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Y2K Unplugged

As the fear of Y2K chaos spreads across the world, will Notre Dame and Saint Mary's be ready?

By NOREEN COLLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

The power outage that blackened Saint Mary's early Friday morning may have served as a blessing in disguise for the campus Y2K team.

As the community struggled with the inconvenience of a lack of telephone services, internet access and electricity, the information technology team had the perfect dry run to prepare for the possible implications of Y2K.

"This was like our Y2K fire drill," said Joel Cooper, director of Saint Mary's Information Technology. "We know that we are prepared for anything that could happen."

Campus computing networks were up and running within an hour of power restoration, and e-mail services were running shortly thereafter.

It gave the Y2K team a much needed sense of security.

"We feel like we are in good shape," Cooper said. "This made us go through all the 'what ifs' that could happen."

Initially, computer experts worldwide feared that systems

would be unable to handle the change over to the year 2000, and that embedded systems would fail, causing power outages, database collapses and other technological failures. That fear eased over the past year, as electrical companies and other technology-related industries upgraded their systems.

"We've contacted the utilities companies and they've assured us that everything is fine," Cooper said. "Of course, we'll be watching as the year moves across the international dateline, but if other technological countries go smoothly, we'll be fine."

While Friday's blackout inconvenienced nearly all of the campus community, Y2K is not expected to have a drastic impact on normal operations. Any repercussions should be minor, due to updated technology services, communication with outside vendors, and a contingency plan that outlines emergency actions that will be taken in

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By MATTHEW SMITH
News Writer

When the new millennium hits, most students will be far away in body and mind from Notre Dame.

Teams of Y2K specialists have been working behind the scenes for months and will continue into January to assure a smooth transition for students when classes resume for spring semester.

Mike Favorite, associate director of Y2K compliance for the University, seems about as worried about Y2K as he is about what to eat for lunch.

"I don't think we'll have any problems," he said. "The most likely scenario is that your computer will be unaffected, and everything will be just fine."

Of the 1,335 items categorized as "critical or life-threatening" on campus, Favorite explained that 97 percent have already been checked and found to be compliant.

He focused his main concerns on the basic infrastructure items that Notre Dame students, staff and faculty will need, including electricity, pumps for our groundwater, registration files, student records, payroll, the registrar's computers and financial aid. Each of these critical areas has a backup machine and priorities have already been worked out in the unlikely case of a limited power source, to keep the

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SUB to host open forum

♦ **Campus entertainment struggles without campus venues, funding**

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

College campuses nationwide are popular stomping grounds for top-flight music acts.

Bands play University-sponsored shows all the time, gaining access to a music-hungry demographic. Students attend the high-quality live concerts on a regular basis.

But not at Notre Dame.

Occasionally, a big-name band will play at the Joyce Center, as Aerosmith did a year ago, but those shows are almost always done through an outside promoter such as Ticketmaster. Concerts sponsored by Notre Dame's Student Union Board (SUB) usually look more like the performance by Cowboy Mouth on Nov. 17: A lesser-known band playing in a half-empty Stepan Center.

Tonight, SUB is hosting an open forum to discuss campus entertainment, and among the items under discussion will likely be concerts on campus.

"Typically the number one question that's asked about what's going on on campus is, what concerts are coming?" said SUB concert commissioner Dan Puccini. But, he acknowledges, too often the answer to that question is a concert for a band no one has heard of.

The reason for this is "complex," according to Tony Perry, SUB's advisor in the Office of Student Activities. He notes that there are three major factors that decide whether a concert can come to Notre Dame. One is the availability of Stepan Center, one is the routing of bands on tour at the time and one is cost.

Cost is the most important and most difficult variable in the process, according to organizers.

"The resources that Notre Dame gives me don't give me enough to bring the Top 40

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Students, citizens unite in execution protests

♦ **Scheduled execution sparks debate**

By MATTHEW SMITH
News Writer

A legally mentally retarded man is set to be executed by the State of Indiana on Thursday in Michigan City.

The execution has death penalty opponents from all over the country coming to Indiana to voice their disgust.

D.H. Fleenor, convicted in 1984 of the double-murder of his in-laws, has an I.Q. of 75 and a history of severe alcohol

abuse. Opponents of his execution say he is not capable of understanding his sentence, and also point to an unethical clause in a recent law passed in Indiana as reasons to grant him clemency from the death penalty.

Due to a recent law, Indiana no longer imposes the death penalty on people who are proven to be mentally retarded, although the law has been declared non-retroactive. This means that Fleenor and other legally mentally retarded inmates on Death Row will still have their executions carried out by use of lethal injection.

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♦ **Three Notre Dame groups plan protests**

By LAURA ROMPF
News Writer

Students across campus will protest the Wednesday execution of D. H. Fleenor, a mentally retarded man who was sentenced in the 1984 shooting deaths of his in-laws.

"I have a problem with all sentences of death penalty," said Laura Antkowiak, president of Notre Dame Right to Life. "However, in this case, the man being executed is mentally

retarded and has been formally diagnosed. The state is aware of this and he is being put to death anyway."

Vigils will be held on campus at Fieldhouse Mall from midnight to 1 a.m.

Antkowiak further explained more reasons that students are protesting the execution. "Also both the daughter and the granddaughter have testified that they are opposed to the death penalty, and also the victims themselves were opposed and would not have wanted Fleenor executed," she said. "And yet, the state has gone ahead and sentenced him to death."

Because of these reasons,

several student groups on campus are planning vigils to protest the execution.

"We're joining with Amnesty International and Pax Christi, two other groups on campus who are involved in this issue to go to

Vigils

♦ **Wednesday,**
11 p.m. -
1 a.m.,
Michigan City

♦ **Thursday,**
midnight -
1 a.m.,
Fieldhouse
Mall

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INSIDE COLUMN

Break out the tear gas

Sixties activist Tom Hayden calls it "the power of the street." Others liken the participants to the so-called "heroes" who protested the Vietnam War. And the environmentalists and anti-trade zealots around the world are shocked at the police brutality.

I am, of course, referring to the protests in Seattle launched against the World Trade Organization (WTO) last week. For several days, these protestors stormed around the Pacific Northwest bemoaning the conference and the organization on environmental grounds, among other things. You've probably seen the pictures of police dressed in riot gear to stop the more violent of the protestors, some even showing activists getting the tear gas treatment.

And, as always, the media coverage is deemed "unfair." Apparently, none of the dissidents had been the least bit violent or uncooperative. Rather, they were the innocent victims of a city-wide effort to billy-club a few tree huggers. And if you believe this for one moment, the protestors have duped you completely.

No one needs to remind us that some of our people in law enforcement have abused their authority to mistreat criminals and protestors. It's an unfortunate fact we must deal with on a case by case basis. However, most if not all of the police actions in Seattle were simply a brutal reality resulting from the uncooperative protestors and the havoc they unleashed on the Northwest.

Of course, I've seen plenty of accounts describing the nonviolent protestors. I've witnessed the complaints about the use of rubber bullets and tear gas. None of these accounts can hide the multi-million dollar damage that has taken place. They cannot hide the fact that unfortunately, not all of the protestors were minding their own business and "not hurting anyone."

Yet the whimpering continues. And progressives fail to defend the inexcusable actions of the less peaceful rioters, often denying their existence. During the Vietnam War, there were certainly scores of peaceful demonstrators who harmed little else than their brain cells. But did we not also have the bottle throwing and shouting of "baby killer" by ungrateful cowards? This is now dressed up as "heroics" in an attempt to romanticize the protests of that era.

Face it: The idiots went and spoiled all of the fun for the nonviolent types dressed like sea turtles. Police had every right to quell any uprising that threatened local residents or their businesses. Once protests have "pushed the envelope," the city must respond to ensure safety and minimize damage to property.

So what if MoonChild takes a rubber bullet to the noggin, or one of his comrades gets a club to the knee? Volumes will be written crying out at these atrocities, but they'll blatantly ignore the duty and responsibility of the mayor and the police to restore order. And order is such a fascist term to protestors who don't get their way.

This situation would never have required police to put the smack down had all protests remained civil. As long as protests continue, police will be ready and waiting for anyone who breaks the law. I support "the system" and encourage them to keep one hand on the tear gas and one on the baton.

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

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"The main thing that got me was that they kept stressing the next 40 years instead of the next four. Coming out with a Notre Dame degree is special."

Mike Goolsby
Notre Dame football recruit

"What I want to do is go out there and fight for people's rights."

Yasmin Voglewede
disabled student

"I love it here. I can't imagine being anywhere else."

Ralph McInerney
professor of philosophy and
medieval studies

"This is going to be a special game to honor all of the loved ones we've lost to cancer."

Imani Dumbor
junior gaurd on
basketball game raising
awareness for breast cancer

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Iowa student unable to light menorah in room

IOWA CITY, Iowa
This isn't University of Iowa freshman Carrie Barbakoff's first Hanukkah away from home, but without being able to light a menorah, it may prove to be the most difficult.

She has decorated her room in her residence hall with signs and pictures. She has eaten the traditional Hanukkah food sent by her home synagogue, but the candles in the menorah remain unlit, a missing part of the "festival of lights."

"I haven't lit the menorah yet because you're not allowed to light candles in the dorms," she said. "I was kind of frustrated because I understand it's a fire hazard, but for religious observance, some exception to the rule could be made."

She knows she could buy an electric menorah, Barbakoff said, but that doesn't fulfill the same purpose.

"I haven't lit the menorah yet because you're not allowed to light candles in the dorms."

Carrie Barkoff
Iowa freshman

"The actual lighting of the menorah is the religious observance," she said. "People are allowed to smoke in dorm rooms and light matches in dorm rooms; why aren't we allowed to light candles for a religious holiday?"

Hanukkah is an eight-day "festival of lights" in which a corresponding number of candles are lit for each day of the holiday. It commemorates the 165 B.C. victory of the Maccabees over Antiochus Epiphanes and the

rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem.

There are approximately 700 Jewish students at the UI. Because university rules prohibit lit candles in dorm rooms, many students must celebrate Hanukkah outside of the residence halls.

UI sophomore Jonah Phillips said he avoids the problem by celebrating Hanukkah at the Hillel Jewish Center. He said he understands why the UI would have a no-candle policy because the candles could create a fire hazard.

"I know a lot of students who wish they could have candles, but I think it's reasonable," he said.

Bernie Isacovici, a UI junior and the vice president of the Hillel Jewish Center student board, said the no-candle policy can create difficulties for students living in the dorms.

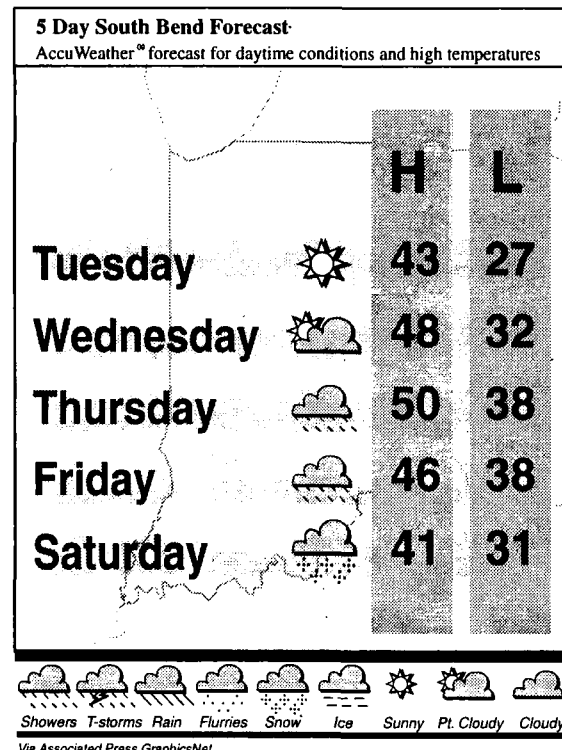
Texas denies making memorial T-shirts

COLLEGE STATION, Texas
The Department of Collegiate licensing for Texas A&M University has now prohibited retailers from selling merchandise memorializing Bonfire. A&M clothing retailer Inspirations, the first to produce and sell the memorial Bonfire "Muster" T-shirts, was ordered by Collegiate licensing to donate its proceeds and shirts to Traditions Council. Toby Boenig, manager of A&M collegiate licensing, said his office will not approve any licenses for Bonfire items intended for retail sales. "The policy we adopted says only student groups directly affiliated with Texas A&M are permitted to use A&M trademarks to sell products memorializing Bonfire," he said. Boenig said the University requires all proceeds from sales of Bonfire-related items be donated to the Bonfire memorial fund. Matt Timmons, a traditions council member and a senior community health major, said Inspirations donated 1,500 "Muster" T-shirts left in their store and at the printer to the Traditions Council after the University mandated only student organizations could sell Bonfire merchandise. Timmons said students lined the main hallway of the MSC last week, waiting to get a tangible memory of Bonfire.

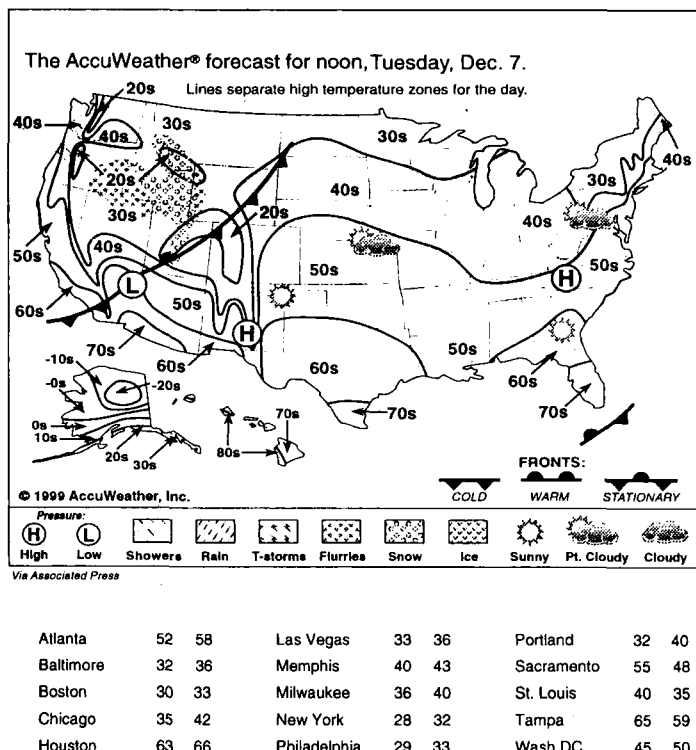
Nebraska faculty supports fetal research

LINCOLN, Neb.
Members of University of Nebraska's faculty are scared of the effects that stopping research on fetal tissue at the university's medical center may have on academic freedom. In a letter sent Friday to the governor, the attorney general and the speaker of the unicameral, 10 members of the faculty chided officials for threatening budget cuts if the university did not discontinue the research. "It is a dangerous exercise of political power to threaten the whole university or any one of its sites with punitive budget cuts based on such volatile issues as are present in this case," wrote English professor James McShane on behalf of nine other faculty members. McShane wrote the letter in response to threats last week by state senators to cut university funding after it was reported in the Omaha World-Herald that the University of Nebraska Medical Center performed Alzheimer's disease research on aborted fetal tissue. McShane said he defends the university for the research it does. "The last time I heard, abortion was legal," he said. "The University of Nebraska has a board to determine what is ethical and so does the federal government."

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NATIONAL WEATHER



SMC athletes spread holiday cheer

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

Children's eyes lit up as they entered Saint Mary's Angela Athletic Facility Sunday afternoon just knowing that Santa was only a few short steps away.

