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So what does student government do? Scene looks at the structure of student leadership from the second floor of LaFortune on down.

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Palko/Mercanti campaign on NDToday.com

♦ Web site's founders also encourage subscribers to vote for ticket

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

Despite promises they would not use the independent, student-run Web site NDToday.com to endorse themselves, student body president and vice president candidates Scott Palko and P.J. Mercanti got some campaign help from the Web site this weekend.

Palko is both a student body presidential candidate and president of the Web site.

NDToday.com displayed a picture of Palko and Mercanti with a member of their campaign staff dressed in a Winnie-the-Pooh

costume and holding a sign that reads, "Vote Like a Champion Today: Scott and P.J." There is also a link to Palko and Mercanti's personal campaign Web site which promises "an honest, non-political response to wrongly printed information in an ND media source."

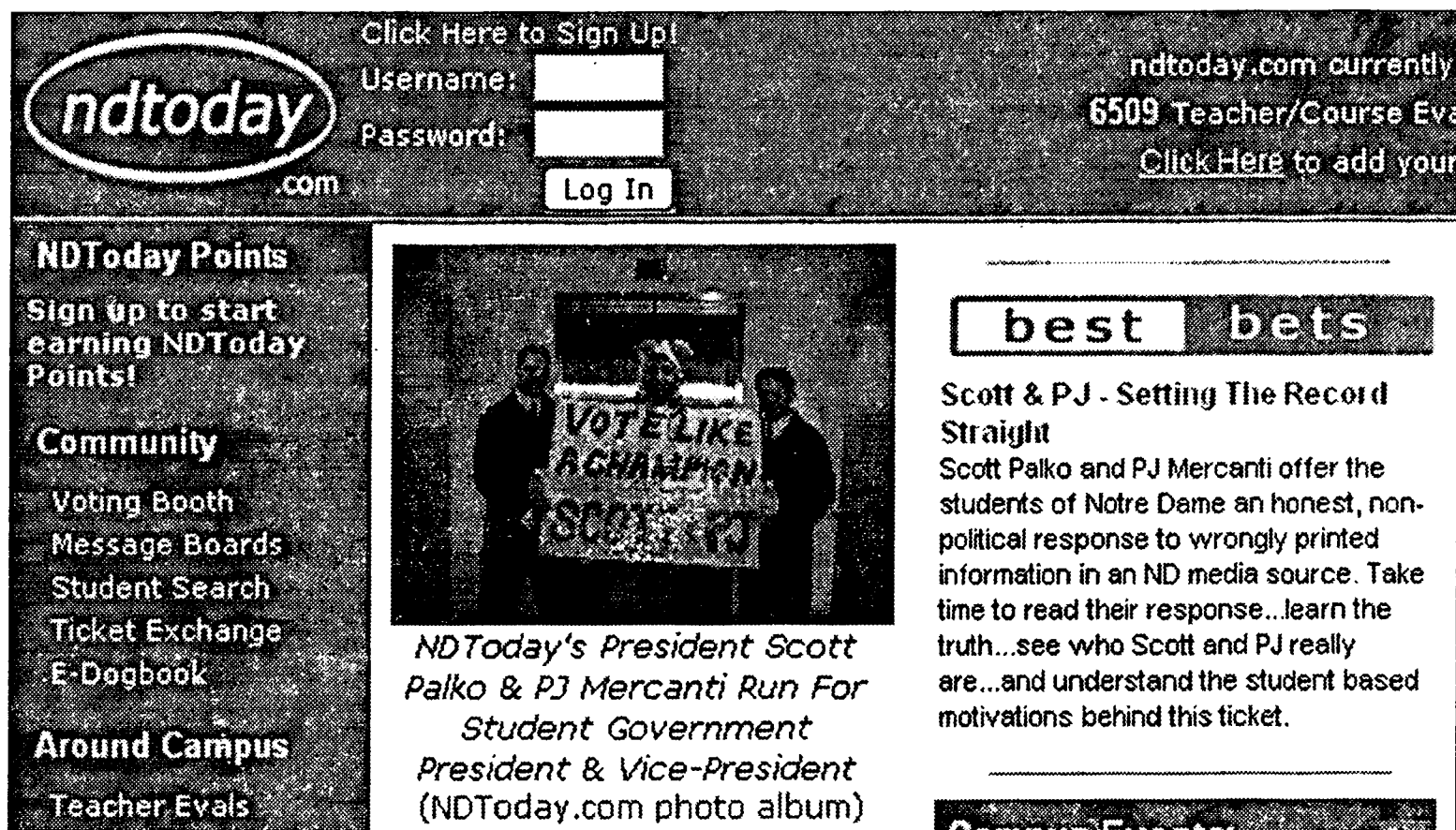
The founders of NDToday.com, Frank Helgesen, Nick Fellers, Andy Warzon and Rob Pazornik also sent out an e-mail at 10:55 p.m. Sunday night encouraging NDToday.com subscribers to vote for Palko/Mercanti.

Judicial Council president Tim Jarotkiewicz said the e-mail was not a campaign violation, because the Web site was independent and it was sent before the campaign period ended at midnight.

Palko said he used the website to correct misconceptions printed in a campus media source.

"Because of the lies that were

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Above, the front page of NDToday.com, the media source where candidates Scott Palko/P.J. Mercanti rebutted media reports about platform promises this weekend. Palko is the president of the student-run, independent Web site, and also a candidate for student body president.

Student life goals reach maturity

♦ Poorman gives progress report on student life

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

What a difference two years made for the goals Father Mark Poorman established for student life.

When he visited the Campus Life Council in February 2000, Poorman, Notre Dame's vice president for Student Affairs, outlined several priorities that his office would tackle: gay student issues, gender relations, eating disorders and alcohol use.

Last week when Poorman spoke publicly to the CLC for the first time in two years, the priorities hadn't changed. But the progress toward them had.

"I'm proud to say that we've successfully wrapped up work on all the priorities," Poorman joked about the goals he announced in 2000.

Poorman used the occasion to publicize programs and services established by the Office of Student Affairs in the past 24 months. He also discussed future Student Affairs initiatives that sprang from the two-year-old goals.

Gay issues

Poorman noted two programs in place at the University for gay, lesbian and bisexual students: a network program and an educational initiative.

The network program offers training to gay and non-gay students to act as resources for homosexual and bisexu-



KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

Father Mark Poorman, center, gave a report on the goals he set for student life two years ago at last Monday's Campus Life Council meeting.

al students.

The educational initiative began last spring as a program for freshman to promote awareness and understanding of sexuality. A University administrator and two gay student members of the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Needs give presentations to residence halls in January and February each year.

Upcoming sessions include presentations in Cavanaugh and Zahm halls on Feb. 20, Farley and Zahm halls on Feb. 21 and Keenan, Knott, Lewis and Pasquerilla East halls on Feb. 28.

Gender relations

Student Affairs' most significant achievement gender relations in the past two years was the creation of the "Establishing Healthy Relationships" program.

Sponsored for freshmen by Poorman's office and the Physical Education Department, the program explores friendship, intimacy and sexuality issues between men and women. It provides understanding of these issues within the context of the

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Thieves take \$4,000 during O'Neill Mardi Gras party

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Thieves stole more than \$4,000 from O'Neill Hall this weekend during the dorm's annual Mardi Gras celebration, hall officials said.

At a hall-wide meeting Sunday, O'Neill rector Father John Herman told students that the money was likely stolen Saturday night from the first-floor hall government office. The money came from ticket sales to Mardi Gras, the hall's signature event.

Herman, who was in Detroit over the weekend, discovered the funds missing Sunday morning. He did not file a report with Notre Dame Security/Police.

He left a voice mail message with hall residents early Monday morning, offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the money's return.

Herman told The Observer he believed the culprit lives in the hall. He said someone lifted keys from one of the hall president's rooms and used them to unlock the hall government office. The keys remained missing late Sunday.

No report has been filed yet with NDSP in hope that the money would be turned over willingly by whomever took it, Herman said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Choosing to have a voice

A recent poll by The Observer found that 43 percent of students "couldn't care less" about today's student body presidential election.

Yet these are most likely the same students that complain when Student Affairs starts citing 21-year-old tailgaters.

These are the same students that complain about parietais, gender relations and dining hall meal plans. These are the same students that say student government is ineffective and inconsequential.

And, as long as 43 percent of the student body "couldn't care less" about student government, student government will remain powerless.

In the grand scheme of things, student government has very little power. It can allot funding to clubs, plan some activities and survey student opinions. The Student Senate can pass resolutions that only get tossed from University committee to University committee before they can even be considered by the Board of Trustees — which will simply ignore and dismiss them. Even when student leaders are given the opportunity to address the people that make the decisions around here, they are casually shrugged off as was the case last fall when students leaders presented a proposal for an off-campus commercial complex.

So considering the little official power that student government does have, why should students even care about who wins today? Because, unofficially, student government could be the most power group on campus. If student government unites almost 10,000 people behind a single goal or initiative, it will get passed — no matter how much the administration hates it.

Years ago, the administration tried to ban alcohol from campus. But students leaders and the student body didn't just sit idly by and watch it happen. Notre Dame students united, protested and the administration pulled back its plan to restrict alcohol. Thousands of screaming college students in front of the Dome sends a strong message.

So if students want student government to be effective, they need to stop sitting in their dorm rooms and complaining. Student government is only ineffective if students don't participate.

If students want a more reasonable tailgating policy, they need to attend the town meetings organized by student government and make their voices heard. It's easy for administrators to ignore a petition from a few students on the second floor of LaFortune. It's much harder to glance over thousands of students united behind one goal.

So make sure you vote today. Make your choice for the person who will best lead the student body in 2002-2003. But then, make a much more important choice. Choose to become an active voice on campus. Choose to give student government the power it needs to be effective. Choose to stop sitting in your dorm room and complaining and start doing something.

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

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In Friday's Scene feature on off-campus coffee shops, Lula's Cafe was misspelled. The Observer regrets the error.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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Editor in Chief

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday

◆ **Election:** Student Body President and Vice President Elections, all day. Ballots will be available in every dorm.

◆ **Sophomore Literary Festival:** noon, Jean Hollander book signing, Notre Dame Bookstore

Tuesday

◆ **Sophomore Literary Festival:** Candace Bushnell lecture, 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall

Wednesday

◆ **Ash Wednesday:** Mass, noon and 6 p.m., Regina Chapel,
◆ **Ash Wednesday:** Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Georgetown VP expected to reject gay resource center

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Georgetown University Vice President for Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez is today releasing his written decision on the fate of the proposed gay lesbian bisexual and transgender resource center. The decision, however, will not come as a surprise to supporters of the center.

According to supporters, Gonzalez met with GLBT center proponents Feb. 1 and informed them of his decision to reject the creation of the center. Gonzalez previously had announced he would release his decision the third week of January.

GU Pride students credit their recent phone campaign to Gonzalez's office for his decision now to release a formal decision.

"We know that he's going to say



no, but we don't know what else he's going to say," GUPride member and GLBT center proponent Rob Anderson said.

Anderson said a meeting he and other members of GUPride had with Gonzalez, Director of Student Programs Mary Kay Schneider and Associate Roman Catholic Chaplain Barbara Humphrey McCrabb on Wednesday "hammered out the particulars of a [gay rights] working

group," to exist, though not a resource center.

Gonzalez's Executive Assistant Raymond Acevedo said at this time, Gonzalez has declined comment.

"He will be willing to comment as soon as an official response is made," Acevedo said.

According to supporters, in the meeting last Friday Gonzalez said while the center would not conflict with Catholic identity because it does not deal with issues of sexual morality, he couldn't support the center.

According to Anderson, who attended the meeting, "it may be perceived by others as promoting a certain sexual ethic, or in the future it may cause the promotion of a certain sexual ethic."

The Hoya

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Chief Justice teaches law class

TUSCON, Ariz.

U.S. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist finished teaching his annual class at the James E. Rogers College of Law Friday. Kay Kavanagh, associate dean for academic affairs at the College of Law, said Rehnquist is very generous with his time during his visits and participates in a number of professional programs and events — mainly focused on the U.S. judicial system. Rehnquist first was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court as an associate justice by President Richard Nixon in 1972. After serving 15 years, President Ronald Reagan appointed Rehnquist chief justice of the United States in 1986. Before being appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, Rehnquist was appointed assistant attorney general for the office of legal counsel in the Department of Justice by President Nixon in 1969. His two-week course, titled "Supreme Court in the History of the U.S.," a one unit, pass-or-fail course, is primarily for second- and third-year law students.

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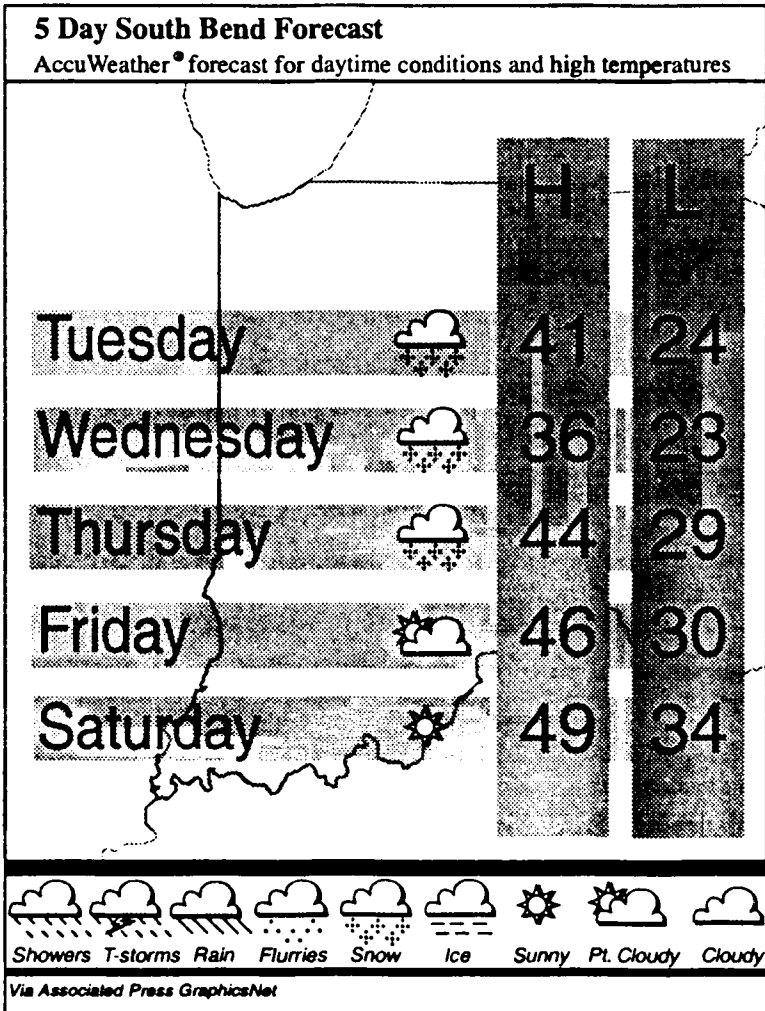
Police still look for missing student

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.

