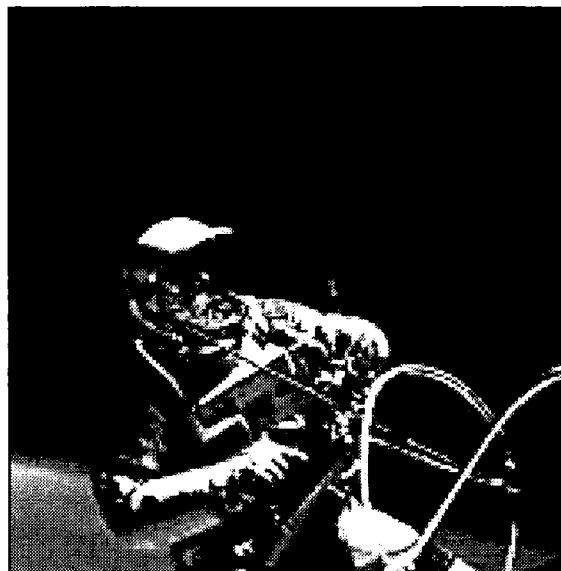


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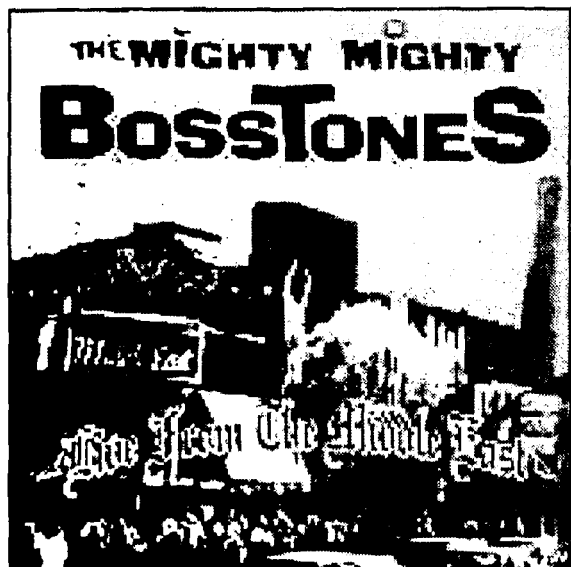


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Mighty Mighty Bosstones Live From The Far East Polygram Records ★★ (out of five)

Generally speaking, when one thinks of ska music, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones almost always come to mind. Along with the Toasters and Let's Go Bowling, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones were one of the first American ska bands to make it big following the ska explosion in Britain. The Bosstones, Boston Natives, formed the band some 13 years ago and the rest is history.

After some five albums, three EPs, countless compilation appearances and years of non-stop touring, the Bosstones have become one of the most recognized and popular ska bands around. Their ska-core sounds-traditional horns with a heavy rock 'n roll to punk sound has redefined ska music and influenced many of today's punk and ska greats. Bands like Mustard Plug, H2O, the Voodoo Glow Skulls and MU-330 all list the Bosstones as a primary musical influence.

With the huge success of their album *Lets Face It*, many expected the Bosstones' follow-up album to be more of the same. For their eighth album, however, the Bosstones did not record a bunch of new studio tracks. Instead, *Live from the Middle East* is a collection of 22 live songs recorded by the Bosstones over a five day stay at the Middle East nightclub in Boston last Christmas.

The album itself contains hits from all the Bosstones albums, including "Let's Face It" as well as great songs from the Bosstones older albums like "More Noise," "Other Disturbances" and "Devil's Night Out." Highlights of this album include a cover of the classic Angry Samoan song "Light's Out" as well as other Bosstones classics such as "Hope I never Lose My Wallet," "Dr. D" and "Devil's Night Out." The album also has

newer Bosstones hits like "Someday I Suppose" and "The Impression That I Get."

Despite all the good things about this album, I think that it's only average when compared to the other Bosstones albums- and below average when compared to other live recordings such as NOFX's *I Heard They Suck Live*, "The Urge's *Fat Babies In the Mix* and Let's Go Bowling's *18 Lanes*. Besides that, the album doesn't capture the live sound of the Bosstones very well and all the songs have been edited to make the CD kiddy friendly. If you want to

hear the Bosstones live, then you would be better of going to a Bosstones concert than buying this CD. I'm still a fan of the Bosstones, but think a would-be listener would be better off buying a few of the older Bosstones albums then buying this album.

Brian Kornmann

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Jackets stun Irish comeback

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. Donning green jerseys and recalling glories of the past, Notre Dame emerged for the game ready to reclaim its place in the top ranks.

Coach George O'Leary and Co. had another idea. O'Leary, 1998 Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year, commanded his team to a 5-28 win, hauling a Notre Dame comeback.

"Anytime you win a bowl game, you go into the offseason on a positive note," O'Leary said.

O'Leary ended his season with a 10-2 record and establishing Georgia Tech as a reputable program. The Yellow Jackets jumped out to an early lead when quarterback Joe Hamilton pitched to tailback Joe Burns who then completed a 5-yard touchdown toss back to the quarterback. The play marked the first completion for Burns and the first reception for Hamilton.

Determined to quarterback his 10th win of the season, Jarious Jackson marched his team down to the nine-yard line on his second offensive series since coming back from his knee injury. Then Autry Denson worked his magic and got the Irish on the board, mak-

ing the score tied at seven a piece. The drive was highlighted by the 33-yard Bobby Brown reception, marking Jackson's longest pass of the game.

"I thought it was a game where you waited for good things to happen," Georgia Tech's O'Leary said.

O'Leary didn't have to wait too long for more good to come his team's way. In the second quarter, Georgia Tech built a two touchdown lead off a nine-yard Hamilton pass to an open Mike Sheridan. The previous drive was capped by a two-yard Phillip Rodgers run.

"At some point, we had to stop them and we never did," Irish head coach Bob Davie said.

By half, the Georgia Tech attack amassed 250 yards on 40 carries. Notre Dame gained 129 yards on 28 carries. Overall, Davie evaluated the Irish's performance as poor. Determined not to go down in front of the Gator Bowl's largest crowd, Davie rallied his troops and mounted a second half comeback.

Jackson and Denson teamed up to be a dangerous force for the Irish, as they led the team on the next two drives. Denson made deep cuts into the Jacket's defense as he ran for 54 yards in the sequence and scored the touchdown igniting

the comeback.

