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■ STUDENT SENATE

Senate forms committee to discuss Big Ten issues



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Student senators discussed plans for the rest of the semester at Wednesday's meeting. They also debated issues relating to the racial climate on campus.

By TIM LOGAN
Associate News Editor

Discussing Big Ten membership, the April Board of Trustees report and the racial climate on campus, Student Senate leaders outlined their plans for the rest of the semester at Wednesday's meeting.

The Senate recently formed an ad hoc committee to discuss Big Ten membership, to be chaired by Carroll senator Pat Foy.

"This is obviously an issue of major concern across campus," Foy said, adding that at next week's meeting, the committee would likely produce a resolution opposing Big Ten membership for Notre Dame.

"Our goal is to have it next week so that it can go on to the CLC meeting Feb. 1, so that they can do something with it in time for the Board of Trustees meeting," Foy said.

The Board of Trustees will meet in London on the first weekend of February and is expected to decide on the issue then.

Senators discussed the University's racial climate in relation to several

issues.

Zahm senator Spencer Stefko suggested looking into the feasibility of Notre Dame officially recognizing Martin Luther King's birthday as a holiday.

"I don't think that anybody here would dispute that we have a problem with race on this campus," he said. "[Celebrating King's birthday] could be a legitimate first step [towards solving it]. I hope to take that up."

The senate also passed a resolution providing \$75 for dinners sponsored by the Learning to Talk About Race Retreat.

"This is a good way to bridge the gap with the problems going on with races here at Notre Dame," said Dillon senator Jason Linster.

Supporters hope those meals will increase communications across racial boundaries.

"This will act at a grass-roots level to begin to get interaction between different groups," said Keough senator Brian O'Donoghue. "We thought the best way to do this is through

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Hello, Euro!

By LAURA PETELLE
Assistant News Editor

As 1999 dawned, a new fiscal era began in Europe — and across the globe — when 11 nations merged their currencies to create the euro.

At the stroke of midnight, finance ministers from the so-called euro-11 popped champagne corks shaped like the euro's symbol, celebrating as years of preparation finally came to fruition.

The euro replaces the currencies of Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain — a group of nations now called the euro zone. Though notes and coins will not be issued until 2002, some banks offer euro accounts and all exchanges on European stock markets are now in euros.

"From Lisbon to Helsinki, from Paris to Vienna, the euro is a remarkable symbol of our common identity. Tomorrow I won't be any less French, but we will all be a little more European," said French Finance Minister Strauss-Kahn on the eve of the euro's introduction.

The euro doesn't fly solo until July 1, 2002, when the old national currencies cease to be legal tender. Until then,

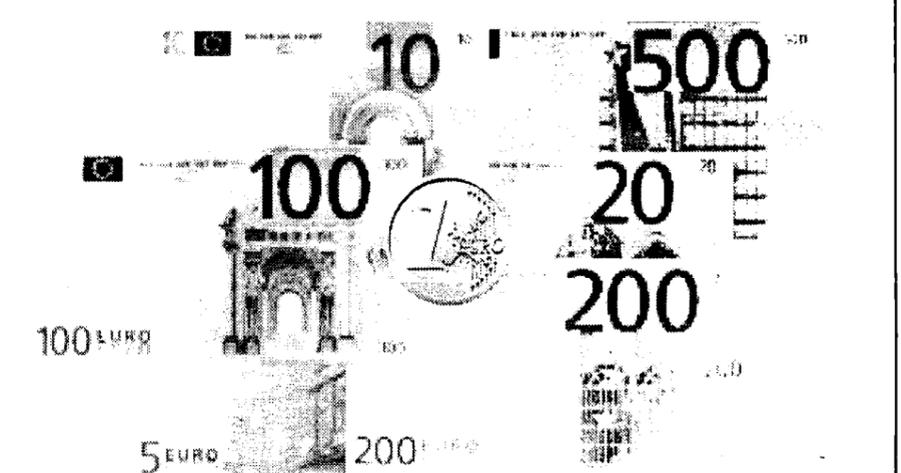
the euro will exist alongside the now-obsolete currencies it was created to replace; to cope with that transition period, the Council of Europe fixed the exchange rates of the participating currencies against each other and the euro.

Still, despite any euphoria among the euro-11, news of the switch barely sparked interest in most Americans.

"People don't have euros in their pocket yet; until then, it's just a little more exciting than the Federal Reserve Board — but not much," said Andrew Gould, a professor of government in the Nanovic Center for European Studies at Notre Dame.

But the euro, worth about \$1.16 at yesterday's rates, could pack a lot of punch. The dollar has traditionally been the benchmark by which the value of other currencies is measured; as 11 European currencies merge into a stronger whole, the euro could give the dollar a run for its money.

Gould said that probably will not happen "for a long time," pointing out that the while the U.S. and euro-11 have roughly equal gross domestic products (GDP), the population of the U.S. is smaller, resulting in a higher GDP per capita in the U.S. If more nations attempt to join the euro and the EU, this gap will probably



Graphics by Cristin Manary and Laura Petelle

Above: Six of the euro bills and the face of the one euro coin. Below: The national obverses for the one-euro coin. Luxembourg has not yet released its design.

increase. One place the euro may quickly overtake the dollar is on the black market. While dollars are only available in denominations up to \$100, the 500-euro bill makes it possible to carry larger amounts of cash in smaller suitcases.

Economists estimate that about 80 percent of U.S. currency in circulation is on the black market. The U.S. government earns \$28 billion a year on bills in circulation; if these bills became less popular and went out of circulation, it would cause a dramatic decline in revenue for the U.S.

BACKGROUND

Though the euro debuted just shy of the new millennium, it grew from ideas spawned more than half a century ago.

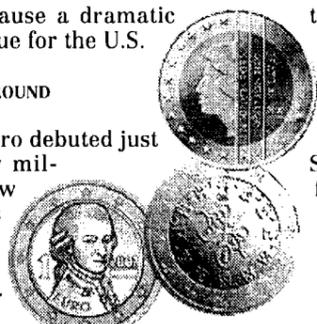
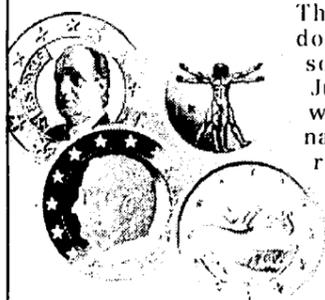
Following World War II, European leaders saw a need to heal the divisions that twice this century dragged the world into bloody wars.

In 1952, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands formed the European Coal and Steel Community. Buoyed by its success, the six member nations signed the Treaty of Rome in 1957, which formed the economic coalition known today as the European Economic Community (EEC).

At the Paris summit in 1972, member states agreed to economic and monetary union by 1980. That hope collapsed by 1978.

But the idea of a single currency would not die. As the EEC slowly gained members, the idea gained momentum. In 1986 the Single European Act set up a tariff-free internal trade market in member states; following German reunification in 1990, the 1991

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INSIDE COLUMN

The Mighty Fruity Muscle Pants

C.R. "Teo" Teodoro
Illustrator

Despite what others may think of them, I gladly and proudly wear my fruity muscle pants. As many have noticed while eating at South Dining Hall, many of the cooks wear a new uniform which includes the pants with a funky print of various fruits and other foodstuffs. I have heard the comments and read the opinions, from both students and SDH workers alike, for the past semester about how awful and silly these pants are, and that no one in their right mind would wear them willingly. When I first saw them, I knew I had to get myself a pair.

Being a veteran student worker at the SDH, I was able to talk with some of the managers and, after some negotiations, finally obtain a set of my very own SDH Fruity Pants. Since I've worked at SDH for so long, I felt comfortable with my work environment. Wearing a pair of the fruity pants seemed to almost make my shifts close to utopia.

Of course, there are others who would never be caught dead in these pants. Many believe that I am crazy for even publicly wearing them. But to be honest, I prefer the fruity pants to anything that you could find in a J. Crew catalogue. Seriously, J. Crew stuff may be nice but they certainly do not have any article of clothing that has a cornucopia of fruits and grains printed on them. The pants have style. The pants have grace.

Even back home, some of my friends took appreciation of my pants. They even asked me to wear them next time we got together. "Hey Teo, you got to wear those fruity muscle pants again!" Some of you may doubt that my friends have perfect fashion sense, but at least they don't wear J. Crew. Hey, even my grandmother said that she liked my pants. "Hey Kristopear, I see your pants. They are very nice; they have many fruits on them!" Now who would doubt the words of a Filipino grandmother? If my Lola loves them, then they got to be cool!

But what else do these fruity muscle pants have to offer other than pleasure aesthetic value. I have one word: comfort. These pants are one of the most comfortable things you can wear. Nothing comes close unless you wear wearing nothing at all, though your pajamas could come in for a tie. If you ask anyone who has worn them, they will agree that, despite the funky fruit prints, the pants are easy to wear.

Now I'm sure that many of you are still unconvinced that these fruity pants are for you. Some may even take offense at my bashing of J. Crew. Okay, J. Crew isn't all that bad (even though I would never be caught dead wearing the clothes). But one cannot deny the power of the pants. You can say they are silly. You can say they are weird. You can even say that they are degrading. Nonetheless, I wear these pants. I proudly wear my SDH Fruity Muscle Pants with honor and virtue. And no one's going to tell me otherwise. Hey, would you seriously want to mess with someone who wears fruity muscle pants? (A certain ex-Navy Seal/Governor of Minnesota wore a pink boa at one time...)

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Yale University vaccine may eliminate Lyme disease

NEW HAVEN, Conn.

The lawyers of a New Haven man accused of assaulting his neighbor with a medieval ax are expected to argue that Lyme disease made him do it.

Whatever the verdict in Michael Griffin's upcoming trial, a new drug may make his defense strategy obsolete.

On Dec. 26, the Food and Drug Administration approved LYMERix, the first Lyme disease vaccine ever sold. Researchers at the Yale School of Medicine developed the drug, and SmithKlineBeecham Biologicals has already begun marketing the vaccine.

The clinical trials that evaluated LYMERix from 1994 to 1997 involved 10,936 individuals from 15 to 70 years of age and from 31 sites. Tests demonstrated that the drug was 78 percent effective in treating definite Lyme disease and 100 percent effective



in treating non-symptomatic Lyme disease.

YSM has been involved in combating Lyme disease since 1975 when Professor Stephen Malawista first identified the disease after concerned Connecticut mothers reported that their children's joint swelling came from some infectious agent. At that time, Yale doctors found what has become a well-known, serious multi-staged bacterial infection.

Symptoms include joint swelling, rashes, and heart abnormalities, but

none of these symptoms need appear for the disease to be present.

Some psychiatrists say the disease may remove inhibitions otherwise objectionable behavior in certain sufferers. Lyme disease responds to antibiotics if diagnosed early enough, but because the symptoms are characteristic of a number of different illnesses, early diagnoses are often difficult to make.

Today, SmithKline's television spots for LYMERix feature a concerned mother. But, the spokeswoman for the company promptly reveals that she, not her children, is afflicted with the disease. Indeed, Lyme disease knows no age boundaries, nor is it concentrated in any particular geographic region, as cases have been reported in 48 states.

Over 99,000 Americans reported incidents of Lyme disease between 1982 and 1996.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Fraternity accused of hazing

LOS ANGELES, Calif.

The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity is facing hazing charges stemming from a Jan. 8 incident in which 15 of the fraternity's pledges were found behind the house with hands tied behind their backs and ropes around their necks, Department of Public Safety officers said. If a review conducted by the Office of Student Conduct finds the incident to be hazing, the fraternity could face sanctions. Sandra Rhoten, assistant dean for the Office of Student Conduct, was unavailable for comment. Hazing is a felony under the California Penal Code, but criminal charges will not be pressed, DPS Deputy Chief Bob Taylor said. The fraternity's president, John Moshy, disputes DPS' interpretation of the event. "I wasn't there that night," said Moshy, a junior majoring in business, "But I can guarantee you that no active would put a pledge in that situation, and that no pledge would allow himself to be put in that situation." The activities of the house that night were part of an initiation ritual, and not hazing, Moshy said.

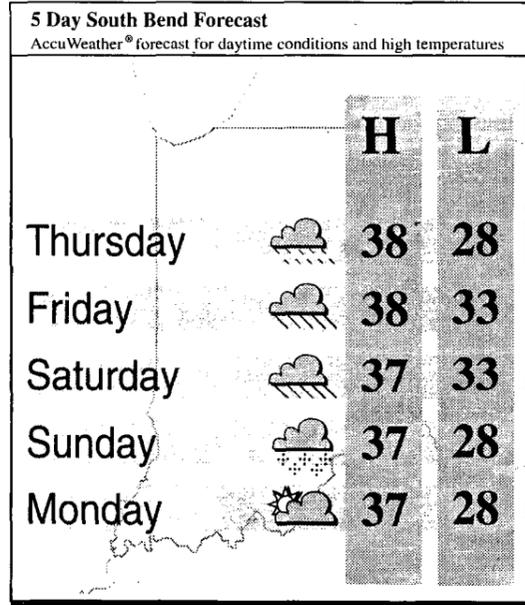
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Glitch swells students' bank accounts

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

When Amanda Sinclair withdrew money from the ATM over the weekend, she was pleasantly surprised by what she saw on the receipt — extra money that had been directly deposited into her account. "I thought 'Wow, I have extra money to spend,'" said Sinclair, a freshman. "But later, I thought I better not do anything because it's not mine and someone must have made a mistake." The mistake was a computer error that has left more than two dozen UF students with extra financial aid money in their accounts, some of them receiving as much as \$1,200 more than usual. "It was a computer error," said UF assistant controller Ruth Harris. As of Tuesday evening, Harris did not have figures on exactly how many students were affected or how much extra money was distributed. But two dozen students reported an increase to the Alligator. Harris said the extra funds will be reversed out of students' accounts this week.

SOUTH BEND WEATHER



Shows T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Research team makes genetics advance

PHILADELPHIA, Penn.

Today, most medicines are made by big pharmaceutical companies with large staffs and vast resources. But one day soon, according to experts, that same medicine might be produced in the human body using its own genetic make-up. A study published in this month's edition of the journal Science by researchers from the University of Pennsylvania Health System is moving that day closer. The study's research team, led by Molecular and Cellular Engineering Department Chairperson James Wilson, found a way to regulate the amount of medicine created by the body. Once the technique of gene therapy is perfected, doctors will be able to inject a gene into someone's body, which would then create the medicine at will. Until now, scientists have been unable to turn the medicine-production mechanisms "off" after inserting the gene. Wilson's experiment turned the switch off in rhesus monkeys — raising hope that it could also be used in humans after scientists complete work on the solutions to a few problems.

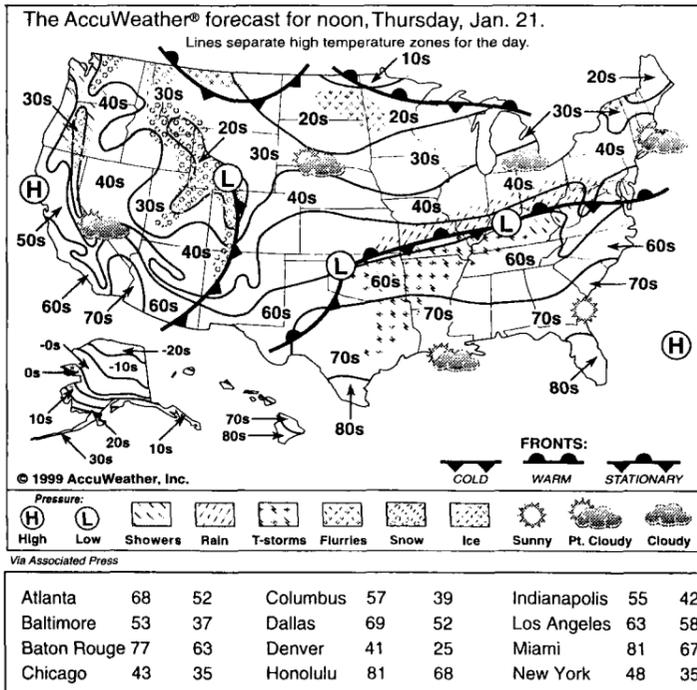
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Fraternity resumes after investigation

EAST LANSING, Mich.