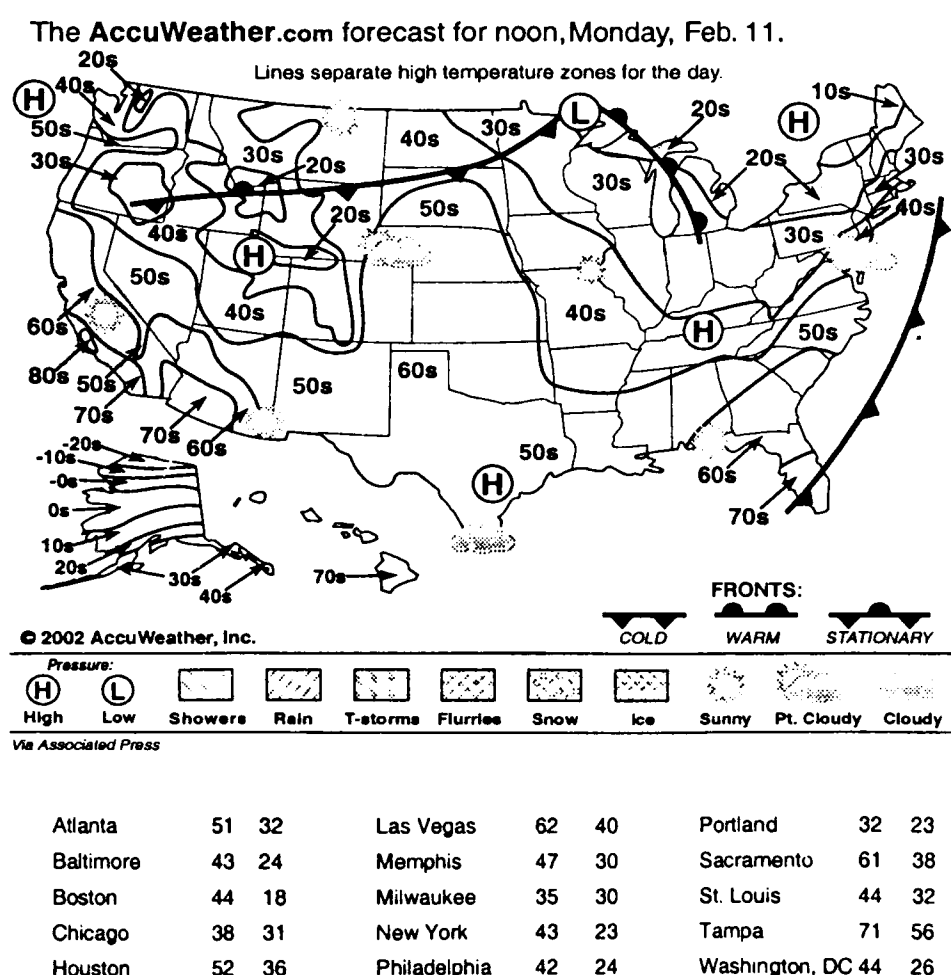
One hundred days since the disappearance of Pennsylvania State University student Cindy Song, the Ferguson Township Police Department is employing the help of the Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Investigative Assessment Unit to assist in the investigation of the missing 21-year-old. Police plan to perform a complete search of Song's apartment, where she was last seen in the early morning hours of Nov. 1. They also intend to contact a forensics team to conduct a search of her bedroom. "There were a number of events that took place in her bedroom to disturb evidence," Ferguson Township Police Chief Edward J. Conner said. "But investigators of a different discipline think there is still forensic evidence available." Investigators have been unable to perform the search of Cindy Song's apartment because it has not been labeled a crime scene. They are going in search of the possibility of new leads.

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LOCAL WEATHER



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Enron's Lay will take Fifth Amendment

♦ Former executive will not self-incriminate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay will assert his right against self-incrimination and refuse to answer questions when he appears before Congress under subpoena this week, his spokeswoman said Sunday night.

"Under the instruction of counsel, Mr. Lay will exercise his Fifth Amendment rights at the Tuesday hearing," Kelly Kimberly said in Houston.

She declined further com-

ment.

Two committees snubbed by Lay a week ago have issued subpoenas compelling him to appear. Some lawmakers had said they expected he would assert his constitutional right against self-incrimination, though his attorney had not previously indicated he would do so.

Lay joins four other current and former top Enron executives, including ex-chief financial officer Andrew Fastow — the mastermind behind the complex web of partnerships that brought the company to ruin — who last week invoked the privilege and refused to answer questions. David Duncan, the lead Enron auditor fired by his accounting firm

Arthur Andersen for destroying Enron-related documents, also has taken the Fifth Amendment before Congress.

"I'm disappointed [Lay is] going to do that," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., chairman of a Senate Commerce panel on consumer affairs. "He has talked for some while about wanting to tell his side of the story to the American people. ... Ultimately, we will get to the bottom of this, with or without his cooperation."

Lay has been subpoenaed to appear Tuesday before the Senate Commerce Committee and on Thursday at a hearing of the House Financial Services subcommittee on capital markets.

Lawmakers say they have not

considered granting immunity from prosecution to Lay or other Enron executives in return for their testimony, because they do not want to interfere with the Justice Department's criminal investigation of Enron. Congress can compel witnesses to show up but cannot force them to answer potentially incriminating questions without granting them immunity from criminal prosecution.

Lay's colleague at Enron, former chief executive officer Jeffrey Skilling, did testify last week.

But a number of leaders of Congress' investigations of the Enron collapse made clear earlier Sunday that they didn't believe the sworn testimony of

Skilling. One suggested Skilling could face accusations of perjury as a result of his testimony.

Lay, who was a friend and political backer of President Bush, has not spoken publicly about the Enron disaster since the company entered bankruptcy in December.

Lay's wife, Linda, said recently there were some things about Enron's finances her husband wasn't told about by other company officials.

After an intense week of hearings, lawmakers say they have strong evidence of illegal activity surrounding the failure of the energy-trading company, which slid into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2.

Study says appeals likely to reverse death penalty

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
When jurors choose a death sentence in cases that are not among the "worst of the worst," the sentence is more likely to be overturned on appeal, a study spanning 23 years of court records found.

Overall, states and counties where juries or judges impose the death penalty most often also tend to have the highest number of cases overturned because of errors or problems at trial, says the study being released Monday.

All but one of the 10 states with the highest death-sentenc-

ing rates had those sentences reversed as often or more often than the average rate nationally, said James Liebman, a Columbia University law professor and the study's lead author.

Death sentences are most often overturned because lawyers performed poorly at trial, prosecutors kept legitimate evidence out of the trial or judges gave flawed instructions to the jury, Liebman said his research showed.

The report found a state or federal court threw out a conviction or death sentence in 68 percent of the cases it studied in which at least one round of appeals had been completed. The study looked at 5,760 cases in the 34 states where the death penalty is actively applied.

Other researchers attacked findings in an earlier study on reversals by the same authors, and one review concluded that death sentences were really only overturned in 52 percent of cases or less.

The Criminal Justice Legal Foundation took issue with Liebman's central premise that errors are responsible for overturned sentences.

It's not new or surprising that a large percentage of capital verdicts are overturned, the foundation said. It said the issue is of whether that happens because of mistakes, as death-penalty opponents contend, or because of unreasonable obstructions placed in the way of such sentences, as advocates of capital punishment assert.

Liebman's study does not take

a position on whether the death penalty is ever appropriate. But in an interview, he said his research shows that if they are imposed at all, death sentences should be reserved for the worst cases.

"Imposing the death penalty in cases that are not the worst of the worst is a recipe for unreliability and error," the report said.

The greater the number of what courts call aggravating factors in a given capital crime, the less likely it is that a death sentence will be overturned, Liebman said. Aggravating factors can include whether the victim was a police officer, for example, or whether the killing was especially gruesome.

The reverse is also true, Liebman said.



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NDToday

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made about us, we felt we were at a disadvantage and we wanted to set the record straight," said Palko. "It's not an endorsement."

Although the link never explicitly names The Observer, Palko and Mercanti appear to be responding

to comments printed in the newspaper's voter guide last Thursday. In particular, the Web site addresses the paper's representation of Palko and Mercanti's position on student tailgating and duLac — a representation that Palko described as containing "lies."

"Students see that and it influences them," he said. "No one's going to vote for someone that's against tailgating."

Palko, who told The Observer last Monday that he did not "want to abuse the situation and just take advantage of NDToday," said on Sunday that he and Mercanti have not yet decided whether they will use NDToday.com in any additional capacity.

According to Judicial Council vice president of elections John McCarthy, the ticket's use of NDToday.com does not represent a campaign violation.

"They haven't used it in an unfair way," said McCarthy. "It's

just like writing an editorial for [The Observer]."

McCarthy equated NDToday.com to The Observer and Scholastic, two media sources the Judicial Council has no control over. However, McCarthy added that if any candidate used NDToday.com to insult their opponents, the council would step in.

Palko and Mercanti's opponents said they agree with McCarthy that Palko and Mercanti acted reasonably.

"It doesn't bother me. It's an individual Web site, so they can put their opinion on it," said candidate Brian Moscona, who is running with Keri Oxley.

Nick Williams, who is running for vice president with Nikki McCord, said

Palko's use of NDToday.com would be similar to any candidate spreading information to a group of his or her friends.

"I don't think [NDToday.com] represents a true cross-section of the students," added Williams.

For candidate Libby Bishop, it was important that Palko only set up a link to his campaign Web site.

"That's better than them posting it completely on NDToday," said Bishop, who is running with Trip Foley. "In a sense, they are using it as an implicit campaign tool, but they're not bombarding you with 'vote for us.'"

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Goals

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Catholic faith and includes small-group discussion with rectors, campus ministers, counselors and Student Affairs senior staff as facilitators.

"It's critically important for our first-year students to do this because they should have an idea about healthy gender relations," Poorman said.

Eating disorders

Poorman identified two improvements to come out of Student Affairs' work in the area of student eating disorders: the hiring of a specialist and the creation of a survivors support group.

Last spring Valerie Staples became the University's first full-time staff counselor who specializes in eating disorders.

Also since last spring, Chandra Johnson, an executive assistant to University President Father Edward Malloy and assistant director of Campus Ministry, has offered A Life Uncommon for women who have had eating disorders. The non-clinical support group meets weekly during the academic year.

Alcohol use

"I think alcohol use and abuse on campus deserves some scrutiny," Poorman said.

In academic year 2000-2001, that scrutiny came in the form of Student Affairs-conducted focus groups. The groups polled the opinions and

suggestions of wide-ranging constituencies: undergraduate and graduate students, rectors, law enforcement officials, alumni, admissions staff, faculty and parents, among others.

Poorman said his office was still processing data that came from the groups but that right now he was concerned mainly with lax enforcement of University rules governing student alcohol use.

The administrator addressed an issue that touched a nerve with many students last fall — Notre Dame officials' crackdown on student tailgaters.

He said officials last summer devised their plan to cut down on underage drinking and alcohol-focused tailgating. The Sept. 11 attacks, he said, disrupted rollout of the plan, as the University found itself devoting more of its personnel to safeguarding the Stadium rather than implementing the tailgating initiative. The result was a hasty effort between administrators and police to enforce the rules.

"Early on, maybe some of the signals got crossed," Poorman said.

He pledged to continue the crackdown in the fall, saying Student Affairs would establish a clearer definition of what the tailgating policy is and communicate it more effectively than last fall to students and fans.

Other initiatives

In the past two years, Student Affairs officials have

taken several steps to integrate academic and student life: organizing A Week of Peace and War Education, revitalizing the role of residence hall academic commissioners, founding a diversity education program and a first-year student-athlete orientation and establishing the Advisory Committee for Academic and Student Life that reports directly to Poorman and Provost Nathan Hatch.

Poorman has continued his office's tradition of every year giving each residence hall \$1,500 to sponsor academic programming in the dorm.

Student Affairs, along with the rest of the University, has begun its strategic planning, and synchronizing academic and student life will be a priority, Poorman said. The Strategic Plan formulates a comprehensive 10-year plan for departments.

Poorman said his office will seek and be interested in receiving student input into the plan. Senior Student Affairs staff will also visit Notre Dame peer institutions Northwestern, Rice, Dartmouth and Duke to benchmark programs at those school with offerings in place here.

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THE OBSERVER

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Saudis expect citizens to return:

Saudi Arabia is expecting more of its citizens to return from Afghanistan, the kingdom's top security official said Sunday, indicating some would face prosecution. Interior Minister Prince Nayef said some Saudis now in custody at home had been in Afghanistan in the past. More than 30 were detained based on U.S.-provided lists, he said.

Iran closes warlord's office:

Iran has closed the office of a former Afghan warlord who opposes Afghanistan's interim government and the strong U.S. role in that country. The closing of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's offices in Tehran and Mashhad appears to be a conciliatory gesture toward the U.S., where officials have accused Iran of trying to destabilize the new Afghan government.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Calif. fire engulfs 100 acres:

A fire propelled by high winds destroyed five homes Sunday and threatened several others north of San Diego. The homes were lost in Fallbrook shortly after the fire was reported about at about noon, said Audrey Higgen, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry. No one was injured. The fire had consumed 100 acres just an hour after it was reported, Higgen said.

Woman mysteriously dies in N.J.:

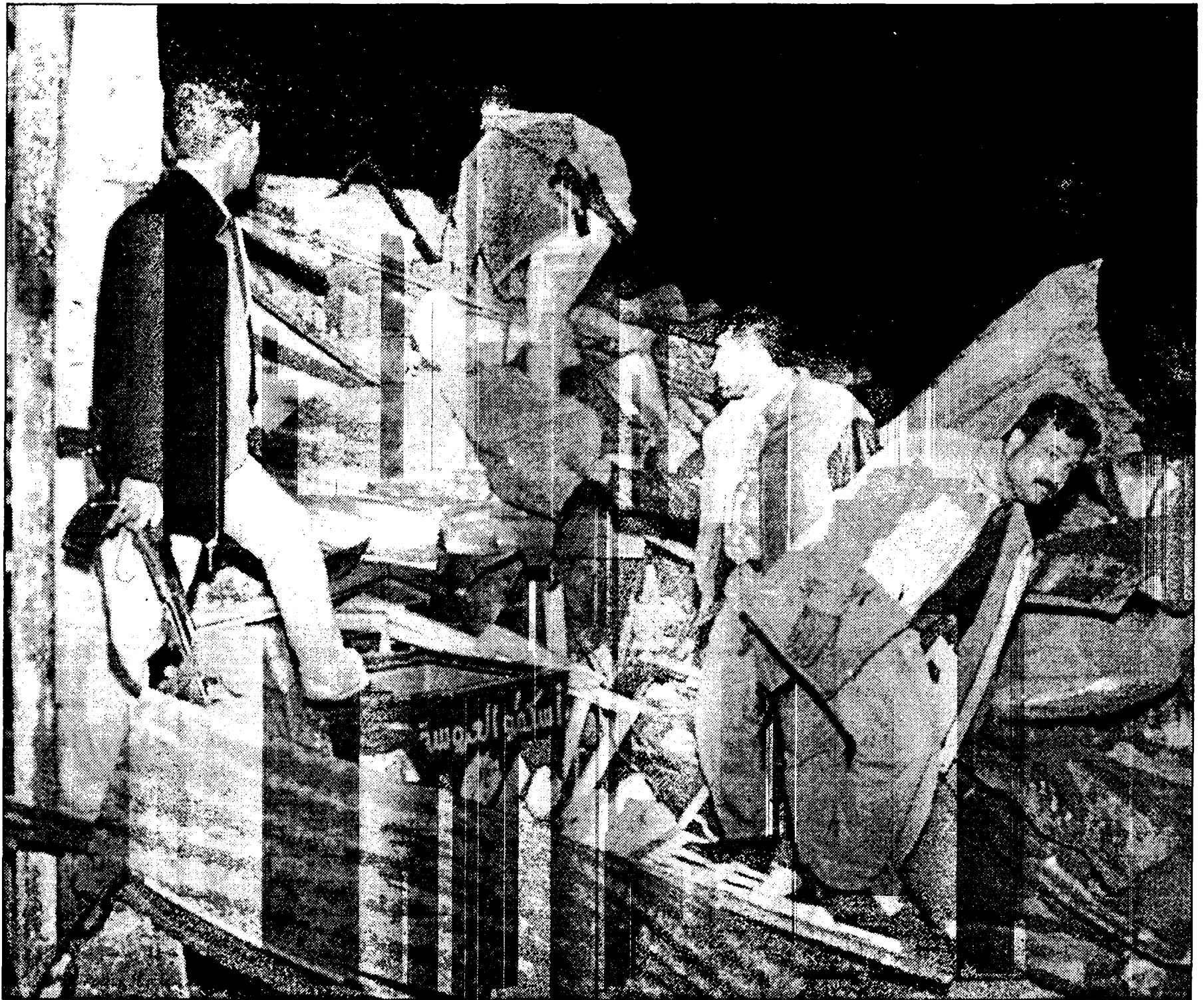
A mystery illness killed one woman attending a weekend convention and sent seven others to hospitals, but health officials said Sunday they didn't think anyone else who didn't already have symptoms would get sick. The woman had a flu-like illness for about two days before becoming seriously ill Saturday night. Joanne Hemstreet was attending a convention at the Cherry Hill Hilton with about 500 other employees of Cendant Mortgage.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Toddler accidentally run over:

An 18-month-old girl was killed Saturday when her mother accidentally drove over the toddler in the family's driveway. Julia Willemsen was pronounced dead shortly after she was taken to Community Hospital in Anderson suffering from head injuries, Madison County Deputy Coroner Ned Dunnichay said. Alberdine Willemsen, 29, backed her sport-utility vehicle out of garage and did not see her daughter, who was 18 feet from the garage, police said. The mother was unaware the girl had wandered behind the vehicle.