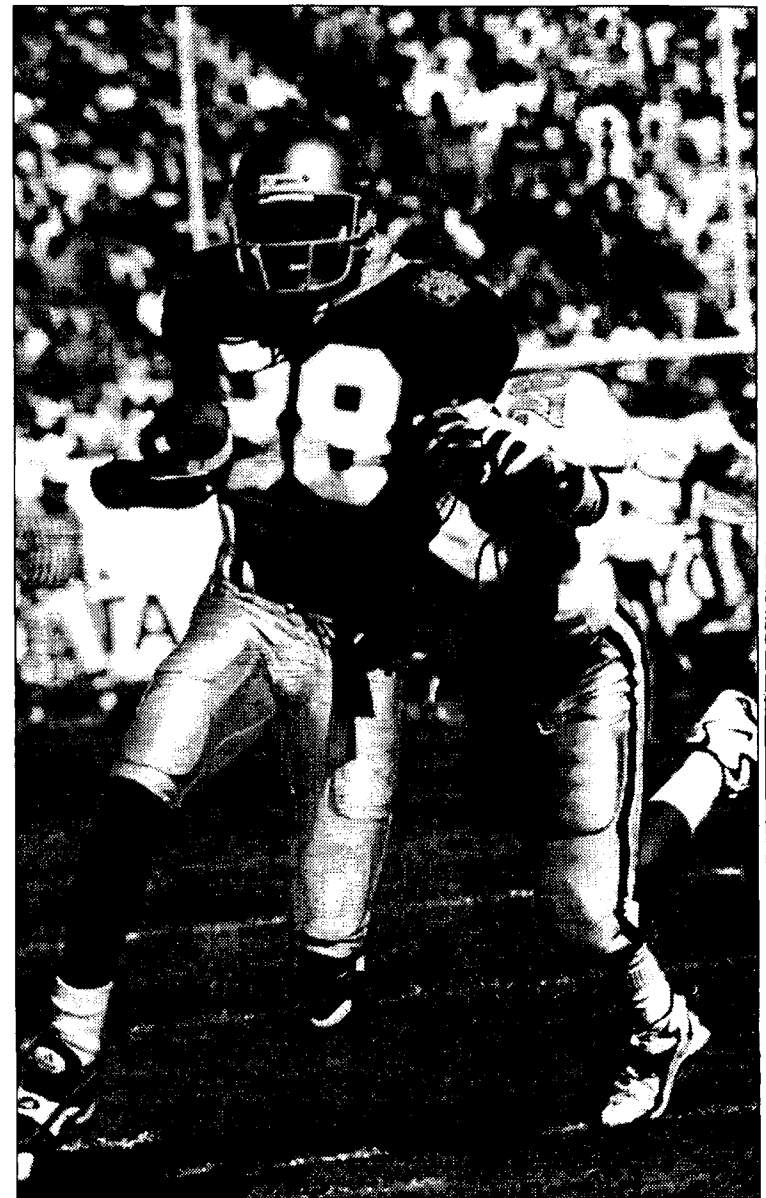
On the ensuing kickoff, Tony Driver recovered Georgia Tech's fumble on the Jackets' 26-yard line. The ground attack appeared more intense for the Irish in the third quarter behind the leadership of Denson and Jackson. Jackson finished the all-rushing sequence with a 2-yard run for another six points. Jim Sanson's point after attempt was blocked leaving Georgia Tech ahead by one.

This was the closest Notre Dame would come to dismissing Georgia Tech. Yellow Jacket Dez White's 44-yard touchdown reception killed any Notre Dame momentum left at the end of the third quarter. As he boosted the team to a 28-20 lead.

Notre Dame attempted to rally off the Denson touchdown and two-point conversion early in the fourth quarter which tied the score.

As if the first touchdown wasn't enough, Georgia Tech's White scampered into the end zone in the fourth quarter on a 55-yard reception, sealing his team's win with his second big play.

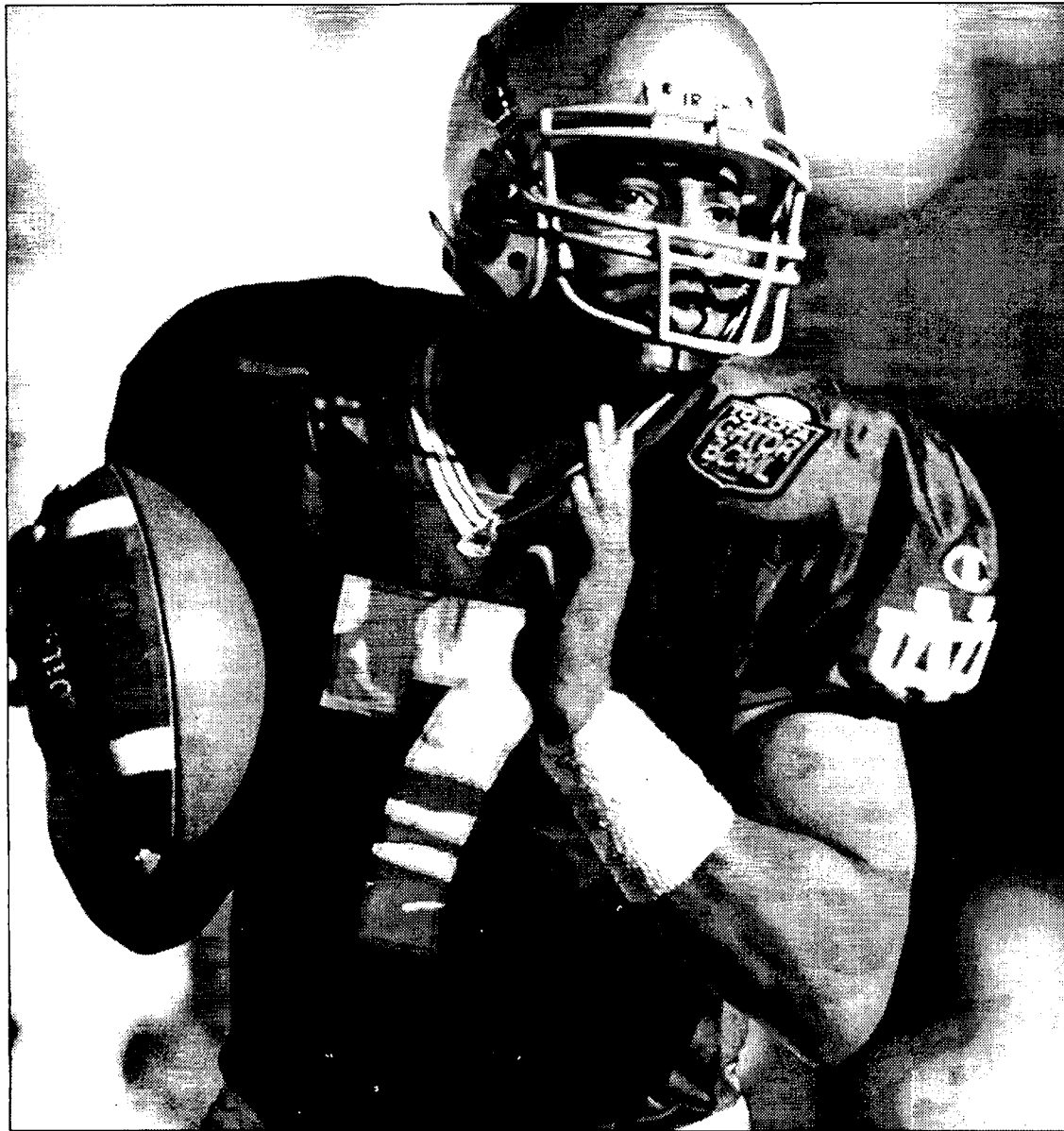
The Irish ended their season with a 9-3 record, which is the best since under the leadership of Holtz in 1993. Notre Dame finished No. 22 in the AP poll.



