

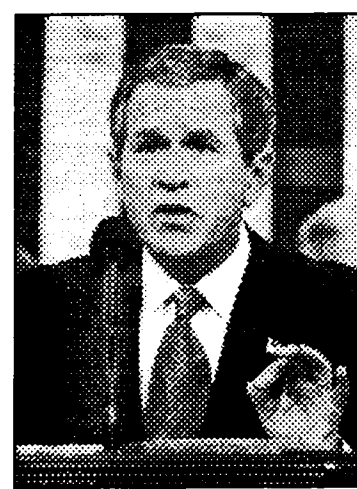
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Food Services: Flex 10 will cost more

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
News Writer

Food Services said that the Flex 10 meal proposal from Student Senate would be more expensive and decrease student unity in the dining halls.

Last week, the Student Senate passed a resolution calling for a Flex 10 meal option, a 10-meal plan with a proportional amount of Flex points.

Director of Food Services Dave Prentkowski said, "The more flexibility and the more options, the more expensive."

If Flex 10 were added to students' meal plan options, the expenses of running the dining hall and its services and variety would remain about the same due to fixed costs and the fact that students eat an average of

about 10 meals a week in the dining halls, said Prentkowski.

Prentkowski said the main question is determining where the money would come from to contribute to the additional Flex points in a Flex 10 plan. He said, "It's a matter of economics."

Increasing Flex points would possibly result either in higher dining fees for students or their having to give up a significant dining hall service, such as extended hours, Grab 'n Go or the expanded menu, which the dining halls have instituted over the last 10 to 13 years in response to student input.

Trip Foley, student body vice president said, "There are ways to eliminate excess cost in order to make this work."

Prentkowski said the retail establishments on campus at lunchtime already are

packed and have long lines. Offering more Flex points to students would add to the overcrowding of areas such as LaFortune, whereas the dining halls have the capacity to handle the volume.

Foley said, "I don't think it would have a significant impact on the traffic of the retail outlets in LaFortune."

He said Flex 10 would respond to the current situation, not aggravate it. Foley said the reality is that a lot of students are already eating at Subway, Sbarro and Burger King, which reflects the popularity of the retail outlets and testifies that students want more options in their meal plans. Students can currently purchase Domer Dollars if they run out of Flex points.

The proposed Flex 10 plan also brings into question "the University's overall philosophy of encouraging stu-

dents to eat in the dining halls," said Prentkowski.

Sarah Bates, Pasquerilla West Hall senator, said, "The Senate has said all along that Notre Dame's social atmosphere transcends the dining hall system."

Students can maintain their camaraderie by eating with each other in LaFortune and engaging in other campus activities together. Bates said, "The Flex 10 plan would be more adaptive to students' needs and more convenient for students who have meetings and activities."

Dave Brenner, Dillon Hall senator, said, "Our main goal as the Student Senate is to represent the interests of students."

Brenner and Bates said students have voiced in their

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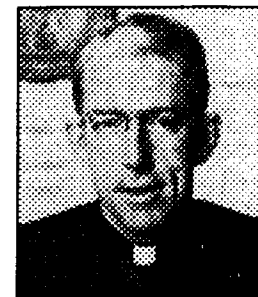
Malloy's mother dies at 94

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

The mother of University President Father Edward Malloy died Monday.

Elizabeth Malloy, who was 94, died of natural causes in a nursing home in the Washington, D.C. suburb of Chevy Chase, Md.

Elizabeth Malloy was placed in a hospital on Saturday shortly before Malloy arrived in the city for a meeting with the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.



Malloy

The wake service is scheduled for Wednesday and the funeral Mass will be celebrated by the University President Thursday in Washington.

"She's a very sweet person and she was so extremely proud of Father Malloy," said Joan Bradley, officer assistant to the president.

Born March 20, 1908, Malloy spent much of her life caring for her three children and working as a secretary. Her deceased husband, Edward Malloy, worked on the D.C. Transit System.

Both of the University president's parents enjoyed reading and crossword puzzles, two activities that the top Notre Dame administrator does daily also.

"[Reading and vocabulary were] very important to them," Bradley said. Elizabeth Malloy is succeeded by her son and two daughters, JoAnne Rorapough of Washington and Mary Long of Manchester, Conn.; three granddaughters; one grandson and one great-grandchild. Her husband, Edward Malloy, is deceased.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Joseph Gawler Sons Funeral Home, 5130 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

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SEEKING EMPLOYMENT



BETTY QUINN/The Observer

Students network with employers representing diverse companies at the 2003 Winter Career and Internship fair Tuesday night at the Joyce Center.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Legacy preference challenged in affirmative action debate

By COLLEEN GANEY
News Writer

Legacy preference, the admissions policy that favors alumni children, has recently been characterized as a form of discrimination in college admissions.

Because most alumni of prestigious institutions are white, legacy preference overwhelmingly rewards white middle- to upper-class students, and therefore has fueled arguments in recent

debates over affirmative action.

Last week, President Bush sided with white plaintiffs suing the University of Michigan for fulfilling racial quotas for minorities in undergraduate and law school admissions, claiming that "students are being selected or rejected primarily on the color of their skin."

Some claim Bush was admitted Yale University as the son of an alumnus and a grandson of a member of the Board of

Trustees. Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., a candidate for the 2004 Democratic presidential ticket, criticized legacy preference in his speech at the University of Maryland in November.

He said that legacy preference "does not reward overcoming barriers based on race or adding diversity to the classroom. It is a birthright out of the 18th century British aristocracy, not 21st democracy. It is wrong."

Affirmative action is closely

scrutinized, but legacy preference is less vulnerable to legal attacks. Post-secondary institutions are required to report race/ethnicity enrollment numbers to the National Center for Education Statistics in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act, according to Notre Dame Institutional Research.

No such legislation keeps tabs on whether legacy prefer-

ence favors particular races, yet it often perishes in the wake of affirmative action reforms. Both the University of Georgia and the University of California discontinued legacy preference immediately after being forced to terminate the use of racial quotas.

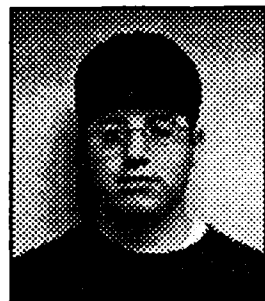
Notre Dame is a strong proponent of legacy preference. According to Bob Mundy, director of operations for Notre Dame Admissions, Notre

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INSIDE COLUMN

Who's policing the police?

Where are they?
I'd like to know exactly whom Notre Dame Security Police is here to protect and serve, because I'm starting to have trouble believing it's the students. Even though we are the ones who support them and pay their salaries through our tuition payments and, later, alumni donations, I honestly don't think I can say it is the students they are out to serve.



Chris Federico

Take for example the plight of a fellow student last Sunday as we were leaving our MCAT class at the Kaplan Center just a block or two away from campus. This girl discovered that in the snow and 15-degree weather, she had left her lights on and was left with a dead battery. After trying in vain to jump her car, we figured we could call NDSP for a jump or some form of help. Unfortunately, we were told they didn't leave campus to help students.
Now, this policy wouldn't have bothered me too much if I didn't often see NDSP cars writing tickets for traffic violations and accidents on Ivy, Douglas and Edison. Obviously, they don't mind leaving campus too much to write tickets.

But this also comes from the same police force that can't catch muggers and burglars on campus (in D6 parking lot just behind the Security Building and right in front of South Dining Hall to be exact), but yet always manages to issue dozens of drinking violations on any given weekend to those dangerous Notre Dame students.

My job with The Observer often causes me to leave our office in South Dining Hall in the middle of the night for the trek across campus back to my room. In the two and a half years I've worked here, and the countless early-morning trips I've made, I've yet to see a NDSP officer out on patrol on campus. Even if they never stop anyone on patrol, the presence of officers going around campus would help keep anyone away that knows he doesn't belong there.

But of course, who poses more of a threat: the guy looking to hold me up, possibly injure or kill me and steal my wallet, or those rambunctious drunk kids in Reckers at night.

In the wake of the Chad Sharon disappearance and the muggings that have occurred on and around campus this year, I think it's important for NDSP to analyze where the real threats lie.

Yes, it's true that minors — even Notre Dame students — should not be in a bar if it is against the law in that state, but is it really imperative that NDSP officers haul off to Boat Club on the night of the raid with student phonebooks in hand to issue ResLife notices?

After all, these are the same officers who could, instead, be back between Edison and Douglas securing the same campus they say they can't/won't leave, even to help their own students. But I guess they don't mind breaking that rule to punish their own students.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Chris Federico at cfederico@nd.edu.

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The ailing economy was a factor as the West Coast leads the country in unemployment again.

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Mens basketball gears up for next game

The No. 11 mens basketball team will play West Virginia tonight at the Joyce Center.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

◆ Perkinelmer Webcast, Center for Continuing Education, McKenna Hall room 200, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

◆ Girl Culture: Lauren Greenfield Photographs, Snite Museum, all day.

◆ Student Senate; Hammes Bookstore representatives Dan McCabe and Jim O'Connor will speak; resolutions regarding TCE-sub committee formation, alcohol awareness for abroad students and student meal referendum will be presented; LaFortune Notre Dame room, 6 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

◆ Semester Around the World Interviews, LeMans, 3 p.m.

◆ Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting, Carroll Auditorium, 7 p.m.

◆ SAB Event — A Capella singer, Carroll Auditorium, 7 p.m.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Missing decal found in car

A victim notified NDSP that the parking decal he reported missing on Sunday was inside his vehicle.

Misplaced purse found

A student who reported losing her purse in DeBartolo Hall on Monday, notified NDSP she found her purse in a friend's room Tuesday.

Vehicle vandalized in D2

There are no suspects in a reported vandalism to a student's vehicle parked in the D2 lot between 12 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. on Monday.

NDSP investigated rules violation

NDSP assisted in investigating a possible work rules violation at the Security Building on Monday.

Locksmith mistaken for thief

NDSP discovered a possible attempted motor vehicle theft. The student notified NDSP his vehicle was not broken into. A locksmith had been working on his vehicle.

Compiled from NDSP crime blotter.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Fresh corned beef, boiled cabbage, peas and carrots, apple crisp, cheese strata, Italian risotto, grits, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, cinnamon french toast, macadamia chicken, Chinese steamed rice, vegetable egg rolls, chicken taco, fried potato triangles, cheese frenchbread

Today Dinner: Penne with gorgonzola, chicken in the pot soup, cream of broccoli soup, minestrone soup, southern fried chicken, collard greens, brown sauce, apple crisp, spinach quiche, baked herb zucchini, baked potatoes, beef chop suey, vegetable egg rolls, chicken taco, beef wet burrito

South Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Spaghetti puttanesca, southwestern pasta sauce, boiled basil/garlic linguine, winter blend vegetable, beef chop suey, cajun baked pollock, roast top round, baked sweet potato, long grain and wild rice, pretzel, oriental vegetables, chicken tempura, California eldorado casserole

Today Dinner: Spaghetti puttanesca, southwestern pasta sauce, boiled basil/garlic linguine, Hawaiian pizza, potato pancakes, hot chunky apple sauce, stuffed green peppers, tuna casserole, roast turkey breast, bread stuffing, baked sweet potato, sauteed chicken breast, broccoli garlic tofu

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Mexican black bean, roasted cauliflower, Caribbean portobello wrap, sautéed fajitas, turkey strollers, fishwich sandwich, grilled chicken, teriyaki loafer, roasted turkey salad with grapes and walnuts, slice turkey breast, sliced roast beef, hummus, sugar cookies, New England clam chowder, tomato basil bisque

Today Dinner: Chickpea and walnut empanada, roasted pepper quesadilla, baked ziti ratatouille, rotisserie style Greek chicken, confetti rice, home style vegetables, warm bread pudding, white cake with fudge icing

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Prominent activist and author visits Notre Dame

By MELISSA LOU
News Writer

On Tuesday, the Notre Dame Creative Writing Program hosted a reading by author Marilyn Krysl. Described as an activist, witness and deeply engaging writer, Krysl read from several of her short stories and poems before a mixed audience of students, administrators and academics in the Reckers Hospitality Room.

Krysl described much of her work as "a homage or love song to those women I have met throughout my life. While I wrote [these stories], I felt this writing was a way of honoring these women and their suffering and loss due to war and poverty."

Krysl said her work has been heavily influenced by the service work she has done, as "writers

write about their experiences." These experiences have themselves been a remarkable journey.

After a decade of teaching at the University of Colorado, Krysl decided to take a break and said that she "needed to get back in touch with the real world."

To accomplish this, the activist spent a year teaching English as a Second Language in China.

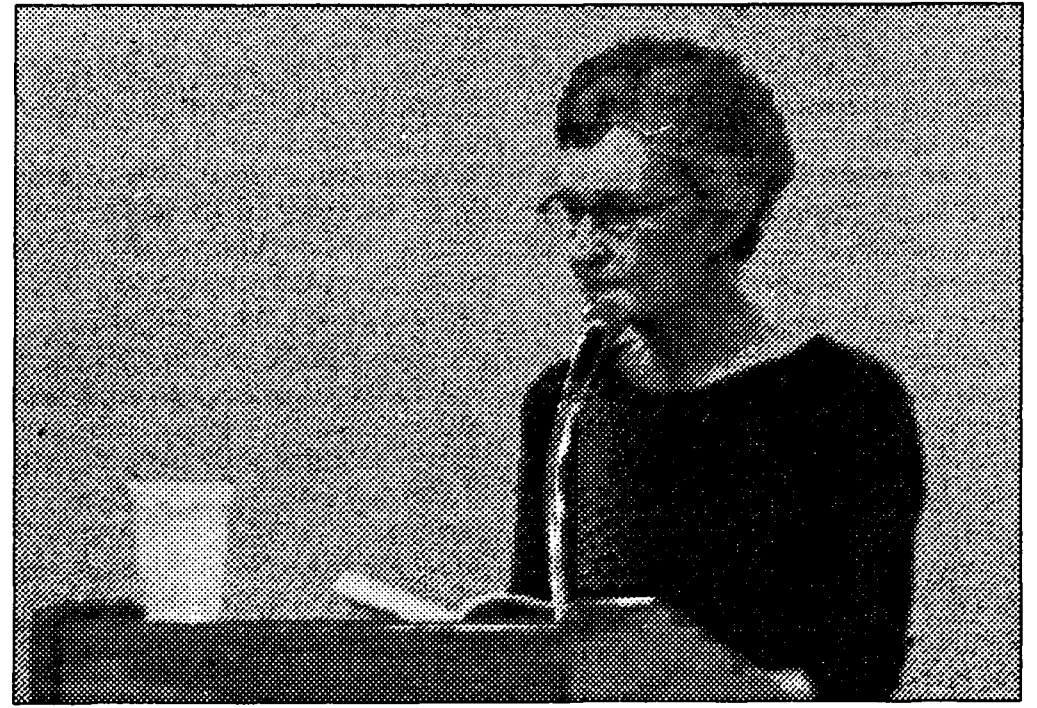
After that year, she went on to work with the Sisters of Charity at their Kalighat Home for the Destitute and Dying in Calcutta. There she worked in the women's ward, an experience she described as "quite interesting, moving and sometimes maddening," as many of the patients were dying and abandoned.

During her time in Calcutta, Krysl was inspired to write a series of poems, one of which

she read aloud before the Notre Dame crowd. "While I was there a lot of commercial terminology, such as sustainable development, came to mind. These terms always seemed cold to me, this is where many of the titles of these poems come from," said the author.

Krysl volunteered with Peace Brigade International in Sri Lanka, an experience that had a profound effect on her and inspired her to write many of her 'love songs' to women.

