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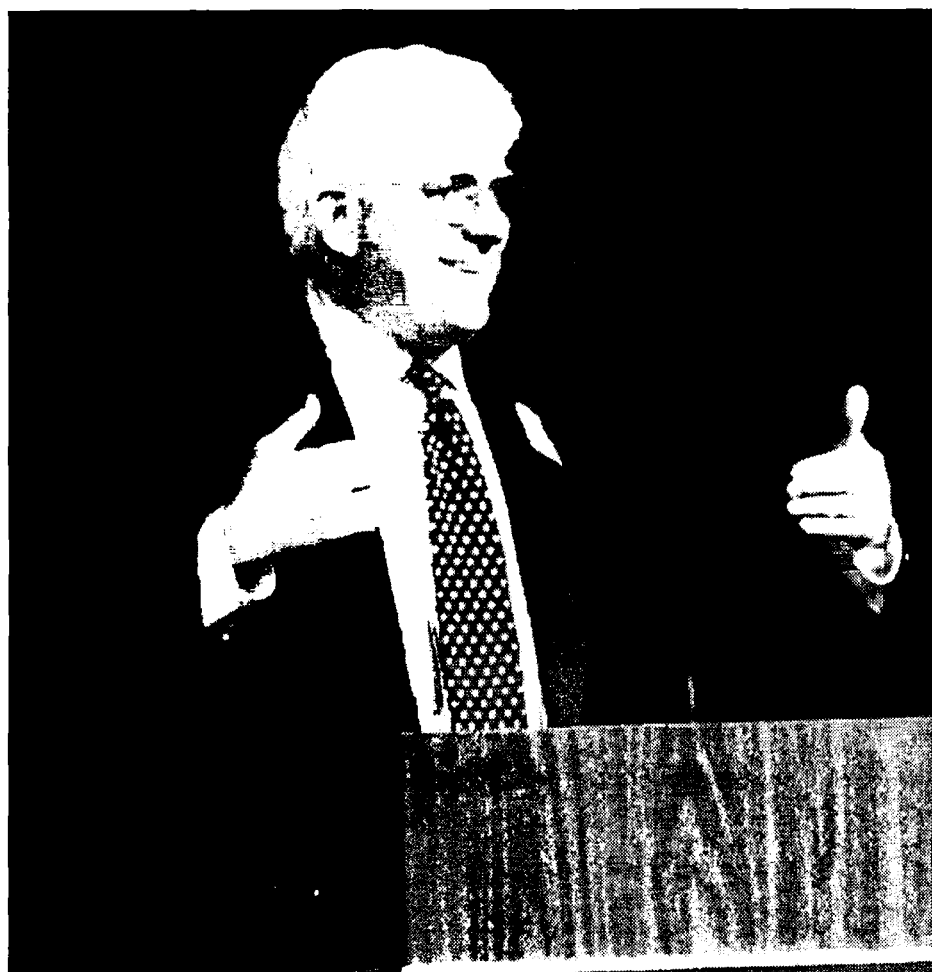
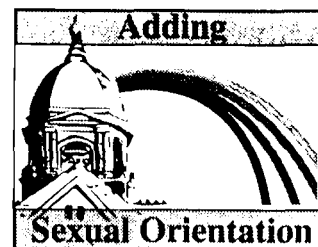
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DECISIONS IN LONDON

Editor's Note: On Fri., Feb. 5, the Board of Trustees will meet in London to discuss, among other issues, Notre Dame's position on joining the Big Ten and the possibility of adding the protection of sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause. Throughout the days leading to that meeting, The Observer will take a comprehensive look at the history and people behind these two issues as well as possible ramifications of decisions that the board might deliver.

Adding



Notre Dame alumnus Phil Donahue spoke at a rally Tuesday in support of the non-discrimination clause. Donahue called the University's current policy "medieval, anachronistic [and] un-Christian." Peter Cesaro, student body president, and Alyssa Hellrung, co-president of OUTreach ND, also spoke during the rally in Washington Hall.

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Donahue speaks at rally, supports clause change

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor

A diverse group of students, faculty and alumni headlined by 1957 graduate Phil Donahue spoke imploringly Tuesday night in favor of revising Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause to include sexual orientation.

With the Board of Trustees scheduled to consider the change for the first time Friday, the presentation took on added significance.

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Calling the University's current policy "medieval, anachronistic (and) un-Christian," Donahue spoke about his time at Notre Dame during the 1950s and paralleled some aspects of the civil rights movement to the current gay rights movement. He warned that the all-white, unrepresentative campus of his college years only prepared its students for a false world that never materialized. He later made his implication more specific.

Notre Dame has created an atmosphere where homophobia is likely to flourish, Donahue warned. He asked that Notre Dame stand up to its her-

itage and support the clause revision, claiming that potential lawsuits and other harmful consequences cited by critics are "a myth."

"We're not asking that this University blow itself up, we're not asking that it lose its Catholic values and we're not asking it to relieve itself

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Students fast in support of clause change

By FINN PRESSLY
News Writer

As the Board of Trustees decision regarding the addition of sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause approaches, over a hundred students will follow in the footsteps of other non-violent protesters by taking part in a three-day hunger strike.

"We're hoping to influence the

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Candidates present their platforms, leadership styles

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Saint Mary's News Editor

The two tickets running for Saint Mary's student body president and vice president elaborated on their platforms, leadership styles and why their classmates



Janet Horvath and Gina Guerreso present their platform during "Meet the Candidates" night. Horvath said that their campaign can be summed up with one word: dedication.

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should vote for them during "Meet the Candidates" night on Tuesday.

Janet Horvath and Gina Guerreso, whose platform includes improving dining hall services by increasing the variety and accessibility of the grab-and-go service and a point system, explained how they decided on their platform goals.

"Just by asking students and serving on BOG and our respective boards, we were able to arrive at these goals," said Horvath, a presidential candidate.

Making sure they could follow through on their goals was also a priority, said Guerreso.

However, the Horvath/Guerreso ticket admitted difficulty in actually meeting with dining hall officials to discuss their proposed ideas.

"It never worked out on their [dining hall officials] end to meet with them so our best bet was to talk to Dr. Timm [vice president of student affairs]," said Guerreso. "However, we have seen the dining hall take steps to get student input. I think if interest is shown and a formal proposal that this is what we want to be changed, it could be changed."

Vice presidential candidate Angie Little said that although dining hall changes were not on their platform, she and her running mate Nancy Midden had talked to Kevin Kirwan, director of dining services, as to whether changes would be possible in dining hall services.

"Basically, Kevin Kirwan said it would be counterpro-



NANCY MIDDEN
Presidential Candidate

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Nancy Midden and Angie Little, whose platform includes a mentoring program and a study day during finals, said they would be approachable leaders.

ductive to put these dining hall improvements on our platform because they are already doing the maximum they can right now, but it takes time to facilitate changes," said Little. "We felt they were doing sufficiently what they could."

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Embracing the winds of change

It's funny how the weather affects our moods. When the sun makes its rare appearance, we rediscover our playfulness and energy. When it snows, we often slip into our bundle-up, deep-thought, coffee-house mode. And when it rains, as it has been lately, we are just plain sad.

A dear friend of mine withdrew from school a few days ago and headed west, following the sunset and all that thrills his spirit. It is said that rain washes away the past with its cleansing renewal, but I hope that it isn't true. I want my friend to remember me.

It's quite common, really, people drifting in and out of our lives. Sometimes they burst in on wild winds of change, and sometimes they float in on breezes so gentle we take for granted their quiet constancy. We come to college. They move in next door. We have the same class together. They ask us out. We work the same shifts. There's something about the way they seem to understand.

Then just as suddenly, or just as softly, they are gone. Vanished from our daily lives, leaving only footprints in our memories. We go away to college. They move off-campus. We have opposite schedules. They change. We break up. They switch jobs. We get in a fight. They graduate. They take off one day in a car with absolutely no plans except to find a sleeping bag in Chicago, drive to California, and hike to Montana in time for summer.

Yet I wonder if it's more than mere circumstance that first draws people together and then drives them apart. Perhaps there's a higher design guiding the flow of people in and out of our lives. Perhaps others are given to us to fulfill a need, share a moment, or teach us a lesson we didn't even know we needed to learn. And once we've learned it, they are carried by the wind to help someone else. Or perhaps we are the ones swept away to help another, heal a hurt or unknowingly teach a lesson.

Or maybe it's all one big game of chance. We just happen to be in the same place at the same time. There's no higher design, no deeper destiny, and no grandiose plan. Life is pure coincidence and no force is pushing or pulling any of us in a particular direction. We just are.

Whatever you believe about destiny, divine intervention, or the utter lack of either, the fact remains that special people float in and out of our lives; sometimes we can do something about it, other times we just can't. Like rainy weather patterns, the winds of change come and go. I couldn't have stopped my friend, but I did make the most of my time with him. His last night here we watched the powerful film "The Shawshank Redemption," which beautifully sums up my sentiments:

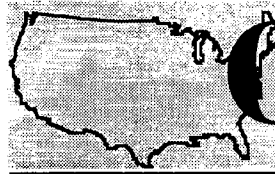
"Those of us who knew him best talk about him often. I swear the stuff he pulled... Sometimes it makes me sad, though, him being gone. I have to remind myself that some birds are not meant to be caged... their feathers are just too bright. And when they fly away, the part of you that knows it was a sin to lock them up does rejoice... but still... the place you live in is that much more drab and empty that they're gone. I guess I just miss my friend."

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

Student sit-in achieves compromise as university signs code

DURHAM, N.C.

For members of Duke University's Students Against Sweatshops, the most important challenge of being locked in the Allen Building was trying to broadcast news of their 31-hour sit-in to the outside world. But upon vacating the premises Saturday night, they faced an even larger task: spreading news of their achievement.

Through press releases and personal contacts at universities across the country, news of the compromise spread like wildfire. Accounts of the protest ran in area papers and in The New York Times.

By Monday morning, the scheduled deadline for signing the Collegiate Licensing Company's anti-sweatshop code, almost anyone involved in the apparel licensing debate knew about the compromise eked out by SAS and Duke administrators, and most were intrigued.



"The Duke agreement, from what I've heard, seems to be a balance between the two sides," said Casey Nagy, executive assistant to the provost at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Under the agreement, Duke will sign the CLC Code of Conduct. By joining the code, the 170 member schools would impose human rights standards on the licensed manufacturers producing goods bearing their logos. The licensees will be responsible for hiring monitoring agencies to check for com-

pliance and report back to the CLC.

But this weekend's agreement insists on full disclosure: Companies must reveal their factory addresses to universities, who can notify students, who in turn can inform independent human rights groups. If the CLC code does not achieve full disclosure within a year, then the University must leave the group.

Even without considering the Duke agreement, administrators at most schools with vocal anti-sweatshop movements said they need more time to evaluate the code's strengths and weaknesses.

The University of Wisconsin, New York University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, for example, are each still considering whether to sign.

"[The deadline] was certainly not feasible for NYU," said John Beckman, the school's director of public affairs.

■ UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS

Students protest discrimination clause

ST. LOUIS, Mo.

The Board of Curators voted Friday at UM-St. Louis to make executive order three into system policy, eliciting a protest from some students who said the order does not go far enough to protect against discrimination based on sexual orientation. "The policy [executive order three] was established to create a positive work environment and to enable all members of the University community to effectively perform their work or to achieve their educational goals," said Manuel Pacheco, President of the UM system. "It was intended to include all legal categories of nondiscrimination as well as other types of discrimination, including that based on sexual orientation," Pacheco said that a committee was put in place to study the issue of including sexual orientation into the anti-discrimination policy. Public hearings were held Nov. 13 at Columbia wherein faculty, staff, and students from all four campuses addressed the committee in person.

■ UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-AUSTIN

Gene may lead to improved treatment

AUSTIN, Texas

Scientists at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston have discovered a new gene which they say may lead to improved treatment for ovarian and breast cancers. In an article published in the February issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a team of scientists from MD Anderson announced the discovery of a gene called NOEY2 which affects the development of certain types of tumors. The gene can be called a "tumor suppressor gene," said Dr. Robert Bast, head of the division of medicine at MD Anderson, because it is active in normal breast and ovarian cells but not in cancerous ones. Researchers said their findings are especially important because of the high occurrence of breast cancer among American women. According to the American Cancer Society, more than 40,000 women die annually from breast cancer in the United States.

■ MIAMI UNIVERSITY

'Real World' reaches college campuses

OXFORD, Ohio

Feb. 1 marked the first day that the dorm lives of eight students, representing seven different New England universities, were broadcast on WebDorm.com. The students each have a camera set up in their room that transfers their image and the image of the dorm room onto the Internet. The Website is contrasting the immensity of the World Wide Web with the microcosm of a college dorm room on a three inch by three inch screen (your computer) broadcasted 24 hours a day, seven days a week for the remainder of the semester. Window to the world? Perhaps. Window to the college world? Definitely. One student is known only as "CompNerd." His alias is an effort to protect his identity. He sits at what is presumably his desk and talks on the phone while typing something into his computer. He laughs at the phone conversation.

■ OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Oklahoma proposes legalizing tattooing

STILLWATER, Okla.

Oklahoma soon may join 47 states in legalizing tattooing. A law proposed by Sen. Lewis Long, D-Glenpool, would make tattooing legal for the first time since 1965, when it was outlawed due to fears of transmitting hepatitis. Sen. Long and others fear that the health risks of illegal tattoo parlors are far greater than in legalized parlors. "They're tattooing right now in garages and back rooms and places, so I decided what we needed to do was legalize it, inspect it," Long said in published reports. Health officials warn that contaminated needles and tools can transmit infections, including the HIV virus. But Health Department reports say the risks of tattooing are minimal if tubes and needles are properly sterilized and the artist is careful. The "Tattoo Studio Licensing Act" would require needle-sterilization techniques with the use of germicidal soap and other sanitary steps.

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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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Barron speaks at Aquinas conference

By EMILY McCORMICK
News Writer

Human salvation is possible because God is ungraspable and unavoidable, said Father Robert Barron, professor of philosophy and theology at Mundoline University.

Barron, who spoke during the Second Annual Saint Thomas Aquinas Symposium at Saint Mary's on Saturday, explained that the strangeness of God allows humans to be saved.

"That God is able to become a creature without ceasing to be God or compromising the integrity of the creature he becomes is very strange . . . this very strangeness of God is salva," Barron said. "He saves us."

Barron explained that Aquinas also taught this view.

"Thomas Aquinas saw in Jesus Christ the act of human surrender in the presence of this ungraspable, unavoidable mystery of love," he said.

Although Aquinas used a lot of philosophy in his writing, Barron emphasized that philosophy does not provide salvation.

"Philosophical heights built up by Aristotle, whether they are physics or metaphysics, they are wonderful, yes, they are great, yes, but they won't save us

because we are going to an end that is beyond whatever we can grasp and know and control," he said. "God reaching into our human conscience, better, our human lives, and drawing us up beyond ourselves — that is the foundation of the authentic theology that saves us," he said.

Another important aspect of salvation was God becoming a preacher, Barron said.

"Until God became a preacher, we did not know the fullness and the intensity of the goodness, justice and the power of God" he said.

Barron explained that humans do not trust God fully.

"The glory of God is that he wishes us to be fully alive," he said. "We try to grasp at the divinity, but when that fails we hide ourselves."

Barron also explored Aquinas' Five Arguments for God's Existence, saying that Aquinas did not believe they were very important. Barron agreed with that idea.

"These are ways of teasing the fallen mind in the direction of the fullness of life, which is given through Jesus Christ," he said.

Barron is the author "Thomas Aquinas: Spiritual Master" and "Now I See: A Theology of Transformation."

■ GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

Members delay resolution vote

By BRAD UNTIEDT
News Writer

After much discussion, the Graduate Student Union decided Tuesday night to postpone their vote on a resolution that would declare their position on Notre Dame's possible membership in the Big Ten.

Prior to the decision, some members expressed a desire for an official position.

"The GSU has been left out, or just grouped with the faculty," said GSU president Marybeth Graham. "We have an opinion on this issue and want it to be voiced."

David Fowle, GSU vice president, outlined some advantages of Big Ten membership for graduate students.

"One definite advantage to joining [the Big Ten] would be for the library," he said. "It would surely benefit from a Big Ten-type set up."

Fowle also commented on a recent study that showed the advantages of large research universities for undergraduate students. He stated that the study shows students exposed to leading edge research programs have been more successful in the job market.

"We want what is in everyone's best interest, even if this is exposing [undergraduates] to more research," he said.

While the possibilities of expanded research were discussed, the members were quick to note that this will not necessarily be a result of membership in the Big Ten.

"We want to grow and continue to have a great university," said Fowle.

The GSU also discussed involvement in a committee to look at revising du Lac. Possible revisions include a bill of rights for students, which would include graduate students.

"This would be a great opportunity for us to get specific rights for graduate students included in du Lac," Fowle said. "This could give us a chance to gain some of the rights that are afforded to grad students at other schools."

Graham also discussed the advantages of a bill of rights.



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David Fowle, vice president of the graduate student union, discussed the advantages of Big Ten membership for graduate students.

"This bill of rights could lead to help for graduate students that have had terrible advising experiences...[and] this would provide a way out," Graham said.

In other GSU news:

— Graham discussed the lack of media coverage of the civil war in Sierra Leone. She instructed GSU members to "bug The Observer and bug the South Bend Tribune to see why there hasn't been any more coverage on this issue."

— Continuing efforts to improve computer access for graduate students looks promising. The computer cluster in the University Village Community Center should be updated within a month.

Alumni-Senior Club EXPLODES again



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Athletes offer differing views on Big Ten membership

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Although the effect of Big Ten membership on the football program usually dominates the athletic debate around Notre Dame's campus, there are 17 other Fighting Irish teams that would be affected by the switch to the Big Ten Conference.

Some teams, such as hockey, fencing and lacrosse, participate in leagues separate from both the Big Ten and the Big East, and thus would be unaffected by the change. Neither the Big Ten nor the Big East have any of these sports as part of its league lineup.

The hockey team would maintain its membership in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, while the lacrosse team would continue its partnership with the Great Western Lacrosse League. The fencing team would remain in the Midwestern conference.

Other teams, however, will be affected greatly by a conference switch. Travel time, quality of opposition and recruiting will all be altered if Notre Dame joins the Big Ten.

The people who will bear the brunt of this change will be the players. Each team will face new challenges with Big Ten affiliation.

One major change that will result from Big Ten competition is travel. Currently, Notre Dame is the westernmost member of the Big East. Necessary road trips to the east coast require air travel and missed classes for many student-athletes.

"Travel would be one of the big advantages to us joining the Big Ten," Irish pitcher Alex Shilliday said. "It's tough when we get back from these Big East trips on Sunday night at 1:30. Eliminating all the air travel and changing to bus travel would be great."

If the Irish were to join the Big Ten, travel distances would be greatly reduced. The furthest east the Irish would travel would be to State College, Penn. The furthest west that Notre Dame squads would venture would be Minnesota.

The shorter road trips would eliminate the need for air travel to most away games, but many players do not see this as advantageous.

"A bus trip would take just as long as a plane ride," volleyball captain Lindsay Treadwell said.

Greg Velho, goaltender for the men's soccer team, echoed Treadwell's sentiments.

"The long plane ride to the east coast is worth it. I'd much prefer flying to the east coast than taking a six hour bus ride through the Midwest."

Some sports would not be affected by changing travel conditions.

"We wouldn't have to travel as far," cross country runner Kelly Peterson said. "But we don't travel every weekend now, so it wouldn't make that big of a difference."

Despite the difficult distances and long travel times, some players see trips to the east

ence for baseball.

Conferences are also ranked based on the strength of their teams.

"The Big Ten is rated sixth in conference rankings," Shilliday said. "And the Big East is ninth or tenth. The Big Ten is more respected so it will be easier to earn a bid if you don't win the conference tournament if we are in the Big Ten."

Men's soccer, however, would be hurt by a switch to the Big Ten. Although Indiana won the national title this year, the Big East has traditionally been a stronger soccer conference, with St. John's and Connecticut both qualifying for the tournament last year.

"Joining the Big Ten would hurt competition," Velho said. "The Big East is known to be the better conference."

Johnson agreed: "I think that the Big East Conference is the better conference for soccer. The Big Ten does have Indiana, but if you look at the teams on a whole, the Big East has better soccer. Big East teams such as St. John's and Rutgers usually finish up better."

"There is just more demand for college soccer on the east coast than the Midwest," Velho said.

Big Ten men's cross country was stronger than the Big East this year, but traditionally the conferences have been fairly close.

"The Big Ten is one of the strongest cross country conferences in the country," Irish

coast as positive experiences and enriching to their overall college experience.

"It gets difficult because you have to make up so much work," Irish soccer captain Matt Johnson said. "But I feel that you learn so much traveling, especially to the east coast. We go to Washington D.C. We go to New York City. We get to spend a day in those cities and it is really a great experience. You do miss a class every once in a while, but that is outweighed by the positive experiences on road trips."

In terms of the strength of Irish athletic schedules, a switch to the Big Ten would be extremely beneficial to sports where the Big East is thought to be weaker than the Big Ten.

One sport that would receive a big boost from Big Ten membership is baseball. Last year, the Irish finished second in the Big East to Rutgers, but did not receive a bid to the NCAA tournament.

Rutgers made it to the tournament because the champion of each league is granted an automatic bid. Other teams must be chosen "at-large" to receive bids. Many factors are considered when "at-large" bids are distributed. The two most important factors are wins and losses, and the RPI rating, which is largely based on the strength of the team's schedule.

"Playing in the Big Ten would help us qualify for the NCAA's," Shilliday said. "Notre Dame would be playing a tougher schedule and that would increase our RPI rating."

The Big Ten placed four teams in the preseason ESPN/USA Today Baseball Weekly coaches poll while the Big East claimed only three ranked teams. Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio State and Michigan all represented the Big Ten while the Irish, Rutgers and St. John's made a showing for the Big East.

The University of Miami has traditionally been a baseball powerhouse, but due to the relative weakness of the Big East in baseball, the Hurricanes do not participate in the confer-

runner Tim Engelhardt said. "This year, the Big East was a little down a little bit, but historically it is a very good conference."

Many Notre Dame fans are concerned that recruiting would be hurt by Big Ten membership. Ultimately, the effects of recruiting would vary from sport to sport.

Peterson feels that Big Ten membership would not change Irish cross country recruiting.

"The schools we compete against for recruiting aren't necessarily conference opponents," she said. "For cross country, we compete with other strong academic schools; teams like Stanford or Wisconsin. Being a good academic school, we are going to compete with other good academic schools."

Regional ties will play an important role in both baseball and men's soccer recruiting.

"A lot of the players we get

said. "That is an important selling point for recruits."

Financial issues would also hurt Notre Dame recruiting in the Big Ten. Many of the Big East members are small, private schools with tuitions that are relatively similar to Notre Dame's. In the Big Ten however, most conference affiliates are large, public schools with tuitions that are significantly less than Notre Dame.

Sports that offer half scholarships would be hurt by this change. If a recruit is offered a half scholarship to Notre Dame, Boston College, or Villanova, they will still end up paying about \$12,000-\$15,000 a year. At a Big Ten school, however, a half scholarship will only force a recruit to pay about \$5,000-\$10,000 a year.

"As far as recruiting goes," Johnson said, "It would be easier for a recruit to go to an Ohio State or a Penn State where the tuition is a lot less."

The Big East is closer to us as far as tuition goes. Recruiting would be more difficult in the Big Ten."

Weighing all the factors together, each player has come to a separate opinion regarding possible membership in the Big Ten.

"I would not be in favor of Notre Dame joining the Big Ten," Johnson said.

"Myself and the other baseball players have talked about [the Big Ten]," Shilliday said. "I think that the majority, if not all, are in favor of the Big Ten."

"I would really like to stay in the Big East," Peterson said. "I like running against top competition like Villanova and Providence. It is exciting to race against them."

The athletes are speaking. Is the Board of Trustees listening?

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NOTRE DAME SOCCER CAPTAIN

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Canadian groundhog 'Willie' dies before ceremony

WIARTON, Ontario — The crowd at Canada's top Groundhog Day festival got worse news Tuesday than a bad weather forecast: They learned that star groundhog Wiarton Willie had died. Some children among the 200 people burst into tears. Willie died of natural causes Sunday night, but his death was not disclosed until Tuesday's ceremony. "We didn't really know what to do," said Sam Brouwer, Willie's caretaker for the past 10 years. "We were absolutely devastated." Willie was lying in a pine coffin for a public viewing Tuesday morning. His paws were crossed, pennies were placed over his eyelids and he was clutching a carrot. Brouwer said the albino groundhog died at the age of 22, much longer than most groundhogs in the wild survive.

America Online bans family for life

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — When a 10-year-old boy broke America Online's rules, the giant Internet provider came down hard. It banned him — and his family — for life. Derrick Wolbert and his family were a bit surprised. "I e-mailed a kid," the fifth-grader told The Buffalo News on Sunday, smiling and shrugging his shoulders. "I said I was, like, an AOL agent." AOL refused to reconsider, said Derrick's father, Dennis. The more he thought about it, the angrier he got. "How do I get banned for life, too?" Wolbert asked. Finally, after Wolbert complained to the state attorney general's office and the News began pursuing the story, AOL relented and reinstated the account. "Someone impersonating an America Online employee is an absolute violation of our terms of service, whether it's someone 10 years old or 80 years old," said AOL spokeswoman Trimy Primrose.

Man gives wife severed cat head as birthday present

JONESBORO, Ark. — A man got 60 days in jail for cutting the head off his estranged wife's cat and using it like a paperweight to hold down a threatening note to her. Todd Anthony Looper, 31, was sentenced on Friday for cruelty to animals and terroristic threatening. He was also put on probation for a year and ordered to pay \$510 in fines and court costs. Pam Looper, 23, reported that someone broke into her house while she was gone Thursday and that she found the cat's head in her vehicle, with a note that read in part, "I'm going to give you a birthday like you never will forget." Looper told police that he had had 14 beers in three hours and did not remember hurting the cat, but admitted the handwriting on the note looked like his. His wife's birthday was Sunday.

VENEZUELA



Newly-inaugurated Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez and his wife Maria Isabel Rodriguez wave to cheering supporters as they walk toward the presidential palace in downtown Caracas after the inauguration ceremony at the Congress.

Former coup leader becomes president

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CARACAS

Seven years after trying to overthrow the government in a bloody coup attempt, former Lt. Col. Hugo Chavez was sworn in as president Tuesday, and even managed to take a swipe at the country's constitution while taking his oath.

The crowd in Caracas's congressional hall erupted into cheers when Chavez, his right hand in the air and his left on the constitution, broke with the traditional pledge repeated by every president during 40 years of democracy.

"I swear in front of my people that over this dying constitution I will push forward the democratic transformations that are necessary so that the new republic will have an adequate Magna Carta for the times," he said.

Chavez contends Venezuela's current constitution is a product of old-style patronage politics and says a new one is needed to overhaul what he calls a corrupt political culture.

During a two-hour inaugural address, he said he would sign a presidential decree Tuesday setting up a referendum on whether Venezuelans want to form a Constituent Assembly to rewrite the constitution that, he said, will "bring legitimacy to our democracy."

Heads of state and other dignitaries from 60 countries attended the inauguration, among them Cuban leader Fidel Castro, who met with Chavez into the wee hours of the morning.

Also attending the ceremony was Argentine President Carlos Menem, Peruvian leader Alberto Fujimori and the U.S. representative, Energy

Secretary Bill Richardson.

Chavez's critics fear his call for a new constitution — and his threats to dissolve Congress — will only concentrate power in his hands. But the former army paratrooper insists he will bring "true democracy" to Venezuela.

The Chavez presidency signals a wholesale break with traditional politics in Venezuela, where until now two parties — the center-left Democratic Action and center-right Copei — have alternated in power.

"Our fatherland is wounded in the heart. We are in a human tomb," Chavez said. He denounced rising poverty and unemployment and promised to use the power of government to address people's needs instead of relying on the "invisible hand of the market."

Chavez won a landslide victory on Dec. 6 by capital-

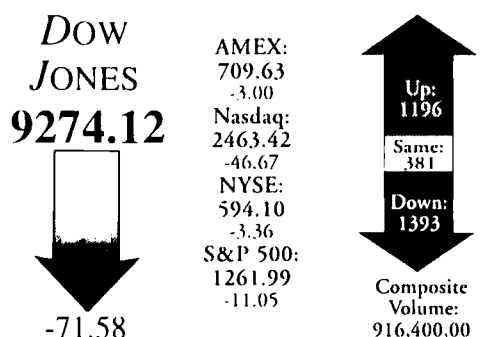
izing on Venezuelans' anger over corruption and declining living standards. Most of the country's 23 million people live in poverty, even though Venezuela — a founding member of OPEC — has the largest oil reserves outside the Middle East.

"My hope is the same as all Venezuelans — to put an end to corruption," said Ruby Rodriguez, an activist from Chavez's leftist Fifth Republic Movement.

Thousands of Chavez supporters, many wearing his trademark red beret, jammed the streets outside Congress and mobbed him when he left Congress.

Chavez opponents are troubled by the militaristic imagery, including the ubiquitous beret. The new president called for a bigger role for the army, which he said Tuesday should be used to build public works.

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Clinton's budget increases taxes

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The tobacco industry isn't the only target of President Clinton's budget proposals for business tax increases. Corporate America and investors would face more than 70 specific tax hikes and 16 loophole-closings in a plan aimed at raising \$82 billion over five years.

Wall Street, small businesses, manufacturers, insurance companies and other industry groups were perturbed by the Clinton proposals as they examined them Tuesday.

Congress rejected some of the same proposed tax increases last year, and they could run into trouble with lawmakers again.

Clinton's plan is "kind of picking

pockets and not really accomplishing a great deal," said Bruce Josten, executive vice president for government affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

"Congress is not going to be duped. ... The likelihood of these passing is not high," he predicted.

Business groups expressed bafflement at Clinton proposing tax hikes at a time when the federal budget is expected to continue in surplus for the next 25 years or so.

The groups are especially incensed about a proposal to tax companies on the punitive damages they pay to people who win civil suits against them. Under current law, companies are charged taxes on criminal fines they pay but civil damages can be deducted as a business expense.

It would be unfair to eliminate that

deduction without "meaningful reform (by Congress) of the civil justice system," the National Association of Manufacturers said. The manufacturers and other industries believe the civil litigation system, especially for product liability cases, favors people who sue over the companies sued.

The change would bring the Treasury some \$600 million over five years, the administration estimates.

The business groups applauded, on the other hand, Clinton's proposal to extend the corporate tax credit for research and development.

The White House, meanwhile, is particularly keen about its plans for closing corporate tax loopholes and shelters. It wants, for example, to force companies to pay taxes on "forward" sales of corporate stock in which a payment is deferred.

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Guerreso also said that if elected, she and Horvath hope to expand multicultural awareness by offering courses on different cultures.

"The English department offers courses on different cultures," said Guerreso. "We'd like to see other academic departments do the same," Horvath added. "By expanding course offerings, we could show Saint Mary's College's commitment to diversity."