MSU's Psi Upsilon fraternity is back on its feet more than a month after being forced to reorganize amid allegations that a guest at its house was given the "date-rape" drug Rohypnol. The reorganization process ended Dec. 11 as fraternity members were readmitted after signing a good behavior agreement and passing individual interviews with investigators from Psi Upsilon's International Office. The agreement included pledging not to allow drug use or underage drinking in the house. "I was impressed with how seriously they took the process," International Office executive director Mark Williams said. "The chapter embraced a number of topics that weren't even on our list. This is just from guys talking about what they wanted to see in the chapter." Those topics included increasing community service and looking into more responsible social possibilities such as off-site parties, Williams said. "It is a commitment," he said. "There's no room for error anymore."

NATIONAL WEATHER



Ryan: Investment in women will help world development

By ERICA THESING
Assistant News Editor

A basic investment in women will help solve international problems such as poverty and development issues, according to theology professor Maura Ryan.

Ryan, speaking to the residents of Lewis Hall Wednesday night, explained that the empowerment and education of women allows them to help overcome those problems in their own nations. Ryan explained that two international conferences, a conference on population and development in Cairo and the International Conference on Women in Beijing, affirmed that women's issues need to be addressed.

"[During the conferences] you had a basic agreement on women's education," Ryan said. "That alone gives you inroads into the problems of poverty we're talking about here."

These conferences were the first of their kind in which all participating nations signed the document at the end of the meetings. Although not all

portions of the document were ratified by all the nations, Ryan said, it was a step in the right direction.

"They were really watershed events," she said. "They represented a really hopeful and almost stunning shift."

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MAURA RYAN
PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY

Ryan noted that cultural and religious barriers made it difficult to reach a consensus among the nations.

She gave the example of family planning, which has led to arguments between nations over whether contraception and abortion should be man-

dated.

Ryan said that because Islamic nations and Vatican representatives opposed contraception and abortion, the Cairo conference allowed for such differences in beliefs.

"In the Cairo document, you finally had recognition that something like family planning has to be developed in the cultural and religious settings," she said.

Ryan also said that many other nations were skeptical of American agendas at the conferences.

"One thing I've noticed is that there is a big fear and an understandable fear that when Americans enter the room, they are going to impose their ideas on everyone else," she said.

Historically, Americans have identified problems in other nations and created a solution for those problems without consulting the people involved. There is now a shift away from that, Ryan said.

Ryan also expressed concern over "quick fix" solutions, especially in areas of population control, that end up causing more harm than good.

■ CLARIFICATION

A timeline in Monday's Observer listed Jan. 15, 1929, as the birthday of Michael Luther King, Jr. Though he is now known as Martin Luther King, Jr., he was born Michael, the namesake of his father, Baptist minister Michael Luther King.

■ CORRECTION

That same timeline in Monday's edition incorrectly reported details of Dr. King's education. It should have stated that in 1951, he graduated with a B.D. from Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Penn.

The Observer regrets the error.

New associate dean of grad studies named

Special to The Observer

Janice Poorman has been promoted to associate dean for graduate studies and research at Notre Dame, according to James Merz, vice president for graduate studies and research.

As an assistant dean since 1993, Poorman has played a principal role in the design and implementation of the graduate school's comprehensive program of initiatives for the recruitment and retention of students from underrepresented American ethnic and racial groups.

Poorman's initiatives have led to a 240-percent increase in the number of entering minority graduate students at Notre Dame and have received recognition for excellence in minority recruitment from the Council of Graduate Schools and the National Association of Graduate Admissions.

In her new position, Poorman will continue to coordinate programs to enhance diversity while also joining with associate dean Terrence Akai in directing the graduate school's broader recruitment and marketing efforts.

"Jan's promotion is evidence both of my confidence in her proven leadership in the area of graduate recruitment and of our ongoing commitment to enhancing Notre Dame's prominence as a premier graduate institution," said Merz.

Before coming to Notre Dame in 1987 to pursue her own graduate degrees in theology, Poorman earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and worked for 10 years as a high school teacher

and administrator at Catholic schools in Illinois. At Notre Dame, she served from 1987-90 as an assistant rector and rector.

She earned her master's degree in 1988 and her doctorate in 1993, passing the doctoral candidacy examinations with highest distinction.

Poorman, who holds a concurrent appointment in the theology department, teaches an undergraduate course titled "Mysteries of Christian Faith" and is designing a new summer course that will prepare graduate students to teach theology in high schools.

She also teaches graduate students in Notre Dame's new Master of Education Program and assisted in the design of a course to help participants in the University's Alliance for Catholic Education integrate the professional, communal and spiritual dimensions of their lives.

Poorman contributed 20 entries to the Encyclopedia of Catholicism (HarperCollins, 1985) and has made scholarly presentations to the American Academy of Religion and the Catholic Theological Society of America.

Her article, "A Commitment to Diversity and Equity: The University of Notre Dame's Comprehensive Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Graduate Students," was published by the Council of Graduate Schools.

Poorman serves on Notre Dame's Cultural Diversity Committee and chairs its subcommittee on recruitment and retention.

GROUPS

Learning about yourself, dealing with problems, and growing with the changes in your life are important parts of the Notre Dame experience.

The Professional Staff of the University Counseling Center (UCC) invite you to consider joining a group

SPRING 1999

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SUPPORT GROUP

This weekly confidential group is designed to provide a supportive environment where African-American students can discuss topics such as: Academic skills, college adjustment, relationship concerns, loneliness, interpersonal skills, stress management, self-esteem, and racial issues. Members may benefit from participation in the group by gaining self-awareness, realizing that others are supportive of their concerns, and learning from group members.

WEDNESDAYS, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

GRADUATE THERAPY GROUP

This confidential group is designed for graduate students who would like to explore how long standing patterns are impacting their lives and who want to learn to move ahead with self-understanding and greater confidence. It is also for individuals who have experienced relationship difficulties or loss and are looking for support and strategies for coping and personal growth. Students experiencing adjustment to graduate school concerns are also likely to benefit from this group.

Time to be decided based on student interest and their schedules.

GROWING UP IN CHAOS GROUP

This confidential therapy group is for individuals who grew up in homes where chronic illness, mental illness, abuse, extreme poverty, additions or unusual family circumstances had a negative impact. Members will have an opportunity to explore how those dynamics have affected their self-esteem, relationships with others and current life situation.

Time to be decided based on student interest and their schedules.

PERSONAL GROWTH GROUP(S)

This weekly confidential group is for students who want to improve their relationships with fellow students, friends and families; and would like the opportunity to discover new ways of coping with difficult issues with the support of other students. Group members will also learn to communicate their needs more effectively.

MONDAYS, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

*Another group will be arranged at a different time based on student interest and their schedules.

PRISM: SUPPORT GROUP FOR GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND QUESTIONING STUDENTS

This weekly support group will provide a confidential, affirming place for you to discuss your concerns on issues such as relationships, family and peer reactions; social support, decisions about coming out and being out, future lifestyle transitions, academic and career decision making, and overall personal growth. For more information call Wendy Settle, Ph.D.

MONDAYS, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

RACE RELATIONS: WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?

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TUESDAYS, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

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Euro

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Maastricht Treaty set the stage for a common currency and a European Central Bank. Eleven members of the 15-member European Union elected to join the euro.

"If the postwar era ended nine years ago with the fall of the Berlin Wall, then our future begins on Jan. 1, 1999," wrote German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder in the Handelsblatt business daily.

Of the remaining four members of the European Union — Denmark, Greece, Sweden and the United Kingdom — Greece alone has not yet met the criteria. Denmark, Sweden and the United Kingdom all chose not to join the euro at this stage.

THE EURO

The symbol for the euro is a curved "e" with two horizontal parallel lines. The EU press release says that "it was inspired by the Greek letter epsilon, in reference to the cradle of European civilization and to the first letter of the word 'Europe.' The parallel lines represent the stability of the euro."

The official abbreviation for the euro is EUR.

The euro will be issued in eight coin denominations and seven note denominations.

The notes will be different colors and sizes and issued in denominations of 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5 euros. The designs feature windows and gateways on the front, symbolizing openness and cooperation, and bridges on the back, symbolizing communication. All of the architecture featured in the designs is imaginary.

Coins will be issued in two and one euros, then in 50-, 20-, ten-, five-, two- and one-cent denominations. The face of each coin will feature a map of Europe, some with and some without frontiers. The obverse of the coins will feature national designs by each of the 11 euro nations.

BENEFITS AND HURDLES

If it succeeds, the euro will

provide powerful benefits for the euro-11. By creating the world's largest single market, the euro-11 will be giving a large incentive to multinational corporations who can reach a huge market while avoiding expensive currency exchanges and tariffs.

It purports to help out consumers by making price comparison easier across the EU (and hopefully bringing those prices closer together) and lowering prices by increasing competition in the euro zone. Tourists will also be saved the cost high costs of exchanging currencies in Europe.

And the europhiles can already point to one big success: While global markets have been hit hard in the past year, Europe has been a safe haven.

"Investors are likely to view the euro as a haven of stability in world economic problem times," Gould agreed.

Another intended result of this economic and monetary union (EMU) is the advent of a stable economic environment, ideally leading to low inflation and low interest rates.

But many have their doubts about the euro's success. To be sure, it is an elite project: Only 66 percent of voters in the euro zone support EMU, according to The Economist. In Germany, a crucial EMU country, only 51 percent of voters support the plan.

The relatively lower mobility of workers in the EU (as compared to the U.S.) could offset the benefits of a common currency, according to Gould.

While there are regional recessions in the U.S., they are not as large as they might be in the EU where there are stronger boundaries between different regions. And when there is a recession in Michigan, residents can easily move to Indiana. A Frenchman would have a much more difficult time moving to Germany, if only because of the language gap.

Furthermore, the European Central Bank (ECB) is not accountable to any national or European government. The EU is a largely undemocratic institution in any case, with very little direct representation. An unaccountable ECB only makes this "democratic deficit" larger.

THE FUTURE

The euro passes another mark when coins and notes are introduced in 2002. If the currency is a success, europhiles will begin pushing for further integration. Ministers are already saying that currency union needs to be quickly followed up with closer cooperation in foreign affairs and defense.

However, discussions about closer political union will fuel euro-skeptic fears in other countries, like the United Kingdom, that have stayed out of EMU because of fears of loss of national independence.

"Britain must stay clear of this great fiasco," Teddy Taylor, a member of the British opposition Conservative Party, was quoted as saying in an Associated Press story.

But Gould disagrees that further political integration is an inevitable outcome. "Monetary union was designed for political and economic objectives. If these objectives are met, it's not obvious that further changes must follow."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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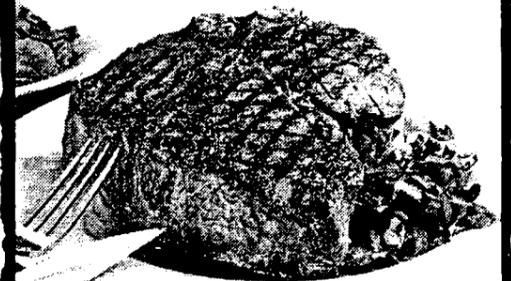
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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Former Argentine president Reynaldo Bignone arrested

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Argentina's last military president was arrested Wednesday as part of ongoing investigations into child kidnappings during the country's so-called "dirty war." A federal judge ordered Reynaldo Bignone arrested after a three-hour court appearance. Bignone, who returned Argentina to civilian rule in 1983, was questioned about allegations that children of slain dissidents were handed over to members of the military, who later raised them. He is the ninth former military leader arrested in connection with two child kidnapping cases. An Argentine government report says at least 9,000 people disappeared during the 1976-83 military dictatorship and are presumed dead. Human rights groups put the figure at 30,000. The groups say they have identified more than 200 cases of "baby disappearances."

Police seize rabid dog meat

MANILA, Philippines — Police in the Philippines have seized 880 pounds of dog meat — possibly from rabid animals — that was apparently destined for restaurants in Manila. Superintendent Wesley Barayoga said the meat, contained in several boxes and preserved by ice, was found late last week at a pier in Estancia in central Iloilo province, 270 miles south of Manila. Officials were concerned that the meat could be infected with rabies, which has been a problem in Iloilo, and buried the seized meat in a vacant lot. The Philippines outlawed the killing of pets for food under an animal welfare act enacted last year. Violators can be punished by up to two years in prison. However, dog meat continues to be popular among Filipinos, especially in Manila and on the main island of Luzon, where some believe it is an aphrodisiac.

Escapee pleads guilty

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Nearly 25 years after he fled a Virginia jail work crew, Alfred Odell Martin III pleaded guilty Wednesday to escaping from his one-year term for selling \$10 worth of marijuana. Martin, 49, who built a respectable life in Michigan, faces up to five years in prison at his February sentencing, but his family is hoping for probation. The case prosecutor said she would not push for jail time for Martin, who returned to Virginia in December and is currently serving out his one-year drug term. Martin had served less than two days of his sentence when he left a Martinsville jail work crew in February 1974. He married and settled in the Detroit suburb of Livonia where he raised three children and worked for a mortgage company.

■ GUATEMALA



Reyes Guch Ventura covers his face from photographers as he arrives at the Escuintla courthouse, 50km south of Guatemala City, Wednesday for his trial on charges of rape. Guch Ventura and two other suspects are accused of raping five U.S. students Jan. 16, 1998. AFP Photo

Trial opens in Guatemala rape case

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ESCUINTLA — Two men accused of raping a group of American college students in Guatemala last year told a court Wednesday they had nothing to do with the crime.

A third suspect declined to testify, but a three-judge panel heard a statement he gave police after his arrest, in which he also denied involvement.

One of the five rape victims took the stand Wednesday morning. The court was closed to the public and the media beforehand.

The three men, charged with rape and robbery in

the January 1998 attack, are accused of forcing a bus carrying 13 students and three faculty members from Maryland's St. Mary's College to stop at gunpoint, robbing the passengers, and raping five women in a sugar cane field near this southern Guatemalan town.

They face up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

One suspect, Cosbi Gamaliel Urias Ortiz, 37, who was arrested near the crime scene, said he had been traveling through the area on a bus, had stomach pains, and asked the driver to stop so he could relieve himself.

The bus left without him, he said.

Another suspect, Rony Leonel Polanco Sil, 25, testified he was home with his family when the rapes occurred.

The third suspect, Reyes Buch Ventura, 25, was arrested near his home outside Guatemala City when he was spotted near a pickup truck believed to have been used by the attackers.

He was carrying 8,000 quetzales — then about \$1,230. He told police he had nothing to do with the attack and had earned the money selling wool hats.

Arrest warrants have been issued for five other suspects who remain at large.

Four of the rape victims

planned to testify at the trial, which is expected to last one and a half weeks. Three of the students are recent graduates of St. Mary's and the fourth is still enrolled.

A professor who was in the bus during the attack, William Cecil Roberts, also was expected to testify.

Accompanying the victims to the trial were Maryland Deputy Attorney General Carmen Shepard, who is acting as a legal adviser, and college officials.