Candy canes, prizes, popcorn, arts and crafts – what else could they wish for?

The spirit of Christmas filled the room when athletes, coaches, faculty, staff and children from the Saint Mary's community came together and shared the seasonal excitement.

Children met all of the Saint Mary's athletes and participated in various activities as they went from each station sponsored by a different varsity team. From coloring and cutting to decorating cookies and face painting, their energy never ceased.

Even when parents found their children wired from all the sugar, they headed down to the courts for a couple shoot-outs or games of volleyball.

Sponsored by the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, consisting of two athletes from

each varsity team, this holiday event made its debut.

"It's not only a team builder but also a great way to reach out to the community," Lynn Kachmarik, director of athletics said. "We hope to make it an annual event."

Waiting anxiously in line to see Santa included children came from ECDC (Early Childhood Development Center), The Village Married Student Housing, St. Margaret's House, as well as those of the faculty and staff of the college.

"It's a great way for Saint Mary's athletes to interact with the community and usher in the Christmas season," said freshman soccer player Heather Muth.

As a member of the Advisory Board, sophomore basketball player Kelly Roberts helped plan the event and was thrilled to see such pride for Saint Mary's and willingness to get

involved. "The community strongly supports athletes and it is nice to give something back to them and their families," she said.

This event was clearly beneficial for both athletes and children alike. "Watching the kids have fun and sharing in their joy definitely brings out the Christmas spirit. By doing this as a team we grow closer together with every child," said freshman swimmer Mikiciuk.

"By getting to know the other athletes, it will be more fun to support them,"

said sophomore volleyball player Jamie Dineen.

Many athletes realized how much the parents prized their enthusiasm. "The parents really appreciate it. It gives kids self-confidence and we're a positive influence on them," said freshman track and field member Kate Zimmer.

"The parents really appreciate it. It gives kids self-confidence and we're a positive influence on them."

Kate Zimmer
freshman track runner

CLARIFICATION

The Inside Column in Monday's Observer contained information that was inaccurate. The University does not regularly read student e-mails.

"That [column] makes assertions that are absolutely false," said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for resident life. "There was just no truth to it."

Kirk referred to a section on responsible technology use in du Lac that outlines the University's policies on topics

such as acceptable use, privacy and confidentiality.

According to du Lac, University computing resources should be used for education, research and public service.

Inappropriate uses include things such as harassment, libel or slander, pornography and material that is contrary to the mission or values of the University. As du Lac explains, improper use of University computing resources include

purposes that are "illegal, immoral, unethical, dishonest, damaging to the reputation of the University, inconsistent with the mission of the University or likely to subject the University to liability."

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"If we don't have it, you can't get it!"

CLC turns focus to 24-hour space

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

Student surveys revealed that views on 24-hour space vary among residence halls, said Cavanaugh Hall senator Bridget Tomes at Monday's Campus Life Council meeting.

The issue of male and female interaction in 24-hour space was a concern in the surveys.

Tomes said it was a common complaint by students that when hall monitors leave, students of the opposite sex are asked to leave. This shortens the 24-hour space to 20-hour space because parietals end at 10 a.m.

"When the security guard left at 6 a.m., the male was told to leave," said Tomes referring to a survey response.

The committee remarked that this frequently applied to female dorms rather than male dorms.

"There seems to be an issue with consistency between halls," said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president of Student Affairs.

In order to decrease inconsistency, the CLC established a written definition of 24-hour space and drafted a resolution that the definition be put into du Lac. Father Mark Poorman, vice president of student affairs, sent a response, acknowledged that while there is no formal definition of 24-hour or social space, the decision "is left to the discretion of each rector."

"My regular hall monitor knows that [24-hour space is for all hours of the day]," said Sister Mary Ann Mueninghoff, rector of Pasquerilla East.

However, Mueninghoff said she heard of incidents when substitute monitors have enforced other rules. She suggested letting all hall monitors know what the rules are concerning 24-hour space.

Father Paul Doyle, rector of Dillon Hall, said that the rectors who are not content with the 24-hour space should be identified and be made aware that there is money available if the facility is the problem.

"In some of the halls you have to leave the implementation somewhat to the rector because

the way they're designed," said Brother Jerome Meyer, rector of Knott Hall. "There might be some halls that don't have facilities for 24-hour space."

CLC members used Stanford and Keenan Hall as example where, in previous years, the lobby was the only 24-hour space, which differs greatly from most other dorms that have a separate room with a television and often games.

"The facilities exist," said Ava Preacher, assistant dean of the college of arts and letters, "but they might not be utilized as actual 24-hour space."

The committee for 24-hour space is going to meet again to discuss the issues of implementing the space, defining it and making sure that the facilities are available.

"Uniformity is definitely an issue," said Ross Kerr. "Whether it's the University enforcing [24-hour space] or the rectors, there needs to be an understanding."

In other CLC News:

♦ A new ATM will be installed at the south entrance of North Dining Hall. Co-chairman of Hall President's Council Brian Rigney and assistant vice president of residence life, Bill Kirk worked with Business Operations and the Notre Dame Credit Union to get the installation approved.

♦ The Diversity Committee is interested in taking various freshmen orientation workshops "one step further" said representative Michael Fierro. The Committee is also discussing student hosts, especially for Spring Visitation.

♦ The Alcohol Committee is talking to rectors about alcohol policies and will interview students about alcohol-related issues at the beginning of the spring semester.

♦ Chairman Micah Murphy announced that the University will encourage more student participation during basketball season. There will be a pre-game pep rally for the next game.



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Protests

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Michigan City and participate in a peaceful vigil in hopes that Governor [Frank] O'Bannon will change his mind," Antkowiak said. "Also the vigils are just to express opposition to the Death Penalty and praying for Mr. Fleenor's soul."

The number of students involved is unclear, but group leaders are participation will increase.

"We're not exactly sure on the exact number of student participants. We are still trying to get people to sign up," said Matt Monberg, president of Amnesty International.

Monberg further explained that the student groups will meet up with other people protesting the execution from around the state.

"We are working with two other groups in Indiana: St. Joseph and Elkhart County Religious Against the Death Penalty and the Indiana Coalition to Abolish Capital Punishment," he said. "My experience in recent years shows that there is a growing opposition to the death penalty. Both of these groups have been a grass roots effort from people protesting the death penalty. All these people have full time jobs and are simply doing this on their free time because they feel strongly about the issue."

Monberg hopes that the group will be able to be a voice against the death penalty.

"We have several goals," he said. "First, we want the commutation of Mr. Fleenor's sentence from death to life in prison. Second, we want to be a strong voice. As a member of the state of Indiana — a citizen of Indiana — I want my presence to be symbolic of my voice. Through a letter to the governor and my presence at the prison on Wednesday night shows the importance of the issue."

All three organizations hope students will get involved.

"Certainly going out on Wednesday night will be a powerful statement," said

Antkowiak. "I know that people will be out celebrating, but if they could cut it a bit a short and do something meaningful, they can make an impact."

Monberg said that going to the vigil at the prison would help students become more aware of what is going on. "This will be the third execution I have attended since being a student here at Notre Dame — Robert Smith in 1997 and Gary Burris in 1996," he said. "I feel it is really important and that all students should experience it at some point. No matter how evil a crime a person committed, they were created in God's image and likeness, and therefore they have the right to life. We ought to keep D.H. Fleenor in our prayers especially in light of the start of Jubilee 2000, a time in which we are challenged to live lives of forgiveness and renewal," Monberg continued.

All three students said people should understand the value of Fleenor's life even though he committed this crime.

"Personally as a Catholic, I'm committed to the dignity of every human life," Antkowiak said. "It is God's decision, not ours, to end a life. Even though he's committed a terribly wrong action, it is not the state's decision to take his life. He may be a monster, but the state can not take his life."

Monberg also called attention to the value of Fleenor's life. "I hope the vigil shows the importance of these lives, of these people who are important. The goal of the vigil is to recognize both Mr. Fleenor and his victims," he concluded.

"Personally, I believe that the state will commit premeditated murder Wednesday night," said Brendan Egan, a member of Pax Christi. "It is that simple. Whatever the vocabulary will be, the truth is that the state of Indiana is vengefully killing another human being. And this human being is not even mentally healthy. As a Catholic University, Notre Dame should be shouting for the protection of human life."

"Personally as a Catholic, I'm committed to the dignity of every human life. It is God's decision, not ours, to end a life."

**Laura Antkowiak
president, Notre Dame
Right to Life**

Execution

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Activists who offer reasons for clemency point to several issues.

"Every family member [both in the victim's and in Fleenor's family] on record has opposed the death penalty," explained Matthew Monberg, president of the Notre Dame chapter of Amnesty International. "Even his mother, who turned him in [in 1984], favors simply a life sentence for this man."

"There has been a huge outpouring of support, in the state and around the country," he added. "It really feels like peo-

ple who are against the death penalty are coming out [to protest the Fleenor case].

"A lot of people favor the death penalty because they believe it's less expensive," Monberg said. "However, it's actually far more expensive than [life imprisonment]."

Last week, Fleenor didn't show up at his clemency hearing, marking an end to any legal means that can be carried out. Numerous lawyers have offered to defend him, but Fleenor has shown no interest in seeking council. He reportedly told one clemency board member to "show no mercy."

The only chance remaining for Fleenor is if Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon

chooses to grant clemency. Although he has been "responsive to letters," Monberg explained that "he hasn't been responsive in the way we want him to be."

Phone calls to the governor's office by The Observer were not returned.

Monberg urged students to join people from around the country in a vigil outside of the Michigan City State Prison, where Fleenor is set to be executed.

The vigil in Michigan City will go from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m., on Wednesday.

An on-campus vigil is planned for midnight to 1 a.m. on Thursday at the Fieldhouse Mall.

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acts that students keep requesting," Puccini said. SUB Concert Committee has a budget of \$23,000 a year.

But even if they had more money, the committee would not necessarily be able to host more shows.

This is the paradox that concert organizers face at Notre Dame. Stepan only seats 2,000, although SUB does not have to pay rent to use it. In addition, the University's reluctance to charge more than \$20 for a ticket, and the \$23,000 budget SUB has for concerts, limits the organization's ability to lure and pay big-name talent.

Top-40 acts frequently charge upwards of \$30,000 for a concert, Perry said, putting SUB in the red even before factoring in overhead costs.

One solution Puccini proposes is co-sponsorship of concerts. If other organizations helped SUB pay for concerts, they would lose less money and could bring

more shows, he said.

"We really need some groups on campus with the will to do this," he said. "Everyone's got to work together."

Working alone, the SUB Concert Committee spent its entire budget on the Third Eye Blind concert last year, Puccini said, and nearly its whole budget on Cowboy Mouth last month. As a result, there was only one concert last year.

"If you do a concert, you do a concert," he said. "You're selling significantly less tickets for significantly less money, because people aren't going to pay as much. When it all adds up, your loss financially is the same."

Renting out the Joyce Center, which seats approximately 11,000, can cost anywhere from \$20,000 to \$50,000, according to Joe Sassano, events manager for the Joyce Center. While the facility can hold more people than Stepan, the bands that would be able to fill it would also likely be out of SUB's price range, according to Sassano.

"We don't have the facilities to break even," Perry said.

Security is another issue.

When SUB considers bringing a band to campus, they give the name to Notre Dame Security/Police, which contacts other campus security departments to find out about past incidents at colleges. If a history of dangerous or illegal activity is discovered, Security may recommend that the contract not be signed, according to Rex Rakow, director of Campus Security.

"We want to know about bands that don't follow the contract, and bands that encourage behavior we don't want," he said, noting that such behavior includes encouragement of crowd surfing and moshing. "These are just risks we don't want the University to take on."

But they rarely recommend against bands, Rakow said. There was just one incident, when research on the ska band The Mighty Mighty Bosstones found the group had a history of problems at other schools.

Fundamentally, however, the problem is not with the University restricting bands as it is with a lack of funds to bring in top-level talent.

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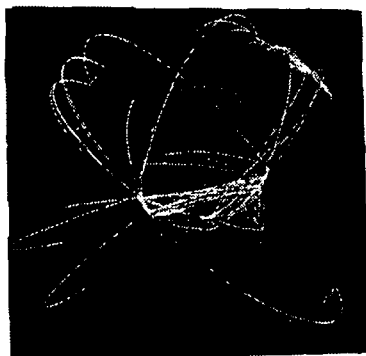
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Adviser defends Kohl on accounts

BERLIN

Former German chancellor Helmut Kohl had only limited knowledge of a vast web of money transfers within his party, the Christian Democrats' tax adviser told investigators in testimony published Monday. The mass-circulation Bild newspaper published excerpts of the seven hours of testimony given last month across two pages. It was the latest in a series of revelations in a growing Christian Democrat financial scandal that threatens Kohl's legacy. Parliament has launched an inquiry to examine whether government decisions during Kohl's 1982-98 chancellorship were influenced by illicit payments. Kohl admitted running off-the-books party accounts last week, but has adamantly denied that any of the money involved bribes for official actions.

Castro attends rescued boy's party

HAVANA

President Fidel Castro made a surprise appearance Monday at a 6th birthday party for Elian Gonzalez, continuing his campaign for the boy to be returned to his father in Cuba. Elian's elementary school classmates organized the party for Elian in his absence. The boy, who was rescued off the Florida coast nearly two weeks ago, has become a political poster child for Cubans on both sides of the Florida Straits. Castro's government stepped up pressure on the United States, appealing for international support, organizing street protests and demanding Sunday that Elian be returned to his father in 72 hours — by Tuesday night. But the State Department rejected the demand, saying the fate of the child should be based on humanitarian considerations.

Traffic injuries stress kids

CHICAGO

A study of children and teenagers injured in traffic accidents found that 25 percent suffered post-traumatic stress disorder, but most parents sought no help for them. Victims of post-traumatic stress disorder may have recurring memories of the experience, a strong desire to forget what happened, sleeplessness, jumpiness and trouble concentrating. One million youngsters are hurt every year in traffic accidents in the United States, and parents may overlook the long-term anguish that can result from even minor accidents, researchers said in the December issue of the journal Pediatrics. The researchers studied 102 children and teen-agers, ages 3 through 17, who were injured in traffic accidents.



Hillcrest Medical Center's Life Flight Helicopter lifts off with one of four victims of a school shooting at Fort Gibson Middle School in Fort Gibson, Okla. The alleged shooter, a student at the school, opened fire on classmates early Monday morning.

Student opens fire on schoolmates

Associated Press

FORT GIBSON, Okla.

A seventh-grader walked up to a crowd of youngsters waiting for the morning bell Monday and allegedly opened fire with a gun, wounding four schoolmates before a science teacher pinned him against a wall.

None of the injuries appeared to be life-threatening. A fifth youngster suffered bumps and bruises.

"He doesn't even know who it was he shot," sheriff's Deputy Terry Cragg said. "There was not a hate thing. The 13

year-old dropped the emptied, 9mm semiautomatic handgun as he was approached by science teacher Ronnie Holuby, who also serves as the safety officer at Fort Gibson Middle School, Superintendent Steve Wilmoth said. Holuby grabbed the boy's arms and pinned him against a brick wall.

The small, slender boy was taken to court for a closed, 15-minute arraignment, walking solemnly between two deputies and keeping his head down.

His name was not released. No details were released on the arraignment or on what charges

the boy faces.

Authorities said they were not aware of any previous trouble involving the boy and did not know who owned the gun. The youngster belonged to a teen Christian group and other school organizations, students said.

