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Three-ring presidential debate

◆ Candidates reveal true colors in farcical debate

By SAM DERHEIMER
News Writer

What was intended to be a genuine discussion of political views quickly degenerated into a series of "assassinations," verbal rampages, attempts to get dates and random filibuster-style campaign strategies.

In what could at times be considered a theatrical farce rather than a political debate, 10 tickets vying for Notre Dame student body president and vice president met Sunday to present and debate their platforms to the student body.

The mood of the debate was set early on, as the first ticket to present itself, Andrew Sciallis and Daniel Saracino (or as they prefer to be called, Squirrel and D-nuts), presented their "Keep your fingers crossed" campaign, which includes the destruction of Keenan-Stanford Hall to build an underage speakeasy. The two yielded their remaining time to Ryan Clemency of the Smith-Clemency ticket (Greg Smith, the presidential nominee of the ticket, was not actually present at the debate), which Clemency promptly filled by reading passages from "Sacred Mountains of the World."

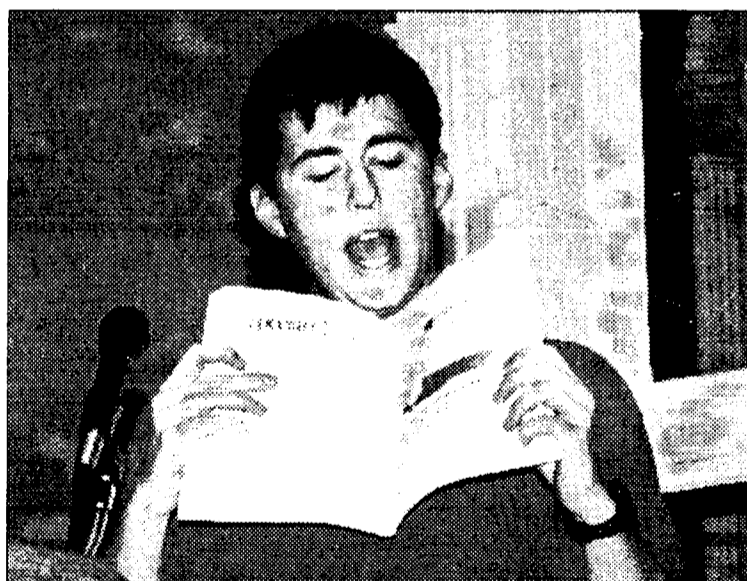
The other candidates were not to be outdone.

Chris Costigan, who was accompanied by a body guard, "purely for precautionary reasons" stood with a blank stare as his running mate, Pat McCormick, was "assassinated" by an assailant in a blue ski mask who fired a cap gun at McCormick. The assailant screamed, "Vote Squirrel; he's in pursuit of liberty!" and quickly ran out of the room. McCormick was then carried off

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Amid circus-style antics, vice presidential candidate Pat McCormick falls victim to an "assassination" attempt. He was then carried from the room by his bodyguard.



Presidential candidate Ryan Clemency (left) reads from a guide to golf and "Darth" Todd Warapius (right) discusses his platform at Sunday's debate.



◆ Student leaders 'disappointed' by debate antics

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Staff Writer

Candidates only have each other to blame for Sunday's debate debacle, student government representatives said Sunday night.

"It was an actual circus — three rings. I was pretty disappointed," said Judicial Council president Kelly Folks, who oversees elections. "Some of the candidates were looking to place blame everywhere but where it should be, which is right back on themselves."

Candidates who complained that time ran short and antics ran long should recall harsh criticisms they posed about the inefficiency of student government at the start of the debate, Folks said.

"When you denigrate the Office [of the President] like that, if you don't have respect for the job, you have to make that logical leap that you can't expect to be taken seriously about holding it," she said.

Tickets with little student government experience generally were the ones complaining and disturbing the debate, said student body vice president Michael Palumbo.

"People are very quick to criticize when things aren't going their way," said Palumbo. "But it seems like they sure have plenty of opportunity to pitch in along the way, and they don't."

Student government does own blame for some of the chaotic event, however. The debate began 20 minutes late because an emcee cancelled at the last minute, Folks admitted.

The debate itself, including seven student panelists, was fair, Folks said. Several questioners, who were

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U.S. senators introduce gambling legislation to campuses

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

Lawmakers worry that most amateur athletes, under constant pressure to perform well academically and athletically, feel unneeded pressure from gamblers and bookies. To combat this issue, Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas introduced legislation last week to make wagering on college athletics illegal.

According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, Leahy and Brownback said that amateur athletes deserve to

be protected from the possibility that their games could be fixed. Leahy specifically mentioned the "vulnerable position [college athletes are in] that threatens their integrity [and] the integrity of their schools."

Kevin Pendergast, a former football and soccer player at Notre Dame, proved this vulnerability when, following his graduation from



Heisler

Notre Dame, he conspired with members of Northwestern's basketball team to fix three games during the 1994-95 season.

In response, Notre Dame's athletes and sports administrators have joined with other universities nationwide to support of The High School and College Gambling Prohibition Action introduced by Leahy and Brownback. The Act proposes to outlaw gambling on high school, college and Olympic sports. Additionally, the Act would force newspapers to stop publishing betting lines on college games, and eliminate any con-

fusion regarding which states allow such betting and which do not.

"Certainly we would be in favor of such [legislation], especially given some of the incidences that have occurred ... namely the most recent Northwestern situation," said John Heisler, Notre Dame's assistant athletic director and director of sports information.

However, Notre Dame is working to make Pendergast's experience an educational one. "All of our student-athletes have been well educated on [the risks of gambling involvement] through our Life Skills Program," Heisler said.

"[The program] even involved Kevin Pendergast being here himself to talk about his own personal experiences and what he's been through."

"I don't look at who's favored. I just go out there and play," said Troy Murphy, a forward for the Irish basketball team. "But I did get something out of that [Life Skills] Program — it's one thing to have people tell you the facts, but to have someone come back and tell you their personal experiences. It makes it a little more real, that it could truly impact

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INSIDE COLUMN

Take your clothes off

Whenever I mention that I modeled nude for a figure drawing class last semester, I usually get a variety of responses.

Some people say, "Cool." Some giggle. Some are shocked. But most react with an emphatic assertion that while it's fine for me, *they* would never do it. They could never be so vulnerable and exposed, especially in front of students they might know. They think their bodies are too this or too that. They aren't model material.



Colleen Gaughen

Viewpoint editor

Let me be the first to say that I am the furthest cry from Kate Moss. And I'm glad. Why would I want to look like someone I'm not? Our bodies are gifts to be respected, not cursed for failing to live up to the absolutely asinine beauty standards our culture incessantly imposes on us.

I am short. I am stocky. I will never be able to wear those tiny straight dresses for Skipper figures because I have German hips and can fill out a bra. And the dresses that are made for us vertically-challenged hourglasses are too long. It's difficult to find clothes that fit my unique figure.

But it's still my figure.

No matter how much I work out and eat right, I will never fit the ridiculous cookie-cutter standard for the female body that bleeds into our consciousness through advertising, television and film. We are not even aware of how these images shape our perceptions of one another and, more importantly, of ourselves.

Body image is essential to self-image, especially when how you look still determines who you are, despite vehement arguments to the contrary. Look around. We make judgment calls based on appearances, whether we can help it or not, and most of them revolve around the body. How this person dresses. How this person wears their hair. How tall or short or fat or thin this person seems to be. We assign meaning to these physical qualities, then make assumptions about character. It's wrong, and it's tearing our community apart.

We all know that way more than the annual percentage of students who go to the counseling centers at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's suffer from eating disorders. They live down the hall. They work out in the gym. They dance at Heartland on Thursday nights. They are your lab partners. They are your roommates. You might even be one of them.

I was.

I struggled with anorexia for three years in junior high. My mom used to have the lunch ladies spy on me to see if I was eating. I went for days, sometimes weeks, eating nothing but Grape Nuts and Diet Coke. Once I got really sick from running in the rain during a storm at night. I could have been raped. I could have been abducted. And if I hadn't woken up one day and asked myself why I was doing this, I could have really slipped away.

We will hear a lot about eating disorders during this week of awareness. But of all the information you receive, whether you attend a talk or just pass a poster, remember that these illnesses are mental. They start in the head, poison the heart and eventually destroy the body.

To battle them, we must strip our psyches of the cultural standards of beauty that surround us. We must stop judging on looks. We must stop cursing our bodies and start embracing them.

We must take off our clothes.

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

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
♦ CSC conference: Reconciliation and Renewal in Cities, McKenna Hall, 10:40 a.m. to 9:15 p.m. ♦ Sophomore Literary Festival: Washington Hall, 8 p.m.	♦ Pinochet Lecture: C-103 Hesburgh Center, 12:30 p.m. ♦ Blood pressure screening: Rolfs Sports Rec Center Classroom, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	♦ International Film Festival: A Man of No Importance, Montgomery Theater, LaFortune Student Center, 8 p.m. ♦ Sophomore Literary Festival: Washington Hall, 8 p.m.	♦ Medieval Seminar: Urban Culture Lecture, Hesburgh Library 614, 3:30 p.m. ♦ Poetry workshop: Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, 10 a.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Swarthmore relocates South Carolina training

SWARTHMORE, Pa. — Joining in the NAACP boycott of South Carolina, Swarthmore College has decided to withdraw the spring break plans of six sports teams to train there. The affected teams — women's lacrosse, softball and tennis, as well as men's golf and men's and women's track and field — were scheduled to practice in Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head but are now arranging to travel elsewhere.

The decision, made Tuesday afternoon, follows similar actions by Bryn Mawr and Haverford as well as Temple University, which are all supporting an NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) boycott of South Carolina because of the Confederate flag that flies



over the state Capitol.

"The Swarthmore College administration, affirming the value this institution places on a humane and just society, has decided that our spring athletic teams will support the NAACP boycott of South Carolina over the issue of the continued display of the Confederate flag," President Al Bloom said in a statement Tuesday afternoon. Bloom was not on campus to comment Wednesday.

The NAACP launched what it is calling "economic sanctions" against the state on Jan. 1, asking people and groups with travel plans to South Carolina to cancel them

until the flag is removed from the state capitol, where it has been flying since 1962.

"I think in this case you've got a governmental body, the legislature. [displaying a symbol] which signals to a large segment of the population, and not just African-Americans, a time period of violence and repression, and slavery," said Maurice Eldridge, the college's executive assistant to the president. He said when an organization like the NAACP takes such a stand, "it fits within our values to support them."

But the college's decision has the coaches who had training plans for South Carolina scrambling to make new arrangements. With the exception of the men's golf team, all had tentative plans by Wednesday afternoon.

Florida students lose debit balance

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

The owner of the MealPass company, a business that sold debit cards that could be used at off-campus restaurants, said Thursday he will not be able to make good on his clients' investments. Stephen Johnston II, president of University MealPass Corp., said he is too far in debt to refund balances left on his customers' cards when he pulled his business out of Gainesville in November. Twelve people reported they lost money when Johnston, 28, stripped area restaurants of the machines needed to process the cards while they still had a remaining balance. "Unfortunately there is nothing I can do," Johnston said. "I feel very badly. There is no money for them to take." Johnston said he is about \$100,000 in debt and plans to file for bankruptcy soon. On Nov. 29 the company left Gainesville having only a handful of clients, he said. Johnston said he sent e-mail messages to all his clients and posted a letter at all the restaurants where cards could be used. The letter stated that clients could call the company's phone number and receive a refund for their remaining balance.

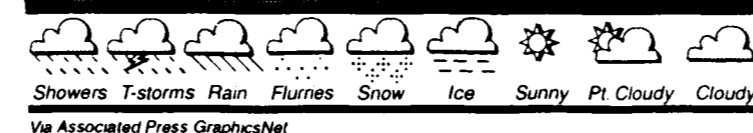
U. Arizona hosts tolerance march

TUCSON, Ariz.

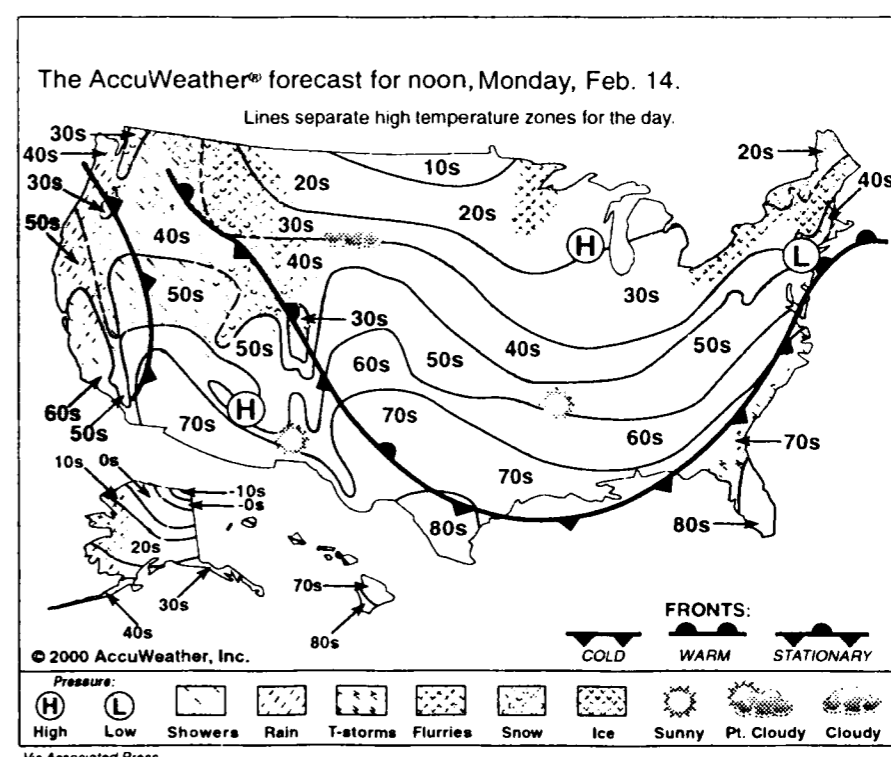
In the wake of the weekend stabbing of a gay University of Arizona student, a march protesting homophobia will wind its way through the campus area this Sunday and culminate with a speak-out event on the University of Arizona Mall. UA assistant English professor David Robinson and several members of the Tucson community — including the UA Pride Alliance and the local chapter of the gay rights organization, Lesbian Avengers — are planning the march, which will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday. The march route will include the area where the attack occurred. Lesbian Avengers' member Dace Park said demonstrators are encouraged to bring flowers to drop on the street at the site. Both Park and Robinson hope the demonstration will draw a large crowd of supporters. "We're optimistic we'll have several hundred," said Park. "We're hoping for several more." Robinson has similar aspirations. "I'm hoping we may very well have more than a thousand," he said. One of the attendees may be UA President Peter Likins, whom the march organizers have invited to participate.

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Baltimore	50	33	Memphis	58	42	St. Louis	38	36
Boston	50	35	Milwaukee	50	43	St. Paul	25	15
Chicago	32	26	New York	54	34	Tampa	80	60
Houston	76	56	Philadelphia	56	33	Washington, DC	59	35

Gang members aim for right track

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Chicago's Cabrini Green housing projects are a world away from the campus of Notre Dame, but a discussion Saturday tried to bring those two worlds a little closer together.

Five current and former gang members from Cabrini Green came to campus with Brother Bill Tomes and Brother Jim Fogarty to discuss their lives with a roomful of students at the Center for Social Concerns. Tomes and Fogarty minister to gang members in the projects, and have brought such groups here for the past 14 years in the hopes of dispelling myths about gang life and giving students a glimpse of that world.

The gang members, who ranged from 24 to 31 years old and were all fathers, talked about the importance of raising their children to stay out of the gang life.

"Nobody is forced to be in the gangs," said "Skin." All of the gang members went by their street names. "Kids are only going to do what they see the people on their block do."

They discussed how boys, growing up, see the people with money and power in their neighborhood and on their street and, when not in school or otherwise occupied, they start to affiliate with them, and they are introduced

into the gang life. Gradually, they get more involved. Each of the five members said they joined gangs in their early teens, and all were involved by the time they turned 15. Boys start in gangs even younger now, though, they agreed.

As Fogarty pointed out, being in a gang gives a young person access to money and feelings of safety and power. These three things are often lacking otherwise, but they also enable a person to isolate himself and further enter the gang life.

"Nobody is forced to be in the gangs. Kids are only going to do what they see the people on their block do."