The study-abroad program at St. Mary's College remains largely unchanged after the attack, college spokeswoman Stacy Pruitt said.

Iraqi opposition group rejects U.S.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO, Egypt — A prominent Iraqi opposition group on Wednesday turned down support offered by President Clinton for efforts to oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, saying accepting American help would hurt their cause.

However, two other groups — the London-headquartered Iraqi National Congress and the Jordanian-based Iraqi National Accord — welcomed the American offer, which stems from the Iraq Liberation Act adopted last year.

Rejection came from the Tehran-based Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq, an umbrella for several Shiite Muslim groups.

"We don't get support under this act," said Hamid al-Bayati, the council's representative in London. "We haven't asked for it, and nobody took our opinion about it."

Al-Bayati added that "receiving such support from America would harm the opposition's reputation inside Iraq."

Clinton on Tuesday designated seven organizations opposed to Saddam to receive U.S. support under the 1998 act, which calls for providing up to \$97 million in overt military aid to Iraqi opposition groups. The Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq was among them.

In a statement faxed to The Associated Press in Cairo, the Iraqi National Congress — an umbrella

organization of Kurdish, Shiite and leftist groups based in London — welcomed its nomination for U.S. support.

Maad Abdel-Rahim, a leader of the Iraqi National Accord, said in a telephone interview from Amman that his group accepts "any support from the international community and the big powers which believe that the change of the regime should come from inside Iraq."

Other groups named to receive U.S. support were three Kurdish factions based in northern Iraq: the Kurdistan Democratic Party, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the Islamic Movement of Iraqi Kurdistan. Also selected was the Movement for a Constitutional Monarchy, based in London.

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Senate

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social action, and a good way to do this is with dinners."

Student body president Peter Cesaro asked the senators to consider ideas for the Spring semester's student government Board of Trustees report.

"This is an opportunity to get long-term policy aspects changed," he said.

Last semester's report dealt with the First Year of Studies program and tutoring, and was well-received by the Board, according to Cesaro.

In other Senate news:

- Members rejected a proposal congratulating Student Union Board manager Ryan Stecz on his recent engagement. There was some concern that resolutions of that nature were inappropriate for the body to consider.

"I really don't think this is what we're supposed to be doing here," said Off-Campus senator Mickey Doyle.

Others disagreed, however, noting that not only is this a common practice, but it is an act of good spirit.

"Traditionally, the Senate has done this," said O'Donoghue, who pointed to Stecz's commitment to the Student Union. "It's a way of saying thank you and congratulations on your new life together."

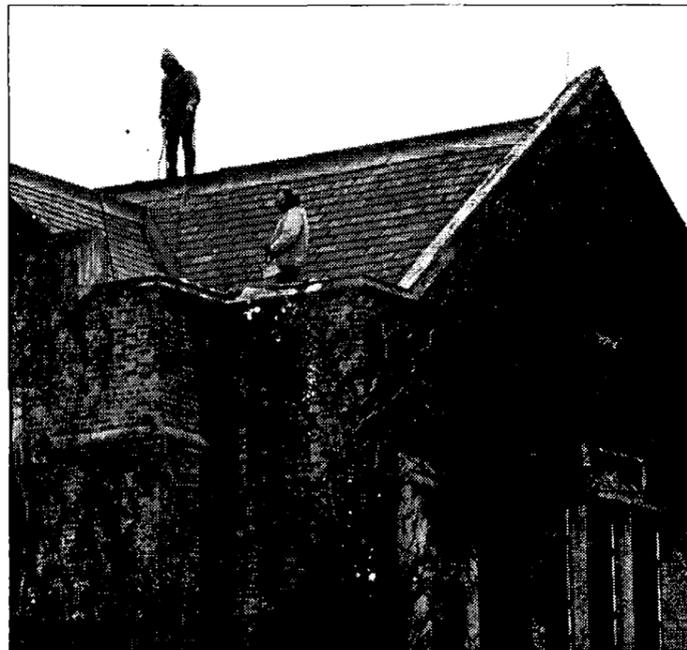
The vote on the resolution was 11-9 with seven abstentions. Measures of this nature require a two-thirds majority for passage.



Winter eased its assault on South Bend over the past couple days, but the "experts" predict renewed weather fury this weekend. Heavy rain early this weekend could be snow flurries on Sunday.

Above: Ducks on St. Mary's Lake contemplate the chilly water.

Right: Maintenance workers shovel snow off the roof of the law building.



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■ UNITED KINGDOM

Labor government begins reform of House of Lords

Associated Press

LONDON
Keeping its promise to modernize the 800-year-old, unelected House of Lords, Britain's Labor government on Wednesday published plans to remove the voting rights of aristocrats with inherited seats in Parliament.



Tony Blair

The government also said it would establish a new system for appointing life peers and would set up a commission to suggest a new upper chamber of Parliament, possibly partly appointed and partly elected.

In the plan, called a white paper, the government said it is taking "a significant step toward the modernization of Parliament — a step reformers have been unable to secure for the whole of this century."

The current House of Lords, it said, lacks legitimacy because it is out of date and unrepresentative.

The plan is sure to be passed by the elected chamber of parliament, the House of Commons, where Labor has a huge majority. Prime Minister Tony Blair has said he wants the hereditary peers out by the end of this year.

The House of Lords is dominated by peers from the opposition Conservative party, but can only delay legislation for up to a year.

The plan would remove the voting rights of hereditary peers — dukes, marquises, earls, viscounts and barons, some with titles going back generations — who inherited their seats in the Lords.

Nobles will be given the right to vote in national elections, which they have

been forbidden to do, and to stand as candidates for the House of Commons without having to renounce their titles, as has been the case until now.

The plan says an independent, seven-member committee will oversee the appointment of life peers — those honored with lifetime titles for their contributions to national life. Life peers are also allowed to vote in the House of Lords.

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THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Traditionally, they have been nominated by parties represented in the House of Commons. The prime minister draws up a list of approved names, which is passed to Queen Elizabeth II for final approval.

There will be no change to the position of the archbishops of Canterbury and York and the 24 leading bishops who have seats in the Lords. The white

paper said they "often make a valuable contribution ... because of their particular perspective and experience."

Addressing the Commons, Blair said the reforms will create a "more just and fair society."

But Lord Strathclyde, a hereditary peer and Conservative leader in the House of Lords, said he felt a "deep sense of disquiet" over the plan, which he said was not detailed enough.

"It is sheer constitutional vandalism to tear down a structure that is working well and offer no ideas on what they will build in its place," he said.

There are 633 hereditary peers and 507 life peers. They are overwhelmingly Conservative, giving the main opposition party a built-in majority in the Lords, although many never attend.

The commission on a new upper chamber of Parliament will be headed by life peer Lord Wakeham, a Conservative, the government said. The commission will report back with suggestions by Dec. 31.



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■ MEXICO

Nobel Prize winner defends her life story

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY
Guatemalan Nobel activist Rigoberta Menchu denounced those who have questioned the life story that helped her win a Nobel Peace Prize, but hinted Wednesday that the book could be — as they suggest — a historical composite rather than an autobiography.

"I still haven't written my autobiography," she said at a Mexico City news conference. "What you have is a testimonial."

Menchu became a celebrity after the 1983 publication of "I, Rigoberta Menchu," in which she told of a childhood as a poor Indian caught up in a bloody civil war. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992.

Last month, U.S. anthropologist David Stoll published a book claiming that Menchu's book had many inaccuracies. He challenged her claims that she had no formal education and that she watched her younger brother slowly die of starvation and her elder brother get burned to death by soldiers.

At a Mexico City news con-

ference, Menchu denied reports that she had enrolled in a private boarding school, saying she worked as a maid at the school. She said Stoll mistook someone by the same name for her elder brother. She didn't directly address claims that her younger brother never existed.

But Menchu suggested exactly what Stoll claimed — that her story represented a composite of the lives of Indians who suffered through Guatemala's 36-year civil war. She spoke of "collective memory" and said her book presented an accurate view of life in wartime Guatemala.

"I have a right to a historical memory, a right to my memory as a woman and as a Guatemalan," she said.

"My mother is dead. ... If she wasn't eaten by animals, let's investigate and maybe the mother who was eaten by animals is another Indian mother," Menchu said.

Francis Sejersted, chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, has said his group was aware of the criticisms of Menchu's autobiography and that they would have no effect on her prize.

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■ RUSSIA

IMF probes Moscow about fund misuse

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Police are investigating claims by international lenders that the Russian government misspent \$10 billion in loans intended to help revive its crippled economy, a top official said Wednesday.

First Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Maslyukov made the comments hours before a mission from the International Monetary Fund was to arrive in Moscow to assess Russia's economy before deciding whether to extend badly needed new loans.

Maslyukov, who was in Washington last week for talks on new loans, bristled at the lenders' claims. He said an investigation by Russian police would prove the government's innocence, the Interfax news agency reported. He did not identify the loans that were allegedly misappropriated, nor did he give any other details of the accusations.

The IMF has scrapped a \$22.6 billion loan package it assembled last summer to help Russia avert a looming economic crisis. The loans were frozen after Russia devalued the ruble and defaulted on some of its debts in August.

With its coffers now almost bare, the Russian government desperately hopes to win new IMF loans.

In an apparent bid to please the IMF, Finance Minister Mikhail Zadornov said Russia will make its scheduled debt

repayments in the first quarter of the year while it continues talks on rescheduling the rest of its foreign debts. Russia must repay \$493 million in the first quarter of 1999.

Zadornov added that he hoped the government could reach a loan agreement with the IMF next month.

"Our only interest is to refinance our own debt to the fund" and not to finance domestic spending, Maslyukov said. IMF officials have said any loans will hinge largely on Russia's ability to approve and put into effect a feasible budget.

The lower house of Russian parliament approved the draft 1999 budget Tuesday, in the second of four required readings. But the IMF has criticized even this austere budget as unrealistic and has faulted Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov's government for factoring in loans that haven't been promised.

Primakov and other officials have said Russia must reach an agreement with the IMF before it can reschedule its foreign debts.

Meanwhile, Russia's top privatization official submitted his resignation because of illness and was temporarily replaced by his deputy.

■ UNITED NATIONS

Taliban faces council's anger

Associated Press

The U.N. Security Council demanded Wednesday that Afghanistan's Taliban militia stop sheltering international terrorists and bring those indicted to justice — a clear reference to Osama bin Laden.

The Saudi millionaire who lives in exile in Afghanistan has been indicted by a U.S. court in connection with the August bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

Taliban officials have refused to hand over bin Laden, saying he is an honored guest who fought alongside Islamic insurgents against Soviet troops in the 1980s.

U.S. diplomats had pushed for the 15-member council to take a strong stand against terrorists in the statement issued Wednesday.

The statement, which was read by Brazil's U.N. Ambassador Celso Amorim, current council president, demanded "that the Taliban

stop providing sanctuary and training for international terrorists and their organizations."

It also demanded that "all Afghan factions cooperate with efforts to bring indicted terrorists to justice."

The Taliban Supreme Court held an inquiry in November into accusations that bin Laden is using Afghanistan as a base for terrorist attacks on U.S. targets worldwide.

It concluded he was innocent, and berated Washington for its refusal to submit any evidence of bin Laden's involvement in terrorism.

The Taliban, who rule roughly 90 percent of Afghanistan including the capital, Kabul, are battling a northern-based opposition alliance on several fronts.

The Taliban follow a strict version of Islam that bars women from work and education, forces men to wear beards and bans all light entertainment, including music.

The Security Council also called on all Afghan groups, especially the Taliban, to

end discrimination against girls and women, stop other human rights violations, and halt the cultivation, production and trafficking of illegal drugs.

It demanded that the Taliban and the alliance stop fighting immediately, agree to a cease-fire and resume negotiations with the aim of creating a broad-based representative government.

In a binding resolution adopted last month, the council warned Taliban leaders that it would impose unspecified measures against them unless they halt their military campaign and negotiate peace.

The United Nations pulled its international staff out of Afghanistan Aug. 21 after an Italian employee was shot and killed and another was wounded in Kabul.

The council statement Wednesday also demanded that the Taliban show its full commitment to the security of all international and humanitarian personnel and urged the Taliban and other parties to resume cooperation with the United Nations.

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■ MEXICO

Catholic bishop Garcia condemns government

Associated Press

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico
 If Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia of San Cristobal gets to greet

Pope John Paul II during his trip to Mexico City, the activist prelate knows just what he will say.
 "Hello," Ruiz deadpans. "It's very nice to see you."

But if he speaks softly, he'll carry a stick: his pastoral letter, "From Pain to Hope," a 23-page indictment of the Mexican government and plea for justice for the indigenous people of Chiapas

state, the bishop's flock.

"We want to express to Christian people that we are suffering persecution and the consequences of low-intensity war," says Bishop Raul Vera Lopez, who works with Ruiz and co-signed the letter. "Still, we don't lose our hope in the power of God."

The document echoes the letter Ruiz presented to the pope during his 1993 visit to Mexico, condemning the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party just when Mexican officials wanted to present a united front before a vote on whether to approve the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Once again, Ruiz takes on the most divisive issues facing the country: the government's economic policies, drug trafficking, the 1994 uprising of leftist Indians in the south, and the 1997 massacre of 45 unarmed men, women, and children by a pro-government paramilitary group in the southern village of Acteal.

"Believing in the poor led us to strongly denounce (those) who abuse their political power, their privilege and their wealth," writes Ruiz, who released the letter in San Cristobal's cathedral on Christmas Eve. "We have also denounced any violence by paramilitary groups against defenseless people."

Such language endears him to Mexico's Maya Indians who call him Tatic — Great Father — the amiable bishop who in the 1960s rode to their villages on horseback, and among Catholics worldwide who follow the Second Vatican Council's mandate to help the poor fight injustice.

Ruiz's opponents, who include government officials and ranchers, call him the Red Bishop.

They accuse him of fomenting the rebellion by the Zapatista National Liberation Army by mixing religion and politics in a misguided theology of liberation. His most fervent critics have burned him in effigy in front of the cathedral. And in November 1997, gunmen opened fire on

his pastoral convoy.

On Tuesday, two right-wing groups of landowners released an open letter to the pope, asking him to replace Ruiz with a pastor who teaches what they call authentic Catholic doctrine, not socialist-Marxist propaganda.

"Our land suffers armed violence and social dissolution provoked by a revolutionary action ... from the cathedral of this city," the letter said.

The bishop, who now travels with bodyguards, scoffs at the idea that anyone can be apolitical.

"A woman who makes tortillas is affected by the political situation. Everybody is involved in politics unless he is on the moon," says Ruiz, in a flannel workshirt, a wool cap covering his bald head.

He acknowledges sympathy for Zapatista aims to improve Indians' lives, while rejecting their use of violence. But he bristles at the term liberation theology.

"How can there be a theology of slavery?" he has asked. Besides, he says, he's a pastor, not a theologian. "In Latin America, we don't talk about theology. We talk about commitment to poor people."

That commitment, he says, is at odds with the global free-market economy, including the Mexican government's economic policy that includes plans to absorb bad bank loans as part of the national debt.

"We look at the craziness of an economic model that eats up the richness of the nations (and) shields itself with the idol of the free market," he says.

"Blood is spread on the altar of the stock market," he adds, while new debt "generates new slavehood of interest impossible to pay."

He also blames the government for stalling peace talks with the Zapatistas, for failing to take on drug traffickers and for using the police and military to persecute the Catholic Church by deporting clerics and threatening pastoral workers.