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■ IRISH INSIGHT

Seniors end collegiate careers without a bowl win

By JOEY CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

The emotion in Alltel Stadium ran as high as the emotion in a scene from Days of Our Lives.

One only needs to take a look at the battle in the trenches and a scuffle between Notre Dame senior Luke Petitgout and Tech's Nate Stimson after the 35-28 Georgia Tech victory in the Gator Bowl.

Petitgout had just witnessed giddy Tech players dump water on their head coach; something Petitgout wished he was doing with his classmates to celebrate the return of Notre Dame football.

Instead of giving Irish head coach Bob Davie a shower, Petitgout gave Stimson one.

"I go up to shake one of their hands, I said, 'Good game,'" Stimson told the Times-Union. "He has a mouthful of water and he spits in my face. That's the kind of players they are."

Teammates and coaches restrained Stimson while he gave Notre Dame players a different kind of greeting with his finger.

"He was doing some dirty stuff," Petitgout told the South Bend Tribune. "He ripped my helmet off once; spit in my face about four times, he'd try to take my helmet off and poke me in the eye. If he's that kind of a player and the way he tries to play, that's his deal."

Unfortunately emotion got the best of Petitgout and he made that style his deal.

"Yeah I spit in his face after the game," Petitgout said. "I'm not going to sit there and take that from him, not after being spit in the face four or five times during the game."

Petitgout wasn't the only one who saw Stimson's handy work. The officials flagged Stimson

with a personal foul after he attempted a Hulk Hogan move Jarious Jackson after the play.

But Petitgout's antics gave Stimson some ammunition to fire at reporters.

"It's the cheapest offensive line we've played all year," Stimson said. "I hate Notre Dame more than I did before. They think they're so much better than everybody else. In the ACC Florida State and Virginia are both better than Notre Dame."

This coming from a player whose school band plays the latest from Jock Rock and who play the Budweiser song at the end of the third quarter.

But Stimson did utter some words of truth that no Irish player could say, well at least not yet.

"This symbolizes the resurrection of the Georgia Tech program," Stimson said.

The frustration of not being able to say those words in reference to Notre Dame football probably added to Petitgout's emotions.

Tech racked up a 10-2 record and earned a spot in the top ten for the first time since 1990 when they split the National Championship with Washington.

Notre Dame finished 9-3 and with a fourth straight bowl loss.

Davie believes he has righted the ship and has the program heading in the right direction.

But there is much work to be done.

One word was spoken in post-game talks with the media more than any other phrase, except maybe for Dez White. That word was "foundation."

"This is not the time to philosophize," Davie said in the post-game press conference. "I'm not going to stand there and make everyone feel good because we lost the game."

"But I wanted our seniors to know they are part of this foundation that I really feel like we have right now and that better things are ahead," he continued. "Even though they aren't going to be here, they are a part of it. We came down here with our heads high and we're going to leave with our heads high. In the big picture we've made a lot of progress but it stings right now."

After the showers soaked in, Autry Denson and Mike Rosenthal were able to look past not winning a bowl game in their careers to Davie's "Big Picture."

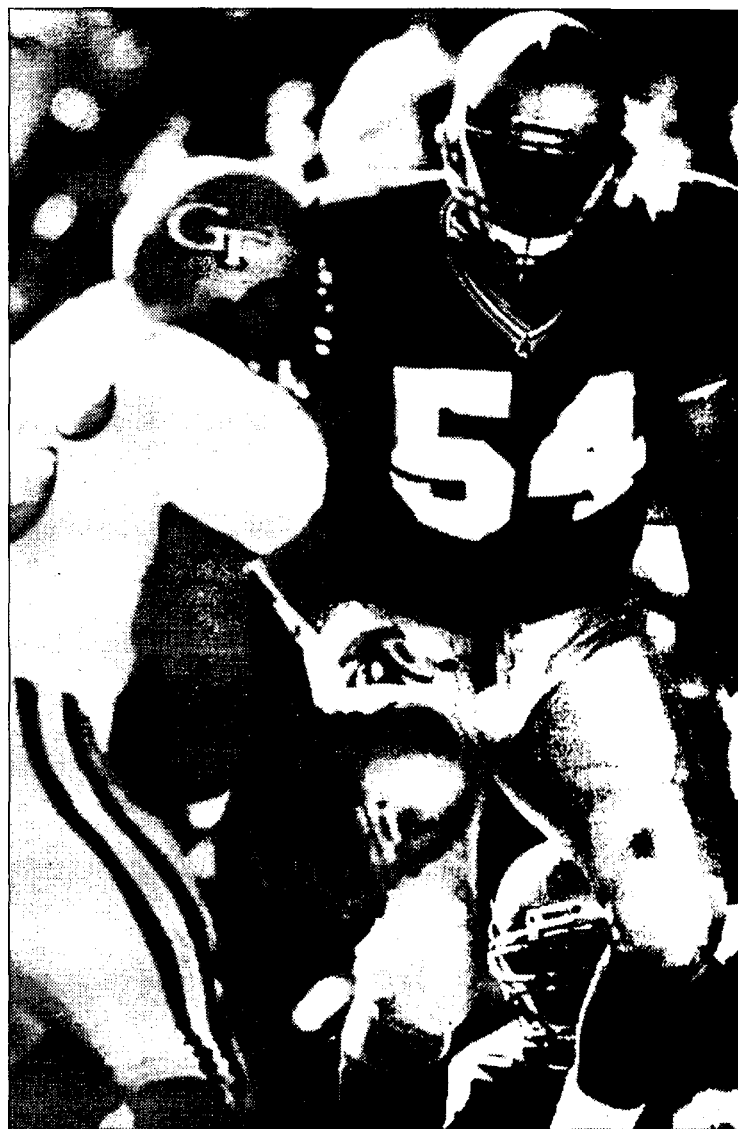
"We did a lot of positive things," said Denson who finished his brilliant career with a typical Denson day: 130 yards and three touchdowns. "The biggest thing we can take from this is the younger players have a lot to build on."

"It's kind of a bittersweet feeling for us," Rosenthal said. "We realize that we have helped the younger guys and have helped the program get back to where it should be, but we also we wanted to be a part of that and we can't."