GAZA STRIP



Palestinian police search the rubble of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Gaza City compound on Sunday following a bombing attack by Israeli F-16 warplanes. There was no immediate word on any potential casualties.

Israeli F-16s bomb Gaza complex

Associated Press

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP Israeli warplanes bombed a Palestinian security building on Sunday near the headquarters of Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, in apparent retaliation for a previous shooting attack against Israel earlier

Sunday.

The warplanes, believed to be F-16s, fired two bombs at the Palestinian security complex on the Mediterranean coast, just a few hundred yards from Arafat's offices.

There was no immediate word on casualties. However, the planes circled overhead for several minutes before striking,

and Palestinian security officials dashed out of the complex before the bombing began.

The security complex had already been badly damaged in previous Israeli air strikes.

Israel has confined Arafat to the West Bank city of Ramallah for the past two months, demanding that he arrest

Palestinian militants. He has not been in Gaza since November.

The air strikes came hours after two Palestinian gunmen opened fire outside an Israeli military base in the southern city of Beersheba, killing two women soldiers and injuring five people before they were shot dead by the troops.

Cardinal vows to stay on the job

Associated Press

BOSTON

A confident Cardinal Bernard Law was interrupted by applause Sunday when he vowed he would not step down despite increasing pressure over a sexual abuse scandal involving priests who had worked in the archdiocese.

"Archbishop is not a corporate executive. He's not a politician," Law said before his homily during Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. "It's a role of a pastor. It's a role of a teacher. It's a role of a father."

"When there are problems in the family, you don't walk away. You work them out together with God's help," he said.

The pressure on Law has been escalating since the Jan. 18 conviction of defrocked priest John Geoghan, who faces 10 years in prison for indecent assault and battery on a 10-year-old boy. Geoghan also faces two more criminal trials

and 80 civil lawsuits.

Law subsequently apologized to abuse victims and announced a policy of "zero tolerance" for sexual abuse. The change in policy came after documents showed Law knew of the accusations against Geoghan but stayed silent and allowed him to remain a priest.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston gave authorities the names of 40 accused priests and said that none was active, but in the past week, eight active priests were suspended because of allegations of abuse.

More than 80 names now have been given to district attorneys in the five counties comprising the Boston archdiocese.

Law said it's "terribly painful" to risk damaging priests' reputations by suspending them or giving their names to authorities. Some, he noted, had one allegation from decades ago and some might simply be innocent.

"But unless there is a higher wisdom that someone else has, I believe that the only responsible way for us to handle this issue is with a zero tolerance policy," he said. "Yes, I am concerned for the pain that people suffer in the process of implementing that but I think we have to do that."

The archdiocese has yet to give the names of victims of suspected pedophile priests to prosecutors, some of whom are growing impatient as they consider filing charges against the priests.

Without names of victims, district attorneys say they can't investigate priests accused of molestation. It's too early to threaten subpoenas to obtain names, they say, but they haven't ruled it out.

Law repeated that, to his knowledge, there are no active priests with any accusations against them. "I am as confident as I can be that all names are out," he told reporters after Mass, although he added that the records review is "ongoing."

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Powell: Time for 'regime change' in Iraq

♦ Iraqi vice president disputes American comments

Associated Press

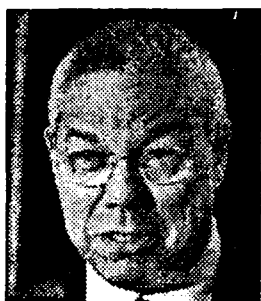
BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's vice president scoffed Sunday at Secretary of State Colin Powell's comments about bringing about a "regime change" in Iraq as typical of the "American invaders."

Taha Yassin Ramadan also said Powell's negative

response to an Iraqi offer for a dialogue with the United Nations doesn't concern Iraq.

Powell said Tuesday "it should be a very short discussion," adding that Iraq must allow weapons inspectors back in "on our terms."

"It's up to them. We've said we are ready for an unconditional dialogue with



Powell

the [U.N.] secretary general and the international body," Ramadan responded.

Iraq has been under U.N. sanctions since its invasion of Kuwait in 1990, which led to the Gulf war. The sanctions cannot be lifted unless U.N. inspectors verify Baghdad has dismantled its weapons of mass destruction.

U.N. inspectors left Baghdad in December 1998 ahead of U.S. and British airstrikes. Iraq has barred them from returning and has demanded an end to the sanctions, saying it complied with all U.N. reso-

lutions.

Also on Sunday, a U.N. official visiting Baghdad said the organization's humanitarian program in Iraq is bogged down by politics and outdated regulations requiring adjustment.

Benon Sevan, director of the U.N. oil-for-food program, spoke at a news conference at the end of three-week visit to Iraq — his first in nearly 1 1/2 years.

Under the program, Iraq is allowed to sell unlimited amounts of oil to buy food, medicine and other humani-

tarian supplies, and to pay war reparations while sanctions are in place.

Sevan noted the program was designed to be temporary, but has been extended repeatedly and, over the years, has grown in scope while its regulations have remained the same.

Sevan said talk about improving the program shouldn't be seen as a sign it should remain in place forever. "But as long as sanctions are in place, there is no alternative for this program," he said.

Thieves

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Herman expected to contact NDSP this morning if the money wasn't recovered. He said Mardi Gras would be cancelled in the future if the robbery went unsolved.

The event typically draws a large turnout of students who travel freely between separate parties being held in rooms throughout the hall. Traditionally, men who live in the hall were permitted to invite two women to the festivities, which also include a parade around campus to pick up the men's dates.

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AFGHANISTAN

Suffering families uproot to find relief aid

♦ Father of 8 attempts suicide to escape from pain, vows to try again

Associated Press

DASHTEH ARZANA CAMP
Hunger drove him to leave his village. Bad luck led him to a camp mostly bypassed by aid groups.

And his children's cries for the bread he couldn't provide pushed Mohammad Sadeq to douse himself with diesel fuel and strike a match.

Outside a leaky tent — like the thousands of others along a forlorn ridge outside Mazar-e-Sharif — Sadeq's eight children screamed and tried to put out the flames engulfing their 40-year-old father. They ripped off his burning clothes, pulling away strips of smoking flesh as well, witnesses said.

"I am fed up with life," Sadeq said from his hospital bed Saturday, four days after his suicide attempt. "I cannot even offer food to my crying children. Dying is the only escape from all this."

Sadeq's journey from the

northern mountain village of Charholak to a cot in surgical room No. 3 of the Barat Hospital passes through levels of misery familiar across Afghanistan.

Families around the country have pulled up stakes to chase the most basic necessity: a reliable supply of food. Staging areas for international relief, such as Mazar-e-Sharif, have drawn most of the migrant wave, estimated to be at least 1 million people. Sadeq believed — like others — that aid would be quick and plentiful.

But relief agencies are clearly overwhelmed by the numbers and need. Supplies of donated wheat are moving through U.N. channels to key distribution points in the countryside, but only a trickle of help has reached the nearly 20 camps around Mazar-e-Sharif — a mix of internal migrants like Sadeq and so-called local "cheaters" hoping for aid.

The limited distribution is partly intentional. Relief agencies, conscious of what they call "the pull factor," do not want to encourage a continued exodus from villages.

"I am fed up with life. I cannot even offer food to my crying children. Dying is the only escape from all this."

Mohammad Sadeq
father of eight

to create permanent camps that keep drawing new people."

The IRC, one of the lead agencies dealing with internal migrants, plans to begin dismantling the "spontaneous" camps around Mazar-e-Sharif this week and consolidating the migrants in two or three areas. The effort intends to weed out cheaters and help focus the aid distribution, said Serra-Horguelin.

Ultimately, aid groups want to persuade migrants to return home. Many refugees say that is impossible.

"It's a difficult balancing act," said Arnault Serra-Horguelin, head of the International Rescue Committee, or IRC, in Mazar-e-Sharif. "Clearly, there are people who need help, but we don't want

"We sold everything to come here: our homes, our land, our belongings," said Mohammad Asur, a leader in the Dashteh Arzana camp. "How can we go back?"

Asur grabbed his wool blanket, part of one of the few aid shipments to reach the camp. "We are going to the bazaar to sell these for bread," he said.

Local farmers, he added, have started to shoot at camp dwellers trying to steal handfuls of carrots or onions from the nearby fields.

Sadeq's family — a wife and children ranging in age from seven months to 12 years — live in a 6-by-6-foot hole covered by a tent of stitched-together sacks.

His wife, Jamela, has kept the charred clothes Sadeq wore when all seemed lost.

The children had been pleading for bread, she said. Sadeq spent the entire day looking in the garbage for any scraps and begging for money. He came back with nothing.

"The children were crying. He couldn't take it anymore. It was his pride," she said.

Sadeq doused himself with

diesel and, moments later, was in flames.

"The children tried to put it out. It was too much. They were yelling, 'Daddy is on fire,'" Jamela recalled. "It was a horrible sight that will live with us forever."

Friends ran to the closest village to fetch a car. They brought him to Barat Hospital, a private facility helped by U.N. funds.

Doctors didn't think he would survive. Sadeq had second-degree burns over 60 percent of his body, mostly his arms and legs, said Dr. Jowid, who like many Afghans goes by one name.

"But he has improved. He will recover physically," said Jowid. He wasn't sure about Sadeq's mental state.

Sadeq's family has not come to visit him in the hospital room — packed with about 20 other patients and the contrary smells of antiseptic and filth.

"I don't want to see my children. I am use-

less to them," said Sadeq, whose face is mottled with burns. "There is nothing left. Life has been bad. I promise I will try to kill myself again."

"We sold everything to come here: our homes, our land, our belongings. How can we go back?"

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Bush shines with
State of the Union Address

As President George W. Bush's words of plainspoken eloquence echoed through the chamber of the U.S. House on Jan. 29, it seemed that even history itself was pausing to observe and document the moment.

This was the speech of George W. Bush's life. While in terms of sheer numbers, more people watched his address nine days after the devastating attacks on our country, it would be at this point in history where George W. Bush would be judged.

With his Democratic opposition aligning its forces to take back the House, expand their majority in the Senate and even prepare for the 2004 presidential election, Bush brought down the House. Rather than offer a banal "laundry list" of domestic programs, Bush announced bold, visionary changes for both the immediate and the long-term future of the Union.

First, Bush announced that he would make the war on terrorism the first priority, both fighting it overseas and defending against it stateside. Although fighting the terrorists has been Issue One for Bush since Sept. 11, what surprised many was the lack of equal time domestic issues received. All told, they were less than one-fifth of the President's speech, and they were mentioned only in bullet-point style: Improve education. End our dependence on foreign energy sources. Expand trade. Accelerate and finalize tax cuts. Reform welfare, health care and Social Security. And then it was back to how we should fight the terrorists.

For the most part, Bush's domestic proposals didn't need details, because on some things, like trade, energy and

taxes, he has plans that have already passed the House, which is in Republican hands, but are languishing at the bottom of the Democrat-controlled Senate's to-do list. But even then, meticulous details are just not the President's style. He's more a rapid-fire Texas gunslinger than a poet, linguistically speaking.

The second and even more intrepid statement Bush made was that he would no longer wait for the next terrorist attack before launching a military offensive. Bush defined Iraq, Iran, North Korea and other nations like them as an "axis of evil," a phrase that harkens back to the enemies of the 20th Century: the Nazi-fascist-imperialist axis of the Second World War and the "evil empire" of the Cold War. In both of those occasions, the forces of freedom tried for years to merely contain or isolate our foes, rather than destroy them. No longer. America will now work to annihilate the enemies of the 21st Century — before they can do it to us.

With those bold pronouncements, Bush may very well have built on his unprecedented high approval ratings. An astonishing 94 percent of viewers said that their response was positive; 74 percent said very positive. On Bush's antiterrorism proposals, 97 percent approved, and on his economic plans, 88 percent approved. When last year the story was of an America divided into red states and blue states, the turnaround and the unity behind George W. Bush has been nothing short of extraordinary.

So although Bush went out on a couple of limbs, he appears to have a massive groundswell of public support. This bodes very ill for his Democratic opposition. In order to win, they have to hammer away on the domestic issues. This has the odd effect of making it so that the Democrats have to pretend like Sept. 11 didn't happen, because once that or the war is brought up, voters will rally around the President.

The Democratic National

Committee's home page asks volunteers to "Help the Democratic Party put America's priorities first: getting our fiscal house in order, adding a prescription drug benefit for Medicare, enacting a real patients' bill of rights and other initiatives to help America's hardworking families." Sept. 11? Not on this list.

All of the potential domestic problems are being blamed on Bush. The recession: Bush's fault. The budget deficit: Bush's fault. The fact that, oh yeah, the biggest catastrophe in American history happened, and we have to spend billions to clean up, defend another one, and bring the "evildoers" to justice doesn't seem to enter their minds.

Last year, the Conventional Wisdom on George W. Bush was that he was an intellectual lightweight who couldn't even garner a majority vote. But since Sept. 11, he's been riding high. He hasn't changed any: he still governs from the center as much as possible, he's still a straight talker and he still believes the things he believes in passionately. The events of the world have made us change how we view him. He's done what all great leaders do: lead. Talk about "changing the tone." The Conventional Wisdom has proven to be neither conventional nor wise.

For the most part, America is in union with George W. Bush. And the state of that union has never been stronger.