Taking a closer look at their platform, Midden described how she and Little arrived at their goals.

"We looked at concerns we had as students and took them to every administrator available from Kevin Kirwan in the dining hall to Dr. Eldred," said Midden.

A key part of the Midden/Little platform is the push for one study day prior to finals.

"We've established a subcommittee on SAC [student academic council] and formulated a proposal for one study day. We have a tentative date set to make a proposal to the faculty assembly for one study day," said Midden.

Working with faculty to open up Madeleva for study sessions is also part of their plan, said Little.

Midden highlighted the idea of an alumnae mentoring program.

"What this program would be is focusing on pairing next

year's freshmen with this year's graduating seniors who are in their academic field of interest," said Midden. "The alumnae could send care packages and the freshmen could call them with any questions they had."

Horvath had a simple explanation for why she and Guerreso are in the race for the presidential and vice presidential positions.

"One word sums it up: dedication. We both love Saint Mary's and our number one goal is to give back as much as we can to Saint Mary's before we leave," said Horvath.

The vision of their ticket is what makes them prime candidates for the positions, said Midden.

"We feel confident we can get all our goals accomplished," said Midden.

Midden and Little both identified their leadership styles as being approachable.

"I think you have to be approachable so people feel comfortable coming to you with new ideas," said Midden.

Little added that if she and Midden win, she sees Midden as being able to offer her guidance as SAC coordinator, the position Midden currently holds.

"I encourage constructive criticism. I want to work with what she [Midden] has done and any constructive criticism she has, I'll take it," said Little.

Guerreso said she feels confident Horvath would help her as SAC coordinator as well.

"I know Janet would come to me and not only tell me what I could do better but also lead me in the right direction," said Guerreso.

"We're going to be gathering in the dining hall for supper — or 'not supper' ... [to function] as a support group and to talk to people who are also involved. The other purpose is to be a public witness to the rest of campus," he explained.

In addition to the fast, the PSA has planned what Kreider calls "a week of action," which includes Tuesday's speak-out in Washington Hall, as well as nightly films and prayer vigils.

"Besides ... not eating, we're going to have several events during the fast — things that are related to the fast," he said. "[They are] designed to educate people for some of the reasons for changing the clause."

Should the trustees not approve the change, Kreider said their battle would not be over.

"We're going to keep at it. We're going to keep at the issue," he said.

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A capital markets scholar, Schaefer has published research in The Accounting

Review, the Journal of Accounting Research, the Journal of Accounting and Economics, and other leading publications in the field. He received a university-wide teaching award at Florida State in 1988 and twice was selected as the University's Accounting Professor of the Year.

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of its responsibility over the conduct of its student body," Donahue said.

Donahue also commended Notre Dame's student body president for choosing to attend and speak at Tuesday night's presentation.

Peter Cesaro, student body president, was among the night's first speakers to voice his sentiments supporting clause revision. His talk traced the student senate's involvement with the issue and noted that the body cast 22 votes in favor of clause revision, a significant fact because the senate is one of the campus' most representative bodies.

"I now pray and hope the University makes the right decision for the students here," Cesaro concluded.

Alyssa Hellrung, co-president of OUTreach ND, the campus' unrecognized gay student group, delivered a strong call for clause revision. She moved the discussion to "real people issues" and said she was tired of talk about frivolous lawsuits, catechism and Notre Dame's perceived duties as a premier

religious institution. She told of her satisfaction that Notre Dame's highest policy-making body will soon consider the issue.

"The dialogue that was just beginning when I got here has finally reached the Board of Trustees. It's come a long way."

Hellrung emphasized that the lack of openly homosexual adults on campus deprives the gay community of much-needed role models. She speculated that there are gays in Notre Dame's faculty that are afraid to come out.

"Maybe their consciences tell them one thing while their employer tells them another," Hellrung said.

In an act widely applauded by the audience, she called gay onlookers to join her on stage, stating "We are the faces behind non-discrimination."

Associate professor of history Gail Bederman delivered a faculty perspective to the evening.

"I want to argue that the absence of a non-discrimination clause hurts your education," she began. "Adding sexual orientation would help our academics more than joining the Big Ten."

A pervasive atmosphere of fear stems from the University's reluctance to legally protect homosexuals from discrimina-

tion, Bederman explained.

"This hurts our academic reputation," she said, referring to an image of intolerance and academic closed-mindedness. She also cited closed avenues of learning such as gay literature, and lamented that many students do not have the chance to meet and know homosexual classmates.

Earlier in the evening, College Democrats vice president David Hartwig read a letter from a prominent gay alumnus, filmmaker Don Roos.

"Living in the closet back then was a necessity," Roos wrote. "We could have used a non-discrimination clause back then and we need one now."

Hartwig also read a letter from Father David Garrick, an openly homosexual priest and professor who left Notre Dame's faculty last March citing discrimination by the University. The letter praised students for spearheading the campus' ongoing clause revision movement.

More than 100 students attended the College Democrats-sponsored presentation that College Democrat president Jay Smith said he hoped would further enlighten and inform people about the issue of sexual orientation discrimination on campus.

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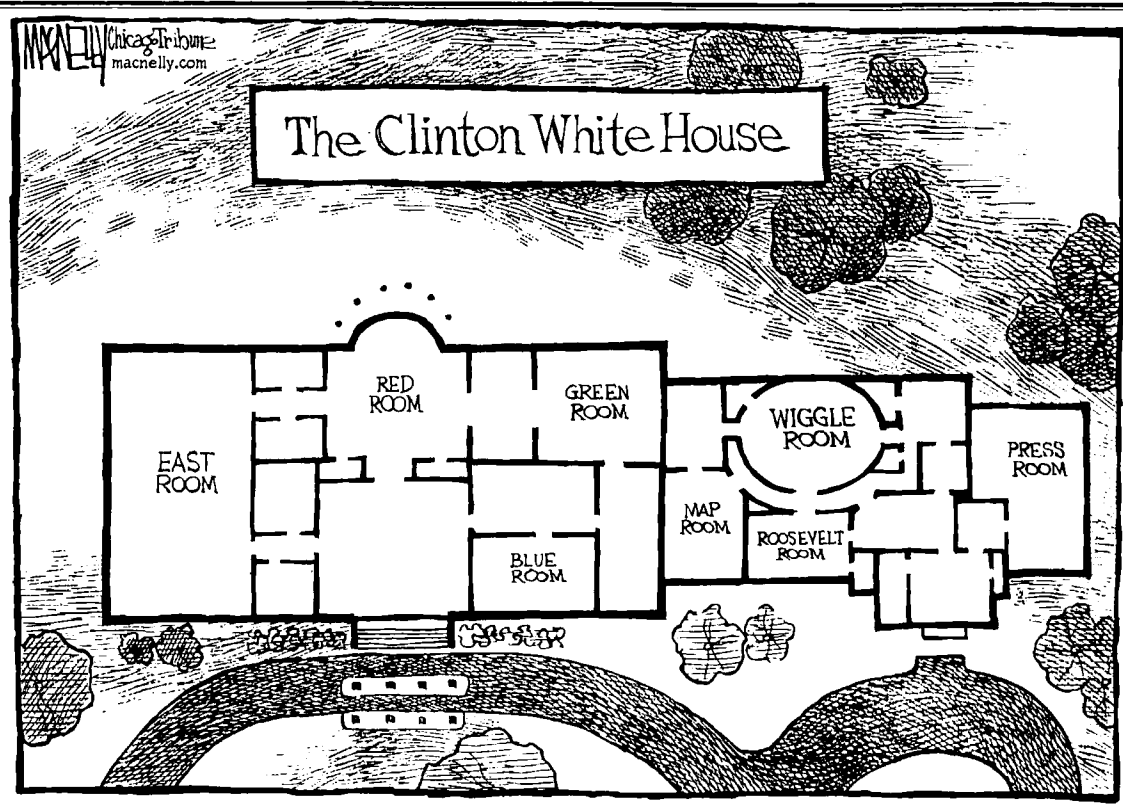
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EDITORIAL

Midden/Little Set Standard

The strengths of the candidates for student body president and vice president ensure that Saint Mary's will enter the new millennium in safe hands.

The tickets of Janet Horvath/Gina Guerreso and Nancy Midden/Angie Little have inspiring ideas, concern for the students, leadership, and pride in Saint Mary's. However, Midden/Little has the extra spark and experience that The Observer believes will successfully usher Saint Mary's into its third century of educating women.

Their ideas are feasible; they have done their homework, and they have concrete plans on how to carry out their goals. Midden and Little said they have spoken to everybody from managers in the dining hall to Saint Mary's president Marilou Eldred in order to realize the feasibility of their ideas. It shows in their platform.

Their research shows in ideas like instituting a study day during finals week, celebrating a winter carnival, beginning an alumnae workshop and mentor program and creating the position of technology commissioner.

Although their campaign highlights weighty issues, the candidates also focus on promoting fun and relaxation. Ideas like the winter carnival and improvement of Saint Mary's Pride Day offer ways for students to get the best out of their college years.

It is also important to note that Midden and Little have the future of Saint Mary's in their minds. Goals like implementing a technology commissioner and creating the alumnae workshop would serve the College beyond their years at Saint Mary's.

Midden and Little's experience speaks for itself. As student body vice president and coordinator of Student Academic Council, Midden has done an outstanding job accomplishing goals like instituting a major-of-the-week program and working closely with the admissions office. As junior class president, Little has demonstrated her leadership abilities as well. They also have a strong background with one another, having served as sophomore president and class president.

Approachable, confident and enthusiastic are words Midden used to describe herself as a leader. We agree with her and think that these qualities describe how Midden and Little would work together and serve the student body.

Horvath and Guerreso strive to meet the students' needs and demands of the College. Their dedication is not in question, but rather the feasibility of their ideas.

Horvath and Guerreso's platform lists major undertakings like designing a meal plan option and creating specific classes on multiculturalism. While these would benefit the college community, opposition is inevitable.

Horvath and Guerreso's primary goal of improving dining hall services raises the most concern.

The candidates did not meet with dining hall managers before including this as a campaign goal. We think this is a short-sighted way to run a campaign and calls their planning into question.

Horvath and Guerreso said they discussed their ideas with the vice president for student affairs, but we do not think this is an adequate way of assessing the probability of their plans.

Midden and Little, however, did manage to meet with managers to discuss improvements for the dining hall. Midden and Little said they were told this idea would be counterproductive to include on a platform.

Because Saint Mary's dining services are controlled by Sedexho Marriott, Horvath and Guerreso proposed running into problems in trying to redesign part of the corporation's system.

In addition, the candidates seem vague on achieving ways to keep students socially involved on campus and creating department courses in multiculturalism.

However, one of Horvath and Guerreso's strongest points is that they continually stressed promoting multiculturalism at Saint Mary's, a point missing on Midden and Little's list.

Creating a handbook of campus clubs and organizations is an idea we hope whoever becomes president will adopt. The handbook would serve as an effective means of encouraging students to learn about and become involved in various activities.

We stress concern that neither candidate focused on all-inclusive groups like the Feminist Collective.

Although the choice was difficult, we are confident Midden and Little are the best leaders for Saint Mary's. Their ideas, planning and enthusiasm define the Saint Mary's woman.

GOD 'N LIFE

How Are You Using God's Gifts?

Lost data.

In our very computer-oriented world, there is often nothing worse than losing work on which hours have been spent. We curse the thunderstorm that cuts power for a split second, or the diskette that suddenly decides to develop a bad sector. Such incidents only serve to confirm that life is fleeting; nothing lasts forever.

Every year or so, "upgraded" programs appear in stores, "new" and "improved" to make our lives easier. We've just gotten used to Windows 95, and here comes Windows 98. We are left wondering if all the money spent is worth the trouble of loading and reloading, debugging and reading user's manuals.

Personally, my home computer runs on DOS, with a menu program designed more than ten years ago. I like it that way. The computer does what I want it to do, so I don't need more. High tech is fine, but too much technology can defeat the purpose.

For proof of this, look at the Amish (a drive southeast of campus to Nappanee will provide such a first-hand experience). They have no electricity in their homes. They drive horse and buggies. They farm with horse-drawn plows. They have rejected technology on the premise that it pulls people away from God. They are prayerful people who enjoy the simple things in life.

Should we not emulate them in this appreciation? As we go about our daily business, should we not "stop and smell the roses?" The bells from Sacred Heart ring out the quarter hour; do we hear the chimes? The swans glide along the lake; do we notice them?

The computer labs around campus are filled to overflowing at times with students busily finishing class projects and papers. Do we really think about what we're doing with all this information we research, rewrite and print out?

I suppose what I'm saying is that we need to keep our eyes open to the wonders on all sides of us.

Before too long, it may all be lost data. Then we may not be able to remember the beauty of the tree on the quad that was uprooted to make room for new construction, or the baseball game when a close friend hit a home run to win it all.

All these moments run together to make our life. It is a glorious thing. When we go to our "final reward," we won't really be judged on how much we know. The important things will be how we used all the splendid resources God has provided — nature, technology, relationships. To be aware of each moment now, to make the best use of each moment, will enable us to approach the future with a more open mind. We will be better able to handle the good and the bad, and not worry half so much about what "might have been."

The neat thing about "lost data" is that it can be recreated. It is never too late to begin enjoying life. It is never too late to repair a broken friendship, correct a mistake. Ten years from now, our hearts will rest easier because we took that first step.

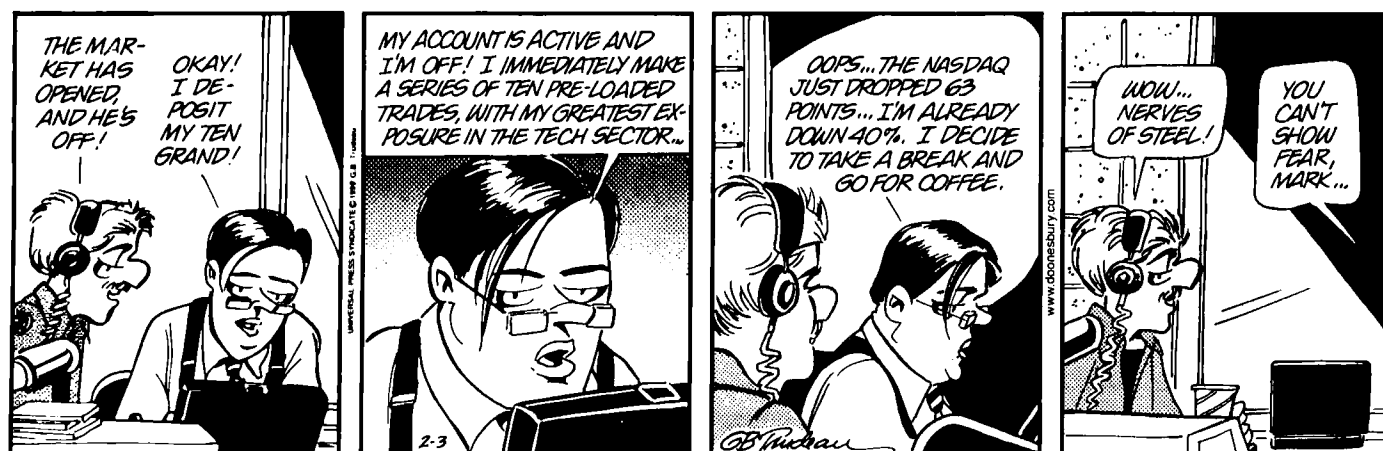
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'Why? Because Stone Cold said so — and that's the bottom line.'

— "Stone Cold" Steve Austin

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students and Alumni Unite in Opposition to Big Ten

(Editor's Note: The Following letter was rewritten by Brian Kennedy, ND '94, after he received it from a fellow alum. He sent it to ten of his friends and within 24 hours he had received over 150 e-mails from across the nation. It has been reprinted here with the names of those that responded in support of his letter.)