The self-described environmentalist, social justice and poverty activist, explained her feminist views, stating that she is a feminist in that she "want[s] not only the lives of women to improve, but ... want[s] everyone's life to improve." Krysl also said she is "a part of the rest of the world, thus I don't see how my life can improve if everyone's life doesn't improve."



BETH QUINN/The Observer

Author Marilyn Krysl shares excerpts from her own collection of short stories at Reckers Tuesday night.

When asked for her opinion regarding the events of Sept. 11, the self-described "die-hard pacifist" compared the U.S. national experience to that of other countries she has visited. "When you work abroad you tend to learn to love these places," said Krysl. "One of the things I learned was that many hundreds of people are killed in other countries by terrorists. The kinds of violence we see as unusual are common for other people. [When September 11th occurred] a part of me was extremely upset, yet another part of me knew that for the majority of the people on the planet this is commonplace."

Krysl went on to explain her views on the current political situation by stating that her

"wish is that we would all work harder at getting to know what life is like for others, give much more foreign aid, and that our government would put more effort towards a diplomatic solution."

Krysl read aloud from her book of short stories "How to Accommodate Men," as well as excerpts from her well-known poems. She published seven books of poetry, and three of fiction. She is the former director of the Creative Writing Program at the University of Colorado, Boulder. She continues her work as an activist, working in Boulder with Sudanese refugees.

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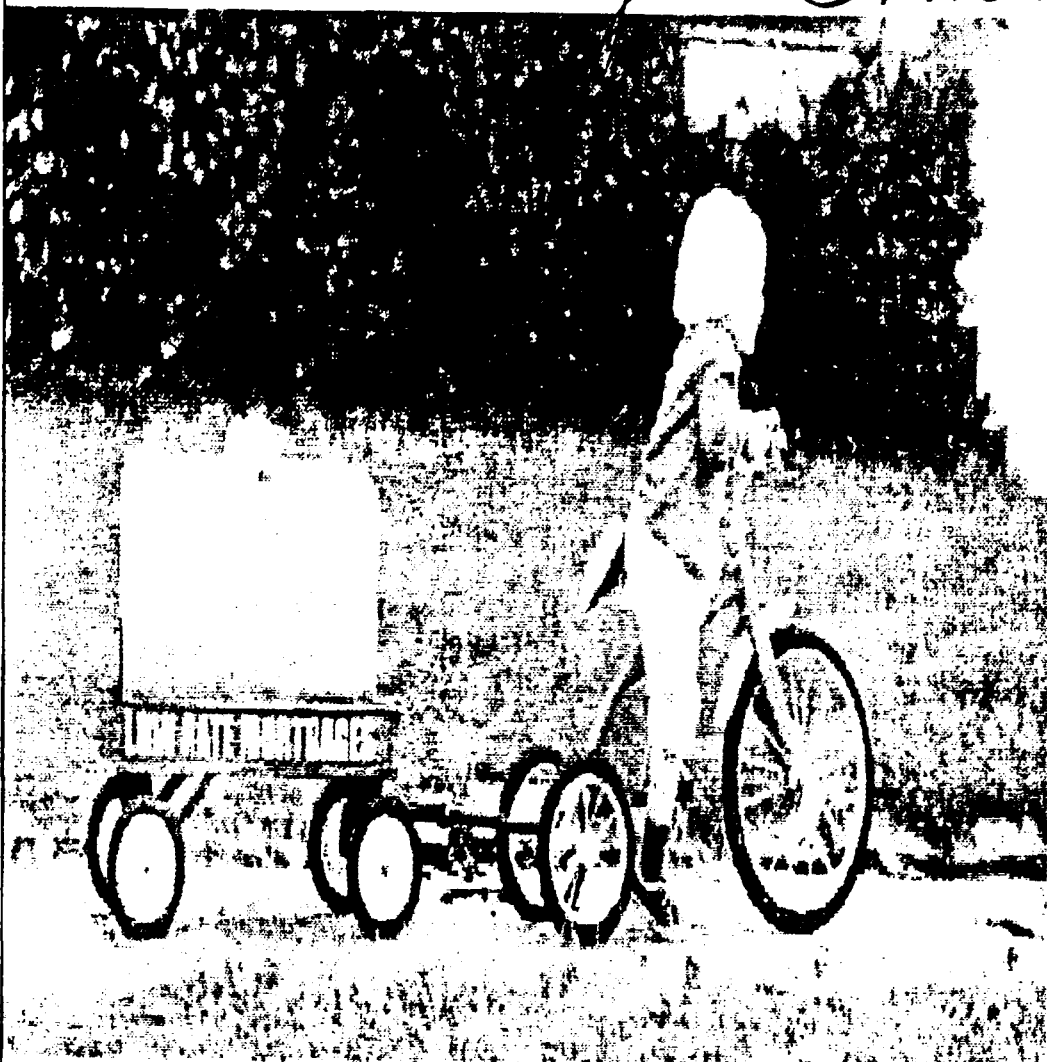
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Legacy

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Dame ensures that about 1/4 of enrolled students are children of alumni.

"Our commitment to recognize those family ties is higher than normal," Mundy admitted.

Notably, other elite institutions such as Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania and Princeton have higher percentages of enrolled legacies than Notre Dame.

Far from a quota system, Notre Dame's "holistic" approach is "part science and part art."

But Mundy said, "We admit alumni applicants at a higher rate than non-alumni applicants."

While Michigan champions affirmative action because of the educational benefits of diversity, Mundy justifies legacy preference because it deepens the strong sense of Notre Dame community.

"[Legacy preference] is a true manifestation about how the University will behave vis-à-vis their family members," Mundy said. He added that Notre Dame's emphasis on family is "the basis of the very reasons that students are interested in Notre Dame."

Other institutions, such as

the University of Virginia, candidly admit that they honor legacy preference in order to appease alumni and encourage donations.

Notre Dame also experiences forms of "natural family-building," Mundy said.

Notre Dame does favor legacies, but legacies also favor Notre Dame. The confirmation rate, the percentage of admitted students who enroll, is 18 percent higher for legacies than the overall confirmation rate.

Siblings of alumni are also attending in ever-increasing numbers, lending to the notion that Notre Dame's strong sense of family naturally attracts alumni relatives.

Notre Dame's official admissions policies could be affected by the Supreme Court's decision in the Michigan affirmative action lawsuits, depending on how the Court defines a public institution.

"They can craft [the definition] anyway they want," Mundy said.

Because Notre Dame receives public funds, it could be labeled as a public institution, in which case preferential admissions based on anything other than academic performance may be scrutinized.

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NDH gets creative with rice

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

North Dining Hall won a \$2,000 prize for its participation in activities celebrating National Rice Month. The USA Rice Federation, the national advocate for the American rice industry, sponsored the September contest among institutional food service departments.

The contest boosted rice consumption at NDH by 55 percent, according to general manager John Glon.

"We all worked together to put together recipes and activities that would interest students," Glon said.

NDH chef Mike Huffer assembled new recipes, while service crew members' and student managers' activities included a "rice race," in which participants raced from NDH to South Dining Hall, collected a bag of rice, and returned to NDH. A trivia contest testing students' knowledge was also held.

Glon also credited the quality of the new recipes. "A very popular dish we had

was Rijstafel," Glon said.

This Dutch-Indonesian "rice table" consists of dozens of meats, vegetables and other ingredients, which diners can mix-and-match to assemble an exotic dinner.

"We came out with some really good rice dishes that we've kept since September," Glon added. "Hopefully, the USA Filet Mignon Federation will give us a contest to work on."

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residence halls that they would like more freedom in dining options.

Foley said, "There is a small but valid percentage of students who are not being served by the current meal plan options. That's why we need to offer another plan to meet their needs."

Foley said student government wants to take a fresh

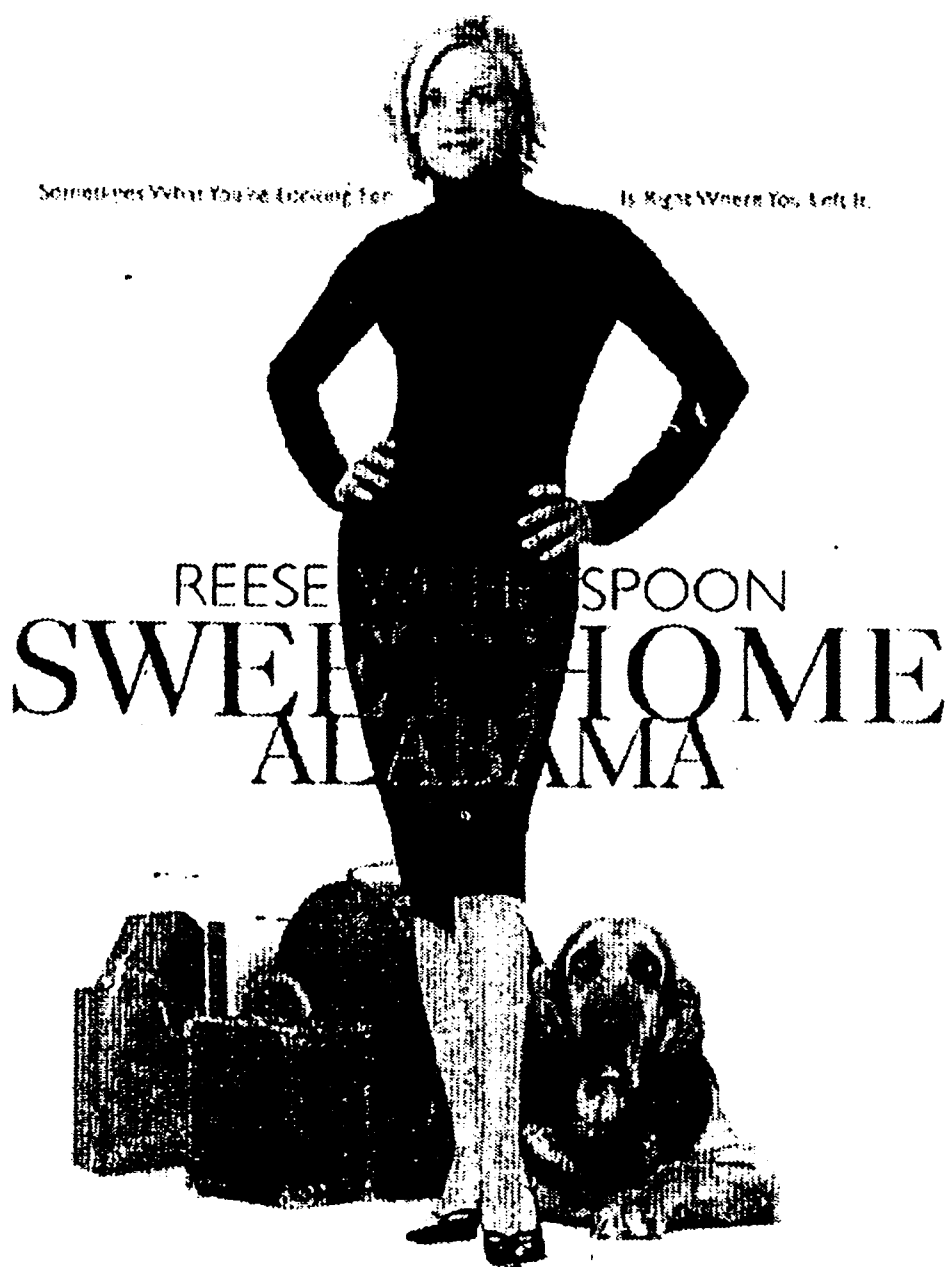
perspective and work together with Food Services to do something within the framework of what is possible to meet the needs of students at Notre Dame.

Student Government and Notre Dame Food Services plan to meet next week to discuss the issue of the proposed Flex 10 meal plan.

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Bush pledges to fight with full force if necessary

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Building a case for war against Iraq, President Bush said Tuesday night he has fresh evidence that Saddam Hussein consorts with terrorists and seeks to "dominate, intimidate or attack" with weapons of mass destruction. He pledged to "fight with the full force and might of the United States military," if necessary, to disarm Iraq.

Secretary of State Colin Powell will go to the U.N. Security Council on Feb. 5 to present the U.S. case, outlined by Bush in stark terms in his second State of the Union address.

"We will consult, but let there be no misunderstanding: If Saddam Hussein does not fully disarm for the safety of our people, and for the peace of the world, we will lead a coalition to disarm him," the president said.

Speaking to Congress and a global television audience, Bush presented a laundry list of Saddam's alleged offenses, some of them newly revealed to the public. He said intelligence sources have reported that thousands of Iraqi personnel are at work hiding documents and materials from the U.N. weapons inspectors.

Specifically, Bush said Saddam has not accounted for up to 25,000 liters of anthrax, 38,000 liters of botulism toxin, 500 tons of sarin, mustard gas and VX

nerve agent and upwards of 30,000 munitions capable of delivering chemical weapons.

"If this is not evil, then evil has no meaning," Bush said in his annual State of the Union address.

For the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks transformed him into a wartime president, Bush faced serious questions about his leadership. Most Americans don't approve of his handling of the economy, polls show, and only a bare majority support his policies on Iraq — an area where the president enjoyed support of more than 80 percent a year ago.

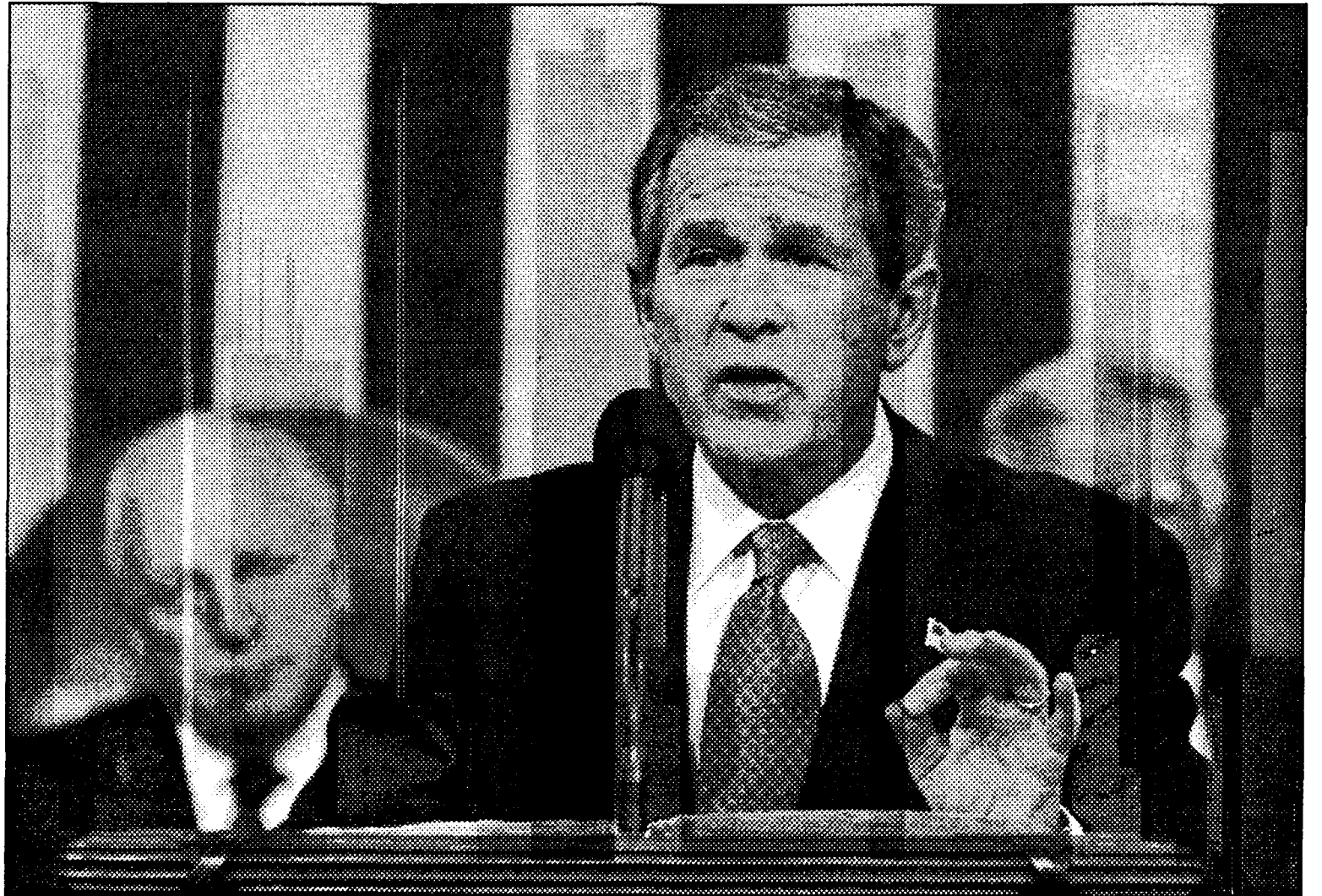
The speech was delivered amid intense security as lawmakers, Cabinet members, military leaders and Supreme Court justices gathered for the annual event. Several hundred people massed on the Capitol lawn to protest Bush's policies, ranging from a possible war in Iraq to his approach to health care.