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■ WE LEARNED MORE FROM A THREE MINUTE RECORD, BABY

The Mighty Pen, the Wiieldy Word, or Yadda Yadda

I lost my words once. They were crammed into the pages of a journal with a cheesy mountain vista on the cover. The words traced worlds, as the journals of frenzied girls do. So, when I left my book on a TWA airplane last August it was a little death. Those

Mary Margaret Nussbaum



pages held three years of spilling: Pixies lyrics and mini manifestos, things to do and things to become, documents of days, odes to kisses and slip-sliding away, stories of friends and punches at my parents. Some entries read like this; aaaaaahhhhhhh! That's because I've lost my words before.

What do you do without them?

Peace came from imagining some gentle flight attendant (the kind who hands out extra bags of honey roasted peanuts) adopting the orphan journal. Perhaps she found the blank pages near the end. Perhaps she added her own inky lines.

These words, they are a luxury, you know?

Dying men measure their days in breaths, mothers in labor count gasps, Wall Street traders index points, farmers watch rainfall and waiters tally tips. We are students. We get to measure our days in words. What words shall we choose?

Carl Sandberg writes it well, "Little girl, be careful what you say / When you talk with words, words — / for words are made of syllables / and syllables child, are made of air — / and air is so

thin — air is the breath of God ..."

That breath, that breeze.

Aren't you glad that you can read?

Aren't you thrilled that there is a towering library across the way and that our newspapers don't have articles blacked out and there is a man somewhere in Omaha making a living as a poet? Aren't you thrilled that your job for these brief days is to learn? How entirely self-indulgent and sweet — we are here to make our minds more interesting places. We are here to weave nets and take them to these fertile fields — catch delicious words and fearsome words and let their beating wings carry us away.

And we must learn — as chanting monks have learned; as storytellers tenting in the Tetons have learned; as mothers lulling their fevered children to sleep have learned — to be careful with the words.

We throw them around, forgetting their power. We call dull movies 'gay,' and sniveling boys 'pussies.' We add 'black' as an adjective when the story is of wrongdoing and race is irrelevant.

A student writes an article in these pages calling the Women's Resource Center the "Nasty Feminist Enclave." Yeah. That is civil discourse on campus. Have you seen the nation's? Jokes about knee pads and cigars. Apple runs ads telling consumers-r-us to "think different." (Adverb lovers everywhere shiver, it's "differently.") *Titanic* is our favorite movie and yes, swoon, swoon, it's all quite soaring and beautiful, but the script? Cliches, fluff and deeply unmoving testaments to saccharine love. *The Chicken Soup for the Various Kinds of Souls* books are topping the bestseller lists, as is Jamie Lee Curtis's autobiography. What about pop music, "And I miss you / Like the deserts miss the rain..." that doesn't even make sense.

Do deserts need more rain? (I'm turning up my Johnny Cash. Let's play some De La Soul.)

We all forget to think before we speak. I babble like a brook. I fail to cultivate silence and a listening ear (this too, is part of relishing language). I say "like," like way too friggin' much.

My older sister called me a "bitch" once. She got grounded. We were both lectured on the way that that explosive little syllable is used to demean, degrade and dehumanize. For a while we called my younger sister "Debbie," which was code for "D.B.," which stood for "Diarrhea Breath." The poor dear is scarred for life.

When we name things we give them power. When we craft sentences and tell stories we find a voice. When we slouch over a verbose hunk of British philosophy, or a poem by Pablo Neruda, highlighter in hand, we are welcomed into the grandest of conversations. How lucky we are.

It's week two of semester two and the words and ideas are piling up — as thick and difficult to negotiate as South Bend snowdrifts. Oh, but have you caught a flake of that same snow on your tongue? It's delicious. It melts. How lucky, how very lucky — we get to measure our days with words.

There are inmates in cells painted soothing shades of mauve because they were never given a trombone; a paintbrush; a blank journal and a good pen. We must express. We must create. If we have no language with which to shout the mystery "I am! I am!" then the whimpers and bangs! of violence

may become the tragic substitute. There are inmates who have climbed their way out of those same cells; off bolted beds, into the pages of a book, and singing into the world. Malcolm X? He went in a pimp and came out a prophet.

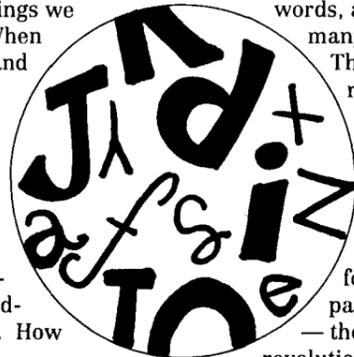
Words, the words that Sandberg says are fine, "finer than fire or mist, finer than water or moonlight," and strong, "stronger than rock or steel, stronger than corn, fish, cattle," can redeem. This week there is much talk of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His example, of *living* the words he so eloquently spoke, is remarkable indeed. His life was poetry in motion. He was careful with his words, and they freed the voiceless many who cling to them.

This week I have too much to read. Seas of pages and a faulty compass. And I'm a lucky one. Do you remember what happened in *Fahrenheit 451*? Do you remember that speedy, slick world where the TV took up four walls and firemen were paid to burn books? The rebels — those lithe literati — sparked a revolution by becoming books. There are worse things you could become, dull, for example.

Unite rebel readers. Don't e-mail for a week. Write a long letters. Work "draconian" into a sentence; it's a great party trick. Listen to Sandberg, "when you speak greetings, when you tell jokes, make wishes, or prayers, be careful, be careless, be careful, be what you wish to be."

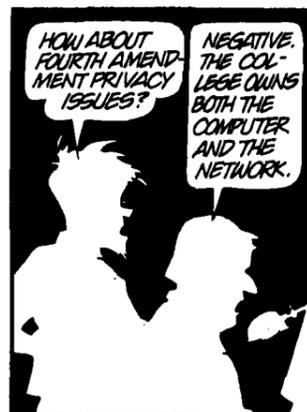
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■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Beer is for breakfast
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be gone.'

— Douglas Conghlin from
the movie *Cocktail*

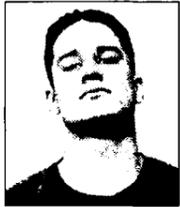
■ DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Living the Dream — Hopes for a Better Future

Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Tuesday, January 21, 2076 —

**Spencer
Stefko**



"Pap-Pap! I'm home! Were you able to get it?"

"Yeah I was, but it wasn't easy. I had to distract your mother while Grams grabbed it. Why did we have to steal your grades out of the mail?"

"Oh, no reason. I just wanted to give them to her myself."

"Yeah, and your grandfather used to steal his letters from Student Affairs at his college because he 'wanted to give them to me himself.' You can't be having trouble with grades. What's your GPA again?"

"Seven-thirty on a four scale."

"Let me tell you, with grade inflation, grades are sure a lot easier to come by ..."

"Yeah, I know, and you actually had to walk to school ... yeah, right. Anyway, I flunked history."

"You what!?"

"Flunked history."

"Alex, I was a history teacher. Both of your grandparents were history teachers. Your mother is a lawyer. How could you flunk history?"

"I tried, but I just couldn't understand it."

"What did you cover this quarter that was so hard?"

"Well, we started with the Civil War and ended with the Venturian Era."

"Yeah, I couldn't understand how the country could elect a pro wrestler president either."

"No, it wasn't that. I understood that. It's quite easy to understand in light of the party realignment at the turn of this century. The realignment was actually a few years overdue, as I understand it. It was that Civil Rights thing I couldn't understand."

"What didn't you understand?"

"The whole basis. They were talking about rights and classes and colors and I just couldn't understand any of it. The part that really got me was the whole color thing."

"The black and white thing?"

"Yeah, that. My teacher tried to tell us that black and white people sometimes didn't like each other just because of the color of their skin. I just didn't understand. And it wasn't just me. None of us really understood."

"That's because kids today don't notice color."

"Every time I do something wrong you start on that 'kids today' stuff..."

"No, it's a good thing this time. I can see how you wouldn't understand. This subject is tough for this generation."

"What do you mean?"

"Here: what's the difference between Tiffany and D.J.?"

"I dunno. Tiffany's left-handed. And D.J.'s taller, I guess."

"Well, a few years ago, Tiffany would have been called 'black,' and D.J. 'white.'"

"Why?"

"Just because that's what color people thought their skin looked."

"Come to think of it, Tiffany's skin is darker than D.J.'s. But so what?"

"Well, nothing really. But there was a time when people didn't understand that. They thought that there were different personalities and talents that went with different colors."

"What about if someone was tan?"

"You really don't understand. That only had a little bit to do with it. See, it wasn't just skin color. It was about anything that was different which made people feel

threatened or uncomfortable. It went to different looks, cultures, and ways of speaking, too."

"Okay, so what if someone felt threatened?"

"Well, it affected the way that people related to each other. If you were different from someone, they often related to you differently. It affected who you were friends with, who got shots at jobs, who got opportunities to do things to make themselves better."

"Why?"

"Well, it looked complex at the time. But it was actually kind of simple. It's kind of like when you see a car in your rear view mirror and you slow down because you think it's a cop. But when the car passes you, you see that it's just a car with a luggage rack and you can see it clearly only as it passes you and you slowed down for nothing and your Grams is yelling in my ear ..."

"Pap-Pap, relax. I have no idea what you're talking about. I'm 10 years old. I've never driven a car."

"Oh yeah. Well, what I mean is that it seemed so complex at the time, but as it started to heal itself and the problem passed right before our very eyes, it became apparent that it wasn't as tough as it looked. It came down to ignorance."

"What do you mean?"

"People who didn't accept attempts to get

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rid of these problems mostly just didn't understand. They weren't bad people, they just never took the time to think about everyone getting a fair shot at things like our country says they should."

"What happened to get us here from there, Pap-Pap?"

"Well, about the turn of the century, people started to realize that the same thing had been wrong with society for almost 300 years: that when they looked at a 'black' person and a 'white' person, and everyone in between, they didn't see the same thing: just a person, no color. Thank God it was my generation that finally put an end to it once and for all."

"How?"

"Well, about the turn of the century, we started doing stuff that was a little tough for the time. Different 'groups' started to realize that there was no magic wand to wave, that this change was something that was only going to take place one person at a time."

"So how did you guys bridge that gap if it was so uncomfortable?"

"We did service projects together. We drank together. We went out on a limb and did the stuff that it was obvious some generation was going to have to do sooner or later."

"Wasn't that hard?"

"Hell, yeah it was hard. We were doing things no American generation had ever done before. And it seemed to make so little sense at the time."

"How's that?"

"Well, it was really tough because to get to be a colorblind country, we had to realize that since we weren't colorblind when we were growing up, there were differences in the way people were treated. We wanted to be colorblind, but we couldn't do it until we got rid of all the baggage the other generations left us."

"Wow. That must have been hard."

"Yup. But it allowed us to leave a colorblind country for our kids."

"I guess I understand. But how did it get started?"

"Well, there really wasn't a start.

Everyone started in their own way. My college, Notre Dame, was the most well-endowed school in the land, and ..."

"Johnny says that that means ..."

"Let me rephrase that. I meant that they had the largest endowment around. They decided that having a school that prepared students to go into this new world meant that they needed to have their students exposed to all different kinds of people. They took some bank away from building things and took a chance: they invested in their minority population."

"I don't understand why they needed to do that. Couldn't you just study your way out of this stuff?"

"Some dead smart English guy once said that 'I pay the schoolmaster, but 'tis the schoolboys who educate my son.' He was right. Notre Dame started to realize that they were pumping out knowledgeable kids, but that their knowledge was all book knowledge. Right after I graduated, the emphasis switched from just book smarts to book smarts and life smarts. I was still going to school there in the summers and it was a place you could be proud to be associated with."

"Grams says that when you graduated you bought a motorcycle to compensate for insecurities stemming from your receding hairline and that ..."

"Remind me to thank her, but the point is that the school started cranking out more well-rounded kids."

"How did they get the different type of people there, Pap-Pap? That doesn't sound like a place I'd like to go if I wasn't like the rest of the people."

"One step was that Notre Dame started observing a holiday celebrating one of the old "black" leaders, even though it didn't celebrate any other national holidays. They didn't have to, in fact it was hard for them to recognize Martin Luther King and not Christopher Columbus. They didn't have to, but they did. They chose to show some desire to get different types of people there. That was the beginning of a change in reputation that opened the floodgates for great faculty and students who used to think Notre Dame wasn't for them. That and the funding I talked about before started something special."

"King was the guy who started the whole Civil Rights movement, right?"

"Well, he was the first to make himself heard on a national level. He seems pretty simple to this generation, but he was pretty controversial at the time."

"Yeah, I didn't understand that in class, either. He's famous because he said that everyone was equal and he wanted everyone to love each other, and he wanted this accomplished peacefully. So what? I think the same thing."

"His message was one of standing up for what was right, and one of charisma."

"I wish he was still here today, Pap-Pap."

"Why? We've obviously graduated past the problems of his day and are living in the world he dreamed of."

"Well, the stuff about peace and love really appeal to me right now. My mother's home from work and I have an "F" on my report card."

"No you don't. I changed it to a "B" before you got home. It's not your fault you can't see color. It's Doctor King's."

6:00 tonight in the Lafortune Ballroom. Not your usual forum. I put my word behind it being positive, future-oriented, and interesting. Also free, all-you-can-eat Marco's pizza and all-you-can-listen-to Voices of Faith Choir. What else do you have to do at 6:00 on a Thursday. I'd like to have this conversation with my great-granddaughter. Please come help me.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Correction and a Brief African History Lesson — All in One



Okay everybody, time for a little lesson in African geography and current events. After the front page of yesterday's Observer incorrectly identified Abidjan as the location of the fighting taking place in West Africa and after the date line of the article itself identified the Ivory Coast as the location, some correction and elaboration may be helpful.

Abidjan is, indeed, the capital of the Ivory Coast, or Cote d'Ivoire, a former French colony, now a supposed success story of France's neo-colonial policies. It is, at any rate, a much safer location for the Associated Press to send its news dispatches from than is Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone, where a civil war is actually being fought.

The current battles in Freetown, in addition to causing the deaths of hundreds, probably thousands, of Sierra Leoneans, and to leaving homeless upwards of 30,000 Freetown residents, have also led to the deaths of at least 2 western journalists. Hence, it is probably wise of the Associated Press to stay safely ensconced in Abidjan, though this does lead to some confusion as to the location of the events being reported.

At any rate, it is encouraging to see some coverage of the conflict in Sierra Leone, now nearly four years old, which has recently reached levels of savagery that bring comparisons with the Rwandan genocides. At least one media watchdog organization has labeled the conflict in Sierra Leone one of the ten most under reported events of 1998. The best web site for news of Sierra Leone can be found at www.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/africa.

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January 19, 1999

Now That's E

Students exhibit accomplished work at Student Film Festival

By JULIA GILLESPIE
Scene Copy Editor

"Daring, humorous and serious," said Ted Mandell, faculty coordinator of the Notre Dame Student Film Festival, when asked to describe the films in this year's festival.

"[The shows] tackle many different issues that range from the overuse of prescribed drugs, dying with dignity and to what it is like to be a student film maker," he added.

Mandell first organized the film festival in 1990 and since then it has grown in popularity, especially in the last four years. This year it shows Friday, and Saturday nights, Jan. 22 and 23, at 7 and 9:45 p.m. Since all of last year's shows sold out an encore screening is also scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25. Tickets cost \$3 and some of the shows are already sold out. The festival is expected to run for 98 minutes.

Mandell's classes Professional Video Production and Introduction to Film and Video Production wrote the scripts for these films and produced and edited them within about two months. Jill Goodwin also worked with students to produce the films through the classes Advanced Film Production and Immediate Film Production. Each film was produced by a team of two students from the department of Film, Television and Theatre. There are 16 films total.

Senior Tom Hartmann and Jim Blaum worked together to produce the film *The Seeds*. Blaum developed the idea for the film and they wrote the script together. They started shooting a month ago and spent a week of intense filming. After that they devoted more time to sessions of editing.