"He seemed like a really nice person," said Justine Hurst, a 13-year-old eighth-grader. "He had a lot of friends."

"Some people say he's crazy, but he's really not. He comes from a really good family," said Kanjaowah Bowley, another eighth-grader.

Students had gathered outside the middle school

and were waiting to enter for the start of classes when the boy walked up at around 7:45 a.m. and started shooting, witnesses said.

School officials, given safety training following the Columbine High School massacre, rushed the students to the safety of the cafeteria.

Some students thought the popping came from fireworks left from a state high school football championship game that Fort Gibson lost 46-0 Saturday.

"We heard one girl screaming. We saw smoke coming from the cement," eighth-grader Greg Pruitt said.

RUSSIA

Chechnya capital receives ultimatum

Associated Press

DOLINSKY

Russian planes dropped leaflets on Chechnya's besieged capital Monday, warning residents and rebels to flee before federal forces launch a massive attack to smash Grozny into submission.

The Russian military has been raining bombs and artillery on the city for weeks but has been hesitant to risk storming it, for fear that street battles would cause the kind of heavy casualties that Russia suffered in Grozny in the 1994-96 war.

Now the Russians are threatening to unleash

their biggest artillery and air bombardment on the city so far. Russian forces dumped leaflets on Grozny on Monday telling rebel fighters and civilians that they had until Saturday to flee. The fliers said a safe corridor would be open until Dec. 11 to let civilians escape.

"Persons who stay in the city will be considered terrorists and bandits and will be destroyed by artillery and aviation. There will be no further negotiations. Everyone who does not leave the city will be destroyed," the leaflets said.

It was unclear who could or would leave. Most of the civilians in Grozny — the Russians

estimate between 15,000 and 40,000 remain — are old or infirm.

"We had to flee when they made such an ultimatum during the previous war. Last time they also said that those who stayed in the city were militants. It turned out that many of them were elderly people who had nowhere to go, and exactly the same thing will happen now," Zina Ferzauli, a refugee from Grozny staying in the village of Dolinsky, nine miles to the northwest.

Russian forces easily swept down across Chechnya's northern plains when the military campaign began in September, and now control more than half of

Chechnya.

But the rebels have been stiffening resistance as federal troops tighten their ring around the capital.

Federal forces now claim to have blockaded Grozny, yet Chechen fighters can be seen freely moving in and out at night. An Associated Press reporter outside Grozny had no trouble traveling through the widely spaced Russian positions around the city.

Routes for travel are explored by Chechen scouts and then become common knowledge among local residents. Russian troops rarely change their positions or venture outside checkpoints, making their hold on the area largely symbolic.

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NASA engineers begin to accept Lander's silence

By JOHN NOBLE WILFORD
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif.

Just about now, if things had gone differently, Wayne Zimmerman would have been waiting expectantly and nervously for the Mars Polar Lander's mechanical arm to start digging in the planet's cold ground, searching for evidence of water ice.

He was the lead engineer for electronics on the team that developed and tested the 6.5-foot arm.

As the grim reality of the lander's apparent loss settled in Monday, Zimmerman paid a visit to the "Mars yard" here at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. There, on a bed of simulated red Mars soil, stood a mock-up of the vehicle that has been

assembled to head out in 2001 for the next landing attempt. Its robot arm was almost identical to the one on the ill-starred polar lander.

The visit was an occasion for mourning and reflection as well as worry that the \$165 million mission's failure could prompt public and Congressional criticism of the entire

Mars exploration program, including calls for severe cutbacks. The fear perhaps arises because the space agency's science programs have been vulnerable to budget cuts in the past.

The gloom was doubly thick because in September the lander's companion craft, Mars Climate Orbiter, which cost \$125 million, was lost as it approached the planet.

"We're all just crestfallen," Zimmerman said. "Man, it's

"Man, it's tough when you put that much work for years into designing and testing; it's hard to lose it all."

Wayne Zimmerman
lead engineer for
Mars Polar Lander

tough when you put that much work for years into designing, building and testing; it's hard to lose it all. Not to have an opportunity to do that science is pretty depressing."

Indeed, with each passing hour, little hope remained that flight controllers would establish radio contact with the missing polar lander. A listening opportunity early this morning, the sixth since the spacecraft's landing attempt on

Friday, again produced nothing but silence.

Another effort, perhaps the last on which controllers are pinning much hope, was planned for early Tuesday.

Mission officials said they had also abandoned much hope of receiving transmissions from the two small probes that were supposed to penetrate the Martian ground at about the same time of the lander's arrival. They were designed to examine the subsurface for signs of water ice.

The search for water by both the probes and the lander was an effort to answer the consuming question about Mars: Could life have arisen there in the past? Water is considered essential for life, and other research has shown that some water ice and vapor exists on Mars and might have been

more abundant and in liquid form earlier.

The mission's apparent failure has been acutely painful for Zimmerman and others who have invested years, sometimes decades, in Mars exploration. Dr. Richard Zurek, the chief scientist for the project, found himself a three-time loser. He was also chief scientist for the lost climate orbiter and an investigator on the \$1 billion Mars Observer, which disappeared mysteriously in 1993 and it arrived at the planet.

Dr. David Paige, one of the leading mission scientists from the University of California at Los Angeles, has lost years of work and millions of dollars in instruments on three separate failed missions to Mars over the last decade. He had been hoping to follow in the footsteps of his father as a polar explorer.

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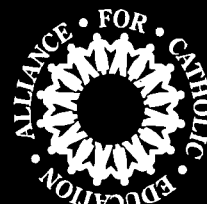
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SabreTech convicted in plane crash

Associated Press

MIAMI

In the first criminal case of its kind in the United States, an aircraft maintenance company was convicted Monday of mishandling the oxygen canisters blamed for the cargo hold fire that caused the 1996 ValuJet crash in the Everglades.

Two employees of the maintenance company, SabreTech, were acquitted.

Flight 592 crashed shortly after takeoff from Miami, killing all 110 people on board.

Prosecutors said SabreTech sacrificed safety for the sake of profits and rushed the transport of the canisters to avoid financial penalties for not meeting ValuJet's deadlines.

"I sincerely hope that in some small measure today's verdict provides a sense of comfort, relief and justice," said federal prosecutor Guy Lewis. "The good news is that the flying public can sleep a little easier tonight."

After deliberating for 13 hours over three days, a federal jury convicted SabreTech, which is no longer in business, of causing the transportation of hazardous materials and failing to provide training in handling hazardous materials. The company was acquitted of conspiracy.

SabreTech's maintenance operations have been sold by the parent company, Sabreliner, which could face a fine of \$4.5 million and be forced to make restitution to the families of the crash's 110 victims.

Former employees Daniel

Gonzalez and Eugene Florence were acquitted of conspiracy and charges they lied on repair records.

Gonzalez, who could have faced 10 years in prison if convicted, showed little emotion when the verdict was read, but his wife smiled broadly. Florence, who could have faced 15 years in prison, broke into a wide smile.

SabreTech lawyer Ken Quinn said the guilty verdicts would be appealed.

The company acknowledged that mistakes were made but said they did not amount to crimes. Defense attorneys also suggested that electrical problems on the plane may have caused the crash.

"There was nothing reckless or willful about the handling of these oxygen generators," Quinn said.

Gwendolyn Marks of Miami, whose son Philmore died in the crash, said after the mechanics were acquitted: "I take it as a dagger in the heart. I am angry. I'm very angry."

The case was the first in which a maintenance company faced criminal charges in connection with an American air disaster.

The case involved 144 oxygen generators removed by SabreTech from other ValuJet planes.

The canisters are usually installed over seats to supply oxygen to the masks that drop when a plane's cabin loses pressure; they were being carried as cargo on the DC-9 on May 11, 1996.

Five cartons of the generators, which resemble shaving cream cans, were delivered to the ill-fated flight without the required safety caps or any markings indicating the canisters were hazardous. ValuJet was not allowed to carry hazardous cargo. Some of the generators were also packed in a paper-towel box.

Crash investigators blamed the generators for starting a 2,200-degree fire that spread to the jet's cabin and melted aluminum seat tracks and plastic tray tables.

Florence, a former mechanic, signed a work card stating he had installed caps on the generators, but he admitted days after the crash that he had not. The caps keep a firing pin from hitting an aspirin-size percussion cap.

The firing pins are activated by pulling a string, and mechanics secured some of the canisters simply by wrapping the string around the body of the canister or taping the string down.

Gonzalez, a vice president of maintenance, was accused of pressing Florence and other mechanics to sign the paperwork in order to beat deadlines and get the plane in the air.

Prosecutors also said he signed paperwork for a deicing task that allegedly was not actually done on an Aserca Airlines jet in 1995. That claim was used to back up the charge that SabreTech lied, rushed work and skipped assignments.

Another former SabreTech mechanic charged in the case, Mauro Valenzuela, is a fugitive.

ValuJet, which has changed its name to AirTran, and SabreTech have settled most lawsuits brought by victims' families, but a few are set for trial.

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South Bend's airport, banks prepare for Y2K

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

To relieve the public's fear over the safety of air travel on Jan. 1, John Schalliol of the South Bend/Michiana Regional Airport will welcome the New Year in an airplane above South Bend.

Schalliol's wife, members of the media and other airport staff will join him in the air.

"[The airport] will be fine even if we don't receive electricity," Schalliol said. "Everything will be normal."

Generators will power the airport in the unlikely event that the local electrical company cannot.

Potential problems in the air-

port's computer system would arise from equipment that reads years as only two digits. Thus, that equipment would interpret the year 2000 as the year 1900.

The airport staff began preparing for the millennium two years ago. Tests imply that all systems will function normally in the year 2000, according to Schalliol.

"We found a few systems that needed to be replaced anyway," he said. However, none of the systems critical to the airport's functioning needed replacing.

The airport will have to run additional tests on equipment such as fire trucks and communication devices shortly after midnight on Jan. 1. Schalliol will then file a report with the Federal Aviation Administration,

which is responsible for the safety of domestic aviation.

"I don't anticipate any problems whatsoever," Schalliol said.

The Federal Trade Commission echoes Schalliol's optimism.

"The FAA does not expect the year 2000 computer problem to affect domestic air travel," according to the FTC's official Web site.

Despite assurances from airports and the government, many travelers are avoiding flying on Jan. 1, according to Pat Walsh, vice president of business services at Anthony Travel.

"We're all prepared. We're looking forward for this year to end so we can put this behind us."

Skip Yoder
Notre Dame Federal Credit Union

Even the Notre Dame athletic department was concerned with the possibility of having to transport the football team and

marching band around Jan. 1, if the team had been invited to a bowl game, said Walsh.

"People are very, very skeptical," he said. "I would personally be very concerned traveling in ... foreign countries [on Jan. 1]."

While domestic airlines are prepared for Y2K, certain for-

eign countries, such as those in South America, might not be.

"We're very unsure how far along they are," Walsh said.

Air travel is not the only area of concern for many people in regards to Y2K.

Many Americans also fear that records of their bank accounts will disappear if their bank's computer system fails. Financial institutions, however, do not anticipate problems.

"We're all prepared. We're looking forward for this year to end so we can put this behind us," said Skip Yoder of the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union.

NDFCU met federal regulations for Y2K preparedness before the June deadline, and has tested its computing system repeatedly.

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the event of unforeseen repercussions.

"You can never know everything that is going to happen," Cooper said. "But we've done as much as anyone else and have adequately prepared the campus."

For students who fear flicking the switch on their desktop computers when they return from winter break, the risk of system failure is low. Since the network is only three years old, nearly all the network software and hardware came to campus Y2K compliant.

"Being behind in technology actually worked to our advantage," Cooper said. "When we networked the campus, we backed into a Y2K solution."

The Y2K team, who surveyed the campus hardware and software for Y2K compatibility, found that most computer systems brought to campus by students were Y2K compliant.

All Macintosh computers are Y2K compliant, and computers equipped to support Microsoft Windows 95 and 98 should suffer only minimal effects.

"Students may need to upgrade BIOS (Basic

Input/Output Systems), but since they are bringing in relatively new systems, it shouldn't be a problem," Cooper said.

Students who do experience Y2K difficulty or who are attempting to prepare their personal computers in advance of a download patches for Windows 95 and 98 at www.microsoft.com, or contact Information Technology to obtain them.

Additionally, resident computer consultants are compiling a list of instructions for students that will be available on the Web upon returning from break.

"The only thing that we're really telling students to do is unplug their machines," Cooper said. "We do not anticipate a great deal of difficulty."

In the event that Y2K does halt normal operations, the Y2K team — comprised of Information Technology, Human Resources, Security,

Dining Services, and Facilities representatives — drafted a contingency plan that outlines steps to follow in case operations are interrupted.

The contingency plan includes an Emergency Response Team that will be on call Dec. 31, 1999, to monitor Saint Mary's for any potential problems.

"We purposely set up a process that will let as many people as possible be home with their families that night," Cooper said. "We'll be here to monitor any problems that will occur, but we don't expect anything to happen."

Should operations be interrupted, there is a possibility that the academic calendar could be delayed. For information regarding the status of campus following Jan. 1, 2000, students may call (219) 284-5245 after Jan. 10, 2000. They may also check Saint Mary's Y2K Web site at www.saintmarys.edu/~y2k.

But the best advice? Sit back and relax on New Year's Eve.

"We've done our homework," Cooper said. "Business is expected to run smoothly."

"Being behind in technology actually worked to our advantage."

Joel Cooper
director, Saint Mary's
Information Technology

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essential needs of the University running.

"Power is a big one, because it is absolutely necessary to keep research animals in the Fryman center alive, as well as refrigerators on campus with other valuable specimens, just as two examples," said Favorite.

"Luckily, we are the only unit in the area that can generate its own power," he said. "However, any day we are only producing 30 percent of what we need."

The rest must come from outside sources.

"Hopefully, it will be seamless to the campus if we lose power," Favorite said, "because all the students' power needs will be turned off because of break."

The University has also been busy making careful lists of who will be on campus when the millennium hits, and what they will need. "For instance, there will be two basketball teams on campus because there is a game on in the first couple days of January," he said.

The department of Y2K compliance created contingency plans to better prepare for the unknown effects of Y2K. The plans are designed in three phases based on the level of danger the new year will actually present.

Phase three, or the disaster possibility, calls for Notre Dame to assist the needs of the Michiana community in case of an emergency outside of campus.

Favorite will have some people on campus at midnight to assess any immediate problems. Then a full team of specialists, including an OIT staff, will fix or replace anything in the days leading up to the spring semester.

"Eventually, people will come to their labs and classrooms, and these lesser problems will be reported to us as they are discovered," he said.

All computer clusters will also be checked from Jan. 1 to the beginning of the spring semester.

Favorite suggested that to

protect themselves and the University, students should unplug everything before they leave for break. In that case, if power is lost, University generators can focus on the important power needs at Notre Dame. He also stressed testing personal computers for compliance by using the Y2K disks available in the OIT solution center and making backup copies of important files.

Mike Langhorne, director of coordinator services at the OIT center, also suggests that students should ask the OIT help desk about Y2K. He points out that "there is a low chance of problems with data files, such as saved texts written on Word or WordPerfect."

"In general, the bigger the company, the better the chance that the company will have taken precautions," Langhorne said. "The older the version [of a program], the more likely the problems."

"Hopefully, it will be seamless to the campus if we lose power because all the students' needs will be turned off because of break."

Mike Favorite
associate director of
Y2K compliance

"The two questions we all have," said Favorite, "are: 'When I leave my office, will my computer know its 2000 and not 1900,' and 'will it accept that

and continue to function, or will it reject that?'"