"Skin"
Chicago gang member

"Gangs give you power," he said. "So you don't need help from other people. You don't have to listen to other people. You don't have to listen to your family. You don't have to listen to your teachers, or your boss if you have a job."

But that power has consequences, the panelists agreed.

All five had been shot at least once. All but one had been imprisoned at some point. Now, they said, they try to keep their lives in order. Most are raising children and trying to prevent those children from making the same mistakes they did.

They agreed that after-

school programs and sports and keeping children busy and off the street was the best way to prevent them from joining a gang. Love is impor-

"Gangs give you power. You don't have to listen to other people. You don't have to listen to your family."

Brother Jim Fogarty
gang minister

love. But ultimately, those streets are unloving, and too few learn that in time, or are lucky enough to survive it, they agreed.

"It ain't worth it," said "Doorknob," who is now out of the gangs. "Time passes just like this ... and there's a whole generation of brothers I was with, they're either in jail or dead."

But, for now, these men work to keep their lives on the right track and help their families.

"I'm just living and I hope I can maintain a good job for the rest of my life," "Skin" said. "It's not just about me, it's about my kids."

Tomes and Fogarty founded Brothers and Sisters of Love, an organization dedicated to gang ministry. Their efforts to bring about peace in Cabrini Green by working with gang members, and not trying to change them, have been hailed nationwide. A movie is in the works about the pair and their work, according to Tomes.

tant too. If a boy is not receiving love from his parents, "Dre" said, he will turn to the streets for that

Survey: ND students find personal balance

Special to The Observer

An annual survey of college freshmen indicates that while the academic aspirations of first-year students at Notre Dame are exceptionally high, they expect to use their knowledge as much for the common good as for personal gain.

Some 92 percent of Notre Dame's freshmen report that they plan to earn an advanced academic degree — including 43 percent who will pursue a master's degree, 17 percent a doctorate, 21 percent a medical degree and 10 percent a law degree. By way of comparison, about 68 percent of students nationwide have similar plans.

But as much as they are determined to succeed, Notre Dame students place relatively less emphasis on financial gain than their peers. Some 62 percent say it is essential or very important to be financially stable, 11 percent less than the national average.

At the same time, Notre Dame students reported far more interest than their peers in participating in community action, influencing social values, becoming a community leader, developing a meaningful philosophy of life, and assisting those who are in difficulty.

Not surprisingly, such altruism also is found in Notre Dame students before and during their college years. Almost 97 percent of the University's freshmen report they performed volunteer work in the past year, compared with 75 percent of students nationally and 58 percent plan to continue with community service, as compared to some 19 percent nationally.

Interestingly, Notre Dame freshmen are likely underestimating their future volunteer efforts; the University's Center for Social Concerns reports that almost 80 percent of Notre Dame students actually engage in volunteer projects

during their four years on campus.

The tendency toward service and social justice among Notre Dame students is likely linked to their commitment to religious faith and observance. Some 97 percent report they attended a religious service in the past year, compared with 84 percent nationally. About 55 percent spend one or more hours in prayer weekly (compared with 32 percent overall) and 45 percent regularly discuss religious issues (compared with 27 percent nationally).

Conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA, the 33rd annual American Council on Education survey is designed to profile the political and social views — and the socioeconomic backgrounds — of the nation's college freshmen. This year's survey is based on the responses of 261,217 students at 462 two- and four-year institutions.

Other observations drawn from the survey:

◆ The Class of 2003 came to Notre Dame overwhelmingly because of the University's strong academic reputation. Some 95 percent cited this factor, about 37 percentage points higher than students nationwide. Notre Dame students also are right where they want to be, with more than 85 percent saying the University was their first choice, versus 71 percent elsewhere.

◆ By significant margins over their peers, Notre Dame freshmen oppose both abortion (68 percent to 47 percent) and the death penalty (47 percent to 25 percent).

◆ Notre Dame first-year students are opposed to casual sex, with more than 80 percent rejecting the statement "if two people really like each other, it's all right for them to have sex even if they've known each other for a very short time." About 59 percent nationwide are similarly opposed.


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Debate

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stage by his bodyguard.

He was the first candidate to leave the debate without returning. He would not be the last.

The extremely lively crowd actually counted down the last 15 seconds of Clemency's time, which was spent reading from a golf book, "Getting Up and Down: How to Save Strokes from 40 Yards and In."

Presidential candidate Mathew Flatow decided to use his three minutes to verbally assault the current student government. The Observer, Scholastic Magazine and basically anyone and everyone else he could.

Visibly upset over being labeled a "joke ticket," Flatow screamed, "Student government is a sham! It's all about respect and I've gotten no respect!" He then threw the microphone on the floor and charge out of the room.

Adam Dinnell, Flatow's running mate, then closed the rest of the team's time, saying, "I have nothing more to say that is either relevant or true."

"Darth" Todd Warapius and "Darth" George Coppinger, were one of the more well behaved tickets of the debate. Their platform, however, remained rather sci-fi.

"Darth" Todd continued to advocate his plans of complete domination and forced order.

"Any club can exist," "Darth" Todd said of diversity on campus, "as long as they pledge allegiance to us." The "Darth" also advocated banning all J. Crew and Abercrombie and Fitch clothing from campus in an attempt to "spur individual development."

Not all the candidates took the debate so lightheartedly though.

Joe Shepard and Jim Focht used their time to express their vision of a new, reformed student government.

"I was motivated to run by frustration," said Shepherd. "Student government is not rocket science. The problem is not recognizing things that

could be done better, it's actually getting them done."

Shepherd and Focht utilized the majority of their time in advocating their primary campaign promise of making student government more relevant to students. "We are very serious about making [Teacher Course Evaluations] available and getting more social space," Shepherd said. "We've been told that if we work, we can do this."

John Osborn and Mark Donahey also focused on making student government more relevant to everyday students.

"Look, we're just two guys from campus," said Osborn. "We might be lousy politicians, but we think there are some things on this campus that could be changed."

The two candidates reiterated their ideas of a homecoming weekend, off-campus service shuttle and more student involvement in University governance.

"Student governments of past have been completely self serving, existing entirely in their own world," said Osborn. "It's time to bring it back to the students."

Despite interruptions from Sciallis (Squirrel), who stripped down to red and white pajamas in order to ask vice presidential candidate Brooke Norton on a Valentine's Day date, and Costigan, who began walking around stage with a tray of cookies, Brian O'Donoghue and his running mate Norton kept their poise. They presented their proposals for the Rectors' Endowment Fund and a greater concentration on women's and diversity issues.

"Everyone is saying that student government does nothing for our daily lives," O'Donoghue said referring to his Rectors' Endowment Fund, "well, here is something student government could do to make your lives a little easier."

Responding to why he was running, O'Donoghue said, "We love the students of this University, and we want to make their lives a little easier. Notre Dame is not about buildings, land and money, it's about the students."

Hunt Hanover and John Micek, who were also forced to ignore the antics of other

candidates during their time, presented their vision of a more accessible student government.

"Student government shouldn't be confined to the second floor of LaFortune," said Hanover. "We need to take it out to the students." Micek continued this sentiment, "Hunt and I believe that we can be day-to-day leaders. We believe that everything we do can be accomplished by the time we hand over our administration next year."

The question and answer period of the debate did not go much smoother. Clemency responded to his question by reciting lyrics to pop star Britney Spears' "Baby, One More Time." Sciallis, who instead of answering his question, used his time to solicit a date from Norton, and then ran out of the room after receiving a hug from her. (He did not return.) Costigan, after quickly answering his question on how he would get the student body more involved in campus governance, yielded the rest of his time to Clemency, who proceeded to read from "War and Peace" for the remainder of Costigan's time.

"It was a difficult environment," said Shepherd after the debate. "There were a lot of issues I would have loved to debate with some of the candidates."

Shepherd said that because of the rowdy candidates and crowd he felt he did not get that opportunity. "People are just going to vote for who The Observer or Scholastic tells them to, and because of what went on today, we didn't get a chance to change that," he said.

Other candidates didn't take so much offense.

"They were hilarious," O'Donoghue said of the less-than-serious candidates. "Everyone has the right to run, it brought a little life to the debate."

And despite the constant distractions, he said the debate was a success. "I think we got our word out," O'Donoghue said. "A lot of people heard what we had to say, and I think we changed some people's minds."

Micek echoed O'Donoghue's enthusiasm.

"It shows we can talk off the cuff," he said of the debate. "Everything we said was true to our platform and beliefs."

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well-versed on ticket platforms, arrived with two types of inquiries: one for "serious" candidates and one for the others.

"I looked at some of the issues reported in student publications before the debate," said panelist Heather Volk, co-president of Hall Presidents' Council. "I asked questions relevant to the platform of the candidates, but if you look at the relevance of some of the platforms to student government, it was ridiculous."

Volk, for instance, asked "Darth" Todd Warapius and "Darth" George Coppinger how they'd deal with administrators if planned Jedi mind control failed. Their response — "execution" — was appropriate to the question but not to Notre Dame student government, Volk explained.

Audience composition also was criticized, as more than half of attendees hailed from Zahm Hall. Inadequate publicity of the event — which included dorm flyers and one ad in The Observer — was due, in part, to low involvement by dorm representatives and few campus-wide ads, Folks said.

Overall and considering the last two weeks' events, though, Murphy said changes are in order.

"I think it's pretty clear," he said, "with this debate and with Mr. [Brian] O'Donoghue's suspension and the Saint Mary's election, I think we're going to be looking at some election reform here."

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Screenings and Related Events

Sunday, 20 February 2000

3.30 p.m.-Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Opening Ceremony and Reception featuring a dance performance by Yakhub Kouyate and his Mandi Djalli Group.
4.30 p.m.-Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Sankofa, by Haile Gerima from Ethiopia, 1993 (125 mins.).

Monday, 21 February 2000

4.15 p.m.-Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Warrior Marks, by Pratibha Parmar and Alice Walker, 1993 (54 mins.).
7.00 p.m.-Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Pieces d'Identite, by Mweze Ngangura, 1998 (94 mins.).

Tuesday, 22 February 2000

4.15 p.m.-Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Women With Open Eyes, by Anne-Laure Folly, 1994 (52 mins.).
7.00 p.m.-Hesburgh Center Auditorium
La Genese (Genesis), by Cheick Oumar Sissoko, 1998 (102 mins.).

Wednesday, 23 February 2000

4.15 p.m.-Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Frosh, by Dayna Goldfine and Dan Geller, 1993 (98 mins.).
7.00 p.m.-Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Shattering the Silences, by Stanley Nelson and Gail Pellett, 1997 (86 mins.).

Thursday, 24 February 2000

4.15 p.m.-Hesburgh Center Auditorium
La Tete Dans Les Nuages (Head in the Clouds), by Jean-Marie Teno, 1999 (52 mins.).
7.00 p.m.-Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Cry the Beloved Country, by Darell Roodt, 1995 (94 mins.).

Friday, 25 February 2000

4.15 p.m.-C103/Hesburgh Center
Behind These Walls: Mumia Abu-Jamal and the Long Struggle for Freedom, by Jules Buerjes and Heike Kleffner, 1996 (70 mins.).

Sunday, 27 February 2000

7.00 p.m.-Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Black Athena, by Bandung File, 1991 (52 mins.).

Monday, 28 February 2000

4.15 p.m.-Hesburgh Center Auditorium
A Son of Africa, by Alrick Riley, 1996 (28 mins.).
7.00 p.m.-Hesburgh Center Auditorium
O Testamento Do Senhor Napumoceno (Napumoceno's Will), by Francisco Manso, 1998 (110 mins.).

Tuesday, 29 February 2000

4.15 p.m.-Hesburgh Center Auditorium
La Petite Vendeuse De Soleil (The Little Girl Who Sold the Sun), by Djibril Diop Mambety, 1999 (45 mins.).

Art Exhibition

An Art Exhibition sponsored by Thiam Collection (Senegal) will be held in conjunction with the Film Festival. It will be located in the lobby of the Hesburgh Library from Monday, 21 February through Friday, 25 February 2000.

Attention all Juniors:

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The Environmental research Institute, a joint activity of Notre Dame & Argonne National Laboratory (ANL), in collaboration with the Center for Environmental Science & Technology, will award up to two Summer 2000 internships at ANL in argonne, IL-with a follow-up campus research appointment in the Fall. **Stipend, room & board are provided for the 10-week program.**

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For more details, contact the Center for Environmental Science & Technology: 152A Fitzpatrick hall, 631-8376. Applicants will be required to complete an application.

Application deadline is February 23, 2000

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

20,000 strangers marry in mass wedding

SEOUL.

For most brides, a wedding without a bridegroom would be difficult to imagine. But Lee Hwa-shin said she couldn't be happier, even though she and her future husband were married without ever having met. Lee was among 10,000 couples who tied the knot Sunday in a mass wedding organized by the Unification Church of Rev. Sun Myung Moon. The vast majority of the newlyweds were complete strangers matched by church officials. "I am very happy although my husband is not here," said Lee, a 20-year-old South Korean design student, as she shivered in cold weather at Seoul's Olympic Stadium. She held a framed picture of her new husband, Tokumasa Yamashita, in a black suit. She said Yamashita, a 20-year-old Japanese man studying computer engineering in the United States, couldn't get a visa in time to attend. At the end of the ceremony, Lee took out a golden ring and slipped it on herself.

Study finds salmon serve as natural recyclers

GRANTS PASS, Ore.

A growing body of scientific evidence is showing that salmon are more than just a majestic sport fish, a tasty entree, an economic resource or a cultural icon. From Alaska to California, they serve as a huge natural recycler, responsible for transporting organic material they eat in the oceans and store in their bodies before swimming to the headwaters of watersheds, leaving their carcasses to feed insects, bears, plants, trees and particularly baby salmon. A recent study published in the journal *Fisheries* estimates that as little as 5 percent of the historical biomass of salmon is returning to its native watersheds, creating a dramatic shortage of nutrients derived from the ocean. The recycling role is so important that restoration of wild salmon in the Pacific Northwest "is hinging on recognition of this issue," said Jeff Cederholm, a fisheries scientist with the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

10-year-old executes father's killer in front of thousands

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan

Thousands of people watched Sunday as a 10-year-old boy publicly executed a man convicted by an Islamic court of murdering his father. In a sports stadium in southern Kandahar, the boy shot the man, identified as Mohammed Hashim, four times with a rifle. Under the Taliban's strict interpretation of Islam, relatives of a victim carry out the death sentence. The boy, who was the eldest male member of his family, was accompanied by his mother, sister and 6-year-old brother.

YUGOSLAVIA



AFP Photo

A British NATO soldier argues with an ethnic Albanian man as he tries to prevent them from crossing the bridge in Kosovska Mitrovica. Heavy fighting broke out in the area between NATO peacekeepers and snipers Sunday.

Fighting kills one, wounds 19

Associated Press

KOSOVOSKA MITROVICA

Fighting between peacekeepers and snipers, along with grenade attacks on ethnic Albanians, killed one person and reportedly wounded 19 Sunday in the bitterly divided city of Kosovska Mitrovica.

Two of the wounded were French soldiers, hit by ethnic Albanian snipers firing from the northern, Serb-controlled part of the city, NATO officials said.

"It was an attempt to kill our soldiers," French spokesman Lt. Col. Patrique Chanliau said. "We would like to believe it was an isolated incident of extremists, of terrorists."

One soldier was wounded in the stomach while on patrol in the Serb part of the city, Chanliau said. The second soldier was shot in the arm after NATO peacekeepers launched a counterattack, he said.

The counterattack killed one of the snipers and wounded five others. Grenade attacks on ethnic Albanian houses in the north wounded seven, NATO officials said. And an American with the U.N. police force was also injured by glass shards, after gunfire from outside broke the windows of a train he was riding on.

Yugoslavia's state-run news agency, Tanjug, said four more people, identified as Serbs, were wounded, at least some by snipers.

Seventeen people were detained by

late Sunday, NATO said, but gave no details. Peacekeepers imposed a curfew from sunset to daybreak.

Bursts of semiautomatic gunfire could be heard from the northern side of the mostly Serb city located about 20 miles north of Pristina. Occasional explosions sounded over the gunfire, which died down by afternoon.

Some sniping continued, Chanliau said, but the peacekeepers had located the positions from where the snipers were firing.

Serb sources, who asked for anonymity, said the trouble began when several ethnic Albanians from the southern side crossed a bridge over the Ibar River leading to the Serb side and threw several hand grenades.

"Peanuts" cartoonist Schulz dies at 77

Associated Press

SANTA ROSA, Calif.

"Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz died at home following a battle with cancer, just as the last original cartoon of his half-century career was being published in newspapers worldwide.

The 77-year-old Schulz was diagnosed with colon cancer in November, and his spirits recently sagged as he battled the disease and pondered retirement, said Monte Schulz, his eldest son.

"I think maybe he decided that his true passion was in the strip, and when that

was gone, it was over," Monte Schulz said Sunday. "He had done what he had wanted to do, and that was it for him."

The son said that while the cause of death Saturday wasn't known, "it appears he died in his sleep, almost between breaths." His wife, Jeannie, was with him when he died.

On news of his passing, fans and colleagues across the country hailed Schulz as an irreplaceable artist whose work over the years had become infused in American popular culture.

"I think 'Peanuts' has been for most of its existence the best comic strip in

history, and nothing's ever approached it," said Mell Lazarus, who draws the "Momma" and "Miss Peach" strips, and knew Schulz for 42 years. "He's going to be missed and will clearly never be replaced."

The famous strip with its gentle humor spiked with a child's-eye view of human foibles had one particularly endearing trait: constancy.

Year after year, the long-suffering Charlie Brown faced misfortune with a mild, "Good grief!" Tart-tongued Lucy handed out advice at a nickel a pop. And Snoopy, Charlie Brown's wise but weird beagle, still took the occa-

sional flight of fancy back to the skies of World War I and his rivalry with the Red Baron.

The strip was an intensely personal effort for Schulz. He had had a clause in his contract dictating the strip had to end with his death. No one could imitate it.

While battling cancer, he opted to retire it, saying he wanted to focus on his health and family without the worry of a daily deadline.

His last daily comic ran in early January, and the final farewell strip appeared in newspapers on Sunday. Old versions of the strip will continue to be published.

Market Watch: 2/11

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someone here at Notre Dame."

"It is hard to find something more compelling than that: someone who was here as one of our most successful student-athletes telling his story. It proves that it happens here; it can happen anywhere," Heisler said.

According to The Chronicle, NCAA officials concede that far more money is bet illegally across the country and every campus has student bookies.

"I think [the legislation is a good idea] but I still think people would [gamble] illegally ... people might find a way around it," Murphy said.

"It's an ongoing thing that you need to remind people of, there can sometimes be a tendency to think this is something that you don't have to consider, but there have been enough high profile incidences to raise consciousness among everyone," said Heisler. "Many institutions are wondering how we can raise awareness among our student athletes — that's what we hope Life Skills is doing."

ISRAEL

Deadline prompts concern in the Middle East

Associated Press

JERUSALEM
It was supposed to have been a day of clarity, the first time Israelis and Palestinians outlined the shape of a permanent, peaceful coexistence.

Instead, Sunday, the deadline for the framework of a final status agreement on the conflict's toughest issues — Jerusalem, final borders and refugees — was a blur of recriminations and dire predictions for a peace process gone awry.

Palestinians accuse Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak of neglecting them to focus on talks with Syria; Israelis say Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is asking for too much, too soon.

Talks broke down early this month, and neither side knows when they will resume. The delay could jeopardize the Sept. 13 deadline Barak and Arafat have set for a full-

fledged permanent agreement. And missing that date, both sides worry, could lead to a total peace breakdown.

Barak told his Cabinet on Sunday that "our responsibility is to try to reach arrangements by the end of this year."

"The interest of terrorist groups to torpedo the process is very high," Barak said, according to an official in his office who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In an effort to get the Palestinians back to the table, Barak's chief negotiator said, Israel was ready to concede a key Palestinian demand: a contiguous block of land in the West Bank, seen by the Palestinians as a crucial underpinning to a future state.

Oded Eran also said explicitly for the first time that Israel will have to give up some Jewish settlements.

"I would have expected the Palestinian side to show the same good faith, to come with

clear positions on issues to move forward the negotiations," he told The Associated Press.

Palestinians countered that Israel was wrapping offers that should have been part of an interim agreement into a permanent status agreement — a ploy, they say, to make less seem like more.

"Now Mr. Barak wants to merge the third phase [of an interim agreement] with the permanent status," top Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat told the AP. "We won't allow him, we won't let him do that."

A similar disagreement broke up the talks on Feb. 3, when Arafat learned that Barak was not prepared to hand over Arab suburbs of Jerusalem as part of an interim withdrawal from 6.1 percent of the West Bank. Palestinians said that showed bad faith.

Eran hinted that the suburbs will go to the Palestinians as part of a final agreement, and chided the Palestinians for stoking hard-line Israeli opposition to the talks by demanding the suburbs now.

"Raising the [Jerusalem] issue now causes political problems in Israel," he said.

The result is that the sides are hardly speaking, and Israeli security forces, acting on intelligence reports, braced on Sunday for a wave of terrorist activity.

One poll showed that support among Palestinians for violent attacks against Israel had increased from 36 percent in December to 43 percent. The poll by The Center for Palestine Research and Studies had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

Palestinian leaders said Barak would do well to heed their growing disappointment.

"This reflects very negatively on the peace process," a top Arafat aide, Nabil Abourdeneh, told the AP.

The official at the Cabinet meeting quoted Barak as saying that both sides must take responsibility for the missed deadline: Barak for dithering five weeks over whom to name to his team, and Arafat for ignoring the talks for a month in a fit of pique prompted by renewed Israeli-Syrian talks in December.

The efforts with Syria have meanwhile collapsed, and guerrilla attacks on Israeli troops in Lebanon have risen dramatically.



Arafat



Barak

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Clinton welcomes Hispanic leaders

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

For the third time in a week, President Clinton is welcoming Hispanic leaders to the White House. Aides say it reflects concern Hispanic voters may overlook Clinton's record in favor of George W. Bush.



Clinton

The White House is seizing on the chance to highlight the Clinton administration's record on behalf of the nation's fastest-growing population group.

"The president himself has noticed that the Latino community is intrigued with the Republican Party and the Bush candidacy," a senior administration official said.

On Monday, Clinton was to receive a lifetime achievement award from the League of United Latin American Citizens, the first time the nonpartisan group has honored a president.

Clinton planned to cite expansions of education and health-care programs that have benefited Hispanics, as well as record lows in unemployment and the poverty rate among Hispanics.

Republicans, he may note, have moved to cut legal immigrants from the Medicaid and

food stamp programs, and tried to keep illegal immigrant children out of public schools.

In the past two presidential elections, Hispanics voted overwhelmingly for Clinton — 72 percent to 21 percent in 1996, and 61 percent to 25 percent in 1992.

But Bush has shown he can attract support from Hispanics. The Texas governor, who sometimes speaks to Hispanic crowds in Spanish, took 49 percent of the Hispanic vote during his reelection in 1998, according to a statewide election-day poll by the Voter News Service for The Associated Press and television networks.

The White House ceremony is in recognition of Clinton's record and does not amount to a political endorsement, said Brent Wilkes, national executive director of the nonpartisan group.

During its annual legislative meeting this week, the group will hear from a prominent Hispanic member of the administration, Army Secretary Louis Caldera, as well as an equally prominent Hispanic Republican and frequent Clinton critic, Rep. Heana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida.

"It's good for the community to be sought after by both parties," Wilkes said. "I don't think it's healthy to be identified with only one party."

Last week, Clinton paid tribute to Alfred Rascon, an immigrant from Mexico belatedly awarded the Medal of Honor

for valor during the Vietnam War. Rascon's immigrant status got nearly equal billing with his battlefield heroism.

Also last week, Hispanic members of Congress met with Clinton and top aides to discuss three Hispanic nominees for federal judgeships. None has been confirmed by the Republican-led Senate, although the GOP leadership has promised a vote by mid-March on Richard Paez, whose nomination has languished four years.

Clinton was struck by national polls last month reflecting growing Hispanic support for Republican themes, said the White House official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

As a result, the president wants to make Hispanics aware of his record and stakes involved in this year's election, the official said.

Last month, a Public Policy Institute of California poll showed that Bush, the GOP presidential front-runner, would draw at least 40 percent of the Hispanic vote in November — almost double what Republican nominee Bob Dole received in 1996.

Top Republican officials have said the GOP must capture at least 40 percent of the Hispanic vote to remain competitive.

The survey showed Bush would draw 40 percent of the Hispanic vote against Vice President Al Gore and 45 percent against Democrat Bill Bradley.

Lawsuit claims black farmers denied funds

Associated Press

ALBANY, Ga.

A lead attorney in a class-action lawsuit filed by black farmers against the U.S. Department of Agriculture said too many farmers — about 40 percent — have been denied compensation in the federal settlement.

The settlement, approved by a federal judge in April, ended a lawsuit that accused the USDA of regularly denying subsidies and other assistance to black farmers because of their race.

"The fight is not over," lawyer J.L. Chestnut said Saturday to 200 farmers at a conference here. "The government is too damn white, and the folks in charge of this lawsuit are too white for me."

Under the settlement, farmers who can show evidence of discrimination are entitled to \$50,000 each and to have outstanding loans forgiven. An additional \$12,500 is being sent to the Internal Revenue Service in the name of each farmer to cover the federal income taxes he or

she would owe on the settlement.

About 18,000 farmers filed claims under the settlement, and checks began going out in November. But Chestnut said more than 40 percent of the claims have been rejected. They can appeal the denials to a court monitor.

"We intend to appeal them," Chestnut said. "I've got farmers who might not make it to next year."

"The government is too damn white, and the folks in charge of this lawsuit are too white for me."

J. L. Chestnut
lawyer

Randi Roth, a newly appointed independent monitor, told farmers that her office has three objectives:

to review decisions, to solve problems and to issue reports.

"If you think your decision is wrong in any way, you can request a monitor reviewing," she said. "But the office cannot overturn a decision. ... We can only say whoever made the decision should look at it again."

The department's civil rights director has said the farmers' claims will be investigated to determine which Agriculture Department employees were involved in discrimination.



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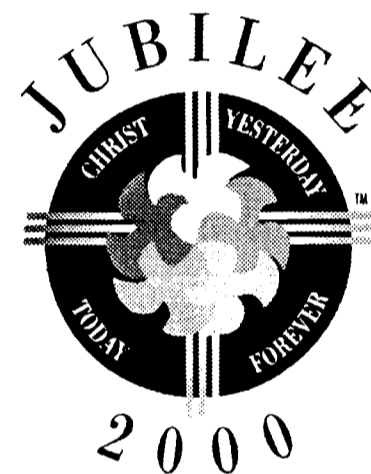
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DR. MONIKA HELLWIG, ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
"CURRICULAR CHALLENGES FOR RECONCILIATION AND RENEWAL"

8-9:15 PM

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"LATINO FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE: HOPE AND IMAGINATION"

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2- 3:15 PM

REV. MICHAEL IVERS
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YUGOSLAVIA

Romania's Tisa River struggles after cyanide spill

Associated Press

BECEJ
Serbia announced Sunday that it will demand compensation at an international court from those responsible for a cyanide spill that contaminated a major river, destroying most aquatic life.

The spill in the Tisa River, which originated in Romania, apparently sunk to non-lethal levels Sunday after reaching the Danube. Before that, however, it had devastated the river in Hungary and Serbia. Serbian Environment Minister Branislav Blazic said it would take at least five years for life in the Tisa to recover.

Blazic accused Romania of covering up the real dimen-

sions of the poisoning, which some environmentalists say could be the biggest ecological catastrophe in Europe since the Chernobyl nuclear reactor catastrophe in 1986.

"The Tisa has been killed. Not even bacteria have survived," Blazic said as he toured the area along the river in northern Serbia. "This is a total catastrophe."

"We will demand an estimation of the damage and we will demand that the culprits for this tragedy be punished," he said.

Romania played down the environmental damage. But people — not just aquatic life — are at risk because of the spill, said Predrag Prolic, a professor of chemistry and toxicology at Belgrade University.

He said those with wells close to the riverbed are in danger. Birds feeding off fish could die, he said. The poisoned water also can filter into the soil and then contaminate grass, grain, and livestock, Prolic said.

Serbian Agriculture Minister Jovan Babovic said Sunday that after the toxic waste entered the Danube, the concentration of cyanide dropped below 0.2 milligrams per liter, a non-lethal level. But the Beta news agency cited eyewitnesses who said the that the Danube was "all white with the bellies of dead fish" between the spot where it joins the Tisa and Belgrade, about 50 miles to the southeast. The fish were possibly washed down from the Tisa.

In Bucharest, Romania, environmental official Anton Vlad suggested the spill's effects had been overstated.

"I have the impression that it is exaggerated," Vlad told national radio.

The cyanide spill originated in northwest Romania, near the border town of Oradea, where a dam at the Baia Mare gold mine overflowed Jan. 30, causing cyanide to pour into streams. At the mine, a cyanide solution is used to separate gold ore from surrounding rock.

From there, the polluted water flowed west into the Tisa in neighboring Hungary, killing large numbers of fish there, and then into Yugoslavia.

Prolic said the peak concentration of cyanide in the river was 20 times the permissible level. Poisonous heavy metals such as lead can be left behind after the cyanide dissipates and can also leech into the soil, he said.

In Serbia, dozens of volunteers and fishermen wearing protective rubber gloves removed hundreds of dead fish from the Tisa to bury them. Heaps of fish littered the river bank.

Experts and officials estimate that some 80 percent of the fish in the Tisa have died since the contamination entered the country Friday.

"Everything's dead. Cyanide destroyed the entire food chain," said local fisherman Slobodan Krkljes, 43. "Fishing was my job. I don't know what I'm going to do now."

In Becej, a town on the Tisa

about 55 miles north of Belgrade, police were making sure no contaminated fish were brought to the town's market for sale. Restaurants in the region have removed fish from their menus.

Adding to the problem, the fertile plains of Serbia's north are the country's breadbasket. Water from the Tisa is traditionally used for irrigation.

Blazic claimed the initial concentration of the cyanide in Romania must have been enormous if the effects remained so deadly in Yugoslavia, about 300-400 miles down the river.

"Had we from Yugoslavia done something like this, we probably would have been bombed," he said.

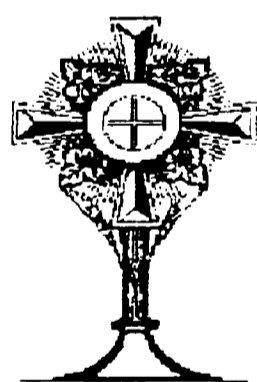
Blazic was referring to that NATO bombing of Yugoslavia last year over its actions in Kosovo — and a widespread belief here that the West is anti-Serb. The cyanide spill adds to the ecological damage caused by NATO's bombing of Serbian oil refineries.

"The Tisa has been killed. Not even bacteria have survived. This is a total catastrophe."