Denson and Rosenthal's best playing days are probably still ahead of them in the NFL as they will go on to bigger and better things. Hopefully so will the Notre Dame football team as this year's leadership gave the team a sense of what a 10-win season requires.

Denson spoke of sacrifice, commitment, and dedication to the weight room while Rosenthal discussed everyday effort and developing togetherness.

"I think (the program) is in good hands with the coaches, the guys that are coming back," Rosenthal said of the future. "They are guys that know how



Senior Luke Petitgout found himself in the midst of a war of more than words with Georgia Tech's Nate Stimson.

to work, know how to win and know how to get things done. They've had a taste of what a Jan. 1 bowl means, and they know they want to be back and to get bigger and better things."

"With this bowl game and this season we gave the younger classmen something to build

on," Denson said. "What we did this year is we laid the foundation for the younger players to build upon."

We'll have to wait until September to see if they can take advantage of that foundation.

Seniors

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the class of 1999 struggled to finish its career with a bang. Georgia Tech appeared intent on lifting its program to new heights at the expense of the Irish, and managed to spoil Jarious Jackson's comeback. While split end Malcolm Johnson echoed the sentiments of many of his teammates, telling a group of reporters, "at Notre Dame there are no moral victories," the day's frustrations overshadowed some outstanding career-ending performances.

Since setting foot on campus in the fall of 1995, Autry Denson may have come the farthest of any player. Beginning his career on special teams and as a cornerback, Denson moved to the offensive side of the ball, and never looked back. The school's all-time leading rusher added 130 yards to his total with a strong performance in the Gator Bowl. When Jackson struggled to find his rhythm, Denson was there.

And paving the way for the record-setting rushing attack was a mammoth offensive line led by senior captain and all-American Mike Rosenthal. The homegrown product logged more minutes than any non-starting lineman in his first year, and continued to improve, solidifying a line that held its own even in defeat.

Defensively, the Irish struggled to contain the Yellow Jackets, but seniors Kory Minor, Bobbie Howard and Jimmy Friday wouldn't go down without a fight.

Minor, the 1994 USA Today Defensive Player of the Year, showed an unmatched consistency throughout his four-year career. As a freshman outside linebacker, Minor started 11 of 12 games, and finished second on the team



Senior Autry Denson has developed more than any member of the senior class, becoming Notre Dame's all-time leading rusher.

in sacks.

Howard and Friday learned the tricks of the trade from the likes of Bert Berry and Kinnon Tatum, before making their own marks as blue-collar linebackers. The undersized Howard translated his

efforts into production that earned him a captain slot during the 1998 season.

Other seniors like Bobby Brown, Hunter Smith and Benny Guilbeaux will be difficult to replace because of their positive attitudes and willingness to

persevere in light of adversity.

The Gator Bowl loss may have been another disappointment for the class of 1999, but like those green jerseys, they'll never shy away from the big game.



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anything else is speculation.” And there’s been a considerable amount of that ever since Jordan hit the final, thrilling shot in Game 6 of the NBA Finals in Utah to lock up the Bulls’ sixth championship of the decade. That speculation intensified last week, when the NBA players and owners reached a settlement to end the six-month lockout.

Jordan turns 36 next month. The five-time league MVP led the NBA in scoring 10 times and averaged 31.5 points per game, best in league history.

With NBA players preparing for an abbreviated season to begin Feb. 5, Jordan was expected to announce his plans before training camps opened Monday. He had been in the Bahamas on vacation, but returned to Chicago earlier this week. Another source, who also requested anonymity, told the

AP that Jordan summoned teammates Scottie Pippen and Ron Harper to his home to discuss the team’s future.

Jordan retired from the Bulls the first time in October 1993, saying he accomplished everything he wanted to in basketball and planned to devote more time to his family. Instead, he spent 1994 playing minor league baseball for the Double-A Birmingham Barons, a farm team of the Chicago White Sox. The budding outfield prospect left baseball in the spring of 1995, rather than get caught up in another labor squabble between owners and players, and returned to the game he loved.

While his skills were still considerable, Jordan quickly learned he could no longer dominate the game the way he once did. The Bulls were knocked out of the postseason in the Eastern Conference semifinals by Orlando.

But then, just as he had in every previous offseason, Jordan went back to work. He

added a nearly unstoppable fadeaway jump shot to his arsenal, and after a rigorous weight-training and conditioning program, he came back the next season better than ever.

The Bulls then set off on another three-peat that ended last June in Utah with Jordan stealing the ball and making the game-clinching shot in the final seconds — one of the most memorable sequences of his career.

It was precisely the lack of off-season work this past summer that made many of Jordan’s teammates doubt he would return.

“He prepares as well as anybody but from all I hear, he’s been playing golf and going to the Bahamas,” teammate Steve Kerr said recently. “Unless he’s working out in a hidden gym somewhere down in the Bahamas, I don’t think he’s really preparing to play.”

Jordan had always vowed to leave the game on top, and in private moments, he would confide that watching Willie Mays stagger under fly balls long after his skills faded was a powerful lesson.

There were several other factors that may have weighed on his decision. Jordan feuded with general manager Jerry Krause for years and, at the end of the last season, when Phil Jackson said he wouldn’t return, Jordan said he wouldn’t play for another coach.

During the summer, the Bulls hired former Iowa State coach Tim Floyd and introduced him

at a news conference as the team’s vice president for basketball operations. But Floyd, a longtime favorite of Krause, was widely thought to be the coach-in-waiting, and his hiring may have further aggravated Jordan’s relationship with the team.

For whatever reason, his decision to retire leaves the NBA in the lurch. Coming off a divisive labor fight that left fans more apathetic than angry, Jordan was the one drawing card that could have helped the league regain its popularity.

He refused to be labeled the league’s caretaker, but when he came back the first time, Jordan said it was partly because he wanted to teach some of the younger players how to comport themselves — both on the court and off.

“If he’s finished, we’re the ones who are at a loss, the fans who enjoyed him and the players who played with him and against him,” Suns owner Jerry Colangelo said.

“I do believe the game is very resilient. Having been in the league for 32 years, I’ve seen us at different cycles, up and down. I’ve seen a concern about who is going to replace stars at that time. Thank goodness there have been new players to take the places of the great stars of the past.”

But, Colangelo added, “Recognize that he is by himself when you talk about great

stars, but somewhere beyond the NBA today there will be some players to come who will be great players.”

Whether there will be another with Jordan’s worldwide appeal, though, remains to be seen. After Magic Johnson and Bird helped lift pro basketball’s profile in the early 1980s, Jordan took it to the next level almost single-handedly.

He also took the game itself above the rim, inspiring the generation of players who followed him to devise more and more spectacular moves.

Every night of the NBA season yielded a bonanza of highlight-reel clips and when they were packaged on sports programs, the league’s popularity soared along with the players.

