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Prof's article reaches House Judiciary Committee

By MAGGY TINUCCI
News Writer

While the opinions of most members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities have had little effect on the impeachment of President Clinton, the writings of John Nagle have gone right to the heart of the inquiry.

The House Judiciary Committee heard statements taken from an article written last year by Nagle, a visiting associate professor at the Notre Dame Law School. In the piece, Nagle explores constitutional issues relating to whether it is appropriate for a lame-duck House of Representatives to act on an impeachment resolution.

"It was a bit surprising given that there was no attention

given to such issues previously," said Nagle. "Never in my wildest imagination did I feel that an article I wrote a few years ago would be used in an impeachment trial of the President."

Nagle contends that "A Twentieth Amendment Parable," published in the May 1997 edition of the New York University Law Review, shows that the framers of the 20th amendment thought that they were eliminating the possibility of Congress acting at all throughout the lame-duck period.

When the amendment was added to the constitution in

1933, Congress thought "they were abolishing the lame-duck period but the amendment did not do that," said Nagle.

In this way, the most recent

precedence," Nagle said.

Yale Law School professor Bruce Ackerman portrayed his views accurately with one exception, Nagle said.

"He [spoke in accordance with the article] to the extent he repeated what I wrote about the intentions of the 20th amendment," he explained.

But Nagle took issue with the citation when Ackerman suggested that since 1933 Congress has not done anything of significance in the lame-duck period.

"This is not historically accurate," said Nagle.

Nagle cites the appointment of now-Justice Stephen Breyer

to the Federal Court of Appeals as an example of this.

"The lame-duck Congress approved the appointment even though President Carter did not even nominate Breyer for the court until after the election," Nagle said.

A more recent example occurred in December 1994 when Congress approved the legislation necessary to implement the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

"History provides numerous such examples of Congress acting during a lame-duck session, notwithstanding the expectations of those who drafted the 20th amendment," said Nagle.

Ultimately, Nagle hopes that the issues raised by his article will give a little more attention to lame-duck issues.

'HISTORY PROVIDES NUMEROUS ... EXAMPLES OF CONGRESS ACTING DURING A LAME-DUCK SESSION, NOTWITHSTANDING THE EXPECTATIONS OF THOSE WHO DRAFTED THE 20TH AMENDMENT.'

JOHN NAGLE

VISITING PROFESSOR, NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL

Congress was "certainly permissible in acting during the lame-duck period. They were acting within the historical

■ STUDENT UNION

1999 election season kicks off with candidate meetings

By TIM LOGAN
Associate News Editor

The race for student body president heats up today when candidates meet with election supervisors to discuss procedure and timing for the electoral process.

Interested candidates will receive briefings on election laws, forms for gathering required signatures and information about the electoral process. The primaries will be held on Monday, Feb. 8, with the top two vote-getters moving on to the run-off elections on Friday, Feb. 12.

It is unclear at this point how many candidates will enter the race, although student body vice president Andréa Selak has decided she will run. If elected, she would be Notre Dame's first female student body president.

Selak joined with current student body president Peter Cesaro last year to defeat former student senators Brandon Williams and Julie Reising in the run-off election. Her vice presidential candidate this year will be Keough Hall president Micah Murphy.

Last year, there were nine tickets and an unusually high voter turnout; this year's organizers are hoping for a similar level of interest.

"We're hoping that we can repeat what we got last year," said Nicole

Borda, Judicial Council vice president for elections. "The more candidates that participate, the better the elections."

A number of Student Union leaders who were reportedly considering the race have decided not to participate. These include junior class president Joseph Kippels and last year's vice-presidential candidate on the second-place ticket, Pasquerilla East Hall copresident Julie Reising.

It is quite probable, however, that candidates will emerge from the Hall Presidents Council, the Student Senate and other Student Union organizations, as well as the general student body. Several tickets of lesser-known students and lower-profile Student Union members were formed last year and, while they were not elected, contributed significantly to the overall debate on campus issues.

In order to get on the ballot, candidates must present a petition with the names of 150 students to the Judicial Council by Thursday afternoon. This will qualify them for the run-off election and grant them a spot in the Sunday, Feb. 7 debate. Formal campaigning begins Tuesday, Feb. 2.

The candidate information meeting, which is mandatory for all interested tickets, will be held today at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Government office.

1999 Student Government Election Timetable

Thursday, Jan. 28th:

150 Ballot Signatures Due

Sunday, Feb. 7th:

Student Government Debate

Monday, Feb. 8th:

Primary Election

*Top two vote-getters advance

Friday, Feb 12th:

Run-off Election

Quack, quack!



Mallard ducks went for a swim in St. Joseph's Lake Monday despite cold temperatures and periodic snowfall.

University offers programs to help students give up smoking

By LAURA ROMPF
News Writer

The Center for Alcohol and Drug Education and the Department of Human Resources are joining forces to organize a program to help students quit smoking.

"By combining the Wellness Office and the Department for Alcohol and Drug Education, we can pull resources from both and develop a more comprehensive program," said Jessica Brookshire, wellness coordinator for the department of Human Resources.

"We are also trying to market the program in a different, more creative way," she added.

The program is intended to aid students who already want to quit smoking.

"We are forming a class of people interested in quitting smoking," Brookshire said. "We hope this group atmosphere will help by having students provide support for each other because each individual is experiencing the same feelings. If they make the final choice to quit, they will experience the same withdrawal effects."

Unlike other college campuses where the number of smokers is increasing, the smoking rate at Notre Dame remains stable, she said.

"However, because students now must smoke outside at Notre Dame, smoking on campus has become more noticeable," Brookshire said.

To join the classes, students must contact Brookshire or stop by the Center for Alcohol and Drug Education.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

Trans-Neptunian Object

An old friend is in trouble. Pluto, which has long been my favorite planet, is in danger of being stripped of its status.

Pluto may lose its planetary identity because of its small size and non-traditional orbit.

Mike Connolly
Sports Copy Editor

Now, I may be wrong, but I thought that the '90s were a time for accepting differences and loving everyone for who they are. Just because Pluto is a little smaller and likes to run circles around Neptune — that doesn't make it any less of a planet. It's just a special planet that does its own thing and doesn't care what the man says it should do.

Now, you may be asking who would take away Pluto's status as a planet?

The International Astronomical Union.

As far as I can tell, the IAU is made up of bored scientists with nothing better to do. Anyone who read The Observer yesterday saw the Notre Dame scientists have just discovered a planet in a different solar system. I think this is great. These scientists are creating, discovering and enlightening our minds.

The IAU is destroying, discriminating and closing our minds off to wild and crazy things like Pluto.

Perhaps the greatest casualty of Pluto's removal from the solar system would be the destruction of mnemonic devices to remember planet names. My Very Excellent Mother Just Served Us Nice Pasta. My third grade teacher, Mrs. Gregg, taught me this way of remembering the planets. What happens if there is no more Pluto? My Very Excellent Mother Just Served Us Nice ???? What was this nice thing that she served? Without Pluto we may never know.

This mnemonic device is rendered useless and third grade teachers all across the country will have to think up new mnemonic devices.

So because these scientists at the IAU are bored and have nothing better to do than to pick on poor Pluto, the overworked, underpaid teachers of America will be given even more things to do as they struggle to think up a new mnemonic device.

One scientist had the nerve to say that Pluto could be called a "minor planet" and that this wasn't an insult but instead an honor. How is it an honor to go from "planet" to "minor planet"? I don't think people who live in Delaware would be very happy if we started calling them a "minor state."

But the ultimate in Plutonian insults goes to Mike A'Hearn at the University of Maryland. He wants to call Pluto a "Trans-Neptunian Object." Pluto would get the honor of being "Trans-Neptunian Object No. 1." This is completely unacceptable. Not only is Pluto losing its planetary status, it is also losing its name.

With Mike A'Hearn on the job, nothing different and cool is safe. Next week he will probably be pushing to demote Hawaii to "Trans-Californian Object No. 1."

As far as I can tell, this is a job for the PSA. We are dealing with discrimination on a planetary scale here. If anyone is suffering oppression, it is Pluto. The non-discrimination clause is small potatoes compared to the suffering of an entire planet.

The decision on Pluto could be made within months. So I beg you, write to President Clinton, e-mail your senator, send a fax to Monica Lewinsky, and tell them that you won't stand for planetary discrimination.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Former students unveil new Internet search engine

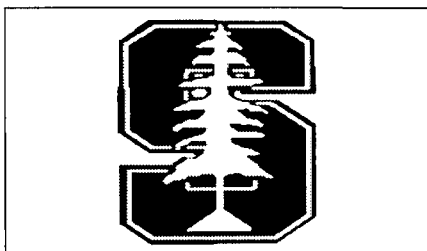
STANFORD, Calif.

Hoping to follow in the footsteps of other successful Stanford Internet startups such as Yahoo! and Excite, two former Stanford doctoral students recently launched a new search engine company, Google.com.

Google's founders, Sergey Brin and Larry Page, discussed both the technical and business sides of their new company before about 40 people in the Gates Computer Science Building on Wednesday night.

Frustrated by the irrelevant results that Internet searches often produce, Brin and Page worked for three years to find a better solution. They came up with PageRank, a procedure that estimates the importance of Web pages by analyzing the link structure of the Web.

"Every single Web page can affect every other Web page," Brin said. "We consider not only [what pages]



point to you, but how important they are."

With the rapidly increasing amount of information that is being added to the Internet, better search solutions are in high demand.

As a result, Brin and Page saw the potential for a new company, which they have stopped out to pursue.

"We had something really good at Stanford and we wanted to bring it to the world," Brin said.

Other unique features include a "Stanford Search," which looks

through Stanford Web pages, and a large number of cached pages. Cached pages are comparable to backup copies of sites, so that a user may still access the page even if it is not currently available. "Cached links are useful because if the page goes away or the server's down, you can still get to it," Brin said.

While the future is not certain for the company that proclaims itself as "Stanford's next big Internet startup," Google has a good chance of success because of its flexibility. "Fortunately, we're not locked into any position," Brin said, meaning that they have not yet had to decide, for example, whether to maintain a search site themselves or license their technology to others.

Google is being backed by "a number of excellent 'angels,' only some of which we have made public," Page said.

■ UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Study debunks college stereotypes

IOWA CITY, Iowa

Perhaps college stereotypes are left unspoken, but one can't deny that they exist: Community college students are inferior. Sorority women are ditzzy. Jocks are, well ... jocks. A study done by a UI professor shows that some of these stereotypes are simply false. Other stereotypes, however, may not necessarily be totally unfounded. Dispelling the notion that attending a community college entails receiving a second-rate education, the federally funded study shows that those who choose to spend less money for college aren't necessarily sacrificing their education. Research done by Ernest Pascarella, UI Peterson professor of higher education, reports that students who saved thousands of dollars by first attending a community college performed just as well on cognitive tests — similar to the ACT — as their four-year counterparts did. "They're thought of as second-class institutions, and maybe that isn't true," Pascarella said.

■ MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Racist fliers lead to student arrests

OXFORD, Ohio

Miami University police charged two students Thursday in connection with the posting of racist and homophobic pamphlets in the Center for Black Culture and Learning, Oct. 30. Senior Nathaniel Snow, president of Miami's Black Student Action Association and junior Brad Allen were arrested and charged with criminal mischief and criminal trespassing after police received the results of fingerprint evidence submitted to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation. The fingerprints on the fliers posted in the CBCL belonged to Snow and Allen, according to Cathryn House, director of public safety. Both students came voluntarily to the Miami Police Department, where they were booked and released on their own recognizance. "I'm saddened by this unfortunate set of circumstances," Associated Student Government President Nathan Estep said.

■ UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Police drop charges in frat arson case

TUCSON, Ariz.

The Pima County Attorney's office announced Friday two former Alpha Tau Omega fraternity members will not be indicted on arson charges involving the July ATO blaze. The University of Arizona Police Department submitted arson evidence to Deputy County Attorney Bill Dickinson, who was unavailable for comment Friday afternoon. "The investigation is over now," said UAPD Cmdr. Brian Seastone. "It's pretty much a dead issue." The attorney's office did, however, hand down indictments on theft and burglary charges to two investigative leads in the July fire that caused \$850,000 in damage. Brian Ross and Jeffrey Kantor will be arraigned Wednesday in Pima County Superior Court. Ross, a 22-year-old former ATO member, faces charges of theft and burglary for taking the hand-carved ATO front door, according to the court records.

■ UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Tornado warnings scare students

OXFORD, Miss.