Favorite suggests that the problem of the date on computers can be dealt with in two easy ways after New Year's Day.

If a computer will not accept a date of 2000, it should be set to 1972, the last calendar year that lines up exactly the same as 2000 will be.

Questions arose about items other than computers, and Y2K's effects on them. "Say I have a new car with a date system telling you when the last time you serviced your car was, and the year 2000 comes," explained Favorite. "The car might think it hasn't been serviced in 100 years. We don't know what [these kinds of things] will mean."

Favorite explained that VCRs, TVs, cars and other common items all passed inspections across the country, so the problem may be more limited to computers.

The problem for Favorite and Langhorne is that Y2K means a different thing for each system. There isn't one way to fix Y2K.



Students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's should have no major computer problems when the clock strikes midnight on Jan. 1, 2000.

MARY CALASH/The Observer

GOP rivals participate in debate

Associated Press

PHOENIX

After selling themselves through commercials and sparring via the media, the Republican presidential candidates finally got a chance to question one another.

And George W. Bush got a sharper answer to one question than he expected.

Mostly the candidates' questions prompted each other to launch into stump speech recitations during their debate Monday night. But when the Texas governor asked Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah a question, it boomeranged on him.

Bush, participating in a debate the Arizona Republican Party arranged on his behalf after the governor skipped an earlier candidate meeting, cited his work to reach out to minority voters and asked Hatch about his own efforts.

Hatch complimented Bush, but then offered his view of the candidates' comparative levels of experience.

"My only problem with you governor is you've only had four, and you're going into your fifth year of governorship in a constitutionally weak governorship. And, frankly, I really believe that you need more experience before you become president of the United States. That's why I'm thinking of you as a vice presidential candidate," the senator said.

As the audience of 1,300 at the Orpheum Theater — once



Bush

the stage for vaudeville acts — burst out in laughter, Hatch poured it on.

"Just think, Ronald Reagan picked your father because he had foreign policy experience," the senator said, referring to former President Bush. "Somebody suggested the other day that you should pick me because I have foreign policy experience. They got it all wrong. I should be president; you should have eight years with me and boy, you'd make a heck of a president after eight years."

Bush laughed himself as the audience again erupted.

The candidate questions were one of the few novelties in the group's second debate in four days. Another was the participation of home state Sen. John McCain, who appeared via satellite TV from Boston because of a busy campaign schedule.

The session lasted about 15 minutes more than its allotted hour. During that time, the candidates promised safer schools, lower taxes and a more disciplined foreign policy for Americans if they seize the White House from Democrats.

"My plan says less power to Washington, not more," Bush said.

Conservative activist Gary Bauer, said allowing religion into the schools would lead to better-behaved children. He spoke hours after a school shooting in Fort Gibson, Okla., left four students injured and underscored concerns about school violence across the country, another contender.

"I don't think it's a gun problem," Bauer said. "I think this is a problem of the heart and soul."

Former ambassador Alan Keyes said political action

committees should not be allowed to contribute to campaigns. "If you cannot walk into a ballot box and cast a vote, you cannot give a dollar," he said.

In a question directed at Bush, publisher Steve Forbes asked the governor, a former oil man, about what he would do to keep fuel prices low during New Hampshire's cold winters.

Bush said he would encourage exploration and alternative fuels, and said: "Governments don't control the price of oil, at least not in America."

The minute the debate ended, Forbes' surrogates phoned reporters in Washington and headed into the media center at the theater to pan Bush's response.

The criticism highlighted a difficulty facing Forbes: How to criticize the front-runner without drawing voter ire for negative campaigning.

Right after the debate, Bauer's campaign sent out a fax criticizing Forbes' comments about Social Security, calling the publisher's plans "a too-good-to-be-true get-rich scheme that promises younger Americans millions while jeopardizing current benefits."

McCain's last-minute participation in the debate hinted at a political undercurrent ebbing through Arizona.

While McCain is the state's senior senator and was re-elected in 1998 with about 70 percent of the vote, Gov. Jane Hull is backing Bush and her son Mike runs his state campaign.

The state's largest newspaper, the Arizona Republic, also recently questioned whether McCain was fit to be president because of his admitted hot temper.

PUERTO RICO

Puerto Rican independence revived

Associated Press

VIEQUES

Camping out amid half-buried bombs and the ruins of army tanks, one determined band of Puerto Ricans is aiming for more than the expulsion of the U.S. Navy from Vieques island. Their goal is to revive the cause of Puerto Rican independence.

"This whole standoff with the Navy is part of something larger, we hope," said Independence Party chief

Ruben Berrios, who has gathered protesters in a camp inside the Navy's Vieques bombing range, thwarting U.S. military exercises.

The protests began in April when stray bombs killed civilian security guard David Sanes on the range, which the Navy has used for combat training since the 1940s.

Sanes' death ignited a smoldering resentment of the Navy, long perceived as an arrogant neighbor by Vieques' 9,300 residents as well as many Puerto Ricans on the main island.

By leading a protest against the Navy, Berrios and other independence leaders hope to parlay that resentment into support for their cause — though many fishermen, labor leaders and protesters don't support independence.

"We are trying to take advantage of the time and the

circumstances," said the white-bearded Berrios in an interview at the beachfront camp he runs with a military discipline. "The fact that we have held the most powerful Navy in the world at bay for seven months has broken the feeling of impotence among Puerto Ricans."

Berrios, who is also a senator in the territory's legislature, argues that that sense of powerlessness is why many Puerto Ricans ignore nationalistic feelings when they vote on the island's political status.

Only 3 percent of voters supported seeking independence in a December 1998 plebiscite.

Several miles away from Berrios' camp, protesters from another group locked the gates outside the Navy checkpoint that guards the bombing range. "We now control who goes in and out of that gate," said activist Roberto Rabin, adding that only civilian employees would be allowed to enter.

The U.S. Marshals Service sent officers to the island to convince them to unlock the gates, said local director Herman Wirshing.

"We are trying to avoid a confrontation," Wirshing said.

He would not say if marshals planned to remove the chains and lock.

"We are trying to avoid a confrontation."

Herman Wirshing
U.S. Marshals Service

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Police did more harm than good

Last week, tens of thousands of people went to Seattle to peacefully protest the erosion of democracy and the resulting increase in corporate power. Both of which are veiled under the rhetoric of "free trade" or "globalization" and are being promoted by the World Trade Organization (WTO). Thousands of people wanted to show the world that we would not stand aside as corporations are given the right to sue and prevent governments from enacting laws protecting the environment, labor and human rights. The WTO submits the laws of our nation, our state and our city to the rulings of an un-elected body. So how did the police react in this land of milk and "democracy?" The police rioted. They used tear gas in abundance, pepper spray, and rubber bullets.

Aaron Krieder

Progressive
student
alliance

Yes, RUBBER BULLETS. A friend of mine was hit with one. One activist got shot in the head. The WTO talks started on Tuesday. So that day thousands of people protested, blockading the building where the meeting was and the delegates' hotel. The protesters locked-down and delayed the meeting, but the police used tear gas and had to leave. That day the AFL-CIO organized the largest protest with 50,000 people. That night the mayor declared a state of emergency, a 7 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. curfew, a 46 block no-protest zone and made it illegal to sell or carry a gas mask.

That evening some anarchists damaged property, explicitly targeted corporations with harmful human rights and environmental policies (McDonalds). The anarchists' argument was if corporations are using their property to, say, support the military dictatorship in Burma (which many are) — would it not be better for their property to be destroyed? The media completely overplayed the

property damage which was caused by 0.5 percent of the protesters (a 100 people), and small-scale criminal activity compared to murder, rape, assault, etc. Can you compare breaking windows, spraying graffiti and setting dumpsters on fire to using tear gas on a 70-year-old woman? And it wasn't just tear gas or one 70-year-old woman. The police were the real rioters. During the next two days, people disobeyed the no-protest zone, were assaulted with gas again and 500-600 were arrested and held in jails for three days.

The protesters caused the WTO talks to fail. According to the media, the talks ended in disaster. It helped that Clinton is trying to regain the support of the AFL-CIO, who organized part of the protests, so that Gore will win in 2000. Here are some first-hand accounts from protesters that I received by e-mail.

Police have been beating with riot sticks peaceful protesters who sat or laid on the ground. They have taken protesters who were wearing facemasks, covered the inside of the mask with pepper spray and forced it back onto the person's face. They dragged an elderly woman across the ground by her hair and an arm. They've shot rubber bullets at ranges of a few feet and one officer pulled a real gun on protesters before other officers restrained him. In addition, police have not been arresting protesters to any extent — I heard 18 arrests the whole day — they have simply been attacking us. (Louise Auerhahn, Stanford student, referring to Tuesday's events) Just an update on what is happening here. About 2,000 people risked arrest yesterday in lockdowns or in barricades or in street theatre but very few were arrested. There were 78 arrests Monday, mostly in relation to the rioters ... You may all have seen the supposed "violence" by some of the protesters. Let's get one thing straight: police start riots. Police incite violence. Police use tear gas, guns, wooden bullets, billy clubs, tanks

(yes, they had armored vehicles) and that is who is perpetrating violence in Seattle.

A number of times they had these 100 or so anarchists caught between buildings and walls of police. They could easily have arrested and detained this small number of people and gotten it over with. Instead they would gas them and let them go. Then trap them again, use gas against them again and again let them go. The cops made no arrests (that I know of) until late Tuesday night though the skirmishing was going on from 3:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

The police were using these people as extras. It was staged. I believe also the police had their own people in there, encouraging people to break stuff — if people think I am exaggerating. I saw supposed protesters screaming. Later, when everything was over, the same people tackled other protesters and put handcuffs on them.

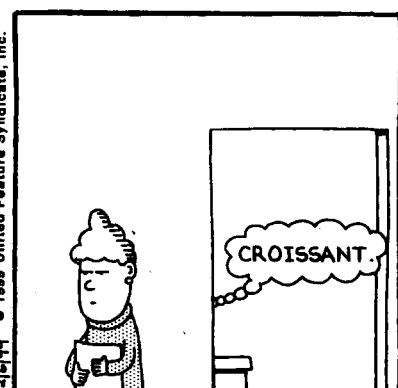
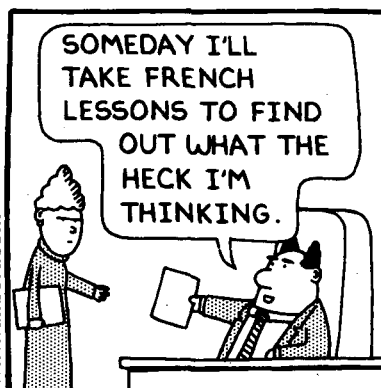
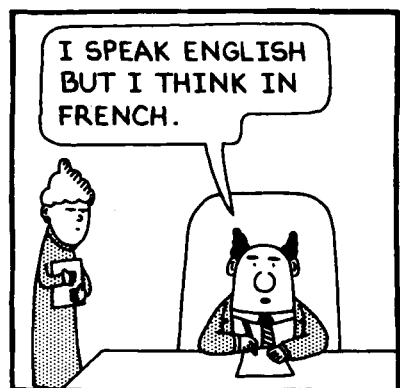
At 6 p.m., they issued a state of emergency. At that point, they had pushed the 100 people outside the city limits, so the police went outside the limits too, and they started using gas in that area, spraying gas in the neighborhoods where the regular people live. I am not exaggerating. The police were relentless.

I was sitting in a little coffee shop called Rauhaus. They were shooting "rubber" bullets at the glass. I picked up a dozen of the things in a few square feet. They were also shooting this paint that you can only see with a fluorescent light. They would paint anyone and everyone and then go hunt for them.

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SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If only we'd stop trying to be happy, we could have a pretty good time."

Edith Warton
author

VIEWPOINT

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Where will YOU be Wednesday night?

Where will you be on Wednesday night after your last day of classes? I imagine quite a few of you have big plans to hit the local drinking establishments or perhaps

Turtle Creek and College Park. Or maybe you will just sit around playing Nintendo.

Laura Antkowiak

Right to life

But one man, Mr. D.H. Fleenor, will be at the maximum security prison in Michigan City getting his last shave and a hair cut, preparing to die at the hands of the state of Indiana. Somewhere he has family and friends, even concerned students and citizens, who may have written to him or visited him while on death row. They will be anxiously praying that at the last second Governor Frank O'Bannon will put a hold in Mr. Fleenor's execution.

Especially when it is politically unpopular to be "soft on crime," it is admittedly difficult to stir up enthusiastic and widespread opposition to the death penalty. Even among citizens and public figures who are ardently opposed to abortion, one finds many just as committed to capital punishment. One can justify the defenseless little baby much more easily than the murderer.

D.H. Fleenor killed two people. He is mentally retarded and has abused alcohol. He and his wife sought help for his habits just days before the murders occurred, but treatment was denied. A recent Indiana law bars the death penalty for the mentally retarded, but this will not affect Mr. Fleenor, who was sentenced before the law's passage. These circumstances do not change the fact the D.H. Fleenor committed murder, and that murder is wrong, but they should challenge us to think about how our society uses the death penalty.

We can express opposition from several perspectives. Death is final and irreversible. The death penalty is expensive, and when considering the legal costs involved, it is more expensive than holding someone in prison for life. Do you want your tax dollars supporting this act?

If you support the death penalty because you think the perpetrator of a heinous crime should suffer, consider this: several years ago, Maryland executed a man named John Thanos. Shortly before his death, Thanos remarked that death was a better punishment than sitting in a cell watching "Oprah" for the rest of his life. So why not let him watch "Oprah?" And if you define this as suffering but aren't so inclined to it, why not let him "live with his guilt" and give him a chance to think about it? Why not give him a chance to use the prison libraries or chaplains and make something meaningful out of his life, or to turn himself back to God?

We start treading on sensitive ground when we consider the loved ones of victims. If someone killed one of my family members, would I want him to suf-

fer? Would I want him dead, so he could never kill again? Absolutely. As an instinct, I don't think that can be helped. But remember the movie "Dead Man Walking" and how one parent changed his mind on capital punishment?

What is remarkable "but not unusual" in Fleenor's case is that both the daughter and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlow, the murder victims, testified that they opposed the death penalty and that the dead couple would also not wish its imposition. Indiana's lawyers nevertheless did what they are paid to do, and the state will get its revenge on Fleenor in the wee hours of Thursday morning unless, by some miracle, we can make it stop. So is D.H. Fleenor being put to death in order to alleviate the sufferings of the victims' family or because they want assurance he can never hurt them again? Clearly not. First the Harlows were dragged through 15 years of trials and appeals. Now this death may add to their anguish. In these cases the aggressor and the supreme judge is the state. Does something strike you as wrong about this?

Nations and states used to execute with the guillotine, by hanging or by burning at the stake. Once great public spectacles, we now call them barbaric. Just because most execution in the U.S. is now carried out by lethal injection or the electric chair, just because it is a little more sanitary and is kept within the walls of a high security prison, is execution any less wrong?

For those of you who call yourselves pro-life, I especially encourage you to think long and hard about any support you may have for capital punishment. One line I've heard before is that people who commit murder are no longer human. But consider D.H. Fleenor. Somewhere he has a mother; she turned him in for his crime and pleaded for his life. He has a body temperature of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. He has a wife and children that he once held in his arms. Perhaps he awaited word of his fate with cold and clammy hands. Perhaps he lies awake at night and wonders what it will be like to get strapped down and wait to die and how much it will hurt. Maybe he cries when he thinks about what events in his children's lives he will miss. Maybe he wishes more than anything that he could take back that night in 1984. Or maybe he doesn't, and this is where our faith is most put to the test.