I am a 1994 graduate of the University and currently work for Ernst & Young in Chicago. Through the friendships fostered in my years at Notre Dame and my contact with colleagues and clients, I have had the pleasure of working and socializing with many alumni of Notre Dame. As a result of the recent press coverage concerning the University's potential membership in the Big Ten, I am sending you the following letter to express the views of the undersigned.

Membership in the Big Ten is a complicated issue, and is being driven, from Notre Dame's perspective, by the opportunity to participate in academic and research opportunities shared among members of that conference. We understand that the prospect of participating in this academic consortium has received a very favorable response from the Faculty Senate and the Administration. We support efforts to enhance our stature among the elite research universities in the nation. However, we are opposed to the surrender of Notre Dame's independence as a condition of joining such a consortium.

A significant concern is that in losing its independent status, Notre Dame may fall under the jurisdiction of administering bodies of the Big Ten that are controlled by schools that have no interest in, and who have, on occasion been hostile to, the concept of Catholic education. We have concerns that the Big Ten might try to dictate "politically correct" policies to Notre Dame which are contrary to the policies of the University, or Catholic teaching. Once the University becomes involved in the Big Ten, a complex web of academic, financial and athletic relationships may prevent it from thereafter maintaining its distinct mission in the face of such conference demands. Notre Dame is a great institution because it dared to be different despite the challenges of doing so. We would hate to see that difference compromised by submission to regulating public institutions that themselves answer to the whims of state legislatures.

We are also concerned by the Big Ten's apparent insistence that there be a linkage between athletic and academic participation. I would expect the faculties of the Big Ten should favor Notre Dame's academic inclusion regardless of complete athletic participation. If not, that would indicate a lack of respect for Notre Dame research and scholarship, and the University would gain little by joining. If Big Ten school want an association with us for our academic preeminence, one would think that could be achieved without having to join

their full athletic conference.

By playing football in the Big Ten, Notre Dame would be forsaking, to a large extent, its contacts close participation with its widespread alumni community. Those who live outside the Midwest states truly measure the opportunity to see our team play from time to time in their own backyard. For our many alumni who do not pay close attention to academic developments at the University, Fighting

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Irish football provides a special link with the school.

We are also concerned that if our team becomes obligated to play the likes of Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota every year, the program will sink into mediocrity. We cannot imagine that the team will have continuing success in recruiting players from such states as California, Texas and Florida if we play teams far from the players' homes before, at best, a regional audience. We fear for the television contract with NBC that funds minority scholarships, and we worry about whether we will ever get to see the team play again in Boston, Seattle, Arizona or elsewhere around the country. One hundred years of unique Notre Dame football tradition — playing any team, any Saturday, anywhere — will be irretrievably lost. And I understand the University would be required to spend significant monies upgrading various other athletic facilities — which is a priority that will not be positive to many supporters.

Truly, the alumni and other supporters I've talked with and the many young alumni that have signed this letter below view the issues much broader than just football, but of what Notre Dame as an institution has been, is, and wants to be. We hope that the University can form a first class academic and research consortium with Big Ten schools, or with other great institutions such as Duke, Stanford, Tulane and Georgetown, without sacrificing its unique character and tradition and potential for leadership that it inspired in us.

Thank you for the opportunity to express this opinion on this important matter.

Brian Kennedy '94

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We Hypocrites



I have just come from the rally in Washington Hall addressing the need for an addition to the anti-discrimination clause. I heard a great deal of rhetoric, and unfortunately not very much coherence, not even from the respected adults invited to speak. I even heard lies, e.g. the one about Fr. Malloy's presentation to us Dillonites last week. It was stated during the rally that Fr. Malloy did not address the issue of the clause; that is not true. He explained exactly why he did not believe there should be a change. It is true that later on someone asked him a question to which there could not be a truth-reflecting answer, and so he refused to respond; he did however address his reasons for not supporting the clause change in some detail. I could go on to detail the problems I found with this rally, but then The Observer wouldn't print the letter because of length.

My mission in this letter is not to trash the rally anyway. After reflecting upon what was presented in the rally, and more so how it was presented, I think it prudent to illustrate just how absurd we students are. I pick up the paper this morning to find headlines like "Thousands Flee Paramilitary Violence in East Timor," and "Dissidents Claim a Mortar Raid in Teheran," and numerous other stories illustrating great injustice occurring around the world. Meanwhile, on the campus of the premier Catholic university in America, we are whining about how there isn't legally binding protection for a very small group of people. Let us ask the orphaned children of Timor if they care about our feelings. Let us ask the people of Teheran whether they care about anti-discrimination clauses. My guess is that their answer will be no. We engage in a fight which is silly. If we are really so very concerned about liberty and justice for all then we would forget about our small problems under the Dome and agitate for real justice for those who don't have any — the victims of genocide, oppression, and real, deadly, and ever-present hate all over the world. Phil Donahue spoke of protesting war. He compared the cause of homosexuals on campus to the cause of peace in Vietnam. That comparison is absurd. Let us agitate for real peace, real truth, real justice for those whom it really matters and forget our petty differences. Maybe then we'll have a chance at the Kingdom on earth in fulfillment.

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Ethnicity Doesn't Always Imply Allegiance

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Every once in while some ignoramus leads me to look in the mirror and ponder the inevitable questions every American person of color does throughout their lives, "Do I look American? Will I ever? Or does being American require the rare commodity of blond hair and blue eyes?"

As a child who grew up watching re-runs of "The Brady Bunch" and eating TV dinners, these questions never seemed to cross my star-spangled mind. I always considered myself as American as apple pie; as American as the dream boasted to children in far-away lands. Unfortunately, as I grew older I realized that perceptions are one thing, and skin tone another.

It seems that no matter how old I get, or how long I spend in this country, I am perpetually reminded of the fact that I am an outsider looking in. And sadly, despite all my efforts, I will never be what people allude to when they speak of the "All American girl." Take, for example, an encounter I had while crawling along the 405 Freeway en route to the airport last week. As we weaved in and out of traffic, the middle-aged shuttle driver felt compelled to start small talk. On the other hand, I was content to read my enthralling textbook in the dimly-lit cabin.

But being the social butterfly that I am, I felt obliged to engage in conversation. Did he ask my age or my major? Did he inquire about my future career aspirations? No, of course he didn't; such neutral queries were out of the question. Predictably, as so many before him, he inquired about my ethnicity and then to further exasperate the situation he complimented me on my English proficiency. "You speak English so well. How long have you been here?" I resisted the urge to punch him, and responded, "Since birth," and left it at that.

It was the same feeling I get when people ask another one of my favorite questions, "Where are you from?" The simple answer — San Francisco — never seems to suffice. Most of the time the inquirer stares at me as if ellipses linger in the air, as if they expect me to cite some exotic locale I was born in and describe my daring voyage to America. Occasionally, they'll compensate for my lack of detail with, "No, I mean where were you born?" or "No, I mean where are your parents from."

The problem with this query is that besides being utterly offensive, it elicits a response more complex than superficially apparent. The interest of the speaker exceeds mere geography or cultural curiosity. Depending on who asks the question, it can be interpreted as either "Are you one of us?" or "Are you one of them?" It follows that the response to this question is actually a proclamation of allegiance.

My ethnicity has been a topic of interest ever since I can remember. People are never quite able to pinpoint my origins. Most of the time people compensate for their confusion by lumping me into one of various categories — usually defining me as Mexican.

This is not surprising, being that we live in a society that revolves around the idea of lumping. We lump people into economic brackets. We lump people according to religion. We lump people according to political affiliation. In fact, we all began lumping in high school when we first identified the nerds, the cool kids and the rebels.

It almost seems logical to lump, being that categorizing is based on simplification, and through categorization we better understand the world around us. But the problem is that this phenomenon of lumping leads to stereotyping and generalizations. Soon, distinctions are so vividly drawn that it becomes a matter of us versus them.

Of even more immediate concern is the fact that lumping robs the individual of his or her identity. Take, for example, when people ask

me, "Are you Mexican?" This infuriates me for two reasons. First, I am Puerto Rican and Salvadoran, two cultures completely different from the Mexican one. To classify me in a category which I do not belong to robs me of my culture and identity.

Furthermore, if people really must ask about my ethnicity, why can't they ask about it directly without first making assumptions. Not every person with brown skin is Mexican. Moreover, the funny thing is that these assumptions vary regionally. Here everyone thinks I'm Mexican. When I visited Florida everyone thought I was Cuban. If I go to New York, maybe people will finally get it right.

My second problem with lumping people into ethnic categories is that it only seems to happen to people of color. I don't go up to every Caucasian I see and say "Are you Irish," and neither does anyone else. The thought doesn't cross our minds. Every Caucasian is American. Period. It is, however, acceptable to go up to every Latino and say, "Are you Mexican?" This serves as a constant reminder of the double standard within society.

It also serves as a constant reminder that I will always be viewed as an outsider no matter how American I may be. Take, for example, my friend, who was born in Poland and immigrated at the age of six. The irony is that because she has blond hair and blue eyes no one will ever ask her, "Where are you from." On the other hand, I will constantly face questions such as these for the rest of my life — despite the fact that I was born here.

The epitome of this is the question, "What nationality are you?" Nationality is synonymous with citizenship.

My nationality, therefore, is American and my ethnicity is Puerto Rican and Salvadoran. Yet people stare in awe if I respond "American" to this question. Much like when asking if I'm Mexican robs me of my ethnic heritage, asking my nationality (and meaning ethnicity) robs me of my American identity. Is it that hard to believe that a person can dwell within two cultures? Moreover, is it truly a coincidence that people use the terms ethnicity and nationality interchangeably?

I remember when I was a child and race never seemed to matter. Children of all backgrounds played together without need for interrogation. It was only as I "grew up" that race became a defining characteristic of both self and others. Then people began asking me to choose — choose a language, choose a culture, choose friends, choose your alliance. I chose both and that made me an outsider. But the truth is that I already was an outsider.

Throughout my life people have referred to me as exotic. This term abridges the perception many fellow Americans have of me. Exotic is defined by Webster's dictionary as "Belonging by nature or origin to another part of the world; foreign; strangely different and fascinating." A rug or a bird is exotic, but I'm about as domestic as you can get. More importantly, I'm a person. When people call me exotic it makes me feel like imported chatel.

No person should be made to feel that way. I am not exotic. I am not a minority. I'm just as American as any of my fair-haired counterparts. Therein lies the cause of racial conflict in this country.

Until people begin to realize that skin tone does not necessitate allegiance or nationality, there will never be equality and we will never supersede the racial inequities this country was founded upon.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ex Corde Ecclessiae: It's Time to Follow the Recipe

Got a story to tell you. All about a friend of mine down North Carolina way. Well, my friend owned a McDonald's, just like his father and his father before him, all the way back as far as one could tell. Now, back in those days, McDonald's didn't have written regulations on how to make their burgers. You just kinda' knew how. The recipe was passed down from father to son and you just followed right along. Grade A beef, the best ingredients, and so on. Nobody needed written directions because everybody knew. And when you went to a McDonald's restaurant, you were sure to get a McDonald's burger.

Well, my friend was a restless kind of guy. So, one day he figured: "Why don't I try some of this Grade B beef instead of the Grade A I've always used? It's a whole lot cheaper and most people say it's easier to chew and swallow." So, he started using the Grade B. And from most outside appearances, it worked. The people who only occasionally ate at McDonald's never noticed the difference. And as for the frequent customers, the ones who really knew how a McDonald's burger should taste? Well, they complained at first, but after a while they got used to the taste, things quieted down and business went on as usual.

A couple of years later, McDonald's headquarters found out what was happening. Somebody had switched to Grade B beef and was selling it as a McDonald's burger! This could not be and action must be taken. Apparently, the unwritten recipe was no longer enough. So, McDonald's headquarters wrote down the recipe and sent it out to all the McDonald's restaurants everywhere. The recipe was the one that McDonald's had always followed; the only difference was that it was now in writing. The note accompanying the recipe was simple: Make your burgers with the official McDonald's recipe or stop calling yourselves a "McDonald's" restaurant.

So my friend has a choice to

make: follow the recipe and remain a McDonald's restaurant or change the name of the restaurant. It's as simple as that.

Does this little story sound familiar? Well, my friend is Notre Dame; McDonald's headquarters is the Catholic Church; and the "recipe" is the papal document *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* which lays

out exactly what it takes to be a "Catholic" university. I recommend that you read *Ex Corde* sometime. It's not a new recipe. It does not give control of the university to the bishop; it does not threaten students' financial aid [see Kenneth D. Whitehead, Catholic Colleges and Funding (Ignatius Press 1988)]; it does not

threaten the religious freedom of non-Catholic students; and it does not threaten true academic freedom or institutional autonomy. Everything it calls for was practiced consistently by all Catholic universities about 40 years ago. The only difference is that Notre Dame (like so many others) changed the recipe. Now the Catholic Church has put the recipe into writing. The choice is yours Notre Dame: Will we follow *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* and be Catholic or will we shorten our name to Notre Dame: A University?

I for one can only pray that Notre Dame will wholeheartedly repeat the words of their own Father Bill Wack, who upon returning from St. Louis this weekend said: "In the words of the youth this week: 'J.P.II, we love you!' By the grace of God, may we have the courage to put his teaching into practice." Amen.

Will Esser
Law School, Third Year
January 31, 1999



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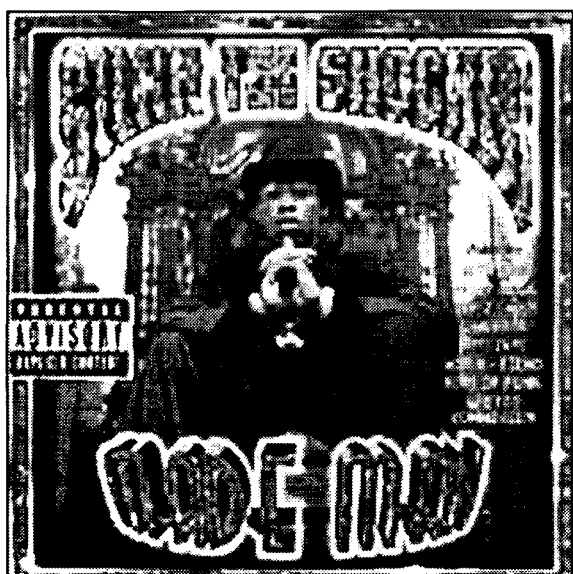


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Silkk the Shocker
Made Man
Priority Records
★★ (out of five)

Made Man, the follow up to Silkk's sophomore album *Charge It 2 Da Game*, produces much of the same hip hop that has made Master P and No Limit Records very profitable and popular in today's hip hop industry. With this release, however, one must ask oneself if No Limit Records is losing its originality and edge which made it so popular just a year ago.

Silkk the Shocker, Master P's baby brother, takes gangsta rap to entertaining extremes at times in *Made Man*, but he falls quite short in comparison to *Charge It 2 Da Game*. *Made Man* contains much of the same up-tempo vocals by Silkk set to the background of No Limit Records' signature stripped-down beats, melodic hooks and ruffneck melodramatics. It also, as always, contains a number of popular guest appearances of No Limit Tank members such as Master P, C-Murder, Mystikal, Mia X, Fiend and Sons of Funk.

In comparison to previous releases, *Charge It 2 Da Game* and *The Shocker*, *Made Man* does not belong in the same league or on the same label as such greats as *Ghetto Dope*. This third album contains few highlights or original ideas not found on any other No Limit Records album released in the last five months.