Ole Miss students and Oxford residents strolled under sunny skies and frolicked with their pets Sunday afternoon. The weather conditions were a far cry from Friday's weather, when funnel clouds danced through the north Mississippi skies, prompting numerous tornado and severe thunderstorm warnings that sent area residents scampering for cover. No major damage was reported in Lafayette County, according to the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department. But that didn't keep local residents and Ole Miss students from ducking for cover when a tornado warning was issued for Lafayette County shortly before 10:30 a.m. Friday. The warning was prompted when the National Weather Service in Memphis spotted a possible tornado on doppler radar near the city of Taylor moving toward Oxford. Several residents of Old Taylor Place just south of the Ole Miss campus say they spotted a funnel cloud moving over their complex.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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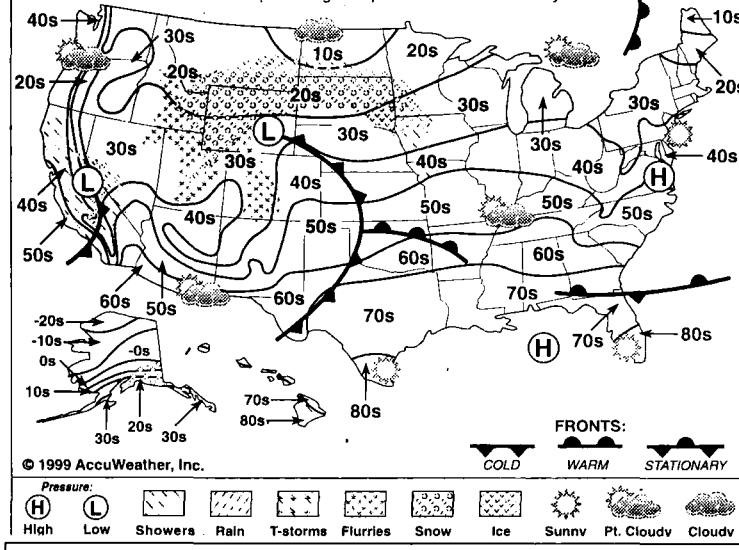


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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Albany	37	17	Des Moines	40	18	Miami	79	61
Baltimore	45	28	Fargo	20	5	Omaha	34	29
Boston	40	25	Kansas City	45	26	Seattle	38	36
Cleveland	40	24	Las Vegas	51	41	Tucson	57	31

Clinton will propose \$4 bil. to fight global warming

Associated Press

WASHINGTON While the Kyoto climate treaty remains in limbo, the Clinton administration in its upcoming budget will propose \$4 billion in spending and tax breaks, a third more than this year, to help address the threat of global warming.

Vice president Al Gore said Monday the initiative represents "significant new investments ... to accelerate our aggressive, common-sense efforts to meet the challenge of global warming" while providing other environmental benefits as well.

The package of climate-related proposals includes for the first time a \$200 million "clean air partnership fund" that will funnel grants to state and local governments to reduce greenhouse gases, mainly carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels, according to an outline of the proposal.

A senior White House official said the money, which in many cases will be tied to promises of state matching funds, can be used for a wide variety of programs from retrofitting buildings to purchasing more fuel-efficient or cleaner burning vehicles. Some of the funds would be used to promote public-private partnerships to reduce greenhouse gases, officials said.

The initiative will be part of the fiscal 2000 budget President Clinton will send to Congress next month.

Clinton alluded to the clean air fund in his State of the Union address last week, but provided no details.

The climate package, which includes sharp increases in spending to promote energy efficiency, is likely to meet strong opposition from congressional Republicans who

our efforts at home as well."

The administration has said it has no plans to send the Kyoto protocol, which calls for the United States to roll back greenhouse gases by 2008-2012, to Congress any time soon. Opponents of the agreement doubt whether global warming is real and say compliance with the treaty would cost the U.S. economy too much. They say they are confident they have the votes to kill the treaty should it be submitted for ratification.



AL GORE
VICE PRESIDENT

In the meantime, the administration argues that actions should be taken to promote "common sense" initiatives to reduce the flow of greenhouse gases, principally carbon dioxide, into the atmosphere.

"That is why President Clinton and I are proposing a record \$4 billion for expanded research and other programs to better understand and protect our climate and for tax incentives for consumers and businesses to purchase energy-efficient cars, homes and appliances," Gore said.

In addition to the clean air fund, the administration package includes \$1.4 billion in spending for research and development into more energy-efficient technologies and renewable energy programs such as solar and wind power, a 34 percent increase over such spending this year.

'PRESIDENT CLINTON AND I ARE PROPOSING A RECORD \$4 BILLION FOR EXPANDED RESEARCH AND OTHER PROGRAMS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND PROTECT OUR CLIMATE.'

have accused the administration of trying to implement the Kyoto climate agreement before it is even considered by the Senate.

White House officials deny any such intent.

All of the programs are fully justified on the basis of being good energy policy and good economic policy, said a senior White House official who has been closely involved in global warming issue.

Gore said in a statement that while the administration would "continue to work on the diplomatic front to achieve a truly global response" to the threat of global warming, "we are firmly committed to stepping up

Man receives first hand transplant in the U.S.

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky.

A man whose left hand was blown off while playing with a powerful firecracker 13 years ago received the first hand transplant in the United States. Hours later, the new hand was pink and warm.

The 14 1/2-hour surgery, completed Monday morning, was the second such transplant ever. But doctors cautioned that the patient, Matthew David Scott,

'IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THE LITTLE THINGS — THE DAILY LITTLE THINGS.'

MATTHEW DAVID SCOTT
HAND TRANSPLANT PATIENT

Matthew David Scott, had a high risk of blood clots and other complications in the first 24 hours.

There is as much as a 50 percent chance the hand will be rejected in the next year, forcing Scott to take powerful anti-rejection drugs that suppress the immune system and increase the risk of infection, cancer and death. Scar tissue could develop, snagging the splinted tendons.

"The real battle and unknown starts now," said Dr. Warren Breidenbach, who led the surgical team at Jewish Hospital.

Breidenbach said first signs were good for Scott, 37. The "hookup" of veins and arteries had worked, providing blood for the hand to turn pink.

Scott was delighted. When bandages are pulled back and the hand is revealed, "he stares at it and grins," his friend James Brown said.

Scott, a paramedic, lost his dominant hand in a Dec. 23, 1985, blast from an M-80, which resembles a firecracker but is far more powerful. M-80s have been illegal in the United States since 1966.

Scott got a prosthetic hand and surgery. In 1990, he was named National Paramedic of the Year by Emergency Medical Services magazine, said Tom Starr, director of the Mobile Intensive Care Unit at Virtua Health, where Scott now oversees paramedic training in southern New Jersey. He also is assistant director of the School of

Paramedic Science at Camden County College.

Some doctors have questioned the risks of transplanting a non-vital organ such as a hand. Breidenbach said Scott was chosen because he had not adapted well to his artificial hand and is intelligent, articulate and has plenty of support from his family, which includes his wife and two young sons.

In an interview taped before his surgery, Scott said that with his artificial hand he lived in fear of

going through buffet lines and handling food at parties. Nor was he able to show his sons how to play baseball, he said.

"It's always been the little things - the daily little things," Scott said.

Even so, Scott can only hope to gain limited use of the transplanted hand - able to pick up objects but unable to button his shirt, Breidenbach said.

"You should be able to get fairly good flexion and extension - not complete - and some sensation, but not normal," Breidenbach said.

People with prosthetic hands also are unable to perform such fine motor tasks, he added.

The only other hand transplant was performed in Lyon, France, in September on Clint Hallam, a New Zealand man who lost part of his right arm in a prison sawing accident in 1984.

Dr. Jon William Jones, an organ rejection expert who assisted Breidenbach, said Hallam has shown no sign of rejecting his donor hand and has passed the period in which 90 percent of rejections occur.

Scott's operation began at 3:30 p.m. Sunday and was completed about 6 a.m. Monday. The hospital refused to disclose any information about the donor or how long he had been dead.

The surgery required joining the cadaver hand a bit above wristwatch level with Scott's arm. The surgeons had to cut the bones, clamping them together with metal plates and screws. Tendons were attached and gently tugged to make sure they would cause fingers to move.

Nerves were joined next, then arteries and veins.

Surgeons for years have been able to reattach severed limbs following accidents, but they had never been able to successfully transfer a limb from a dead donor to a living recipient.

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Senate debates proposal to end impeachment

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Senate closed its doors Monday to debate a Democratic attempt to dismiss all charges against President Clinton and bring his impeachment trial to an end. House prosecutors pressed their case for testimony by Monica Lewinsky and a shortened list of additional witnesses.

Senators deliberated for 4 1/2 hours in a rare secret evening session as the White House, confident of Clinton's ability to win eventual acquittal, announced it would ignore a written list of questions submitted by Majority Leader Trent Lott and other Republicans.

An attempt by two Democrats to open the debate to the public was rejected, 57 senators voting against it and 43 for it. A two-thirds majority was needed to pass.

The senators began their closed-door debate after two final hours of arguments by the White House and House prosecutors on the question of dismissal.

The Senate was reconvening at noon EST on Tuesday, when it may turn its attention to the subject of possible witnesses.

Rep. Henry Hyde, the lead prosecutor, told the Senate that dismissal would mean that "charges of perjury, obstruction of justice are summarily dismissed, disregarded, ignored, brushed off, and these are charges that send ordinary folk to jail every day of the week and remove federal judges."

There will be continuing contention about Clinton's case, he said, unless the articles of impeachment themselves are brought to a vote.

"The case cannot be made. It is time to end it," countered Nicole Seligman, a private attorney who has long represented Clinton and is part of his impeachment defense team.

No votes are expected before Tuesday or possibly Wednesday, but after more than two weeks, the first presidential impeachment trial in 131 years was fast

approaching a pivotal moment.

House Republicans are expected to produce a formal proposal for witnesses on Tuesday, to be voted on after the Democratic attempt to dismiss the charges.

At the same time, a spokesman for Lott, R-Miss., confirmed that Republican leaders were seriously considering a plan by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, to allow the Senate to find Clinton guilty without removing him from office.

The proposal would prevent Clinton from emerging from the trial unscathed if the 67 votes needed for his conviction don't materialize.

A decision by the House prosecutors to winnow their witness list during the day marked an attempt to hold the support of wavering Republican senators whose votes will be crucial when the roll is called.

Ms. Lewinsky remains at the top of the list, House officials said, and there is continued interest in seeking testimony from Betty Currie, the president's secretary. Additional consideration is being given to adding presidential friend Vernon Jordan to the list, or perhaps a White House aide, either chief of staff John Podesta or Sidney Blumenthal.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the idea of trying to question Kathleen Willey had been dropped, as had the idea of summoning any of a handful of other, less well-known women who have alleged that Clinton made unwelcome sexual advances. House prosecutors had long sought their testimony to see whether Clinton or associates tried to intimidate them to change their stories.

"We've got to prioritize this and get down to the bare minimum and not run the risk of getting zero witnesses because we

put on too many," said Rep. James Rogan, R-Calif., a member of the House team prosecuting the president.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers were granted an hour apiece to argue the motion to dismiss the charges.

But Republican leader Lott claimed enough votes to squash the attempt, and no Democrat disputed him. In fact, one

"The sergeant at arms will please close the doors," Chief Justice William Rehnquist ordered as soon as the roll call had been announced.

Senators in both parties have begun to call in increasing numbers for an end to the trial, which has consumed virtually all the Senate's time since it convened on Jan. 3.

Democratic support for Clinton has hardened over that period, virtually assuring his acquittal when the final vote is called. But now some Republican senators, too, are publicly urging an end to the trial, at the same time House Republicans are pressing to extend the proceedings.

"There's a feeling that if the House managers have their way we've never going to get a bipartisan conclusion," Democratic Sen. Richard Durbin of

Illinois told reporters before the day's trial session.

Republicans, too, favor bipartisanship, but not at any price. "There ought to be a way to have an exit strategy that's honorable," said Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens.

At least one stab at bipartisanship was made during the day, as GOP Sen. Phil Gramm of

Democrat, Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, sought unsuccessfully during the day to have the effort to dismiss separated into two votes, one for each article of impeachment, thereby leaving open the question of how he might vote.

At the same time, Democrats expressed confidence they could produce enough votes to make it clear that Clinton will eventually be acquitted on the impeachment charges. It takes a majority vote to dismiss the charges, but two-thirds to convict the president.

The bid to open deliberations, led by Democratic Sens. Tom Harkin of Iowa and Paul Wellstone of Minnesota, drew the support of 40 Democrats and three Republicans. Opposed were 52 Republicans and five Democrats.



'[DISMISSAL WOULD MEAN] THAT CHARGES OF PERJURY [AND] OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE ARE SUMMARILY DISMISSED, DISREGARDED, IGNORED,

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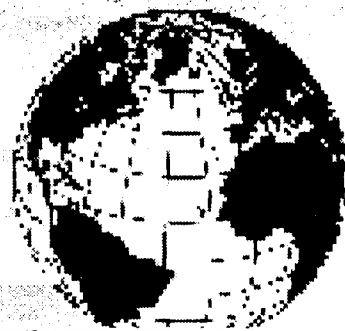
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WORLD NEWS

Couple meets, weds on radio

LONDON

A wedding between two strangers who met for the first time when they exchanged vows Monday has drawn criticism from church leaders and marriage counselors. Carla Germaine and Greg Cordell were married after winning each other in a "lonely hearts" competition organized by BRMB radio station in Birmingham in central England. Relationship counselors and church leaders have accused the radio station of reducing the institution of marriage to a game show. The station called the competition "Two Strangers and a Wedding," in reference to the hit British movie "Four Weddings and a Funeral." The ceremony was scheduled to be broadcast live on the radio but the registrar expressed his distaste for the idea, saying he didn't want it "turned into a media circus."