Some will say that college students are apathetic. We live in a bubble, and unless we are forced to do otherwise, we will continue to just sit around drinking or watching "Party of Five," or maybe doing some studying because we'll fail if we don't.

Can we prove them wrong?

Laura Antkowiak is a senior government major and co-president of Notre Dame Right to Life.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In defense of the Guard

Some just jealous



This is in response to Friday's letter to the editor "The Irish Guard must go." In August, I had the pleasure of experiencing a week of Guard tryouts. Despite the fact that I was not one of the five new lucky recruits to carry on this time-honored tradition, I do have a deep respect for them.

The many people that appreciate the Irish Guard far outweigh the few skeptics, such as Antonio DiPasquale, the author of Friday's letter. The concept of "Guard brutality" has been completely blown out of proportion. The skeptics would have you believe that Oscar de la Hoya is in a kilt and throwing combinations to innocent victims on his way to the Stadium. Well, he's not, nor would he make the height requirement anyway. I seriously doubt that any of the spectators who were moved out of the path of the band are sporting any new black and blues.

The Guard represents our University the best that they can. Skeptics who write degrading letters about the Guard are the only ones who tarnish this Golden Dome of

ours. In other words, Antonio, your comments are about as useful as a rubber crutch at a polio ward.

Some people would have you believe that all the Irish Guard does is "screw around." Any of the 40-some students who were with me in August would tell you the exact opposite. They would speak of a demanding week of hard work. I know for a fact that the members of the Irish Guard fully appreciate the many hours of hard work that the other members of the band put forth.

The Irish Guard adds unique character to our band. It is one of the many great distinctions that separates our band from others and makes it the best in the nation. It is my contention that Friday's disparaging letter was written because of one hard, undeniable fact.

Antonio, to quote your beloved Dillon Hall, "It's all right to be jealous!"

Patrick Coan
Senior
Off Campus
December 6, 1999

Keep the Guard!

I am writing this letter in response to Mr. DiPasquale's letter to the editor in Friday's Observer about the Irish Guard. As a former member of the band, I had a role that required I work closely to the Guard on a regular basis. As a manager, I was responsible for marching 10 yards in front of the Guard and clearing a path for them and the rest of the band. In doing this job for two years, I gained a real understanding of the nature of the work the guard does.

As someone who witnessed the activity of the band from a vantage point much closer than Mr. DiPasquale, I strongly believe the Guard does an invaluable service to the band. The guards' primary responsibility is to create a safe pathway for the band to march through. This requires moving people and objects out of the way along the route. Even though campus security and I demand people move beyond the established boundaries, people often move in front of those barriers to get a closer view. In that case, it is the responsibility of the Guard to move them. I have seen numerous examples where the Guard have gone out of their way to remove those such people with extreme care. I have seen the Guard also take special concern of those more fragile individuals such as the elderly, children and disabled persons. The Guard does an extremely difficult job with class, dignity and respect.

The specific concerns presented by Mr.

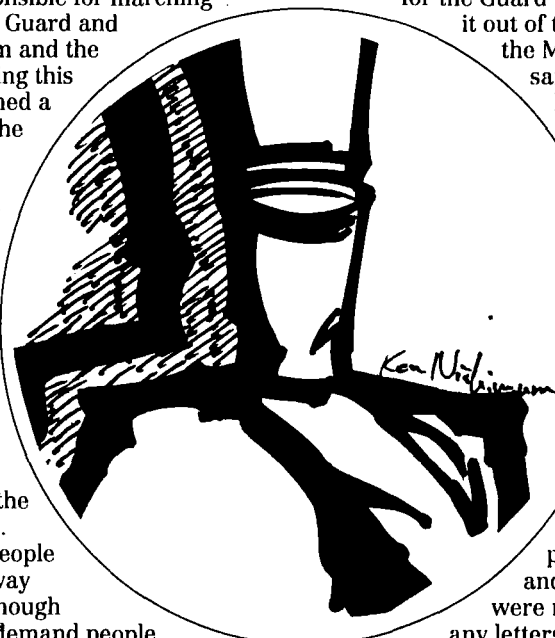
DiPasquale in his letter are utterly ridiculous. It is obvious from his comments, he has never seen the Guard in action and I invite him to spend a game day with the managers to see what a difficult task the Guard must accomplish. Were it not

for the Guard we never would have made it out of the Independence Bowl and the Michigan game (1997) in a safe manner. In addition, I

have seen the Guard get punched, spit at and hit with glass bottles while protecting the band. In all those situations, the Guard continued to march because of their concern for the safety of the band. I have read the letters in The Observer complaining about the Guard and can assure Mr. DiPasquale that those who complained were told to move at least three times by campus police, a band manager and the Guard before they were moved. I also don't recall any letters from elderly women who were knocked over by the Guard.

I component of the marching band because of the way they accomplish a difficult task in a respectful manner. It would be a shame to remove a group of students so close to the heart of the marching band because of the comments of a few ignorant individuals.

Jeremy Herzog
Junior
London Program
December 6, 1999



MUSIC COLUMN

Oh where, oh where did 1999 go?

The critics told everyone this was the year rock fought back. This was the year all the teenybopper hit-makers would meet their match. This was the year it became cool again to buy an electric guitar and just jam, man!

Well, it didn't really happen exactly like that. Amidst the new studio albums from favorite rockers such as Rage Against the Machine and Red Hot Chili Peppers, there was a steady stream of attention paid to teenyboppers like Britney Spears and the Backstreet Boys. The return of rock was very much overshadowed by the presence of adolescent singers that wear more makeup than Gene Simmons.

But if we decide to ignore the teen wave that has gulped up the music industry and watch everything else, I still don't think we have a return of



Geoffrey Rahie

Scene Music Critic

rock music. The Woodstock '99 concert, plagued by unruly teenage violence was dominated by testosterone-powered angst. Instead of good rock music the public was served unoriginal loud trash that would appall the great artists of this century. What would Jimi Hendrix think of Korn? Could John Lennon even imagine a more horrible group than Limp Bizkit?

Sure, rock music is not entirely dead. Rage Against the Machine rocks hard. But they also show skill through their music and deliver a message. On "The Battle of Los Angeles," Tom Morello invents sounds that would make Jimmy Page proud. Zach de la Rocha warns against the dangers of oppression and racism. The Foo Fighters are carrying on the alternative tradition, even though the grunge sound has now morphed from Nirvana distortion to Beatles song craftsmanship. And Pearl Jam scored its biggest hit with the heart-wrenching cover "Last Kiss."

In the world of rap music we learned that maybe it would be better if we all just got along and had some fun. Two boys from Detroit decided that you could be a loser and still make money ... a lot of money. Eminem's hilarious

and often graphic rhymes on "The Slim Shady LP" captivated the country, while Kid Rock made everyone want to grab a hat and become a "Cowboy" baby! Oh yeah, one more thing: Dre is back and he is better than ever.

What happened in the country music industry? Some more hot chicks followed Shania Twain's lead and suddenly Shania's southern accents. There were some reports that a few dogs died, thus prompting hundreds of new songs to be written. Garth Brooks morphed into Chris Gaines and tricked even more fools into buying his albums.

So what should we be hoping for in the future? Well for starters, how about the return of the rock opera? Is there anybody out there that can pull it off? I'm not positive about that, but I would like to nominate Radiohead to take on the task. They are hard at work on a new album as we speak, but one of these days they should consider a 21st Century answer to "Tommy."

We could also use a break from the whole Ricky Martin fiasco. He gripped the nation with his good looks and Latin grooves, but I would rather let the Latin grooves come from someone

like Carlos Santana. Ricky will bomb on his next album.

We also need to stop the violence. Someone should throw Fred Durst of Limp Bizkit into one of his own mosh pits. I'm sick of watching television seeing girls get crushed and abused. What are we teaching young kids? That it is all right to hurt women? That is just plain sick and wrong. What are we accomplishing with all of this anger? Stop for a moment and take a look at the sky. Isn't it beautiful? Stop for a moment and look at yourself in the mirror. You are alive and that should be celebrated. How about writing some music that talks about love and hope?

Looking back on 1999, it is safe to say that there was not one act that completely dominated. There was no Alanis Morissette to annoy us for the entire year. But there was still a lot of useless noise and obnoxious teenyboppers. But apparently that's what the public wanted. Or was that what the record executives shoved down the public's throats? We'll see fairly soon what is in store for the year 2000. But for now, sit back relax and hit me baby one more time!

ALBUM REVIEW

Mos Def album shows what hip-hop really has to offer

By JESSE DANG
Scene Music Critic

Every once in awhile, a hip-hop album arrives and changes the way people listen to and view hip-hop. Veteran hip-hop artists such as Public Enemy, Gangstarr and De La Soul, along with the modern day talents of Dr. Dre, Notorious B.I.G., Kool Keith and Lauren Hill, have continuously shaped hip-hop into what it is today. The highly anticipated debut of Brooklyn native Mos Def will add another name to that extensive list of artists that have contributed greatly to the hip-hop world.

Boasting an extensive list of hip-hop's

premiere producers, Black on Both Sides is a truly marvelous debut for an MC that has graced so many other artists' tracks with his unrivaled flow and lyrical genius. Mos Def works with the likes of DJ Premier, Diamond, Psycho Les and 25 II Life Productions in producing an album that packs a variety of punches. There is a definite difference in beat production for Black on Both Sides as compared to

his previous album, a duo project with Talib Kweli of Reflection Eternal (Mos Def and Talib Kweli are Black Star). The production in this case definitely compliments Mos Def's style, and helps him exemplify the full range of his talents.

The tracks on Black on Both Sides cover a range of styles, ranging from intense duets with Busta Rhymes on

Thai," to relaxing jazz pieces reminiscent of Digable Planets. The lead single, "Ms. Fat Booty," is a clever track that reflects Mos Def's funky narrative and is a must listen. There is even a track on water conservation, entitled "New World Water."

All in all, Mos Def's debut for up-and-coming Rawkus Records is not a disappointment at all, and will inevitably draw comparisons to Lauren Hill's debut, but perhaps will not get the same amount of mainstream coverage. Tired of those "East Coast vs. West Coast vs. Dirty South, R&B infested, Thugs for Life" hip-hop cliches? Pick up Mos Def's Black on Both Sides and listen to what hip-hop REALLY has to offer.

Mos Def

Black On Both Sides

Rawkus Records

★★★★★ (out of five)

UPCOMING CONCERTS

South Bend

Umphey's McGee	The Factory	Dec. 11
Ted Nugent	Madison Oyster	Dec. 17
	Heartland	Dec. 29

Indianapolis

Indigo Girls	Murat Theatre	Dec. 7
Umphey's McGee	The Patio	Dec. 10
Billy Joel	Conseco	Dec. 14
John Mellencamp	Conseco	Dec. 31

Chicago

Guided By Voices	Metro	Dec. 10
Local H	Metro	Dec. 17
Umphey's McGee	Magoo's	Dec. 18
Poi Dog Pondering	Metro	Dec. 30-31
Collective Soul	House of Blues	Dec. 31
Def Leppard	All-State Arena	Dec. 31
Freddy Jones Band	Vic Theatre	Dec. 31
TLC	All-State Arena	Jan. 14
Counting Crows	Aragon	Jan. 20

NEW RELEASES

Today

Sheryl Crow - Live
Cypress Hill - Los Grandes Éxitos En Español
Juvenile - Tha G-Code
Mandy Moore - So Real
Marilyn Manson - Marilyn Manson Gift Set
Methods of Mayhem - Methods of Mayhem
The Notorious B.I.G. - Born Again

December 14

George Michael - Songs From the Last Century
Ghostface Killah - Supreme Clientele

December 21

Tupac & the Outlawz - Still I Rise

CONCERT REVIEW

Gone phishin' in Cincinnati

By ANDREW JONES
Scene Music Critic

Psychedelia arrived in Cincinnati on Friday night. Fans with long dread locks, beards and girls sprinkled with sparkles all over their faces cruised the lot scene outside of First Star Center. Nearly everyone was partying, having a great time in the unusual rainy but warm weather.

But everyone was excited because the world's greatest rock band was going to be strolling out on stage sometime after 7 p.m. Inside First Star, the buzz was even greater than outside. Most everyone squinted due to a huge cloud of smoke as they looked on toward the stage.

Finally, the house lights went out, an enormous cheer erupted and even more smoke rose. Phish was about to start grooving for the second show of their December tour. And groove they did. The four piece band from Vermont proved to be Vermont Phinest as they opened the show with guitarist Trey Anastasio's composition "First Tube." "First Tube" never fails to be an excellent show opener as bassist Mike Gordon picks a definitive bass line which lays a foundation for Anastasio's mellow but staccato introduction. "First Tube" became a showcase of Anastasio's array of guitar effects as he triggered delay loops that repeated over and over as he expanded his phrasing on top of these loops. As the song reached a climax, Anastasio's feet were stomping on effects pedals as fast as his lightning-fast fingers were producing the high-pitched tones that sounded somewhat like a car revving its engine.

The first set continued to be a good performance, which Phish typically delivers at any given show. Yet, the first set was not typical of Phish's trademark great shows. The set continued with crowd favorites such as Wolfman's "Brother," AC/DC "Bag" and everyone who is not a true Phish fan's favorite song, "Bouncing Around the Room." Known for their prodigious ability to improvise, this first set did little justice to their reputation. The jams of these songs were short lived and consisted of nothing special, but that certainly does not mean the band failed to convey a huge amount of energy.

The first set came to a close with "Slave To The Traffic Light," definitely the gem of the opening set. This particular version of "Slave" contrasted their first set performance as keyboardist Page McConnell took advantage of the song's A major key and melodically improvised during most of the song. After the band plunged into the minor section of the song, they began a crescendo ever so slowly. Minute by minute, all four members clicked together to create a melodious serenity that climaxed to fill the auditorium with cheers as loud Anastasio wailing high upon his guitar.

As Phish took the stage for their second set, fans tossed balloons up onto the stage that read "Play 'It's Ice!'" but after conversing over the roar of the audience the band dove into "Last Tube," the complement to Anastasio's composition in the first set. "Last Tube" epitomized the psychedelic aspect of Phish as lighting director Chirs Kuroda displayed his love for "human wallpaper," sweeping over the crowd with purple and blue designs.

Phish lifted the crowd's spirits during the second set as they performed "Limb By Limb" from their most recent album, *Story of the Ghost*. "Limb By Limb" included another lengthy psychedelic jam that eventually evolved into a collage of sounds, nothing especially musical. Yet excitement ensued as the sounds segued back into the theme of "Limb by Limb." After performing "Limb by Limb" and "Last Tube" for about 45 minutes, the band continued with "Bug" and a high paced "Piper" during which percussionist Jon Fishman bashed his cymbals, the rest of the band smiling and laughing at the super fast tempo of the song.

To conclude the show, Phish played



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Phish will bring in the year 2000 with a two day festival at the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation. Tickets are still available for \$175 apiece.

their fans' favorite song "Harry Hood." This version of "Hood" paralleled the exciting climax of the "Slave" in the first set. Fishman, clad in his Henrietta dress, banged out the opening beats of Harry Hood, the band built to the song title in which all four members sang, "Harry!" and the crowd traditionally responded, "Hood!" After an awesome jam that included blinding lights to intensify the emotion, Anastasio lifted his custom hollow body guitar over his head and manipulated his position close to speakers to produce screeches of feedback.