In the past year, No Limit Records, with

Master P at the helm, has managed to release well over a 150 compact discs. *Made Man* rehashes a number of previous songs such as "It Ain't My Fault 2," but fails to add any creativity or originality to it. It is almost as if there were no more stories of drugs, guns, death or ghetto life to be retold; a possible problem for the former New Orleans street hustler who grew up in Third Ward Calliope Projects in New Orleans.

Although the album is rather uninteresting, it does contain a highlight or two. One can be found in the song "All Because of You." The lyrics are unoriginal but what makes it one of the few highlights is the sample of "Sukiyaki" in an old school beat box style.

All in all, Master P might have to temporarily give up acting or spending as much time on the basketball court and come back to the studio to produce quality records if No Limit Records wants to stay in business.

Robert Calleros

Ever since it was mercilessly wrestled away from its rightful Danish motherland in 1658, Sweden's southernmost province of Scania has always been a noteworthy standout. In recent years, it has gained attention for registering the highest YES vote in the 1994 Swedish national referendum on European Union (EU) membership and initiating construction of the soon to be completed bridge-link between itself and the Danish capital Copenhagen. But perhaps Scania is best known for being the place where Sweden's hottest band, The Cardigans, both record and mix their hit records.

Having luckily been able to escape many of the traditional ABBA legacy questions that burden many of their fellow Swedish musicians, The Cardigans' first album *LIFE* earned them a clever niche with happy, catchy, sing-along tracks. Their follow-up record, *First Band on the Moon*, which included the hit single "Lovefool," was recorded as quickly as possible to get something on MTV before the pleasant, but hopelessly transient, memories of *LIFE* faded away. While this was all politely entertaining, most of us were still waiting to see if a real band with any teeth would come out and show itself.

With this latest release, *Gran Turismo*, the emergence of The Cardigans is complete. The video for the debut single "My Favourite Game" says it all.

Leather-clad with tattoos, behind the wheel of a top-down convertible in the American West,

lead vocalist Nina has gone from whimsical Nordic lithe to Jim Morrison's female reincarnation. Once a gadfly dancing the night away on the floors of Milan's Atlantique, we can now easily imagine her going up to her hotel room to blast The Doors' "L.A. Woman" instead.

The first track, "Paralyzed," would make a great drawn-out accompaniment to the opening credits of any James Bond movie. Seductive, textured and engaging, this song alone shows how much this band has grown in the last year.

"Erase/Rewind" reverts right back to the band's Eurodisco roots, but songs like "Starter" and "Hanging Around" have the grit and technologically-generated angst to sound like they came out of U2's 1993 *Zooropa* recording sessions.

Later tracks like "Marvel Hill" and "Nil" are pretty much clutter, but winners like "Do You Believe" and the above mentioned "My Favourite Game" put *Gran Turismo* over the top.

Gran Turismo is not an easy record. It changes pace from one song to the next and is difficult to categorize. But stick with it and you'll be well satisfied.

Sean King



Photo courtesy of Polygram Records

The Cardigans
Gran Turismo
Polygram Records
★★★ (out of five)

campus band news

Umphrey's McGee

Who's Yo' Daddy?

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Feb. 5 Barrelhouse Brewing Company (Cincinnati, OH)
Feb. 6 Ripley's (Cincinnati, OH)
Feb. 12 Heartland (South Bend)
Feb. 13 Madison Oyster Bar (South Bend)

Feb. 4 Acoustic Cafe at 10:15 p.m. (Geoff Rahie solo)
Feb. 4 Acoustic Cafe at 10:30 p.m.

TONIGHT Alumni Senior Club at 10 p.m.



album reviews

You hear the glass break, the music hits and the crowd starts roaring. It's Stone Cold Steve Austin, the beer drinking, swearing icon of the WWF. And his opponent — the Corporate Champion, the Brahma Bull, the master of the Corporate Eyebrow and the Corporate Elbow, the two time WWF champion of the World, The Rock. It's Gangrel and the Brood emerging from the ring of fire and he's got the mysterious Red Viscous Liquid. Or even worse — the evil Minister of Darkness himself, the king of the undead wrestlers, the Undertaker. Just when you think everything is going to be okay break it down and we all know that can only mean one thing — Triple H, X-Pac, The Road Dog and the Badd Ass Billy Gun (better known as D-X) have come out to the ring to raise a little hell. Or perhaps you're more of a lover and not a fighter. That's okay too, because even the adult film star Val Venis makes an appearance. To top it all off, everyone's favorite band of freaks, oddities and white trash poster boys themselves, the Insane Clown Posse, drop by as well.

I'm guessing that right about now you're doing one of two things — wondering what I am talking about or laughing out loud at your dining hall table. For those of you have no clue what I am talking about, it's the biggest thing to hit record stores and the campus of Notre Dame since the new Dave Matthews Album. That's right, it's *WWF the Music Volume 3*.

Wrestling's popularity is the highest it's been since the glory days of Wrestlemania 3, which saw Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant battle for the WWF belt in front of over 90,000 fans in the Silverdome. Now, the WWF has decided to try to capitalize on the wrestling frenzy with the third installment of the WWF theme songs. It easily beats the first tw, and has been steadily moving upwards on the Billboard Music Chart's top 25.

The CD itself is loaded with the entrance themes of 14 of your favorite WWF superstars, including the Undertaker, the Brood, D-X, Ken Shamrock and Val Venis. With star power such as this, *WWF the Music Volume 3* could reach popularity levels only dreamed of by any artist in

the music industry today. It could very well become Notre Dame Dorm Party music. What better way to party then to sit back and relax to the sounds of Stone Cold Steve Austin, or The New Age Outlaws? If you're a wrestling fan, then you will definitely like this CD.

As laughable as this may seem to some I am going to give this album a rare rating indeed — so rare in fact that only two other albums have ever attained this high of a rating from me (Less Than Jake's *Losing Streak* and NOFX's *White Trash, Two Heels, and a Bean*). On a scale of 1-5 this album receives a 6. Yes, it is that good. As an extra special bonus I have placed MP3s of this album on my network space under the name Mr. Socko, so any curious people can come by and have a little dose of WWF Attitude. I think that's about it — I've made a big enough fool of myself this week to last a long time but before I go, if you're not down with *WWF the Music Volume 3*, well then, I got two words for ya — suck it.

Brian Kornmann



Photo courtesy of Koch Records

Various Artists *WWF the Music Volume 3*

Koch Records
★★★★★ (out of five)

Nocturne Nightflight

You can hear more from
Scene reviewer Brian
Kornmann on WSND 88.9
FM every Thursday from
midnight until 2 a.m.



Photo courtesy of Geffen Home Video

Various Artists
**N.W.A. 10th
Anniversary Tribute**
Priority Records
★★★ 1/2 (out of five)

When NWA released their landmark album *Straight Outta Compton* it marked a major transitional moment in the evolution of the rap genre. Up to that point, rappers like LL Cool J, Run DMC and the Sugar Hill Gang had focused mainly on controversy-free, fun rhyming.

Along with Public Enemy, NWA brought an edge to their music. The major attitudes of inner-city black youths were beginning to manifest themselves in the form of gangsta rap. Tracks became more political and expressed the rage, disenchantment and cynicism of the ghettos of East LA. When *Straight Outta Compton* was released, controversy surrounded this group of future superstars. Easy-E, Ice Cube, Dr. Dre, MC Ren and DJ Yella had achieved infamy and a notoriety that only occurs when a chord has been struck with society as a whole.

On this new release, a 10th anniversary tribute to the group, rappers who filled NWA's shoes after they broke up perform covers of the 12 tracks on the original album.

Beginning with the title track, the hard-core anger that pervades the group's music is evident. Their view of life seems limited to machismo, violence, sex and money. The covering artists have changed the songs, making them their own, but the message of outright disdain for authority and for a society that has left them behind is clear, albeit softened.

The new generation of rappers who have inherited the business have so clearly been influenced by NWA that the covers seem very natural. Bone Thugs N' Harmony cover the first loudly anti-police anthem of inner cities, "[Expletive] Tha Police," predecessor of Ice T's "Cop Killer." Snoop Dogg chimes in on "Gangsta Gangsta" and, although he cannot give Easy's spirited performance, his mellowed and cold-blooded interpretation is successful.

Perhaps the best track on the album is "Express Yourself," performed by Sillk (sic) The Shocker. Its upbeat baseline and vocal incantations along with its almost optimistic lyrics make it a glimmer of light in a pool of bloody despair. When one listens to these lyrics, a sense of anger comes through the music and enters the listener. The heavy bass accompaniment does more to heighten the mood of ultimate aggression that is a huge part of these men's lives.

Although the group broke up not long after its release, *Straight Outta Compton* remains a central work in the history of the genre, a record that revolutionized the industry, for better or worse. Before listening to this, beware, for no NWA song is for the weak of heart nor innocent ears. The hard beats and vulgar raps belong not to a magical world of sunshine and smiles but to a darker side of America where death and tragedy lurk at every turn. These are tough rappers in a tough world and they pay homage to the legacy of NWA, with style.

Tom Ogorzalek

Nocturne Nightflight

Listen to the Tuesday Night
Schnocture to hear Fat Tommy
O and the Kahuna explore the
mysteries of life and the Postal
Service on Tuesdays from mid-
night until 2 a.m. on 88.9 FM.

■ NHL

Colorado notches team-best ninth consecutive victory

Associated Press

BOSTON

Milan Hejduk and Adam Deadmarsh scored third-period goals Tuesday as the Colorado Avalanche won a franchise record ninth consecutive game, defeating the Boston Bruins 3-2.

Hejduk found the net from the right faceoff circle at 18:08 of the third period. It was his sixth goal of the season and third game-winner this year.

Deadmarsh flicked in a rebound of a Chris Drury shot at 14:57 to tie the game at 2-2. He has six points in his last three games.

Jason Allison scored two second-period goals for the Bruins, whose winless streak was extended to six games. They are 0-5-1 in that stretch.

The win broke a three-year losing streak for the Avalanche in Boston. Their last win came in the 1995-96 season.

Allison got his first goal 11 seconds into the second period on a power play, tying the game 1-1. Of his 40 points this season, 18 of them have come on power plays. It was his 10th goal this year.

His second goal, giving Boston a 2-1 lead, came at 18:45 of the period when he took a pass across the crease from Steve Heinze and put the puck into the left corner. He has nine multi-point games this season.

Sandis Ozolinsh, playing in only his ninth game of the season after signing a multi-year contract on Jan. 5, gave the Avalanche a 1-0 lead when he scored his first goal of the season on a power play at 6:14 of the first period. The Avalanche have eight power-play goals in their last 26 attempts.

Byron Dafoe stopped 19 of 22 Colorado shots, including one by Shean Donovan at 5:26 in the third period. Donovan broke in alone from the right side where Dafoe made a sprawling save in the crease.

Patrick Roy faced 25 Bruins shots, including 12 in the first period, and stopped 21 of them.

PENGUINS 5, SABRES 3

Jaromir Jagr figured in all of

Pittsburgh's scoring, setting up goals by Jan Hrdina and Kip Miller in a span of 1:12 of the third period as the Penguins rallied to beat the Buffalo Sabres 5-3 Tuesday night.

Jagr scored an empty-net goal with one second left and assisted on the four Pittsburgh goals against Buffalo goaltender Dominik Hasek — his Czech Olympic teammate a February ago — for a five-point night.

Jagr had a pair of four-point games to earn NHL player of the week honors last week.

The Penguins won their fourth in a row and became the first team this season to rally from a third-period deficit against Buffalo, which had been 19-0-0 when leading after two periods.

Miller, who had played mostly on checking lines until being moved up to Jagr's line last week, had two goals and Kevin Hatcher also scored as the Penguins improved to 14-1-2 in their last 17 home games against Buffalo.

Jason Woolley, Brian Holzinger and Miroslav Satan scored in a three-goal Buffalo third period that made it 3-2 against goaltender Peter Skudra, who also won his fourth in a row.

But Hrdina tied it at 13:59 of the third with a power-play goal with Satan off for high-sticking. Miller then got his second of the game and eighth of the season at 15:11 as Jagr fought off two defenders in the left circle to thread the puck to Miller as he skated down the slot.

Miller had a four-point game and Miller figured in three goals.

Hasek, who beat Pittsburgh 3-0 in his last start against them last season, had shut out the Penguins for 100 minutes, 22 seconds until Miller scored 32 seconds into the game, putting in his own rebound off Jagr's setup.

Hatcher made it 2-0 at 17:41 with the first of the Penguins' two power-play goals.

Woolley, a former Penguins player, directed a shot from the left circle off the post and by Skudra on the power play at 29 seconds of the second period. Holzinger scored off Darius Kasparaitis' giveaway at 9:12.

Satan scored his 20th with four seconds left in the period after the Sabres' Derek Plante hooked Martin Straka in

the neutral zone, allowing Michal Grosek to scoop up the puck and shoot it up ice.

MAPLE LEAFS 3, LIGHTNING 0

Bryan Berard and Sergei Berezin scored second-period power-play goals and Curtis Joseph stopped 23 shots Tuesday night as Toronto beat Tampa Bay 3-0.

Berard broke a scoreless tie at 12:46 and Berezin made 2-0 at 17:54. Toronto has recorded two power-play goals in four of its past five games.

Joseph preserved his 21st career shutout and second this season by stopping Rob Zamuner from point-blank range early in the third period.

Todd Warriner added a third-period goal at 7:35 as the Maple Leafs moved into first place in the Northwest Division by one point over idle Ottawa.

The Maple Leafs are 47-0-5 since the start of last season when leading after two periods. Toronto has beaten the Lightning six straight times and is 9-1 all-time at Tampa Bay.

The Lightning, who have lost four straight games, have won just once (1-69-6) in the past 76 games when trailing after 40 minutes.

After Berezin's shot from the slot was blocked by Jassen Cullimore, Berard picked up the loose puck in the left circle and scored his sixth goal.

Berezin recorded his 17th goal from near the right post after a feed from behind the net by Igor Korolev, who finished with two assists.

Stephane Richer's apparent goal during a 2-on-1 at 13:43 of the second period was disallowed after a video review determined the Tampa Bay shot hit the post and did not cross the goal line.

Tampa Bay got off only one shot during 3:46 of consecutive power-play hockey in the first period.

The Lightning were without five regular defenseman — Cory Cross (hip flexor), Petr Svoboda (groin), Kjell Samuelsson (hamstring), Mike McBain (bruised foot) and Drew Bannister (wrist) — due to injuries. The six Tampa Bay defenseman who dressed entered with a combined 377 games of NHL experience.

FLAMES 2, COYOTES 2

Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 34 shots and shut out Calgary's high-scoring Theo Fleury, enabling the Phoenix Coyotes to come away with a 2-2 tie with the Flames on Tuesday night.

Fleury had nine points in his three previous games. He got none against the acrobatic Khabibulin, whose only mistake allowed the Flames to tie it on a goal by Jarome Iginla early in the third period.

Andrei Nazarov had the other goal for the Flames, who escaped a last-place tie with idle Vancouver in the Northwest Division by picking up a point on the road.

But the Coyotes extended their unbeaten streak against the Flames to five games (3-0-2) and held them scoreless in five power plays, extending Calgary's streak to 25 advantages in which it has failed to score.

Phoenix's Keith Tkachuk had a power-play goal and an assist, giving him five points in his last two games, and Travis Hansen scored a goal for the Coyotes.

Nazarov tied it at 1 in the first period, and Iginla tied it again at 1:18 of the third, negating Hansen's first goal in a six-game NHL career 10:19 into the first period.

Hansen, recalled from Springfield of the AHL on Thursday, poked a rebound of a shot by Tkachuk past Fred Brathwaite from the edge of the slot 10:19 into the first period.