The first half of Bush's address was devoted to domestic policy, a reflection of his desire not to let Iraq overshadow a presidential agenda geared toward the 2004 re-election campaign.

The heart of Bush's domestic agenda is his \$674 billion plan to revive the economy and a \$400 billion, 10-year plan to overhaul Medicare.

Democrats challenged Bush's efforts both at home and abroad.

Washington Gov. Gary Locke, tapped to deliver the Democratic response to Bush, said that eco-



POOL/Reuters Live Photos

U.S. President George W. Bush speaks before a joint session of Congress on Tuesday, as Vice President Dick Cheney and House Speaker Dennis Hastert listen. In a somber State of the Union speech, Bush braced wary Americans for a possible war with Iraq.

nomic recovery would not happen until states and cities receive help from Washington — something missing from Bush's economic proposals.

"People are clearly worried about terrorism and Iraq but those concerns should not overshadow the pressing needs of the

people here at home," Locke said.

The president described the nation as still recovering from recession, terrorist attacks, corporate scandals and stock market declines. "Our economy is recovering, yet it is not growing fast enough or strongly enough," Bush said.

He proposed spending new money for research to develop hydrogen powered cars and to tutor children of prison inmates. He also called for a new \$600 million drug treatment program in which federal money could go to religious community service programs.

AFGHANISTAN

18 Afghan rebels dead after clash with U.S. forces

Associated Press

BAGRAM

Hundreds of U.S. troops pressed toward rebel fighters in rugged mountain caves Tuesday, while warplanes bombed dug-in enemy positions in the fiercest battle in Afghanistan in nearly a year.

At least 18 rebels were killed in the assault. The U.S. military believes the fighters are loyal to renegade warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a powerful Pashtun strongman who has vowed to link his forces with remnants of al-Qaida and the ousted Taliban regime.

About 80 rebels were believed to be remaining in the southeastern cave network, under attack from 350 troops, including soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Special Forces and allied Afghan militia.

"It's the largest concentration of enemy forces since Operation Anaconda," military spokesman Col. Roger King said, referring to a fierce eight-day battle in March against Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts in a different area of southeastern Afghanistan, about 250 miles northeast of the current fighting.

While King said evidence pointed to

Hekmatyar's military arm, the Hezb-e-Islami movement, he gave no further details, and a former high-ranking Taliban member questioned that.

Obeidullah, who goes by only one name, told The Associated Press that the fighting was being led by two ex-Taliban — Hafiz Abdul Rahim, the regime's former chief of the border security, and Sirajuddin, former district chief of Shindand in western Afghanistan.

Obeidullah was assistant to the Taliban's intelligence chief.

The fighting, which started Monday, had ended by Tuesday evening, and coalition forces were searching the caves

where the rebel forces had been hiding, said Lt. Col. Dave Lapan, a Pentagon spokesman. The coalition soldiers found a weapons cache at the site, Lapan said, adding he had no details on the specific number or type of arms found.

Lt. Col. Michael Shields, operations officer for the Coalition Task Force's 82nd Airborne Division, said there were indications that some of the entrances to the caves were camouflaged.

"The number of caves is far greater than we anticipated," Shields said, adding that American forces had been unaware of the cave network before fighting began.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Sharon wins crushing victory over labor:

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who has taken a hard line against the Palestinian uprising, won a crushing victory in Israel's election Tuesday, and TV projections showed his Likud and other hawkish parties easily winning most seats in parliament. After polls closed, Sharon said he would seek a "broad-based national unity" government — one that presumably would include the defeated opposition Labor Party, which campaigned on a pledge to restart peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

Iraq criticizes U.N. report as biased:

Arms inspectors exaggerated problems over progress in their pivotal reports to the U.N. Security Council, a senior Iraqi complained Tuesday. He said Baghdad would work on the problems, including scientists' rejection of private U.N. interviews.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Teen sniper suspect's trial set for Nov.:

A judge set a Nov. 10 trial date Tuesday for 17-year-old Lee Boyd Malvo, who could face the death penalty for his alleged role in the sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington area. Prosecutors had asked for a trial date in late June, while the defense had requested February 2004. Circuit Judge Jane Roush picked a date in between, saying it allowed twice the time normally granted under Virginia law for a speedy trial.

Cable problem cited in N.C. plane crash:

Control cables connected to the tail of the Beech 1900 turboprop plane that crashed in Charlotte, N.C., three weeks ago weren't set at the proper tension level, federal investigators said Tuesday. The crash killed all 21 people aboard US Airways Express Flight 5481. The cable problem could make a plane harder to fly because it would respond to the controls differently, aviation experts said.

Teenager saved by utility wires in crash:

A Kansas City, Mo. teenager was catapulted at least 25 feet in the air during an auto accident but grabbed onto overhead utility wires like an action hero and dangled for about 20 minutes before a rescue crew brought him down by ladder. Joe R. Thompson III, 18, was treated for bruises and scratches at a hospital and was released. "God was definitely in control," he said. Thompson lost control of his Jeep on Monday evening after another car suddenly turned in front of him. Thompson's Jeep clipped the other car and rolled over and over, possibly five times, witnesses said.

United flight held at Boston Airport:

A United Airlines flight bound for San Francisco from Logan International Airport was grounded Tuesday after a first-class passenger found a box cutter in the magazine pouch in the seat in front of her.

Students discuss SMC college experiences

By MEGAN O'NEIL
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In Tuesday's student run discussion, Saint Mary's students had the opportunity to listen to the stories of five of their fellow Belles, each with different experiences at Saint Mary's.

The panelists, Ellen Burns, Adrienne Dorbish, Rachel Finley, Angelique Ingabire and Sarah Nestor, shared their freshman impressions of Saint Mary's, and how those impressions evolved as their college experiences grew.

They also commented on ways in which they believe the Saint Mary's experience can be improved for future students.

Finley, senior class president, admitted she was unhappy with her choice of schools as a first year student. "I literally filled out a transfer application every single day," she said. Finley applied to be a resident adviser in an effort to get more involved on campus, and then went on the run for student government.

"I truly believe that you get out of Saint Mary's what you give," Finley said.

Nestor, Saint Mary's news editor at The Observer, agreed with Finley. She credited her positive experience at Saint Mary's to her active participation in the activities available to students. This included studying abroad, as well as writing for The Observer.

Ingabire, and international student, had to adjust not only to a new school but to a

new culture as well. She said the weather was one of the biggest differences, and said Americans were welcoming.

"Everyone is so hospitable here," she said. "They smile at you even though they don't know you." Burns, Board of Governance athletic commissioner and transfer student from Indiana University-South Bend, said she was particularly happy to be at Saint Mary's.

"At IUSB I would go to class, and then go to my car and go home," said Burns.

"Here, you don't even have to try that hard."

Everyone is so friendly, they come up to you."

Ellen Burns
SMC panelist

have to try that hard. Everyone is so friendly, they come up to you."

Burns said it was the firm moral grounding of the Saint Mary's student body that to transfer to the College. She said the Saint Mary's students, unlike those of her previous school, were academically and career driven

and they welcomed her warmly.

"The women here are amazing, and I knew right away I wanted to get more involved," said Burns.

Dorbish said there were areas where student life needed improvement.

"I would like to see things improve in the residence halls," said the panelist. "There isn't that much of a social atmosphere." Other problem areas noted were the quality of the dining hall, as well as the Saint Mary's-Notre Dame relationship.

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'Chicago' leads SAG awards with five

Associated Press

The sassy musical "Chicago" led contenders for the Screen Actors Guild awards with five nominations Tuesday, including lead actors Renee Zellweger and Richard Gere.

The drama "The Hours" was next with four nominations, among them Nicole Kidman for best actress, Julianne Moore for supporting actress and Ed Harris for supporting actor. Their co-star, Meryl Streep, had been a strong lead-actress contender for "The Hours" and a supporting-actress prospect for "Adaptation," but was shut out in both categories.

Moore also had a best-actress nomination for the 1950s melodrama "Far From Heaven."

"Adaptation," a twisted Hollywood saga from the creators of "Being John Malkovich," earned three nominations, including for Nicolas Cage as lead actor and Chris Cooper as supporting actor.

"Chicago," "The Hours" and "Adaptation" were among nominees for the ensemble-acting prize, the guild's equivalent of a best-picture award. The other nominees were the fantasy epic "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" and the surprise blockbuster "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." The guild's nominations are the last major awards announcement before the Academy Awards nominations Feb. 11.

This month, "The Hours" won the Golden Globe award for dramatic feature, while "Chicago" won in the musical and comedy category.

Kidman, who won back-to-back Golden Globes for "Moulin Rouge" and "The Hours" and scored an Academy Awards nomination for "Moulin Rouge," said a second-straight Oscar nomination is not a certainty despite all the film honors she's accumulated this season.

"Along with Kidman, Moore and Zellweger, the best-actress contenders were Salma Hayek for "Frida," a film biography of painter Frida Kahlo, and Diane Lane for the adultery thriller "Unfaithful." Besides Gere and Cage, best-actor nominees were Adrien Brody for the Holocaust drama "The Pianist," Daniel Day-Lewis for the 1860s epic "Gangs of New York" and Jack Nicholson for the black comedy "About Schmidt."

Along with Cooper and Harris, supporting-actor nominees were Alfred Molina for "Frida," Dennis Quaid for "Far From Heaven" and Christopher Walken for the con-man romp "Catch Me If You Can."

Joining Moore in the supporting-actress category were Kathy Bates in "About Schmidt," Queen Latifah and Catherine Zeta-Jones in "Chicago," and Michelle Pfeiffer in the mother-daughter drama "White Oleander."

Bates was a double pick, nominated as well for best actress in a TV movie or miniseries for "My Sister's Keeper." Sean Hayes also was nominated twice in the television awards: for best actor in a comedy series for "Will & Grace," and best actor in a movie or miniseries for "Martin & Lewis," in which he played Jerry Lewis.

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Submit all applications to Andrew Soukup in the Observer office located in the South Dining Hall basement.

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SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	+2.12	+0.07	3.33
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	-0.69	-0.34	48.83
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+0.34	+0.04	11.97

IN BRIEF

Tokyo stocks, yen strong at open

Tokyo stocks posted tentative gains at Wednesday's opening ahead of earnings reports from major technology companies. The dollar slipped against the Japanese yen. The benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average opened at 8,529.67, or 0.05 percent, at 8:29 a.m. On Tuesday, the index lost 84.08 points, or 0.98 percent, at 8,525.39. The dollar bought 118.70 yen at 9 a.m. Wednesday, down 0.14 yen from late Tuesday in Tokyo but slightly above its late New York level of 118.67 yen.

Treasury nominee backs tax plan

Treasury secretary nominee John Snow told his Senate confirmation hearing on Tuesday that President Bush's tax plan will boost a lagging U.S. economy. But critics told Snow the program was weighted too heavily to the wealthy and would have to be changed. Snow faced a barrage of questions from members of the Finance Committee about the stimulus proposal, but his nomination to replace the controversial Paul O'Neill won widespread praise from both Democrats and Republicans. Committee Chairman Charles Grassley predicted Snow would win quick confirmation, perhaps as soon as Thursday.

Adelphia Corp. moves headquarters

Adelphia Communications Corp. will move its corporate headquarters to Denver, the bankrupt cable television operator's board decided Tuesday, dismissing the man who founded the company a half-century ago in rural north-central Pennsylvania. Subject to approval by regulators and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the headquarters will move from Coudersport, Pa., to Denver by midyear, Adelphia spokesman Eric Andrus said. "After 50 years of building the system with my brother and the family, it naturally saddens all of us, because we worked so hard to build the company," said John J. Rigas. "It's not an unexpected move, but it hurts."

W. Coast leads in unemployment

◆ Economic woes reflected in jobless rates

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
West Coast states are being battered by the ailing economy, leading the country again in high unemployment rates last month, while the Dakotas and Nebraska posted the lowest jobless rates.

The new data, released Tuesday by the Labor Department, shows that the jobs outlook in much of the country remains bleak. But no states reported wild swings in their unemployment rates, suggesting some stabilization — at least for now.

Finding a job is taking longer for people out of work. Last year, jobless workers spent an average of 16.6 weeks looking for employment, up from 13.2 weeks in 2001.

The economy's uneven recovery poses challenges for President Bush, who is pushing for another round of tax cuts to stimulate growth and create jobs. The nation's unemployment rate has hovered around 6 percent since April 2002.

The bumpy recovery is similar to the last recession, when Bush's father was president. High unemployment that failed to start dropping until almost two years after the recession ended helped cost the first President Bush a second term.

Though jobless rates aren't reaching the levels of the last recession, voters who can't find jobs could spell trouble for Bush, particularly in key battleground states such as Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia — which had among the higher unemployment rates of 5.9 percent, 6 percent and 5.6 percent, respectively, in December.

But the West Coast has been particularly hit hard, and Bush, who has viewed



JUSTIN SULLIVAN/Getty

A man takes boxes into a Levi's clothing store April 8, 2002. Levi's, which is closing its San Francisco plant and shedding 3,300 employees, is contributing to West Coast unemployment.

political opportunities in that Democrat-backing region, may be forced to shift focus. Many economists predict the nation's jobless rate will continue to rise in coming months, hitting as high as 6.5 percent this summer and ending the year at current levels.

"The economy is flat — there is no new job growth," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

Alaska posted the highest state unemployment rate last month at 7.4 percent, rising from 6.8 percent in November. A drop in tourism and low energy prices earlier this year are major factors for that state's job troubles.

The technology bust, the 2001 energy crisis and the

weak travel and aviation industries have taken a major toll on West Coast states. Oregon's jobless rate was second highest at 7 percent after dropping from 7.1 percent in November. Washington posted an increase in December to 6.8 percent, up from 6.7 percent; California saw a rise to 6.6 percent, up from 6.5 percent.

Also among the highest rates were Mississippi at 6.7 percent and the District of Columbia at 6.6 percent.

The upper Midwest has consistently posted the lowest unemployment rates in the country. North and South Dakota had jobless rates of 3 percent last month, and Nebraska had 3.4 percent.

Those states have benefited from large agriculture subsidies that helped keep their economies afloat, Zandi said. Also, many workers laid off by companies in those states return to farming and are not counted as unemployed.

Another factor is the small populations in those states, Zandi said. North Dakota was the only state, along with the District of Columbia, that lost residents from July 1, 2001, to July 1, 2002.

During 2002, employment fell in 28 states and the District of Columbia. The largest declines were in Illinois, Massachusetts, New York and Georgia. The biggest employment gains for the year were in Florida, Nevada, Kentucky and Wisconsin.