Phish ended the night with an encore of the Velvet Underground's "Rock And Roll." Fans lifted their

lighters in honor of the night's performance; the good ol' boys never disappoint. Their musicality places them above any band that performs today, and their technical genius grants them the honor of being the most respected rock musicians to last.

If only every band could be as great as Phish. They're not out to sell albums, produce hit singles or even sell mass amounts of tickets. They're on the stage because they love what they do: playing, making great music. A huge following of people realizes Phish is different, but it's not just the different aspect of Phish that creates an attraction. It's the greatness. Great music endures; certainly Phish will endure.

ALBUM REVIEW

Originality is missing from new OLP album

By GEORGETTE LEONARD
Scene Music Critic

Our Lady Peace's live shows are not to be missed. They are explosive and they make cover songs sound fresh again. Early in their career as an opening band, OLP often outperformed the headliners. As a live band, they have their act down. As recording artists, OLP has its act down too, but not in a good way.

Our Lady Peace's third release is disappointing. That's the word to sum up "Happiness ... Is Not a Fish That You Can Catch." It sounds like the band has not evolved from one album to another.

Their first two releases, "Naveed" and "Clumsy", featured well-crafted alternative rock songs. Both albums received a lot of radio play, from 1995's "Starseed" to 1997's "Superman's Dead" and "Automatic Flowers."

"Happiness" has well-crafted songs too, but it sounds like they were pulled from the same notebook as "Clumsy." In some ways, that's good, since "Clumsy" was so commercially successful. However, truly dedicated bands

expand their craft and constantly grow their sound. Think the Beatles. Think Pearl Jam.

With Our Lady Peace, you think Bush. They have slipped into a formulaic state where each album sounds like the last. OLP has the potential of the aforementioned bands, but they aren't living up to their possibilities. That's too bad, since the musicianship in this band is amazing.

Mike Turner is an impressive guitarist, Duncan Coutts is a bassist with a gift for melody, and Jeremy Taggart is a wunderkind drummer. The guy blows others out of the water with his talent.

Raine Maida, OLP's frontman, has a wide vocal range and sometimes sounds a bit like Billy Corgan of the Smashing Pumpkins. His lyrics are emotional, but half the time you don't know where he's going with them. "Happiness" is stale and devoid of a general theme to follow throughout the album. It sounds patched together and, at times, Maida's vocals are overly sneering and sarcastic.

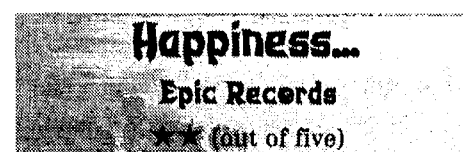
Sure, there are the radio hits off of "Happiness" The first track, "One Man Army," has received decent airplay and

will probably be followed by "Blister," "Waited" and "Lying Awake." All of these songs are good and deserve attention, but sound like they could have been leftovers from their previous albums. "Potato Girl" highlights Maida's searing vocal style as he loops around many different timing changes.

"Stealing Babies," featuring jazz artist Elvin James, is perhaps the most ambitious track on the album. The song switches tempos and rock/jazz styles back and forth. While it is somewhat jolting and doesn't flow with the rest of the album, hopefully, this kind of experimentation is a sign of things to come from the band.

If you want to hear a great Our Lady Peace album, buy "Clumsy." A lot of great performers have come out of Canada recently, and OLP is part of the recent wave to hit the States.

Unfortunately, the band is dangerously close to becoming extinct as alternative rock's popularity wanes. Our Lady Peace doesn't deserve to be seen as the Guess Who of alternative rock, but you can't help but feel that's where they are headed if they keep sticking to the formula.



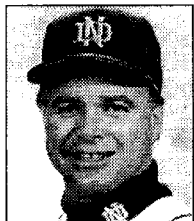
BASEBALL

Mainieri inks six players

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame baseball team has signed four promising right-handed pitchers and two position players to national letters of intent, sixth-year head coach Paul Mainieri announced.

The signees include outfielder Steve Sollmann (the brother of former Irish standout Scott Sollmann) left-handed first baseman/pitcher Joe Thaman and right-handers Aaron Edwards, Brian Kaplan, Bob Keppel and Michael Morgalis.



Mainieri

"We had a strong need to sign some quality pitching, in addition to adding some position players who can come in and compete for playing time as freshmen," said Mainieri, whose 1999 Irish squad won the Big East Conference regular-season title en route to a 43-18 overall record and a spot as an NCAA Tournament regional host.

The current Notre Dame squad includes six seniors, led by starting pitcher Scott Cavey, top closer John Corbin and three starting position players, including first baseman Jeff Felker, second baseman Jeff Perconte and left fielder Matt Nussbaum.

"We also probably will lose junior pitcher Aaron Heilman to the pro draft, but we have addressed a lot of our needs with the current freshman class and these signees," said Mainieri.

Thaman is expected to compete for starting time at first base in the 2001 season while the speedy Sollmann could join current sophomore center fielder Steve Stanley and freshman right fielder Brian Stavisky to form a talented Irish outfield when the 2001 season rolls around.

"Adding a player of Sollmann's ability gives us two center fielders in the same outfield and it's hard to imagine there being a better outfield — both offensively and defensively — than what we potentially could have with Sollmann, Stanley and Stavisky," said Mainieri.

Sollmann's danger on the base paths also should boost Notre Dame's offensive strategy. "With the changes in the bat standards, there will continue to be more of a premium on having balance in your offense," said Mainieri. "Sollmann has some pop in his bat and also will give us another threat on the bases."

All four of the recently-signed pitchers will have the chance to play important roles on the 2001 staff, with Keppel and Edwards receiving mention on Baseball America's annual list of top high school prospects.

"We will have a big gap in our pitching staff for the 2001 season," Mainieri said. "With the loss of Cavey and Corbin and the likely loss of Heilman. But we are excited to

give the players that will be returning, and these signees, the chance to play key roles on the mound in 2001."

Edwards is a promising prospect who led his 1999 Chambersburg High School team to the state title, with a 10-1 record and 1.67 ERA, plus 95 strikeouts, 37 walks and 34 hits allowed in 71 innings. Edwards was the winning pitcher in the state title game and helped his team earn a 27-2 final record and a No. 21 national ranking by USA Today.

"I couldn't pass up the opportunity to get such a great education," Edwards said. "And to be part of a baseball program that has been one of the nation's most successful teams during the 1990s."

Kaplan, known for a strong arm and a tough curveball, received the Rick Roden Pitching Award as a junior, after posting a 7-4 record and 1.45 ERA, with 106 strikeouts and a .169 opponent batting average in 77 innings. A third team all-state selection, Kaplan led his high school to the regional title while tossing a no-hitter and two one-hitters.

Keppel — who has extensive family ties to Notre Dame — made an Aug. 21 verbal commitment to the Irish, despite scholarship offers from several Division I schools in both baseball and basketball. The 6-foot-5 Keppel can touch the low 90s with his fastball and was listed 131st on Baseball America's list of the nation's top high school players (first in the state of Missouri).

"I always have wanted to go to Notre Dame and it was a great feeling when they first called me on July 1st," Keppel said. "Baseball is closest to my heart but I'd love to keep playing basketball, if it can work out."

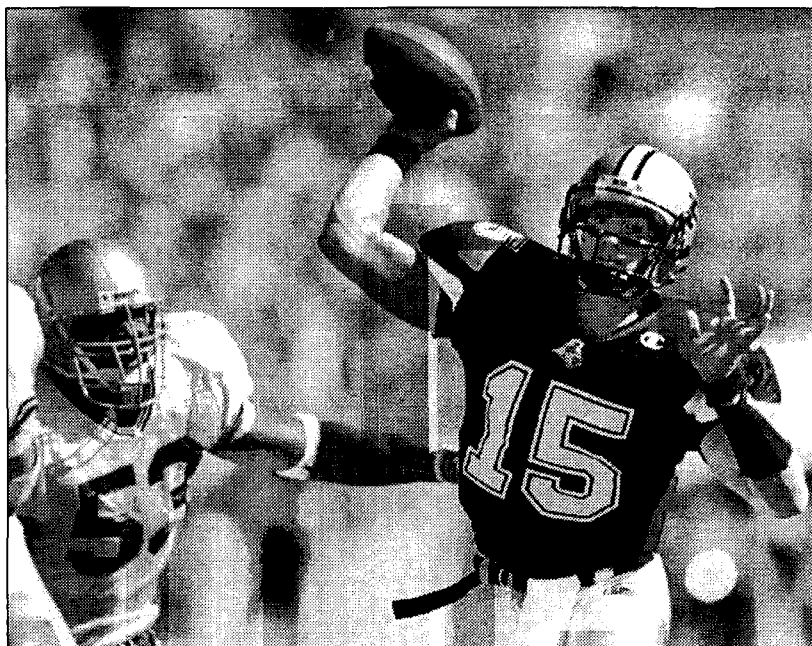
Keppel's all-around athleticism has seen him play every position but catcher with the Spartans while his nine home runs as a junior set a De Smet record. A three-year starting point guard, he led the Spartans to the state basketball title in 1998-99 while breaking the school's 20-year-old assist record with 216.

Morgalis is coming off a strong summer season with the Midland Braves, posting an 8-1 record and 2.53 ERA on a team that went 42-15 and won the Dizzy Dean World Series title in Elkton, Md.

Sollmann is one of the most successful high school athletes in Cincinnati, excelling in baseball, football and basketball. He hit .429 as a junior, with five home runs, 18 stolen bases and 20 RBI on a team that went 20-4 and advanced to the sectional finals.

Known for his strong all-around game, Thaman's junior season included a .568 batting average, a conference-leading 42 hits, 34 RBI, 11 doubles, three triples, one home run and just one fielding error during a 20-5 season. On the mound, Thaman posted a 3-1 record and 2.44 ERA, with 17 strikeouts and just eight walks.

NCAA FOOTBALL



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Purdue's Drew Brees, shown above, was invited to the Heisman presentation this Saturday, while FSU's Peter Warrick was snubbed.

Warrick not invited to Heisman ceremony

Associated Press

NEW YORK

When the season began, Peter Warrick was the Heisman Trophy favorite and Michael Vick was just another promising freshman.

Now, it's Virginia Tech's Vick who's the Heisman finalist and Florida State's Warrick who will be watching Saturday night's presentation on TV.

"I really can't believe this is happening," Vick said Monday. "This whole season has been great but I never thought this would happen."

Warrick, who missed two games because of his involvement in a shopping mall clothing scam, did not make the list of five finalists announced Monday by the Downtown Athletic Club, which presents the award.

The finalists are Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne and four quarterbacks — Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton, Purdue's Drew Brees, Marshall's Chad Pennington and Vick, who becomes the first freshman to be invited to the Heisman ceremony since it started being televised in 1981.

Dayne, who ran for 1,834 yards and broke Ricky Williams Division I-A career rushing record in leading the Badgers (9-2) to the Rose Bowl, is considered the Heisman

favorite.

The final five were invited based on returns from a majority of the 921 Heisman voters.

Vick led the Hokies (11-0) to their first perfect regular-season in 81 years and shot at the national title against Warrick's top-ranked Seminoles (11-0) in the Sugar Bowl Jan. 4.

"I don't know if I've ever seen a guy that's caught the nation's attention as fast as Michael, especially in such a fantastic fashion," Tech coach Frank Beamer said Monday. "Does he deserve it? Yes. The way he's performed all season, he does."

Warrick, who caught 71 passes for 934 yards and totaled 12 touchdowns, most likely lost his chance to win college football's top individual prize because of his brush with the law.

Last week, the wide receiver admitted he probably had no chance to win the Heisman, but hoped to be invited to New York.

"When I got in that trouble, it hurt me a lot," Warrick said. He also said the Heisman winner should be "the person that can help their team win no matter what they have to do."

Keep the team first and remain unselfish."

Warrick was arrested in the middle of the season on felony grand theft charges.

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To the Calif. Crew: If I could, I'd give y'all a big bucket of mung for christmas.

Hey Erin, Merry Christmas.....See you soon! BYE

OK, I promise. Last mung reference. That's it.

Finn, Christine and Erica: Thanks for all of your hard work this semester — and all 2 1/2 years you've put in at The Observer. You've helped make the office a fun place (stop laughing, rolling your eyes, etc.). Good luck in London and in D.C. We'll miss you tons.

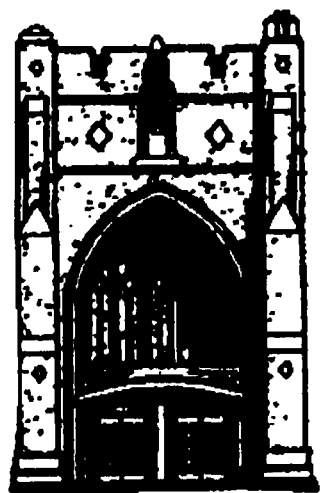
Thanks for a wonderful semester, "O" staff. Your dedication, long hours and great work are greatly appreciated. See you in the next century — ha, ha.

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NFL

Sanders likely to return to double duty

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas
With little else working for the Dallas offense, Cowboys coach Chan Gailey may finally use Deion Sanders at wide receiver.

Although Gailey was noncommittal Monday, the idea has been raised by Sanders and seconded by team owner Jerry Jones, making it highly likely that the All-Pro cornerback will return to double duty — or triple if you count returning punts — against Philadelphia on Sunday.

"We certainly would look at all possibilities to give our offense a spark and that's one way it could happen," Gailey said. "He doesn't have the knowledge of our routes and things like that, except for what he's retained from last year because he hasn't practiced there any this year. But he certainly has big-play ability."

The Cowboys (6-6) failed to score an offensive touchdown for the first time in 16 games in their 13-6 loss to New England on Sunday night.

Over the last eight quarters, Dallas has just one touchdown from Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith & Co. The unit has scored two touchdowns in the last 12 quarters and three in 17.

The offensive ineptness was especially apparent against the Patriots. Dallas couldn't reach the end zone despite starting one drive at the New England 8-

yard line and reaching the 17 on another.

"I don't think you can say it's one particular thing," Aikman said. "The penalties, a big negative play that will set us back, we won't convert a third down, a poor throw — it's a different number of things that will kill our drives."

Injuries have knocked out several key players and nobody else has stepped up to make big plays. Smith hasn't scored since breaking his right hand five games ago and defenses are making sure not to let Raghbir Ismail beat them deep.

That's where Sanders thinks he can help.

"I want to play offense," Sanders said. "I've dropped subtle hints to the coach, but now I'm ready to go out there and do whatever it takes. It's time to throw everything out there."

Sanders caught seven passes for 100 yards, including a 55-yarder, last season. In 1996, when he saw his most action on offense, he had 36 receptions for 475 yards and a touchdown.

"He will command some sort of attention if he is on the field," Gailey said.

Fear of injury is the main reason Gailey has been reluctant to play Sanders both ways.

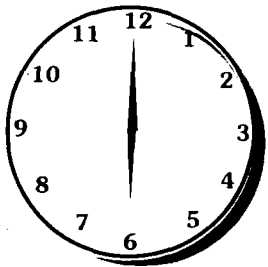
Sanders missed the first two games this season recovering from toe surgery. He's since had problems with groin and hamstring injuries, but he insists that he's healthy.