Rat killer receives promotion

HANOI, Vietnam

A Vietnamese farmer who invented an effective 15-cent rat trap was praised Monday by his provincial government and honored with a full-time job. Nguyen Huu Van is known among his fellow villagers as "King Rat-killer" for slaying 30,000 rats last year. Dinh Van Hoa, deputy director of the Thai Binh provincial department for plant protection, said Monday that his office has hired Van for \$70 a month to pass on his rat-killing skills. The pay is substantial in a country where the average monthly salary is under \$30. Vietnam's rat population has been booming in recent years as the result of the addition of a third rice crop and the shrinking numbers of rat predators such as cats and snakes. Until a ban was ordered last year, the cats and snakes were being sold to China to make traditional medicine or be served in restaurants.

Japan approves Viagra

TOKYO

In a nation where drug approval can take years, the Japanese government wasted no time in giving the go-ahead to the world's fastest-selling new pill, Viagra. Just six months after New York drug maker Pfizer applied to sell the anti-impotence pill in Japan, the Health and Welfare Ministry on Monday gave the company official permission to import and produce the drug here. "We see impotence as a disease and Viagra as an epoch-making drug in its ability to treat it effectively," said Toshiki Hirai, director of the ministry's Pharmaceutical Safety Bureau. The ministry also sped up the approval process with another unprecedented move—using clinical trial results from the United States as well as Japan. "The effectiveness of this drug was measured according to global standards, not just Japanese standards," said Masafumi Shirai.



AFP Photo

An Iraqi family sits among debris of their house that was hit by U.S. air missiles in the southern province of Basra on Monday. Eleven civilians were killed and 59 others injured in U.S. missile strikes, the region's governor said.

U.S. admits missile mistake in Iraq

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Expressing official regret for Iraqi civilian casualties, the senior U.S. commander in the Persian Gulf said American warplanes targeting air defense installations in southern Iraq may have misfired Monday with at least one high-explosive missile.

Iraq reported that several American missiles slammed into residential areas in and around the southern port city of Basra, killing at least 11 civilians and destroying several homes.

Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni, commander of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf, told reporters at the Pentagon that military officials had not confirmed the results of U.S. attacks in southern Iraq. He left open the possibility that errant missiles fired by U.S. warplanes caused the damage shown to Western reporters, but he said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein should be blamed.

"One, we deeply regret any loss of civilian lives or civilian casualties or injuries. Secondly, we do everything humanly possible to prevent that, and thirdly, and most important, the ultimate reason and cause for these casualties is Saddam Hussein," Zinni said.

"His attacks against us and his history of disregard for the welfare of his own people ... has been well documented," the

four-star Marine Corps general said. He added that the Iraqi president is determined to shoot down an American airplane and has stepped up the number and intensity of air confrontations in hopes of ambushing a U.S. pilot.

Zinni said it was premature to consider whether an official apology would be appropriate in the event that the United States confirms its missiles caused the civilian casualties.

Zinni said air crews that returned from Monday's mission over southern Iraq had been interviewed.

"In the course of these debriefings review we have the possibility of one missile that may have been errant," but more study is needed to confirm the outcome, he said.

In Iraq, Basra governor Ahmed Ibrahim Hamash said two American aircraft fired five missiles that killed 11 people and injured 59.

The speculation centered on the AGM-130, a newly modified, rocket-powered missile launched by Air Force F-15E strike planes. The missile carries 2,000 pounds of explosives and is equipped with a guidance system that enables the crew of the launching aircraft to watch the missile's path on a television monitor and steer it to its target.

The official Iraqi News Agency said one American missile hit the al-Jumhuriya neighborhood of Basra, a southern port city, at 9:30 a.m. (2:30 a.m. EST), and others hit the village of Abu al-Khaseeb 40 minutes later near Basra as well as the Basra airport and an oil field.

Civil defense teams were ferrying wounded Iraqis to hospitals and working to recover bodies from wrecked buildings.

SEE ALSO:

• "U.S. missiles misfire killing 11"

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ISREAL

Netanyahu wins nomination

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TEL AVIV

Benjamin Netanyahu easily won his party's nomination for prime minister Monday with the help of thousands of rank-and-file Likud members.

But the best and brightest of his Likud party, including populargeneral Yitzhak Mordechai, have mostly deserted him and are plotting to topple him and grab Likud voters along the way.

Mordechai, fired as Netanyahu's defense minister over the weekend,

announced Monday he would lead a new centrist party.

His platform includes policies plucked from those of the Likud and the dovish Labor party: continuing the peace process with the Palestinians, territorial compromise with Syria and a privatization of state-owned corporations.

"We are going to change the government in Israel. Yitzhak Mordechai will be the next prime minister," said former Likud member Roni Milo, one of the founders of the still

unnamed new party.

Netanyahu dismissed the platform as being the same as Labor.

"There are only two ways: our way or the left. They have no path," he said.

Asked how he felt after a fifth member of his Cabinet had left him, Netanyahu, standing with his wife and Likud supporters, said, "I am not alone."

Netanyahu's only rival in the Likud primaries, Moshe Arens, conceded defeat within 20 minutes of the polls closing.

Although official results had not been published, polls had predicted Arens would gain no more than 20 percent of the vote.

Arens, a 73-year-old former defense and foreign minister, returned from political retirement earlier this month to challenge Netanyahu.

His candidacy lost steam Saturday when Netanyahu offered him the defense post after firing Mordechai, allegedly for disloyalty.

Arens said he would consider the defense post after the primaries.

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■ COLUMBIA

Quake registers six on Richter scale, kills 87

Associated Press

BOGOTA
An earthquake struck western Columbia on Monday, killing at least 87 people and injuring nearly 850 as it toppled buildings across the country's coffee-growing heartland, police and radio reported.

The early afternoon quake had a preliminary magnitude of six, according to the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo. Its epicenter was located in western Valle del Cauca state, 140 miles west of the capital, Bogota.

The death and damage toll appeared to be highest in Armenia, Pereira and Calarca — three cities near the epicenter.

"The center of Calarca doesn't exist. Only the hospital was left standing," truck driver Jose Marcos told Raionet radio from the town.

In Calarca, 90 miles west of Bogota, at least 30 people died and 250 were injured, RCN reported, citing local morgue officials in the town of 50,000.

Several aftershocks were felt but it was not clear if they added to the damage.

Armenia had at least 50 dead and more than 500 injured, according to the Colombian Red Cross. Radio reports put the death toll there as high as 100.

Radio reports said that several buildings on the city's main plaza, including a bank and the police barracks, had collapsed.

"There's no way to measure this crisis," said the mayor of Armenia, Alvaro Pulido, adding that thousands of people had been left homeless.

Blood and medical supplies were being rushed from Bogota to hospitals in the disaster zone.

Airports in Pereira and Armenia were shut down, and officials said the control tower

at the Armenia airport had tumbled to the ground. Landslides caused by the earthquake closed several major highways, including the roads connecting Armenia, Pereira and Calarca with Bogota, federal highway officials said.

Two Argentine soccer players said to be members of the Colombian professional club Atletico Quindio were reportedly among those trapped in the ruins of a hotel in downtown Armenia.

A hotel receptionist told Caracol radio she heard three men in the rubble call out for help and then go silent.

One city hospital alone had received more than 500 injured, RCN radio reported.

Television footage showed residents frantically trying to extract victims trapped below the debris of a fallen building in the city, the capital of Quindio state.

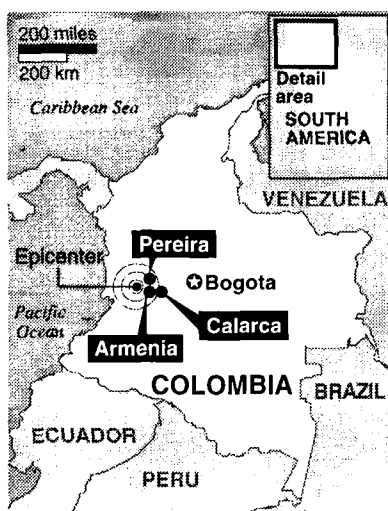
In Pereira, a city of 550,000 people and capital of Risaralda state, at least seven people died and 70 were injured, police said. Mayor Luis Alberto Duque declared a 12-hour curfew to aid rescue efforts and said the death toll was likely to rise.

About 200 houses were damaged and some crumbled beneath the impact of the powerful tremor, police said.

Television images from Pereira showed several demolished buildings, a taxi flattened under fallen debris and the body of a woman trapped under the rubble. Firefighters battled blazes and smoke billowed from burning buildings.

Offices and apartments rattled and swayed in Bogota, where the quake was felt for about 15 seconds.

President Andres Pastrana delayed a trip to Europe and was flying by helicopter from the capital to Pereira, his office said.



■ YUGOSLAVIA

Ethnic Albanians murdered

Associated Press

RAKOVINA
The bullet-riddled bodies of five more ethnic Albanians — two of them children — were found Monday, fueling tensions at a time when diplomats admit being stymied about how to end the crisis in Kosovo peacefully.

The two men, two boys and one woman appeared to have been shot at close range on a tractor-trailer that was returning from a cornfield off the main road through Rakovina, a village 35 miles southwest of the provincial capital, Pristina.

The grisly discoveries came 10 days after 45 ethnic Albanians were allegedly massacred in the Kosovo village of Racak. The Racak slaughter was the highest toll since government troops ambushed and killed 36 Kosovo Albanians as they tried to illegally cross the border Dec. 14.

NATO officials have renewed the threat of airstrikes, saying the likelihood of allied military action was real unless the Yugoslav government halts its crackdown against ethnic Albanian separatists in Kosovo.

In the latest evidence of stepped-up preparations, the French Navy said the aircraft carrier Foch was leaving Toulon on Monday for the Adriatic Sea. It was expected to be in place by early Wednesday, the Navy said, and ready to participate in strikes on Serb and Yugoslav targets.

Ethnic Albanians form about 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people, and the vast majority favor independence. More than 2,000 people, mostly ethnic Albanians, have been killed since Yugoslav and Serb forces launched an offensive against

Kosovo separatists last February.

International peace monitors told reporters they discovered the bodies of the five ethnic Albanians shortly after sunrise while conducting a routine patrol near Rakovina.

The bodies identified by locals as a husband and his

fighting for independence from Yugoslavia's main republic of Serbia.

The Serb center also reported that separatists ambushed a police patrol Monday 15 miles west of Pristina. Police returned fire and wounded one attacker, who was taken to a hospital in Pristina.

Meanwhile, the head of a Finnish forensic team investigating the Jan. 15 slayings of ethnic Albanians in Racak said the team would not release its findings until it completes its report in Finland. Helena Ranta said it was too early to tell when the team would finish its work in Pristina, where it is examining 40 of the 45 bodies found in a gully in the southern Kosovo village.

The chief U.S. envoy for Kosovo, Christopher Hill, admitted Monday that diplomats are running out of ideas for peace in the region after both Serb and ethnic Albanian politicians rejected a series of American proposals for the province's future.

"I think we are heading to a situation where we have to come up with some very good ideas, strong ideas and to see some rapid implementation," Hill told reporters after meeting with the leading ethnic Albanian politician, Ibrahim Rugova. "We cannot allow this process to go on and on."

In Brussels, Belgium, foreign ministers from the European Union focused on Kosovo at their regular meeting Monday.

"We want to stop the breaches in the cease-fire and we want to avoid the potential of future atrocities," said British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook. "We have got to get the momentum back onto the political track."



wife were found slumped in the cab of the tractor. Half the man's head was blown away. Empty shell casings littered the ground nearby.

On the trailer, piled with hay and grain, lay the bodies of a father and his two sons, about 10 and 12 years old. The faces of all three were disfigured beyond recognition. All five were wearing civilian clothes.

Horgen Grunnet, spokesman of the international monitors, said it appeared the victims had been shot with automatic weapons.

The ethnic Albanian Kosovo Information Center, quoting unidentified local residents, said Serb police fired at the victims from an armored vehicle.

In response, the Serb Media Center claimed the village was controlled by the Kosovo Liberation Army, which is

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■ IRAQ

United States missiles misfire, killing 11 civilians

Associated Press

BASRA
U.S. missiles slammed into residential neighborhoods in southern Iraq on Monday, demolishing sturdy, stone-walled homes as they killed at least 11 people, Iraqi officials said. U.S. officials said its Air Force and Navy jets fired at air defense systems in response to "threats by anti-aircraft artillery fire" and by four Iraqi warplanes flying south of the 33rd parallel in violation of the no-flight ban.

SEE ALSO:

• "U.S. admits missile mistake in Iraq" p.5

Pentagon officials said it was likely that U.S. jets targeting the Iraqi air defense installations misfired and that at least two missiles may have resulted in civilian deaths in and around the city of Basra. Spokesman Navy Capt. Michael Doubleday said U.S. officials were "still assessing the site damage."

The missiles hit five areas of southern Iraq, including the working-class al-Jumhuriya neighborhood on the outskirts of Basra, Iraqi officials said.

Several homes in that neighborhood were destroyed, their roofs caved in. Broken dishes and kitchen utensils were strewn among the rubble. Civilians worked late into the night to clean the debris from the morning strike.