Jordan also pulled players salaries into the stratosphere as well. He made more than \$30 million in each of the last two seasons and players like Shaquille O’Neal and Kevin Garnett rode his coattails to secure \$100 million deals.

Last June, Fortune magazine totaled what it called “The Jordan Effect,” putting his impact on the economy, since joining the NBA in 1984, at \$10 billion. It calculated he sold an extra \$165 million in tickets for the league, and delivered an extra \$366 million in revenue, mostly in added TV money and the sale of merchandise such as jerseys, hats and posters.

Nike, among the most prominent of the dozen or so companies who hired him as an endorser, has sold more than \$2.6 billion in Jordan-related products.

At the start of his career, the Bulls averaged only 6,365 fans per game. In his third season, the team began a string of sell-outs that reached 542 consecutive games.

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■ HOCKEY

Irish stun top-ranked Sioux, climb to fourth in CCHA

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

After 1998 ended on a down note with four straight conference losses, the Notre Dame hockey team began the new year looking to get back on track. The only problem was, it had the daunting task of having to right the ship in the worst possible place. The Irish were in North Dakota against the top-ranked Fighting Sioux.

Furthermore, they would have to take on North Dakota minus defenseman Ryan Clark and left wing Dan Carlson. Clark's season ended prematurely on Dec. 23 when he underwent surgery to repair a dislocated shoulder; Carlson missed the series in North Dakota to play with the United States Junior National team.

In the first game against North Dakota, Notre Dame's first contest in nearly a month, the team came out flat. As a result, the Fighting Sioux put the game away early with three goals in the game's first 1:41. Notre Dame outshot 44-16 by the end of the 8-1 thrashing.

Following the first game, the previously ninth-ranked Irish found themselves in the aftermath of their fifth straight loss.

"We were down 3-0 a minute and forty seconds into the game," head coach Dave Poulin said. "We saw things we hadn't seen in two years. The question we all asked each other after the game was, 'Was it an aberration or wasn't it?'"

"He [Coach Poulin] wanted some answers," senior captain Brian Urlick said. "He thought we were intimidated by their number one ranking. They came out flying and we were caught standing around watching them."

Following the team's worst loss since January 1996, they had something to prove to themselves and to the nation.

The second game against North Dakota started out much like the first. At the 3:58 mark, the Fighting Sioux jumped out to a 1-0 lead after a power play goal by Jay Panzer, one of two power play goals on the night for North Dakota. As Brian Urlick put it, the Irish were able to "weather the storm" as they entered the second period only down by one goal.

The second period started off right, as Urlick managed to tie the game. Later in the second period, John Dwyer, David Inman and Chad Chipchase each netted goals within a span of 3:15 to give the Irish a surprising three goal lead.

The Fighting Sioux scored a goal late in the second period and another one late in the third period. They never managed to tie the score, thanks to the brilliant play of the Irish defense and goaltender Forrest Karr, who finished the night with 35 saves on 38 shots.

"Their forwards had great speed going wide and our defensemen played their angles well," said Urlick. "Forrest made some great saves and he covered up the rebounds."

The win in North Dakota stands as the biggest win in the history of the Notre Dame hockey program, as it was the first time the Irish ever defeated a No. 1 team.

Following a short week of practice, the Irish resumed their conference schedule by finishing up a seven-game road swing in Bowling Green last Friday night. Urlick and his teammates understood the importance of the four conference points up for grabs last weekend.

"Coming into the weekend, both games were 'must-win' games," said Urlick. "We had lost four straight in the league and we needed to get back on a roll. We came in thinking that anything less than four points would not be good enough."

As Carlson returned to the lineup, he made his presence felt early on as he set up sophomore Ryan Dolder's first period goal to give the Irish the early lead. After Bowling Green tied the game on the power play, senior defenseman Benoit Cotnoir scored what turned out to be the game-winner on the power play at the 10:43 mark of the second period.

Cotnoir also added an empty-netter to ice the game as the Irish cruised to a 4-1 road victory.

On Saturday night, Notre Dame played the Red Hawks of Miami (OH). With their 2-0 win, the Irish managed to remain unbeaten at home, with a record of 6-0-1. The Irish clearly dominated the play through the first two periods, but the game went scoreless into the second period despite Notre Dame's 29-11 shot advantage. Captain Urlick's power play goal at 3:40 of the third period broke the scoreless tie, and junior Ben Simon's goal with just under four minutes to play iced the win.

The four conference points earned last weekend vaulted Notre Dame back into fourth place in the CCHA. If the Irish finish in the top four by season's end, they will earn home ice for the best-of-three first round series in the CCHA playoffs.



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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

MacLeod and Co. endure up and down month

Freshman Murphy earns Big East rookie of the week

By ALAN WASIELEWSKI
Sports Writer

It shouldn't come as a surprise that the Notre Dame basketball team has had an up and down month.

The John MacLeod era has been filled with such moments in the last few years. The Irish now enter the portion of the schedule that will determine whether they can continue the solid play they have shown at times or begin the familiar chant of "wait till next year."

After the encouraging overtime loss to Indiana on Dec. 1, Notre Dame put together the longest winning streak since

MacLeod became head coach. The Irish whipped Central Michigan at home, beat Providence on the road, and easily handled Eastern Kentucky, Stetson, and St. Francis (N.Y.) at the JACC during break.

Freshman Troy Murphy established himself as one of the best players in the Big East during the win streak. His 30-point performance in his first Big East road game at Providence tied a conference record by Allen Iverson in 1994. Murphy broke another record by scoring 30 against Pittsburgh, becoming the first freshman in Big East history to score 30 points in two games during a freshman season. The impressive resume doesn't stop there. Murphy has been named Big East rookie of the week five times since the season began.

Unfortunately, Murphy had one of his worst games of the year against Syracuse on Dec. 29 and the Notre Dame win streak came to an end in a hard-fought battle 75-63. The Orangemen held Murphy to just five points, but fellow freshman David Graves picked up some of the scoring punch with 15 points.

The win streak was over but the Irish would continue their solid play for at least one more game. Pittsburgh came to visit on January 5th and Notre Dame dominated them 87-64. It was one of the biggest Irish victories since they joined the conference and the immediate future looked bright with beatable Villanova next on the schedule. The match-up seemed to favor Notre Dame, but the let-downs that have plagued the Irish teams of the last few years struck yet again.

Villanova blew Notre Dame off the JACC floor with a 93-62 thrashing. Notre Dame was facing surging Miami (FL) and the number one ranked Connecticut Huskies on the road after the worst loss of the season.

True to form, the Irish bounced back after the Villanova loss to beat Miami 71-68 and hand the Hurricanes their first home loss of the season. Senior

Antoni Wyche hit two clutch free throws in the final minute and led the Irish in scoring with 18 points. Sophomore guard Martin Ingelsby added 16 points by shooting 5-5 from the field, including 4-4 from three point range.