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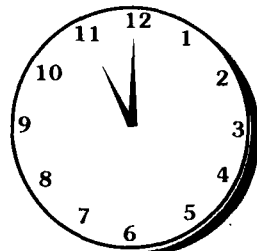


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Monday, December 6 through Monday, February 7

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Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 pm,
Badin Hall Chapel

Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, December 7, 10:00 pm,
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 8, 8:00 pm,
Wilson Commons

Graduate Student Bible Study Group

Wednesday, December 8, 10:00-10:30 pm
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Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

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Wednesday, December 8,

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Wednesday, December 8

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Friday, December 10, 3:30-4:00 p.m.

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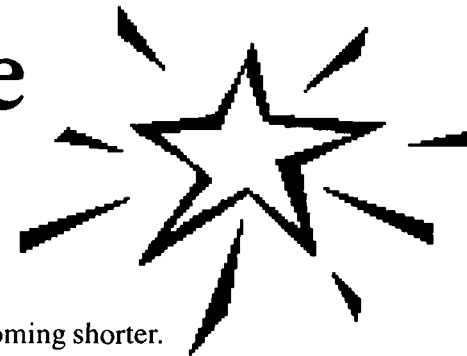
Friday, December 10, 5:05 p.m.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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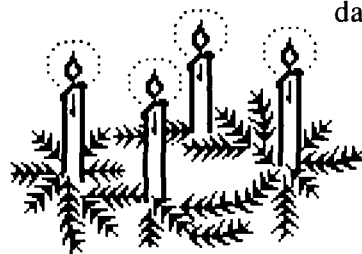
The promise of Advent



In the northern half of the world the days are becoming shorter.

The nights are longer and the stars are more beautiful. We call all the days and nights before Christmas "Advent" - which means "coming." The church reads and sings about God's promises. We tell the stories of many holy people like Mary and John the Baptist, Nicholas and Lucy. We strive toward the time when God's love will be in all of us, when peace will come from people being just and full of love for each other. As we settle into the longest nights of the year, we long to celebrate the great festival of Christmas.

The Advent Wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the winter solstice, that time in the year when the sun reaches its southern most point in the heavens and the days are the darkest and most gloomy. Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens in their celebration halls. The wagon wheels were the first Advent wreaths - shining antidotes to "cabin fever." A ring of evergreens suspended from the ceiling, a ring that slowly turns while candles flicker above the branches, can call to mind a crown, a victor's wreath or even the wheel of time itself.



As Christians, we use the same meaningful custom to anticipate the feast of light and life: the nativity of the Savior. We add one light of the wreath for each Sunday of Advent. We think of the darkness after Adam's sin and watch the growing hope and light as the prophets and the Virgin help us to prepare for the Lord's saving birth. We reflect on the three-fold coming: Christ's past coming in Bethlehem; his future coming at the end of time; and his present coming through grace and sacraments into the lives of people.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Riley, Ratay earn Big East honors

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame junior center Ruth Riley and freshman guard Alicia Ratay were honored as the Big East co-player of the week and rookie of the week, respectively, after leading the seventh-ranked Irish women's basketball team to a 3-0 record last week.



Riley

Notre Dame defeated Butler 77-57, and claimed wins over then ninth-ranked North Carolina and Liberty at the Wachovia Women's Invitational in Richmond, Va., to earn the tournament title.

Riley, who shared the honor with Swin Cash of Connecticut and was a three-time player-of-the-week honoree last season, averaged 19.3 points, 6.0 rebounds and 4.3 blocked shots last week for the Irish in their three victories.

The 6-foot-5 Irish center also earned MVP and all-tournament team honors at the Wachovia Invitational Tournament as she averaged 22.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocked shots in the two games.

Riley had 14 points, four rebounds and a season-high four blocked shots on seven-for-nine shooting against Butler.

Against the Tar Heels in the opening round of the tournament, she was five-of-eight from the field and hit both of her free throw attempts in scoring 12 points. She also grabbed seven rebounds and blocked four shots.

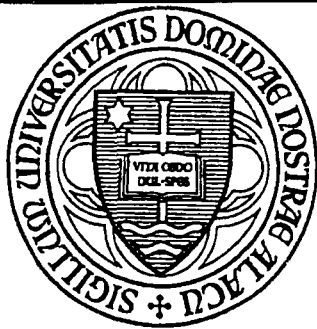
Riley scored a season-high 32 points (the third 30-point performance of her career) in the championship game versus Liberty as she hit 12-of-14 shots from the field and was a perfect eight-for-eight from the free throw line. In addition, she grabbed seven boards and blocked two shots.

In the three games, Riley, who led the nation in field goal percentage as a sophomore, hit 77.4 percent of her shots from the field. Riley is second on the team in scoring and third in rebounding.

Ratay, who leads the team in scoring with 18.4 points per game and is third in rebounding, has been Notre Dame's leading scorer in three games and has netted double figures in all but one game.

Ratay was the team's leading scorer against the Bulldogs with 16 points. She also tied her season-high with seven rebounds and dished off a personal best seven assists in the contest.

The final issue of the semester will appear on Dec. 8.



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2. D2 Lot "Lock UP"

The D2 Student Parking Lots will again be locked during the Christmas Break (from Saturday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m., until Sunday, January 9, 1999, at 9:00 a.m.). This lot will receive "Special Attention" from the NDSP during the break.

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3. Extra Vigilance is needed

Each year we experience an increase in thefts just before vacation breaks, especially from library study areas and the dining halls. Maintain extra vigilance on your lap tops, book bags, purses, portmanteaux and other accouterment, etc.. If we harden our targets of opportunity, light-fingered thieves will have to work at least as hard to steal our things as we have worked to earn them.

If you have any questions about off-campus security issues, please call Cappy Gagnon (631-8343).

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

NCAA BASKETBALL

Recker to transfer from Arizona to Iowa

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz.

Luke Recker, whose transfer from Indiana to Arizona was marked by an automobile accident last summer, said Monday he will leave the Wildcats to play for Iowa.

In a statement released through the athletic department, Recker confirmed reports that he will leave Tucson after this semester for Iowa City, Iowa, which is closer to his girlfriend, Kelly Craig, who is hospitalized in Chicago.

"I have been contemplating this decision since my arrival in Tucson," Recker said. "This decision is based solely on personal reasons. I have been nothing but extremely impressed with coach (Lute) Olson and the Arizona program and will miss them greatly. But being close to my loved ones has become a priority at this time."

Craig was partially paralyzed by a spinal cord injury when a truck crossed the center line of a highway near Durango, Colo., on July 10 and rammed the car in which she and Recker were riding. The driver of the car they were riding in was killed.

After the accident, Recker considered not completing the transfer despite his stormy relationship with Indiana coach Bobby Knight. He decided to go through with it because of the rapport Olson has with his players.

But Clair Recker said his son's anticipation of a career in the southwest was tainted by memories of the accident.

"Luke was just having a hard time being away," Recker said. "Things were not the same for him any more. Things changed too dramatically. If the accident had not happened, this would not be an event."

Recker is out for this season because of his first transfer, and under NCAA rules will have to sit out the first semester at Iowa. But the 6-foot-6 swingman should be able to play for the Hawkeyes in January 2001, plus a full senior season in 2001-2002.

Olson was traveling to the Great Eight tournament in Chicago on Monday and could not be reached for comment by The Associated Press.

Iowa coach Steve Alford said he had not been in contact with Recker.

"There's nothing to talk about," said the first-year coach, a guard on Indiana's 1987 national championship team. "Obviously, we don't talk about other players. I don't think that's ethically right."

Recker had appeared upbeat in recent weeks as he recovered from his injuries. He recently was cleared to go 100 percent in practice after recovering from a fracture dislocation of a bone in his left hand and a cut near his left ear that required 200 stitches.

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KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Freshman Connor Dunlop skates up ice in a game against Michigan. He was selected to the U.S. Junior National team.

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play unit. Notre Dame will return from final exams for a home series versus Princeton on Dec. 19-20 before ringing in the New Year at the Norwest Denver Cup, versus the University of Denver on Dec. 31 and Maine or Colorado College on Jan. 1.

The USA invitees will rejoin their Notre Dame teammates in time for a Central Collegiate Hockey Association series versus Lake Superior, on Jan. 7-8 at the Joyce Center.

Inman — whose mother Straughn is a U.S. citizen — holds joint citizenship in Canada and the United States and was one of the final two

forwards cut from the 1998-99 U.S. National Junior team.

"Getting cut from last year's final junior camp was quite a disappointment but I learned some important lessons from that experience and this year I am not going to take this opportunity for granted," Inman said. "I've spent the past year-and-a-half playing in the U.S. and most of my teammates are Americans, so I felt very comfortable trying to make the U.S. team. I don't feel that there is any question about my loyalty."

Henning and Dunlop have past experience playing for U.S. national teams, as members of the National Team Development Program that trains in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dunlop was an alternate captain and one of the leading scorers on the 1998-99 U.S. Under-18 national team.

"The fact that three Notre Dame players were selected says a lot for where this program is headed," Dunlop said.

Notes:

♦ The U.S. roster features seven returning players from the 1998-99 U.S. National Junior Team that finished 3-4-0 at the World Championship in Winnipeg, Canada.

♦ The roster features 11 National Hockey League draftees, including 1999 draftees Inman and Henning.

♦ Notre Dame is one of five schools that have placed players on the U.S. National Junior Team in each of past four years, with the others including Boston College, Minnesota, Colorado College and Michigan State.

♦ Current Irish captain and senior center Ben Simon played on the USA's silver medal-winning team in 1996-97 and was joined on the USA squad in 1997-98 by current Irish senior right wing Joe Dusbabek.

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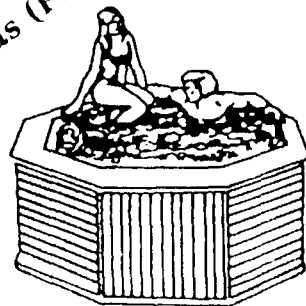
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The men's swimming team placed first in the Notre Dame Invitational last weekend at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. The Irish claimed six first place finishes and a new meet record.

Swim

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something that I was aware of," Verlin said. "I was shooting to improve my time, and I hadn't realized that I had broken it."

The relay team of sophomore Jonathan Pierce, junior Matt Grunewald, senior Rob Fetter and senior Ray Fitzpatrick also rewrote the record books for the Irish, replacing the meet record in the 800 freestyle relay. Fitzpatrick edged out Western Kentucky's Kicker Vencill for the win. Vencill had set a new meet record in the 100 freestyle earlier in the meet.

Other top finishes for the Irish included junior Dan Szilier's first place 200 breaststroke swim in 2:20.35, and a pair of wins from sophomore Jonathan Pierce in the 500 and 1,000 freestyles.

The divers also put up strong performances, with senior Herb Huesman stacking a second

place win from the one meter board with 468.30 points. Freshman Andy Maggio secured third place with 460.25.

In the absence of their three top scorers, the Irish women's swimming and diving team also made their presence felt at Rolfs this weekend, placing first as a team with 1,292 points over Michigan State (1,197), Denison (1,176), and Western Kentucky (879).

Junior Carrie Nixon, junior Brooke Davey and senior Shannon Suddarth competed in San Antonio, Texas, over the weekend at the U.S. Open, leaving the Irish to defend their home waters at the Invitational without them.

Senior Allison Newell picked up three wins for the women's team, sweeping the 200 butterfly and 100 butterfly. Newell also swam a freestyle leg for the first place 800 freestyle relay team of junior Kristen Van Saun, junior Brenda Reilly and freshman Lindsay Moorhead.

The Irish women also picked up a pair of wins from sophomore Kelly Hecking, who captured the 100 backstroke in 56.20, posting a "B" qualifying time for the NCAA 2000 Championships.

Hecking also swam the leading leg of the first place 200 medley relay team with Rimkus, Barger and Shepard.

Van Saun also notched an individual win for the Irish, winning the first event of the meet by edging Kentucky's Sydney Mountford in the 500 freestyle. Van Saun outtouched her competitor by .08, edging into first with a time of 4:56.20.

Sophomore diver Heather Mattingly posted a first place win for the Irish on the three-meter board.

The Irish women will compete next at the St. Croix Invitational on Jan. 10, 2000. The men's squad will return from their break opening the new year on the road, matching with LSU on Jan. 8, 2000.

NCAA

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but we struggled with our passing and defense," said Irish captain Leffers.

The Irish took the first game by pulling away from the Buckeyes. The lead changed hands often in the game with Ohio State breaking a 7-7 tie to take a 10-7 lead. But the Irish answered back, scoring four straight points to take the 11-10 lead. After letting Ohio State into the lead at 12 points, Notre Dame returned to win the first match, 15-13.

In the second game, the Buckeyes got off to a fast start and held an 11-3 advantage at one point. The Irish were able to get as close as four points, but the Buckeye lead was too much for them to overcome, as Notre Dame dropped the second game 15-10.

The Irish took a quick 6-1 lead in game three, but the Buckeyes were able to battle back to tie it up. The two teams were tied at 11, 12 and

13 before Ohio State got to game point, having a 14-13 lead. After enduring three Ohio State game points, the Irish tied the score for the seventh time in game three at 14-14.

An ace by Buckeye Shelly Draeger, however, put Ohio State back at game point 15-14 with the game ending on the next play on an Irish net call, 16-14.

The Irish needed to win the next two games to advance in the tournament, but fell behind quickly in the fourth game. After falling behind 7-1, Notre Dame battled back to close the game within one point at 7-6.

The Irish were only able to manage one more point the rest of the way, as the Buckeyes defeated them in the fourth game to advance to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The loss in the tournament marked the end of the Notre Dame careers of seniors Mary Leffers and Emily Shiebout.

"It's been a great year and we've had a great team," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said.