The Coyotes haven't lost when leading after two periods (17-0-7), but they couldn't stave off the young, aggressive Flames, who outshot them 29-15 after the first period while Brathwaite, their starter the last 10 games, made 15 of his 26 saves.

Iginla tied it with a slanting shot from just outside crease.

Khabibulin dropped to all fours, but lost control of the puck, and it slid just over the goal line.

The Flames outshot the Coyotes 13-5 in the second period, but Khabibulin was solid, sprawling full-length to smother a shot by Ed Ward during a spell when Calgary took 11 consecutive shots before the Coyotes managed one at the other end.

■ MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 8 State escapes Nittany Lions on last-second shot

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.

Mateen Cleaves hit a leaning 10-footer over a defender with less than a second to play Tuesday night and No. 8 Michigan State escaped with a 70-68 victory over Penn State.

Cleaves, who scored with .4 seconds left, had 14 points and five assists in the Spartans' eighth straight win, while Morris Peterson scored 13 of his 17 points in the

second half. Michigan State (19-4, 8-1) remained in first place in the Big Ten.

Calvin Booth had 18 points and eight rebounds, while Dan Earl added 12 points for Penn State (10-10, 2-8), which has lost seven of eight games — including four at home to ranked opponents by a total of 11 points. Penn State lost to No. 21 Indiana 98-95 in double overtime on Sunday.

Trailing 68-65 with a minute left, the Spartans misfired on two 3-pointers, but Andre Hutson grabbed the rebound on the

second shot and found Cleaves for a 3-pointer at the top of the circle to tie it.

Booth missed a shot at the other end. With six seconds left, Cleaves dribbled in on Joe Crispin and hit the game-winner.

Hutson had 14 points and nine rebounds and Antonio Smith grabbed 11 rebounds for the Spartans, who had 21 offensive rebounds.

Michigan State had trouble finding its mark in the second half, and Penn State took a 68-65 lead with 2:05 remaining on

Titus Ivory's 3-pointer.

Peterson helped the Spartans build a 57-50 lead midway through the second half. He took it to the hoop once, stole the ball for another basket and dunked twice after nifty passes from Cleaves.

But Penn State went on a 7-0 run when Crispin stole the ball and took it in for a fastbreak layup and Earl hit a 25-foot 3-pointer to tie it. Two minutes later, Ivory made two free throws and Penn State led for the first time, 61-59 with 5:38 left.

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■ NFL

Super Bowl loss gives Falcons chance to regroup

Associated Press

ATLANTA
Now comes the tough part for the Atlanta Falcons.

Sure, it was quite an accomplishment to make the Super Bowl for the first time in 33 years. Obviously, the "Dirty Birds" went a long way toward restoring the city's passion for pro football with their catchy nickname and funky dance steps.

But the thing that still eludes this franchise is consistent success.

The Falcons have never had back-to-back winning seasons, a point noted quite often by coach Dan Reeves even as he was guiding Atlanta to the NFC championship.

"We have an awful lot of things to be proud of," Reeves said, after an extraordinary season ended with a 34-19 loss to the Denver Broncos. "We've come an awful long ways. What we're trying to do now is fight for home-field advantage next year."

No team has ever played the NFL title game on its home field. Next year, the Falcons have a chance to be the first when the Super Bowl comes to the Georgia Dome.

Atlanta took care of its first piece of offseason business Tuesday, making five players available to the Cleveland Browns for the expansion draft: safety

Chris Bayne, running back Harold Green, tight end Ed Smith, linebacker Ben Talley and offensive lineman Dave Widell.

Bayne, Green and Widell spent much of the season on the inactive list, while Smith and Talley had limited roles as backups.

In 1999, the Falcons can expect heightened expectations, a tougher schedule and an already long-in-the-tooth team that will be one year older.

The defense, in particular, is starting to take on the look of the "Over The Hill Gang," with five starters who will be 32 years or older by the start of next season. Average age of the entire unit: 30.

A youth movement is under way, centering around the team's last two No. 1 draft choices.

Cornerback Michael Booker, the top choice in 1997, took on a larger role when injuries plagued starter Ronnie Bradford. Linebacker Keith Brooking, picked No. 1 last year, started slowly but gradually worked his way into a regular role in passing situations.

"He needed early on to study films and anticipate, take notes and understand," defensive coordinator Rich Brooks said. "I think he needs to apply all the tools he has, because he has unbelievable tools and is going to be a great player."

Brooking eventually figures to take

over a regular spot at outside linebacker, while second-year player Henri Crockett is the heir apparent to Jessie Tuggle at middle linebacker.

Both Tuggle and Cornelius Bennett are entering the final year of their contracts, and both will be 34 at the beginning of next season.

While the corners — Bradford and Booker on one side, Pro Bowler Ray Buchanan on the other — are still in their 20s, how much longer can Eugene Robinson (36 in May) and William White (33 next month) keep producing at the safety positions?

Robinson was a Pro Bowler and the unquestioned leader of the secondary, barking out orders on the field, reciting Bible passages in the locker room. But his once-spotless reputation took a devastating blow when he was arrested on a charge of soliciting an undercover police officer for sex the night before the Super Bowl.

"I'm going to be a man about it," Robinson said of his off-the-field scandal. "I'll let my lawyer handle it, but I won't run from you, I won't try to evade you."

Age also is a concern at receiver. Terance Mathis and Tony Martin were the second-most productive duo in the league — combining for 2,317 yards — but Mathis will be 32 in June and Martin turns 34 early next season.

The offensive line, led by Bob Whitfield at left tackle and rookie Ephraim Salaam on the right side, is a young group with plenty of room to improve. Twenty-four-year-old O.J. Santiago needs to work on his receiving skills, but seems set for a long, productive career at tight end.

Of course, the offense revolves around All Pro running back Jamal Anderson and quarterback Chris Chandler, a Pro Bowler for the second year in a row. Depth at those positions will be a major focus of the offseason.

Anderson set an NFL record with 410 carries this season, mainly because his top backup was rookie Ken Oxendine, a seventh-round pick. Byron Hanspard, who missed the season with a knee injury, has barely started his rehabilitation program.

Chandler was backed up by 45-year-old Steve DeBerg, so finding an experienced — but much younger — backup also will be a priority.

But those are questions for the days and months to come. For now, the Falcons want to relish the moment a little longer.

"It's been a magical season, without a doubt," Tuggle said. "It was more than I expected. We worked hard this year to make true believers out of everybody. We did that."

Now, they've got to do it again.

'Sweetness' diagnosed with rare liver disease

Associated Press

ROSEMONT, Ill.
NFL great Walter Payton is being treated for a rare liver disease and will need a transplant.

The former Chicago Bears star was diagnosed with primary sclerosing cholangitis, a disease in which the bile ducts of the liver are blocked.

Dr. Joseph Lagattuta, his physician, said patients in Payton's condition survive an average of two years without a transplant.

"Right now, I'm still healthy, even though I look like I've lost weight," Payton said at a news conference today.

The 44-year-old Hall of Famer said he called the news conference because of speculation about his obvious weight loss. He appeared gaunt at his son Jarrett's news conference last week to announce he would play football for the University of Miami.

Payton is being placed on a list to receive a transplant, Lagattuta said. The one-year survival rate with a transplant

is 88 percent, and the long-term survival rate is "very promising." He said most people can return to a normal, active life if they receive a transplant.

Payton said the disease has brought him closer to his spiritual side and he broke down into tears as he asked fans to pray for him.

"To the people that really care about me, just continue praying," he said.

The cause of primary sclerosing cholangitis is not known. However, it is not

related to alcohol, steroids, hepatitis or any kind of immunodeficiency disease, Lagattuta said.

Symptoms of PSC are fatigue, followed by yellow in the pigment of the eyes and skin, he said.

Lagattuta said the disease is rare, affecting about three in 100,000 people, and is difficult to diagnose. He initially thought Payton might have a gall bladder problem when he told him in October that he had been feeling ill for a couple of months. The diagnosis was confirmed within the last two weeks.

Payton, nicknamed "Sweetness" during his playing days, is the NFL's all-time leading rusher, with 16,726 yards. He was named to the Pro Bowl nine times in his 13-year career, and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993. Payton was named to the NFL's 75th Anniversary All-Time team in 1994.

He set numerous school and

NCAA records at Jackson State and was the Bears' first round draft pick in 1975. He led the Bears to their only Super Bowl appearance and victory following the 1985 season, and retired two years later.

Payton was named to the Bears' board of directors in 1997.

After football, Payton has dabbled in numerous business ventures and auto racing. He is owner of Walter Payton Roundhouse Complex in Aurora, west of Chicago, which includes a pub and his own hall of fame museum. He's a minority owner of a power equipment firm and an Indy Cart-team — Payton-Coyne Racing; and is also a founding director of First Northwestern Bank in Arlington Heights.

The father of a teen-age son and daughter, Payton is a cooking and movie buff and owns an extensive film library. He lives in South Barrington, a wealthy suburb northwest of Chicago.

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Padres deal Vaughn to Reds for Sanders

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO San Diego's Greg Vaughn, who set a club record with 50 homers last year, was traded to the Cincinnati Reds today in a five-player deal that sent oft-injured Reggie Sanders to the Padres.

San Diego also sent left-handed pinch-hitter Mark Sweeney to the Reds, who also gave up infielder Damian Jackson and minor leaguer Josh Harris.

The Padres have been looking to unload Vaughn, who will make \$5.75 million in the final season of a three-year contract. But they take on Sanders' \$3.7 million salary, plus his history of injuries.

Cincinnati general manager Jim Bowden said the Reds originally wanted San Diego GM Kevin Towers to agree to pay more than \$1 million of Vaughn's salary.

"But when the day was done, their need was to reduce payroll," Bowden said. "He told me we had the athletes they wanted."

Cincinnati was 12th in the NL with 138 home runs last season and traded Bret Boone, its home run leader, to Atlanta after the season.

Bowden said that if the Reds compete for a playoff spot and ticket sales increase, they could afford Vaughn for an entire season. If they don't contend, Bowden said Vaughn could be traded in July.

The trade of Vaughn continues a financial makeover of the Padres, who claim that they've lost about \$50 million since John Moores and Larry Lucchino bought the team in December 1994.

Although Towers said that money wasn't behind the trade, he noted that Vaughn will be a free agent after this season and could command a huge contract to stay beyond 1999. Sanders has an option for 2000 at \$3.7 million.

"The thing that's most appealing is we're able to control Reggie for another year and Vaughn, we didn't know if we could," Towers said. "That salary fits in very well to the structure of all our other players, so we can stay competitively balanced throughout our 25 man roster."

Since being swept by the New York Yankees in the World Series, the Padres had a new ballpark approved by the voters, but also lost ace Kevin Brown, center fielder Steve Finley, third baseman Ken Caminiti and have traded starter Joey Hamilton.

The Padres had no chance of keeping Brown, who signed a record \$105 million, seven year

deal with division rival Los Angeles, and offered far less than what Finley got from another division foe, Arizona. The Padres made only a token offer to Caminiti, who was broken down physically by the time the Series ended and rejoined the Houston Astros.

After struggling in a platoon system with Rickey Henderson the last two months of 1996 and most of 1997, Vaughn had a remarkable comeback in 1998. He became the 27th player in big league history to hit 50 homers and had a career-high 119 RBIs, tied for the second most by a Padres player.

Vaughn was traded the day before he and teammate Trevor Hoffman were to be honored as two of the four professional stars of the year as chosen by the San Diego Hall of Champions. Yankees left-hander David Wells and Denver Broncos running back Terrell Davis are the other two honorees.

In 1993, when the Padres' infamous fire sale was at its height, San Diego dealt Gary Sheffield to the Florida Marlins on the same day he was named to the San Diego's 25th anniversary team.

The Padres are getting a player once considered to be a rising star in the Reds' system. Sanders, 31, had a breakthrough year in 1995, hitting .306 with a career-high 28 homers and 99 RBIs as he helped the Reds reach the playoffs.

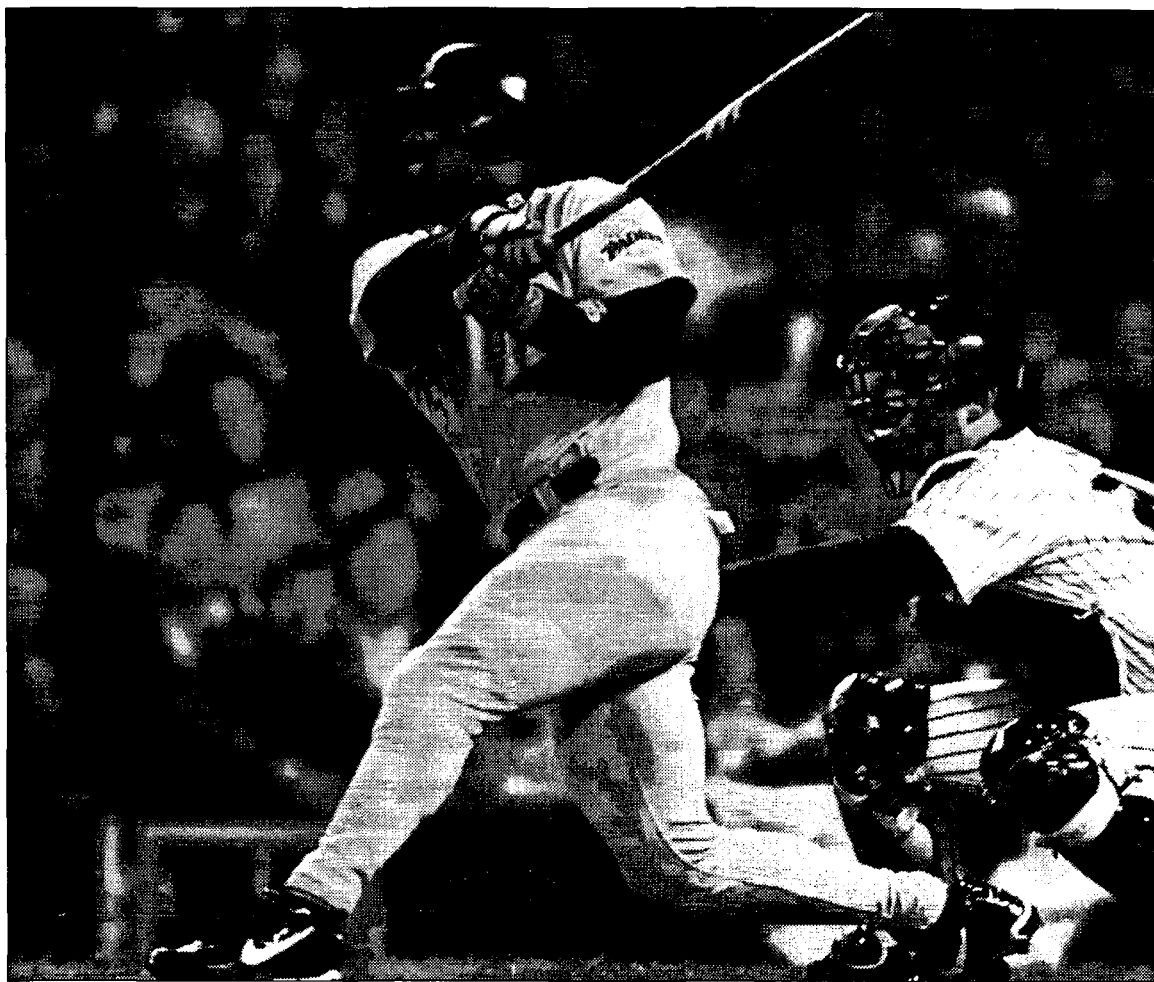
He hit only .138 in the post-season, striking out 19 times in 29 at-bats as the Reds made it to the league championship series before getting swept by Atlanta.