Ahmed Ibrahim Hamash, the governor of Basra, said two aircraft fired five missiles that killed 11 people and injured 59.

The missiles struck in the morning and Hamash said most

of the casualties were women, children or the elderly because many men had already left for work.

The missiles hit three civilian areas in or near Basra, as well as a site near the airport and another near the Rumeilah oil fields.

An engineer at the oil field was reported injured in the attacks.

Iraqi officials took reporters to the al-Jumhuri hospital, one of the city's two main hospitals. Several injured children and women were at the hospital. Iraqi officials said they had been wounded in the strikes.

In al-Jumhuriya, four homes were completely destroyed and six damaged, including Lufti Swadi's house. The blast ripped the front door off the 28-year-old baker's home, shattered parts of the walls and scattered the furniture.

In the village of Abu al-

Khaseeb, four houses were destroyed and another four damaged. Iraqi officials were still assessing damage in the other civilian area that was struck.

Hamash said there were no military installations in the areas

At the al-Jumhuri hospital in Basra, Marwa Ali, 6, lay on a hospital bed swathed in a pink blanket. Dried blood was caked on her nostrils. She was about to go to school to take an exam when the missile struck, her sister Zeinab, 25, said.

"It began with a big bang," said Zeinab Ali, who was slightly injured with cuts and bruises. "I could see my house coming down on us. There was dust all over."

Marwa suffered multiple wounds to the scalp and a deep knee injury.

Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz condemned the attack and said the United States and its allies would be held responsible. His

remarks were reported by the official Iraqi News Agency.

Basra, 350 miles south of Baghdad, is within the southern "no-fly" zone that the United States and its allies set up after the 1991 Gulf War to protect

Shiite Muslims who rose up against the government of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

In the northern no-fly zone Monday, U.S. aircraft attacked three separate Iraqi anti-aircraft batteries, U.S. officials said. They said the aircraft fired missiles and dropped bombs after Iraq targeted or fired on the warplanes.

The Vatican condemned the bombing raids, saying Monday in a statement from Mexico City that the military action "confirms once again" Pope John Paul II's belief that "military measures don't resolve problems in themselves, rather they aggravate them."

The Vatican has consistently opposed the military actions against Iraq.

Hamash, meanwhile, vowed defiance after the attacks.

"We will continue to oppose any over-flying of our territory by enemy aircraft," he said.

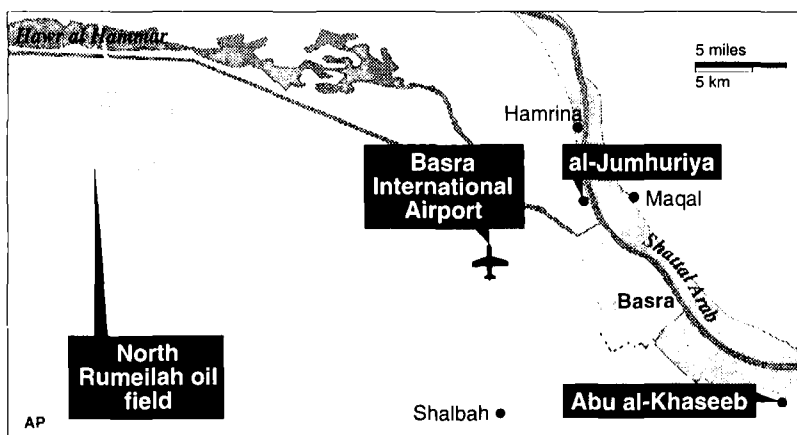
Iraq has been challenging the no-fly zones with increasing regularity since Dec. 16-19 airstrikes by the United States and Britain. Those attacks were aimed at punishing Iraq after U.N. weapons inspectors released a report saying that Baghdad was obstructing their work.

The British Defense Ministry said its warplanes were not involved in the latest attacks.

On Sunday, U.S. aircraft fired on two surface-to-air missile sites in separate incidents in the northern no-fly zone, U.S. officials said. It was a second consecutive day that U.S. warplanes patrolling the no-fly zones opened fire after being targeted.

U.S. missiles strike near Basra

Iraqi officials reported a U.S. missile hit the al-Jumhuriya neighborhood of Basra on Monday morning. Another strike was reported shortly after at the village of Abu al-Khaseeb near Basra, the Basra airport and the North Rumeilah oil field.



that were hit.

"There is not even a police station there, let alone a military installation," he said. "The United States claims to be a humanitarian nation but they are enemies of that concept."

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What's **sub** Happening?

Tuesday, January 26, 1999

— Pierre Elliott Trudeau

■ THE PROGRESSIVE STUDENT ALLIANCE

Which Side Are You On?

Eight days ago we collectively recalled the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I saw people who were visibly moved by the one-man play that Monday. However what people often forget is that Martin meant action!

Jesus too.

So I'm going to ask you to rekindle your fire for justice by coming together as a

Aaron Kreider

group to oppose discrimination. I am asking that you commit to joining the movement to include sexual orientation in the nondiscrimination clause, and if need be, participate in a three day fast.

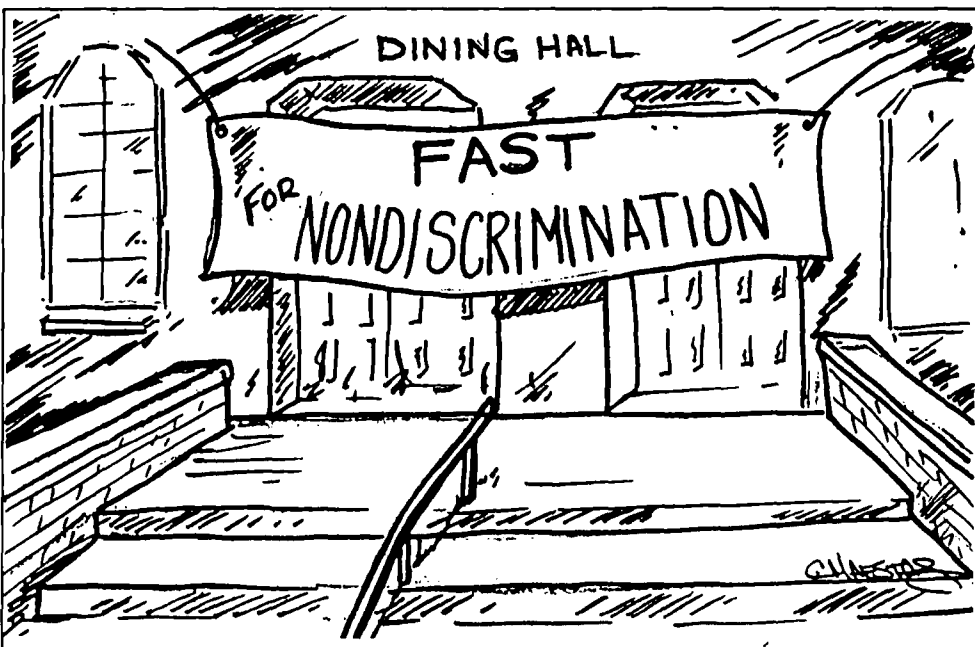
It's showdown time. As a culmination of ten years of student and faculty sup-

strong stance in support of peace.

Fasting cleanses the body (as toxins are excreted) and similarly clarifies your mind. You can turn your thoughts from yourself and focus on larger issues. "I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, not about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing." (Matthew 6:25)

When I fast, I will be dedicating my life to working for social justice. When I fast, I will be praying to God for intervention on the side of the oppressed here on campus as well as elsewhere in the world. "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?" (Isaiah 58:6) When I fast, I will be organizing with fellow fasters so that our cry is heard by fellow students, parents, alumni, the American people, and maybe even the Administration itself.

In practice most people risk nothing by refraining from eating for three days. Most people have enough fat reserves to



port for this issue, on Feb. 4-5 the Board of Trustees will meet in London where they will vote on whether or not to include sexual orientation in the nondiscrimination clause. Fr. Malloy is on the record as opposing this change. Apparently he and most of the Administration want to reserve the 'right' to discriminate against gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. While I hope otherwise, I strongly suspect that on Malloy's direction the trustees will vote against the change.

Students and faculty have worked on this issue for many years, but this time, within ten days we actually have the chance to achieve a just end to this struggle! You can join the movement and contribute to a historic change of tide at Notre Dame.

The strategy is simple. We want to organize a three day fast that will be held if the trustees fail to include sexual orientation in the clause. The more people who commit to fasting, the greater the pressure on the trustees. If the trustees vote 'no', then we will do our best to gain national media attention and put national pressure on the Administration to sway its course — and one day it will.

But why fast? Fasting is a traditional form of non-violent protest that is used to bring attention to injustice. It also works. For example in 1978, over a thousand Bolivian women joined a month long fast that finally succeeded in achieving amnesty for 19,000 political prisoners! Gandhi often fasted for the goal of Indian independence. During Vatican II, Dorothy Day and 19 other women fasted for ten days to encourage the council to take a

not eat for a month or more.

But if you are not willing or able to drink only water for three days there are several common options. Often people will drink some juice or broth to give them a little energy. Another method is to fast from sunrise to sunset. You can fast for all three days, or you can just fast for one. We do not want anyone risking his or her health, and welcome your participation in the fast in whatever way you feel you can.

Over fifty students and alumni have already committed to participating in the fast. The fact that we have committed ourselves to sacrifice, that fifty men and women plan to humble ourselves before God and our brothers and sisters should be of intense embarrassment to the Administration. If there is no injustice on campus, then why are fifty people about to fast?

We ask you, our fellow students, faculty, staff, and alumni to consider joining us. Let's double our number. Together we can go without food and yet be strong. May justice flow down like a mighty river.

Aaron Kreider is a graduate student in the Department of Sociology and a member of the Progressive Student Alliance. He wishes he had a million dollars to donate to Notre Dame so that he could be a trustee, but since he is not so fortunate he intends to fast, pray, and act. The PSA column runs every Tuesday.

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■ OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Morality is Government's Secret Weapon

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio

Be aware. One of the most devastating weapons of politics has been unleashed upon us.

This weapon has been in use since the creation of our government. It has been used by religious leaders, conservative groups, and countless others.

Within the past decade, this weapon has gained an alarming resurgence in power and use. And what, you may ask, is this weapon? Morality.

Morality has been the banner behind which a minority of the population has forced its views and beliefs upon us. Some politicians who have notoriously used the weapon come to mind: Jesse Helms, Pat Buchanan, Newt Gingrich and Henry Hyde. These politicians have used morality as a shield, behind which they can condemn those who are not of their ilk. And they experience little to no repercussion.

They use this weapon to censor books, magazines, and the Internet. They use this weapon to stifle our freedom of speech and peel away at our civil rights. They use this weapon to enforce their small group's sick version of morality on the rest of us. They use this weapon to shape a twisted and hateful America that mirrors their self righteous views.

Be prepared. The best way to know when this weapon is being used against you is to listen to the rhetoric. A common feeling occurs in all usage of this weapon. Any sentence that contains the phrase "good old days," "do you remember back when," or "I remember a time when" is almost definitely a full assault.

Ironically, the good old days that many politicians refer to are of the post World War II era; the '50s, before those "damn hippies" changed everything. A time when racial segregation was not practice but law. A time when women had little political and economic power.

A time when the Puritan white

male ruled the corporate world and the home.

A time of loyalty oaths and bomb shelters. A time of fear. But Pat Buchanan and his cohorts would have us believe that these are the moral times. These are when Americans knew right from wrong. These are the "good old days" to which we must return.

Another good indication that a morality strike looms in the near future is the battle cry "I have to vote my conscience," or "according to God," or even "I refer to

a passage in the Bible."

Such statements may convey that a strike of massive proportions is about to begin. Be afraid.

This weapon is powerful. It forced many liberal Americans out of

Hollywood in the late '40s and early '50s. It forced labor union officials and socialists such as "Big Bill" Haywood to flee the country for fear of persecution.

Recently, it brought on a wave of conservatism in the 1996 election and it continues to allow the Republican right to keep a firm grip on Congress. And with each passing bill that strips us of our rights, we take one step closer to the racial lynchings of the '50s. With every bill that restricts our freedom of speech, we move closer to McCarthyism and loyalty oaths.

Every time a conservative such as Newt Gingrich attempts to cut funding to PBS, while hiding behind morality and condemning the station's homosexual content, we breed hate. And, with this hate, true civil immorality will follow.

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'... an unbiased opinion is
always absolutely valueless.'

— Oscar Wilde

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Riddle m

*How many of these
puzzles can you wrap
your brain around
before you start feeling
faint?*

The Last Christmas

In the far, far North grows a lonely tree. Legend has it that when this tree is cut down, there will never be another Christmas. Ten years ago, a woodcutter drove a marker into the trunk of the 50-foot tree at a point half his own height.

Not knowing of the legend, he promised himself he would finally get around to felling this lonely tree when the marker was as high as he. This woodsman was a bit of a legend himself—he was 25-feet tall 10 years ago (Legends are rife in the Northern reaches where it's winter year round).

Ten years ago, the woodsman grew at a rate of a foot a year. Today he grows at only 11 inches per year. Every 10 years (on the dot) his rate of growth shrinks by an inch. Someday, he will stop growing altogether.