While Graves and Murphy continue to impress, seniors Antoni Wyche and Phil Hickey will determine just how good this team can be in 1999. When Wyche and Hickey give solid performances, the Irish do well. Hickey has shown flashes of being able to score inside and is crucial to the defense by handling the big men in the conference schedule. Wyche has put together some brilliant drives to the hoop, but continues to take ill-advised shots at the wrong times in a game.

Last night, the Irish sought to build on their success in Miami as they took on No. 1 Connecticut. It was the second time this season that Notre Dame has faced a top-ranked opponent. Duke beat Notre Dame 111-82 in the Great Alaska Shootout on Nov. 26. Notre Dame once had a proud track record against number one squads. The Irish have beaten the top-ranked team in the Associated Press poll on nine occasions, two times more than any other school. Could Notre Dame pull off

another classic upset?

They started off focused and ready. The UConn full-court press was being broken easily and the Irish hung with the Huskies until just before half-time. Trailing by 14 but not out of the game, the last 2.7 seconds sunk the hopes of the Irish.

Notre Dame held the ball on their own endline and attempted a full-court pass. The ball sailed out of bounds and UConn was given the ball under their own basket. Wyche was whistled for a holding call on All-American Richard Hamilton who was awarded two shots because the Irish had committed ten fouls. Notre Dame assistant coach Fran McCaffery was assessed a technical foul for arguing the call on Wyche. Hamilton

stroked all four free throws and to throw salt in the wound, Kahild El-Amin drilled a three pointer at the buzzer to put the Huskies up 21 points.

Notre Dame was out of it after half-time. UConn would eventually build the lead up to 34 points while the Irish fell apart. Hickey, Murphy, and Graves all drew early fourth fouls and had to sit and watch most of the second half. The offensive power gone, Notre Dame couldn't stand up to the Huskies running game. UConn eventually won 101-70.

It was obviously a bit much to expect the Irish to play with UConn, but the Irish have flashed the ability to be one of the second-tier teams in the Big East.

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish enter rest of the season with new resolutions

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite faltering in the Big East throughout December, the Irish came into 1999 with a new set of resolutions.

Coach Muffet McGraw's squad turned a 1-2 start in the Big East — with losses to Connecticut and Boston College and needed a last-second shot by Danielle Green to down Villanova 63-62 for their only win — into a three-game win streak to slide them up to fourth-place in the conference standings.

"The sign of a good team is how they respond to a loss,"

said McGraw after the 93-61 win at Georgetown on Jan. 2. "I think we responded today." The Irish responded to the 78-65 upset at Boston on Dec. 30 with a bang against the Hoyas, ushering a return to the dominant game they began the season with. Team captain Sheila McMillen started things right for the Irish. A 6-of-8 performance from 3-point range helped her pickup 22 points as the Irish led from start to a 93-61 finish.

Green and McMillen combined a game later on Jan. 7 against West Virginia in one of the highest scoring offenses Notre Dame has ever played. Green led with a career-high 28 with McMillen

right behind with 26 as the 111 points the team scored was just two points short of setting a school record for points in a game.

A bigger, faster, more dominant Irish squad not only outplayed Georgetown but also its last two opponents at home, with sophomore Ruth Riley leading the way and earning honors for it. The 6-foot-5 center's performance against West Virginia and Providence, gave her this week's Big East player of the week honors. After starting the new year with just 13 points against Georgetown, the sophomore raised her game in the last two, averaging 29.5 points and 10 rebounds.

Riley's biggest cut of the spotlight came last Sunday against a Providence team playing without their leading scorer, 6-foot-5 Dani Trippany, who has missed most of this season with a stress fracture. Without their leading scorer, the Friars lacked the power to stop Riley, who amassed a career-high 36 points en route to her seventh double-double of the season along with the 13 boards she pulled in.

"With the size advantage," said Riley after her career game. "My teammates were looking for me more and they gave it to me more the whole game."

The stretch began on Dec. 12 with the Irish counting on another player to step up and literally put the game in the basket. Green's shot with just 15.7 seconds on the clock allowed the Irish to slip past the Wildcats in a game that Villanova succeeded in slowing down the quick-paced Irish attack. Despite that, Green finished with 18 points and McMillen added another 12 to the Irish cause.

Coming off of the Connecticut game played just days before in which both teams relied on a



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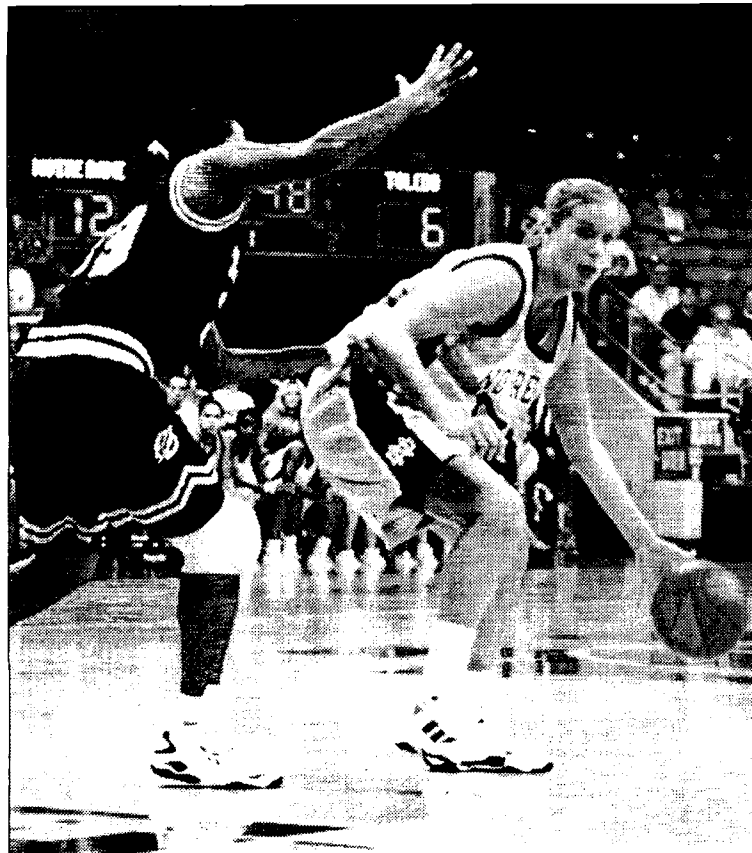
Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw remains optimistic about her team's ability especially after the win against the Hoyas.

fast-paced sprint up and down the court to win, the Wildcats caught Notre Dame off guard with its gameplan. "With Connecticut, we expected a fast-paced game, and against Villanova, we knew they wanted to slow down the game a lot," said McMillen. "It's kind of hard to get our game going because we like the fast-paced game."