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Sir Winston Churchill
British Prime Minister, statesman

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Walker should 'die by the sword' he chose

There has been much discussion about John Walker Lindh, the infamous "American Taliban," these last several weeks. But unfortunately, there has been little discussion about one of the most important questions. What in the hell is he doing back in the United States? Why is this man in the custody of the country he holds so much animosity for, instead of the custody of his captors?

Many have tried to justify Walker's actions by labeling it a "quest for truth." His quest may very well have started out as one for truth, however, as soon as he found joy in the death of 3,000 innocent civilians and picked up arms with al-Qaeda, his quest for truth was transformed into a mission of violence and inhumanity.

Walker's new mission ended with his capture by not the U.S. military, but by the Northern Alliance. Yet after U.S. officials caught wind of his capture they rescued him from what most likely would have been a painful, yet well deserved death, at the hands of his captors.

I say well deserved because Walker knew what he was getting into, knew the consequences of his actions, yet still made the conscious choice to fight with al-Qaeda, thus accepting those consequences. Because of this, the Northern Alliance should have been able to execute him as they did many of his parasitic comrades. But they didn't.

Even more unfortunate is the fact that none of his charges carry with them the possibility of the death penalty. Thus, taxpayers like you and me will foot the bill for Walker to get three squares a day, clothing, medical attention and shelter for the rest of his natural life.

Why should we have to pay for someone who turned his back on all of us and took up arms with our most heinous enemy? He should not even be considered a citizen of this country anymore, let alone, be supported by U.S. tax dollars. With any luck, once in prison, Walker will have an "accident" that will rid us of this financial and social burden for good.

The situation with John Walker Lindh is not about religious tolerance or compassion or forgiveness. It is about justice and accepting responsibility for one's actions. Walker chose to live his life by the sword and fight with al-Qaeda and the Taliban, two groups that bastardized Muslim beliefs into inhumane and murderous laws and practices. The old saying rings truer than ever, "Those who live by the sword, die by the sword." And so should John Walker Lindh.

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Feb. 8, 2002

Criticism of French film falls short

In his remarks on "Brotherhood of the Wolf" in the Feb. 7 Scene section, Matt Nania makes two over-reaching statements that point to unfortunate prejudice on his part.

The first of these has to do with French films — in his estimation/expertise, virtually all of them. In his initial rhetorical gambit where he seems to speak for a generalized population — always a dangerous move — Nania proposes that in our collective judgment and memory, French films are characterized by "stuffy characters and unexciting, artsy narratives."

Although I myself would be at a loss to define precisely what an "artsy narrative" is, I do understand what he seems to be getting at. Unfortunately, it is, at bottom, not much, in that it seems to be arguing for a simplicity of plot and character, which, strangely, are the very things he goes on to criticize in "Brotherhood."

Similarly, he takes a swipe at subtitles, an "unfortunate distraction," to quote him. To this, my own passion for film authorizes the airing of a basic fact: with a modicum of experience and open-mindedness, subtitles become wholly unintrusive. I will, however, admit they are often inadequate in representing what is actually mouthed on the screen. They are, however, entirely less distracting than dubbed dialogue.

Happily there is a solution to both of Mr. Nania's problems: learn French. Even more happily, one of the means towards that solution is to take on the "artsy," "stuffy" but remarkably rich, tradition called "le cinema français" — that's "French cinema" if there be need of a subtitle.

Louis MacKenzie
associate professor of French
Feb. 7, 2002

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Arafat should not be tolerated

Sometimes we want something so badly that we will convince ourselves of anything to get it. Peace in Israel certainly seems to be exactly one of those things. Unfortunately, sometimes our desire for an end to the violence leads to a sort of willful amnesia about the past. Those who are constantly excoriating Israel for its role in the increased violence as of late suffer from this forgetfulness about the region's history.

In his Feb. 5 letter, Tony Lusvardi critiques President Bush's holding of Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority primarily responsible for the on-going violence in the region. He claims that Israel has provoked the violence by assassinating Palestinian "political leaders" and pursuing policies that show that Israel does not truly want to negotiate a peace with Arafat and the Palestinian Authority. This take on the issue, however, is more than a little misleading.

Contrary to what Mr. Lusvardi would have one believe, Israel has been more than patient with the Palestinians over the last 20 or more years, despite the fact that Arafat and his cohorts have done nothing of substance in all that time to further the peace process. Time and again, Israel has made concessions to the Palestinians, agreeing to withdraw troops from heavily-Arab areas under the Hebron Accords and Oslo Accords. This despite the fact that several such areas are of great strategic import when it comes to defending the majority of Israel's industrial base, which happens to lie right next to the West Bank. Under Ehud Barak, Israel had a concrete plan for Palestinian statehood on the table, but it was off-handedly rejected by Arafat without even so much as a counter-proposal.

What has Israel to show for their efforts? Nada. The number of Israelis killed by Arab terrorists in the years since the Oslo Accords has been higher than in the 10 years prior. The Palestinian Authority has not tried even a little to live up to its promise to reduce the anti-Israeli sentiment among its peoples. To the contrary, Palestinian television, controlled by Arafat, continues to run programs encouraging children to pursue "glorious martyrdom." Arafat's police forces engage in terrorist acts, in some instances even firing on Israeli security forces. The Palestinian Authority continues to take children as young as 12 from their homes to

train them in the arts of bomb-making and the use of weaponry. Arafat himself, in a recent speech, called recent suicide bombers "martyrs," offering stipends and cash rewards to their families.

As of late, Israel has taken more drastic steps toward holding the Palestinians accountable for their actions. They have punished Arafat and his police forces for their complicity in the violence and have assassinated prominent leaders of Hamas, Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad (who are anything but the "political escalators" Mr. Lusvardi describes). Has this approach helped escalate the violence in Palestine? Probably so, but what would one have them otherwise do? Concessions and patience obviously have not paid-off in the past (a fact we all seem to so quickly forget), and the remaining alternatives have quickly dwindled.

The pressure on Arafat to reduce violence has been up until now a dead end. Even Barak, who once would have handed Arafat statehood now states that he was wrong to have tried to negotiate with the Palestinian leader. Ex-President Clinton expressed similar thoughts when he told current Secretary of State Powell that Arafat was a liar and wholly unreliable. As if to further drive the point home, Arafat's own forces were caught trying to smuggle 50 tons of Katyusha missiles, land mines, plastic explosives and other weapons of war into Palestine.

Despite all this, Ariel Sharon's government has a peace offer on the table that would grant the Palestinians their own state in the West Bank and Gaza (with other details to be hammered-out in the next couple years). Unfortunately, no one on the other side is listening. As for our own President, he is wise to side with Sharon, Barak, Shimon Peres and other Israeli leaders in finally holding Arafat and his Palestinian Authority accountable for their actions.

No longer will the world ignore the antics and duplicity of Yasser Arafat, and no longer should they.

Seth Hiland
senior
Morrissey Manor
Feb. 5, 2002



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Ins and outs of st

*Scene details the responsibilities of*By SHELIA FLYNN
Scene Writer

Notre Dame students will vote today to elect officials who will run a Student Union administration about which the student body knows very little. In fact, many students are unaware that the Student Union is the representative body at the University for students.

"While I know a lot of the members of Student Union, I don't really know exactly what they do," said sophomore Molly Walsh, echoing the sentiments of many University students as they contemplate the elections and the candidates.

Campaign posters elucidate proposed reforms and goals, but many voters are unsure of how these plans relate to the responsibilities and powers of the president and vice president. Candidates greet students and discuss issues, but many voters do not know how these politicians can affect their lives on campus. And the activities of the other branches of student government, which are less widely publicized than the executive council, are even more hazy in the minds of students; a large percentage of the student body is unaware of what these groups do and how they do it.

But even as students go about their lives with very little information about student government, the organization works diligently to improve the Notre Dame campus and institutes changes for which students do not even know they are responsible. The Student Union has a structure headed by the student body president and spanning six major and a number of other minor councils.

Student Body President and Vice President

The office of the student body president and vice president is the facet of the Student Union that acts as the liaison between the students and the administration; the first and foremost responsibility of the student body president is to represent and speak for the students of the University and ensure the efficient operation of all student entities and organizations.

After the president and vice president take office, they choose cabinet members to oversee the different council divisions, which include spiritual, academic, athletic, diversity and gender issues. These cabinet members also serve as advisors to the president and vice president. Run by the chief-of-staff, these advisors and officers comprise the office of the president branch of Student Union. This staff is designed to protect the interests of students in all areas of University life, provide services to the undergraduate student body and advance the policy priorities of the Student Union.

While the cabinet members are working on the various council divisions, the vice president presides over the Student Senate and the president serves as chair of the Executive Cabinet. This group includes the off-campus co-presidents, class presidents, club coordinator division representatives, Student Union Board manager, chief of staff, Hall Presidents Council co-chairs and several dorm senators.

The cabinet meets once a week and works to increase awareness among different clubs and campus groups. It controls the Collaboration Fund, which is comprised from sales of The Shirt. Various clubs and organizations can apply to use this money, and the Executive Cabinet controls who receives the money and how much will be allotted.

Student Senate

The Student Senate is composed of one representative from each dorm; the elections for these delegates are held in March. The senate meets weekly and the meetings are open to all members of the Notre Dame student body. In addition, the senate holds open forum nights throughout the year that students can attend and voice their opinions.

This branch of the Student Union researches campus issues and drafts proposals for changing various conditions at the University; the senators each serve on two committees which study different con-

cerns or problems and write resolutions.

"The awesome thing about Student Senate is you can set up your own little committee if you want," said Meghan O'Donnell, a sophomore senator from Pasquerilla Hall West. "If you have an issue you can basically experiment with it and make suggestions for policy."

Proposals drafted by the senate which involve altering student life conditions or regulations set forth in the duLac handbook are sent to the Campus Life Council, which encompasses between 15 and 20 members including senators, rectors, and members of the administration and faculty. If this body approves the proposal, it is passed on to Father Mark Poorman, the vice president of student affairs.

Recent proposals include: improving lighting on campus, determining the status of the missing clock hands on O'Shaughnessy Hall and offering more vegetarian dishes in the dining halls.

Class Councils

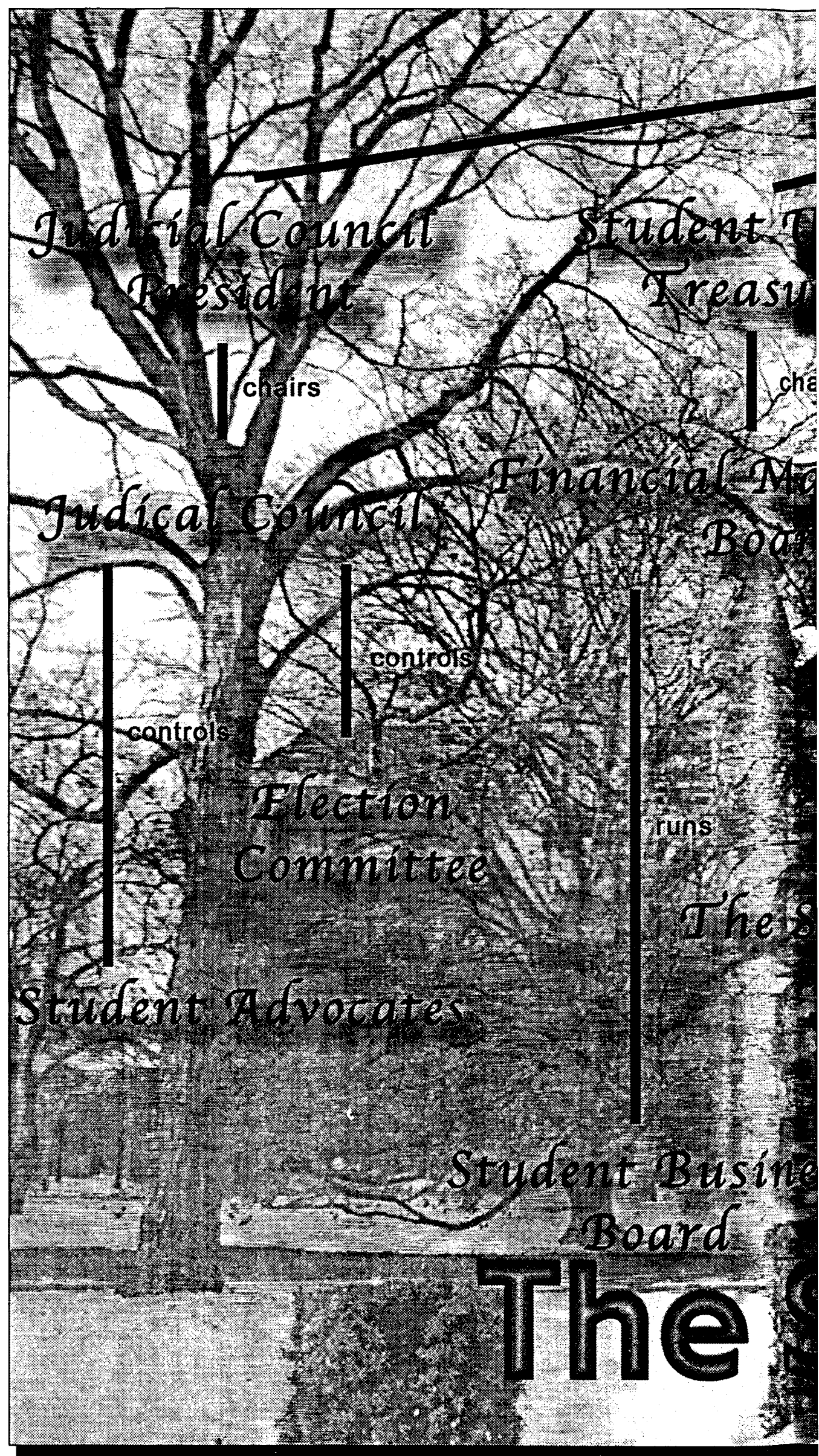
Each class council is formed of the respective class' officers (president, vice president, treasurer, secretary) and various committees, such as spiritual, social, service, fundraising and publicity. The Sophomore, Junior and Senior Class Councils are elected annually, but the process through which the Freshman Class Council is created is somewhat different: each dorm selects a representative and this group of delegates votes amongst itself to choose the class officers and committee heads.

The class councils plan and organize events for their respective years, such as class masses, dances, service projects and other affairs. The officers are free to create council committees to serve any rising needs of a class in a given year.

"This year we decided we had a need for an abroad committee because there are so many juniors abroad," said junior class vice president Karen Lysaght. "They've done things such as sending out abroad postcards, which is when people from here can send notes to their friends abroad for free. And we're in the works of possibly organizing a class dinner for people in London."

Judicial Council

The Judicial Council monitors all elections to ensure that guidelines set by the senate are followed and it provides student advocates to assist undergraduates accused of violating University regulations. The board is chaired by the Judicial Council President and aided by the Vice Presidents of Elections and Advocacy. The council is made up of the election coordinators of each dorm and the student advocates.

**Financial Management Board**

This group is chaired by the Student Union treasurer and composed of two assistant treasurers and the controllers or treasurers of the Executive Cabinet. These members prepare an annual budget in accordance with guidelines established by the Student Senate. The Financial Management Board also considers requests for additional funds and is responsible for the production and marketing of The Shirt, and oversees the operations of the student businesses through the Student Business Board.