The tree, on the other hand, will grow until it is cut down at a rate of one inch per year.

If legends live forever (and were true), in how many years will the last Christmas be?

Haunted Television

One day, upon returning from work, you discover that your television is on. Not remembering having left it on, you turn it off and think nothing of it. A few days later, the same thing occurs. Over the next couple weeks it happens several more times, then stops. Deciding this case does not warrant calling in Mulder and Scully, or even Robert Stack, you forgot it.

Now, several months later, it has begun again.

The baffling facts of the case are as follows:

You have never observed it occurring when you are home. All the doors and windows in your house are locked when you leave.

There is no sign of trespassing when you return.

No one is at home while you are gone except your pet gold fish, "Emma," who really is more of a radio fish.

Your remote control's batteries have been dead for some time.

When the TV is found on, it is a seemingly random channel: news, soaps, static, or "Baywatch."

The television room is on the top floor, and there are no houses, buildings, or other structures within the line of site of any window.

No other appliance in the house displays this behavior.

There seems to be nothing odd about your electrical system — no surges or spikes.

The TV is still under warranty and passed its most recent inspection by a trained technician.

Is your T.V. possessed by an unearthly couch potato or can you think of a more mundane explanation?

Were you right?

Answer: The Last Christmas

Well this is a question of simple arithmetic, isn't it?

The woodcutter grows 120 inches in the first 10 years, 110 inches in the second 10 years, and so on. This simple series adds up to 780 inches, when added to his original height of 300 inches, it is 1080 inches, or an even 90 feet. The woodcutter will never get any taller.

Clearly the marker will never overtake the woodcutter while he is growing, so the problem becomes: when will the tree be 90 feet tall? And that is also simple arithmetic. The marker started at 15 inches, so has another 930 inches to go, or 930 years.

But that was 10 years ago, so the last Christmas will be in 920 years. Oh no!

But as it happens, this isn't a question of simple arithmetic. It's a question of simple biology. Trees grow upward at their extremities; only the top of the tree is getting higher, not the bottom, which just gets wider.

So never fear, Christmas will always be here!

Answer: Haunted Television

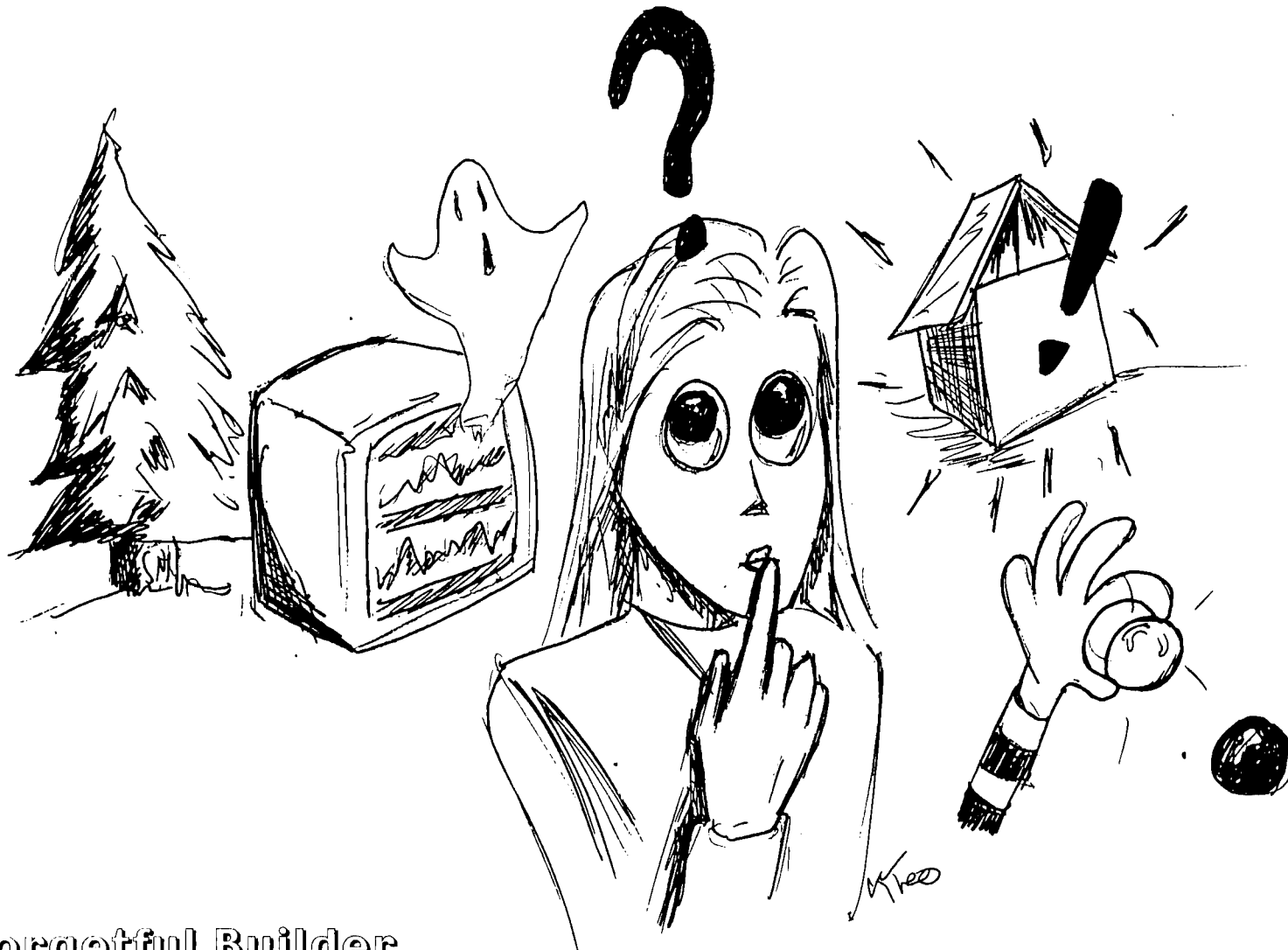
Just like in the X-Files, the answer is that your TV is possessed by an unearthly couch potato...

The sun.

Your TV room's windows face west, and during certain times of the year, the sun's refracted rays come streaming in and strike your television's remote control sensor. Since the remote operates on infra-red light, certain frequencies of light emitted by the sun are interpreted by the sensor as commands to turn on or off, or change the channel.

When you are home, you pull the shades, to keep out the glare of the setting sun.

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These items could likely be found at any hardware store, and at your average home.

What did the builder forget?

The Prisoner's Balls

In far-off Puzzlandia, a prisoner waits on death row. By custom, the night before a man is to be executed, he plays a game — either of chance or skill, it is up to the judge's discretion. This game will decide whether the prisoner will indeed die, or have his sentence commuted.

This particular prisoner was presented with a game that was perhaps a little of both. Before him are two large urns. One urn contains 50 black balls, the other 50 white balls. Tomorrow, the executioner will, while blindfolded, draw a ball randomly from one of the two urns. If it's black, it's curtains for the prisoner. If it's white his sentence will be commuted to life.

The prisoner wants very much to live, and is pleased that with the current state of affairs his chances of living are 50-50. He is then presented with an option — he may change the contents of the urns. He can swap white balls for black, move balls from urn to urn, etc. There is a stipulation that when he is done, there must be fifty white and fifty black balls total between the two urns — he can't eat some of the black balls or paint them or anything.

It occurs to the prisoner he might be able to help his situation by moving the balls so that there were twenty-five of each color in each urn, then making sure the white balls were on top. But the executioner might have guessed this, and may shake up the urns. Worse yet, he might deliberately reach to the bottom of the urn he chooses.

Is there another way the prisoner can help himself?

Any Luck?

Answer: The Forgetful Builder

The builder forgot the house numbers! The hardware store charges \$1.00 per digit.

Answer: The Prisoner's Balls

The prisoner moves all the balls save for one white ball into one urn. There is a fifty-fifty chance that the guard will select this urn and save his life, in the other urn there is a 49:99 chance of being saved. This moves his net chance of survival up to a hair under 75%.

■ TENNIS

Agassi ousted from Australian Open

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — If Andre Agassi isn't quite ready to announce his retirement, the prospect can't be too far away after his doddering exit from the Australian Open.

Once possessed of the magic to lift his game to the highest level at the first hint of trouble, Agassi looked Monday as if he'd forgotten how to win and didn't much care.

Perhaps age — Agassi will be 29 when the next major, the French Open, rolls around — or long layoffs or interests in other things have conspired to rob him of his reflexes and desire.

Whatever it is, Agassi's 6-1, 7-5, 6-7 (3-7), 6-3 loss to No. 44 Vince Spadea in the fourth round only confirmed the downward spiral of a once-scintillating career.

In a women's upset, France's unseeded 19-year-old Amelie Mauresmo, 1996 Wimbledon and French junior champion, beat No. 11 Dominique Van Roost of Belgium, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

Mauresmo, who had never gone beyond the third round in seven other Grand Slam tournaments, will play in the semifinals against the winner of Tuesday night's match between No. 1 Lindsay Davenport and No. 5 Venus Williams.

In Agassi's last six Grand Slam tournaments, which are the only ones he really cares about at this stage, he has faded in the fourth round four times, the first round once and the second round once.

An uninspired Agassi sat out most of 1997, when he dropped as low as No. 122, then climbed back to No. 6 when he rededicated himself to the game last year.

When asked if he could take any encouragement from this tournament, Agassi would have none of that.

"No, no," he said softly. "I needed to do better here."

For Agassi, watching time slip away, there is little to keep him in tennis beyond the prospect of winning at

least one more major tournament. He won the Australian in 1995, the U.S. Open in 1994, Wimbledon in 1992 and was runner-up at the French Open in 1990 and '91.

He's been playing on the pro tour since 1986 and is rich beyond his dreams, with more than \$15 million in prize money and several times as much in endorsements. His actress wife, Brooke Shields, may be even richer.

Money doesn't motivate Agassi, winning does. And not just winning early-round matches or small tournaments and exhibitions. Winning in Grand Slam events.

This Australian Open, with Pete Sampras absent and the four seeds ahead of him gone, represented the No. 5 Agassi's best and perhaps last chance to win a major again. The only seeded players to reach the quarters were No. 7 Karol Kucera, No. 10 Yevgeny Kafelnikov, and No. 15 Todd Martin.

That Agassi should find himself, against a journeyman like Spadea, playing so unenthusiastically, lost on the court and not knowing what to do, suggests more than ever that he is on his way out of the game. Spadea played well, to be sure, but the old Agassi would have carved him to pieces.

"I was not surprised that Vince was capable of beating him. I was surprised at the lack of energy Andre had," said Martin, who advanced with a three-set victory over Zimbabwe's Wayne Black. "You expect guys who have been here so often to come up with the goods when necessary."

Agassi's usually voluble coach, Brad Gilbert, could barely watch the match, and frequently buried his head in his hands. He, too, will have to evaluate whether it's worth his time and Agassi's to keep pursuing an elusive dream.

"It was just a question of me really not stepping it up and forcing him to play better," Agassi said. "I kind of went by the wayside."

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Hamilton's 27 lift Huskies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Richard Hamilton got bumped, jostled, picked, rejected and clobbered. He never got rattled.

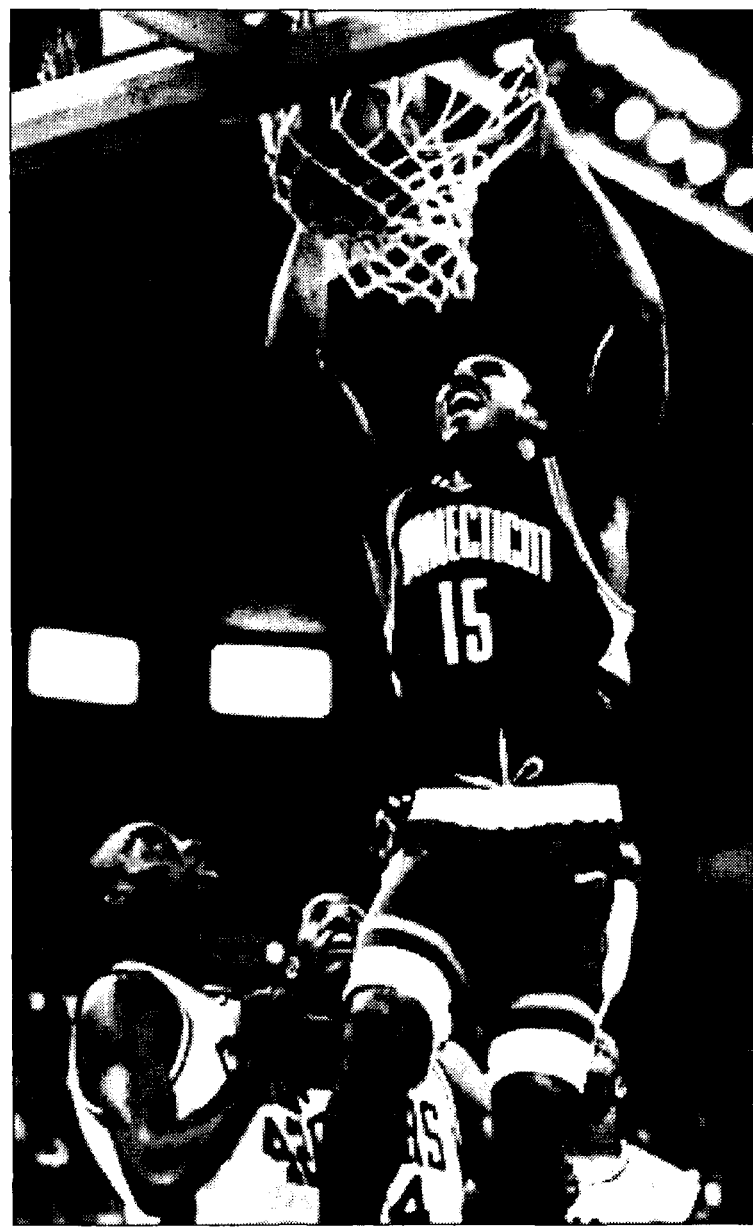
With No. 1 Connecticut facing its biggest halftime deficit of the season, Hamilton coolly led a 16-6 second-half run and scored 27 points as the Huskies overcame scrappy Georgetown 78-71 Monday night.