War threat breeds consumer anxiety

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The threat of war with Iraq is eroding consumer confidence, economists said Tuesday, but it doesn't yet seem enough to jeopardize the upward trend in new home sales.

"There's no doubt the uncertainties about geopolitical events weigh on people's minds," said Josh Feinman, chief economist with Deutsche Asset Management in New York. "Is there going to be a war? Certainly, that's contributing to people's anxiety."

The Consumer Confidence Index slipped to 79 in January from a revised 80.7 in December, but was

above the 78.5 that analysts were anticipating. The index is based on a survey of 5,000 U.S. households and compares to its base of 100 in 1985.

"Overall readings continue to reflect the country's lackluster economic activity," said Lynn Franco, director of the Conference Board's Consumer Research Center. "Now, with the threat of war looming, consumers have grown increasingly cautious about the short-term outlook."

The Conference Board report showed consumers were also concerned about the job outlook and their incomes in the next six months. The index has fallen since May when it stood at 110.3, ticking upward just

once in November.

"The decline came entirely from the expectations component, again reflecting fear of what comes next," said Oscar Gonzalez, senior economist at John Hancock Financial Services in Boston. "The next few weeks are so uncertain that, in this instance, the numbers probably reflect the American mood, rather than a rational assessment of the economic environment."

Separately, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday that sales of new single-family homes rose in December to their highest level since the government began tracking results in 1963.

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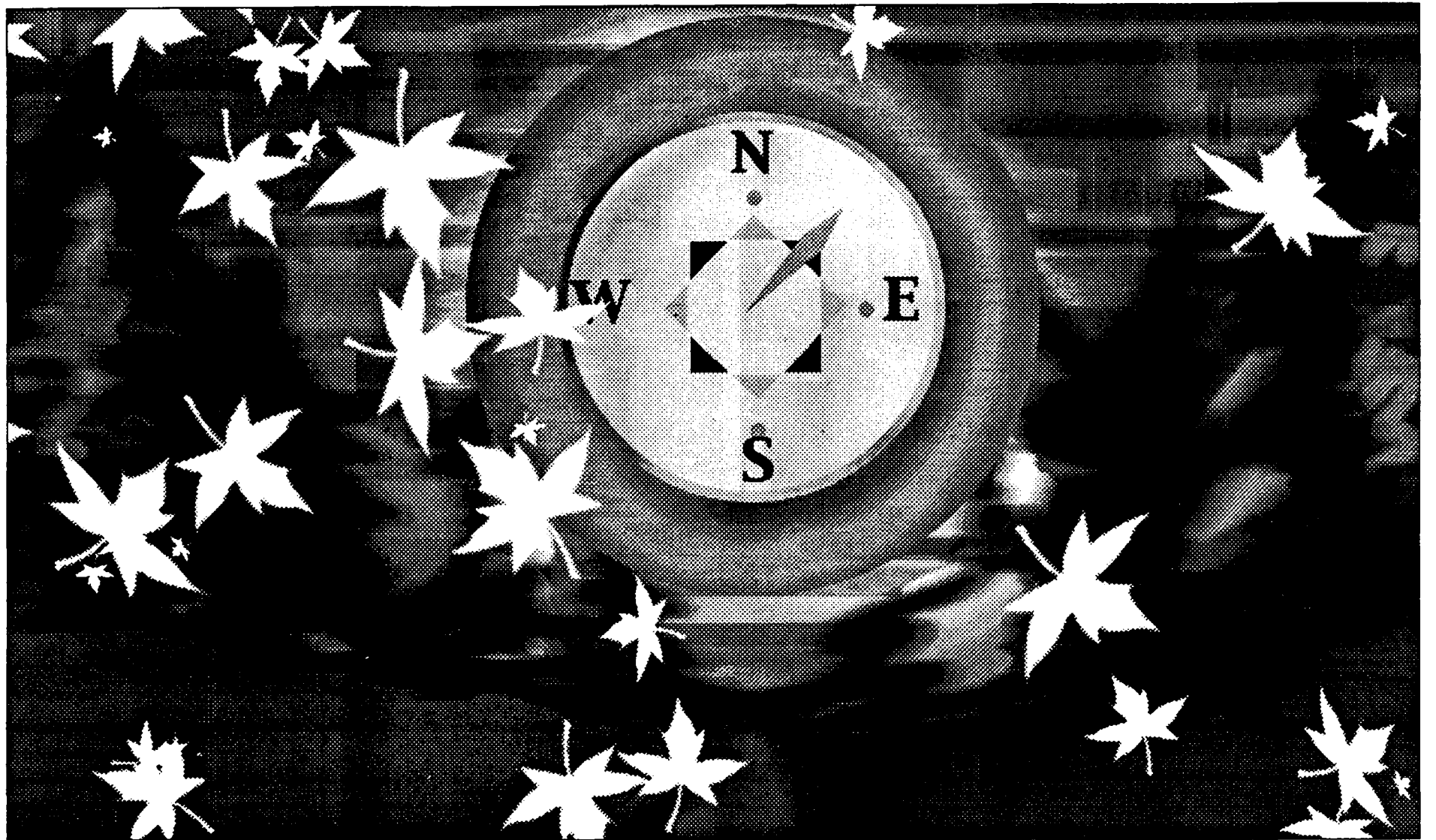
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When lost, follow your own path

The trees and the tall grass swayed in the wind as I looked up at the sun. The large, white clouds seemed like gigantic marshmallows against the radiantly blue sky. It was so bright that it hurt my eyes to look at it for more than a few seconds. At any other time, this day would have been considered perfect in my mind. But, under the circumstances, things weren't going well.

Adam Cahill

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In the palm of my hand lay the compass I had brought with me. Its needle was stuck halfway between the N signifying north and E signifying east. I had turned around in a circle over half a dozen times, but the needle had remained locked in the same position. My compass was broken and I had no idea where I was.

I was, unmistakably, lost.

Having just finished my sophomore year in college, my buddies and I had decided to take a road trip to Montana to get away from the pressures of college life. Even after two years of school, none of us had any future ambitions. We seemed to be floating along in the portless sea of academia without a course or a heading to follow. All we wanted was for someone to tell us what to do. But we soon found out that things weren't that easy.

Our goal was to find ourselves by identifying our hidden passions. Maybe then we could finally realize who it was we each wanted to become.

We camped. We talked. We tried to sing and tell stories by the fire. But the answers didn't seem to be coming.

So, feeling adventurous, I decided to embark on a little expedition around the wilderness for a day or so. Alone and away from the companions I came with, I wanted to do something by myself for once. I didn't know why I wanted to venture forth single-handedly, but I did. But the feelings were there just the same and the more I thought about it, the more I desired to experience something new and different. And what could it hurt? I would only be gone for the better part of an afternoon, or so I thought.

My sense of direction had been lost during the morning fog, and the rest of the day had been spent trying to figure out where I was. Looking around, everything looked the same. In all directions, the trees and grasses of the valley were being accentuated by the mountains. Through a line of trees, a small stream lazily glinted in the sunlight and sounds of birds chirping meshed well with the echo of rushing water.

There were no signs of civilization anywhere. I was hopelessly lost, but the overwhelming beauty of God's natural order calmed me to the point of tranquility. A soft breeze suddenly grazed my cheek, bringing with it an unidentifiable wildflower scent that softened any recollection of the morning's desperation.

The first half of the day was spent in such an apprehensive nervousness that I had neglected to see the beauty around me. But now that I had calmed down a bit, I could see that not knowing where I was going had its advantages.

Had I set out with a planned direction for the day, I would have likely stuck to the major paths and walk-

ways. And as much fun as that would have been, it would have been uninspiring. The real experiences came when I wasn't expecting them.

Now, I was looking at a world that seemed clearer and more focused than any I had previously known. No roads or paths led to this place. It was a world whose sunrise had not faded and didn't have any intention to. And for the first time, I felt emancipated.

The mountains of Montana had given me an answer. And for the first time in my life, I wasn't afraid of what was ahead of me. I didn't need a set of directions to guide me through college and into the real world. Sticking to or wanting a set plan for life, I suddenly realized, closed off an endless amount of possibilities.

It was fine not to have a compass to guide me step-by-step through life. Without the fear of straying from some unforeseen path that was set aside by someone, I was liberated to find an individual path.

My path would be mine and no one else's. It would, of course, have peaks and valleys, but it would also be a world, unknown to anyone else, left for me to explore.

Looking down at the broken compass in my hand, I closed my fingers around it, took one step forward and pitched it into the creek. I didn't need a compass anymore. I had to be brave and make my own path.

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"In the attitude of silence the soul finds the path in a clearer light, and what is elusive and deceptive resolves itself into crystal clearness. Our life is a long and arduous quest after truth."

Mahatma Gandhi
Indian leader

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Alcohol policy should not reflect legal contradictions

Alcohol prohibition for people under 21 is a sterile idea.

Lawmakers, enforcers and supporters of this regulation never gave sufficient consideration to its repercussions. The police are also on a naïve mission to close in on underage drinking, just as they did at Boat Club last Thursday.

Drinking, whether the person is "of age" or not, will always exist, and its censors are perhaps more irresponsible than the actual breakers of this law.

To begin with, oppression cannot exist without insurgence. This may take many forms, like the actual act of underage drinking or the present article. As the criminalization of underage drinking gains momentum, its adversaries grow in proportion.

The forbidden fruit always seems to be the most appetizing for humanity; it is inherent in our nature. For example, since the national alcohol policy is so

radical, it generates thirsty and curious adolescents that turn loose at any chance they get. The lack of independence from parents and taboos castigate them from moderation in those instances. Thus, legal prohibition breeds rebels and rampant underground activity, if we may call it that.

The authorities and parental figures cannot ignore the fact that their children hide from them like thieves to sip vodka in dark rooms painted by shadows.

Alcohol policy seems to be on a carousel, since the government has yet to learn from its mistakes during the 1920s. Al

Capone, one of the most potent despots in history, fed on the alcohol prohibition. As soon as alcohol became a commonplace household item instead of a cherished illegal substance, its lure vanished and in turn its mafias and related crime were destroyed. The economic, intellectual and personal resources

used in busting illegal alcohol were replaced by disproportionate taxes that quickly bloated politicians' pockets. I don't see why they do not apply the same concept on a smaller scale for people under 21 to continue their lucrative enterprise.

The double standard for adulthood in general is even more ridiculous. Men and women are eligible to wage war and "die for country" at 18, while they are mere kids when it comes to having a beer in a bar. That discrepancy is the one that is most abhorrant.

Furthermore, law enforcement's hierarchy of tasks appears to suffer a similar disease. The cracking down on Boat Club is a perfect illustration of this inconsistency. Instead of patrolling the streets to provide a safe environment which could help prevent tragedies such as the disappearance of Chad Sharon, they would rather hound the youth in a bar.

Another case that has shed light upon the efficacy of the police is the successful robbery another ND student returning from Boat Club two weeks ago. Why is it that the police are so keen in one occasion and not in another? Why are the basic safety and survival needs of a community buried under the verification of IDs and cutting down underage alcohol consumption?

The detriment people under age experience because of the public service's lack of prioritization continues. The consequences of police busts for minors' alcohol consumption lead to colossal fines and a stained academic record. For instance, if a person plans to apply to medical school with underage drinking in the record, it closes most doors upon him or her. That indi-

vidual's future darkens before his or her eyes in a matter of seconds, all because he or she decided to have a beer with some friends. A system in which a person is considered an "adult" by all standards except to drink obviously has deficiencies.

In addition, it is sad to contemplate the submission of the University to nonsensical governmental policies. All college students are grown-up, far removed from the parental niche. This institution, like any other, is supposed to educate adults, not make them. Thus, the enormous measures that are currently being taken to dry the campus of alcohol of any sorts seems unbelievable. Sadly, this establishment is not autonomous and has to cooperate with the government, despite its inconsistencies.

Legal prohibition of under 21 drinking is ludicrous. Law is supposed to be a set of moral rules to live harmoniously as a community. Morals are the collective, inherited agreement on how to live a proper, righteous life. Therefore, laws that are not beneficial, but injurious to a society should be abolished or modified.

When drinking has been a cultural, gastronomical and social activity for ages, why should people between 18 and 21 years of age be caught in the middle of adolescence and adulthood at the discretion of Washington? It is clear that busting underage drinkers is a business in itself, sustaining a monstrous bureaucracy. Perhaps that is the catch.

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Jan. 28



Let go of that rainbow

There has been a lot of discussion recently about Notre Dame's position on homosexuality. A little known phenomenon is infecting Our Lady's university. That phenomenon? ND has gone gay.

That's right, and I'm not just talking about the Kelly green. When I think Notre Dame, I think flamingly homosexual. While smoking is prohibited, sodomy on South Quad is all too common. Why? Because gay, lesbian and bisexual students here get more help and support than they know what to do with. You can't look in The Observer every two months without seeing an ad from the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee is dangerous because it undermines the University's responsibility not only to condemn gays and lesbians for having sex, but also for thinking about sex or considering thinking about sex one day. Sure, the administration won't recognize OutreachND or IFLAG, or add sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination clause, but can you believe that a Catholic institution is actually devoting resources to allow homosexuals a forum for discussion without shame? Why don't we just tear down the Virgin Mary statue and put up Cher?

If I could turn back time, I would go back to freshman year, when I overheard some of my classmates telling gay students that they were not only sinful, but also inhuman. You just don't see enough of that these days. I mean, there's no better way to follow Jesus than to spit in the face of the marginalized.

Notre Dame should also condemn gay and lesbian students because the homosexual relationship is a dead end with no future that would effectively end civilization if it were universalized. I think it's obvious that the Standing Committee and academic classes on sexuality do not

Amy Schill

Dazed and Amused

exist to help gays and lesbians who are persecuted for something they did not choose. Nor do they open students' eyes to the reality of different forms of sexual expression throughout history. The sole mission of the University and the College of Arts and Letters is to turn every one of us into card-carrying homosexuals. It may seem like the University offers minimal support for gays and lesbians, but if you give 'em an inch, they'll probably decorate it.

So clearly, beneath the façade of Dave Matthews and light beer, Notre Dame is a hotbed of gay and lesbian thoughts and inclinations, and we're getting gayer by the second. We need to condemn this because, well, I'm sure it says why somewhere in the Catechism, or maybe it actually doesn't, but I'll be sure to make some absurd exegesis. However, we must remember not to discriminate against gays and lesbians themselves, as long as we let them know that they are disordered for every sexual thought they have.

But what else can be done? We need to instill an attitude of healthy heterosexuality among students, preferably through more tackle sports and single-sex dorms. Nothing says "I'm straight" like shooting one to the tight end and enjoying a nice shower.

You may ask why I'm so concerned about an essentially private issue of personal morality that really has nothing to do with the mission of an institution of higher learning. Maybe I really have nothing better to do than propagate slightly sophisticated hate speech. Maybe I don't understand that the way in which I express my beliefs can seriously hurt people of good will just trying to cope with a very difficult issue. Maybe I just need to get laid.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Encourage voting

On Monday, The Observer editorial staff was derelict in its duty, when it endorsed abstention in the Saint Mary's elections for the reason that there is but one party running. Voting "abstain" would be a vote of "no confidence" according to The Observer.

Instead of urging "no confidence," the Observer staff should be applauding Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Sarah Brown for volunteering to do the job no one else seems willing to do.

That there are no other candidates is not their fault, but the fault of the whole Saint Mary's student body. Also according to The Observer, a vote of "no confidence" would force another election. So, volunteers will suddenly come out of the woodwork? "[Having no choice in an election] is a disturbing trend in student government politics that needs to stop."