"We started out with a skeleton for our film and worked from there to create a film for the year 2000, where Jesus comes back and talks to a journalist to relay the message that the world is coming to an end," Blaum said.

Blaum believes his message speaks to society's obsessive concerns with technology and thinks last scene has specific symbolic significance.

"It ends in a field with electrical wires crossed over it. You hear sounds of prison doors shutting down that represent how society is restricted by technology," he said.

Hartmann recollects highlights of their filming experi-



A clip from Tom Hartmann and Jim Blaum's "The Seeds," inspired by the approaching Millenium being showed at the Notre Dame Film Festival.

ence and notes that there are so many people to thank. "We did one shot from the NBC studio in Chicago and even members of the Chicago Police Department to film our picture," he said. "For example, we used a police horse to pose as the fourth horse in the Apocalypse."

"I never put more work into anything than this short, nine minute piece of work," he added. "You need to involve so many people in order to bring each film to life. The festival is important because it enables student film makers the opportunity to get student feedback. These plays are meant to be seen by a big group of people."

Andy Ankowski and Dan Chucta's film *Incomplete Film*

About Abuse deals with issues that permeate abusive families.

"Violent scenes are taken out of the movie in order to describe the action of violence," Chucta explained. "It forces the audience to listen for an explanation of the violence and picture it graphically in their mind."

"It does not give a glamorized view of abuse and it shows instances of what really happens, such as irrational behavior of parents," he added.

Jeff Spoonhower worked with Denis Hurley to create the film *Ryan Victor's Senior Thesis*. He has attended the film festival for the last three years.

"Many of the films are avant-garde and their meaning is not apparent right away," Spoonhower said. "Ryan Victor's Senior Thesis' pokes fun at student film makers and their lofty goals, which sometimes distance their audiences."

Spoonhower is excited about the film festival because it is the culmination of a semester of hard work.

"I worked really hard throughout the semester on it and lived through the films," he explained. "It is gratifying to see them played before sold-out audiences and it is good for the film students to see the reaction of their audience."

The film festival also enables many students to gain national recognition for their hard work and devotion to their films. Last year's *Pet Warfare*, by Brian Freese and Denis Hurley, and *Last Laugh*, directed by Ann Goodwin, Jen Porst and Nick Kapranos, earned awards at national festivals.

"Many students go on to graduate school or enter the film and television industry," Mandell explained. "Some students use their film work at Notre Dame as a stepping stone to get into the film industry as audio editors."

The subject matters of these plays range from black humor to serious



A clip from "Une Vraie Romance" by Christy Smith and Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece poke fun at fantasies of "french-nicity."

Entertainment!

French theater production will please students of all languages

By KATI MILLER
Scene Writer

A healthy man, plagued by a series of endless ailments, wants his daughter to marry a young doctor so he can be treated for life with no charge. The daughter, who realizes that the young doctor is a complete imbecile, has other plans for herself. The "invalid's" wife pretends to love her husband but is actually waiting for him to die off so she can collect his small fortune. Sound intriguing? This is the plot of the French play being performed this weekend, *La Malade imaginaire*.

La Malade imaginaire is performed by ROFR 490, French Theatre Production. This course was created eight years ago by Professor Paul McDowell and has become extremely popular with French students and non-French students alike.

"There has never been a shortage of students who come from other backgrounds," said McDowell. "This year, for example, we have an architecture student and several students who are not French majors. I consider it a well-rounded cast."

The cast is made up of 11 students who meet three hours each week of the fall semester. At the start of the spring semester, the group begins nightly rehearsals.

"It's an odd way to put on a play, three hours a week for four months in the fall, then eight intensive rehearsals in the dead of winter and then you're performing a masterpiece of French theatre for 100 spectators crammed into the Lab Theatre. But it works," said McDowell. "And we've got seven years of repeated sellouts and remarkable memories to prove it."

This annual production is unique, obviously because of its language, but also because of the actors themselves.

While a proficiency in French is essential, the-

atrical experience is not.

"I did it mostly for the professor, seeing as how my only previous acting experience was as the fairy Mustardseed in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*," said Jim Arkedis, who has a leading role in the production.

"I've only had one theatre major in eight years. I am consistently overwhelmed by the remarkable level of acting that these students deliver. It's certainly not thanks to my directing!" said McDowell.

The play, though done in French, is open to all

for all involved. Arkedis heard about the class as a freshman but did not participate until this year.

"Two years later, I find myself trying to memorize two page passages in a foreign language, when I wouldn't even want to do it in English!" said Arkedis. "Excluding my year abroad, it's been the most unique learning experience I've had yet."

"The play seemed to get richer as we [the cast] became closer to our characters," said Cook. "Inspiring students who are learning French is great too."

The small cast provides students with a chance to work together on a basically self-sufficient project. Each year's ticket sales fund the next year's production. This play also combines language and theatre in a unique and exciting way.

"I think there is a deep and fundamental connection made between a profound love of French and the chemistry of text and cast," said McDowell. "It's gotten to the point that people expect a French play in the second week of the spring term. I like that."

La Malade imaginaire will be the last production until 2002 because McDowell will be spending the next two years directing the University of

Notre Dame study abroad program in Angers, France.

"Professor McDowell is an incredible director. He was so patient and encouraging to all of us throughout the many problems, memory slips and the time it took us to understand it," said Cook.

The play runs Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Washington Hall Lab Theatre. Tickets are available at the Language Resource Center in 201 O'Shaughnessy for \$3.



Students rehearse scenes from the French play "La Malade imaginaire" for their upcoming performances.

The Observer/ Liz Lang

spectators. A synopsis in English is given to everyone and there are certainly many non-francophones in attendance.

"If you do not speak French, you will be in good company at this unique theatrical experience," said McDowell. "I guarantee you that you will laugh loud and often."

"It's quite wonderful to make people laugh even if they don't know a word of French," senior said Corrine Cook.

The production has been a rewarding experience

10th Annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival
presented by: Department of Film, Television and Theatre

when: Friday, Jan. 22 & Saturday, Jan. 23
7:30 & 9:45 p.m.

(Encore screening Monday, Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m.)

where: Snite Museum of Art

admission: \$3 - tickets available at LaFortune Info Desk

La Malade imaginaire
French Theater Production
directed by: Paul McDowell
presented by: ROFR 490

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Marlins owner seeks taxpayer-backed ballpark

Associated Press

MIAMI

New Florida Marlins owner John Henry interrupted his news conference Wednesday to hold up a sign for the cameras that read: "CALL 930-HITS."

"Anybody want to buy season tickets?" Henry asked with a smile.

The campaign to win back disgruntled Marlins fans began hours after Henry completed his \$150 million purchase of the troubled franchise from founding owner H. Wayne Huizenga. Major league owners approved the sale last week, and the deal closed Tuesday when Henry paid Huizenga.

"I don't worry about the investment," said the 49-year-old Henry, a multimillionaire commodities trader from Boca Raton. "I can't take it with me." He's unlikely to recoup his

investment anytime soon. Henry projects that the Marlins will lose \$5 million to \$9 million this year despite a payroll of just \$25 million, one of the lowest in baseball.

In 1997, the Marlins won the World Series but lost \$34 million, according to Huizenga, who ordered the team dismantled. Last year, with a payroll of just \$13 million by the end of the season, Florida lost 108 games and the support of many fans.

But if fans want a winning team again, Henry said, they must pay for it. He'll seek a taxpayer-financed ballpark.

"In baseball, more than in any other sport, revenues determine success," he said. "The more the community will do, the better the team will do. It comes down to people deciding whether baseball is important in South Florida."

A new ballpark is the only way to generate the revenue needed to pay high-priced players, Henry said. He pointed to the turnaround of the Cleveland Indians in their new stadium as an example.

"To compete in the National League today, a team needs a payroll of at least \$50 million," he said. "The Marlins in Pro Player Stadium can't break even with a \$20 million payroll. The future of baseball in South Florida depends on playing in a new ballpark."

Henry said the Marlins will be able to afford a \$50 million payroll as soon as they move into a new ballpark — if taxpayers help build it.

Opposition to such a plan prompted the sale of the team by Huizenga, who was perceived as a villain for breaking up the World Series champions. Henry provides a fresh

start.

"To me he represents real promise for South Florida baseball," Marlins general manager Dave Dombrowski said. "It's been a year-and-a-half roller-coaster ride. The ride has stopped."

Henry, a native of Quincy, Ill., described himself Wednesday as "a farmer who studied philosophy in college but failed to graduate." More important is that he's a lifelong baseball fan who grew up listening to Harry Caray broadcast St. Louis Cardinals games.

"He's the kind of guy who would be playing baseball if he could," said Marlins pitcher Alex Fernandez, one of several players attending the news conference. "That makes me want to play for him."

Henry will have an office at Pro Player Stadium, and he won't hire a replacement for

departed team president Don Smiley, a Huizenga confidant. But Henry said he won't be involved in baseball decisions. Smiley's duties will be assumed by Jonathan Mariner, senior vice president for finance and administration, and Jim Ross, vice president for sales and marketing.

The Marlins' new owner pledged last year to pay for a new ballpark himself if necessary, a comment he may regret. He'd rather spend the money on players.

"My responsibility to you is not to commit financial suicide," he said Wednesday. "My responsibility to you is to stabilize this franchise financially so that South Florida baseball is winning baseball, and to alter the economics so that after I'm gone, no one will ever think there's an advantage to the team playing anywhere else."

OLYMPICS

IOC bribery scandal widens

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

The bribery scandal surrounding the 2002 Winter Olympics has prompted a fifth investigation — this one by the Utah Attorney General.

Jan Graham, the state's attorney general, said Wednesday her inquiry will not begin until the Salt Lake Organizing Committee's ethics panel and the International Olympic Committee release their reports.

The U.S. Olympic Committee and the Justice Department also are investigating. Justice officials met with at least one potential witness Wednesday and were expected to begin presenting evidence to a grand jury.

Graham said her office will not duplicate the work of the federal investigation, and instead will examine potential violations of Utah criminal laws.

"Our work will be done carefully, but as quickly and professionally as possible so that questions surrounding potential criminal conduct do not linger," Graham said. "Those questions need to be answered with confidence and finality."

The attorney general's office will use its own staff investiga-

tors, but Graham said they would rely heavily on the information uncovered in the SLOC report and in the Justice Department probe, which will likely take months to complete.

The SLOC ethics committee's findings are expected to be released before Feb. 11, though no exact date has been mandated, SLOC spokesman Frank Zang said. Graham said her office's investigation "will not be very active" before the report is released.

The federal government's investigation resumed Wednesday. Stephanie Pate, the onetime secretary of former bid committee head Tom Welch, met with two Justice Department lawyers and an FBI agent for several hours, said her lawyer, David Watkiss.

Though unable to answer specific questions about the federal officials' lines of questioning, Watkiss intimated that Pate was asked about many bid committee activities in which she was never involved.

"She answered their questions to the best of her ability," Watkiss said.

Max Wheeler, attorney for former SLOC senior vice president Dave Johnson, said Wednesday his client had not yet received a federal subpoena. Wheeler and Johnson were

also waiting for the results of SLOC's ethics investigation before deciding on their next move.

Johnson and SLOC president Frank Joklik, the top two officials in the Salt Lake Olympic effort, resigned Jan. 8. Joklik admitted the Salt Lake bid committee's work had been tainted by unscrupulous activities, including the giving of lavish gifts, cash, scholarships and free medical care to IOC members who awarded the city the games in 1995.

Wheeler maintained his client did nothing wrong.

"I think he's been segregated out of all this as the instigator, and that's not the case," Wheeler said. "We're trying to fend off the blows that are coming his way."

The USOC inquiry, primarily intended to recommend new guidelines for American cities bidding for future Olympics, will be finished before March, said the investigation's leader, former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell.

"There has been a series of revelations almost on a daily basis," Mitchell told the Deseret News. "And we are doing the best we can to follow every lead to clarify every fact and, if possible, to investigate every allegation."

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Billick becomes new Ravens coach

Associated Press

BALTIMORE

Brian Billick probably would have preferred to celebrate his first few days as an NFL head coach with a relaxing family vacation.

Instead, he spent it with Ozzie Newsome in Alabama.

Billick, hired by the Baltimore Ravens on Tuesday, savored the moment for only a few hours before turning his attention toward assembling a staff.

Less than 90 minutes after being introduced to the media, Billick was on his way to the Senior Bowl with Newsome, the Ravens vice president of player personnel. If all goes well, Billick will have his new staff in place by the end of next week.

"There are a number of individuals I plan to talk to at the Senior Bowl, which tends to be a coaching convention," Billick said. "I have a very clear-cut idea about what my staff is going to be."

His staff could include former Ravens defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis and several other members of the staff

dismissed with head coach Ted Marchibroda on Dec. 28.

"I've addressed that issue," Billick said. "Having gone through 25 years as an assistant, I'm very sensitive to what they're going through right now. There are a number of fine coaches on this staff that I'm going to be interested in."

Billick was the offensive coordinator of the Minnesota Vikings before signing a six-year contract to coach the Ravens. He said he will call his own plays from the sideline but still plans to hire an offensive coordinator.

There is also the matter of getting the right players for his system, but Billick will address that chore at a later time.

"My first priority has to be in putting the staff together. That's a big process," he said. "Then we will move into free agency and then the draft."

Billick got familiar with the Ravens last month when the Vikings played in Baltimore. Although Minnesota registered an easy 38-28 victory, he was impressed by the Baltimore defense.

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Tambre - make like an article and listen - it's not his - he just wrote it!

I know you're reading this Dad Hope you're having a great day! - Love Kooka

Hiltz- Your finger gun may be bigger than my finger guy, but I've got more talent with it.

*****OBITUARY*****

We mourn the passing of our three crab friends: Stacey, Gina, and Brad. Their lives were short but purposeful. They died either of boredom, an overheated fish tank, or homicide by the fish. They are survived by their owners.

The funeral will be held tomorrow between 2 and 4 p.m. The services will be handled by Rowland Home for Funerals. A water burial (in St. Mary's Lake) is planned. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to 240 Lyons Hall.

I'm drawing a Minorca.

To my roommate: Great quote in The O. I'm so proud.

Hiltz puts "The Big O" in Observer.

KBQC -- Happy Loo Year! Two years until midnight!

See? I do think of you when I'm at work.

I'm going to send you on a one way trip to Minorca.

■ TENNIS

Williams advances in Australian Open third round

Associated Press

MELBOURNE

Two days after declaring it was not her fate to fall in the first round of the Australian Open, and divining a way out of a third-set predicament, Venus Williams decided all is right again in her world.

Williams' confidence always borders on cockiness, a trait that doesn't quite endear her to fellow players. But when she's on, she's got the game to back it up.

And Williams was, indeed, on Wednesday night. Performing, not just playing. Glowing under the lights in her banana-yellow halter top and crayon-colored beads. Reaching out with those long, rubbery arms and cracking winners from every conceivable position. Drumming baseline shots and fairly pirouetting to the net for overhead smashes. Ripping serves at up to 117 mph, a tournament high for women.

The fifth-seeded Williams spotted Sweden's Asa Carlsson the first two games, then reeled off the next 11 en route to a 6-2, 6-1 romp and a berth in the third round.

"I guess I displayed the more modern Venus," Williams said. "The first round was the Venus from the '80s that disappeared a long time ago, because I really quit playing those type of matches, unless I was playing someone like the No. 1 player. I really don't want to go through that anymore.

"I was very happy tonight because I was able to have more control of my game.

Everything that I had been practicing was really coming together."