The last unbeaten team in Division I, UConn (18-0, 10-0 Big East) faced a stiffer than expected challenge before heading into the toughest part of its schedule. Next up for the Huskies are No. 9 St. John's, No. 17 Syracuse and No. 3 Stanford.

Georgetown (9-10, 2-8) has lost four of six games since coach Craig Esherick took over following John Thompson's sudden resignation Jan. 6. However, three of the losses have been by two points or fewer, and his Hoyas led the nation's top ranked team 47-41 early in the second half.

All game long, Georgetown tried to knock Hamilton off stride by rotating bodies on him in a physical game. Early in the second half, Hamilton had the ball stolen from him at mid-court, and his layup was blocked by Ruben Boumtje Boumtje about a minute later.

Then the run started. Hamilton made a nice dish to Edmund Saunders for a layup and followed with a couple of jump shots and three free throws as Connecticut built a 63-58 lead with 8:01 to play.



Kevin Freeman and No. 1 UConn improved to 18-0 with a 78-71 win over Georgetown last night.

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Texas Longhorns hook Simms

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J.

Chris Simms, son of former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms, had a change of heart and will play football at Texas instead of national champion Tennessee, his coach said Monday evening.

The surprise switch came more than a month after a mid-December announcement that Simms would join the Volunteers.

Texas and Penn State were the other finalists in the

recruiting battle for the left-handed quarterback considered among the top prep players in the country.

"He has had some time over the last few weeks to reflect and think about it before he made it final, and he weighed it out in his mind and he just felt Texas was a better fit for him," said Mike Miello, Simms' coach at Ramapo (N.J.) High School.

The younger Simms was not immediately available for comment.

Simms' choice will not

become official until he signs a national letter of intent on Feb. 3, the first day high school players are permitted to sign with a school.

"I was surprised with the first decision and then he changed his mind, but I am happy for him because he looks at peace with his decision," Miello said. "There's no apprehension with it at all. He really feels good about it."

Simms also seemed happy making his initial choice of Tennessee on a local cable TV show.

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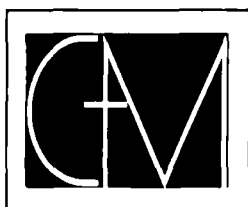


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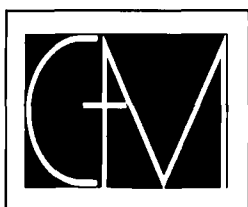
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Tuesday, January 26, 4:00 pm, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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Tuesdays, Beginning January 26, 7:00-8:30 pm, Badin Hall Chapel

Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays, 8:30-9:45 pm, 102 Earth Sciences Building

The Celebration Choir provides music for Interfaith Christian Night Prayer on Wednesday nights (with rehearsal prior to the service), sings for liturgies around campus, and is called to bring its song of praise and prayer into the South Bend community. Students, vocalists or instrumentalists interested in joining the Celebration Choir should contact Karen Kirner at 631-9326.

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

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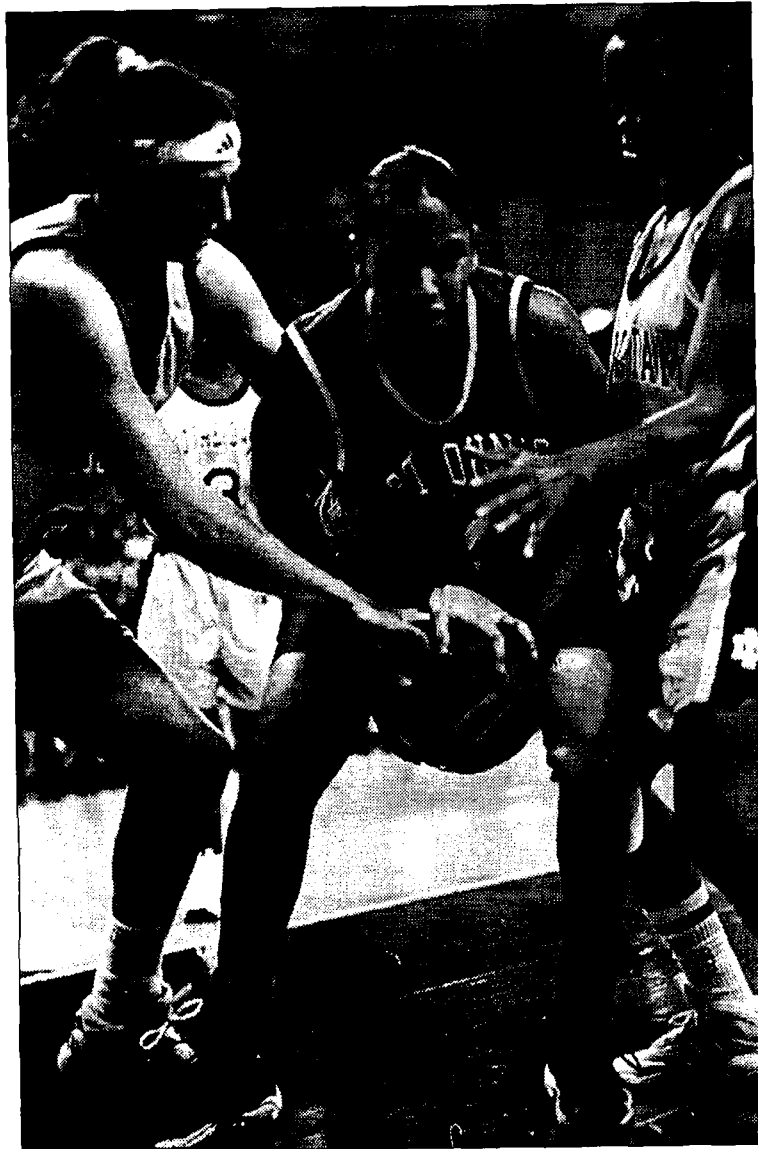
■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame going for seventh-straight victory

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The seventh-ranked Notre

Dame women's basketball team will look to continue its winning ways tonight when they take on Syracuse at the Carrier Dome.



Ruth Riley (left) and Danielle Green (right) wrestle the ball away from a St. John's player in Saturday's 99-60 blowout of the Red Storm.

The Observer/Jeff Hsu

The Irish (15-2) have caught fire in recent weeks and are going for their seventh-straight victory. The current winning streak matches the six wins they used to open the season.

With a 7-2 conference mark, the women are in striking distance of conference-leaders Connecticut and Rutgers.

Syracuse will have its work cut out for them when they go up against the high-scoring Irish. Notre Dame has gone over 100 points twice this season and most recently put up 99 against St. John's.

The Orangewomen are just 8-9 on the season and 4-5 in the conference. In its most recent game, Syracuse fell to West Virginia, 76-70. Leigh Aziz was the lone bright spot for Syracuse as she scored a team-high 19 points.

Notre Dame will also look to shut down Paula Moore, who is among the Big East leaders in points (averaging 17.9 points per game) and rebounds (7.6 per game).

The Irish defense has been stingy recently, allowing just 55 points to Seton Hall and holding St. John's to just 60.

Notre Dame's offense has started to click in recent weeks as well. The Irish drained a season-high 11 three-pointers in Saturday's victory. Four Irish players are averaging double digits. Danielle Green puts up 16.7 points per game and leads the Irish in scoring. Ruth Riley is close behind Green, averaging 16.3 points and 9.1 rebounds per contest, while three-point specialist Sheila McMillen averages 15.5 points.

The Irish have also gotten quality minutes out of freshmen

AP College Basketball Top 25

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Tennessee (39)	17-1	1,023	1
2. Purdue (1)	16-1	979	3
3. Louisiana Tech	15-2	943	4
4. Georgia	18-1	893	5
5. Connecticut	16-3	834	2
6. Colorado St.	20-1	766	8
7. Notre Dame	15-2	743	9
8. UCLA	15-4	696	10
9. Duke	16-4	692	11
10. Texas Tech	17-2	654	6
11. Virginia Tech	18-0	636	13
12. Old Dominion	13-3	583	12
13. Rutgers	17-3	544	15
14. North Carolina	19-4	528	7
15. Clemson	16-3	470	16
16. Iowa St.	13-3	349	14
17. Auburn	15-3	302	20
18. Tulane	17-2	245	24
19. Ohio St.	13-4	228	22
tie. Virginia	13-5	228	19
21. Penn St.	13-5	219	17
22. Boston College	15-3	134	--
23. Alabama	12-6	133	18
24. Kansas	14-6	89	--
25. UC Santa Barb.	13-3	65	--

Ericka Haney and Sherisha Hills.

Niele Ivey has controlled the point very well for the Irish this season and is also averaging 13.2 points per game.

Notre Dame is averaging better than 90 points as a team over the current win streak

"We have a lot of weapons. We can score a lot of points," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "That's one thing that this team can do."

The Irish will look to continue their offensive barrage tonight against Syracuse.

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■ NBA

Barry joins depleted Bulls

Associated Press

Brent Barry is no Michael Jordan, but he'll have to do for now.

Barry, a free-agent guard, joined the Chicago Bulls Monday, signing a six-year, \$27 million contract.

The former NBA slam dunk champion and son of Hall of Famer Rick Barry, averaged 9.6 points per game in three seasons with the Los Angeles Clippers and Miami Heat.

"If he does play well in Chicago, then they think they've got the next Michael Jordan," Miami coach Pat Riley said.

The Bulls also renounced the rights to forward Scott Burrell.

Meanwhile, Michael Olowokandi, the No. 1 pick in

the NBA draft from Pacific University, was released from his contract with Kinder Bologna of the Italian League and will join the Los Angeles Clippers.

The 7-foot-1 center had signed with Kinder about 24 hours before the NBA and its players agreed recently to end the owners' lockout. Olowokandi's deal with Kinder bound him to the club until Feb. 15, but the team reportedly decided to release him and save money because he had averaged only 7.7 points and 5.6 rebounds in six games in Italy.

Guard Steve Nash, acquired in a draft-day trade from Phoenix, signed a six-year contract extension with the Dallas Mavericks that reportedly is

worth \$18 million

Bobby Hurley, a five-year NBA veteran, who suffered life-threatening injuries in a two-car accident in his rookie season with the Sacramento Kings, was waived by the Vancouver Grizzlies. The Grizzlies had acquired Hurley, a former Duke star, in a four-player deal with Sacramento last Feb. 18.

The Phoenix Suns re-signed free agents Rex Chapman and Clifford Robinson. First-round draft pick Pat Garrity remains unsigned.

The Portland Trail Blazers signed rookie guard Bonzi Wells to a three-year contract. Financial terms were not disclosed. Wells, drafted out of Ball State, was acquired from the Detroit Pistons last week for a conditional first-round pick.

■ NHL

Roy signs two-year deal with Colorado

Associated Press

DENVER

Free to test his worth on the open market, Patrick Roy decided to stay home.

Roy, who could have become an unrestricted free agent this summer, signed a two-year contract extension Monday with Colorado to end six months of negotiations with the Avalanche.

Roy, 33, is in the final year of a contract that will pay him \$5.1 million this season. He will earn \$7 million in the 1999-2000 season and \$7.5 million during in 2000-2001. He also will receive \$500,000 on July 1.

Roy, who ranks fifth in career wins and first among active NHL goaltenders with 394, helped Colorado to the Stanley Cup title after being traded from Montreal midway through the 1995-96 season. It was his third championship, the first two coming with the Canadiens.

"It was a family decision more than anything else. My wife and kids are extremely happy here," Roy said. "It was fine with me because I like to play here."

Avalanche general manager Pierre Lacroix, Roy's former agent, began negotiating with the goalie in June. Without an extension, Roy would have become an unrestricted free agent after the season.

"It's our commitment to try to keep all the guys that have been with us at least since 1996, when we won the cup,

and keep our nucleus," Lacroix said.

Roy's contract includes a no-trade clause in the first year, which the goalie said was a key element in the agreement.

"I had a chance to play where I want, and Colorado was my first pick, but I had to know Colorado wanted me for that long," Roy said.

Lacroix said now that Roy has signed, "we're moving along with other files," a reference to all-star center Peter Forsberg.