Hall Presidents' Council

Each of Notre Dame's 27 residence halls sends one to three representatives, depending upon the

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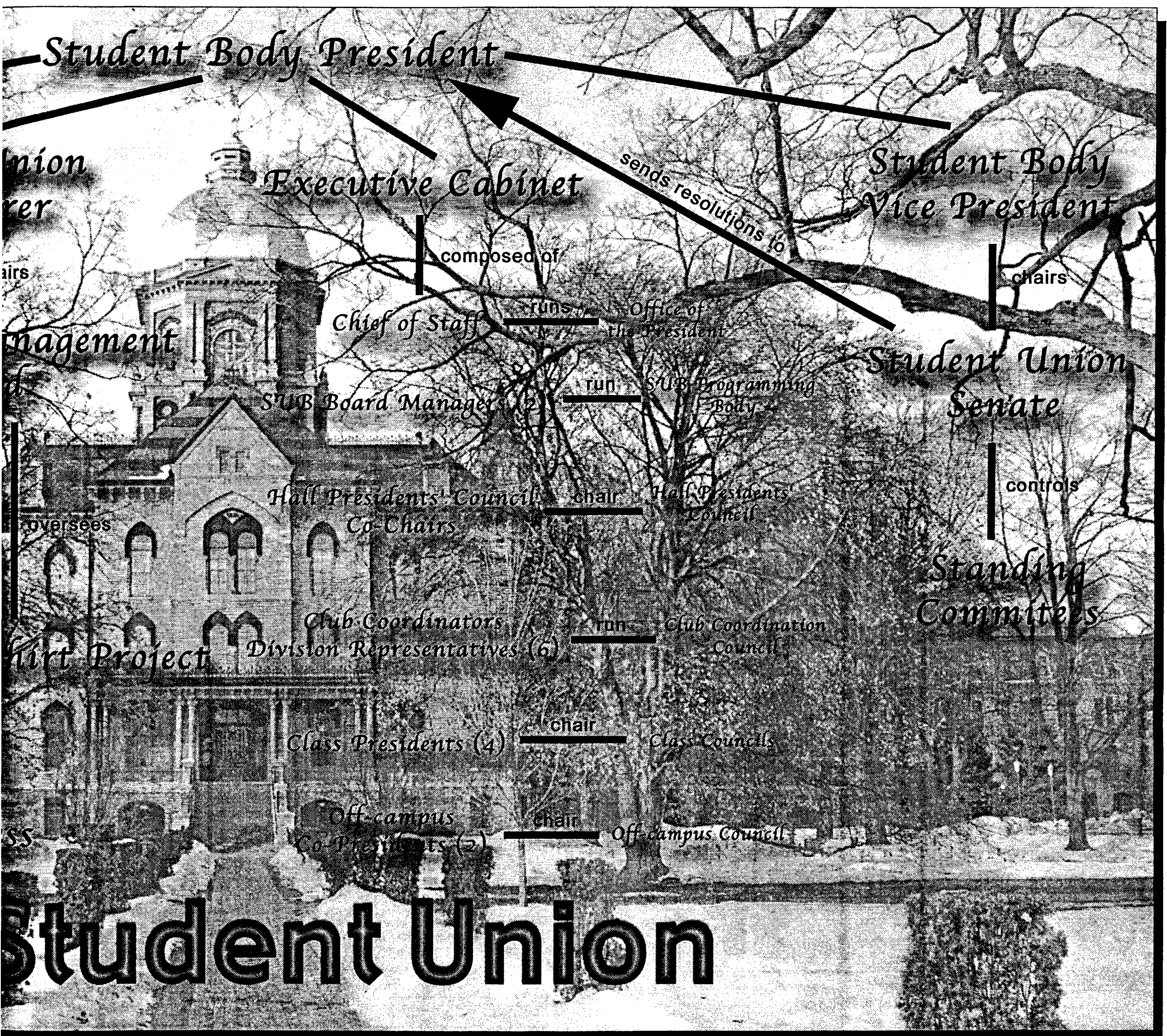
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Student government

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number of hall residents, to a weekly meeting of the Hall Presidents Council. This group serves as a forum through which residence halls share information about their respective events, programs or goals and receive updates about campus affairs. An athletic department representative, for example, attends the council's meetings every week to inform hall representatives about games and other athletic events planned for the week. The representatives then bring this information back to their halls and share it with the residents.

Club Coordination Council

The Club Coordination Council, headed by the club coordinator, consists of 15 other Club Council representatives, three from each of the five club divisions. These officers divide the funds allocated

by the FMB among the over 200 undergraduate student organizations. The CCC also enforces rules regarding the usage of funds and the sponsoring of events.

Off-campus Council

The Off-campus Council represents the off-campus population of Notre Dame undergraduate students and promotes the well-being of this group by sponsoring functions and disseminating information to off-campus residents. The structure and organization of this particular group is left to the discretion of the two elected Off-campus Council presidents.

Student Union Board Programming Body

The Student Union Board Programming Body is,

perhaps, the branch of the Student Union with which the student body is most familiar. SUB Programming Body works to provide social, intellectual and cultural opportunities that enhance undergraduate student life. The organization coordinates many campus-wide events, such as AnTostal, concerts, comedy performances and weekend movies. Weekly SUB-sponsored events and further SUB information can be viewed by reading the away message of the Instant Messenger screen name ndSUBinfo.

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NBA

Bryant hears boos, but wins MVP in West win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Back in his hometown where the fans show him no love, Kobe Bryant kept making shots and kept hearing boos.

Bryant scored 31 points Sunday — the most in an All-Star game since Michael Jordan had 40 in 1988 — in the arena where he walked off the court last June with his second championship, leading the Western Conference over the East 135-120 Sunday.

Bryant, who grew up in Lower Merion, Pa. and whose father, Joe, played for the 76ers, played with tremendous hustle and flair in helping the West build a big halftime lead that they never surrendered.

But he was booed louder than anyone during player introductions, then heard more of the same every time he touched the ball during the second half. When the game ended and he was given the MVP trophy, they let him have it long and loud one last time.

"My feelings are hurt. I'm just trying to play and have a good time, and my feelings are hurt," he said on the NBC telecast midway through the fourth quarter.

Bryant became the first player to reach 30 points since Jordan did it in 1993, and he relegated Jordan, hometown hero Allen Iverson and every other All-Star into an afterthought by thoroughly dominating the game nearly every moment he was on the floor.

He also had five rebounds and five assists, shooting 12-for-25 from the field.

Right from the get-go, Bryant showed he was onto something special.

Bryant got off to the best start of anybody, scoring eight points in the first six minutes and getting an assist by going around Jason Kidd with a deft crossover move and then feeding Tim Duncan for a dunk. Bryant also showcased some impressive ballhandling, dribbling through his legs as he came upcourt practically squatting.

Jordan was the next to reel off a series of spiffy plays, going

baseline for a driving dunk, following with a fast-break layup and feeding a no-look alley-oop pass to Antoine Walker that he failed to convert.

Jordan was all alone ahead of the field a few moments later but blew a one-handed dunk, causing his Eastern teammates to rise off the bench laughing in unison. Jordan laughed off the moment, too.

Bryant led all scorers with 12 points as the West led 32-24 after one quarter.

Tracy McGrady had a spectacular dunk early in the second quarter, banging a pass to himself off the backboard, zipping past three players and slamming the ball through with such authority that the crowd didn't stop buzzing for a good 30 seconds.

McGrady scored 11 points in the quarter to keep the East in it, but Bryant had a three-point play immediately after checking back in, then made four more baskets over the final 1:47 of the quarter — including a layup just before the halftime buzzer — as the West closed the half with a 24-7 run for a 72-55 lead.

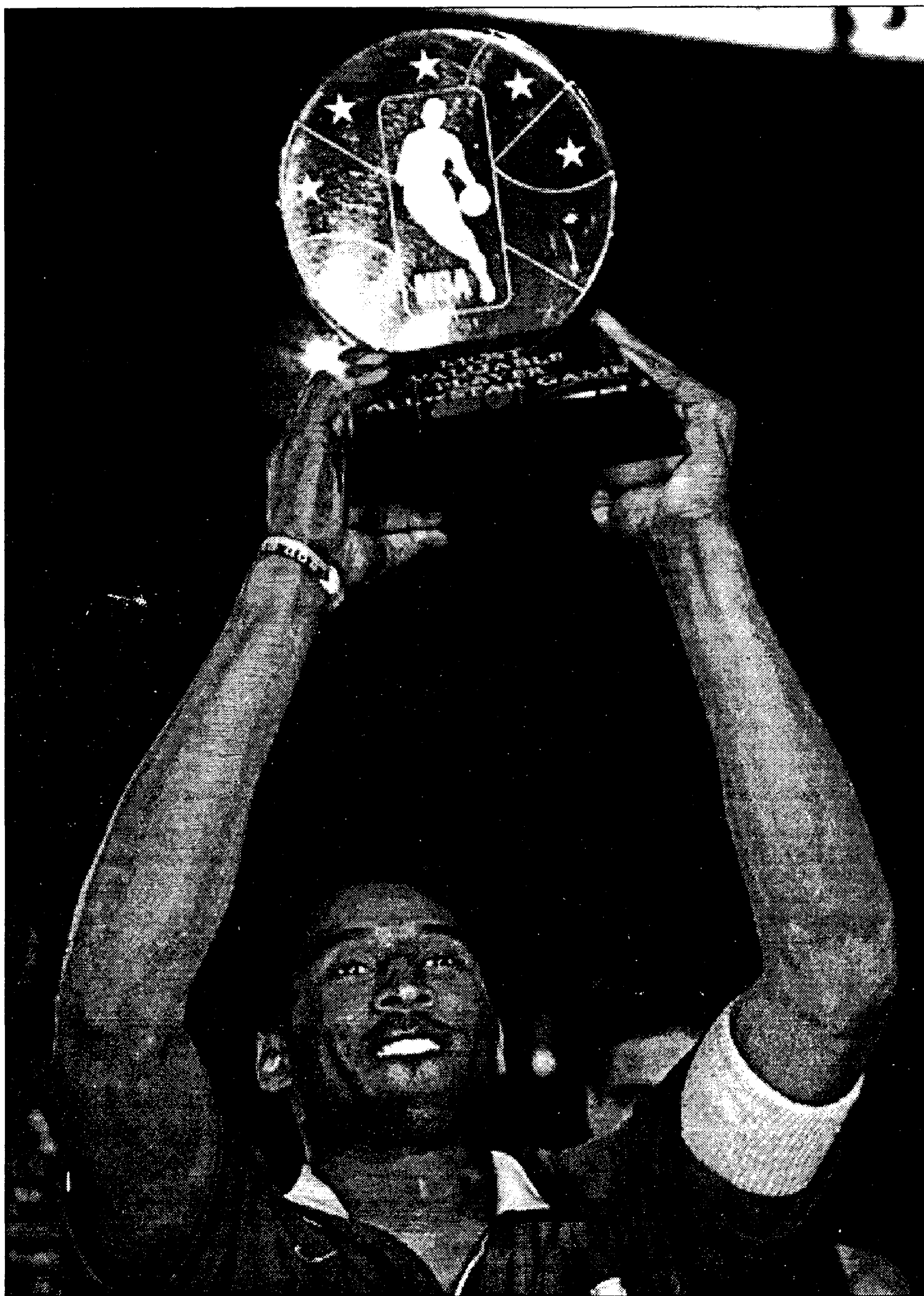
The East chipped away at the lead during the third quarter, but Bryant wouldn't let them get too close. He scored one basket on a putback after the ball bounced over the top of the backboard, then had another bucket off an offensive rebound with 4:20 left to restore a 20-point lead, 88-68.

The boos for Bryant were fairly loud after both of those buckets, but that is nothing new for the Lakers star who received far worse treatment from Philadelphia fans during last year's NBA Finals.

As the quarter progressed, Bryant was booed every time he touched the ball as it became clear that the West was headed for a lopsided victory.

Bryant surpassed 30 points by making a pair of foul shots with 1:20 left in the third, and the West got to 100 with 22 seconds left in the quarter on an alley-oop dunk by Kevin Garnett off a pass from Gary Payton.

The West held a 23-point lead entering the fourth quarter, and the East started to



AP Photo

Kobe Bryant earned the MVP award following the NBA All-Star game. Bryant scored 31 points, the most in an All-Star game since Michael Jordan's 40 points in 1988.

rally after Bryant left for good with 10:42 left. Paul Pierce scored the first four points of the quarter, McGrady also scored four in a row and Ray

Allen hit a 3-pointer to complete a 13-0 run and make it 100-90.

The next five baskets were all 3-pointers, including a pair by

Payton that helped the West maintain a double-digit lead, and a 7-0 run ending with a dunk by Elton Brand all but locked up the victory.

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Hockey

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Friday's game also featured a good defensive struggle. MSU's Miller and Notre Dame's Cey went head to head in goal for the duration of the game. Miller ended up making 39 saves for the shutout, while Cey saved 41 shots, gave up the game-winning goal late in the second.

"I was pretty nervous about being on the ice with him," said Cey. "It was a challenge to play against Ryan Miller."

In the first period both goalies saved 16 shots. With less than two minutes to go in the second the Spartans went on the power play. Notre Dame tried to clear the puck, but MSU's Ash Goldie knocked it down, keeping it in the zone. Goldie passed to a wide-open John-Michael

Liles, who fired one past Cey. The goal gave the Spartans a 1-0 lead and a lot of momentum going into the third.

The third period proved to be more of the same, as the goalies continued to be tested. With 1:05 left Irish coach Dave Poulin pulled Cey in favor of a sixth attacker. However, instead of Notre Dame coming up with the game-tying goal, Michigan State was able to put in the empty-netter to seal the game.

Despite splitting the weekend, there was a lot of satisfaction for the Irish. For one, they beat the No. 3 team in the country on its home ice. And the Irish defensive unit finally showed up. After giving up 13 goals the previous weekend, the Notre Dame defense only gave up three (the fourth being the empty net goal) in the series.

Next week the Irish have a bye weekend. They won't take the ice again until Feb. 22 and 23 at Lake Superior State. It will be important for them to keep the momentum they gained from this weekend.

"In the next couple of weeks we need to keep a level head," said Cey. "We can't get too high from this win. We need to keep our conditioning up and have a good stretch run."

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Senior David Inman moves down the ice in Notre Dame's previous loss to Alaska Fairbanks earlier this season.

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SALT LAKE 2002



U.S. wins gold in women's halfpipe

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

Snowboarder Kelly Clark, in an Olympic event that's all of four-years old, soared above the halfpipe course to win America's first Winter Games gold on a day when other countries snapped decades-old winless streaks in more traditional sports.

Clark nailed her final run on Sunday to give the United States its first victory in its first hometown Winter Olympics since 1980 — three years before the 18-year-old snowboarder was born.

She was cheered wildly by the partisan crowd, which included three barechested men in the freezing weather, the letters "U-S-A" painted across their chests. Guns 'n Roses' "Welcome to the Jungle" blared as she launched her high-flying, dominating performance.

Doriane Vidal of France won the silver and Fabienne Reuteler of Switzerland won the bronze.

The halfpipe debuted as an Olympic event at Nagano in 1998, where America's Shannon Dunn took a bronze medal.

In two days in Salt Lake City, the Americans — who hope to capture 20 medals, the most ever for a U.S. winter team — had one gold and two silver medals.

Earlier, Swiss skier Simon Ammann returned from injury and soared to victory in the 90-meter ski jump — the first Swiss ski jumping medal since 1972.