Asked what she did to turn herself around after the close call in the first round against Croatia's Silvija Talaja, who finally yielded at 9-7 in the third set, Williams said she looked to her younger sister Serena for inspiration.

"I watched Serena's example, how to put an opponent away, and wondered why I wasn't doing those things," Williams said. "She played a girl who was really hitting the ball well. She hit it flat and deep, and Serena took care of it. She said, 'Venus, what's the problem?' I'm supposed to set a better example for her."

If the "modern Venus" sticks around and doesn't revert to the '80s version, she could be on her way to a quarterfinal duel against top seed Lindsay Davenport, who has won six of their seven matches.

"In the past I have had some trauma against her," Williams said. "Every time she played me, she has definitely had to play her best. No matter who I'm playing, they know they're going to have to play their best to beat me. Whether I'm playing good, whether I'm playing bad. And she has done that and gone ahead and defeated me.

"In the future, the very near

future, I want to change that. She has made it known that she wants to be a competitor, a grand slam winner, a No. 1. I have made it known that I can be No. 6, so I have to do better."

The U.S. Open men's finalists, Australians Patrick Rafter and Mark Philippoussis, moved within a victory apiece of a fourth-round confrontation.

Rafter had little trouble dispatching compatriot Mark Woodforde 6-2, 6-4, 6-4. Philippoussis, though, had all he could handle against Michael Chang before eking out a 7-6 (1), 2-6, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5 victory.

Philippoussis survived not only on the strength of his serve — he had 24 aces and only two double faults to Chang's 13 and 5 — but in the way he went for winners more often from the baseline and the net. That showed up in the statistics, with Philippoussis accounting for 95 winners to Chang's 43, and a correspondingly higher number of unforced errors, 78-31. Philippoussis, essentially, was willing to take more chances, and in the end that paid off.

"It was hard sometimes to be aggressive on his serves because he would get the first serve in right away, and I started playing defensive," Chang said.



AP Photo
Fifth-seeded Venus Williams advanced to the third round of the Australian Open Wednesday night with a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

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■ OLYMPICS

IOC investigates '98 bid from Nagano

Associated Press

NAGANO
Some IOC officials inspecting Nagano as a site for the 1998 Winter Games were entertained by geisha paid by the city's bidders.

"We couldn't very well have had the governor pour drinks," Sumikazu Yamaguchi, a senior member of the bidding committee, told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "All they did was pour drinks and perform Japanese dance."

He said they were not prostitutes, although some geisha are. Most International Olympic Committee officials did not get entertained Japanese-style by geisha during Nagano's 1989-1991 bid because they preferred to stay at Western-style hotels, Yamaguchi said.

IOC officials being offered prostitutes are among the accusations to have surfaced in the bribery investigation at Salt Lake City.

The IOC has said it is preparing to expand that investigation to other host cities, heightening scrutiny of Nagano's bid.

Last week, Yamaguchi acknowledged that the bidding committee's expense records, which have been missing for years, had been intentionally destroyed in 1992.

Nagano Mayor Tasuku Tsukada, one of the top officials of the bidding committee, said Wednesday the destruction of the books reflected the

"Japanese way of doing things." Tsukada said he left the decision of how to destroy the expense books to other officials.

The expenses were approved at the committee's general meeting and that meant, as a matter of course, that the records could be destroyed, he said.

"In Japan, that means it's all done and finished," Tsukada said from his office. "We just followed the Japanese custom."

It was widely understood that IOC officials didn't want their activities in Nagano to be known, Yamaguchi said.

And so he had the books picked up with other city hall papers set to be disposed. They went up in smoke in 1992, less than a year after Nagano won the games.

"I just did my job," Yamaguchi said. "I have never done anything against my conscience."

Increased scrutiny of Olympics sites has also prompted Nagano officials to disclose that they gave at least two expensive gifts to the IOC before the city was chosen for the games.

Yamaguchi said he delivered a painting by famous Nagano painter Eisetsu Shiratori, believed to be worth thousands of dollars, to IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch while he was visiting Tokyo.

Samaranch has said there is no limit on the value of gifts he can accept because he does not vote in the selection of host cities.

■ OLYMPIC SPORTS

Athletes seek duplicate medals

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The White House will try to have duplicate medals awarded to Olympic athletes known to have lost to competitors using illegal drugs, the federal drug czar said Wednesday.

Barry McCaffrey, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, plans to pursue the matter at next month's world doping summit despite the IOC's recent rejection of at least two similar pleas.

"Our voice should be listened to," he said, noting two-thirds of the International Olympic Committee's revenue comes from U.S. television networks and corporate sponsors.

Last month, the IOC turned down requests from the U.S. Olympic Committee and the British Olympic Association for duplicate medals for swimmers beaten by East Germans in the 1976 and 1980 Games.

Recent testimony in Germany has shown that the winning East German athletes were helped by banned steroids administered as part

of a secret government program.

The IOC said it was impossible to rewrite the record books, despite court evidence.

"We need to look at the notion of supplemental medals when it can be proved in the courts where medals were lost to chemically engineered competition," McCaffrey said.

McCaffrey said he had asked USOC president Bill Hybl at a White House meeting Wednesday to add 1972 Olympic marathon champion Frank Shorter to his delegation to the summit in Lausanne, Switzerland, Feb. 2-4.

Shorter is considering pursuit of a second gold medal from the 1976 Olympic marathon, where he finished second to East Germany's Waldemar Cierpinski. He says evidence from files of the Stasi, the East German secret police, show that Cierpinski also was involved in the doping program, and that information will eventually wind up in court.

"This is a related issue to

what is really most important, and that is trying to help the IOC know what is really going on," Shorter said by phone from his Colorado home.

He said his interest in drug issues has been heightened in recent years by the success of his 19-year-old son in distance running at the University of Colorado.

"I want to do everything I can so he feels it's not necessary to resort to illegal drugs to compete and win at a high level," Shorter said.

Last November, McCaffrey's office announced an unprecedented \$1 million federal pledge toward research for drug testing in sports. He said Wednesday that was a "down payment" on future government action but denied federal funding would be linked to the medals request.

"We are pursuing arguments on an emerging, universal opinion that we have to protect the beliefs of 12-year-olds that you don't have to use drugs and there will be a level playing field if you chose to compete," he said.

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Friday- Saturday, January 22-23, St. Joe Hall

Learning to Talk About Race Retreat

Friday- Saturday, January 22-23, Lindenwood

NDE Retreat #54

Friday- Sunday, January 22- 24, Fatima

Closing Mass for Pop Farley Week

Sunday, January 24, 4:00 p.m., Farley Hall
Music by the ND Handbell Choir

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Sign-up

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Hesburgh Library

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Tuesday, January 26, 7:00- 8:30 pm, Badin
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Emmanuel Kick-Off

Wednesday, January 27, 6:30- 7:30 pm,
LaFortune Ballroom

Africentric Spirituality: Sankofa Scholars Awards Assembly

Thursday, January 28, 5:30 pm

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Presiders

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Saturday, January 23 Mass

5:00 p.m. Rev. Paul V. Kollman, C.S.C.

Sunday, January 24 Mass

10:00 a.m. Rev. Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.

11:45 a.m. Rev. Patrick M. Neary, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings for this Coming Sunday

1st Reading Isaiah 8: 23- 9: 3

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

Gospel Matthew 4: 12-23

THE GRAY DAY SOUTH BEND BLUES

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

It's not a simple matter to overcome the forces of nature, particularly when they come in the form of a successive string of cold gray days. It doesn't help that we're just back from a long break where we re-learned how to sleep in and how to go out. But, nonetheless, we're back at it, back in the Bend and back to the books. So what now? How do we bring color and life to these days that might otherwise be lost in an endless morass of dreariness? How do we prevent the weather from becoming the determinative factor in our lives?

I can't say that I know any better than you, but that doesn't mean that I'm not going to attempt an answer. I think that we can all agree that the most important thing about life is relationships, relationships with our families, our friends, and most importantly with our God. The best of them can overcome the dreariest weather, and the worst of them can dampen even the sunniest day. It occurs to me that, in many ways, we come to know ourselves a good deal better when we interact with others in our world, and we come to know God and the stirrings of the Spirit in our lives when we take the time to attempt to articulate how we've experienced God in the circumstances of our lives. But oddly enough, as true as that may be, we don't often take that time. How often do we stop to consider how God has been present to us in our day? And how might we better be about the business of that reflection?

Many students within the Notre Dame community have expressed the need for a place where young women and men can come together to share their journey of faith, to gather socially, and to reflect on the things that matter in their lives. The Office of Campus Ministry has a program called "Emmaus" that attempts to facilitate just such gatherings. Emmaus is a program which intends to bring together students who want to enter into dialogue with others about faith and relationships, about God and about life. Like the travelers on the road to Emmaus who recognized Jesus in the stranger, we want the same for you. We want all who would join us to know the same joy and hope that those original travelers experienced in meeting Jesus along the road.

Our having been at Notre Dame, regardless of the weather, won't mean much if we don't walk away from this place at the end of our tenure here with some significant relationships. And we believe that none of those relationships will amount to much on the long term if they are not rooted in the one and essential relationship with Jesus Christ. It is that which we should be about in these days. The danger, especially among the upper class students, is that we assume that we've met everyone we're going to meet here; that somehow, all the friendships that will mean anything to us on the long term have already been formed. You need only ask someone who has spent a semester overseas to know that an experience like that can seriously shake up your friendships. And still further, there are countless Notre Dame graduates who met their spouses in their last semester here. But it means taking some chances, and it means making friendship a priority among those many things that compete for your time.

Emmaus isn't the only way to get at this important task, but it is one of the ways. We would welcome any and all who are interested in gathering with others to share faith and Scripture to join Emmaus. There is an ongoing enrollment through the Badin Office of Campus Ministry, but the sooner you sign up, the sooner you'll be placed with five to seven others in a group. You also have the option of signing up as a group if you wish to deepen your relationships with already existing groups of friends, such as those with whom you spent time overseas, or those with whom you live in your section, etc.

This is no small matter. Our very happiness in life is wrapped up in our efforts to deepen in faith and in relationships. I know what you're thinking... "Hey, that's something I could get into... but I'm too busy just now." The next logical question is to ask yourself: "When won't you be busy?" It would be a great shame if throughout our lives we were just too busy to be about that which could have made us most happy. Know that Campus Ministry wants to help in any way it can to get at the most important questions of life. Please contact our offices to find out more about all that we do. And if you're interested in joining an Emmaus group, there will be a Emmaus Community Night, on Wednesday, January 27, 1999, in the LaFortune Ballroom. It will be an evening gathering for all who have been or wish to be a part of Emmaus.

And cheer up. The sun'll come out tomorrow... er, maybe next week... well, by April anyway!



■ NBA

Trade rumors fly as lockout officially ends

Associated Press

NEW YORK
The NBA lockout was officially settled this afternoon, and teams were told they can begin signing players, making trades and opening training camps at 2 p.m. EST Thursday.

"We have an agreement, and we expect to have the deal signed tonight," league spokesman Chris Brienza said.

Teams can immediately begin talking to their players, something that was forbidden since commissioner David Stern and union director Billy Hunter agreed two weeks ago on the terms of a new collective bargaining agreement.

Opening night is less than 2 1/2 weeks away, and the NBA is expected to release a new schedule by the end of the week.

"It's just a relief to know it's behind us," new Chicago Bulls coach Tim Floyd said. "We have a chance to sit down and visit with players, talk to players, which is what this is all about."

Earlier today, Day 204 of the longest and costliest work stop-

page in league history, the laborious task of reducing the settlement into written form hit a few last-minute snags after lawyers for the owners and players spent the whole night meeting.

In the meantime, the rumors kept coming and the plots kept twisting as teams maneuvered to get ready for the scheduled Feb. 5 start of the season.

"It'll get done. It always gets done," agent David Falk said. "This just gives us more time to talk to people and refine our numbers."

The main sticking point between the sides had been whether the new middle-class exception can be used for a three-year contract (the league's contention) or a six-year contract (the union's contention).

The union won that argument, but a final snag developed over the league's insistence upon having discipline authority over agents involved in salary cap circumvention. Another snag concerned whether bonus money would be counted in trade calculations.

It was not immediately known how those issues were resolved.

Rod Strickland, meanwhile, was miffed at the offer the Washington Wizards made. The Washington Post said the Wizards offered \$30 million for three years, with two additional years non-guaranteed, and had given Strickland a deadline of midnight tonight.

"I don't think he'll be back here," Falk told The Associated Press today. "We're trying to get him to New York. He loves it that they have (Latrell) Sprewell, Allan Houston and Larry Johnson there, and he thinks they can win a championship. I'd like to get him there so Patrick (Ewing) can win a championship."

Falk was exploring other options for Strickland, including several sign-and-trade deals that would send last season's NBA assist leader to another team. He said four or five teams were making bids, but refused to name anyone other than the Knicks.

Dennis Rodman added a strange subplot to Tuesday's events as his agent, Dwight

Manley, announced that Rodman was retiring. Hours later, the league's leading rebounder for the past seven seasons said he was more in a state of "limbo" than retirement.

And Antonio McDyess put off until today a decision on where he'll play — Denver or Phoenix — but several signs seemed to be pointing to the Nuggets.

"It defies logic, in my opinion," Suns owner Jerry Colangelo said of the deliberations concerning McDyess. "We think this is a great spot for him. He seemed very happy here. We love him as a young guy and a future star in this league. But a lot of things have happened this offseason."

The Tom Gugliotta rumors were strong, too, with the Nuggets, Suns and Lakers all interested. A source close to the Lakers said the team was offering Elden Campbell, Eddie Jones and rookie Sam Jacobsen to the Timberwolves in a sign-and-trade deal for Gugliotta.

The Nuggets were wondering whether they would be spurned by Gugliotta in the event that

McDyess stays in Phoenix. If so, they were expected to look to sign free-agent center Vlade Divac.

But no event symbolized Tuesday's craziness like the "retirement" of Rodman.

"I'm not going to play this year," Rodman told Fox Sports News. "I am in limbo, but I'm not going to say I'm retired."

That's not how his former coach heard it. In a strange twist earlier in the day, Chuck Daly of the Orlando Magic said he heard Rodman was traded to the New York Knicks for Buck Williams — a rumor that was quickly shot down.

Also Tuesday, it was learned that John Starks and Chris Mills are the players who will be traded from the Knicks to the Golden State Warriors for Latrell Sprewell. Word of the Sprewell trade got out Monday night, just a few hours after another major trade was revealed — Scottie Pippen from the Chicago Bulls to the Houston Rockets.

The Bulls also have sign-and-trade deals worked out for Luc Longley and Steve Kerr.

■ SPORTS BRIEFS

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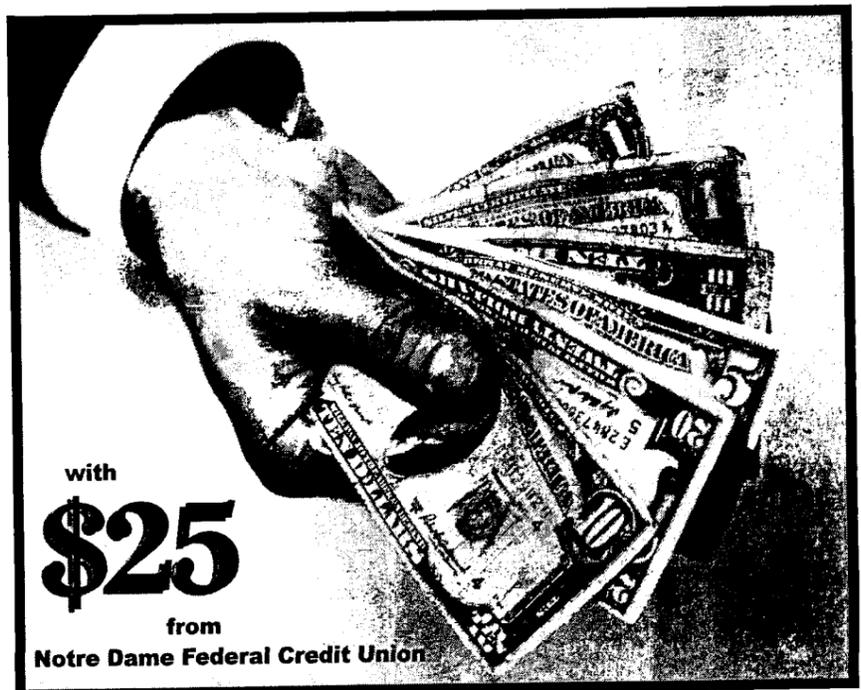
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■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Walker takes helm at N'Western

Associated Press

EVANSTON, Ill.