Roy's signing raises questions about whether Colorado will be able to retain Forsberg, a restricted free agent after this season. Lacroix said he is optimistic Colorado can sign Forsberg before the end of the season.

The Avs can match any offer Forsberg receives, but they could face an aggressive bidding war like the one that almost cost them center Joe Sakic last year.

Colorado retained Sakic when it matched the New York Rangers' three-year, \$21 million offer that included \$15 million up front.

The Avalanche should get a financial boost next season when they christen the Pepsi Center, which will replace aging McNichols Arena.

Considered one of the NHL's most intense competitors, Roy has 44 career shutouts and is a three-time winner of the Vezina Trophy awarded to the NHL's top goaltender. He also has twice been named MVP of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

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■ NFL

Falcons, Broncos find motivation from losses

Associated Press

MIAMI

In losing, the Denver Broncos and Atlanta Falcons found the inspiration to become winners.

For the Broncos, the humiliating defeat to Jacksonville in the 1996 playoffs still serves as motivation.

"I will never forget that game," league MVP Terrell Davis said. "Never."

For the Falcons, a more recent loss, at San Francisco in the third week of this season, spurred the turnaround from perennial losers — eight winning seasons in 33 years — to NFC champions.

"That was when the character-building on this team began, the second half of that San Francisco game," Travis Hall said of a 31-20 loss that was 31-7 at halftime. "The guys just decided they weren't going to quit."

So don't expect either side to surrender on Sunday when the

defending champion Broncos and the upstart Falcons meet in the Super Bowl. Their memories are too sharp to let that happen.

"That loss came up at various times last year and this," Steve Atwater said of the 30-27 defeat by the Jaguars, the last time Denver lost at Mile High Stadium. "Now, we know that is something we had to go through to get where we are now."

"It still hurts to think about it."

Just look in the eyes of Broncos players and you'll see the fire building.

"That was the most painful loss we could've experienced," Ray Crockett said. "We could've been 15-1 or 14-2 that year, we had the home field, we were on our way. We let something very valuable go that could've been our only chance. We didn't know."

"It was painful. We definitely should've been in the Super

Bowl that year. But it might be a big reason we've been in the Super Bowl the last two years."

Indeed, the Broncos learned a valuable lesson with that defeat. Despite owning the best record in the AFC and clinching the West by the end of November, they were well into their offseason when the NFL championship was being decided between Green Bay and New England.

Ever since, they are 19-0 at Mile High Stadium and have won six straight postseason

games, including last January's Super Bowl over the Packers. A victory on Sunday will give them the look of a dynasty.

"It takes a lot of work and dedication and heartache by a lot of people to get there," Bill Romanowski said. "After you've been the best, it might be natural for a letdown. But we have enough veterans and enough guys who remember [the Jacksonville loss] and who won't let it happen again. We have too many guys who

enjoyed the experience and won't let winning not happen again."

What the Falcons generally have experienced for three decades is losing. Their biggest tormentor has been San Francisco.

But when they made things close at 3Com Park, then won five of their next six before meeting the 49ers again, they felt validated. And when they beat the Niners 31-19 at home, they felt ready to contend for, well, just about anything.

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the feeling is unreal," Engelhardt commented.

Wrapping up the women's placing, freshman Liz Grow placed second in the 200-meter dash, earning her second runner-up finish in as many weeks.

The men's side of the team provided no shortage of placings either. Terry Wray matched a first place finish in Purdue's 400-meter dash with a second place title in the Michigan 600-meter dash with a time of 1:21.85. Wray is running both 400-meter and 600-meter dashes to prepare for his place in the 500-meter dash at the Big East Tournament.

"The Michigan meet was important to see where we stand and is another step towards the Big East," Wray said. "Every meet is a stepping stone towards that."

Wray's fellow middle-distance runner Tim Kober placed second in the 800-meter with a finishing time of 1:53.55, while throwing stand-out Jay Hofner kept with the day's tradition of excellent throwing, distancing 54'8-1/2" in the 35-pound weight throw.

Finally, Bobby Brown exhibited no signs of sprinting rust,

placing second in the 200-meter with a time of 22.15 seconds.

Overall, head coach Joe Piane was satisfied with the performance of both teams, however his main concern remains Big East performance. Piane recognizes the importance of this weekend's dual meet with Indiana University as a step in the direction of the Big East Tournament.

"This week we will have typical training keying in on the opportunity to run a home meet against a great team," Piane said.

Piane has his eye on several Hoosier, including throwing man Kurt Krick, all-American distance runner Tom Chorny and jumper Greg Yedell. Despite these possible weapons against them, Piane believes the men have a great chance to win and expects a solid performance from the women's side as well.

Either way, a strong student body backing is expected to carry the team the extra mile during the duel this Friday night at Loftus. Field events are slated to begin at 6 p.m., while the starting gun opens

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style.

James Scotte-Browne was a double winner on Saturday,

leading a three-place Irish sweep in the 400 individual medley at 4:10.66, then coasting to a win in the 1650 free-style with 16:39.80.

Co-captain Steele Whowell led teammates Scott Zumbach, Antonio Fonseca and Mike Koss

to an Irish second-through-fifth finish in the 100 breaststroke. Fugate did the same with Ray Fitzpatrick, Whowell and Rob Fetter in the 200 butterfly.

Both the 800 and 400 free-style A relays also claimed victory. Other A relays scored no

lower than second place.

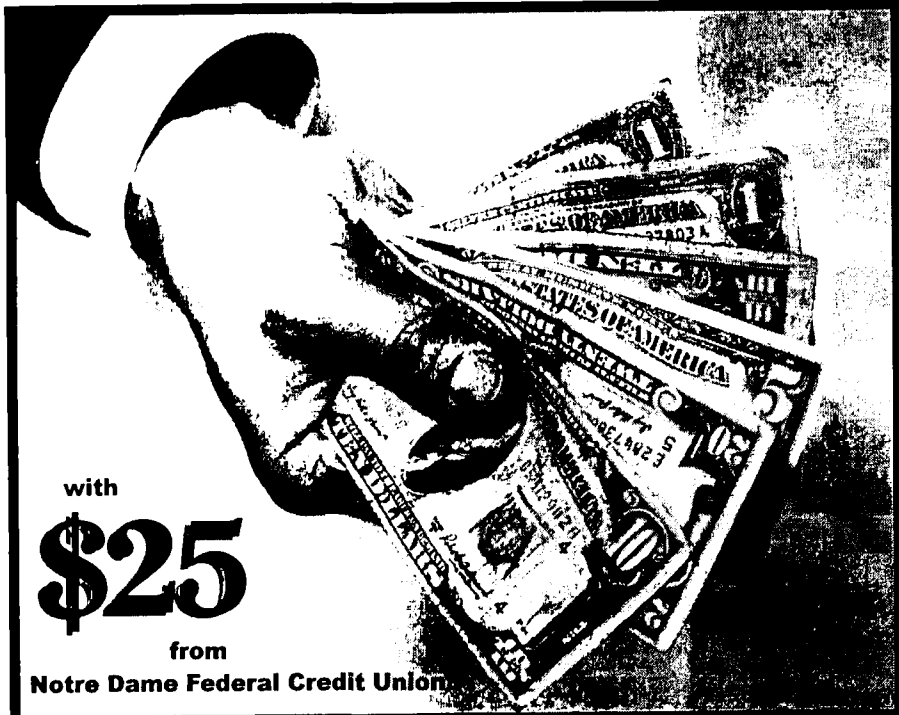
Saturday's prelim-final format was important, according to Fugate, because it gave the Irish a chance to prepare for Big East Championships and the Shamrock Classic, both of which are swum in prelim-final format.

Despite the win, Wisconsin-Milwaukee had surprisingly competitive performances, according to Fugate.

"They were ready to go," he said. "They were better than we thought, and that's something we're going to have to file away because we swim them again in three weeks."

Wisconsin-Milwaukee will host Notre Dame's final dual meet Feb. 12. Between now and then, the Irish will travel to New York to swim Buffalo on Friday and St. Bonaventure on Saturday.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Women split over weekend

By WES JACOBS
Sports Writer

At the Federated Insurance Court Classic, the Notre Dame women's tennis team opened the season with a disappointing split in its first two matches, winning in overpowering fashion against the Blue Demons of DePaul on Friday, and losing a tightly contested match to the Waves of Pepperdine the following day.

On Friday, the Irish quickly shook off what little nerves and rust the players had coming into the first match, wasting no

time in handing DePaul a 9-0 loss. The Irish did not drop a set in the victory.

"DePaul played well, but they are a very young team," said Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback. "They might struggle a bit this year, but they will improve in the years to come."

Michelle Dasso and Jennifer Hall, the number one and two singles seeds, led the way for the Irish. Dasso cruised to a straight set 6-0, 6-3 win over DePaul's Barbara Fuzesi, while Hall followed suit, winning 6-1 and 6-4 over Laura Taylor.

"This was a good match for

us to begin the year with. It gave us a good chance to get some of our kinks out," said Hall.

In another bright spot for the Irish, freshman Becky Varnum recorded her first career win over Charlotta Aronsson, 6-0, 6-1. Like the rest of the Irish team, nerves were not a factor in her first match.

"I think the pressure was definitely there for me, but I think that I came in prepared," Varnum said. "I just acted like it was my job to win, and I went out and tried to do it."

Riding the confidence of their big win, Saturday's match began in the same fashion as Friday's. The Irish quickly staked a 4-0 lead over the Waves and looked to close out the match with one more win out of their remaining two singles matches and three doubles matches.

Unfortunately, that win never came.

Marisa Velasco and Lindsey Green both looked to finish the job for the Irish. Each ventured into the third sets of their respective matches, only to finally succumb to their strong opponents. No. 3 Velasco, after losing her first set 6-4 to Nicola Kaiwai, clawed back to tie the match at a set apiece with a 6-4 win of her own. In the final game, however, she lost 6-1, keeping the match alive for Pepperdine.

Despite the two singles losses, Notre Dame still clung to a 4-2 lead. But the problems did not end there.

"Everyone really got slow starts in doubles, and that really hurt us," said senior Hall.

After losing the first two doubles matches, and the score



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Jennifer Hall defeated DePaul's Laura Taylor 6-1, 6-4 in Friday's singles match, but lost Saturday's doubles match to Pepperdine.

knotted at four all, it was left to the duo of Hall and Michelle Dasso to decide the outcome.

Just like the first two teams, they also fell behind to their opponents, Ipek Senoglu and Angela Lawrence, facing deficits of 6-3 and 7-5, only to come back and tie the match at 8 apiece. At that point, a tie-breaker was all that was left to decide the match.

In the end, Hall and Dasso were edged, 8-6, and the match was over. All that was left was to get on the bus and come back to South Bend to begin preparing for the next match.

Despite the tough loss, the Irish remained optimistic.

"It's disappointing, of course, but we're happy that it happened now. At least we now know where our strengths and weaknesses are. We're just hoping to get them back indoors," said freshman Varnum.

Coach Louderback had the same sentiments: "It was a tough loss, but right now, we're just trying to improve. Only at the end will we worry about where we are in the rankings."

The Irish will have the opportunity to make further improvements as they travel to Oklahoma City this Saturday to face Kansas State and Oklahoma.

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fencing schools. St. John's, Columbia and NYU were all looking to top the Irish.

Showing no signs of fatigue, the men's team swept the meet, defeating St. John's (16-11), Columbia (16-11) and NYU (15-12). The three victories boosted the men's record to 6-1 on the year.

The women's team also dominated St. John's and NYU, 21-11 and 19-13, respectively.

But women's team faltered slightly against Columbia, falling 20-12 and dropping the team record to 5-2. The Irish women have not had two losses in a single season since 1994, the last year the Irish won the national title.

In addition to the team's success, Irish head coach Yves Auriol won his 300th career women's team victory and raised his career record to a stunning 303-16.

The Irish sabre squad proved that it was the best in the country by posting a 51-12 mark. The Fabulous Freshmen, Andre Crompton and Gabor Szelle, led the men's team in victories with 16 and 19, respectively. Szelle, in his first collegiate match, only

lost once against the best competition in the country.

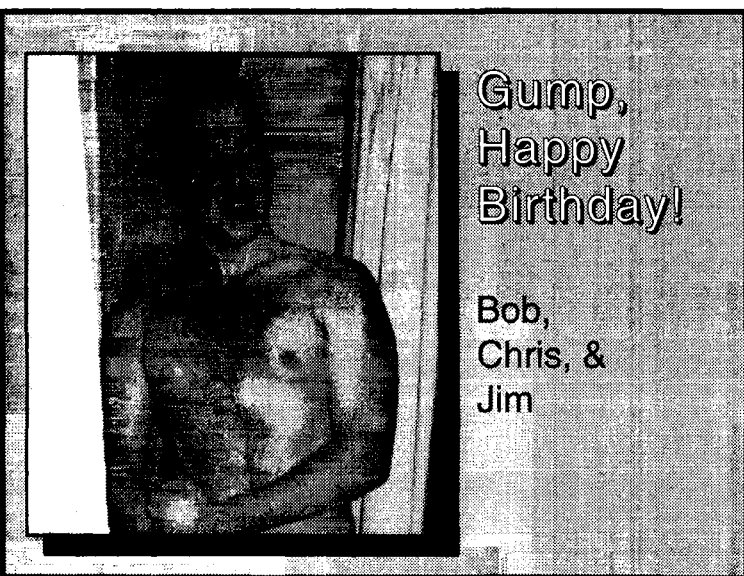
Luke LaValle, the 1998 NCAA champion, was also impressive as he posted 14 victories and only four losses. LaValle's wins gave him 164 career victories and moved him into fourth place on the all-time Irish career win list and third in career sabre wins.