Branislav Blazic
Serbian environment minister



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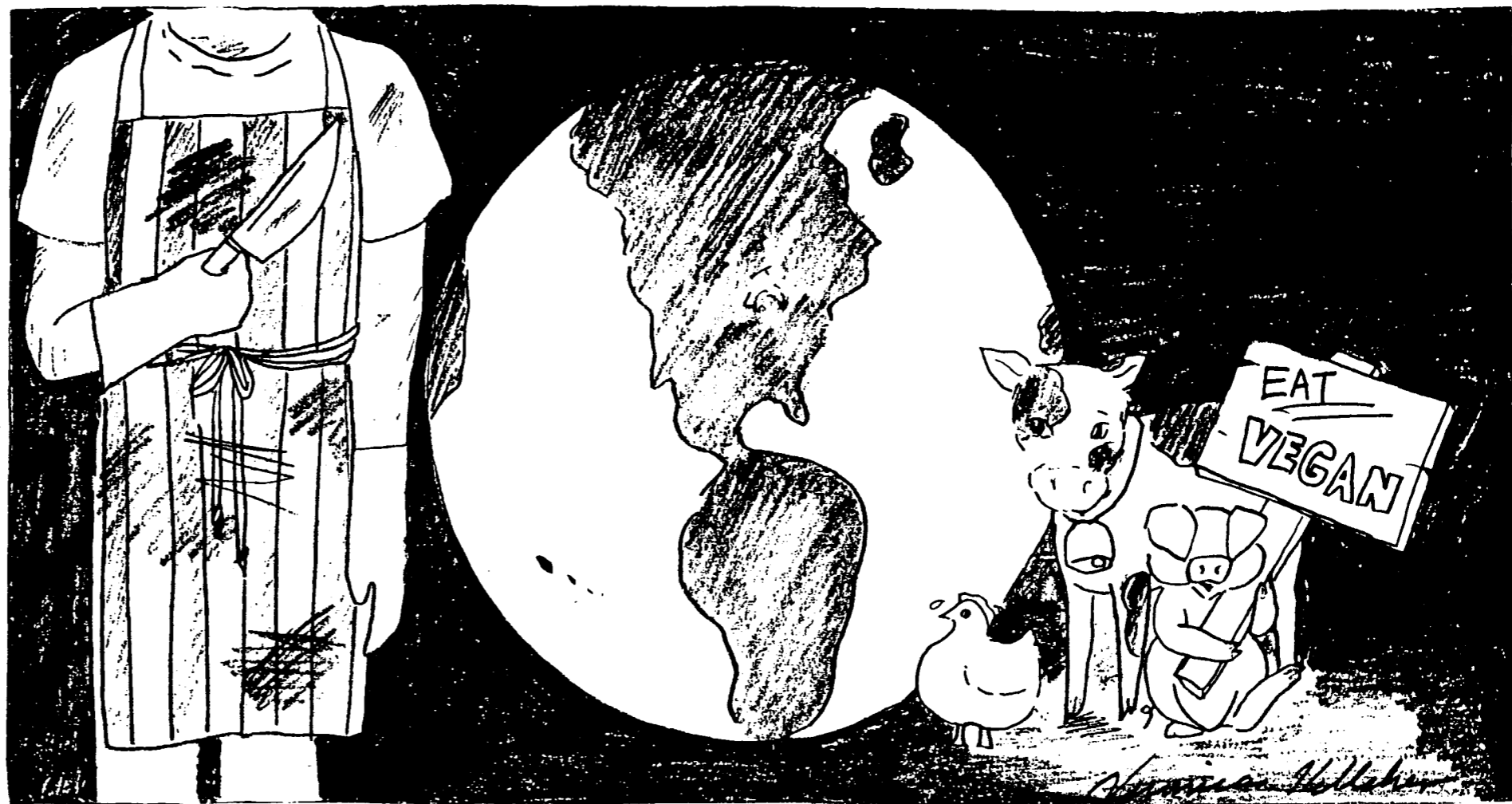
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Does eating meat butcher your values?

George Bush Sr. and I used to have one thing in common: I hated broccoli! All of my childhood, my parents made me eat broccoli, onions, tomatoes, cauliflower and other icky vegetables. I always had to "try a little bit." But it never worked.

Aaron Kreider

Think.
Question.
Resist.

By contrast, I loved hamburgers. I would often fry the family bacon for breakfast. I generally disliked all the meals my mom would prepare without meat. When I started college, I ate even more meat as I took advantage of the buffet to fill my plate to overflowing. In theory, I always felt that vegetarians were "right," but that in practice I would never give up meat.

My fall semester of my senior year in college, on a whim, I drove from Indiana to Pennsylvania to attend an environmental conference. They had the best food I've ever eaten at a student conference — and it was all vegan.

That same semester, I was in a peace group that "lived simply" for a month. For my month I hand-washed my clothes, cut my own hair, bought very little, stopped eating chocolate, ate 80 percent less sugar and 90 percent less meat. Naturally, as soon as the month ended, I reversed course and totally indulged (especially in chocolate).

That spring semester, I started reading Francis Moore Lappé's "Diet for a Small Planet." While reading the book, I felt it would be inconsistent to also be eating meat, so I stopped. This time when I finished the book, I didn't turn back to my meat-eating ways. Since then, I've black-slid a couple of times, but not much.

I do not eat meat for several reasons. First, meat necessitates intense industrial agriculture which is mining our

soil and intoxicating it with pesticides. Most animals are fed grain. However, this leads to a huge loss in productivity as it takes at least 10 pounds of grain to produce one pound of flesh. As many countries' economies develop, their meat consumption expands more quickly than their population. This planet may be able to sustainably feed 10 or 11 billion vegetarians, but not that many meat-eaters. The Union of Concerned Scientists has found that the meat industry is the second largest source of pollution in America after automobiles.

You might know that veal comes from calves that are deprived of iron (causing them to be anemic) so that their flesh will be a certain color. But did you know that chickens have most of their beak removed so that, when crammed into wire cages with barely enough room to turn around, they will not peck to death their fellow prisoners? Did you know that half of the chickens (the males) bred to lay eggs are killed? Should U.S. cows be given bovine growth hormone (BGH) to produce more milk, despite the increased disease it causes in cows and possible danger to consumers? Why did Europe and Canada ban BGH? Most Americans can eat meat only because they've never seen a factory farm or slaughterhouse. Billions of animals should not be forced to lead lives of pain.

Vegetarianism is healthy, veganism more so. It is a great way to avoid heart disease. Also, the only way to avoid consuming above the EPA recommended limit of dioxins is by being vegan. Dioxins accumulate in animal fat and milk and cause cancer and birth disorders. Most Americans consume 20 times more than the EPA limit. Vegetarians and vegans live longer.

After being vegetarian for over a year, I read John Robbins "Diet for a

New America." I stopped eating eggs, cheese and milk and joined an estimated 500,000 to 2 million vegan Americans, who do not eat animals or animal products.

Over the past couple years, a number of people have unjustly attacked vegetarianism in The Observer. However, I changed what I eat to fit with what I believe. I oppose racism, sexism, heterosexism, poverty, environmental destruction, the death penalty and war. I am working to end the causes of abortion and do not eat animals or animal products. I think my views and diet all fit. I believe in justice and life.

I still love meat. It smells good. But I love this planet, its people and its animals more. So when I get up, I put soy milk on my cereal or make oatmeal. For other meals, I'll eat tortillas, spaghetti, a rice dish, chocolate chip cookies, pizza without cheese or make a stir-fry. I'll even enjoy adding some broccoli to it!

Over Christmas break, I learned that a completely apolitical high school friend read a pamphlet and within a month switched from eating meat to being completely vegan. He showed his will power. It was one of the best Christmas presents I'd ever gotten.

I'm urging you to withhold judgement for just enough time to read a pamphlet and then ask yourself whether eating meat conflicts with your values.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Seeing is deceiving.
It's eating that's believing."

James Thurber
American humorist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UConn fans respond to student rudeness

Students don't live up to reputation

I am writing concerning an article that appeared in today's edition of our local newspaper, the New London Day, regarding Saturday's game between the UConn Huskies and the Fighting Irish.

Some of what I read I found disturbing.

It seems the fans in the Notre Dame student section were chanting "Bastard Children, Bastard Children" at UConn player Khalid El Amin when he was shooting. One fan even shouted, "Does Allah love bastard children?"

Cheering for your team is great. Waving your arms in the air in the hopes of distracting the opposition is fine. However, I find it hard to believe that anyone thinks that disparaging a man's children in any way, shape or form constitutes sportsmanship and fair play.

I am truly saddened to discover that intolerance, crudeness and downright mean spiritedness are now part of the famed Notre Dame tradition. I had always thought that the University and its students were a cut above the rest.

I have been a Notre Dame sports fan since I was a child. I respected the University because it was a Church-based institution of higher learning where I thought young people of high moral standards came to learn about life, themselves and others in an environment of love and respect.

How sad to discover I was wrong.

Alica A. Dodd
New London, Conn.
February 13, 2000



Fans need to echo Doherty's dignity

Connecticut newspapers are full of articles about the Huskies losing to the Fighting Irish for the second time this season. In particular, the rushing of the court by the student body has come under attack. The same thing happened when UConn lost at Syracuse. Huskies players are frustrated that opposing student bodies are celebrating like they just won the National Championship instead of a regular-season game against the defending national champions.

SO WHAT!

I rushed the court when the Irish knocked off UCLA and its 88-game winning streak in 1974. Watch ESPN Sportcenter today and see the Tennessee student body doing the same thing after knocking off conference rival Florida. That is part of the tradition of a great collegiate sports program and should be applauded.

However, I cannot applaud the student body of Notre Dame. Chants against opposing players have always been a part of the game, but personal attacks are a sign of poor character. "We are ND" and "Here Come the Irish" spark spine-tingling pride for me in my Alma Mater. Cries of "Bastard Children" against opposing players and poor treatment of visiting fans, however, make me wonder how Notre Dame can claim to be a Christian university, never mind a leader.

Congratulations to Coach Doherty and the entire basketball team on its rise back to national prominence. I just hope the student body and the fans will join them with class and dignity.

Will Morrissey, '76
New London, Conn.
February 13, 2000

Lift the veil of lies, myths

This is Eating Disorders Awareness Week. Each year during this week, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses try to call to mind the prevalence and dangers of eating disorders to its students.

To many, eating disorders are a great mystery of our time. They perplex medical and psychological professionals, as well as the hundreds of victims that become afflicted each year. Eating disorders are probably the most misunderstood and the most dangerous psychological afflictions that exist.

America is overwhelmingly fixated on body image. We spend \$33 billion a year on losing weight. And for those who fail on a diet this year, there will be over 30,000 new diet plans from which to choose next year.

So what makes an eating disorder? Many are quick to form an answer to this question, when the truth is: There is no answer. As America grows increasingly aware of violence toward women and children, we are easily misled to believe that eating disorders must stem from childhood abuse and trauma. (After confiding in someone once about my long-term battles with eating disorders, the response was, "Oh, were you molested?")

On the contrary, we do not know how eating disorders choose their victims. There is no significant link showing that genetics or upbringing can play a crucial role in the formation of eating disorders.

Contrary to popular belief, eating disorders are NOT mere vanity taken to an extreme. They are

not about food. They are not about popularity. They are not about selfishness or self-promotion. Rather, they seem to grow under a severe lack of self-acceptance born of a different source, then embedded so deeply that it leads its victims a terrifying path of self-destruction.

Subconsciously, its victims are taking the most extreme measures possible to disappear and to completely melt away from themselves and from the society that places the pressure on young women to be virtually flawless. It's no wonder that eating disorders have the highest fatality rate of any other psychological disorder.

We cannot expect that eating disorders will eventually yield to medical science. Our society encourages us to believe that any illness can be remedied with a series of pills.

Eating disorders require much more time and attention than that.

This week, I hope that all students will take the time to recognize the tragic impact of eating disorders. It is a game in which the participants are forced to play unwillingly, and the stakes are incredibly high — for victims are forced to bargain with their own mortality. It is my hope that one day we will be able to lift the veils of lies and stereotypes that cover the perceived "myth" of eating disorders.

Lauren Jiloy
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February 13, 2000



Resurrect the FBA

Faculty should be relieved that the Faculty Board on Athletics has not been implicated in any of the events leading to recent changes in the assignments of Michael Wadsworth, athletic director, and Father E. William Beauchamp, executive vice president. But there is also no evidence that the FBA, as constituted and functioning, has or can be part of the solution to the well-publicized problems of the athletic department.

The provost told the Faculty Senate on Wednesday that president Malloy would appoint a faculty member "from the Faculty Board of Athletics" to serve on the search committee for a new athletic director and that the president intends to meet with the entire board "in due time" to explain the recently announced restructuring and changes.

Faculty have never perceived the FBA as anything but a rubber stamp. FBA members have routinely been charmed, snowed or stonewalled by the AD and the executive VP. Formerly known as the Faculty Board in Control of Athletics, the FBA actually controls nothing, including its own agenda, and it cannot function as a "watchdog" in any serious sense of the word. The FBA must be restructured and given autonomous investigative and watchdog authority in all matters of the sort which have so seriously embarrassed Notre Dame.

The faculty member of the search committee for the new athletic director should be elected by the faculty, not appointed by the president. This is the only way faculty can be confident that the search committee will hear a strong, independent voice familiar with Notre Dame's athletic history, well-acquainted with inter-collegiate athletics at the national level, committed to the integrity and success of our athletic programs and totally devoted to the academic and personal welfare of all athletes who represent Notre Dame in inter-collegiate competition.

As the Faculty Senate recommended as long ago as Sept. 7, 1994, "a member elected annually from the elected faculty" should chair the FBA. There is no other way to insure the FBA can function as an independent watchdog.

A. Edward Manier
Professor of philosophy
February 13, 2000



'Til death do

Fearlessly in love, childhood playmates John Hatzenbuehler and Stephanie Bernt prepare for r

By MIKE VANEGAS
Scene Editor

Alice Cukrowicz, a Grab-n-Go worker in South Dining Hall, has been married to Ervin Cukrowicz for 60 years and two months.

Today, after experiencing both the highs and lows of married life, including Ervin's battle with a stroke five years ago, the couple celebrates its 60th Valentine's Day as husband and wife. And they couldn't be happier, according to Alice, for they've been able to capture the essence of happiness throughout their years together.

Alice, the sparkling deity she is, knows exactly what that essence is: "You have to have trust, and you have to have love," she said. "You know, if you don't trust them, then you have problems. And be thoughtful of one another. Instead of always wanting someone to do it for you, do it for them."

In the game of love, such virtues are common pieces of the puzzle that is the foundation of a lasting relationship. But the simple fact remains: Can this foundation really be discovered? There are some people out there who probably feel the journey to find true

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John Hatzenbuehler

love is a lost cause. Others, including Alice and Ervin, prove otherwise.

In fact, such a foundation could be found 20 years ago in a sandbox in Pocatello, Idaho, where a little boy named John Hatzenbuehler met a little girl named Stephanie Bernt. This is their story.

The two infants played with each other in the sandbox until they learned how to play basketball. Though the two kids lived in different parts of town and went to different schools until high school, they saw each other every day. They grew up as friends, and even throughout their teenage years when most kids abandon their childhood friends as they struggle through adolescence, they remained friends.

In August of 1996, though, John, who is now a resident advisor in Morrissey Hall, embarked on a journey into the Notre Dame vacuum. Stephanie took a similar journey, but her destination was different. In the end, they were apart.

But they both returned home to

Idaho following their freshman year, where their lives would soon change forever. One night, John felt a chemistry with his long-time friend that may or may not have been there before. But at that moment, he decided Stephanie was his destiny. She was his one true thing. And he went after her.

"This is how he pursued me," said Stephanie with a giddy smile on her face. "He calls me up that night; I had gone on a date with somebody else. I come home and at one o'clock in the morning, there was this message on my phone to call him."

"So I called him thinking it was no big deal, and he proceeds to tell me how he feels about me, and I'm thinking, 'Oh my God.' And then he comes down, like at 3 in the morning, and he kissed me. That was it. There was no talking, there was no date, there was nothing."

It was the act of a young romantic stripping himself of any protective skin and letting his feelings fall to the ground. It was a simple deed, and both John and Stephanie recognize this in retrospect.

"There didn't need to be all that other stuff," said

John of the kiss that sealed his future. Stephanie finished his sentence: "Because we had known each other for 19 years."

A few months later, John and Stephanie had to say their good-byes again. Their long-distance relationship was in its initial stages, but the couple would learn to live apart, and in an ironic twist of a lover's fate, the distance would eventually bring them closer together.

But the couple still recognizes the difficulties in maintaining this type of relationship.

"The only reason [the long-distance relationship] worked is because we had 20 years under our belts before we started," said Stephanie. After John questioned how their relationship did work out, Stephanie replied: "It worked out because it was meant to be."

It was then that fate finally became a recognizable element in the John-Stephanie story. And at that point, John realized just how far their relationship had developed.

"If you get through a long-distance [relationship] you develop an unbelievable emotional attachment that you can't get every day. It's a different sort of thing," he said. "Every day you can have physical connection but sometimes that gets in the way. But this is all emotional. You have to be so trusting. You have to go to a level above the normal relationship."

Throughout the past few years, the couple has never gone more than a month without seeing each other. If it's not fall, winter, spring or summer break, it's a weekend trip to South Bend or Utah (where Stephanie graduated college). That is, until this past summer, when John involved himself in a summer service project in Cleveland and Stephanie finished her degree at the University of Utah. For the first time since that fateful kiss at 3 a.m., the

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Stephanie Bernt



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marriage after a life of being best friends, long-distance lovers and destiny's love children



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two found themselves apart for three months.

Then one day, Stephanie broke up with her man. The distance they had worked so well with for two years was tearing Stephanie apart inside, and she couldn't handle it. But as the doom of failure was in sight, John had an epiphany of love.

"It was after that point that I just couldn't handle that idea of breaking up," he said. "So I started entertaining ideas about getting engaged. One day, it just hit me. I really didn't consider being married right away, it's just engagement is a different level that you need for commitment. We basically needed this commitment from each other to basically survive ... that summer. And then I got home for a month at the end of the summer and things just clicked. It was the best decision we ever made."