Various injuries, including a bulging disc in his lower back, limited him to 81 games in 1996 and 86 in 1997. He appeared in 135 last season, hitting .268 with 14 homers and 59 RBIs.

Jackson, 25, is a middle infielder with a lot of speed and a history of erratic hitting. He played in a career-best 13 games for the Reds at the end of last season, coming off a third consecutive season at Triple-A. He hit .261 for Indianapolis, striking out 125 times in 517 at-bats, with 25 steals.

Harris, a 21-year-old right-hander, was 10-12 in 27 starts for Class A Burlington last year.

Sweeney, 28, gives the Reds' bench more depth. He led the major leagues with 22 pinch hits in 1997 and ranks second in the National League with 34 pinch hits over the last two seasons.



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San Diego outfielder Greg Vaughn, who set a Padre record for most home runs in a season with 50, was part of a five-player deal with Cincinnati that sent Reggie Sanders out west.

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benches the greatest amount, regardless of competitors' weight.

Those interested in participating in this year's Irish Iron Classic can pick up entry forms at the Rockne Memorial Building or Rolfs Sports Recreation Center.

Registration and weigh-ins for male lifters are on Friday from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday from 1-5:30 p.m. in the Rockne Locker Room.

Female competitors can

register before the competition on Sunday.

The cost is seven dollars for each individual male competitor, \$15 for male dorm teams and \$30 for female dorm teams. The Classic will begin at noon in the Joyce Center fieldhouse.

"It's going to be a really good time," said organizer Burt Binenfeld. "We've got a D.J. and an emcee. It's going to be a lot of fun to come out and watch."

Football: Class of 2003 Verbal Commitments

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Chris Yura, 6-0, 190, RB/DB, Morgantown, WV
Jason Beckstrom, 5-11, 190, RB/DB, Jenks, OK
Jim Molinaro, 6-8, 245, DL, Bethlehem, PA
Cedric Hilliard, 6-3, 295, DL, Arlington, TX
Pat Ryan, 6-3, 215, LB/TE, Billings, MT
Glenn Earl, 6-2, 180, WR/DB, Lisle, IL
Joey Hildbold, 5-11, 170, K/P, Fairfax, VA
Gerome Sapp, 6-1, 200, DB, Houston, TX
Sean Milligan, 6-5, 285, OL, Norcross, GA
Ryan Gillis, 6-5, 315, OL, Hyattsville, MD
Justin Thomas, 6-3, 230, LB, Spencer, OK
Nick Setta, 6-0, 165, K/P, Romeoville, IL
Neal Ambron, 6-7, 270, OL, Littleton, CO
Gary Godsey, 6-8, 255, TE, Tampa, FL
Courtney Watson, 6-2, 195, RB, Sarasota, FL
Jamaar Taylor, 6-1, 200, WR, Mission, TX
Jeff Faine, 6-4, 325, OL, Sanford, FL
Julius Jones, 6-0, 190, RB, Big Stone Gap, VA
Darrell Campbell, 6-4, 255, DL, South Holland, IL
Albert Poree, 5-11, 185, DB, New Orleans, LA

Recruits

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325) will automatically join the depth chart as a backup to John Merandi at center. Sean Milligan (6-5, 285) and Ryan Gillis (6-5, 315) project as guards and Neal Ambron (6-7, 270) and Brennan Curtin (6-8, 298) will provide depth at tackle.

The common denominator of this class is attitude. Coach Bob Davie wanted to recruit athletic offensive linemen with a mean streak. He found them with this class. Jeff Faine may be the only lineman to receive playing time in 1999, however. The Irish will be grooming him to replace Merandi in two years and any game experience will be invaluable. "Coach Davie needed offensive linemen and he recruited the best group of line-

men in the country. All are athletic and all can move," remarked Frank.

Davie will also be looking to sign not one but two kickers today in Joey Hildbold and Nick Setta. Setta is a placekicking specialist while Hildbold is known for his high, hanging punts.

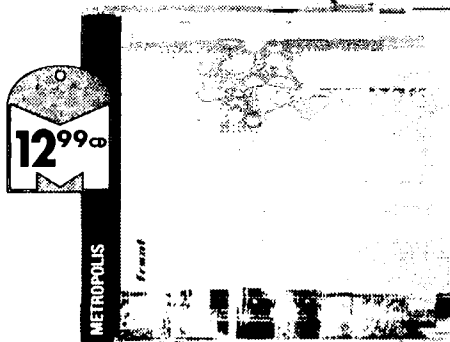
"Nick Setta has a leg to kick off. They are looking for someone who can put the ball in the endzone, and Setta's got the leg. He could be the first freshman to see action."

Although he will not announce until 3:00 p.m., many expect highly touted quarterback C.J. Leak to sign with Notre Dame. He is still considering Syracuse, Tennessee, Michigan State, Penn State, and Kansas State, but Notre Dame has been the anointed leader for weeks. Leak is the only quarterback still considering the Irish.

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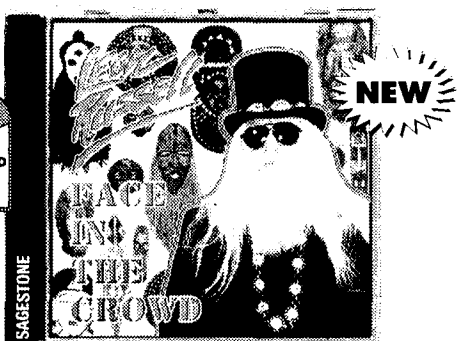
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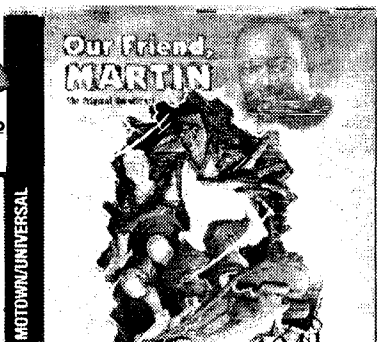
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■ MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monmouth College ends longest Div. I losing streak

Associated Press

When he arrived home an hour after Monmouth College ended the nation's longest Division I losing streak, coach Dave Calloway's telephone answering machine was blinking away with 16 messages.

"I have call waiting on the answering machine, and as one person was leaving a message you could hear it beep in," Calloway said Tuesday, a little more than 12 hours after his Hawks defeated Wagner 66-61 to end a 22-game skid.

"People were just calling one after another, and when I got in this morning I had another eight or nine more here," the youngest coach in Division I basketball added.

Most of the calls were from friends, fellow coaches, alumni and family — the same people who had called before to tell Calloway to hang in there as the losses piled up through this season's first 19 games.

"What I'm feeling is relief — it just hits you," Calloway said. "After that, you're just happy for the kids because it could have been very easy to pack it in, especially the young guys. They could have said we'll do it next year. This has been a tough time, but we have continued to work and we've been right there the last couple of games."

As the final seconds ticked off Monday night, many in the crowd of 1,117 inched closer to the floor. At the final buzzer, they celebrated wildly, reminis-

cent of three years ago when the Hawks beat Rider to win the Northeast Conference tournament and their first NCAA Tournament berth.

"The thing that clicked in me after we got the win is that it took me 20 games to get that feeling," said freshman Alpha Bangura, whose four free throws iced the victory, the Hawks' first since Feb. 16, 1998.

If there was a disappointment on Tuesday, Calloway said, it was in not being able to get right back to work. Under NCAA rules, players have to have at least one day off a week, and the Hawks (1-19) were off with games on tap Thursday, Saturday and Monday.

"These guys realize all that work paid off, so we have to keep working," said Calloway, who now has a 4-29 record as a head coach, with three wins coming against Wagner. "It's not like now that we got a win we can ease up. Now they have seen it and got the taste in their mouths we have to continue to go from there and work."

Calloway is used to that. He has not stopped since taking over as head coach at the West Long Branch, N.J., school after Wayne Szoke resigned on Jan. 17, 1998, after losing 13 of 14 games.

The Hawks went 3-10 the rest of the season with Calloway as interim coach. He got the job outright after the season, but encountered more problems.

In June, three players, including two projected starters, were

dropped from the team for violating the university's code of conduct. Another starter transferred before the season, leaving a roster suddenly filled with freshmen and inexperienced

upperclassmen.

"I haven't been paying attention to our losing streak or anyone else's," Calloway said. "I've been more concerned with our guys. I knew we had some tal-

ent, but we hadn't been able to get the win. We just needed something to get us over. Last night, when the adversity hit, we stepped up and made the plays."



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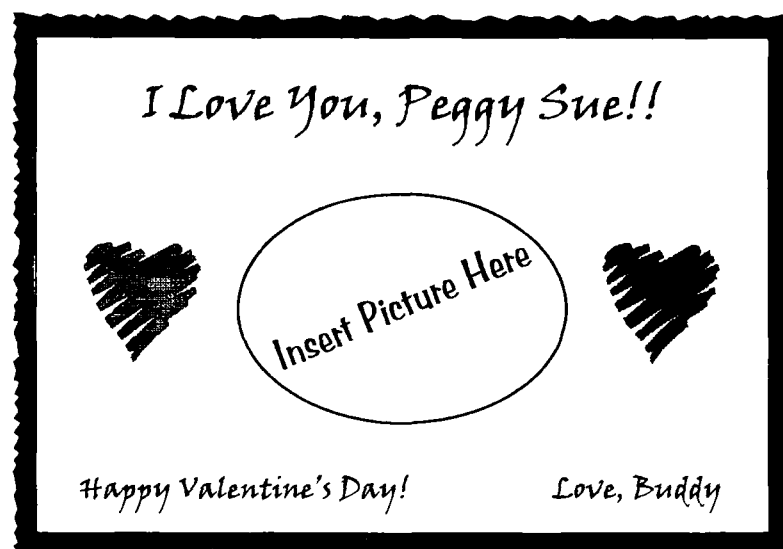


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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Braves' pitchers start workouts at 'Camp Leo'

Associated Press

ATLANTA
The Atlanta Braves' pitching

staff is getting a head start.

With the start of spring training still more than two weeks away, Braves pitchers began

working out this week at "Camp Leo," the informal program run by pitching coach Leo Mazzone. Helping former closer Mark

Wohlers relocate the strike zone and boosting rookie Bruce Chen's bid for the fifth spot in the rotation are Mazzone's top projects. Wohlers and Chen are due in later this week.

Wohlers, who appeared in only 27 games with the Braves last season, converted his first seven save chances but strained a muscle and was clueless when he returned in May.

He wound up 0-1 with a 10.18 ERA, walking 39 in 20 1-3 innings and was sent down to Triple-A Richmond, where he was just as bad: 0-3 with a

20.23 ERA, 36 walks and 17 wild pitches in 12 1-3 innings. In late August, he was placed on the disabled list due to an "inability to pitch."

The informal pitching program, which began in 1991 — Mazzone's first full season with the Braves — opened Monday with nine pitchers and catcher Javy Lopez.

On Tuesday, 11 pitchers and Lopez were on hand, a group that included NL Cy Young Award winner Tom Glavine, 17-game winners John Smoltz and Kevin Millwood, and closer Kerry Ligtenberg.

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■ NFL

White proclaims Pro Bowl his last game

Associated Press

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As Reggie White walked off the practice field Tuesday, he emphasized once again that the Pro Bowl is his football finale.

But a few moments later, as he made his way along the sidewalk to the all-stars' luxurious hotel, White added an "unless ... " of sorts.

Asked if he was leaving the door cracked for the possibility of returning to play for the Green Bay Packers' new coach, his pal Ray Rhodes, for one more season, White smiled.

"There's always a crack in my door when God talks," said White, an ordained minister.

White, who retired last April only to change his mind 48 hours later, said he had made the decision to retire this time after much consideration and prayer.

But then Rhodes took the Packers' job, causing White to ponder what it would be like to play for his former defensive coordinator at Green Bay.

"I've already carefully considered everything, and I'm retiring," White said on the Pro Bowl practice field adjacent to the teams' hotel. "Ray

and I have talked, but at this point, I have made up my mind."

While on the Green Bay staff, Rhodes helped convince White to sign with the Packers as a free agent in 1992. The arrival of the great defensive end proved the beginning of the team's return as an NFL power.

Rhodes undoubtedly would like to lure White back for one more go-around, since White, although 37, still led the league with 16 sacks this season and was named the NFL's defensive player of the year.

White's agent, Jimmy Sexton, said recently he doesn't think White was going to change his mind about retiring this time, Rhodes or not.

With or without him, White believes Rhodes is a good match for the Packers, who lost coach Mike Holmgren to Seattle after the season.

White, who has been a record 13-time Pro Bowl pick but missed two of the games with injuries, is scheduled to make his record 11th appearance in Sunday's all-star game at Aloha Stadium. Ronnie Lott, Mike Singletary and Lawrence Taylor also played in 10 games.

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W.Bball

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The Irish offense, led by Big East player of the week Ruth Riley, has been unstoppable in recent weeks, posting an average margin of victory of 37.5 points in the last four games. Riley put up a school-record 41 points on 18-of-22 shooting in Saturday's victory over Providence. The sophomore, who is third in the Big East in scoring (17.8 points per game), is one of four Irish players averaging in double figures. Sheila McMillen (15.8 ppg), Danielle Green (16.1 ppg) and Ivey (13.1 ppg) are all part of a balanced attack that few teams have been able to shutdown. Boston College, however, was one of

those teams. "I don't think we were creative enough last time we played them," Ivey said. "We tried to go to Ruth every time and when they shut her down, no one stepped up. We've had some good practices, so I think we should do well." BC has been the biggest surprise in the conference this season and has climbed to its highest ranking in school history. The Eagles, winners of four straight, have clawed their way into contention in the Big East and now stand just one game back of the Irish in the conference standings. Notre Dame defeated Seton Hall and St. John's by an average of 39.5 points. The Irish have stepped up their defense in recent games, holding their last four opponents to 61 points or less.