McGraw's team succeeded in handling its next two opponents on the road, South Florida (83-63) and Michigan State (75-64)

before ending 1998 without a ring at Boston. After the Eagles came out to a 9-2 start, they never looked back, leading by as much as 16 in the second half.

With the week off until their next game, a conference matchup at Pittsburgh this Saturday, the Irish are looking themselves over to continue the new-year momentum. The Irish will concentrate on improving their defense as they begin a stretch of four road games in their next five.



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Sophomore Kelly Siemon and the rest of the squad will have a break before taking on conference opponent, Pittsburgh.

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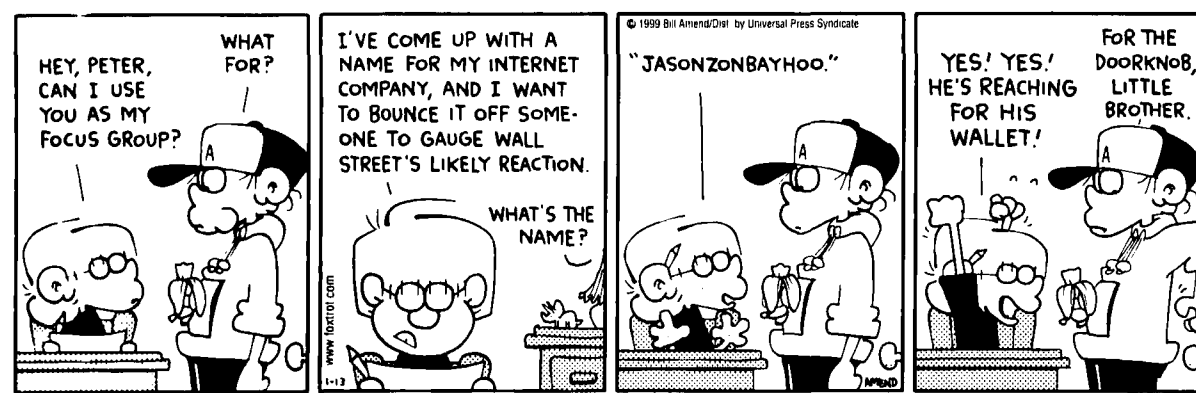
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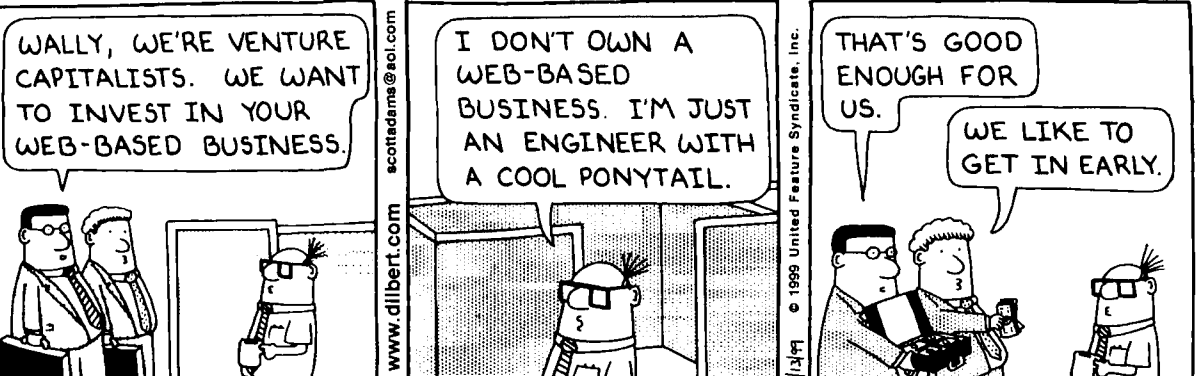
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■ NBA

SAY IT AIN'T SO....

*His Airness expected to
announce retirement today*

Associated Press

CHICAGO

For six months, Michael Jordan teased, taunted and tantalized a nation awaiting his answer.

At last, he appears to have one.

The greatest player in NBA history and the most popular athlete since Muhammad Ali is expected to announce his retirement Wednesday, a source with close ties to the NBA told The Associated Press on Monday night. The Bulls scheduled a news conference for noon EST Wednesday.

If so, it would be the second time in five years that Jordan has walked away from the game.

"I knew Michael wasn't coming back," Bulls free agent Dickey Simpkins said today at the team's training site in Deerfield. "He dropped hints last season and last summer that this would probably be his last go-around.

"Ending on top was how he wants to do it and that's about the best way you can do it."

Just as with Jordan's first retirement, a number of factors — his age, a picture-perfect ending to last season, a fractured beginning for this one — appear to have influenced his decision. And just like last time, Jordan could change his mind and return at some point.

"We look forward to seeing him sometime in late March when he makes his return again in

Market Square Arena," Pacers coach Larry Bird said.

But for now, he is expected to once again leave the game that bears his indelible mark, leave it when he's at the top, the way he said he would.

"This is a man who truly, as far as I'm concerned, is the modern day Babe Ruth," former NBA great and current Lakers vice president Jerry West said recently.

Jordan did not return a message left on his phone, and Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf, reached at his Arizona home, said: "I don't have any reaction. I don't have any comments."

Buzz Peterson, the Appalachian State basketball coach who was Jordan's teammate and college roommate at North Carolina, said he believes Jordan made up his mind a long time ago.

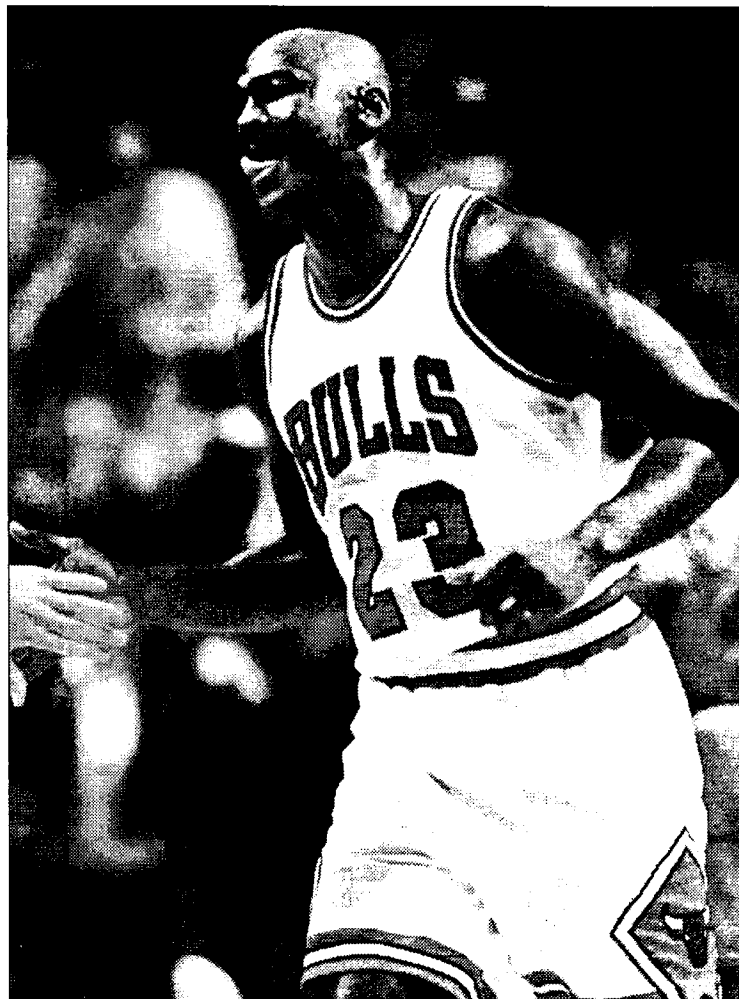
"I called him this morning and asked him, 'What's going on? I've got 25 pink slip phone messages here in front of me,'" Peterson said. "He just laughed and said everything's coming out now, and everything's being said. I can't confirm what he's going to say tomorrow but he feels like he's making the right decision for himself and his family."