July 3, 1999, was the day John and Stephanie made the biggest commitment of their lives. And it will be July 3, 2000, when John and Stephanie will close the deal, say their "I do's and become husband and wife. But they insist this was not done on purpose. It was fate.

Now they have the daunting prospect of being the Hatzenbuehlers, a married couple. This, from a couple who lightheartedly made a promise to get married if both were single at 28, a la "My Best Friend's Wedding."

But John and Stephanie acknowledge the impossibility of having the perfect relationship, especially knowing the way their relationship has developed so far.

"Our relationship has been nothing but battles, not with each other, never with each other, but battles surrounding our relationship," said Stephanie. "Distance is just one element. Distance really sucks; to put it just how it is, it really sucks.

"It would have been easy to find some Joe-Schmoe," she added. "But the connection I have with him, he is not just this one guy that I find physically attractive and that I have this really great relationship with. It's more than that. Number one, he's my best friend by far, and that doesn't even describe it, really."

At this point, Stephanie turns to John: "You're more than a best friend, you're sort of a savior in some certain terms, and a guide, and somebody who ... will always do the right thing."

And despite the fact that Stephanie and John love each other, they insist they are not a couple of love-sick kids. They understand what they are doing. And they aren't flinching a bit concerning their future together.

"I think the key to success [in marriage] is being best friends," said Stephanie. "I may do all these fun things, and who do I want to do them with? That's easy, [him]. That's the good thing about distance. We've learned to live apart [while] needing each other at the same time. So, when we're together, we're not in each other's face, and lovey-dovey. We know how to be Stephanie and



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John, which I think is very important. And together, we're just cool."

So are they the perfect fit for each other? They certainly seem to think so, and when someone sees them together, one sees two extremely attractive people who are at peace with being together.

"I can't think of anybody better," said John. "That's the key: If you think you can meet some-

"That's the key: If you think you can meet somebody better, then you're in the wrong relationship"

John Hatzenbuehler

body better, then you're in the wrong relationship. But I don't think I could find, or want to find, anybody better. She's everything I ever hoped to want."

"He makes me the best person I could ever think to be, and that's why it was meant to be as well," said Stephanie. "I always had this vision of who I wanted to be and how I was going to get there, and he just made that possible for me."

Stephanie added: "All my weaknesses, he makes them strengths. It's sort of a completion. John makes me whole by himself, so that I am complete and he is complete and we just roll together. I don't have things that I'm missing that he has to be there for

me to be a person."

And John as usual, finishes Stephanie's thought: "It's not like I couldn't live without her. I could still function, but it wouldn't be half as good if I didn't have someone to do it with."

Maybe, if health is on their sides, the Hatzenbuehler family-to-be like the Cukrowicz family, will celebrate a 60th wedding anniversary. Sixty years down the road, the lives they've shared for more than 20 years already will most likely be just as strongly intertwined.

"When all the lust and the hot steaminess is gone, I still always want to be with [him], no matter what," said Stephanie in a serious tone.

John had similar feelings. "If there's any one person I want to be with my entire life, it's her," he said.

But the clincher in this perfect love story is the following proclamation by Stephanie to John, which put their entire relationship, from the youthful friendship of yesteryear to the loving partnership of today, into a new light.

"You've sort of put a new spin on life partner," she said to her beau. "That's why I love you, because you are my life partner."

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Stephanie Bernt

HEALTH COLUMN

Defining eating disorders

Editor's note: In conjunction with the University Counseling Center, Scene presents a series of five columns this week that will highlight eating concerns in recognition of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

It is normal to want to be attractive. It is not normal to let your appearance and eating behaviors control your life. Joan Ebbitt, author of "The Eating Illness Workbook," states that "eating disorders exist when a person's use of food and rituals and practices surrounding the use of food cause increasingly serious problems in the major areas of the person's life." Major areas include: emotional health, spirituality, financial/legal, physical health, social life, job/work/academics and family life. The media has highlighted anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa, but it is important to focus on a much broader range of eating and body image concerns as well. In addition to anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa, individuals struggle with eating concerns that do not meet the full criteria for an eating disorder diagnosis, obesity, binge eating disorder, and body dysmorphic disorder as well.

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Professionals use the "Diagnostic and Statistics Manual of Mental Disorders" (DSM-IV) to help them assess and diagnose eating disorders.

Anorexia Nervosa is characterized by a refusal to maintain a minimally normal body weight (e.g. weight loss leading to maintenance of body weight less than 85 percent of that expected); an intense fear of gaining weight or becoming fat, even though underweight; an undue influence of body weight or shape on self-evaluation; and for women, the absence of at least three consecutive menstrual cycles.

Bulimia Nervosa is characterized by recurrent episodes of binge eating (e.g. eating an amount of food that is definitely larger than most people would eat during a two hour period and under similar circumstances and a sense of lack of control over eating during this time period); the use of recurrent inappropriate compensatory behaviors in order to prevent weight gain including self-induced vomiting, misuse of laxatives/diuretics/enemas/medications, and/or excessive exercise; both binge eating and inappropriate compensatory behaviors occur, on average, at least twice a week for three months; and self-evaluation is unduly influenced by body shape and weight.

Some individuals will report many symptoms of an eating disorder but do not meet the diagnostic criteria. These individuals can benefit from intervention and treatment as well.

Simple obesity is considered a general medical condition, but does not appear in DSM-IV because it has not been established that it is consistently associated with a psychological or behavioral syndrome. However, two of the biggest concerns for obese individuals are the fact that they develop diseases at a higher rate than the rest of the population and face discrimination, prejudice and ridicule in the world by others. Those consequences may result in individuals seeking psychological, nutritional and medical assistance. Obesity is defined as individuals who are at least 20 percent overweight

with the following distinctions: mild obesity (20-30 percent), moderate obesity (30-60 percent), severe obesity (60-100 percent), morbid obesity (100-150 percent) and super morbid obesity (250 percent or more). Some obese individuals engage in binge eating behaviors, and others do not.

On Frontline's documentary, "Fat," Dr. Rudolph Leibel from Columbia University stated, "From mice and rats, we have learned that there are single genes that can cause profound obesity, and we have found in every instance that there is a corresponding gene in humans. If we went out on the street right now, and I showed you a group of adults ranging from 4 1/2 feet to 6 1/2 feet, you would make no comment about this. It's expected. We all expect to see wide variations in height. We accept that this is due to very strong genetic influences. My perception of this is that there are equally potent genetic influences on body weight as there are on height. But the population, because of our lack of understanding of all the mechanisms, simply has not come to accept this yet."

Binge Eating Disorder is proposed as a new diagnostic category in the research literature. In contrast to Bulimia Nervosa, in which inappropriate compensatory mechanisms are employed to counteract the effects of the binges, no such

behavior is regularly employed to compensate for binge eating and binge eating occurs for a longer period of time (e.g. six months or more) than is suggested in the diagnostic criteria for Bulimia Nervosa. Many individuals involved with the 12-step organization, Overeaters Anonymous, refer to themselves as compulsive overeaters and this diagnostic category would be consistent with the ways they would describe their eating behaviors.

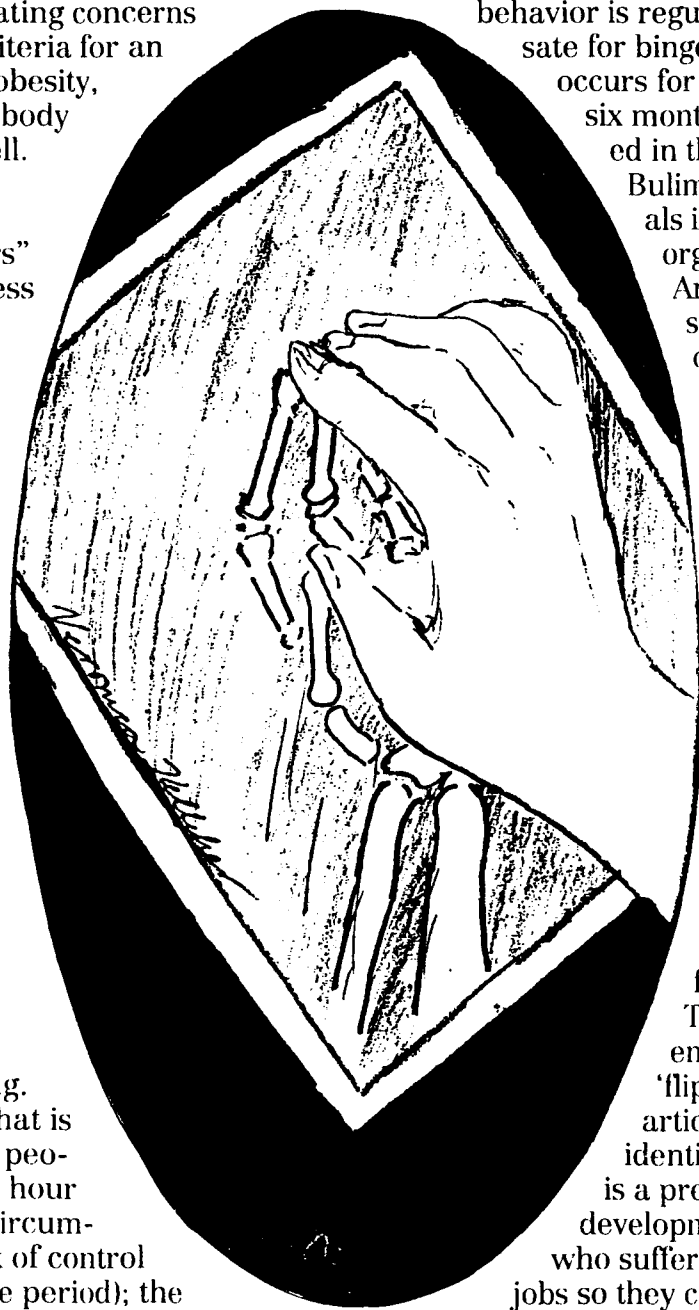
Body Dysmorphic Disorder is defined as a preoccupation with an imagined defect in appearance. If a slight physical abnormality is present, the person's concern is markedly excessive. The preoccupation causes clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational or other important areas of functioning. In 1998, USA Today published an article entitled, "Bodybuilders' fret 'flip side' of anorexia." In this article Smith states, "A condition identified as 'muscle dysmorphia' is a preoccupation with muscle development so powerful that those who suffer from it often give up their jobs so they can spend all day at the gym.

Many individuals had not eaten in restaurants for years because they could not control the precise carbohydrate and protein content of their food. People with this condition frequently take steroids to build bigger muscles, but they are still disappointed with their bodies."

Preliminary evidence suggests that Body Dysmorphic Disorder is diagnosed with equal frequency in men and women. The other eating conditions mentioned affect both men and women, but women much more frequently.

No one wakes up one morning and says, "Gee, I want to have an eating disorder." Many individuals begin dieting, a widely accepted behavior in our society. The problem is that for some people, their dieting begins a cycle of feeling out of control with food, obsessing about weight and appearance and feeling like this struggle defines who they are. Tomorrow's article will discuss the treatment options available to individuals with eating disorders.

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AP ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS



Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox

Leonardo DiCaprio's new film "The Beach" has upset environmentalists in Thailand, where the film was shot.

DiCaprio's new film 'Beach' causes a stir

BANGKOK

In an apparent attempt to appease environmentalists angry over its film "The Beach," 20th Century Fox plans to donate revenue generated from the first showing to Thailand's national parks, according to a published report.

The donation will go to the Royal Thai Forestry Department, the Nation reported Saturday.

The movie, based on Alex Garland's best-selling novel and starring Leonardo DiCaprio, tells the story of a backpacker whose search for a paradise island turns into savagery. It premiered last week and comes to Thai theaters March 10.

Activists and local residents brought the movie's maker to court for allegedly damaging a beach in the Phi Phi Leh National Park in southern Thailand by altering the beachfront and removing vegetation.

Activists have already campaigned to ban the movie and are asking movie-goers in Thailand not to see it.

VIENNA

Singer-songwriter Lou Reed has canceled a planned performance in Vienna to protest the inclusion of Joerg Haider's right-wing Freedom Party in Austria's new government.

"When people elect someone like him, it is their right to do so," Reed told Austrian state radio, in comments published by the daily Standard Sunday. "But that doesn't mean that other people have to voluntarily choose to be near him."

The new government, inaugurated Feb. 4, has split the country because of the inclusion of Haider's party.

The Freedom Party, which seized on fears that immigration and European Union expansion would cost Austrians jobs, finished second in the balloting with 27 percent of the vote.

Haider holds no position in the new government, but instead remains in office as the governor of the province of Carinthia, in the south of the country.

Reed is currently in Hamburg for the premiere of the Edgar Allan Poe musical "POetry," for which he wrote the libretto.

LONDON

Rock star David Bowie and his wife Iman said Sunday that they are expecting their first child in August.

Bowie and Iman, a Somali fashion model, married in 1992.

"It's been a long and patient wait for our baby, but both Iman and I wanted the circumstances to be absolutely right, and didn't want to find ourselves working flat out during the first couple of years of the baby's life," Bowie said.

"This is a wonderful time in both our lives."

Bowie also has a grown son — first known as Zowie but later as Joey — from his previous marriage. Iman had a daughter, Zulekha, from her marriage to professional basketball star Spencer Haywood.

BEVERLY HILLS

Actor Christian Slater has married girlfriend Ryan Haddon.

The ceremony took place Saturday night at the Four Seasons Hotel with about 150 guests, according to a publicist's statement.

The marriage is the first for Slater, 30, and Haddon, 28. They have a child, Jaden Christopher, who was born last April and will accompany his parents on their honeymoon in Hawaii.

Slater has appeared in such movies as "Interview With the Vampire," "The Name of the Rose," and "True Romance."

PGA TOUR

Woods battles back, falls to Mickelson at Buick Invite

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

The Streak ended in style. Tiger Woods defied the odds once again by erasing a seven-stroke lead in just seven holes. Just as quickly, he fell victim to his own mistakes and a sudden revival by Phil Mickelson.

The longest PGA Tour winning streak in 52 years stopped Sunday in the Buick Invitational, where Mickelson won for the first time in 18 months and left Byron Nelson's record run of 11 straight victories as the standard.

"At least I made it interesting for Phil," Woods said.

In a final round packed with as much drama as a major championship, Mickelson recovered from two double bogeys with back-to-back birdies that finally gave him a lead too large even for Woods to overcome.

Mickelson closed with a 2-under 70 for a four-stroke victory over Woods and Shigeaki Maruyama, the 14th of his career. He finished at 18-under 270 and earned a career-high \$540,000.

"I have a lot of confidence after this week," Mickelson said. "I tackled the best in the world and I won."

And so, the guy who started The Streak finally ended it six months

later.

Mickelson was the first victim in a streak that began with Woods' one-stroke victory in the NEC Invitational in August.

This time, Woods was seven strokes down with 12 holes to play. Six holes later, Woods pointed at the cup as his ball fell to the bottom for a 5-foot birdie on the 13th hole that gave him a share of the lead at 15-under.

Shocked at his sudden collapse on a course where he grew up, Mickelson finally answered. After pushing his tee shot under a eucalyptus tree and having to lay up, he hit a 116-yard wedge to 2 feet for birdie to regain the lead.

And then Woods finally blinked.

With only a 9-iron in his hand, he was 25 feet right of his target, above the hole on No. 14, blew his putt 6 feet by and missed it coming back — a three-putt bogey, after taking only 15 putts on his first 13 holes.

Mickelson, watching from the fairway as Woods made his first bogey in 44 holes, dropped a wedge into 6 feet for birdie and a three-stroke lead.

Woods bogeyed the next hole from the bunker, a smile crept over his face.

"It means I came in second," Woods said, who joins Ben Hogan in 1948 with six-tournament winning

streaks.

And it means Nelson, who set his remarkable record in 1945, can rest easy — for now.

It was a heart-pumping end to a streak that captured the imagination of the entire tour. And it did nothing to diminish the fact that Woods' dominance of his generation may be greater than any other player's in golf history.

"It's disappointing I didn't win," Woods said. "I just wasn't hitting it good enough to give myself a viable chance down the stretch, and it finally caught up with me. To even be under par ... was kind of a miracle."

Even though I put myself in a good spot, I wasn't really playing well enough to win. To even be under par ... was kind of a miracle."

Woods hit only 10 greens in regulation and missed eight fairways, but he still scraped together a 68, and he still gave Mickelson a major scare.

Maruyama had a 72 in his quest to become the first Japanese player since Isao Aoki in 1983 to win on the PGA Tour.