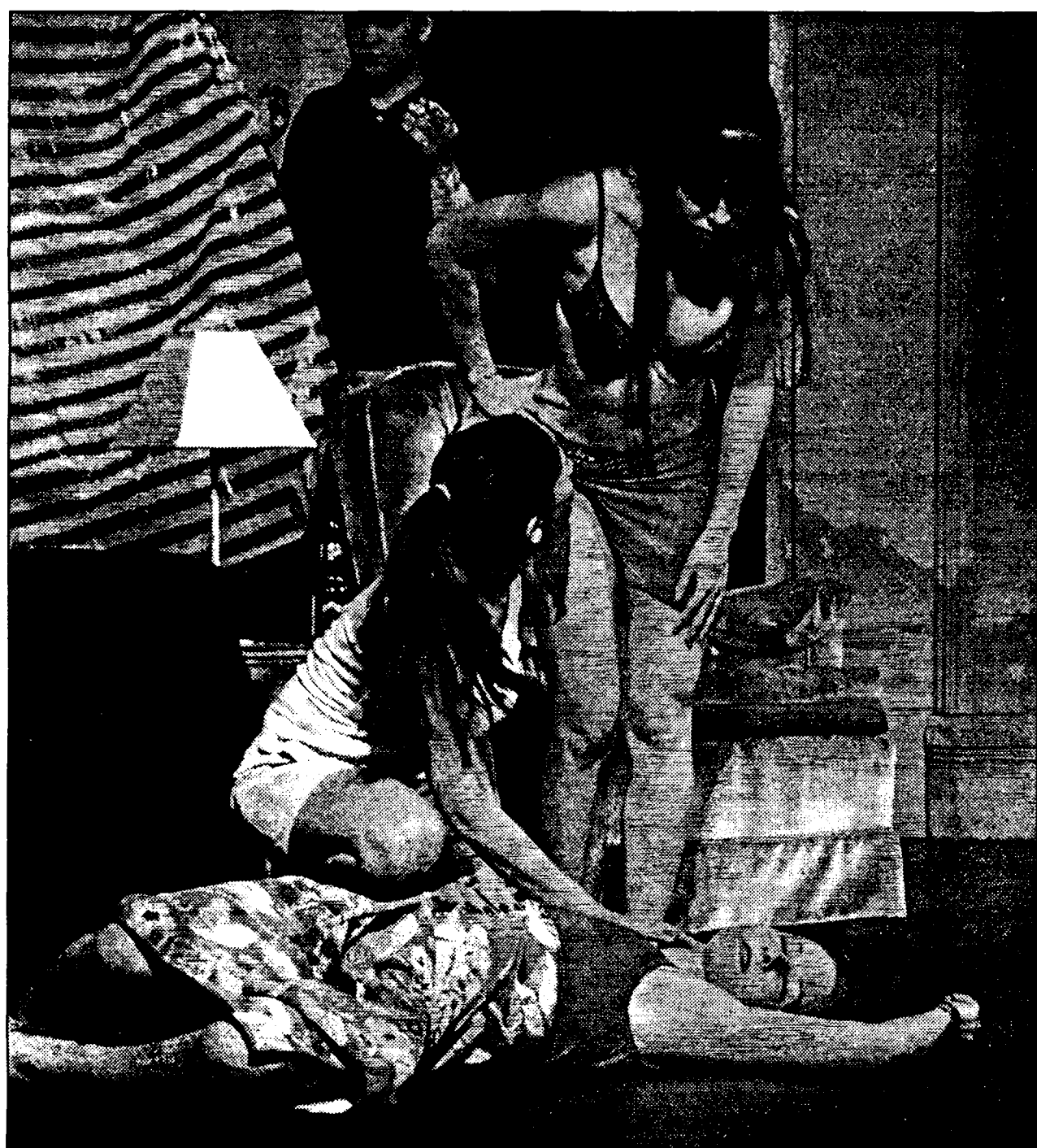
The press is the watchdog of the government, so it behooves The Observer staff to encourage participation in student government, not to discourage it.

Michael Swadener
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Hessert Center for Aerospace Research
Jan. 28

'Betty's Summer

St. Ed's Players present a dark comedy featuring



BETH QUINN/The Observer

When two friends head for the New Jersey shore, they inadvertently stumble upon a summer of confusion and murder.

By COLLEEN BARRETT
Scene Theatre Critic

As you head out to Washington Hall this weekend to watch the St. Ed's Players' production of "Betty's Summer Vacation," make sure you leave something behind.

"Leave your inhibitions at the door," said Lena Caligiuri.

Caligiuri plays Trudy in Christopher Durang's dark satire on American sensationalism and its thirst for entertainment at the expense of others.

Trudy and her friend Betty head off to the New Jersey shore to summer in a house that is, unknown to them, already occupied by Keith, a quiet serial killer, and Buck, the stereotypical, testosterone-filled sexist. Trudy's alcoholic, emotionally abusive mother, Mrs. Siezmagraff, arrives shortly after the girls.

The situation becomes more bizarre when characters begin to hear voices coming from the ceiling. The voices monitor the characters' fears and fantasies, egging them on and mocking them. The voices react to the characters as if they are watching a sitcom or daytime television show, and the characters begin to behave with the intention of keeping the omnipresent voices laughing. Eventually, the voices drive the characters to irrational actions, including rape, dismemberment and murder.

"The voices in the ceiling laugh and talk; they make you ask why you laugh at something. They make you ask why you think something is funny," said Bill Kalman, president of the St. Ed's Players and director of the play.

When asked why he chose the particular play, Kalman said that while browsing through plays, "Betty's" bright cover jumped out at him.

"I read it, and it was good, it was funny," he said.

In spite of the whimsical title and its classification as a comedy, "Betty" deals with the darker elements of life, including rape, murder and alcoholism. Trudy experienced sexual abuse at the hands of her father, though her mother refused to acknowledge the fact. Other sensitive and potentially offensive interactions take



place throughout the play.

"You have to desensitize yourself to some of the things your character says and does," said Jessica Manske, who plays Trudy's contemptible mother. "You have to pretend that you don't know the things you are saying are completely ridiculous."

The things that Trudy's mother and the other characters say are indeed ridiculous, and will shock some, though it will leave others laughing.

"You have to be able to laugh it off and know that Durango isn't meant to be taken seriously," said Caligiuri. "If you don't, you will be offended."

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as television
audiences eagerly
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"I've tried to
write in things
during the scene
changes that
weren't in the
play just to make
people think
about the theme,"
said Kalman. "I'm
trying to make
the tone of play
like a television
show."

Kalman hopes
that the commen-
tary between the
scenes, as well as
additional seg-
ments that reflect
the nature of tele-
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ther the sense of
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Another way
that Kalman
looks to imple-
ment his idea is
through the set.
Washington Hall
main stage has
been transformed
by set designer
Sean Quinn into a
large, neon green
room with touches of bright pink. The
set and the supplementary props are
elaborately built and painted to
reflect the surreal world of television.
Quinn, a fifth year architecture stu-
dent, acknowledges that the set has
taken a lot of effort.

"It's the whole architecture thing,
you go too far," he said.

But going too far is what "Betty's
Summer Vacation" is all about. What
can one expect from a play in which
all characters but one are insane?

"Well, Trudy tries to be sane, but
she never quite manages it," said
Caligiuri.

"The play needs a Betty," said
Tabor, "or it would be completely off
the wall and things would get too out
of hand."

As it is, the play promises to be as
off the wall as Betty will let it get.

Whether the events in the play
leave audience members laughing or
shocked, they will go away thinking
about Durango's message, which is
exactly what the cast and director of
"Betty's Summer Vacation" want to
happen.

"Betty's Summer Vacation" runs
this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
in Washington Hall. Tickets for the
St. Ed's Players production are avail-
able at LaFortune Box office or at the
door for \$5.

Contact Colleen Barrett at
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BETH QUINN/The Observer

The comedy, while humorous, addresses darker issues in life as the tension builds among charac-
ters.



BETH QUINN/The Observer

Director Bill Kalman attempted to recreate the feeling of watching a television
show.

NFL

Robbins missed Super Bowl because of depression

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif.

Oakland Raiders All-Pro center Barret Robbins, who spent Super Bowl Sunday in a hospital after disappearing from the team's hotel, has a history of depression.

The 6-foot-3, 320-pound lineman had apparently stopped taking his medicine for depression and bipolar disorder, the San Francisco Chronicle reported, citing a source close to Robbins.

Robbins disappeared Friday night and didn't resurface for nearly 24 hours, after which the Raiders kicked him out of the team hotel and put him on the inactive list for the championship game.

"We're really handling this as a personal issue for Barret," Raiders senior assistant Bruce Allen said Tuesday. "We're involved in his situation, but there is privacy involved."

Allen said he had spoken to Robbins recently, and talked more than once with the center's wife Tuesday. Allen declined to offer specifics.

Robbins had been acting strangely during the week, appearing dazed during Tuesday's Media Day, and seemed disoriented when he showed up for a team meeting, the Chronicle reported, citing several unnamed teammates.

Shortly after the team told him he wouldn't be playing in the Super Bowl, he was admitted to a San Diego hospital, Robbins' agent Drew Pittman

said.

A Robbins family member said he was on a suicide watch, according to the New York Daily News.

Because of his history of depression, he was treated by doctors associated with the NFL's emergency response team, a league source told the Chronicle.

Allen wouldn't confirm any of the reports.

"Everybody with the Raiders is still disappointed with the game," he said of the 48-21 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. "We're trying to recover from that, including him."

Pittman, who was flying to Hawaii on Tuesday for the Pro Bowl, said he didn't know which hospital Robbins was in, and was unaware of his condi-

tion. But he said Robbins' wife told him no illegal drugs were found.

"He's receiving ongoing treatment, and had some preliminary tests done that showed there were no drugs in his system," Pittman said Monday night.

Robbins told the Chronicle in 1997 that both his parents had struggled with depression and that he controlled his own illness through medication. "It's a battle within your head," he told the paper then. "It's not an easy thing to deal with. Anybody who can overcome something like this is bound to be a better person in all aspects of life."

A Raiders spokesman said Tuesday that the team was uncertain whether Robbins

remained hospitalized.

Calls to Pittman and Raiders senior assistant Bruce Allen Tuesday were not immediately returned.

Robbins was replaced on the AFC Pro Bowl roster Monday by New England center Damien Woody.

Four teammates, all speaking on the condition of anonymity, told the Chronicle that Robbins spent Saturday in Tijuana, Mexico, despite warnings from team officials not to go there. Pittman called that "speculation."

Checks with the U.S. Consulate in Tijuana, the Customs Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Diego police and several area hospitals yielded no further information.

Tampa celebrates city's first Super Bowl championship

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

Warren Sapp blew kisses to the crowd, and head coach Jon Gruden received the key to the city as an estimated 100,000 people lined the streets of downtown Tampa on Tuesday to celebrate the Buccaneers' Super Bowl victory.

Fans clad in the team's red and pewter colors waved banners and chanted "Defense!" and "Tampa Bay!" as the Buccaneers rode in convertibles and pickup trucks in a parade in their honor.

"This is about you Tampa, I love you," running back Mike Alstott told the crowd.

Tampa Mayor Dick Greco, flanked by mayors from Clearwater and St. Petersburg, presented Gruden the key to the city and said Tampa owed him "a million thanks."

"There's a storm warning out there," Gruden said. "We've got a heck of a football team, and we're just getting started."

Tampa Bay won its first Super Bowl title Sunday, beating the Oakland Raiders 48-21 in San Diego.

"I was raised in San Diego, but my hometown is Tampa," safety John Lynch said. "I've

been here 10 years and I've waited a long time to do this, so help me out — We're No. 1! We're No. 1!"

Sapp added: "Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Long-suffering Bucs supporters waited 27 years for a championship. The frustration turned into elation Monday as they rushed to stores across the region to buy anything commemorating the Super Bowl triumph.

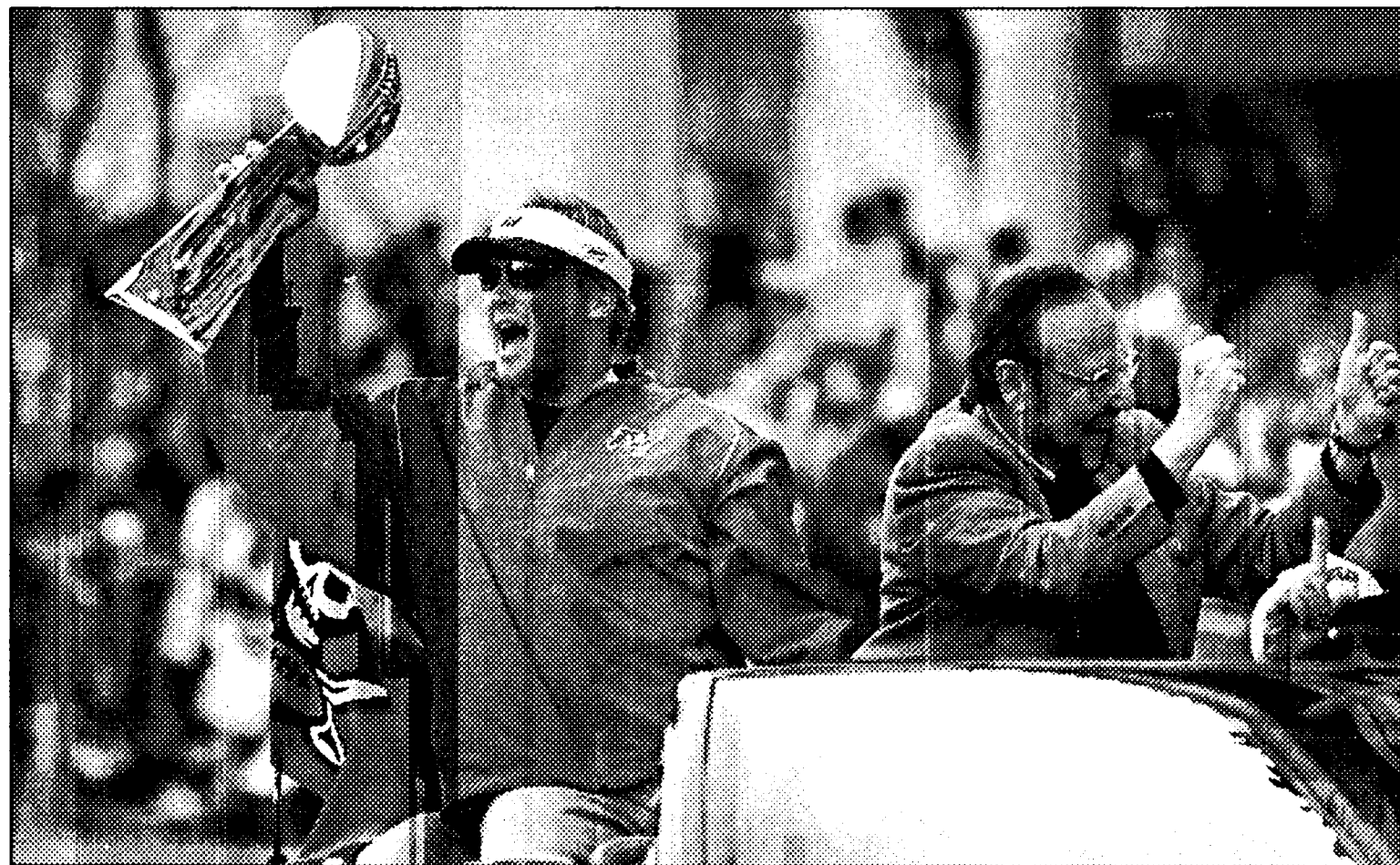
Many of the fans along the parade route were clothes emblazoned with the Super Bowl XXXVII logo.

Alstott, a cigar clenched in his teeth, stopped for a moment as he walked the parade route slapping hands with happy fans.