"We had a few terrible defense efforts earlier this year," said Ivey. "Since then, we've realized that defense wins games and we've made that our goal." On Saturday, they held Providence to just 23 percent shooting. Notre Dame has out-rebounded its opponents by a 10.7 margin. Riley leads the Big East in rebounding (9.2 per game) and blocks (3.68 per game). Junior guard Cal Bouchard will miss tonight's game due to a knee injury, so the Eagles will start three freshmen. BC will need a big game out of Alissa Murphy, who leads the Eagles in scoring with 15.8 points per

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RUTGERS	10	1	.909	18	4	.818		
NOTRE DAME	9	2	.818	17	2	.895		
BOSTON COLLEGE	9	3	.750	17	3	.850		
GEORGETOWN	6	6	.500	12	8	.600		
MIAMI	5	6	.455	10	9	.526		
VILLANOVA	5	6	.455	9	10	.474		
ST JOHNS	5	7	.417	10	13	.435		
SYRACUSE	4	7	.364	8	11	.421		
WEST VIRGINIA	4	8	.333	9	11	.450		
PITTSBURGH	3	8	.273	8	11	.421		
SETON HALL	2	10	.167	5	15	.250		
PROVIDENCE	2	10	.167	3	16	.158		

■ WAY OUT IN LEFT FIELD

'Dirty Bird,' Elway, and other Super Bowl leftovers

By JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sports Columnist

Just in case you missed it, Super Bowl XXXIII is over. If you did miss it, you didn't miss much — except the commercials, which are always great. The Denver Broncos beat the Atlanta Falcons 34-19 in a game that was much more lopsided than the score indicates. The "Dirty Bird" was killed and will probably turn up in one of those "meat" entrees served at North Dining Hall. Not only was the game relatively boring beyond the first quarter, but it didn't answer any of the "important" questions surrounding the weekend. Some of the important questions left unanswered at Super Bowl Media Day include: Will John Elway retire? I think he should, and I think he will. Taking a cue from Michael Jordan, Elway will leave the game in a way that about 98% of today's pro athletes do not: on his own terms. However, let's not confuse Jordan and Elway. One was a man who changed his sport, led his team to numerous championships, and gained the love and respect of millions worldwide; the other was Elway. Yes, Elway is a good quarterback and has had a good career, but the success of the Denver Broncos is a function of running back Terrell Davis, the Broncos offensive line, a talented set of receiving corps, and their consistent defense. The Broncos would have won the Super Bowl with any experienced quarterback at the helm (Bubby Brister, Elway's backup, was undrafted in the four games he started when Elway was injured). Yes, it was cute to see Elway finally win a Super Bowl last year. His return this year was news in some NFL circles ... in Denver. Could the Broncos win it all next year with him? Maybe. Could they win it next year without him? Less likely — unless they acquire an experienced quarterback not named Bubby Brister. The man groomed to be the Broncos' next franchise quarterback is Brian Griese, who is only two years out of Michigan and has no pro experience. In the grand scheme of things, Elway's retirement will be a boon to Griese's development and, with a relatively young core of stars, the Broncos could be back in the Super Bowl very soon. Is Dan Reeves bitter? Yes. Imagine beating a team better than the Broncos — the Minnesota Vikings — on their home soil, only to lose to Denver in the Super Bowl in Miami. Imagine that the team you lost to was the same team that fired you a few years ago. Oh, yeah, then imagine that that team's head coach was a former assistant coach that you hired, who went behind your back (while on your staff) and talked to the owner about how much better he could run the team. Finally, imagine that the team's MVP is the crybaby whose immaturity and unwillingness to listen to your

directions ran you out of town. If you don't think he's bitter, you probably enjoyed the halftime show. Is Reeves bitter about the his team's effort? Probably, but he shouldn't be. The Falcons were doomed for two reasons: (1) their victory over the Vikings and (2) the Denver Broncos. The Falcons' victory over the Vikings two weeks ago was the most draining game — physically and emotionally — on any team this year. They beat a team that is so talented that it is sick, in their dome, on an overtime field goal. A letdown like the one witnessed on Sunday night is expected after a big win — see ND-BC, '93. Furthermore, the Broncos are an extremely talented team. They have dominated games all year and could have very easily finished the season undefeated. Their team unity and experience, which allowed them to come back from a 10-point deficit against the New York Jets in the AFC Championship, made them a lock to win. The fact that Reeves took the Falcons to the Super Bowl should make him an easy choice for Coach of the Year. He and the Falcons have no reason to be bitter. What will happen to Eugene Robinson? Atlanta Falcons safety Eugene Robinson was arrested the day before the Super Bowl for allegedly offering an undercover officer \$40 for oral sex. This arrest, ironically, happened mere hours after Robinson was honored with the Bart Starr Award by the religious group Athletes in Action to the person in the NFL who displays "high moral character." This four-time NFL Man of the Year, awarded for his work with the community of Seattle, had just left his wife and his two children at the team hotel when he was caught on a busy downtown Miami boulevard. Given his role in the community, legal action against Robinson will amount to nothing more than a slap on the wrist. Personal action, however, is a completely different manner. Robinson will have to answer not only to his family, friends, critics, and Shannon Sharpe, but also to his teammates. In addition to embarrassing the organization, Robinson was burned on the game's biggest play — an 80-yard TD pass to Rod Smith. Nonetheless, the Falcons have not penalized Robinson and Reeves has maintained that the team treat the matter as a family issue and love him uncondi-

tionally. Case closed. Infidelity, money, selfishness, immaturity, replacing an icon, stealing a superior's job, settling personal scores, and lots of trash-talking. I thought the Dallas Cowboys were

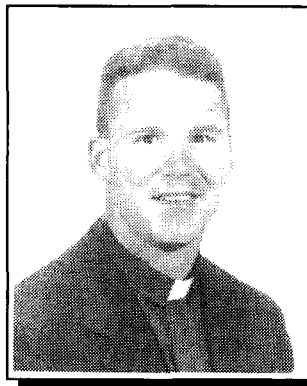
eliminated from the playoffs a few weeks ago. "We love playing at home," Ivey said. "BC is a tough team to play, but I think getting them on our home court is a big advantage."

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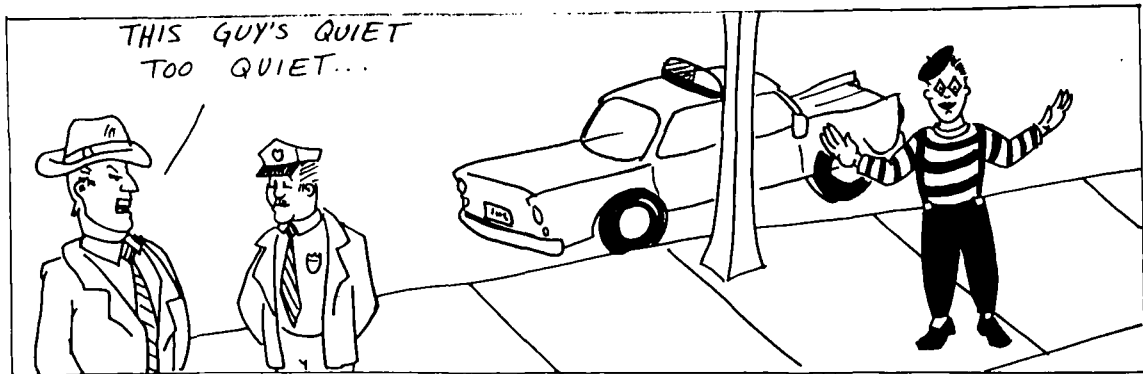
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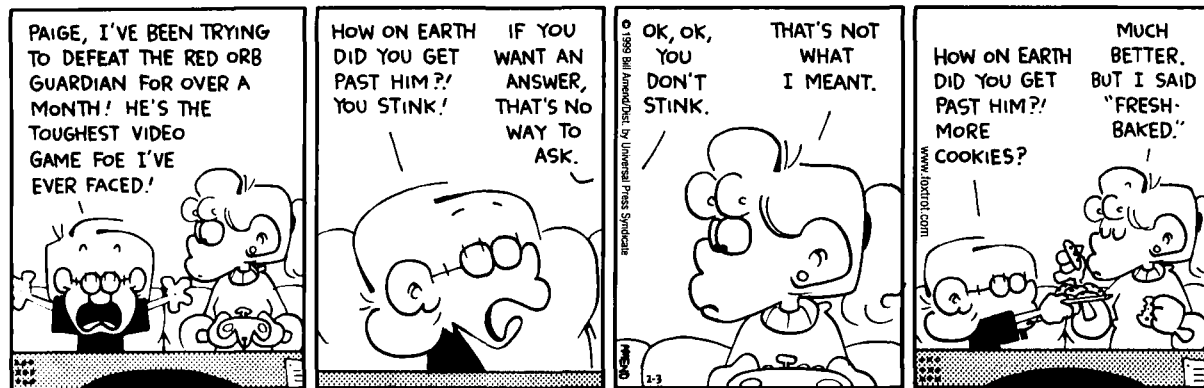
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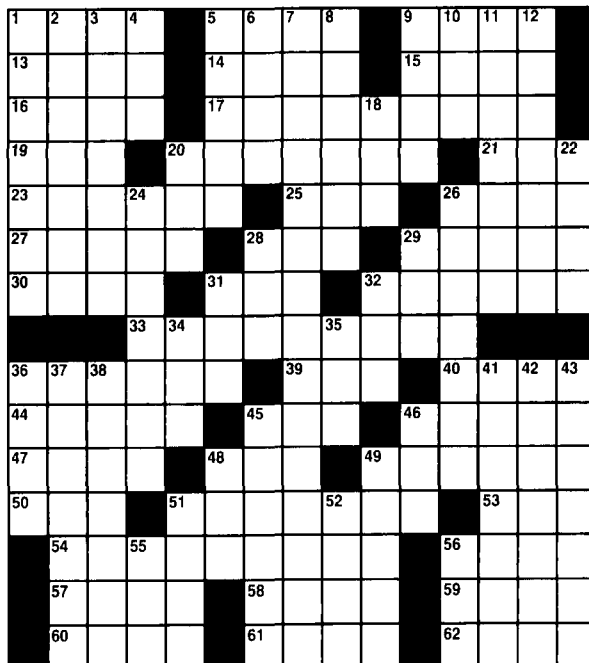


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 - 19 Hold up
 - 20 Certain playing marble
 - 21 Bout decision
 - 23 One of the Musketeers
 - 25 Long time
 - 26 Prepare, as a hook
 - 27 Old-fashioned wizards
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 - 32 Savory fungi
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 - 39 Remote targets?
 - 40 Large bulrush
 - 44 With force
 - 45 "Around the World in 72 Days" writer
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 - 49 "Fighting" Big Ten team
 - 50 Pipe connector
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 - 37 Mixture
 - 38 St. Petersburg-born ballet star
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Recruiting the

CLASS OF 2003

Davie inks top class, achieves 'second season' success

By ERIK KUSHTO
Recruiting Correspondent

Today marks the end of another season for Bob Davie and his staff.

No, not football season, but recruiting season. Student-athletes from all over the country will make their college choices official this afternoon as they sign their national letters-of-intent to play collegiate football. Today is the day Coach Davie and his staff have worked tirelessly for since their season-ending loss to Georgia Tech just four weeks ago. In that time they have logged thousands of miles searching for those special athletes who are the right fit for Notre Dame. And according to the "recruiting gurus" who keep track of the whims of these 18-year-old phenoms, the Irish have hauled in a top five class.

"This could be Bob Davie's best class," said Mike Frank of Irish Report. "Coach Davie got some big-name talent. The difference between this year and other years is that the coaching staff was very focused and got everyone they wanted by Jan. 22."

While some have Notre Dame's class of 2003 as high as No. 2 in the country, Frank suggests that there are other things to consider.

"A lot of time people get excited by the hype," said Frank. "The best way to determine if a class is great is to see how it fills needs. With the possible exception

of the defensive line, I think Notre Dame filled their needs extremely well."

The jewel of this year's class may be safety Gerome Sapp from Houston, Tex. Sapp (6-0, 200, 4.5) has the size, speed and tenacity to make a major impact at the college level. As one college assistant said to the National Recruiting Advisor, "There are a lot of players out there who have speed to play safety for us. But there just aren't many guys who have the speed and who will rock the receivers when they come across the middle. Not Gerome. Gerome has the speed, and boy does he know how to lower the boom."

Sapp was named the SuperPrep Southwestern defensive player of the year, the SuperPrep All-American 2nd best defensive back and 7th best player overall. He was the 6th best player overall according to NRA and the Sporting News and he was named a USA Today first team All-American.

"Gerome is a guy you have to like," said Frank. "He is very physical and likes to hit. Those were the kinds of things Coach Davie and defensive back coach Tom McMahon were looking for. Sapp will have lots of opportunities to play early."

The area where the Irish clearly stocked up was offensive line. As this year's highly regarded class graduates, another excellent class takes its place. Jeff Faine (6-4,



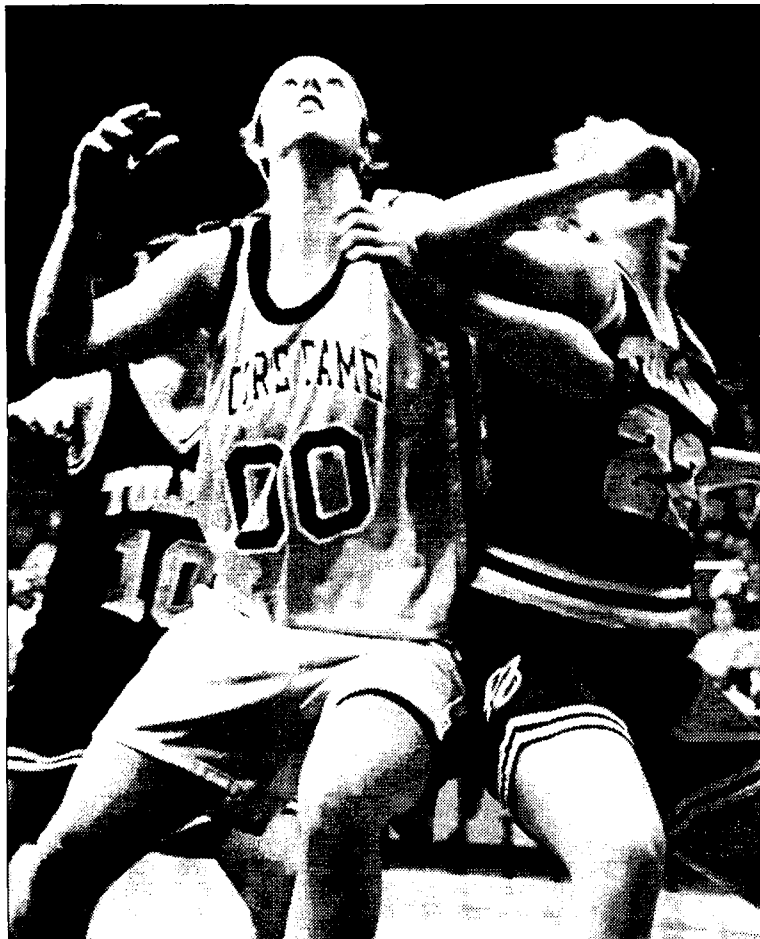
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Bob Davie surpassed last year's top-notch efforts by inking another freshman class that fills the openings the Irish need to address.

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Eagles aim to halt ND's streak

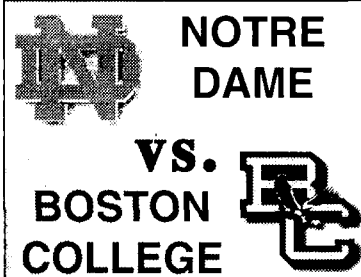


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Picking up her third Big East player of the week honor, sophomore Ruth Riley is the outlet that has charged the Irish in recent games.

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame women's basketball team (17-2), which climbed to sixth in the AP poll this week, will be looking for a little revenge Wednesday when



they host No. 20 Boston College.

"The last two times we have played them, we had a really bad game, so I definitely think we're looking for a little revenge," junior guard Niele Ivey said. "We have something to prove out there. We need to play hard as a team and get the job done."

Since that Dec. 30 loss to then unranked BC, the Irish have gone on a tear, winning eight straight and going undefeated in the month of January. Notre Dame now stands alone in third place with a 9-2 conference mark.

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■ IRISH IRON CLASSIC

Strongest Irish pump up for charity

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

Notre Dame students, faculty and staff will have a chance to test their strength this Sunday while contributing to a good cause at the Irish Iron Classic, Notre Dame's 3rd annual bench press championship.

The event, sponsored by Dillon Hall, will give competitors the opportunity to claim the title of "strongest individual" or "strongest dorm" and raise money for the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Event coordinators are quick to stress that the Classic is less about strength and more about charity.

"It's not so much a weight lifting event as it is an event to help the community," said Dillon Hall coordinator James Genauario. "When people hear about the competition, they automatically think it's just a

bunch of strong guys lifting weights, but it's much more than that."

In the competition's first year, Genauario estimated that with 80 contestants, Dillon Hall broke even, but due to increased participation last year, the dorm was able to donate about \$200 to the Center for the Homeless. This year organizers hope to attract close to 200 participants and raise \$500.

"That's an optimistic estimate, but that's what we're shooting for," said Genauario.

The Irish Iron Classic is divided into three separate competitions: the men's individual, and the men's and women's team contests.

The men's individual competition divides entrants into eight weight classes with prizes awarded to the top three finishers in each division, as well as

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