Wearing a Northwestern-purple tie and a wide grin, Randy Walker called himself the luckiest guy in the world. Again.

The coach at Miami of Ohio the past nine seasons was introduced as the Wildcats' new coach Wednesday afternoon. He replaces Gary Barnett, who was hired as Colorado's coach earlier in the day.

"I just keep having good things happen to me," he said. "You're looking at an old farm boy from Troy, Ohio, who didn't have a whole lot of resources going for him when he came out of high school. I thank God every night I'm alive that football is a game I could play."

"It gave me a chance to do the things I want to do in life," he added. "... And that's coach football."

Barnett's departure and Walker's hiring puts an end to a tumultuous few weeks for the Wildcats. Barnett, who returned the Wildcats to glory in 1995 and 1996 with a trip to the Rose Bowl and consecutive Big Ten championships, has flirted with leaving almost since he arrived in Evanston in late 1991.

He was a candidate for jobs at UCLA and Notre Dame, and linked to jobs at Georgia, Oklahoma and Texas.

"We were all sad coach Barnett left, but what can you do?" sophomore offensive lineman Lance Clelland said. "I'm excited for a fresh start."

And Walker is excited to give his new players one. The former Northwestern assistant is Miami's winningest coach, compiling a record of 59-35-5 in the past nine seasons, including a 10-1 mark last year. His 59 victories are best in school history. It was Miami which handed

Northwestern its only loss in the regular season during its 1995 Rose Bowl year, a 30-28 victory.

"We wanted someone with Division I experience who had demonstrated a record of winning," athletic director Rick Taylor said. "We got the person we were after."

Walker is the latest in a long line of coaches to come out of Miami. Sid Gillman, Woody Hayes, Bo Schembechler and Bill Mallory all coached there, as did former Northwestern

coach Ara Parseghian. "Randy is for real, and we've said that to the people who have asked about him," said Joel Maturi, Miami's athletic director. "Northwestern is very fortunate to get a person of his character and work ethic and passion for kids. Not to mention his ability to win games."

Walker isn't walking into an easy job. After years of permanent residence in the Big Ten basement — just two teams won four games after 1971 — Barnett had the Wildcats in the Rose Bowl after his fourth season.

But Northwestern has faltered the past two seasons. The Wildcats went 5-7 in 1997 and 3-8 last season. The school was rocked by a sports betting scandal that saw four former football players indicted Dec. 3 for allegedly lying about their gambling activities.

"I, for one, don't tend to dwell on the past," Walker said. "Let's talk about going forward, where are we going tomorrow. Let's worry about getting one day better as a football team. That's the kind of how I start."

Walker played at Miami and was the team's MVP in 1975. Drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals, he chose to stay at Miami as a graduate assistant under coach Dick Crum. He accompanied Crum to North Carolina and spent 10 years there as an assistant. He then spent two years at Northwestern, where he coached the first back-to-back 1,000-yard rushers in school history — Byron Sanders and Bob Christian.

When he was named coach at Miami on Dec. 1, 1989, he inherited a program that had won two games over the two previous seasons and went 5-5-1 in 1990. He had a winning record every season thereafter except 1993, when Miami went 4-7.

"I want to coach at the highest level and I want to coach in the national championship," he said. "I believe Northwestern is that kind of program."

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*RANDY WALKER
NORTHWESTERN HEAD COACH*

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Hapless Panthers looking for answers

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH, Pa.

The problems on the court are unpleasantly familiar, those off it are disturbing. Pitt's once-promising basketball team is in a chaotic freefall, its season in shambles and its coach's future in doubt.

Seven weeks after upsetting defending champion Kentucky to start 6-0 and move into the Top 25, the Panthers (9-8) returned home Wednesday with two more losses, two fewer players and problems that threaten coach Ralph Willard's job.

Even before the Panthers finished a 86-65 loss Tuesday at Villanova, athletic director Steve Pederson was investigating freshman guard Fred Primus' arrest earlier that day on charges of grand theft and receiving stolen property. Primus was immediately kicked off the team.

The 19-year-old Primus was charged with stealing \$2,200 worth of jewelry from a home in Malvern, a small community 25 miles west of Villanova. He was sent to Chester County prison on \$10,000 bond, and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for Jan. 27.

An outstanding shooter who played last season at Notre Dame Academy in Middleburg, Va., Primus was averaging 4.4 points in 14 games and was seen as a possible starter next season.

Walk-on guard Jason Boyd, who apparently hosted a get-together for some players Monday at his Malvern home, was dismissed for violating team rules.

"We took Jason home to see his family and for his family to see him, and that facilitated the other thing (the theft incident)," Willard said.

Starting guard Jarrett Lockhart and forward Ricardo Greer also did not play for what Willard termed a separate violation of team policy. But Pederson said Wednesday they would

play Saturday against Georgetown. Greer and Lockhart were questioned about the theft, but were not detained and Malvern police said no more arrests were likely.

"I have tried to bring this incident to closure as soon as we had the facts to make those decisions," Pederson said. "We have been informed by the appropriate investigative authorities that they have no plans to take action against anyone else in this matter."

Because of the disciplinary action, Pitt had nine players in uniform Tuesday, and only seven played.

Point guard Kellii Taylor has missed the last six games for what Willard termed "personal reasons" and reportedly is undergoing alcohol rehabilitation.

Willard's five-year tenure has been marred by a succession of underachieving teams, player defections and a 58-74 record that is the second worst by a Pitt coach this century.

But this is the first time that Willard's players have been involved in incidents that tarnish the university's image.

"It's very sad," said Willard, who did not hold practice Wednesday. "I never would have expected this. If you would have asked me 1,000 times if this could happen with this young man (Primus), I'd say no. It's a sad day for him. It's an embarrassment to our program and, really, to our kids."

Pederson did not return phone calls Wednesday, but it is believed he will undertake a thorough review of Willard's job performance once the season ends.

The Panthers have had only one winning season — 18-15 in 1996-97 — and have never reached the NCAA tournament since Willard's hiring in 1994. His predecessor, Paul Evans, made five NCAA appearances in eight years.

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■ COLLEGE BASEBALL

Irish, Ust place first in Big East preseason poll

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish have been selected as the preseason favorite to capture the 1999 BIG EAST Baseball Championship by the league head coaches, it was announced today.

ND junior shortstop Brant Ust was picked as the Preseason Player of the Year, while St. John's righty Kevin McGerry was selected as the Preseason Pitcher of the Year. Coaches were not permitted to vote for their own teams or players.

Notre Dame returns 16 lettermen from a team that finished 41-17 a year ago, second in the BIG EAST with a 15-4 conference mark. The Fighting Irish are led by Ust, who was the 1998 BIG EAST Player of the Year. He topped the BIG EAST in hitting (.493) slugging percentage (.960) and on-base percentage (.530) in league action. He led ND with a .373 average and 18 home runs overall. Ust will be looking to become the first player in BIG EAST history to earn Player of the Year twice in his career.

St. John's received three first-place votes and was picked second. The Red Storm are led by the pitching tandem of McGerry and Patrick Collins. McGerry was chosen as the Preseason Pitcher of the Year after a 6-2 record and 2.06 earned run average last season. He was second

on the team to Collins (79 K's) in strikeouts with 62 and was named a 1998 Baseball America Freshman All-American.

Rutgers, the 1998 BIG EAST Tournament Champion, received the other two first-place votes and was picked third. The Scarlet Knights are coming off their first conference title and will look to two-time All-BIG EAST First Team pick Pete Zoccolillo. The senior will be moving to the outfield this season after earning conference honors at first base the past two years.

West Virginia and Seton Hall were picked fourth and fifth, respectively. The Mountaineers, 37-17-1 in 1998, are led by preseason All-BIG EAST outfielder Lance Williams. The Pirates will be led by sophomore righty B.J. Benik, also a choice on the preseason squad. SHU has made a league-best 12 appearances in the BIG EAST Championship.

Connecticut, Providence and Villanova are picked sixth, seventh and eighth. Senior designated hitter Clarke Caudill leads the Huskies, looking to make their first BIG EAST Championship appearance

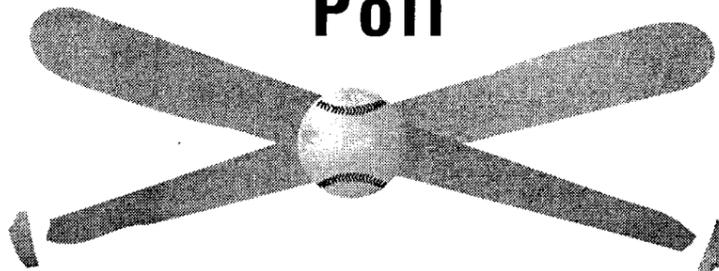
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Senior third baseman Angelo Ciminiello leads the Friars after finishing second in the BIG EAST with 82 hits a year ago. Preseason All-BIG EAST choice Matt Longo heads the Villanova squad. The sophomore second baseman hit .393 in 1998 and was second on the team with 12 homers and 47 RBI.

Pittsburgh, Boston College and Georgetown round out the preseason selections. Second-year Panther head coach Joe Jordano will look to infielders Lou Melucci and Joe Lydic to help improve their conference finish. Boston College will welcome a new head coach for the first time in 10 years as Peter Hughes takes the helm. The Hoyas are led by outfielder Sean Mignogna.

The Preseason All-BIG EAST team was also selected, with 14 players earning recognition. The top six teams in the BIG EAST will advance to the 1999 BIG EAST Championship, being held at Waterfront Park in Trenton, N.J. for the first time ever on May 19-22. The tournament champion receives the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

Big East Preseason Poll



Team	Pts	1998 Record
1. Notre Dame	95	41-17
2. St. John's	90	28-17-1
3. Rutgers	86	33-16
4. West Virginia	71	37-17-1
5. Seton Hall	58	25-23
6. Connecticut	52	25-17
7. Providence	45	31-22-1
8. Villanova	37	26-21-1
9. Pittsburgh	31	12-27-1
10. Boston	19	17-23-1
11. Georgetown	18	22-34

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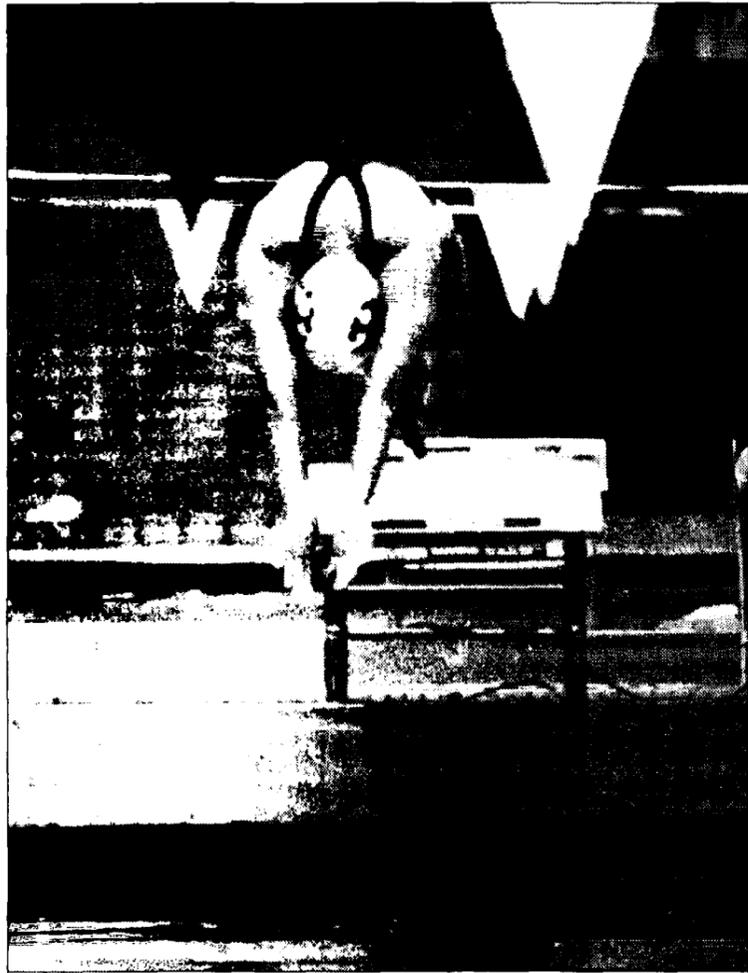
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■ SAINT MARY'S SWIMMING

Belles' Samreta a leader both in and out of pool



By KATIE FURMAN
Sports Writer

Michelle Samreta kneels as she cheers on the edge of the swimming pool, excitedly flashing lap counts for her fellow swimmers.

Her dedication is intense. She swims six times a week — and often twice per day — aiming to break her own records. The NCAA rewarded her loyalty to the lanes by awarding her the No. 16 ranking in Division III for the 100-meter breaststroke.

Away from the pool, Samreta morphs into the MIAA Saint Mary's representative, the junior class treasurer and an education major.

And all the while, she's getting ready for her next race.

Samreta is in her third year of racing in the 100-meter, 200-meter and relay breaststroke, and she is in her second year of being a team captain.

"Swimming has been such an important part of my life because it has affected me in so many ways," Samreta said. "It has helped me balance my time at Saint Mary's, as well as keep me involved in campus activities and introduce me to a great group of friends."

Her teammates likewise see

Samreta as an excellent captain, as well as a friend.

"She welcomes everyone to the team and is always on the side cheering. She always tells us we did a good job and always pumps the team up and gets us ready to swim," said freshman Cathleen Fitzpatrick.

Said freshman Alicia Lesneskie, "She has contributed greatly as a captain because she is always enthusiastic and always encourages us at practice and meets."

Samreta's tremendous encouragement and dedication has helped her break numerous school records.

Her best time in the 100 breaststroke is 1:11:36, and in the 200 breaststroke, 2:36:42.

"She is training much harder this year than ever before, and her level of enthusiasm has reached a new high," said head coach Jini Cook.

But according to Samreta, the improvement in her skill is matched by a heightened mental attitude.

"My mentality of the sport has improved the most," said Samreta. "It is great because it has permeated other facets of my life. Every year is different physically, but as long as I am able to accomplish my personal best and stay mentally strong, I am happy."

Not only have her perfor-

mances this year reached new highs, but in past years she has left her mark as well.

Freshman year she won Rookie of the Year honors, an award no longer given. Additionally, she has broken the Saint Mary's 100 breaststroke records all three of her years at Saint Mary's, and in her first two collegiate years broke the 200-breaststroke record.

"Michelle has a winning attitude and puts everything she can into every race she swims," said senior Kelly Fennewald.

"This shows in the amount of races she has won and her place in the conference."

Agreed senior captain Tara Thomas, "She has improved not only in her stroke but as a team leader too."

Overall, Samreta leads by encouragement and by example, pushing herself in her own swimming.