"Look at this," he said, gesturing up to people who waved from the top of a downtown parking garage. "It's better than anything ever. It's for the fans. Look at all this!"

"Unbelievable," said receiver Joe Jurevicius, as he worked the other side of the street. "I'll never forget this as long as I live."

Many schools closed early for the celebration. Fans screamed, waved signs and chanted as the coaches and players came into sight. Near



KRT Photo

Tampa Bay Buccaneers owner Malcolm Glazer and coach Jon Gruden celebrate at Tuesday's victory parade. Tampa Bay defeated the Oakland Raiders 48-21 in Super Bowl XXXVII Sunday.

the front, Gruden waved the Vince Lombardi Trophy high over his head.

Riding alongside Gruden in the same convertible, Bucs owner Malcolm Glazer wondered if anyone was working in the region Tuesday afternoon.

"Everyone's here at the

parade," Glazer said.

Fred Sanders, a longtime Bucs fan originally from Pahokee, flew down from Edison, N.J., just to witness the celebration.

"It's been a long time coming," he said. "All my friends in New York can't ever tell me

again that the Bucs never won a Super Bowl."

Tania Stablein had dressed her tiny black poodle in a No. 99 Sapp jersey.

"This is probably the best thing to happen to Tampa," she said. "Maybe now this will put us on the map as a real city."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Committee investigates financing options for Expos

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Baseball had a loud message in its first meetings with suitors who want to lure the Expos from Montreal: Show us the money.

Financing for a new ballpark is the top priority for the committee, which wants to know how fast the areas — Portland, Ore., Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia — could put in place plans to host the Expos in 2004.

"The committee is clearly focused on funding," said Bobby Goldwater, executive director of the DC Sports and Entertainment Commission.

Portland Mayor Vera Katz and District of Columbia Mayor Anthony A. Williams led their delegations Tuesday. Virginia Attorney General Jerry Kilgore heads the Northern Virginia group, which meets with the committee Wednesday.

Katz said she believes baseball wants to make a decision by the end of the summer and said the groups will be invited back for more formal presentations in six to eight weeks.

"This can't be done if it involves raising income taxes, involves raising property taxes," said David Kahn, the former Indiana Pacers general manager who is a leading figure in the Oregon Stadium Campaign.

The Expos, who report to spring training in 16 days for what could be their final season in Montreal, have drawn poorly in recent years at Olympic Stadium. The franchise was purchased before the 2002 season by the other 29 teams and is operated by the commissioner's office. Baseball moved 22 of the Expos' 81 home games this year to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to increase revenue.

At Tuesday's meetings, baseball wanted to hear how quickly both areas could put financing

in place for a new ballpark and the timeline for getting Portland's PGE Park and Washington's RFK Stadium ready for major league play.

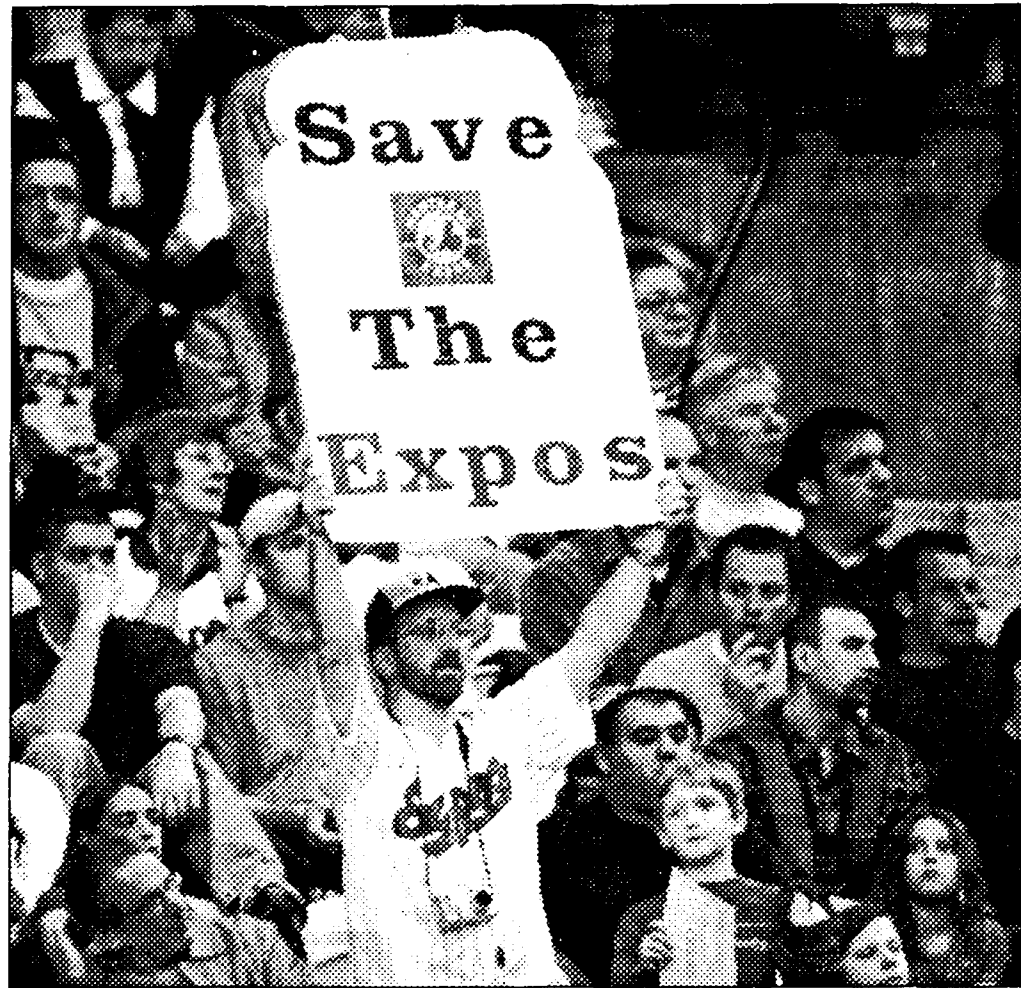
PGE Park, the 19,566-seat ballpark of the Triple-A Portland Beavers, and RFK Stadium, the 45,000-seat home of the expansion Senators until they moved to Texas after the 1971 season, would be the Expos' temporary home until a new stadium is built.

Kahn said a bill would be introduced in the Oregon Legislature to use state income tax money from player salaries to service bonds the state would issue to raise money to construct a ballpark, which would cost \$300 million or more.

"If that's the case, then there's no problem," said Gene Orza, the No. 2 official of the players' association. "But if they're singling out baseball players for a special tax to help finance a ballpark, they would not find an ally in us."

Several potential sites for ballparks in Portland, Washington and Northern Virginia have been discussed, but none has been selected.

"They wanted to know what our situation is in Oregon, who had authority for what revenue sources, whether we need to go



Reuters Photo Archive

A Montreal Expos fan expresses his devotion to the team at the Expos' last home game of the 2002 season.

to the voters," Kahn said.

Washington, which included District Council chairman Linda Cropp in its delegation, has not yet come up with a financing plan. It thinks a team has a better chance to succeed downtown than in the suburbs.

"We believe you build a ballpark where people live, work and come to be entertained," Goldwater said.

Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos opposes a Washington team, which he says would cut into his team's revenue.

Downtown Washington is about 40 miles from Camden Yards.

"It came up in a general discussion today," Goldwater said. "We know we'll certainly have to discuss that in detail."

Baseball also wanted to know if rain would be a problem in Portland, one of the wettest U.S. cities. It's unclear if a new ballpark would have a retractable roof, such as Safeco Field, the home of the Mariners in rainy Seattle.

"It doesn't rain any more in Portland than some East Coast cities," Katz said.

Portland's only professional team in the four major sports is the Trail Blazers, who began play in 1970.

"Portland is by far the most underserved professional sports market in the United States," Kahn said.

No potential owners have been invited to speak with baseball, only government authorities. This contrasts with baseball's meetings prior to expansion in 1993 and 1998, when ownership groups put the bids together.

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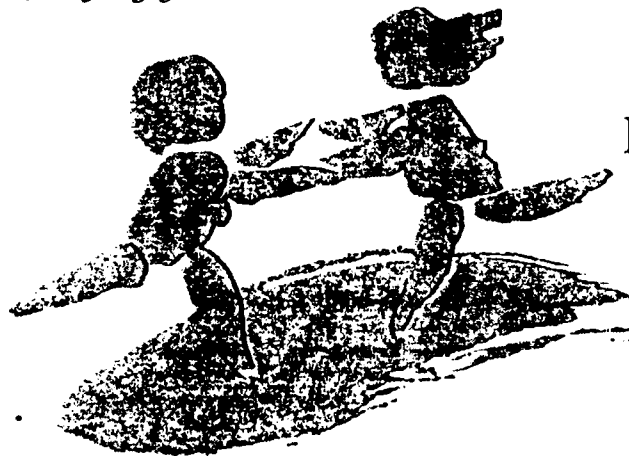
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Title IX report due Friday

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A group representing female athletes asserted Tuesday it would be unthinkable to retreat on a 31-year-old law designed to ensure gender equity in educational institutions.

"To suggest that it's OK for a federal law to allow women to be treated in a manner that is inferior to men is unfathomable in this day and age," said Donna Lopiano, executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation.

Lopiano argued her case — as did representatives of organizations with contrary views — before an Education Department panel that will soon recommend changes to the law known as Title IX.

The department's 15-member Commission on Opportunity in Athletics will debate and vote on as many as 24 competing recommendations during public meetings Wednesday and Thursday. It must submit a final report to Education Secretary Rod Paige by Jan. 31.

The commissioners appear to be leaning toward recommending a less restrictive interpretation of the law's proportionality standards — a move that sits well with supporters of a Title IX lawsuit filed by the National Wrestling Coaches Association.

The lawsuit contends that a "proportionality" rule that is a part of Title IX has led to the elimination of hundreds of men's sports teams.

Opponents of the existing rule stemming from that 1972 law say that many universities have struggled to comply. The standard says the male-female athlete ratio at such institutions must be "substantially proportionate" to the male-female enrollment ratio.

"It's clear that proportionality just doesn't work," said Eric Pearson of the College Sports Council, the lead plaintiff. "It's created a quota system that was never intended when Title IX was originally created."

Commissioner Julie Foudy, a member of U.S. national women's soccer team, said she feels the majority of her fellow commissioners want to tinker with proportionality.

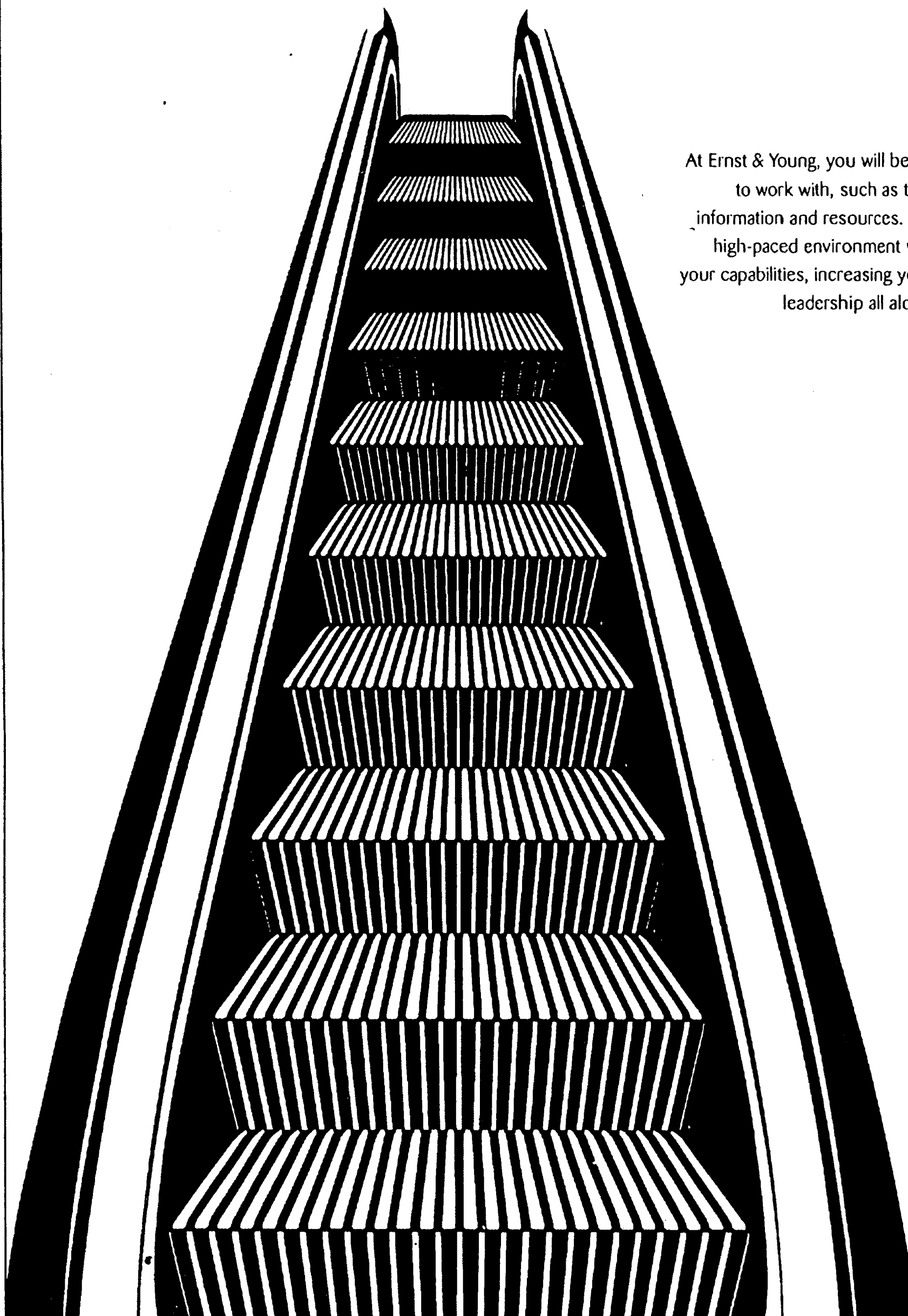
She said she is especially concerned about a proposal by University of Maryland athletic director Debbie Yow, which would allow schools to have a 50-50 split of male and female athletes regardless of the makeup of the student body — with a leeway of 5 to 7 percentage points.

"That scares me," Foudy said. "The reality is that the universities are going to go down the path of least resistance, which would be 43 percent."

A member of the commission, speaking on condition of anonymity Monday, said the "directions they are moving toward" include a less restrictive interpretation of the law's proportionality test. It also is expected to call for new surveys to gauge sports interest among student bodies.

"The majority seem to be in favor of some form of change," the commissioner said.