That was hardly much of a streak compared to the 54-year stretch of Finnish futility that Samppa Lajunen ended with his gold medal in the Nordic combined.

The nine gold medals awarded so far have gone to nine different countries, an Olympic sharing of the wealth. Austria, with five total medals, was atop the medals chart.

Men's Downhill

In one of the games' traditionally glamour events, tradition was served as Austrian Fritz Strobl — long overshadowed by more illustrious Austrian teammates — swept to the gold medal.

He became the sixth Austrian to win the downhill in the 15 races since Alpine skiing debuted in 1948, although the first in a decade.

"It's sensational," said Strobl, a 29-year-old police officer who had never won a medal in a major competition. "I didn't expect it. I was just thinking of racing down the course, not of winning."

Pre-race favorite Stephan Eberharter, one of the Austrians who typically trumps Strobl, finished third to take the bronze. Lasse Kjus of Norway finished second to win his fourth Olympic medal.

American medal hopeful Daron Rahvles, fifth in the downhill at last year's world championships and the reigning world champion in super giant



AP Photo

Kelly Clark soars above the halfpipe course as the crowd cheers. Clark gave the United States its first Olympic gold medal of 2002 winter games held in Salt Lake City.

slalom, finished 16th.

"It's a tough one to swallow," Rahvles said.

Nordic Combined

Waving a Finnish flag and slowing down as he approached the finish line, Samppa Lajunen relished the moments as he skied to a gold medal in the Nordic combined — his country's first individual gold in the discipline since 1948.

It wasn't as easy as it looked, he said.

"It is hard work to be 23 years old and win an Olympic medal," said Lajunen, who finished ahead of silver medal-winning teammate Jaakko Talluse. Felix Gottwald of Austria won the bronze.

U.S. medal hopeful Todd Lodwick wound up seventh, the highest finish for an American in the sport's Olympic history. "It's a little bit disappointing, because I had expectations of moving up," said Lodwick.

Americans Matt Dayton and Bill Demong were 18th and 19th, respectively. Rolf Monsen's ninth-place showing in 1932 was the previous best finish for a U.S. athlete.

Ski Jumping

When he was sitting out weeks of the World Cup season with injuries to his back and head, an Olympic gold medal seemed an impossibility for Switzerland's Simon Ammann.

On Sunday, the impossible happened.

With a clutch, final jump on the 90-meter hill, Ammann

earned the first Swiss medal in ski jumping since the 1972 Sapporo Games. After nailing his 323-foot jump, the 5-foot-8, 120-pound Ammann peered anxiously at the giant scoreboard — and learned he was the winner.

"He came out of nowhere," said America's Alan Alborn, who had hoped to end a 78-year medal drought for the U.S. team but finished 11th.

Favorite Sven Hannawald of Germany took the silver, and Adam Malysz of Poland the bronze.

Speedskating

Anni Friesinger is the new face of German speedskating, a Bavarian free spirit who poses for erotic photos and revels in taking on what she considers to be the stodgy establishment.

Claudia Pechstein is a product of the East German sports machine, a taciturn competitor who did as she was told and would never consider the antics of her younger rival.

Score one for the old guard Sunday.

Pechstein set another world speedskating record at the Utah Olympic Oval, winning the 3,000 meters while upstaging the flamboyant Friesinger.

Jennifer Rodriguez broke her own American record with a time of 4:04.99, but she dropped three spots from her surprising fourth-place showing at Nagano.

Rodriguez, a former inline skater from Miami, still has three other chances for her first Olympic medal.

"I definitely have a shot at the medal podium in the next few races, but that's not all I'm looking for," she said. "I'm looking for a personal best."

Friesinger had won every 3,000 race during the World Cup season and hoped to get started on capturing three gold medals at the Salt Lake City Games.

Instead, she didn't even win a medal. Pechstein shattered her own world record, crossing the line in 3 minutes, 57.70 seconds — more than 1 1/2 seconds ahead of the old mark of 3:59.26.

"Maybe I had an advantage," said Pechstein, who turns 30 on Feb. 22. "Anni really was the favorite. All the journalists talk to her. It's difficult for Anni being the favorite all the time."

The German stars have an icy relationship. Friesinger has criticized Pechstein's training regimen as too methodological. Both skaters have accused the other of feigning illness to gain a competitive edge.

Pechstein touched on "our so-called quarrels" during a post-race news conference, but balked when asked to describe her relations with the 25-year-old Friesinger.

"Every time, the same thing," Pechstein muttered. "We do have a relationship away from the sport, but we are competitors."

Renate Groenewold of the Netherlands (3:58.94) and Canada's Cindy Klassen (3:58.97) also went under the previous world record to claim silver and bronze.

It was the second record in two days at the track, which is considered the world's fastest ice.

Friesinger wound up fourth, fading badly on her final lap to finish in 3:59.39. Cooling down on the inner track, she watched helplessly as three skaters eclipsed her time.

"This time, the last laps were extremely hard on me," Friesinger said.

Pechstein has already established herself as one of the great skaters in Olympic history. She won gold in her third straight Olympics, adding the 3,000 title to consecutive victories in the 5,000 at Lillehammer and Nagano. Overall, she has won six medals.

Friesinger and Rodriguez raced together in the 13th of 16 pairs. The German blew away the American and was on world-record pace until the final 400 meters.

"I wasn't excited to be with her, because we skate different races," Rodriguez said. "But I knew if I wanted a chance at a medal, I had to go out with her."

Rodriguez pushed herself too hard in the opening laps and wound up paying at the end.

"You just want to chop your legs off and toss them in the garbage," she said.

Despite falling short of the world record, Friesinger still seemed pleased with her time, smiling and waving to the crowd. She easily eclipsed the Olympic record set by another German great, Gunda Niemann-Stirnemann, who won gold at Nagano in 4:07.29.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles outlast Olivet for 65-61 conference victory

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's freshman forward Emily Creachbaum scored a career-high 26 points and sophomore Katie Miller added 11 points to lead the Belles to a 65-61 conference victory against

Olivet College Saturday afternoon.

A slow start helped Olivet take an early lead and eventually control the game at halftime, 28-25.

"In the beginning we came out kind of slow," said Miller. "They were really to come at us and that made us become more intense and before the end of the

half we started to do really well."

The Belles outscored Olivet 40-33 in the second half, thanks to the shooting of Creachbaum who connected on 11-15 shots during the game and made 67 percent of her free throws.

"Emily Creachbaum played really well," said Miller. "She really picked up her game."

Miller also hit some big shots, including 3-6 from behind the arc.

"In the second half we attacked them and we never backed down and we kept going," said Miller. "We hit some really big shots, too."

Olivet relied on the shooting of Louisa Grill to keep them in the game during the second half. Grill nailed eight of her nine shots and finished the game with 18 points. Stephanie Elise added 12 points for Olivet and Emily Fix had a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

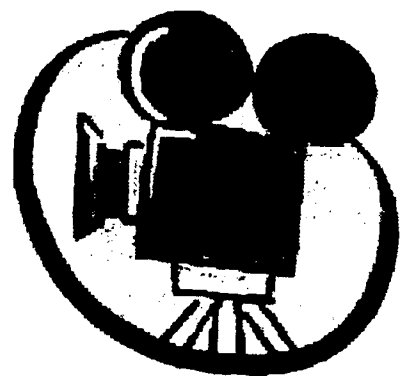
The Belles won the game despite being out-rebounded by Olivet 40-27 and shooting only 42 percent to Olivet's 46 percent.

The Belles' win, coupled with Alma College's loss to Hope on Saturday, pushed Saint Mary's another spot higher in the MIAA standings. The Belles sit at 4-8 in the conference and 8-15 overall.

"It's a very big win," said Miller. "It puts us on top of Olivet and Alma. It gives us confidence for the rest of the season."

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long time, and I've never been in one of those."

The Irish, who led by as many as 12 points in the first half, battled the Hoyas through three overtime periods before finally gaining control in the fourth overtime.

Jordan Cornette scored the first three points of the final overtime for the Irish. His only field goal of the night came off a pass from Ryan Humphrey that put the Irish up 105-103. But the Hoyas responded with five quick points to take a three-point advantage, their largest lead of the afternoon.

But with 2:20 left in the game, Ryan Humphrey, who played the final 35 minutes with four fouls and yet avoided fouling out, drove to the basket and drew a crucial fifth foul on Georgetown's Mike Sweetney. The Georgetown power dominated the inside all afternoon and finished with 35 points and 20 rebounds, but his absence left the Hoyas without an inside presence.

"That was huge," Brey said. "We had a hard time guarding him, and it opened it up more for our other guys."

Humphrey, who finished with 23 points and 14 rebounds,

made both of his free throws and Thomas made a 10-foot jump shot to put the Irish up 109-108 and give them the lead for good.

"I guess it was just meant to be," Carroll said. "We said, 'We don't know what it's going to take, but we're going to do whatever it takes to win this game.'"

Hoya point guard Kevin Braswell had a dubious role in making sure the game reached quadruple-overtime. Braswell, who usually takes the final shot for the Hoyas when the game is on the line, missed three chances to win the at the end of regulation and again at the end of the first two overtimes.

With the score tied at 84 and 5.2 seconds remaining in regulation, Georgetown in-bounded the ball to Braswell, who drove the length of the floor and threw up a shot that was partially blocked by Tom Timmermans. At the end of the first five-minute period, he missed a shot with the score tied at 88, and his 3-pointer at the buzzer in the second overtime ricocheted off the back of the rim.

The closest scare for the Irish came at the end of the third overtime. Georgetown's Gerald Riley fired a 15-foot jumper that Humphrey blocked. The ball went straight to Braswell, who fired a 3-pointer that swished through the net as the game clock expired, sending Georgetown fans into a frenzy.

But the basket was waved off because the shot clock had expired, and both teams entered the fourth overtime tied at 102.

"They were getting a lot of shots to win it, but we took away their opportunities," Graves said. "I don't know what it was — maybe fate or divine intervention."

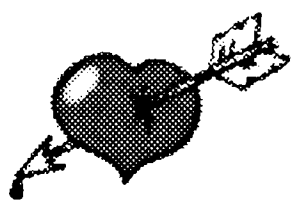
The game got so wild that at one point Brey tried to insert Timmermans into the game, only to have his assistant coaches tell him the sophomore forward had fouled out the overtime period before.

In all, 54 personal fouls were called and both teams shot a combined 72 free throws. By the end of the game, four Georgetown starters — Sweetney, Braswell, Riley and Wesley Wilson — had fouled out, leaving the Hoyas with an inexperienced lineup in the final two minutes, while the Irish had only lost Harold Swanagan and Timmermans.

"We knew we were going to leave the place with a smile on our face," Thomas said. "We would have gone through six overtimes as long as we would have come out on top. That's all that mattered to us."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Maryland matches best overall start with 92-77 win

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. Maryland wasn't particularly sharp a week before its Atlantic Coast Conference showdown with No. 1 Duke. Then again, the third-ranked Terrapins were playing North Carolina.

Maryland matched its best overall and ACC starts in school history, getting 18 points from Juan Dixon in a 92-77 victory over the struggling Tar Heels on Sunday night.

The Terrapins (19-3, 9-1) registered their 19th win after 22 games for the sixth time. The most recent was in 1999.

The last time Maryland won nine of its first 10 league games was 22 seasons ago.

Lonny Baxter and Byron Mouton each added 16 points for Maryland.

The victory kept Maryland one-half game behind Duke for first place in the ACC race. The teams, each with one ACC loss, meet next Sunday in College Park, Md.

Meanwhile, the slumping Tar Heels (6-15, 2-9) matched the school record for losses in a season. It happened twice in the early 1950s.

North Carolina also set a record for ACC losses in what has been a disastrous second season for coach Matt Doherty's inexperienced team. The program's previous worst ACC season was 6-8 in Dean Smith's third season in 1963-64.

Kris Lang led North Carolina with 23 points, while Jawad Williams, a freshman who has shown steady improvement, had 21 points, 11 rebounds and five assists.

North Carolina surrendered a school-record 112 points to Maryland on Jan. 9, en route to a 33-point loss.

At least this time, the Tar Heels showed signs of life in the second half after going down by 17 at the break.

A 3-pointer by Brian Morrison pulled North Carolina to 58-44 with 15:05 left, but Dixon made two shots behind the arc over the next 3 1/2 minutes to push Maryland's lead to 19.

Chris Wilcox then put the margin over 20 a minute later with a slam dunk and two free throws as Jason Capel fouled out with 10:27 left and North Carolina was on its way to its eighth ACC loss by double dig-

its.

With about a minute left, one North Carolina fan yelled at Maryland coach Gary Williams: "Hey Gary, please

beat Duke."

The Terrapins made 12 of their first 18 shots to go up by 14 points less than nine minutes in.

The biggest concern for Maryland in the first half was the health of Wilcox, who hit his head when he crashed to the hardwood after fouling

Capel. The sophomore was on the floor for several minutes, but left under his own power and was back in the game minutes later.

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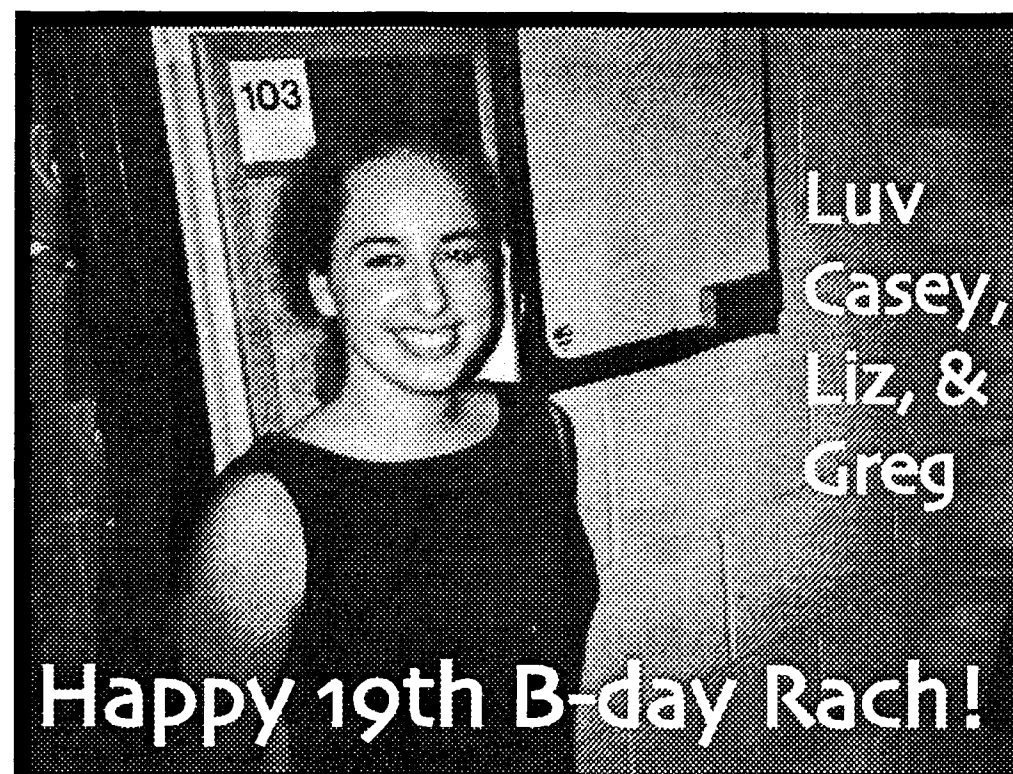
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Veterans lead Irish to sole possession of No. 2 in the Big East

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

When Muffet McGraw sat down on the podium following Notre Dame's win against Boston College Sunday, McGraw had a freshman and sophomore on one side, a junior and senior on the other.