Asked about Jordan's retirement, Bulls spokesman Tim Hallam said, "At this particular time, I can't comment."

Jordan's retirement also was reported by The New York Times, USA Today and The Denver Post.

His agent, David Falk, said that until Jordan "announces whether he is retiring or returning,

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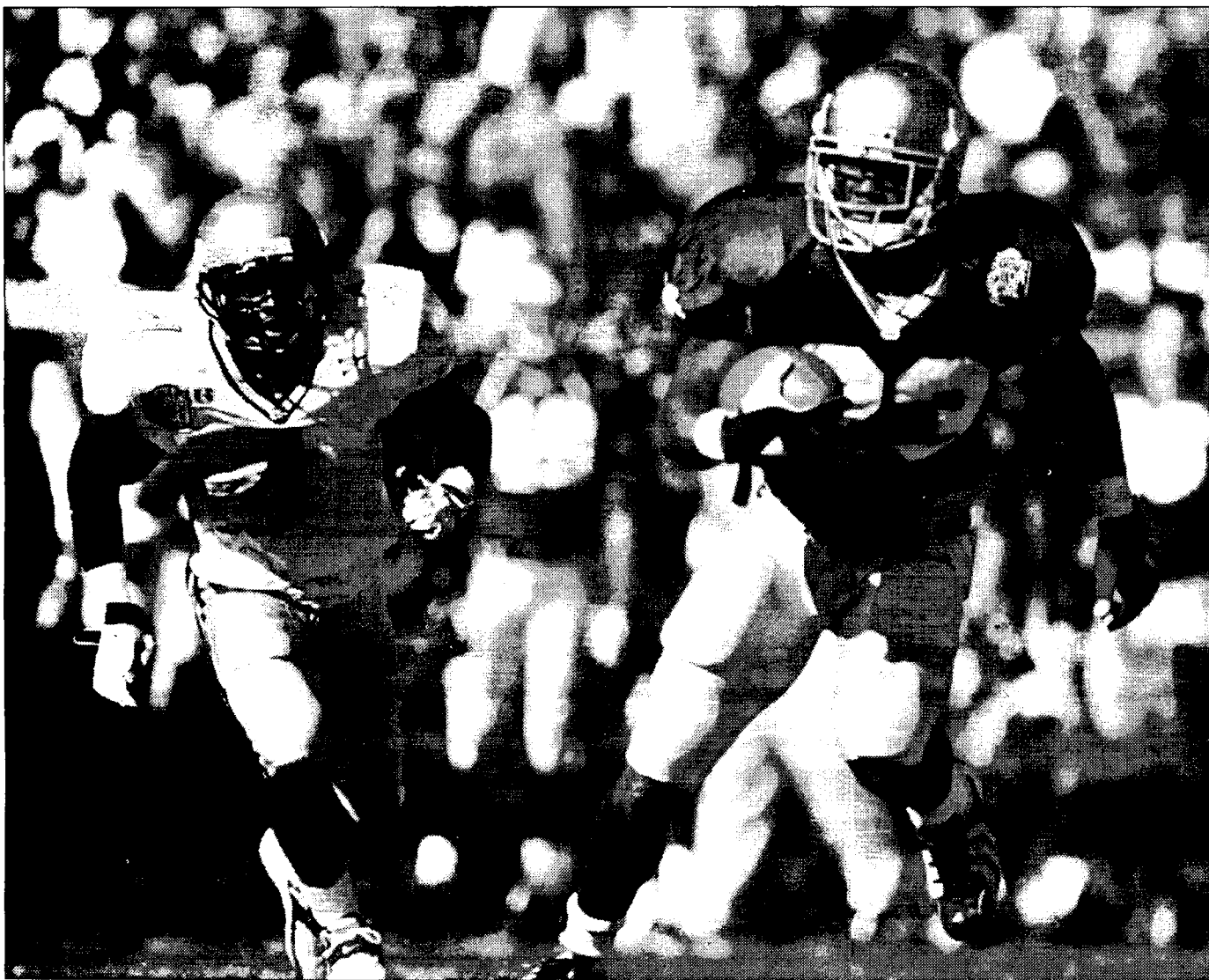


Michael Jordan is expected to announce his retirement today in a Bulls press conference at noon.

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■ FOOTBALL

Tech takes away tenth win aspirations



*Seniors press for the
green jerseys in last
appearance for Irish*

By ALLISON KRILLA
Associate Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.

They were the talk of Alltel Stadium on New Year's Day.

With one of the most competitive bowl game match-ups moments away and the hometown Jaguars practicing just outside the stadium, Notre Dame's green jerseys were the predominant topic of conversation.

But as Bob Davie stressed, wearing the green jerseys was not some premeditated ploy to give the Irish a psychological edge over the Yellow Jackets.

A group of seniors, players who watched the Fighting Irish play for a national title from their living rooms in 1988, and saw the green jerseys in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl, requested the change. These seniors saw Jan. 1 as one of the biggest games of their careers — an opportunity to win the elusive 10th game of the season.

Before seeking to live dreams of NFL glory, or taking on corporate America, or continuing their education, the class of 1999 had one final hurrah — the Gator Bowl.

It seemed like yesterday that the current seniors played in their first bowl game on Jan. 1, 1996. The Orange Bowl loss to Florida State ended their first college football season at 9-3. But the highly touted recruiting class held the future of the Notre Dame program in their able hands.

Fast forward to Jacksonville, Fla., where

Senior Autry Denson walked away with MVP honors for his team at the Gator Bowl, amassing 130 yards on 26 attempts.

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