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Boston	26-18	.591	6-4	4	
Philadelphia	23-21	.523	4-6	7	
Orlando	23-23	.500	4-6	8	
Washington	22-23	.489	4-6	8 1/2	
New York	18-24	.429	6-4	11	
Miami	15-29	.341	3-7	15	

Eastern Conference, Central Division					
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB	
Indiana	33-12	.733	8-2	-	
Detroit	28-15	.651	5-5	4	
Milwaukee	22-21	.512	8-2	10	
New Orleans	23-22	.511	3-7	10	
Chicago	17-27	.386	4-6	15 1/2	
Atlanta	16-28	.364	4-6	16 1/2	
Toronto	11-33	.250	3-7	21 1/2	
Cleveland	9-36	.200	2-8	24	

Western Conference, Midwest Division					
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB	
Dallas	34-9	.791	6-4	-	
San Antonio	28-16	.636	7-3	6 1/2	
Minnesota	27-18	.600	8-2	8	
Utah	25-18	.581	6-4	9	
Houston	24-19	.558	5-5	10	
Memphis	13-31	.295	2-8	21 1/2	
Denver	10-34	.227	2-8	24 1/2	

Western Conference, Pacific Division					
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB	
Sacramento	31-13	.711	6-4	-	
Portland	27-15	.643	7-3	3 1/2	
Phoenix	26-20	.565	4-6	6 1/2	
Golden State	20-23	.465	6-4	11	
LA Lakers	19-23	.452	6-4	11 1/2	
Seattle	19-23	.452	3-7	11 1/2	
LA Clippers	16-28	.364	4-6	15 1/2	

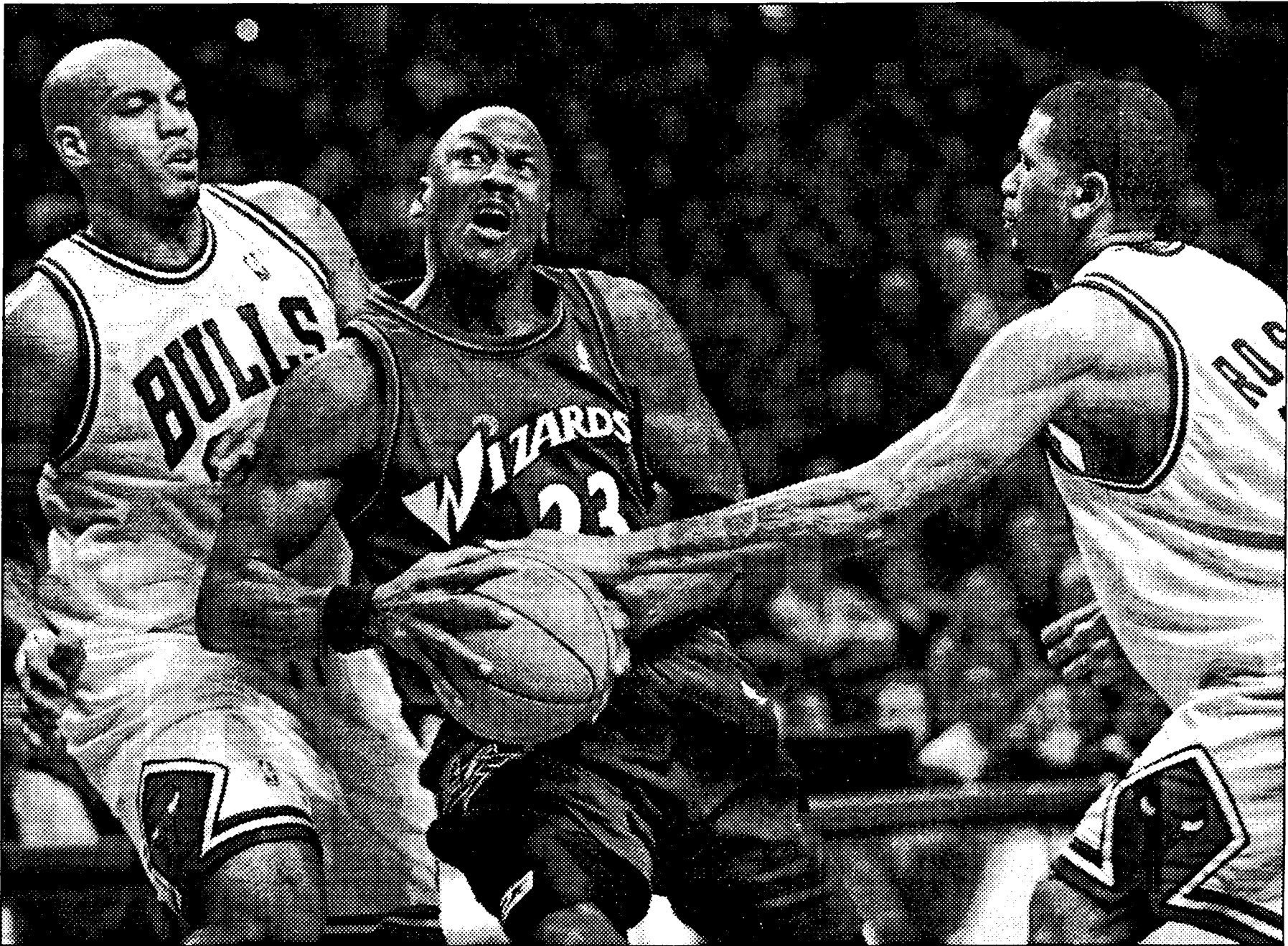
Central Collegiate Hockey Association		
team	W-L-T	Points
Ferris State	13-4-1	27
Ohio State	11-4-1	23
Michigan	11-4-1	23
Western Michigan	11-7-0	22
Michigan State	10-6-1	21
Miami	9-9-2	20
Northern Michigan	9-7-0	18
Nebraska-Omaha	8-11-1	17
NOTRE DAME	7-9-2	16
Alaska Fairbanks	6-10-4	16
Bowling Green	3-12-2	8
Lake Superior	1-16-1	3

Mens College Basketball Big East Conference			
West Division			
team	W-L	Pct.	Overall
Pittsburgh	5-0	1.000	15-1
Syracuse	4-1	.800	13-2
NOTRE DAME	4-1	.800	16-3
Georgetown	2-3	.400	10-5
West Virginia	2-3	.400	11-6
Seton Hall	2-4	.333	7-9
Rutgers	0-5	.000	0-9

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Washington Wizards guard Michael Jordan drives against the Bulls in what could be Jordan's final game in Chicago last week. Tuesday, Jordan was named as a reserve on the East All-Stars.

Jordan picked as All-Star reserve

NEW YORK — Michael Jordan was selected to the All-Star team for the 14th time Tuesday, and Karl Malone was shut out for the first time in 15 years.

Jordan moved into a tie with Malone and Jerry West for the second-most All-Star selections in NBA history behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's 19.

Jordan, who has the highest career scoring average in All-Star history at 21.3 points, was voted in as a starter in his 13 previous selections. He is a reserve for the Feb. 9 game in Atlanta.

Malone was selected every year since 1988, but did not make the cut in balloting by the 29 NBA coaches.

Also chosen for the Eastern Conference team were Jason Kidd of New Jersey, Paul Pierce and Antoine Walker of Boston, Brad Miller of Indiana, Zydrunas Ilgauskas of Cleveland and Jamal Mashburn of New Orleans.

The Western Conference reserves are Shaquille O'Neal of the Lakers, Stephon Marbury and Shawn Marion of Phoenix, Steve Nash and Dirk Nowitzki of Dallas, Gary Payton of Seattle and Chris Webber of Sacramento.

O'Neal, who finished behind Houston's Yao Ming in fan balloting to pick the starters, was chosen an All-Star for the 10th time.

The selections of Ilgauskas (Lithuania), Nash (Canada) and Nowitzki (Germany), along with starters Tim Duncan (U.S. Virgin Islands) and Yao (China), tie the record set last season of five international players.

Other than Malone or anyone else from the Utah Jazz, those notable for not being selected included Indiana's Ron Artest, Washington's Jerry Stackhouse, Dallas' Michael Finley and Golden State's Antawn Jamison.

Among the league's top 20 scorers, only Jamison (23.4 points), Chicago's Jalen Rose (23.1), Stackhouse (22.9), Cleveland's Ricky Davis (22.4) and New York's Allan Houston (21.3) were not selected.

Marion, Yao, Ilgauskas, Mashburn, Miller and Wallace will be making their first All-Star appearances.

IN BRIEF

James gets in accident with 88-year old woman
LeBron James hasn't completely steered clear of trouble with his Hummer.

The nation's top high school basketball player was cleared Monday after a two-week investigation by state officials determined he did not violate amateur bylaws by accepting a Hummer H2 vehicle as a gift.

Hours after James was cleared, an 88-year-old woman filed a police report claiming that he backed his sport utility vehicle into her car.

Iola Winston of Akron said the accident occurred while she was stopped in traffic Friday afternoon — a few hours before James' final home game at Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary.

Winston said she gave James her phone number after he said he would have the damage repaired. She was not injured.

Her car later broke down, and she had it towed. She waited until Monday night to file the accident report with Akron police.

James' attorney, Fred Nance, was not immediately available for comment.

Norman won't play in Masters
Barring a remarkable rebound in the next two months, Greg Norman will not be returning to the Masters.

Norman, the epitome of collapse and heartache at Augusta National, said he received a letter from chairman Hootie Johnson that he will not be offered a special invitation.

"Hootie wrote explaining the decision, and I think it is the right decision," Norman told the Sydney Morning Herald. "I support him 100 percent and respect him for that."

Norman, a runner-up three times at the major he craves the most, did not qualify for the first time last year but was given a special exemption by the club. He tied for 36th.

The only way for the 48-year-old Norman to qualify now is to move from No. 121 to No. 50 in the world ranking by the end of March, to be in the top 10 on the PGA Tour money after The Players Championships or to win The Players.

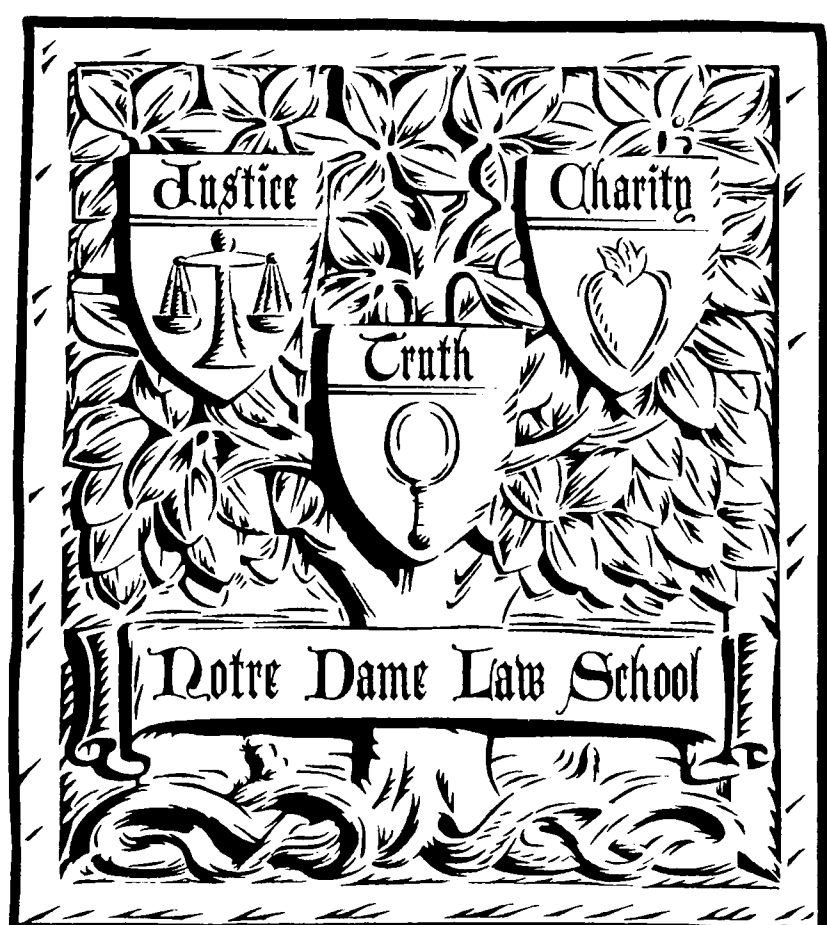
Norman is playing the Heineken Classic at Royal Melbourne this week, and said he plans to play four PGA Tour events before the deadline.

Johnson invited Norman to be a guest at Augusta National if he doesn't make it, but the Shark isn't interested.

"There's no point in me going up there," he said.

Norman's best chance to win the green jacket came in 1996. He had a six-stroke lead over Nick Faldo going into the last round, but shot 78 and lost by five.

The most devastating loss might have been in 1987, when Larry Mize defeated him on the second playoff hole by chipping in for birdie from 140 feet.



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Schifino. The sophomore is the leading scorer for the Mountaineers this season with nearly 21 points a game. West Virginia also likes to find big man Kevin Pittsnogle open from three-point land. The 6-foot-10, freshman center has made 31-of-57 three-pointers to lead the team in that category, counting for a large portion of his 13 points a game.

"They run in a tough offense," Carroll said. "They use a lot of screens and get a lot of easy buckets against teams. I think [West Virginia's offense] is very hard to guard, so we're going to have to be very attentive to detail."

The Mountaineers have seen a lot of turnover since they last faced the Irish, with a new coach this year and several new faces on the floor.

First year head coach Joe Beilein has started three freshmen — Pittsnogle, and guards Joe Herber and Jarmon Durisseau-Collins — in all 17 games this year. Combined with sophomore starters Schifino and Tyrone Sally, that makes for a very young West Virginia squad.

"This year, their leading scorer is Schifino, and he wasn't last year," Carroll said. "Guys that played more last year aren't playing now, so you just never know. The thing about it is that you have to be ready no matter who is out there. We have to know



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Notre Dame center Tom Timmermans drives in a recent game at the Joyce Center. The Irish return home today to host West Virginia in a Big East conference matchup.

everybody and what they can do, so we'll be prepared for whoever they have in the game."

The biggest challenge for the Irish may be to try not to look past a less talented West Virginia squad, and toward their big matchup against Georgetown Saturday.

"It's such a big game, and I think this team understands this year that every game in

the Big East is a huge game," Carroll said. "No matter who you're playing, whether it's home or away, any win here is a huge one with all the great teams in the conference. Anybody, anybody can beat anybody. We have to focus and be ready to get this one."

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Nielsen

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to both play hockey and get a good education."

After making a name for himself at Taft, one of the premier hockey prep schools in the country, Nielsen was confronted with the choice of where to attend college. For him, the choice was simple.

"Notre Dame was the only school I visited that wasn't on the East Coast," he said. "When I had the chance to come here, it was really refreshing to be back in the Midwest. Attending Taft gave me the academic reputation to go to any school I wanted."

As a freshman, Nielsen clicked with the Irish right away, taking advantage of the chance to be an important part of Notre Dame's defense.

"I always knew I had those other guys to count on," he said. "So I was able to go around and play my game. I didn't play all situations back then either, like the penalty kill, so it was nice to get a chance to rest. It was a great opportunity to grow as a player."

Nielsen's growth was well noted by scouts, and after his sophomore year, as he was driving to South Bend for a summer hockey camp, he received a call from his parents that he had been drafted.

That year and the year after, he was invited to take part in the Atlanta Thrashers' prospect camp, which consisted of nearly every prospect in the Atlanta organization, many of whom are

currently in the NHL or the minor leagues.

"It's a great experience," he said about the camp. "The last two summers I knew I was coming back to school, so it was a chance to get a taste of what kind of skill is needed to play at the next level. You really get a sense of what it would be like to have hockey as your profession."

Poulin noted a difference in Nielsen's play immediately after the Irish defenseman returned from prospect camp.

"I think that really helped him," Poulin said. "You never really know until you've been there and can say, 'I can play with these guys.' You could just see the increased confidence."

Nielsen may be confident, but he's certainly not arrogant.

"Definitely one of my goals is to play in the NHL," he said. "But I plan on playing for as long as it takes to get there."

After the final game of the season for the Irish, Nielsen will hang up his Notre Dame jersey for good and continue on the road toward his ultimate goal.

"That's the driving force in my life," he said. "I'm looking forward to new experiences and meeting new people. It's been a good four years here, but I'm also looking forward to moving on."