While Notre Dame's highly-touted freshman class has carried much of the load for the team all season, Sunday's victory to move into sole possession of second place in the Big East was spearheaded by Notre Dame's veterans.

To McGraw's immediate left was senior Ericka Haney. Haney, the team's lone senior, has seemed lost at times in the transition from last year's national championship team to this year's younger squad. But on Sunday Haney took her place in the starting lineup at small forward and led a defensive effort that shut down one of the top offenses in the country.

Haney is the team's best defender, always assigned to stop the opponent's best offensive player. Sunday, Haney's victim was Golden Eagles' point guard Brienne Stepherson, who came in averaging 11 points and four assists per game, while lead-

ing her teammates to the top 3-point percentage in the nation.

Stepherson finished with just four points and two assists while Boston College converted only two of 17 attempts from beyond the arc for a 11.8 percentage.

"I think my role on the team is to go out and be the defensive stopper and get on the boards and things like that," said Haney, who also scored 11 points, one off her season high.

On the far end of the table next to Haney was junior Amanda Barksdale, who set a Notre Dame record for blocked shots with 11 in 30 minutes. Barksdale was such a presence in the lane, she allowed her team to keep the defensive pressure on without committing costly fouls.

"We fouled a lot less because we had so much faith in Mandy coming up with some big blocks at some critical times," McGraw said.

At the other end of the table was the sophomore, Jeneka Joyce. Joyce, who hadn't played since Jan. 21 due to an Achilles heel injury, hit two key 3-pointers, one to bring the Irish within three early after Boston College went out to an 8-2 lead and another to give Notre Dame a 44-33 lead

midway through the second half.

"I don't know why my shots are falling after not shooting for a while," Joyce, who wasn't allowed on the court while her leg healed, said with a smile after the game. "I'm so thankful that they were."

And to McGraw's immediate right was freshman forward Jacqueline Batteast, a national Freshman of the Year candidate who led the Irish with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Batteast's athleticism and scoring ability sealed the win, but it was the improved efforts of her elders that made it possible.

"I thought that they really all stepped up and played at a really high level defensively," McGraw said. "Offensively, I thought we played better as a team than we have maybe all year long. I was just really pleased to see the veterans

step up and take that leadership role."

For all three veterans whose play stood out Sunday, this season has been an adjustment. Playing alongside Kelley Siemon at forward last year,

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Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

playing next the more versatile Batteast, her role became less defined. Haney had to adjust, first to finding a place on offense, then to playing reduced minutes to allow the team's deep bench to contribute.

While Haney had to adjust to a smaller role, Barksdale has moved into a larger one. Last year she would come into the

game with one purpose — to block shots. Riley took care of the offense. Barksdale's job was to come in for a few minutes when Riley committed a foul and take her place in the lane.

This year Barksdale starts. She needs to contribute on offense, so she developed an effective jump shot. And she needs to rebound, where she contributed seven boards Sunday.

And Joyce, who was always the first guard off the bench as a freshman last year, has had to rotate in with classmate Le'Tania Severe and freshmen Kelsey Wicks and Allison Bustamante. She has taken a greater role leading from the bench, calling out instructions and using her mind for the game. But when healthy and asked to make a shot, she hits them.

With Sunday's win, the Irish have an easy road to the No. 2 seed in the Big East Tournament. All they need to do is beat St. John's, West Virginia and Villanova at home while stopping Rutgers and Georgetown away. And the talented core can do it. Only after Sunday, they finally have veterans to lead the way.

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B-ball

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defensive effort that held the Eagles to the lowest number of points they have scored all season. As a team, Notre Dame blocked 16 Boston College shots, just two less than the school record.

Coming into Sunday's game,

Boston College was the best 3-point-shooting team in the country, hitting upwards of 40 percent. The Irish defense shut down the outside attack, holding them to only 11.8 percent from the 3-point line.

"Notre Dame had some great defense and we just couldn't find the bucket," Inglesse said.

A main player in that Irish defense was senior Ericka Haney. With the Eagles' solid

core of veteran players, the lone senior had to step up her play on defense to lead the younger Irish team.

"I think my role on the team is to go out and be the defensive stopper and get on the boards," said Haney, who grabbed four rebounds and scored 11 points during the game.

Defensively, the Irish were able to shut Boston College, even though they allowed 27 points on

turnovers. The Eagles shot just under 24 percent from the field.

Early in the game, it didn't look like that would be the case. Seven minutes into the first half, Boston College was leading by six points and Notre Dame was shooting approximately 12 percent from the field. But when Jeneka Joyce hit the court, something changed. Joyce, who has not even dressed for the last four games due to an Achilles'

tendon injury, had not taken very much shooting practice in the last few weeks. But within the minute she entered the game, she hit a 3-point shot to score the first three of 10 Irish points in the next minute.

"I don't know why my shots were falling after not shooting for awhile," Joyce laughed after the game. "... I was just happy to be out there again."

Those 10 points gave Notre Dame the lead, one of seven lead changes in the first half. With three minutes left in the first half a steal and lay-up by Nicole Conway gave the Eagles a one-point lead. But the Irish responded when freshman Jackie Batteast, who collected her 11th double-double, hit a two-point shot and completed the three-point play on the foul shot. The Irish did not give up the lead for the rest of the game.

The win gives Notre Dame sole possession of the No. 2 spot in the Big East, the spot it formerly shared with Boston College. It also marked the Irish's 49th straight home victory, in front of the third largest crowd in program history.

The Irish will have two days off before facing St. John's on Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

Notes

♦ Eagles' forward Kim Mackie left the game in the second half after she hit her nose on the floor. Her status for Boston College's next game was unclear on Sunday.

♦ Junior Alicia Ratay added 11 points on Sunday, to bring her career total to 1,207. With those points, she moved up two positions in the Notre Dame all-time leading scorers, to 12th.

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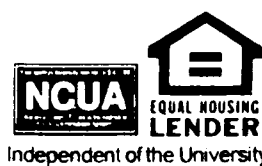
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SWIMMING

Notre Dame swimmers qualify for Big East championships

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

When he finished the 200-yard butterfly Saturday, sophomore Brian Coughlan looked up at the scoreboard in disappointment.

The time he saw wasn't fast enough to qualify for Big East Championships, where most of his team will compete in two weeks.

But that's because he was looking at the wrong time.

Coughlan misread the scoreboard and accidentally read the lane next to him. In his lane, the scoreboard read 1:55.08 — good enough for a Big East berth.

"I heard my roommate yelling down at me," Coughlan said. "I was like, 'Why are you yelling at me? I didn't make the cut!'"

Coughlan's finish undercut the qualifying time of 1 minute, 55.09 seconds by one hundredth of a second — a fingernail's difference in the finish.

The finish was so close to the standard he sent coaches and scorekeepers scurrying to look up the time standard to ensure he had made the cut.

"He really put the work in," said senior co-captain Mike Koss. "He missed it by a couple of seconds last year, and to make it at the last possible meet is just amazing."

Coughlan was one of three members of the men's and women's teams who qualified for the Big East Championships Saturday in the men's team victory against Cleveland State University. Members

of the women's team also competed in exhibition races to log qualifying times for the championships.

On the women's side, junior Katie Cavadini moved most of her team to tears when she qualified for the 1,650 yard freestyle.

Cavadini inspired the women's team, men's team and Cleveland State team to cheer throughout the 66-lap race, creating a deafening roar in Rolfs Aquatic Center.

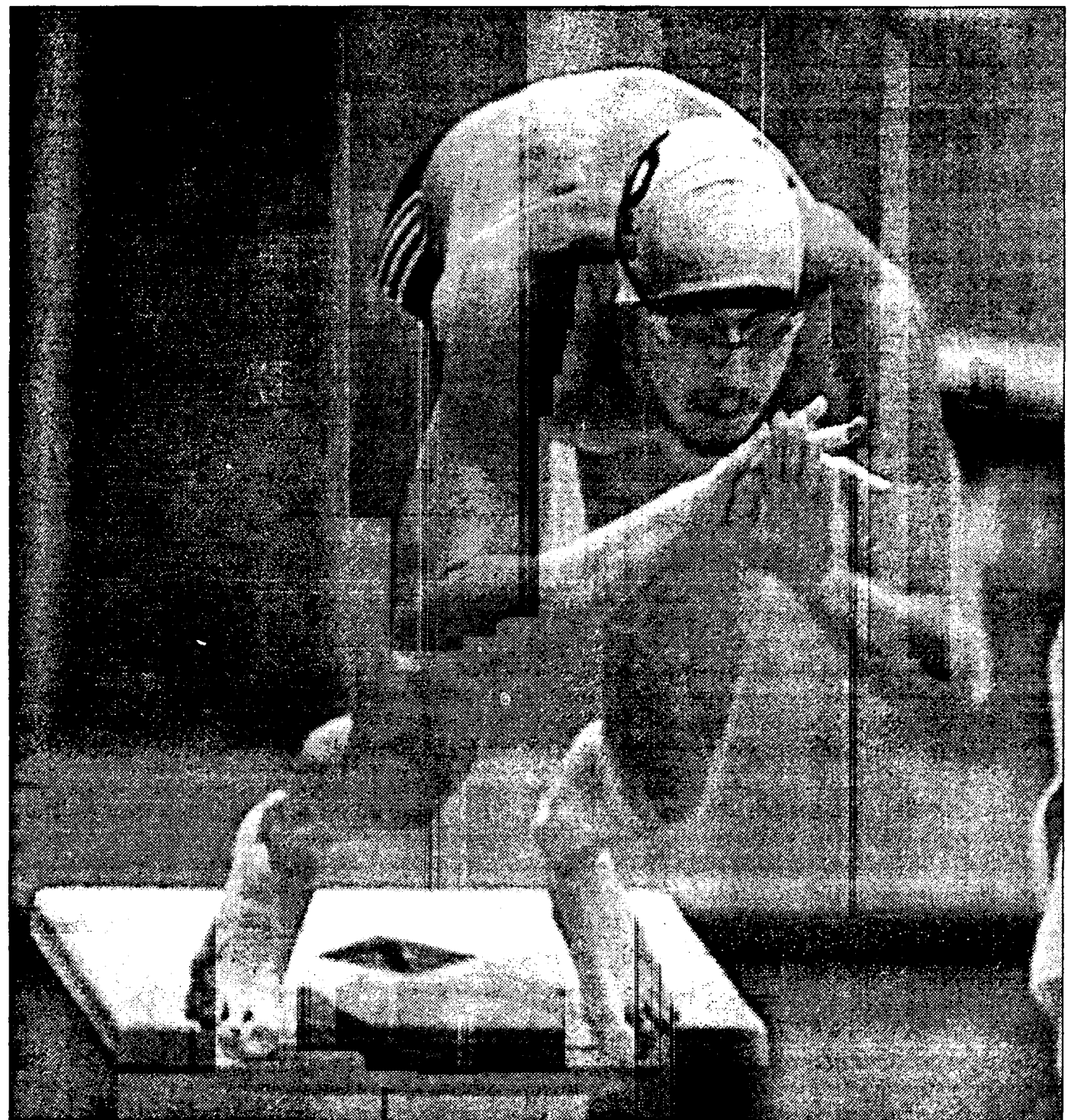
Cavadini swam the race in 17:39.36, just about two seconds under the time standard. Teammate and distance standout Marie Labosky swam next to Cavadini throughout the race to keep her on track for the cut.

"It was nice to have someone right there with me," Cavadini said. "She and her counter had the pace and signals worked out. I knew I only had about four seconds there with her. ... I couldn't have done it without her."

Sophomore Liane Watkins also earned herself a ticket to New York, qualifying in the 100-yard freestyle. Watkins missed making the cut earlier in the day in the 50-yard freestyle by only 6 one hundredths of a second.

Both teams will compete at the Big East Championships in Uniondale, NY at the Goodwill Games Aquatic Center Feb. 21-23. The women will defend their Big East Title for the sixth consecutive year. The men placed fourth last year.

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Jonathan Pierce, a distance freestyle swimmer, prepares to race in a meet earlier this season. Notre Dame will travel to New York to compete in the Big East Championships.

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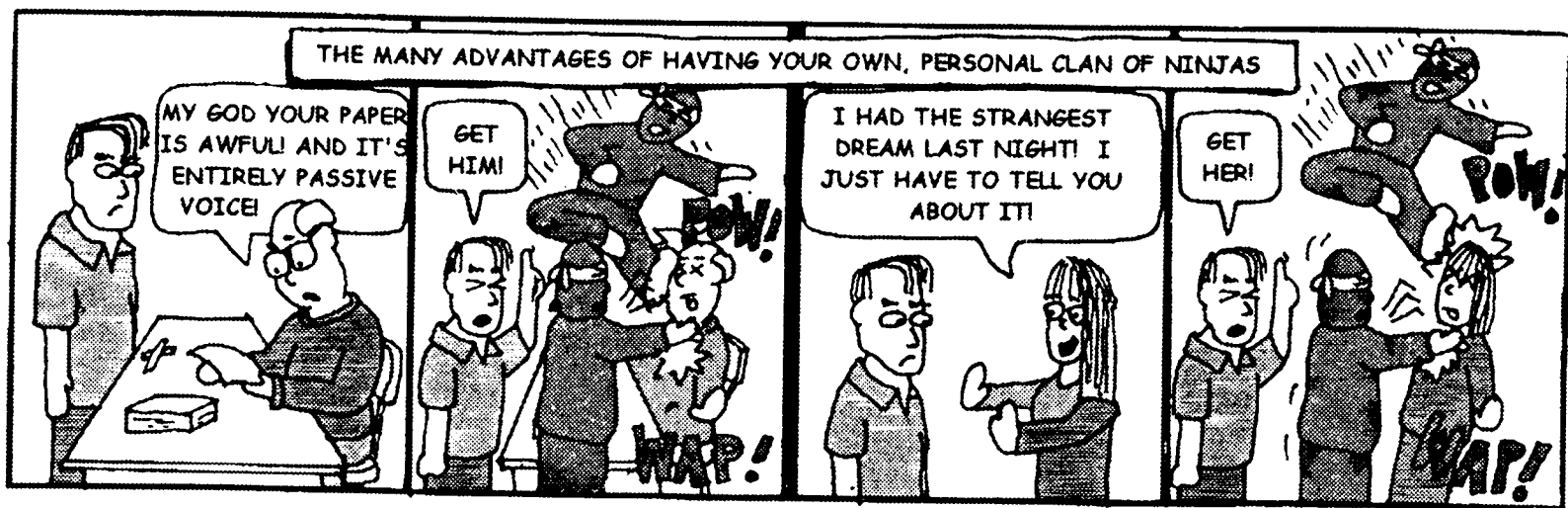