Mickelson, who was tied for 134th in final-round scoring last year and only two weeks ago blew a final-round lead in Phoenix with a 40, showed the kind of courage that may help him win his first major championship down the road.



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Tiger Woods hits an iron shot in Sunday's Buick Invitational final round.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Seniors lead in Indianapolis

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Seniors Jen Engelhardt and Chris Cochran continued their string of first-place finishes with individual victories in the Cannon IV Classic this weekend in Indianapolis.

Cochran won the 200-meter dash in a time of 21.30 seconds. Racing on a 200-meter banked track, he only missed an NCAA qualifying time by five-hundredths of a second.

"My time wasn't really where I wanted it to be," Cochran said. "But in retrospect, that's not important. It was a good tune-up for the Big East."

With the Big East Championships coming up Saturday and Sunday, Cochran is seeking an individual title for the second year in a row. Last year, he won the 400-meter dash.

Engelhardt, a two-time All-American, won her fourth straight high jump

with a clearing height of 5-feet, 9 3/4 inches.

Engelhardt has come out on top in every meet this season, with an opportunity to make it five straight at the Big East Championships. Her first three years of collegiate competition, she just missed a Big East indoors title, winding up in second every season.

**Chris Cochran
senior sprinter**

Another Notre Dame senior, Matt Thompson, threw his way to second place in the weight throw with a hurl of 57 feet, 3 1/2 inches.

Freshman Jamie Volkmer placed third in the pole vault, leaping 10-11 3/4 despite poor conditions.

"It was actually kind of funny," Volkmer said. "We were vaulting into the corner, and they didn't have much of a warm-up space for us. So it was kind of a learning experience."

Volkmer has consistently vaulted around 11 feet for the Irish, setting a new school record in the event in her first collegiate meet.

On the men's side of the pole vault competition, sophomore Josh Heck cleared 15-3 to earn fifth place.

Sophomore Derek Dyer threw 48-10 in the shot put — a throw that was good enough for seventh place. Classmate Quill Redwine took eighth place in the men's triple jump with a leap of 47-9 1/4.

Sophomore Dore DeBartolo was the lone Irish member to compete in multiple events. DeBartolo was 10th in the shot put with a throw of 43-5, and 11th in the weight throw with a hurl of 49-2 1/4.

"Basically the meet was a tune-up for the Big East," Cochran said. "And it gave everyone a chance to get another meet under their belts."

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NBA ALL-STAR GAME

Duncan, Garnett lead West over East

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif.

A couple nifty dunks from Vince Carter, a little Showtime from the Lakers, a few bank shots from Tim Duncan and plenty of crisp passes from Jason Kidd.

Everybody did what they do best Sunday in the NBA All-Star game, with no single player stealing the spotlight.

In a way, it was a fitting first All-Star game of the post-Jordan era: Nobody is sure who the next superstar is, and none burst forward in this game.

Behind 24 points apiece from Duncan and Kevin Garnett, 22 from Shaquille O'Neal and 14 assists from Kidd, the West defeated the East

137-126 Sunday in the 49th version of the league's showcase event.

"The league is like a stock," Garnett said. "You've got to give it a chance to recover from the lockout, and it's going to keep rising and rising."

In this case, that meant appreciating the current players for their own special skills instead of lamenting the lack of a single selfish showman.

Carter started things off with a dunk worthy of a contest, Duncan and O'Neal played like MVPs, which they were, and Karl Malone got as little involved as possible — as he wished.

"What was the favorite part?" O'Neal asked rhetorically. "Watching Vince dunk, of course. I've never seen anybody who dunks like that."

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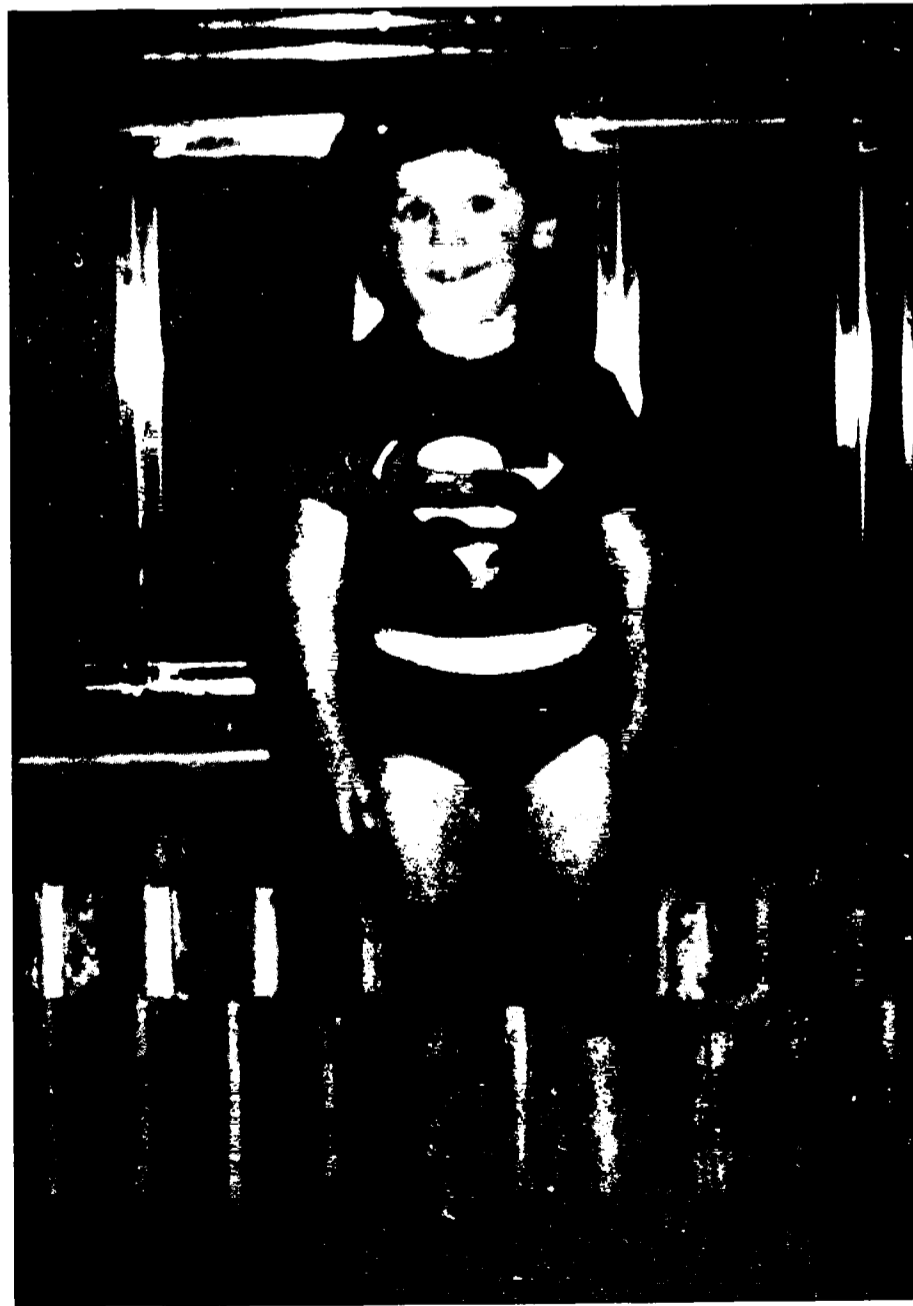
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IRISH INSIGHT

Connecticut's Calhoun needs to stop complaining

Connecticut head coach Jim Calhoun intends to send a letter to Notre Dame officials for the inappropriate treatment of his star player Khalid El-Amin.

Apparently Calhoun took notice of the Notre Dame student section's "batard children" chant which was directed at El-Amin, a Muslim who has fathered two children with two different women. And he made a point to let the fans know he was displeased. After a timeout with nine minutes left in the first half, Calhoun stepped out of his team's huddle and gave an icy stare at the student section and then complained to Notre Dame officials seated at the scorer's table.



Brian Kessler

sports editor

"Schools have to put an end to that," Calhoun told the New

London Day.

"If they want to say 'Calhoun sucks,' that's fine. I did today. But the other stuff, that's uncalled for. Someone has to say to them that you just can't say those kinds of things. I'm appalled that anyone will allow that. It's so inappropriate. There's no place for that in sport. ... If I went out there and said 'Jesus,' everybody here would say blasphemy. I'm writing a letter to the University just to let them know I don't appreciate that."

It's a good thing he didn't see the "El-Amin 4:20" sign — a sarcastic reference to the John 3:16 signs held up at sporting events and El-Amin's run in with the law last year for marijuana possession. Or he might have been offended by the "Troy Murphy: All American, Jake Voskuhl: Fairy Princess" banner.

But if Calhoun wants to write a letter to Notre Dame officials for bashing El-Amin, head coach Matt Doherty should write a letter to Calhoun for letting his players beat up Murphy. That could have been considered assault and the blood on his jersey was an indication.

But it seems Jim Calhoun likes to complain. And he's very good at it.

His hands must be tired after waving them at the officials all afternoon in disgust. And he's probably hoarse from yelling at them throughout the game.

But I guess he saved his vocal cords enough to make subtle comments about the officiating after the game.

He was most displeased with the 28-3 discrepancy in foul shots, joking that Notre Dame should have carried official John Cahill off the court instead of Doherty.

Doherty also agreed someone else should have been lifted up on the students shoulders, but he didn't mean the officials.

"As neat as it was to have the students lift me up, they should have lifted those 13 guys up," Doherty said referring to his players. "But I guess that's a lot more poundage."

Calhoun also made it a point to say that he thought his team did a good job defending Murphy, "but there were three guys who didn't."

Surely he was referring to three guys in pin-stripes.

Doherty had a simple solution to the discrepancy in fouls.

"That's the beauty of playing a zone," he said.

"The other team is going to take a lot of 3s. If they're making them, you're in trouble, but you're not fouling them. If you press and play aggressive man-to-man you're going to commit a lot of fouls. I think that's where we won the game [on the foul line]."

Calhoun, however, doesn't follow logic and I'm sure he wouldn't have had a problem if his team had the foul shot advantage or if they won. He also didn't have a problem with El-Amin's arrogance last season when he stood on the scorer's table at Pittsburgh after knocking down the game-winning shot.

Go figure.

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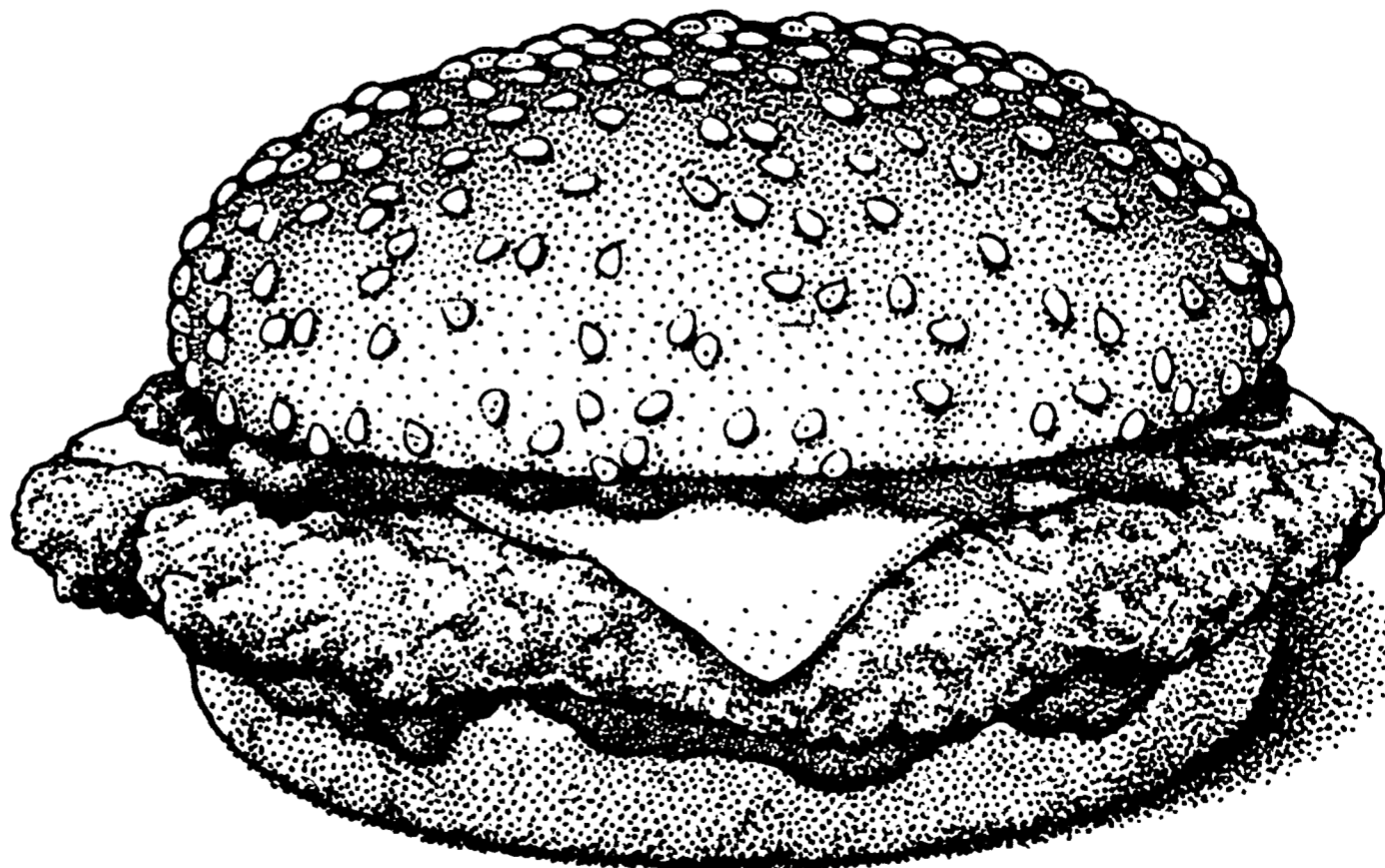


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Connecticut head coach Jim Calhoun took issue with some of the chants and cheers used by the Notre Dame student section shown here mobbing Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty after Notre Dame's 68-66 win.

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Matt Carroll. Carroll nailed both free throws with 28.3 seconds remaining to make the score 67-64.

Freeman then connected for

a long 2-pointer. The official at first called it a 3, which would have tied the game, but was overruled by an official standing closer to the play.

"I'm glad Freeman has big feet," Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty joked. "If he had size 10s, it might have been a 3, but he was on the line."

Connecticut reserve Marcus Cox fouled Carroll on the inbounds with 13.2 left in regulation. Carroll missed the first shot, but knocked down the second for the Irish to take a 68-66 lead.

Then Kartelo came up with the biggest play of the game as he blocked a long shot by the

Huskies' Albert Mouring.

"I was just pretty much the safety guy," Kartelo said. "It was my job to just make sure they were boxed out."

Murphy grabbed the ball to cement the Irish victory.

"I felt relief," Murphy said. "I thought something good was going to happen, and it did."

The victory was a big rebound after away losses last week.

"After two awful games at Pittsburgh and Villanova, I was concerned about this team," Doherty said. "I was wondering, are we going to pack it in or are we going to make a last stand, and we decided we were going to fight."

Notre Dame kept alive lingering hopes of heading to the NCAA tournament with the win, its third over a 1999 Final Four team this season.

"This isn't a fluke," Graves said. "Beating Ohio State, beating Connecticut twice, beating St. John's — it's not a fluke."

Connecticut was hot from the field in the first half, shooting 64.3 percent to Notre Dame's 34.5 percent. The Huskies' Mouring led the way with his 14 first-half points on 6-for-8 shooting.

But Notre Dame managed to stay within six points at the half thanks to 10 free throw shots.

"The most frustrating thing was that Notre Dame had 28

foul shots," Connecticut head coach Jim Calhoun said. "It's hard to win when you let a team shoot that many free throws. Once again, we shoot 56 percent and win by 17 from the floor, but their free-throw shooting determined the game."

Connecticut picked up a lot of fouls with a very physical man-to-man defense. They attacked Murphy with double- and even triple-teams, forcing him into 5-for-20 shooting in the game. Murphy came out of the game bruised and wearing a bloody jersey.

"It wasn't a pretty game," Doherty said. "It was a physical game. It was a little bit of a slugfest."

Notre Dame, on the other hand, played a zone defense that only sent Connecticut to the free throw line three times.

The Irish began closing the gap in the second half. Freshman Matt Carroll narrowed the margin to two with his first points of the game — a 3-pointer from the right baseline.