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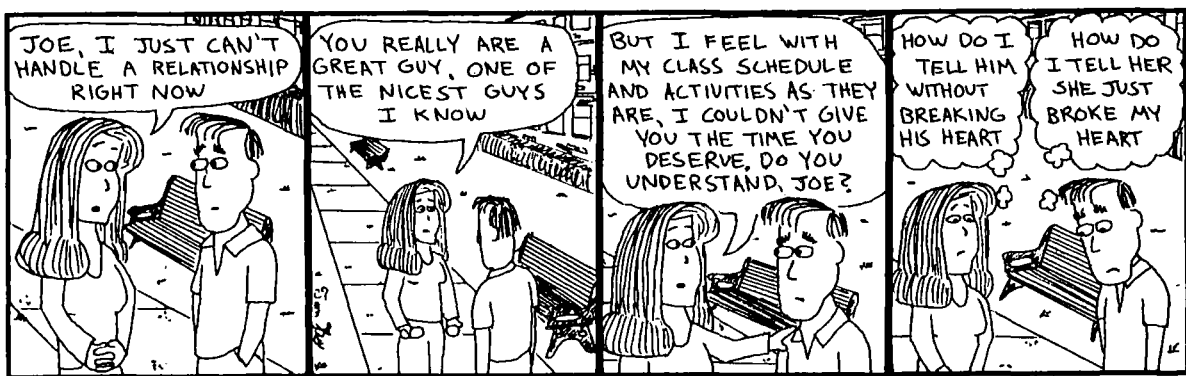
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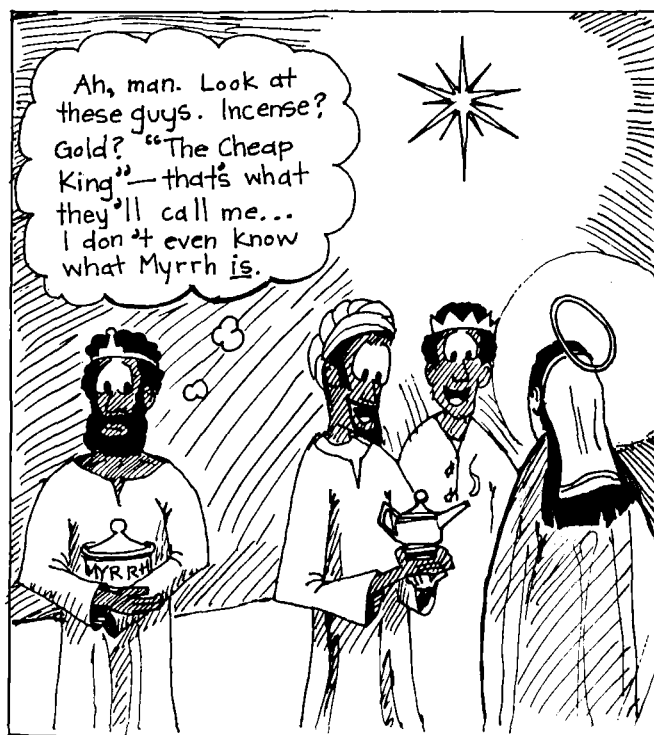
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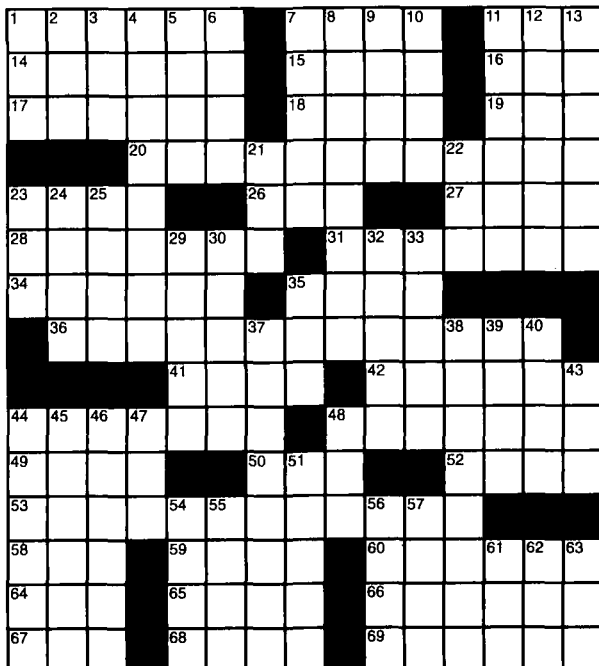


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 - 17 Nullify
 - 18 About, in memos
 - 19 Ready for an asylum
 - 20 Hip 1984 Bill Murray film
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 - 26 Sailor's affirmative
 - 27 Suffix with switch
 - 28 Marine food fish
 - 31 Actress ___ Chong
 - 34 1884 Helen Hunt Jackson novel
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 - 36 Uninvited guests
 - 41 Grandson of Adam
 - 42 Mouth puckerers
 - 44 Encouraged
 - 48 Mark the boundaries of
 - 49 Inside view?
 - 50 "There but for the grace of God ___"
 - 52 Solidifies
 - 53 Women who go after other women's men
 - 58 Mad. ___
 - 59 Furnace output
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- 1 Geometry suffix
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 - 3 Quick turn
 - 4 "Green Acres" co-star
 - 5 One of Alcott's "little women"
 - 6 Creme-filled snack
 - 7 Friendliness
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 - 10 Poor grades
 - 11 Tourist's staple
 - 12 Consecutively
 - 13 Appends
 - 21 Carrier to Stockholm
 - 22 English poet laureate Hughes
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 - 24 Gather
 - 25 "Red hot" person
 - 29 Paid to hold hands?
 - 30 Refuse
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Puzzle by Kevin McCann

- 33 One of the Barrymores
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 - 37 Solidifies
 - 38 Discharge
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 - 40 Angry state
 - 43 Patrick and Paul: Abbr.
 - 44 Blow out
 - 45 Sesame Street character
 - 46 Egg, for one
 - 47 Optometrist's interest
 - 48 Cartoonist Browne
 - 51 String ensemble, maybe
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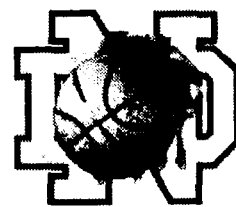
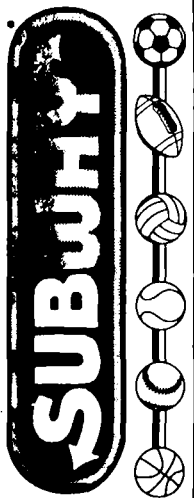
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Happy Birthday: Gear up and get ready. You'll be taking on so much this year that you aren't likely to have much time to sleep. It will be a fantastic time for you as long as you are fully prepared to put your all into everything you do. You will be quick to make decisions, and that will contribute to your success. Your numbers: 5, 11, 22, 34, 37, 49
ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will accomplish the most if you put in overtime. Rewards will be yours if you meet your deadlines. Your mate won't be too pleased if you don't have time to help with the festive preparations. ○○○○○
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get involved in activities that will be conducive to meeting that special love interest or plan a very ardent evening with the one who has already captured your heart. You must avoid extravagance. ○○○
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You've taken on too much. Personal changes or holiday decorating should be your concern. Don't be surprised if unexpected guests drop by. Stay calm and don't let their presence ruin your plans. ○○○
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be able to convince friends or relatives to do things your way, but don't push your luck with your colleagues. Put your efforts into your personal relationships. ○○○
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone may overreact to your actions. Concentrate on work and don't bother getting involved in gossip. Problems with get-rich schemes will be upsetting. You mustn't overspend on gifts
Birthday Baby: You will lean toward more unconventional subjects and activities throughout your life. You're a lover of life with a wide variety of interests that will lead you into unknown territory.
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this year. ○○○○○
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will get angry if family members are not pulling their weight. Minor mishaps will occur if you aren't cautious. Make the necessary changes in your personal life. ○○
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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You mustn't overspend on entertainment or break your budget buying gifts to impress others. Use your ingenuity and get the most for your money. ○○○
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's best to concentrate on finishing important projects before year-end. You will have problems with loved ones if you push your opinions on them or if you blatantly try to make decisions for them. ○○○
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You should be planning a nice family vacation. You all need a break from the hectic pace that you've been keeping. Be sure you all have your personal papers up-to-date. ○○○
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't lend or borrow money or possessions. You will have to be careful not to run yourself ragged. Try to enjoy the festivities, but don't burden yourself with all the details needed to entertain. ○○○○
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VOLLEYBALL NCAA TOURNAMENT

Irish season ends with four game loss to Buckeyes

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

For the first time since 1992, Notre Dame lost in the opening round of the NCAA tournament, as Ohio State defeated Notre Dame in four games.

Ohio State closed out Notre Dame's volleyball season behind the strong offensive performance of Rosie Snow. Snow finished the match with 24 kills, as the Buckeyes defeated the Irish 13-15, 15-10, 16-14 and 15-7.

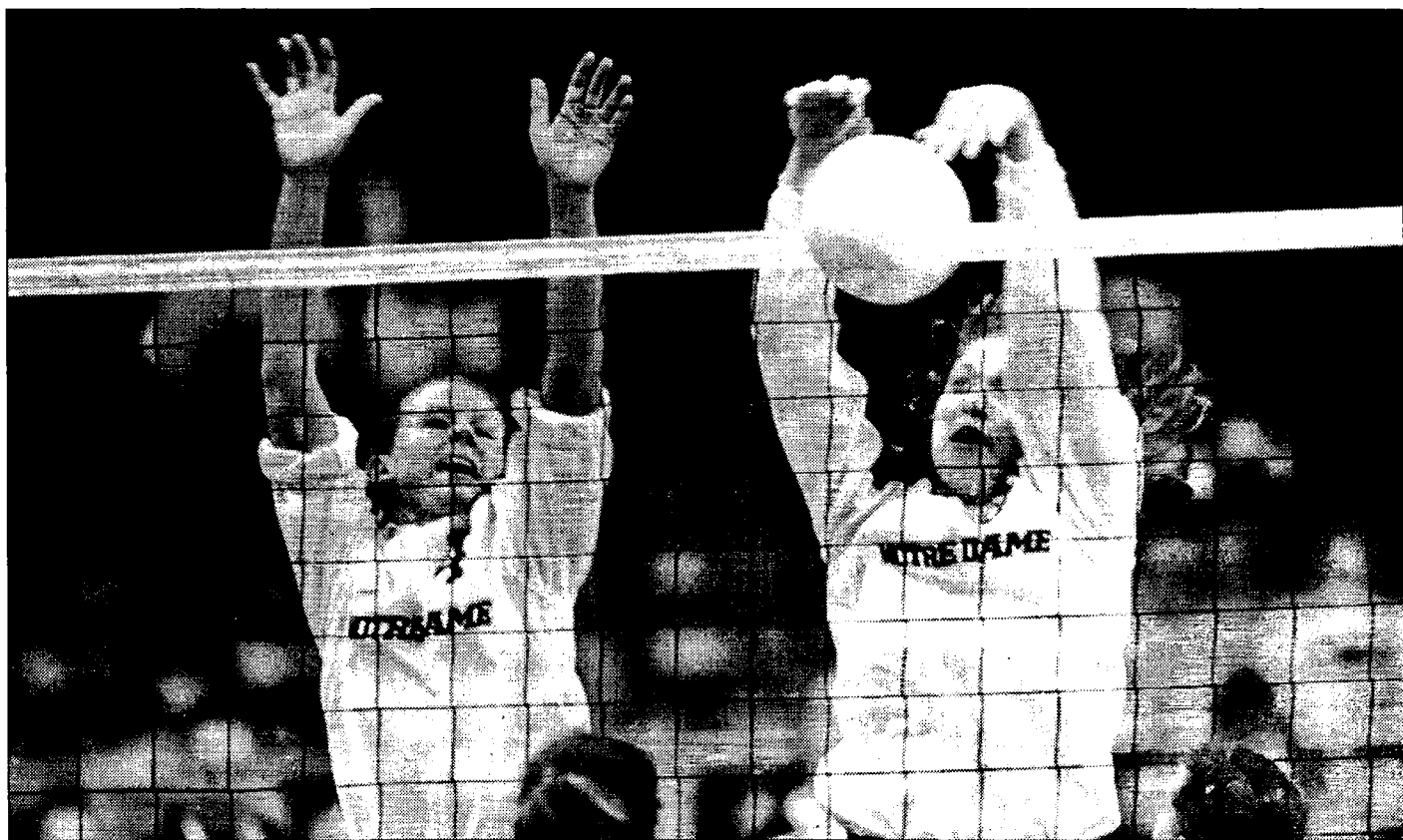
The Irish finished their season with a 20-9 record, while the Buckeyes improved to 17-11 overall and met the winner of the UCLA-Eastern Washington match in the second round of the tournament Sunday.

Kristy Kreher led the Irish with 24 kills, while Mary Leffers finished with a double-double, contributing 10 blocks and 12 kills. The Irish also received strong performances from Christi Girton and Denise Boylan. Boylan had 63 assists, six blocks and eight digs in the game, and Girton totaled 20 kills with .382 hitting average.

The Irish outfit (.321-.296) and out-blocked the Buckeyes (16-10) but committed 15 service errors and gave up 12 aces in the losing cause.

"Our hitting and blocking was great,

see NCAA/page 22



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Senior captain Mary Leffers (right) goes up for a block in a game against West Virginia earlier this season. Leffers played the final game of her career this weekend in a loss to Ohio State.

SWIMMING

Notre Dame claims Invitational

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Like a professor evaluating his classes' performance during the semester, men's swimming and

diving coach Tim Welsh decided that his team's GPA was honor roll material.

Walking out of the Notre Dame Invitational Saturday night with a team win, six swimmers with first-place finishes

and a new meet record, the men's swimming and diving team fared well for the semester.

"If this were class, this meet is the final exam," Welsh had said going into the meet Thursday, where the Irish would attempt to defeat a field of closely ranked contenders.

Come Saturday, there was no question this class earned As.

"We did well on our exam," Welsh said, "from start to finish."

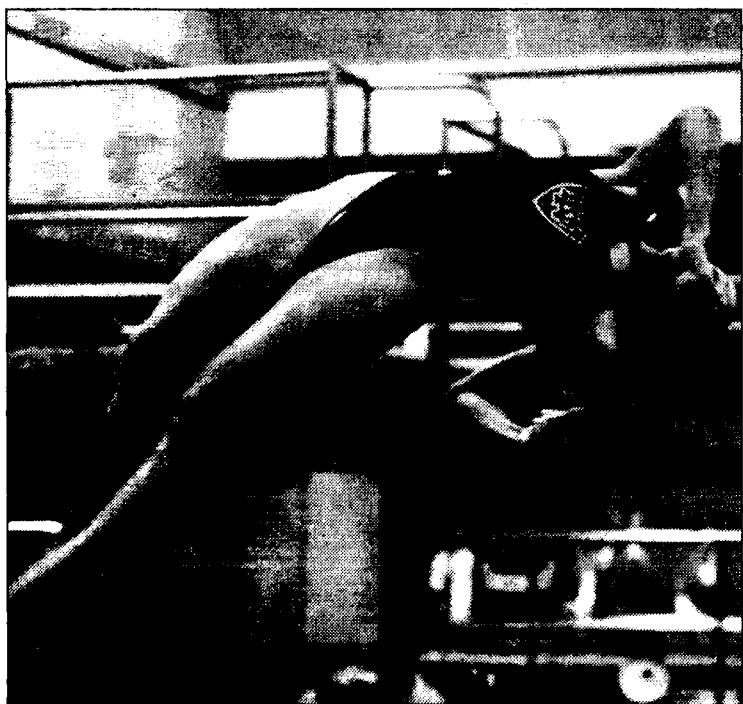
Entering a meet where there was no clear-cut winner, Notre Dame secured a victory over Western Kentucky by 214.5 points. Denison College finished in third with 1,057 points, followed by Michigan State (865.5) and Denison (1,057) trailing in fourth and fifth places.

The Irish were led by junior Ryan Verlin, who continued his unbeaten streak in the 200 butterfly, securing a first place finish Saturday night in a meet-record time of 1:49.98.

While a top finish may not have been unexpected, the record was a surprise for Verlin.

"The record wasn't even

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JEFF HSU/The Observer

The Notre Dame diving team helped contribute to a victory at this weekend's Notre Dame Invitational.

HOCKEY

Three players named to national team

Special to The Observer

Three University of Notre Dame hockey players have been named to the United States National Junior Team that will compete in the upcoming World Junior Championship, marking the fourth consecutive year that Notre Dame players will be members of the prestigious 22-player team.

"It's a terrific opportunity for our players to face the best players in the world," Notre Dame head coach Dave Poulin said. "Each of them brings something different to the table and will play different roles with the team."

"We will face some challenges without having those guys for four tough games, but it will give us the chance to see some other players in

new situations and they will have the chance to step in and contribute," he added.

The Notre Dame invitees include sophomore center Brett Henning, sophomore center/left wing David Inman and freshman center Connor Dunlop — representing the most players from any school on the USA team, which is comprised of the nation's top players who are under 20 years old.

The International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship will be held Dec. 26-Jan. 4, in Skelleftea and Umea, Sweden. The United States team will assemble on Dec. 13 in West Point, N.Y., before traveling to Sweden for pre-tournament exhibition games on Dec. 20 and 22.

The Irish are scheduled to play four games without the services of Henning, Inman and Dunlop — who each rank among the team's top four center candidates and are vital members of the power-

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Wednesday, All Day



vs. Massachusetts
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