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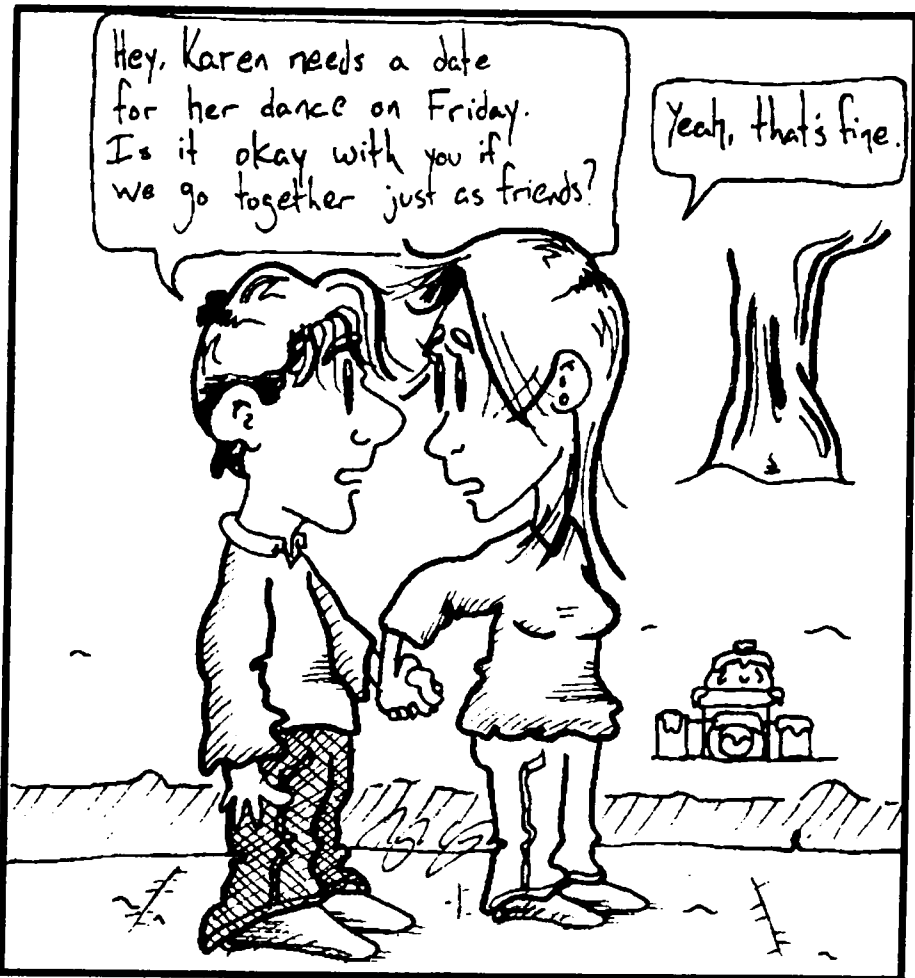
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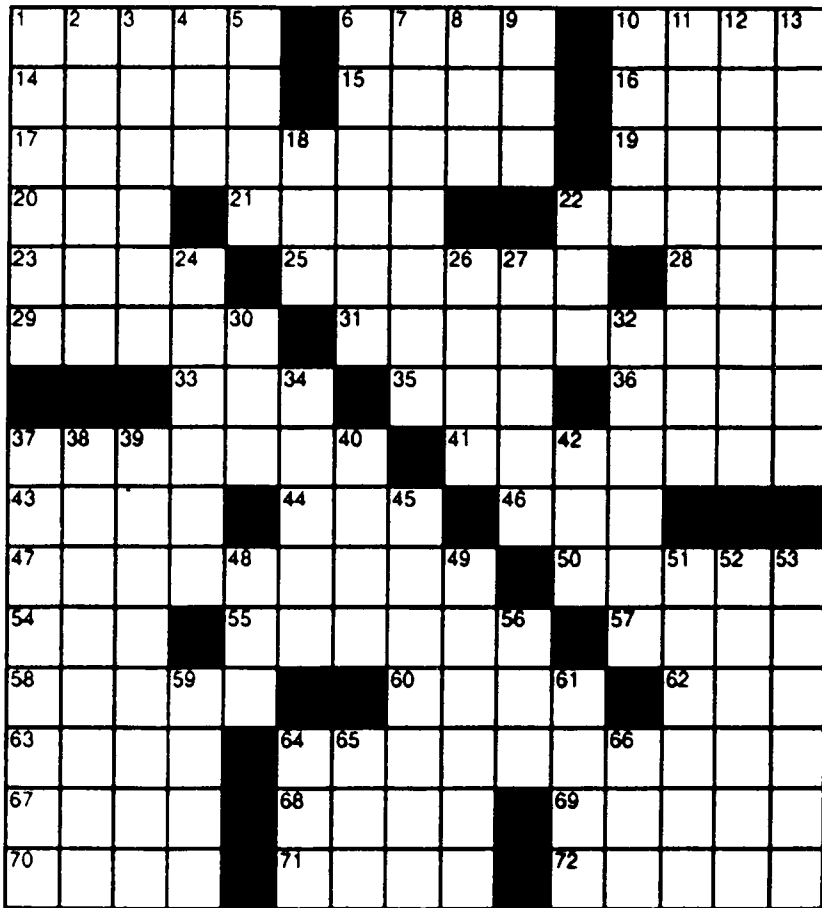
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 - 15 Nabisco cookie
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 - 17 Teetotaler's New Year resolution?
 - 19 Cotton unit
 - 20 Best guess: Abbr.
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 - 22 French explorer La ___
 - 23 ___-do-well
 - 25 Comment of approval
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- 28 Light touch
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 - 31 Bootlegger's New Year resolution?
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 - 46 Born: Fr.
 - 47 Executioner's New Year resolution?
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 - 54 Oils and watercolors
 - 55 Lady-killers
- DOWN**
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 - 58 All set
 - 60 Pack away
 - 62 ___ Quentin
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- ACROSS**
- 26 Smile widely
 - 27 Cook's cover-up
 - 30 Ruin
 - 32 Hire
 - 34 "Same here"
 - 37 John Glenn player in "The Right Stuff"
 - 38 Biblical lands
 - 39 Octopus's arm
 - 40 Bongo, for one
 - 42 Carson City's state: Abbr.
- DOWN**
- 45 Way back when
 - 48 Have a go at
 - 49 Greenhouse area
 - 51 Sportscaster Howard
 - 52 Dumbfounded
 - 53 Telescope parts
 - 56 "H-E-L-P!"
 - 59 Hard to fathom
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't be daunted by life's little setbacks. Take your time and let things unfold. Limitations due to a lack of open communication are apparent so try hard to be honest and direct. **

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are going through all sorts of changes. Don't make hasty decisions regarding your relationships. Bide your time and wait until you have a

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish defeat Hoyas in quadruple overtime

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

During one of the four overtime periods in Saturday's Notre Dame-Georgetown marathon game, Irish coach Mike Brey called his players around him and asked them a question.

"I've got nothing to do this afternoon, what about you guys?" he said during a break in action. "Let's just stay 'til we win it."

Notre Dame ended up sticking around awhile as the Irish beat the Hoyas 116-111 in the first quadruple-overtime game in Notre Dame basketball history.

The two teams combined to score the most points in a Big East basketball game and were just two points behind tying the Division I record for points in a game set 12 years ago. It was also the longest game in Big East history.

Chris Thomas set a school record for minutes played by staying in the game for all 60 minutes. The freshman point guard, who is now averaging 41.1 minutes per Big East game, finished with 22 points, 12 assists and eight rebounds. He committed just five turnovers, only one of which came in the final 40 minutes.

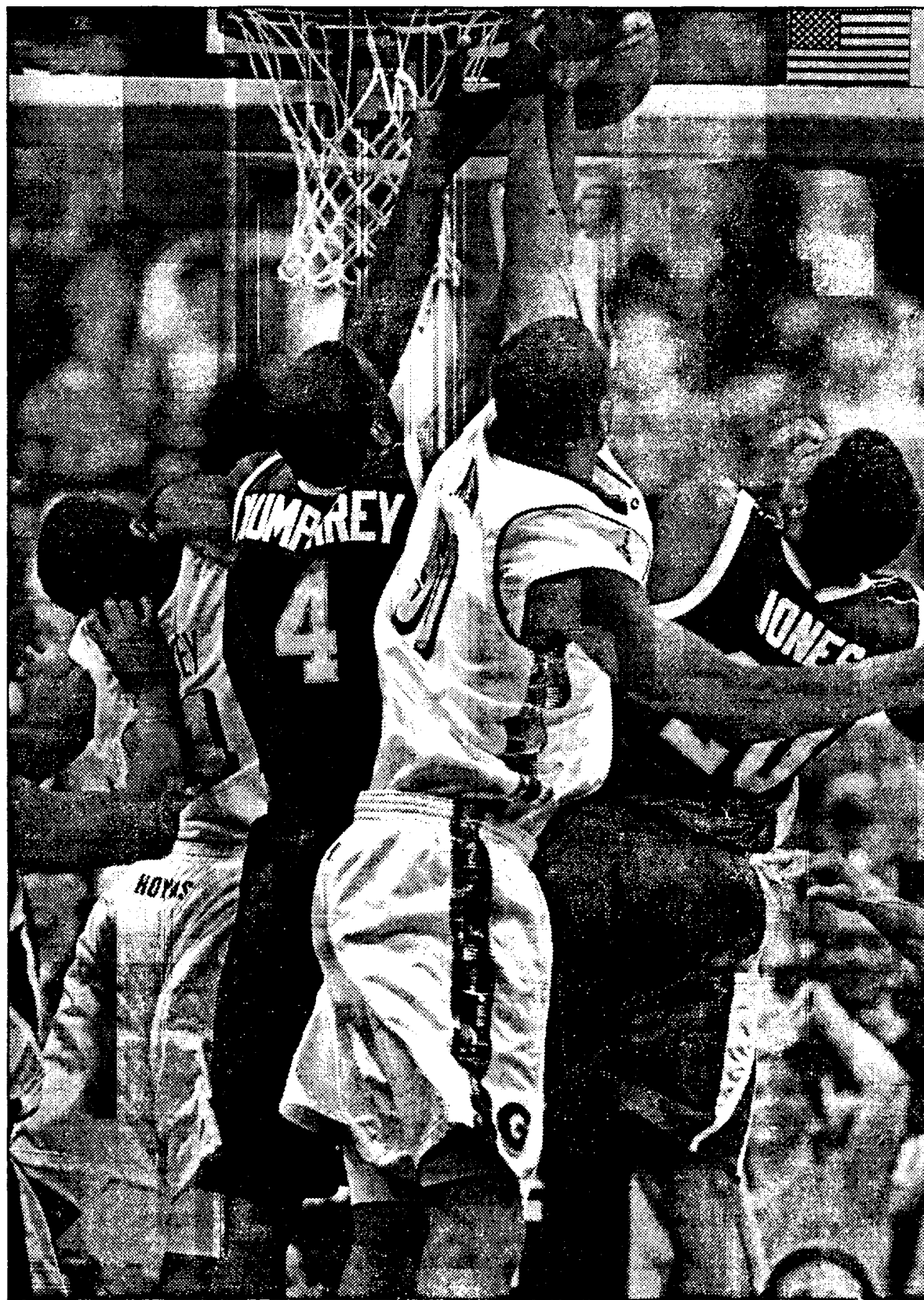
"Who wouldn't want to be in a game like that?" Thomas said. "I felt if I took a break or asked for a breather, I'd be missing a beat. Coach asked me once in the first half if I needed a break, and he never asked me after that."

Matt Carroll's 30 points set a new career high for the junior point guard. But his biggest shot of the night was a 3-pointer he made with 1:16 left in the final overtime period. The basket put the Irish up by four. The Hoyas would never draw closer than two the rest of the game.

"Matty stepped up and kinda jolted us ahead," said David Graves, who finished with 15 points. "It was going to take a big shot like he had to win the game."

Notre Dame also tied a Big East record for most rebounds in a game with 64, 10 more than the Hoyas grabbed. It was a strong change from the teams' first meeting, when Georgetown out-muscled and outplayed the Irish around the basket.

"It was a heck of a day," said Brey, who was an assistant at Duke during the legendary 1992 Duke-Kentucky regional final. "I've been in coaching for a



Ryan Humphrey and Torrain Jones go up to block a Georgetown shot in Notre Dame's 116-111 quadruple overtime win over the Hoyas.

AP Photo

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Barksdale leads Irish in victory

By KATIE MCVOY
Associate Sports Editor

On Thursday Muffet McGraw said Amanda Barksdale was due for a breakout game. With the amount of work the junior center was doing, she was looking for the numbers to show up on the score sheet. But, not even McGraw was expecting the performance she got from Barksdale on Sunday.

During a 60-44 victory against the Boston College Eagles, Barksdale set a new school record in blocks and led the Irish to sole possession of the No. 2 spot in the Big East.

"I think [Barksdale] definitely exceeded our expectations today with 11 blocked shots," McGraw said. "She is a great shot blocker, probably the best in the country ... she did a great job of being there, of being a presence in the lane."

Barksdale, who sat out several games early this season due to a stress injury in her right leg, topped her former career best of eight blocked shots. Eight blocked shots had also been the school record. Now, it's 11.

Boston College's size may have had something to do with those 11 blocked shots.

"They had a shorter line-up than we did," Barksdale said.

But more likely was the fact that the Eagles tried to drive the ball into the lane and shoot over Barksdale. In recent games, teams have kept more to the outside. The Eagles, who often drive the ball inside and then kick it out to the outside, tried plenty of shots from in the paint.

"I think that lately teams have been trying to drive around her," McGraw said. "We've been doing some stuff to let her work on people driving in."

Apparently, that included blocking lots of shots. In the first half, Barksdale was on pace to tie her previous career high eight blocks, knocking down four in the first 20 minutes. But in the second half she caught fire, preventing seven shots from even getting near the basket.

"When you get in there [Barksdale] just seems to be trying a lot of things," Eagles head coach Cathy Inglesse said.

Barksdale's record-setting blocks, impressive as they were, were only part of a solid Irish

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HOCKEY

Irish come back to top No. 2 Michigan State

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

In a season of ups and downs, the Notre Dame hockey team really needed its victory against Michigan State Saturday. After dropping a 2-0 decision to the No. 3 Michigan State Spartans on Friday night, the Irish came back to beat MSU 3-2 on Saturday.

The win ended a couple of streaks. For Notre Dame it was their first win after dropping four straight and seven of its last eight. For Michigan

State, it was its first loss on home ice since October 2000. In the past 16 months the Spartans had amassed a 30-0-3 record in that time before falling to the Irish on Saturday night.

More importantly for Notre Dame is the confidence gained from defeating a ranked opponent on the road.

"This was a good win for us," said junior Connor Dunlop. "We have been struggling as of late, so this will really help our confidence."

The Irish get out to an early lead on Saturday. At 14:02 into the first period Neil

Komadoski put the puck past Michigan State goalie Ryan Miller, and Notre Dame took a 1-0 lead. The Spartans struck back quickly. Just 2:48 after Komadoski's goal Duncan Keith tied the game when he beat Irish goalie Morgan Cey.

The Irish weren't done in the first. David Inman came through with 18 seconds left in the first to put Notre Dame up 2-1.

In the second period Notre Dame picked up where they left off. At 1:43 into the second Brett Lebda increased the Irish lead to 3-1. Rob

Globke had a break away down the right side. Lebda jumped in late and was fed a perfect pass from Globke that he put away for the score.

The Spartans came back once again. At 6:36 into the second Brad Fast added a goal to cut the Notre Dame lead to 3-2.

After that the defenses took over. Although they were out-shot 20-4 in the second period, the Irish hung onto their 3-2 lead through the second. In the third Cey stoned the Spartans, and the Irish walked away with the victory.

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