Szelle and Crompton were not the only freshman who performed well. Epeeist Brian Casas finished third among Irish men in wins with 14.

On the women's side, all-American foilist Sara Walsh opened the season undefeated in her 13 matches. Walsh is no stranger to such accomplishments — she closed out the 1997 season with 48 victories and no losses.

Epee captain Nicole Mustilli also had a good weekend. Her 21 victories moved her into third place for overall career wins and second place for career epee wins.

The next challenge for the Irish are home matches next weekend against Case Western Reserve, Chicago, Cleveland State, Detroit-Mercy, Lawrence, Michigan, Michigan State, Northwestern, Ohio State, Purdue, Tri-State and Wayne State.



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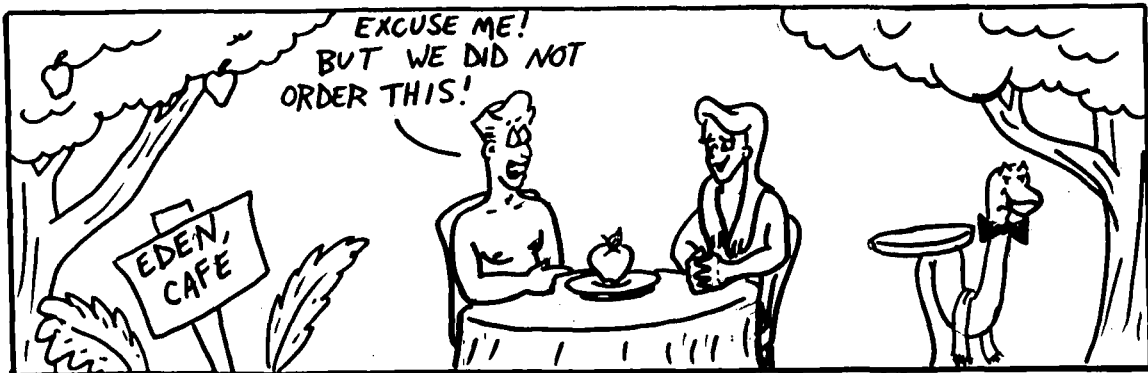
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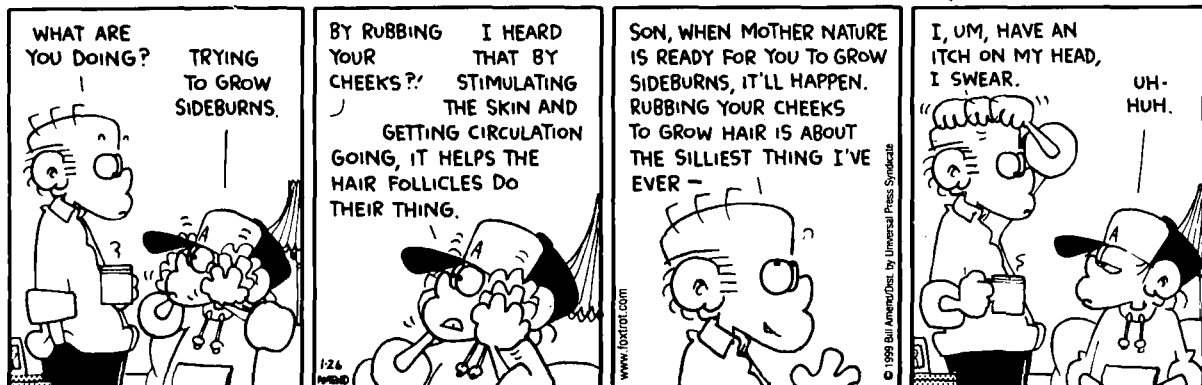
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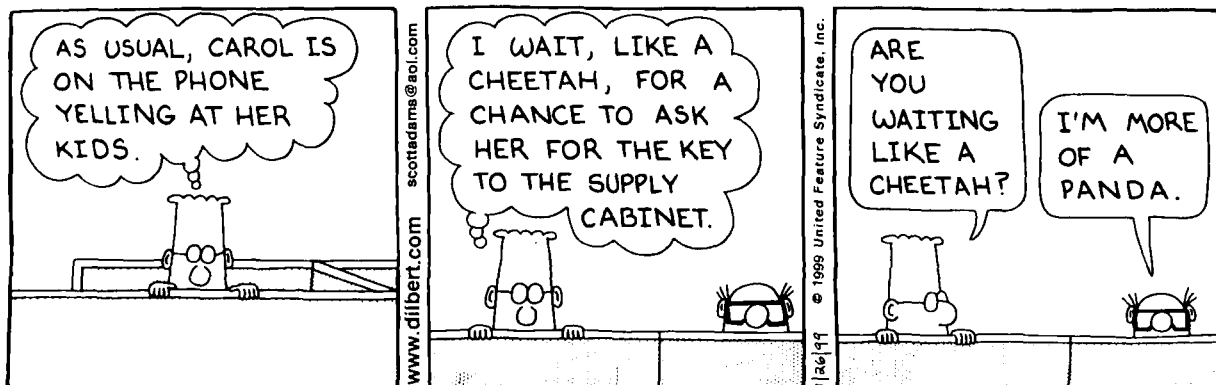
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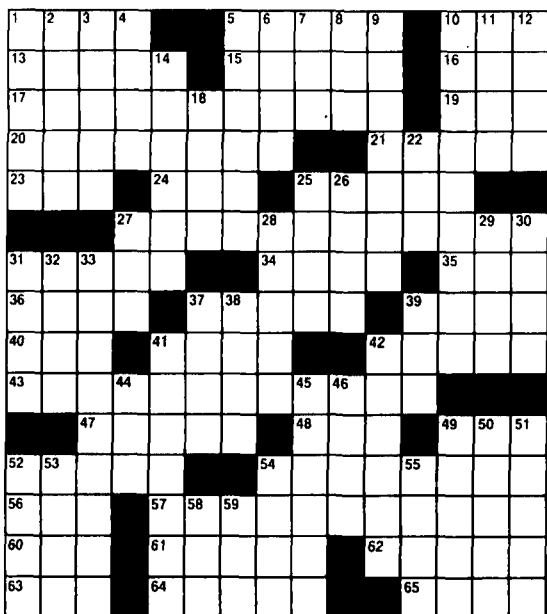
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 - Rolling Stone Richards
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 - "Blame It on —" (Caine comedy)
 - Game with mallets
 - Religious law
 - " — never fly!"
 - "Sure thing, skipper!"
 - German car
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 - Jerusalem is its cap.
 - Quiz
 - Crockett's last stand
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- Desires
 - Thumbs up/thumbs down critic
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 - Marshal Dillon's portrayal
 - Unruly crowds
 - Lawyer's org.
 - Blubber
 - Thwarts
 - Unit of frequency
 - Declare firmly
 - Himalayan legend
 - George's predecessor
 - Russo of "Get Shorty"
 - Versatile transport, for short
 - Bingo relative
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Puzzle by Patrick Jordan

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- Narrated
- Bickering
- Boxer Oscar De La —
- "Roots" writer
- Cows' mouthfuls
- Together, in music
- Author Fleming
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- Drew a blank
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THE OBSERVER

Tuesday, January 26, 1999

■ TRACK AND FIELD

West points Irish tracksters in right direction

By BRIAN HOBBS
Sports Writer

The Michigan Wolverines played host to several track teams this weekend, but it was the Fighting Irish that grabbed the headlines.

In their second meet of the season, the Irish tracksters continued to make headway, grabbing two first-place finishes and claiming several runner-up titles.

The unscored event provided the perfect environment for individuals to prove themselves. The highlights of the meet were provided by established leaders and unproven rookies.

Marshaun West led the pack, provisionally qualifying for the NCAAAs with a school-record breaking triple jump of 25' 6-3/4" en route to a first-place finish. Despite breaking the record that had stood since 1985, West seeks even more

improvement this weekend at home.

"I didn't jump to the best of my ability," West said. "I'm looking for the crowd to hype it up this weekend. I feel more comfortable at home."

Hopefully, West will be very comfortable, as he will be called on in the 200-meter and 4x400-meter events as well.

Up-and-coming star Dore Debartolo evened things out on the women's side grabbing first-place honors in the 25-pound weight throw. Despite a measurement coming in at 51'-3/4", Debartolo knows she must improve as the season progresses.

"This weekend has a lot tougher competition; Indiana has a lot of good throwers," Debartolo said.

Bearing in mind that this is only Debartolo's second meet throwing the weight, which is an indoor version of the hammer throw, there is little rea-

son to doubt the prospect for continued improvement and placement.

Rounding out the women's highlights, three other athletes gained second-place finishes. Freshman Natalie Hallett improved on a "no height" performance last weekend at Purdue, gaining second place in the pole vault at a height of 9'6".

Hallett admits that there are adjustments to make on the college scene.

"I need to get used to everything at the college level, at least it is a start," she said.

Hallett looks to be more in the range of her personal record of 10'6" this weekend in front of a home crowd.

Jennifer Engelhardt stayed on the right track, placing second with her high jump of 5'8". Engelhardt wants to improve on that mark even more this weekend, while keeping in mind NCAA requirements of a



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Jennifer Engelhardt finished second in the high jump, clearing a height of 5'8" at Michigan.

high jump of 5'9-3/4" will earn her a provisional place in the tournament.

"Personal records at home

meets are not uncommon. When the crowd gets involved

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■ FENCING

Irish foiled by defending champs

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

It was a weekend of ups and downs for the Notre Dame fencing program as both teams faced-off against seven tough teams — including defending NCAA champion Penn State.

Saturday, the Irish traveled to State College, Penn., to take on the Nittany Lions, Haverford and traditional fencing powerhouses Penn and Stanford. On the day, the men's team posted a 6-1 record, while the women finished 5-2.

The men's squad dominated Haverford, winning 24-3; the women also crushed the Fords by a 31-1 margin.

Considering that Penn finished sixth at the NCAAAs last year, the Irish expected a much closer match-up. But the Notre Dame men and women eased past the Quakers 19-8 and 21-11, respectively.

The Cardinal of Stanford, coming off a third-place finish last season, gave both squads one of the toughest fights of the weekend. The Irish squeaked through, with the men winning 14-13 and the women downing the Cardinal on indicators.

But when it came time to face perennial rival Penn State, consistently a thorn in the collective side of the Irish, the fencers duelled well but could not prevail.

All-Americans Nicole Mustilli and Sara Walsh posted undefeated results, but it wasn't enough to ward off the Nittany Lions, who won 23-9. Mustilli and Walsh combined for seven of the nine points, going 3-0 and 4-0, respectively.

The men's squad jumped out



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

The Notre Dame fencing team had a successful weekend despite falling to Penn State, 14-13.

to an early 8-1 lead on PSU before the Lions roared back to tie the match at 13 points apiece.

Freshman epeeist Brian Casas, who finished the day with a 8-4 record, faced Penn State sophomore Brendan Baby in the final duel of the match.

Baby, who finished 14th at the NCAAAs, defeated Casas five touches to one and the Irish fell, 14-13.

Penn State went on to defeat Haverford and Penn before falling to the Cardinal, 14-13.

The extremely close nature of the three matches between

Stanford, Penn State and Notre Dame shows just how close the top teams are, and just how tight the NCAAAs will be.

On Sunday, the Irish continued their road trip to New York City to duel with three more top

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■ SWIMMING

Men race to meet victory over weekend

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

The men's swim team coasted to a victory over five other teams Saturday at the Bill Ritter Invitational, easily overtaking second-place host Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1083-921.5.

A seven-point lead after Friday's events multiplied into a 33.5-point margin during Saturday's preliminary session. The Irish then assured themselves of victory by adding 358 points that night.

Wisconsin-Green Bay (672), Illinois-Chicago (513), Butler (286.5) and Marquette (95) rounded out the field.

The Irish won only five of 40 events, but were able to place several swimmers in the top 10 in most events. Expecting victory, many team members competed in events they do not normally swim.

"It was a good lactate workout that gave us a break from normal practices, because we were actually out there racing someone," co-captain Chris Fugate said.

He noted that the relaxed atmosphere did not deter the team from its goal.

"We had a good time and enjoyed being together as a team, but when it was time to race, we got up and raced," Fugate said.

Most of Notre Dame's victories came in the longer events. Sean Casey scored the first win for the Irish Friday night with a 4:46.24 in the 500-yard free-

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AT A
GLANCE



at Syracuse
Tonight, 7 p.m.



vs. Providence
Saturday, noon



Men's Tennis
at Wisconsin
Today, 2 p.m.



Women's Tennis
vs. Kansas State
Saturday, 2 p.m.



vs. Michigan
Saturday, 7 p.m.