"During practice she's the hardest worker, and when you need to work she's the first to say, 'Let's do it,'" said sophomore Olivia Smith.

Said Cook, "She's just a wonderful student-athlete and represents the epitome of the student athlete. She's so well rounded and does a great job with time management," said Cook.

"She's a wonderful example of a Saint Mary's athlete."

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Saint Mary's swimmer Michelle Samreta has managed to shatter school records in the breaststroke through hard work and determination.



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■ HOCKEY

Henning named CCHA Rookie of the Week

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame freshman center Brett Henning has been named the Central Collegiate Hockey Association rookie of the week, after playing a key role in the Irish weekend sweep of Alaska Fairbanks (6-2, 6-1).

In the first game versus UAF on Jan. 15, Henning moved up from the third to the first line as a replacement for junior Hobey Baker candidate Ben Simon (who was serving a delayed one-game CCHA suspension).

Henning led the charge and registered an assist on sophomore left wing Dan Carlson's

second-period goal that held up as the game-winner. He later scored his first power-play goal of the season and third overall in the third period, giving the Irish a 6-1 lead.

In the second game vs. UAF, Henning again set up the game-winner by providing the primary assist on the first career shorthanded goal by senior right wing Brian Urick, giving the Irish a 2-1 second-period lead.

For the season, Henning has three goals and six assists as one of four Irish skaters to appear in all 22 games.

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The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Guard Danielle Green scored 15 points for the Irish as they have won their last five conference games.

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who finished without a point in the final 20 minutes and did not reach her average of 13.3 points per game.

Riley ended the first half with a game-leading tally of 14 points, and was followed by a strong performance from forward Kelley Siemon, who broke her average of a little over five points a game with eight in the half.

The second stanza was more of the same, as the Irish turned a 23-point lead into a 33-point impossibility for Seton Hall. Unable to score in the half's first six minutes, Notre Dame had a 67-27 lead before Rouse scored a layup to add two points.

The second-half drive came with help from the Irish backcourt, as Sheila McMillen and Sherisha Hills nailed several three-pointers to further mix up the attack. McMillen fin-

ished the game with 13 points, while Hills' 16 points tied both her personal high and Riley's game high.

Shooting just 27 percent from the field, Seton Hall was unable to have any player break into double digits in scoring.

Erika Ashmon and Moreno were the leaders for the Pirates with just nine points apiece.

Hit with 22 turnovers, they allowed Notre Dame 31 points on the takeaways.

Senior Danielle Green keyed that statistic with her quickness on loose-ball pickups, which constantly converted play to the Irish half of the court. Green also finished in double digits for the Irish, scoring 15 points.

The win gives Notre Dame a 14-2 record on the season, the best ever start for an Irish team. Undefeated in their last five, which have also been conference games, the Irish maintain their No. 3 spot in the conference and a No. 9 ranking overall.

Belles

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and the Belles began to look fatigued. They played hard until the end, but Adrian pulled it out 86-76.

Freshman center Kelly Jones and sophomore guard Julie Norman led the scoring for Saint Mary's with 18 and 12 points, respectively.

"We shot our best game of the season," said Nikes. "Unfortunately, we made mental mistakes. Its not physical anymore, we just need to get over those mistakes."

Saint Mary's plays at Hope College on Saturday and looks to start fresh with the home game tonight against Olivet.



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2/6	@Calvin College	3:00 p.m.
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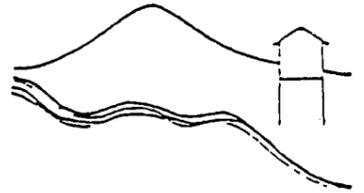
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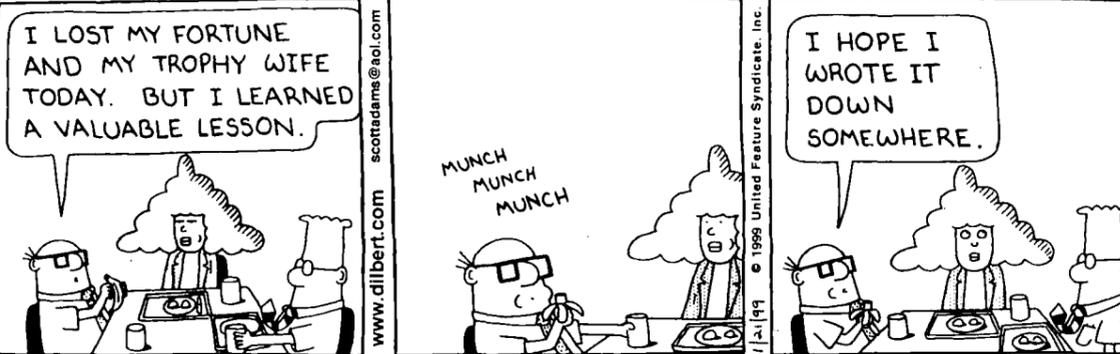
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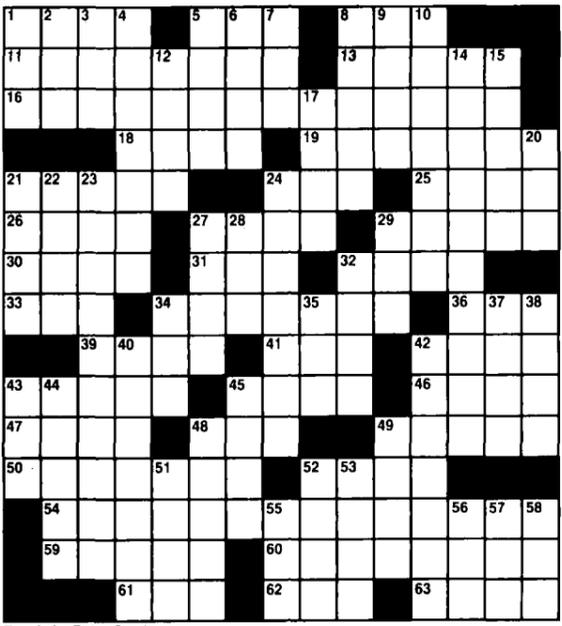
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Happy Birthday: Don't get angry, get even. The greatest revenge is your own success. You can match anyone you come up against this year. Your competitive nature will help you win. Don't hang on to the past; it will only slow you down. Look at the possibilities and move in whatever direction promises you the most. This is not the time to sit still nor is it the time to let obstacles stand in your way. Your numbers: 10, 20, 28, 37, 43, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Temper tantrums will be hard to control. Try not to get into debates that may ruin your reputation or a good relationship. Channel your energy into physical activities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Travel for the purpose of accomplishing unfinished business. Don't let others get in your way. This is not a day to waste on idle chatter, gossip or trivial matters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Opportunities for success are evident. Take advantage of situations that entail meeting new people. Your energy is high, and groups you join will welcome your stamina and aggressiveness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Confusion may lead to deception regarding relationships if you have neglected to communicate with your mate. Don't allow your emotional attitude to affect your performance at work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of any health problems that surface no matter how unimportant they seem. Go over your personal papers

and sign the necessary documents. Rest and relaxation are in order.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Matters pertaining to your career will be progressive and advantageous. You should be conversing with superiors and making them fully aware of your intentions. Help will be given.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make money if you look carefully at the assets that you've already accumulated. Don't cause problems on the home front. Family members are not likely to agree with your choices.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Inevitable changes regarding your residence and your emotional partner may be upsetting. Avoid extravagance. Purchases made for your home will cost too much.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Institutions will be easy to deal with today. Go over any red-tape issues that have been hanging over your head. You can make changes regarding investments and personal matters.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't mix business with pleasure. You are best to remain a mystery to co-workers. Gossip will surely backfire. Ease the tension by minding your own business.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be lucky today. Money that you don't have to work for will become available. You will be recognized for your sincerity and your help. Look into personal improvements.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your charm will attract new friends and lovers. Discrimination will be necessary. Think twice before you let other know too much about your personal life and your intentions.

Birthday Baby: You are a most powerful individual. You set your course and you don't back down or give up. You will always find a way to master whatever is necessary in order to get what you want. You will do well through out life as long as you remain focused and true to yourself.
 (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web Sites at astroadvice.com and eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

Of Interest

The Medieval Institute — Paul Magdalino of St. Andrew's University will be giving a lecture on "The Mind of Byzantinism" tonight at 5 p.m. in room 222 of the Hesburgh Library. This talk will be of interest to students and faculty in History, Theology, Art History, as well as fields of Medieval Studies.

Summer Internship Information Meeting — The Internship Office of the Government Department invites students to attend the "Summer Internship Information Meeting" on Monday, January 25 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in room 204 O'Shaughnessy. This meeting will focus in summer internship opportunities in government, application requirements and academic credit requirements. All students are welcome.

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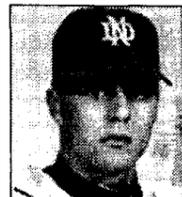
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■ NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish rout Pirates for best start in team history



Junior guard Niele Ivey and the Irish women's basketball team continued their Big East winning streak last night, demolishing the Seton Hall Pirates 87-47.

The Observer/Jeff Hsu

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

The attack was constant and the defense stifling — there was no question that the Irish dominated Seton Hall from start to finish last night.

The Irish made the hardwood seem more like a plank, sending the Pirates off the deep end in a 87-47 blowout.

The way that Notre Dame has outplayed Big East teams in recent games, the opposition would be lucky to escape with only a freefall to the sea — instead, teams like Seton Hall have been battered by a gameplan that is flawless when executed to perfection.

First there have been glimpses of it — an almost-impenetrable zone defense, a quick transition game and a balanced offensive attack to keep the opposition guessing. All those things usually converge to give the Irish a second-half scoring surge.

But Wednesday, the Irish executed that gameplan from start to finish, upping their win streak to five-straight games.

Seton Hall was at a disadvantage from the opening tip-off, starting with three fresh-

men and a pair of sophomores against a Notre Dame team that has started four of the same players since last season. Sophomore center Ruth Riley got the ball rolling for the Irish right away, racking up seven points to spark a 9-0 run and later, a 13-3 Irish lead.

Yolanda Rouse tried plugging the early leak by making it a 17-10 game on two hits from the charity stripe just minutes later — but that only incited the Irish to take total control. As it embarked on a 15-0 run, the team's defense prevented the Pirates from establishing any rhythm, allowing them scoring drives of no more than four points.

The 6-foot-5 Riley led the stifling zone defense. The two-time Big East player of the week rejected anything that managed to trickle inside, swatting away seven shots during the contest.

Sophomore Armanda Moreno, Seton Hall's leading scorer this season, managed only a trio of treys in the first half, leading her team with nine points. The second half proved even more difficult for the Canary Islands native,

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■ SAINT MARY'S BASKETBALL

Belles' comeback falls short in loss to Bulldogs

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

After a night of comebacks and intense defensive play, the Saint Mary's basketball team lost a hard-fought game against Adrian College Wednesday night.

Adrian came out forcibly in the first minutes of the game, pulling out to a 9-0 lead. This caused Saint Mary's head coach Dave Roeder to pull the entire starting five and replace them just two minutes into the game.

"They're not just out there to play. They've got to get the job done," said assistant coach Darcy Nikes. "By putting five other players in there who were going to get the job done, we really raised the level of intensity. Within seconds of this replacement, Saint Mary's went on a 5-0 run and soon closed the gap to 11-7.

But problems surfaced again, as some careless passing and missed rebounding by Saint Mary's allowed Adrian to take a 19-9 lead. At this point in the game, it became clear that the Belles were having difficulty defending against the

Bulldogs' center, Ann Terpstra. The six-foot-plus center ended the game with 29 points.

"Size shouldn't matter," said freshman forward Kelly Roberts of the Belles' difficulty with Terpstra. "If we had position, we would have

'WE SHOT OUR BEST GAME OF THE SEASON. UNFORTUNATELY WE MADE MENTAL MISTAKES. IT'S NOT PHYSICAL ANYMORE, WE JUST NEED TO GET OVER THOSE MISTAKES.'

DARCY NIKES
SMC ASSISTANT COACH

been okay."

But led by scrappy defense from sophomore guard Julie Norman, the Belles caused turnovers and took smart shots. They pulled the score to 37-34 with 3:00 left in the first half.

With 1:55 remaining, the Belles took the lead on two foul shots by guard Amy

Clark. The Belles took nearly every point's shot from Adrian's fouls, shooting .909 from the line in the first half. At the end of the first half, the score was 43-40 Bulldogs.

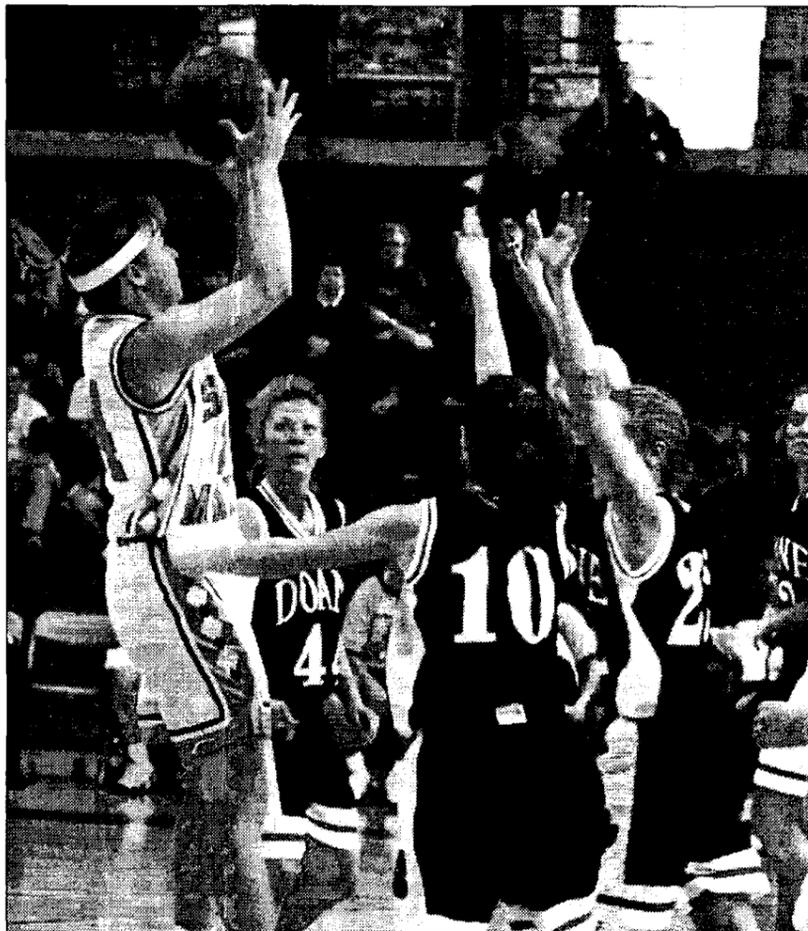
The Belles came out and scored three points quickly to start the second half. The game continued to be aggressive and fast-paced, but the Belles' defensive rebounding proved problematic.

Terpstra registered more offensive rebounds for Adrian than the entire Saint Mary's squad did on the defensive end; however, the Belles' defense and accuracy from the floor was very strong early in the second half.

Saint Mary's actually shot its best game of the season percentage-wise, shooting .379 from the floor and .313 from behind the 3-pt. line.

The Belles took the lead with 10:49 left, but could not seem to build on it. They played with the Bulldogs and the lead continued to change hands for the next few minutes of play. With 6:28 remaining, Adrian pulled out to a 72-65 lead

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The Saint Mary's basketball team dropped a hard-fought game Wednesday night, falling to Adrian College 86-76.

The Observer/Manuela Hernandez

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