After the two teams exchanged turnovers, Murphy dragged down a defensive rebound, and Graves tied the score at 45 on Notre Dame's ensuing possession. Connecticut's Robertson fouled Graves on the shot, and Graves nailed the free throw to give Notre Dame its first lead since taking a 2-0 advantage.

The Huskies pulled back into the lead at 49-46 with buckets by Deng and Voskuhl. But the Irish worked their way ahead, as Murphy hit two free throws and Graves swished a 3-pointer.

The Irish never trailed again, despite the Huskies' containment of Murphy. He scored 18 points in the game, but eight came at the free throw line.

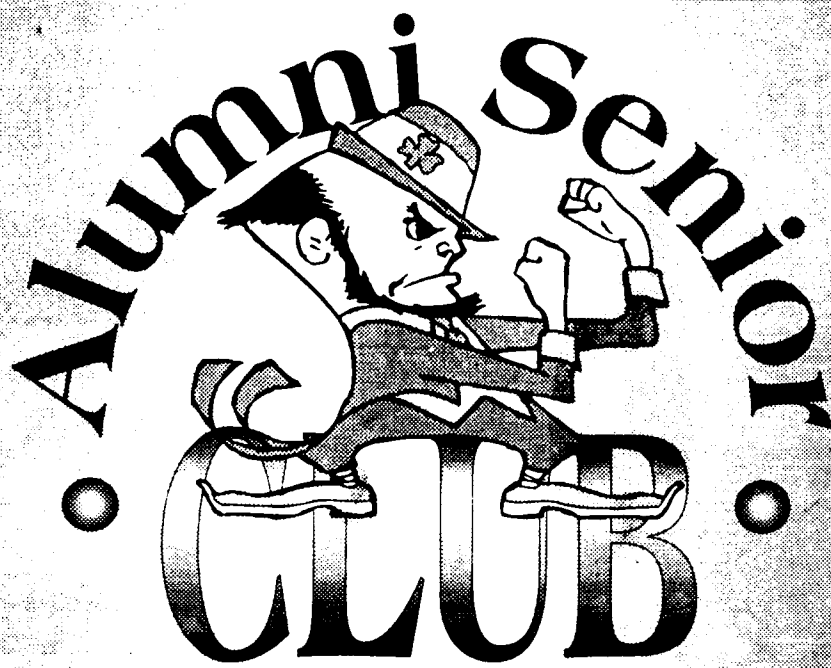
"I could shoot 0-for-50, and we could still beat the national champions," said Murphy, an All-American candidate.

Irish Notes

◆ Three sophomores scored in double digits for the Irish — Murphy, Graves and Harold Swanagan with 10.

◆ Dillon dished off 10 assists in 35 minutes of play, while only turning the ball over twice.

◆ The game was the second Joyce Center sell-out of the season for Notre Dame.



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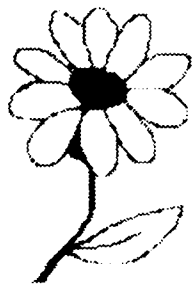
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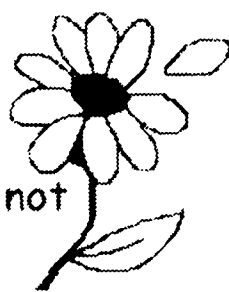
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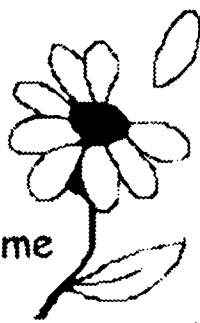
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Notre Dame center Ruth Riley shoots over a St. John's defender in Saturday's Irish victory. Riley scored 15 points in the first half to build a 24-point halftime lead.

MIKE HARRIS/The Observer

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Riley was supposed to meet her team at 5:30 p.m., but because of a misunderstanding on her part, she did not think the team was meeting until 5:45 p.m. and showed up five minutes late.

The Irish stole a quick 7-0 lead in the first three minutes of play, but the Red Storm answered the red back quickly, going on a 8-1 run to bring the score to 9-8.

Not wanting to lose the lead, McGraw called a timeout to motivate her squad. Coming out of the timeout, Riley led the Irish in outscoring the Red Storm 33-4, en route to a 48-24 halftime lead.

Riley scored all 15 of her first half points during the run.

"You have to respect Riley," Red Storm head coach Darcel Estep said. "She's one of the best in the nation. We did a better job of defending her when we played at our place. We made a lot of mistakes under Notre Dame's pressure tonight."

Ratay bolstered the Irish lead in the opening minutes of the second half, scoring eight points in the first six minutes of play.

"I got a lot of open looks," Ratay said. "Ruth drew a lot of attention under the basket so I was open."

Point guard Niele Ivey added 12 points and dished out seven assists for the Irish.

McGraw used her squad's large lead to give her reserves some much-

needed experience before heading into their toughest week of contests this season.

"I think our bench was making a statement to me tonight," McGraw said. "I

knew they were ready to play. When I put them in, they played with a lot of confidence. They played with a lot of intensity, and we need that going into this week because this is a really big week for us."

Guards Erika Haney and Monique Hernandez turned in top performances from the Irish bench, combining for 13 points.

"[Hernandez] is someone who has really come along," McGraw said. "She's very quick and she's very fiesty. I think the crowd really likes her effort and intensity out there."

The Irish turned in their record-setting 20th-straight home court win in front of a crowd of 7,530, their second-largest crowd in school history.

Darcel Estep
St. John's head coach

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HOCKEY

Irish split weekend with Mavericks, retain fifth-place

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

Two Notre Dame hockey teams showed up this weekend, as the Irish split the weekend series with the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks. After dropping Friday night's game to the Mavericks, 3-1, the Irish came back on Saturday with a convincing win, 7-4, to regain sole possession of fifth place.

Friday, Notre Dame appeared on its way to starting off the series with a win.

The Irish scored just over three minutes into the game when Ben Simon's pass toward the net glanced off of Dan Carlson's skate and past

Maverick goaltender Kendall Sidoruk. It was a quick goal, but the Irish offense struggled to put together any offense the rest of the way.

Nebraska-Omaha answered back with two more goals in the period to take a 2-1 lead, which was eventually enough for the win.

The first goal came on the power play, but the second was the one that really took the wind out of the Irish. Notre Dame was on the power play, but turned the puck over to Maverick sophomore Jeff Hoggan. Hoggan bounced the puck off Irish goalie Tony Zasowski's left pad for the short-handed goal.

The Irish had only one good chance at scoring, which came

in the second period. Joe Dusbabek fired a shot with four minutes remaining that got past the Mavericks' goalie but hit off the cross bar and deflected away from the net. The Mavericks then put the Irish away on an empty-net goal.

"We were out-worked all night," Irish head coach Dave Poulin said. "It is frustrating because that is one thing in life that you control. They were a very good hockey team."

Saturday night's game was a different story. The Irish scored first on a power play. The Notre Dame power play came up empty the night before, but David Inman ended the drought by converting on a pass from Evan Nielsen. The lead did not

last long as Hoggan scored an unassisted goal 23 seconds later.

Things turned around in the second period for the Irish. Michael Chin scored on a give-and-go with Brett Henning to put the Irish back on top at the 1:14 mark. They increased their lead eight minutes later when Chin found the net again for his second goal of the weekend. Ben Simon set up the goal by skating to the side of the crease and giving a backhand pass to Chin, who then put the puck between the legs of the Maverick goalie.

The Irish appeared to be heading into the second intermission with a solid two goal lead, but Simon broke free and into the Nebraska-Omaha zone as time was winding down. He then dove and knocked the puck past Sidoruk as time expired to give Notre Dame a 4-1 lead.

The UNO bench argued that time had expired before the puck crossed the goal line, but the referee remained with his call and allowed the goal. It was Simon's first goal in 15 games, dating all the way back to the Massachusetts series.

It was the second controversial call in the period. Early it appeared that the Mavericks had tied the game at two, but the referee waived it off stating that the whistle had blown. Replays show that Zasowski had never covered the puck, but the early whistle prevented UNO from getting back into the game. "There were some questionable calls and the breaks went

our way," Poulin said. "You're not going to get them all but we'll take them when we get them. I believe that the breaks even out, and we haven't been getting them lately. It would be great to see things go our way down the stretch."

The third period became sloppy, as the UNO team showed its frustrations. Nielsen scored a power-play goal from the blue line to pad the Irish lead. Nebraska came back to make the score 5-2. When all was done, the Irish came out of the game with a 7-4 victory. Inman and Carlson added goals for the Irish, both on the power play, giving Notre Dame four for the night.

Much of the scoring outbreak came from the freshmen. Altogether they accounted for eight points on the night. Chin had two goals, Nielsen added a goal and two assists, and Connor Dunlop finished with three assists.

"Tonight we scored goals, and goal scoring is confidence," Poulin said. "The confidence from power-play goals carries over to five-on-five. The four power-play goals is big. We played better — we skated and got to the puck. The key is to get more people involved. Nielsen played a big part tonight, and Dunlop was a key with his passes."

"We have to carry it over to next Friday now," Poulin said. "We can't wait for two periods to play. We have to come out right away against these teams."

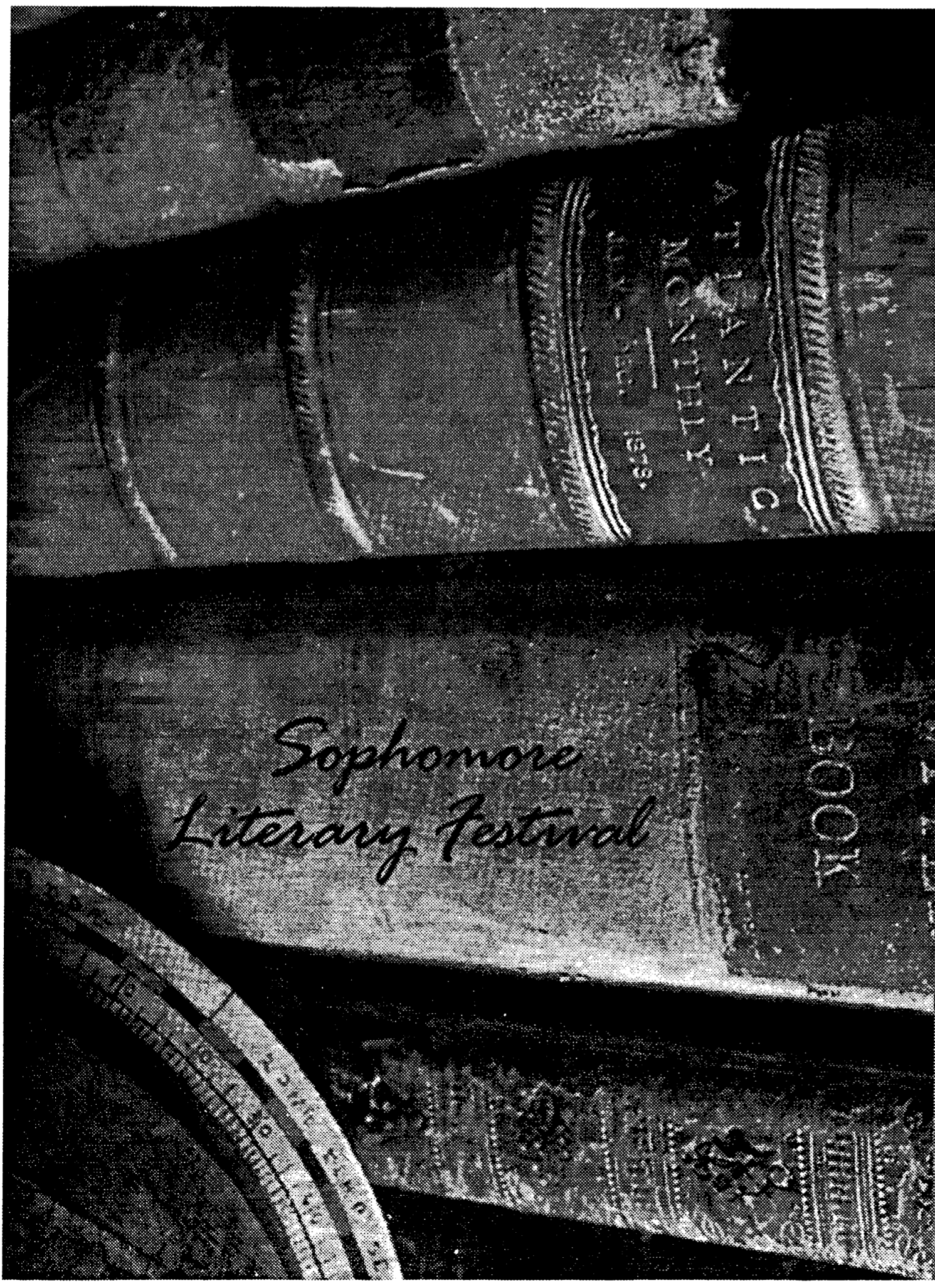


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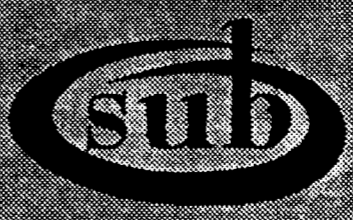
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WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Saint Mary's breaks records, finishes fifth in MIAAs

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Breaking an unprecedented five records over the course of the MIAA Championships, the Belles slid into fifth place in the final seconds of the competition, proving they could pull it out when it counted.

Placed fourth after Thursday's day of races, Saint Mary's fell behind in the final score on Saturday to Alma College.

Coach Gretchen Hildebrandt was not too surprised.

"Alma has a really good diverse team. Just by the point spread — they out-swam us," she said. "I'm so pumped we bet Albion. It's something we've wanted real bad."

Slipping into sixth place behind Albion College going into Saturday's finals, the Saint Mary's swimming and diving team knew they had to pull out the close races to jump back up to fifth place. Opening Thursday night with a surprising fourth-place finish dominated by record-breaking performances, the Belles had one more night to make the statement they had wanted to make all season.

Entering the 100 freestyle event shortly before the end of the meet, Hildebrandt broke down the score for the team and told them her hunch.

"Look — it's in the bag," she whispered as she showed her team that they were only two points behind Albion College.

A few hours later, screams and cheers were deafeningly loud as Saint Mary's swimmers crowded the side of the pool to watch the last relay team of the MIAA championships lining up behind the

blocks. Coming back from a 10-point deficit, which put them in sixth place at the beginning of finals Saturday night, the 400 freestyle relay's record-breaking swim guaranteed Saint Mary's a fifth place final score of 191 points — ahead of Albion and Olivet College.

Although Colleen Sullivan, Danielle Clayton, Alicia Lesneski, and Lane Herrington felt the pressure before the last relay of the weekend finals, they still did not miss the chance to enjoy their last race of the season.

"I was thinking it was the last [race] — we're just going to have fun," freshman Herrington said.

The relay, which broke the previous record set in 1994 by 4 seconds with a time of 3 minutes 51.37 seconds, was only one of many reset this weekend.

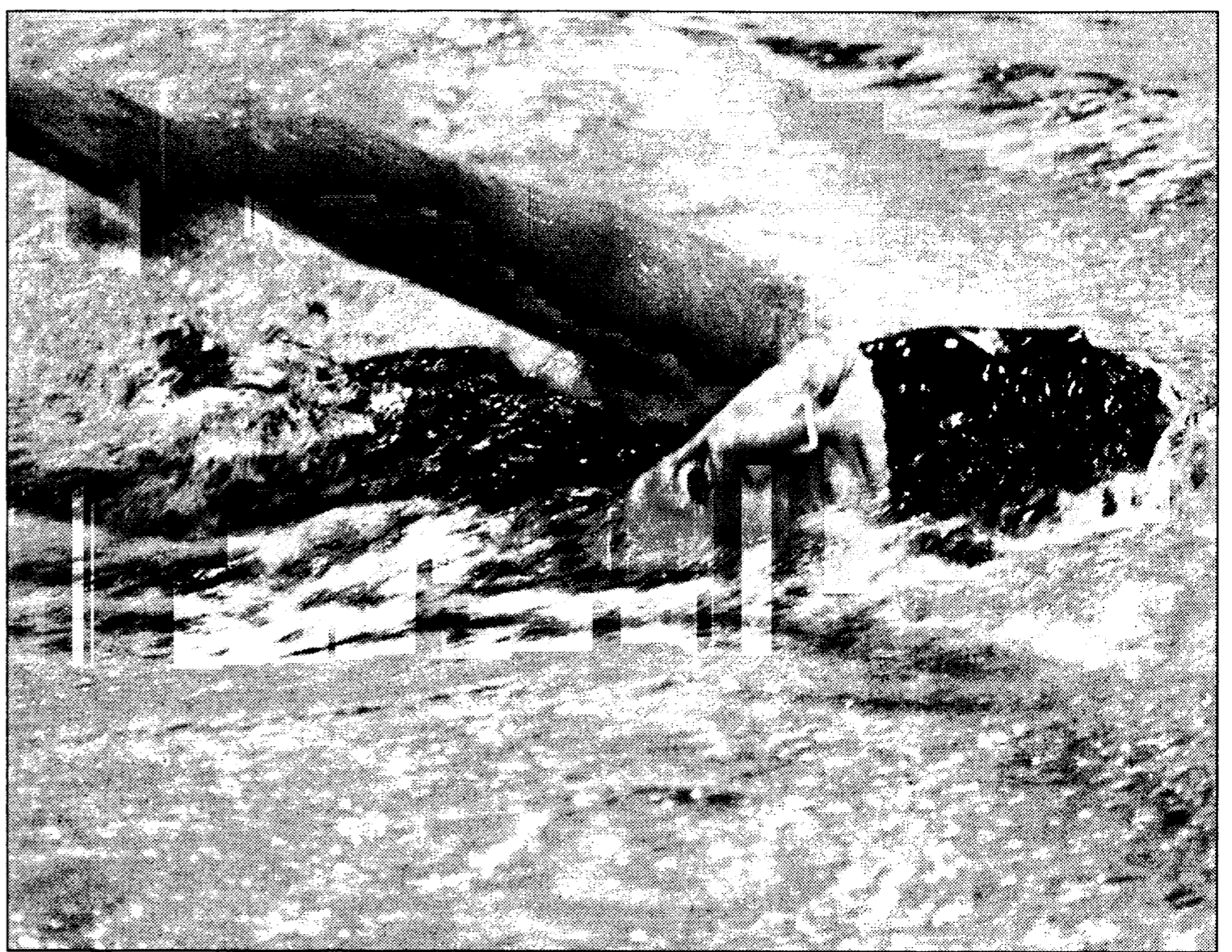
Sullivan continued her record-breaking streak, resetting Teresa Popp's 100 free record with a time of 56.48 seconds.

Lauren Smith broke her 200 breastroke record for the third time this season in 2:35.25. Michelle Samreta broke her own 100 breastroke record for the third time, lowering it to 1:10.13.

The relay team of Samreta, Herrington, Sullivan and Lesneskie also added another record to the board, breaking last year's 400 medley record.

"I never really thought about records," Hildebrandt said. "I didn't know what was possible. We really redid the entire record book. They did a great job."

Top six finishers included Smith, finishing fourth in the 1650 freestyle with a time of 19:01.59; L. Smith with a time



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

A Belle slices through the water in the MIAA Championships held this weekend in the Rolfs Aquatic Center. The Belles finished fifth.

of 2:35.25 in the 200 breast and fourth place finish; and a fifth-place finish for the 400 free relay. Samreta and Smith teamed up on Friday night for a second and fourth place pair of finishes in the 100 breastroke.

Co-captain Samreta finished her last collegiate meet with the 200 breastroke on Saturday night, after setting the school record in the 100 breast three times, and the 200 breastroke record once over her Saint Mary's career.

Samreta, who has been co-

captain of the Belles for three years, also earned the honor of Athlete of the Year in 1999.

The finish was bittersweet for Samreta, who spent as much time in the pool over the past four years as she did in the classroom.

"I walk away from this very happy — with no regrets," Samreta said. "I'll definitely miss swimming, especially the team."

The championship, the first ever to be hosted by Saint Mary's, was attended by all schools in the MIAA confer-

ence. Saint Mary's officially joined the MIAA in May of 1999.

"There was great dedication on parts of coach and swim team," athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said. "This could not have been run if not for the staff, students and friends. I'm so thankful for the support."

"It was so important for us to show the MIAA we are serious about this," she continued. "I don't know how to thank what everybody just did to make the meet successful."

With the possibility of hosting another championship on the horizon, the end of the season may mean an end to the 1999-2000 season, but a beginning for the next.

"I'm already looking to the future," Hildebrandt said. "It will only get better. We have a good strong class coming in that will add depth and more diversity."

However, she is not about to let what happened this weekend ever leave her memory.

"I want to cherish this right now," she said. "Everything was so amazing, I want it to last forever."



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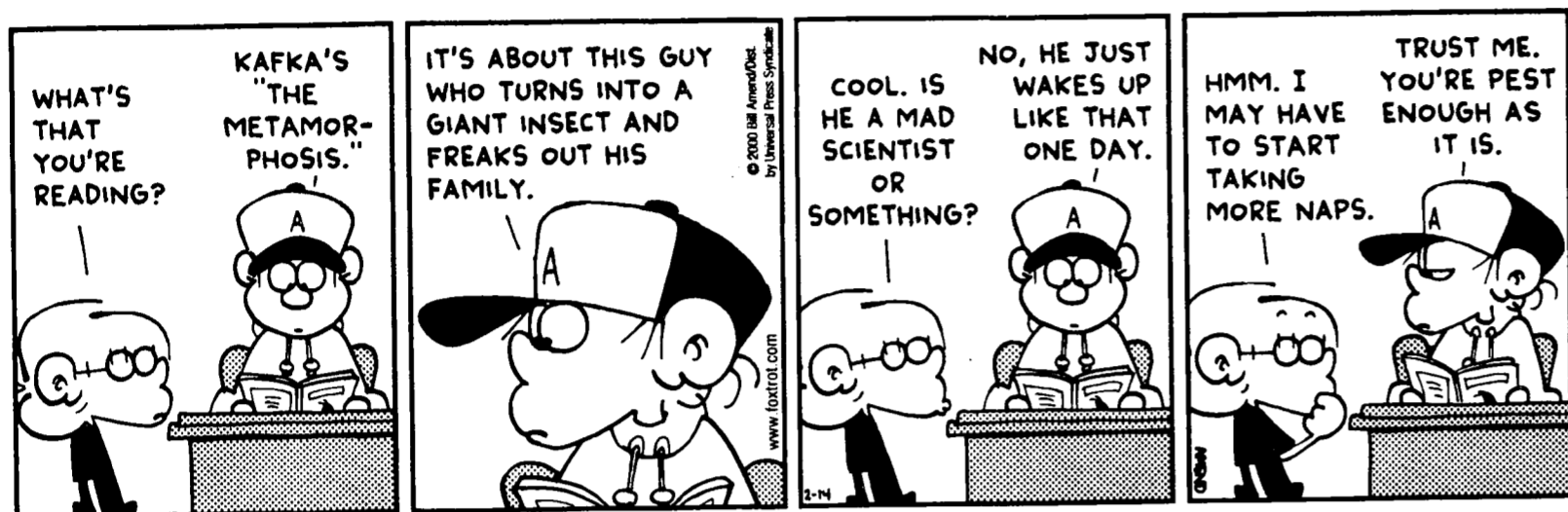
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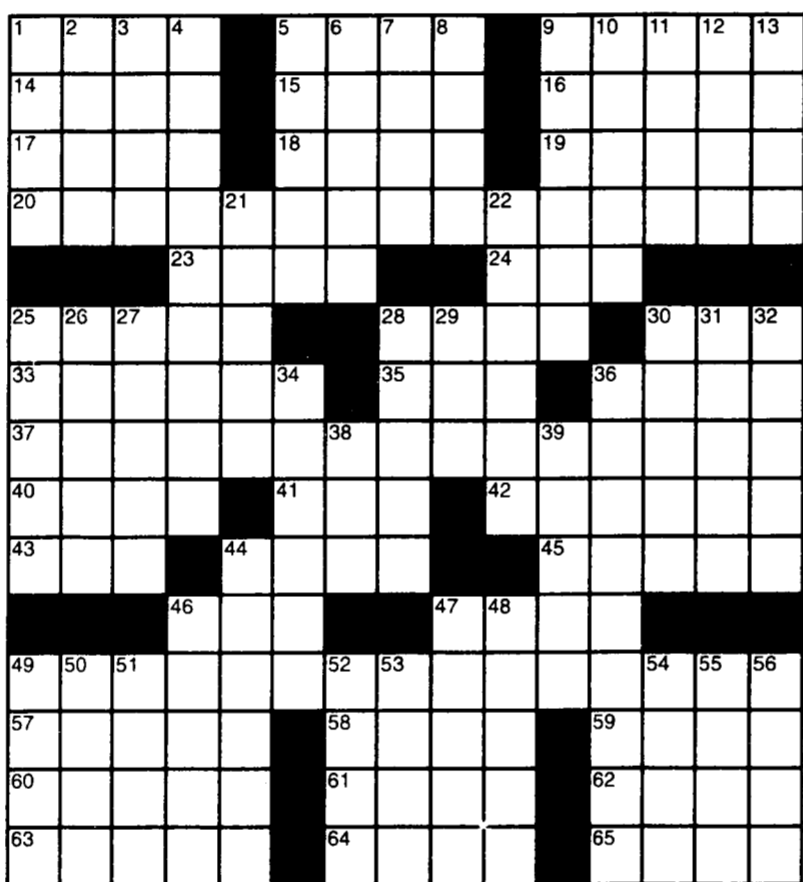
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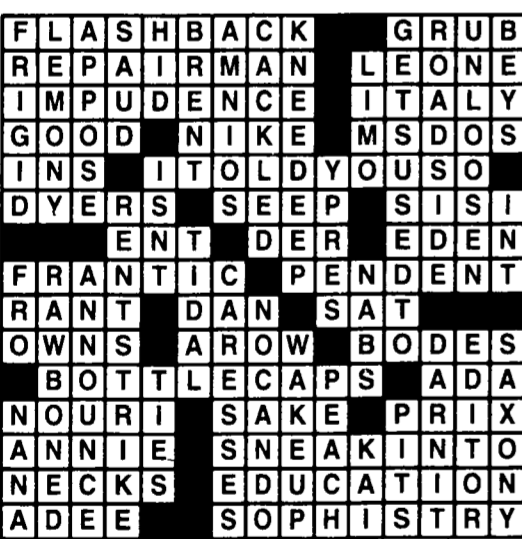
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 - 5 Central American Indian
 - 9 Land with half of Mount Everest
 - 14 Massive
 - 15 "Deutschland ___ Alles"
 - 16 Like Bo-Peep's herd
 - 17 And others: Abbr.
 - 18 Cushy fabric
 - 19 Subjects of many New Year's resolutions
 - 20 "Shhh ..."
 - 23 Singer-actor Kristofferson
 - 24 Chapeau
 - 25 Goddess of the hunt
 - 28 Badly claw
 - 30 Staff of Life, for short
 - 33 "Little Women" author
 - 35 I.R.S. employee: Abbr.
 - 36 Get ___ the ground floor
 - 37 "Shhh ..."
 - 40 Mideast's Gulf of ___
 - 41 Notebook projection
 - 42 Bug
 - 43 Danson of "Cheers"
 - 44 Judge's apparel
 - 45 Perch
 - 46 Fellows
 - 47 Homeless child
 - 49 Reply to 20- or 37-Across
 - 57 Comment to the audience
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 - 3 Actor John of "Sands of Iwo Jima"
 - 4 Famous
 - 5 Civilian clothes
 - 6 Aids in crime
 - 7 "Gimme an A! ...," e.g.
 - 8 Commedia dell' ___
 - 9 Words of refusal
 - 10 Throw out in the street
 - 11 Where a ship comes in
 - 12 Poker starter
 - 13 "___ we forget ..."
 - 21 Steamed
 - 22 "Stop talking!"
 - 25 Sponge gently
 - 26 ___-France
 - 27 Did stage work
 - 28 Alternative to yes or no
 - 29 Long, long ___
 - 30 Put an ___ (stop)
 - 31 Some stadium features
 - 32 Hägar the Horrible's dog
 - 34 Wyoming range
 - 36 To the degree that
 - 38 Catch red-handed
 - 39 Eagle's nest
 - 44 Show remorse
 - 46 Calf-length skirts
 - 47 Pie slice
 - 48 Dolts
 - 49 Brewery grain
 - 50 Belgian river, a W.W. I battle line
 - 51 Roman historian
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may become angry if you don't get your way at club meetings. Be sure to curb your extravagance and don't try to buy another's support. ☉☉☉

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be upset if someone you love has spent too much of your money. Be careful not to make unreal promises. You will probably find older family members in need of help. ☉☉☉

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may overreact to criticism. Try to be objective with regard to your personal situation. You will find it difficult to concentrate on important issues concerning work. ☉☉☉

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be careful not to reveal secret information. Co-workers may be less than co-operative. It is best not to travel or present your ideas until a later date. ☉☉☉

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your charming and outgoing nature will attract potential mates. Get involved in groups that interest you, and consider planning a vacation. ☉☉☉

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Career changes made today may backfire. Do not make decisions regarding your position in society or your domestic situation. ☉☉☉

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Travel and getting together with peers or relatives should be on your agenda. You will be able to express yourself pleasingly and contribute to groups you belong to. ☉☉☉☉☉

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do not overload your plate with trivial duties that would be best handled by less qualified colleagues. Plan your actions carefully to make the most of your time. ☉☉☉☉

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Events that involve children will be entertaining. Try to invest in items that are futuristic. Self-improvement projects will start to pay off. ☉☉☉☉☉

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be emotional about issues going on in your home. Older family members may pose a problem for the rest of the family. You may find it necessary to deal with institutions today. ☉☉☉☉

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish knock off champs, again

◆ Kartelo's block seals Notre Dame victory

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

After losing two Big East games on the road last week, the Irish decided they were not going to drop three straight.

Even if that meant earning a second upset over defending national champion Connecticut (17-6, 6-4 Big East), which is what Notre Dame (15-10, 6-5) pulled off Saturday in a 68-66 thriller. "We didn't want to lose three in a row," said sophomore forward David Graves, who scored 17 points. "Losing is hard enough. Losing two in a row is really hard. But losing three in a row — it's unacceptable."

Notre Dame 68
Connecticut 66

Connecticut's Kevin Freeman scored with one minute remaining to tie the score at 64.

The next time down the court, the Huskies drilled Irish forward Troy Murphy, but no call was made. Instead, officials whistled Huskies' center Jake Voskuhl for his fifth foul on Irish reserve Ivan Kartelo. Kartelo made the first of two free throws to give his team a one-point lead.

Connecticut pulled down the rebound, but Graves knocked the ball away from Ajou Deng to turn possession back to Notre Dame.

Yet another Huskies player fouled out, as Tony Robertson fouled Irish freshman guard



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Notre Dame freshman center Ivan Kartelo rips the ball away from Connecticut's All-American point guard Khalid El-Amin in Saturday's 68-66 Notre Dame win. Kartelo's block in the closing seconds of the game preserved the Irish lead.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame routs Red Storm in biggest win of season

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

When the Irish stepped on the court Saturday, they were out to make a statement.

After a disappointing team effort in their win over the Pittsburgh Panthers earlier in the week, the Irish needed to prove that they deserved a

Notre Dame 94
St. John's 51

No. 5 ranking and were still the team to beat in the Big East conference.

After 40 minutes of tough play Saturday, that statement could not have been stronger. With guard Alicia Ratay and center Ruth Riley at the



Riley

helm, the Irish extended their record to 21-2 and 12-0 in the conference with a 94-51 routing of the Red Storm of St. John's.

The 43-point margin of victory marks the largest win for the Irish all season.

Ratay paced the Irish with 28 points and 12 rebounds. The freshman sharpshooter went 6-for-9 from behind the arc, recording her first career double-double.

"I thought Alicia had just an outstanding game," head coach

Muffet McGraw said. "I thought that was probably her best game since North Carolina, and at both ends of the floor. She rebounded well and recorded her first double-double. She had just a great game."

Riley dominated play under the basket. Despite watching the opening tip from the bench for the first time all season because of disciplinary reasons, Riley still scored 19 points, pulled down three rebounds and recorded three blocked

shots. She shot 7-for-8 from the field and hit 5-for-6 from the free throw line — playing just 16 minutes for the Irish.

McGraw denied Riley her 80th-career start because the junior All-American candidate was late for Saturday's game.

"Normally I don't encourage tardiness," McGraw joked. "But Ruth Riley was late to the pre-game shoot around and I thought she had a great game."

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