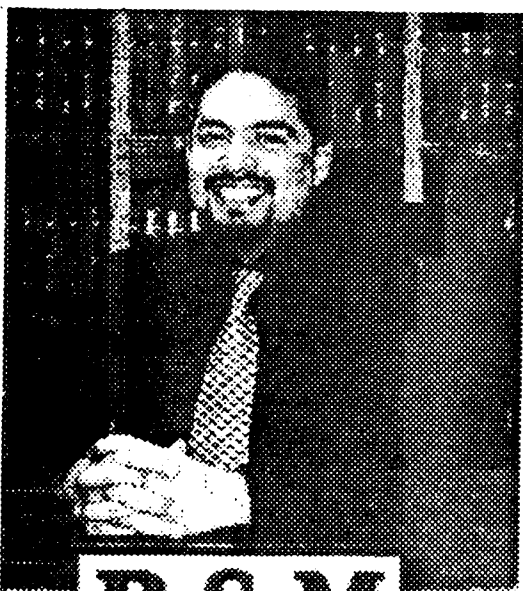
Maybe some day, in some NHL city, a young fan in the stands will see Nielsen skating around on the ice in a bright clean uniform. And maybe that kid will turn to his mom and say, "I want to do that."

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MENS TENNIS

Struggling Irish face No. 2 Illinois

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After beginning the spring season with two losses, the Irish, winless in dual match play, will face No. 2 Illinois today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Illini roster is rich with talent, with five singles players and two doubles teams ranked nationally. The Irish, on the other hand, are a relatively young and less experienced squad.

"They are, I think, the best team in the country," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

Although Bayliss recognizes the formidable challenge awaiting the Irish on the courts today, he believes Notre Dame has valuable assets that could help the Irish register their first victory of the season.

Primarily, he believes the Irish roster has players with the heart and energy to rebound after two consecutive losses.

"Sometimes our guys have played their best tennis with their backs against the wall," Bayliss said. "We're going to be ready to play and we'll be out there firing on all cylinders."

While the Irish lost six of nine lettermen to graduation, the Illini roster from last season remains intact. Last year, Illinois won two out of three matches with the Irish, but the Irish triumphed 4-3 in Champaign, Ill.

So far this spring though, the Irish, as a team, have not had much to smile about.

"To say I'm disappointed in an 0-2 start is an understatement," Bayliss said. "I think we had a chance to beat Indiana."

Nevertheless, several players have provided hope for the team.

"I am extremely happy with play of [Luis] Haddock," Bayliss said. "Even though Matt Scott has lost twice at No. 2, that's a huge jump to go from five to two in our lineup. He's done a very

good job."

Additionally, sophomore Brent D'Amico, who saw little singles playing time last season, has earned two singles victories in the matches against Indiana and Ohio State.

The two freshmen in the lineup, Eric Langenkamp and Patrick Buchanan, need time to adjust to collegiate tennis, according to Bayliss.

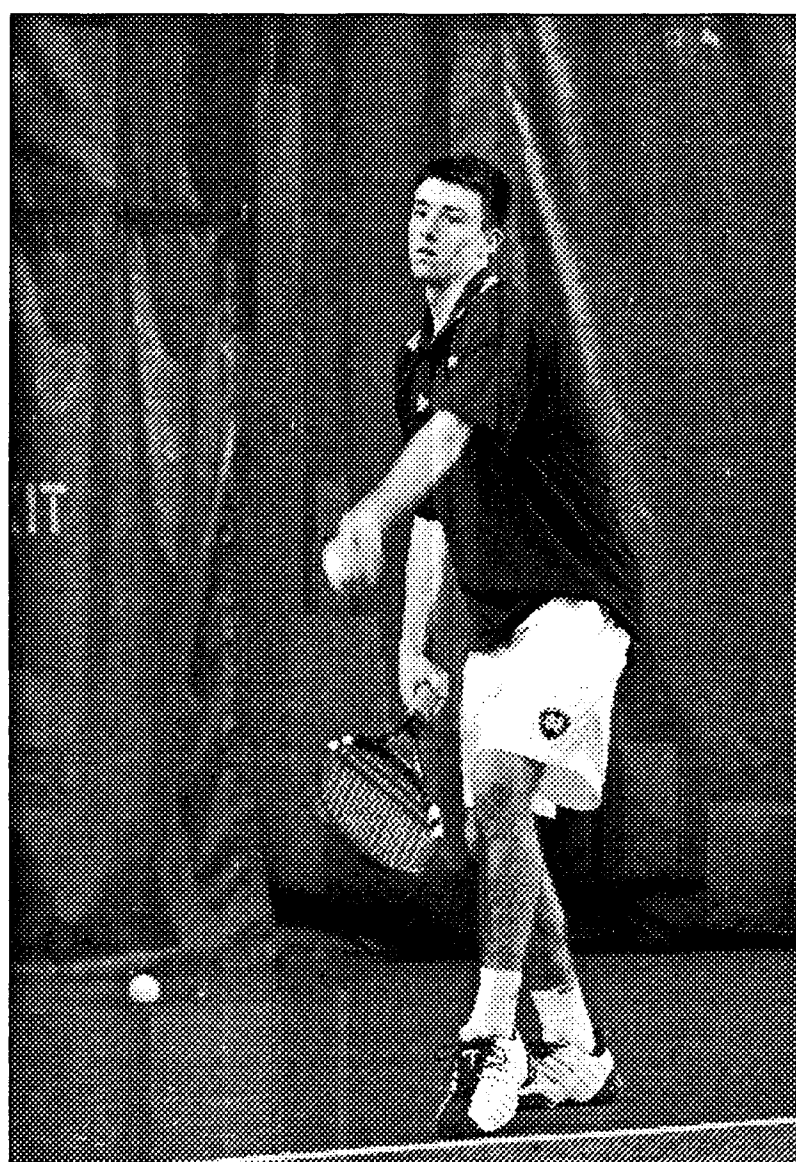
"Both lost matches they could have won, and they're going to win as the year goes on," he said. "They're going to get pretty good. I just have to be patient and wait for them to develop and get used to the intensity of college tennis."

But if Langenkamp and Buchanan are not able to aid Notre Dame in trying to succeed with a tough schedule, the Irish have enough depth to manipulate the lineup.

In doubles play, D'Amico and junior Matt Scott were successful against Indiana, but struggled against Ohio State Sunday. Senior Brian Farrell, who has been playing at the No. 2 doubles flight with Haddock, may not play today due to a shoulder injury.

After playing Illinois today, Notre Dame will welcome Florida State Friday. Next week, the Irish will face a challenging trio — Wisconsin, Purdue and Duke.

"We've got to remember [we are] a very young and very inexperienced



ADAM MIGLORE/The Observer

Sophomore Brent D'Amico serves in a match earlier this season. The Irish face No. 2 Illinois today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

team," Bayliss said. "They're going to grow, and they're going to get confidence. We're going to be heard from as the year goes on."

For now, the Irish are looking forward to the challenge ahead, the challenge that begins today against a team ranked second in the nation.

"This is an extremely exciting week," Bayliss said.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles seek home upset

By TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

The "upset" has become as much a part of sports as the players and coaches who make it all possible.

Perhaps that's just one of the reasons why Saint Mary's basketball team goes into its match against the third-ranked team in the conference with a positive attitude and outlook.

The Belles (5-12) don't expect to be the favorites as they square off against the Scots (10-5) of Alma College, coming in with a five game losing streak, but that hasn't distorted their image of themselves.

"A lot of teams are going to underestimate us at this point, and I think we can use that to our advantage," said guard Katie Boyce. "We're a stronger team than we've shown and we know that."

The Belles have had a rough past couple of weeks, losing their last three games on the road.

However, with the home-court advantage, a long standing school rivalry, and the challenge of facing the third-ranked team in the MIAA, coach Suzanne Bellina and her squad believe they can take the season in a new direction.

"I think returning to their home court will definitely motivate [the team] to play their best," said Bellina. "Alma has also been a rival of ours for a while, and I think these factors challenge the team to perform well."

Besides playing on their own turf, the Belles have yet another advantage over the Scots, and that is the depth of their bench.

Forward Emily Creachbaum, who has shot for 43 percent from the field this season, leads the Belles. Creachbaum is backed by guard Maureen Bush who has shot for 42 percent.

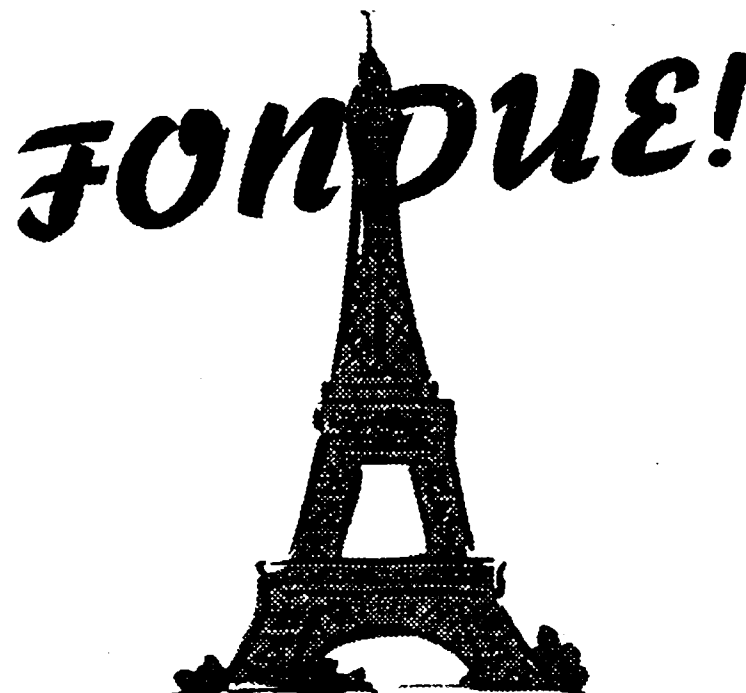
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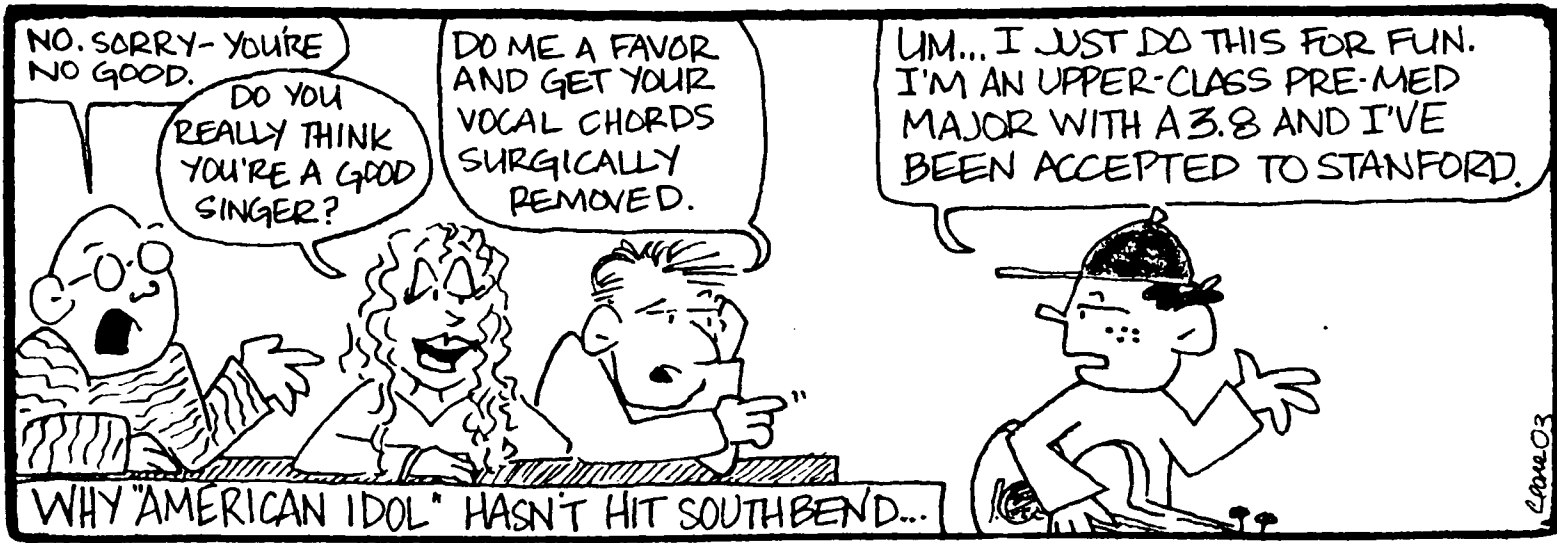
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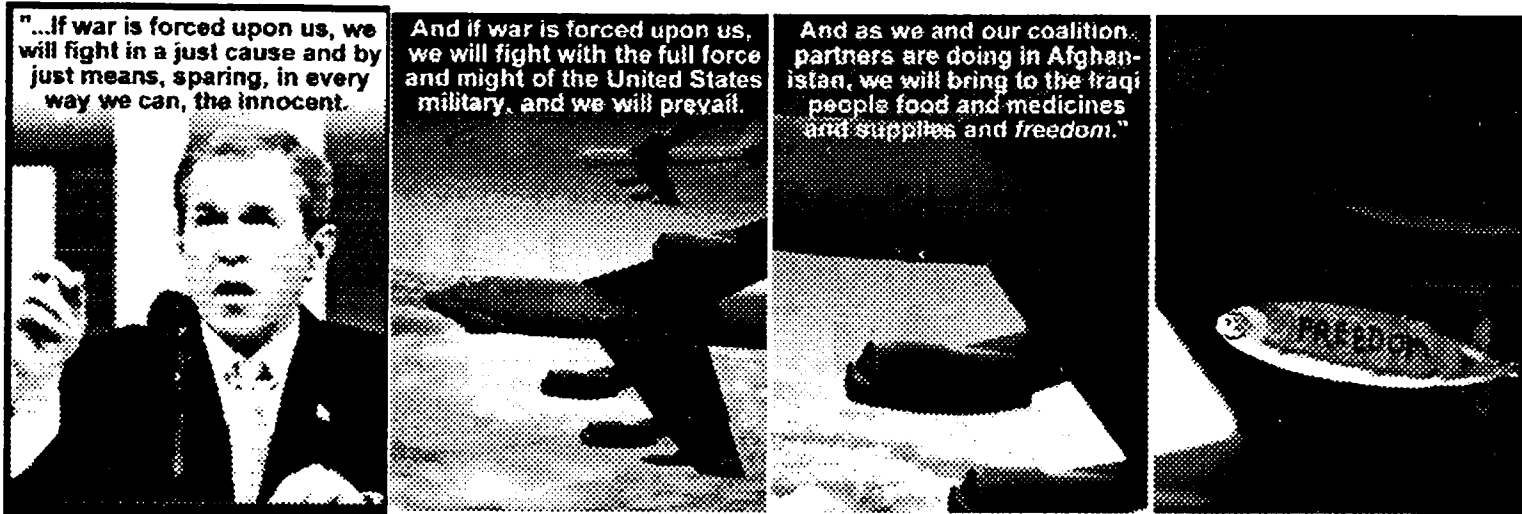
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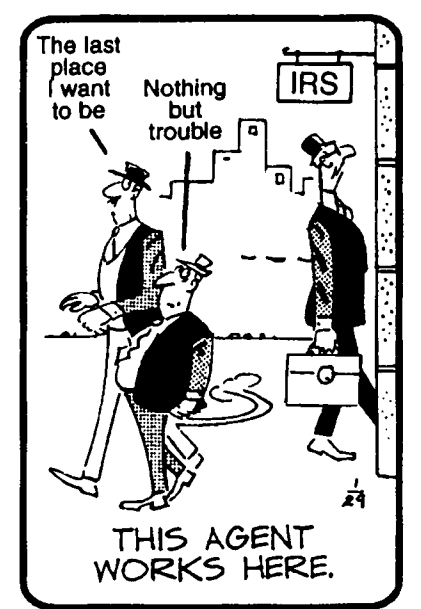
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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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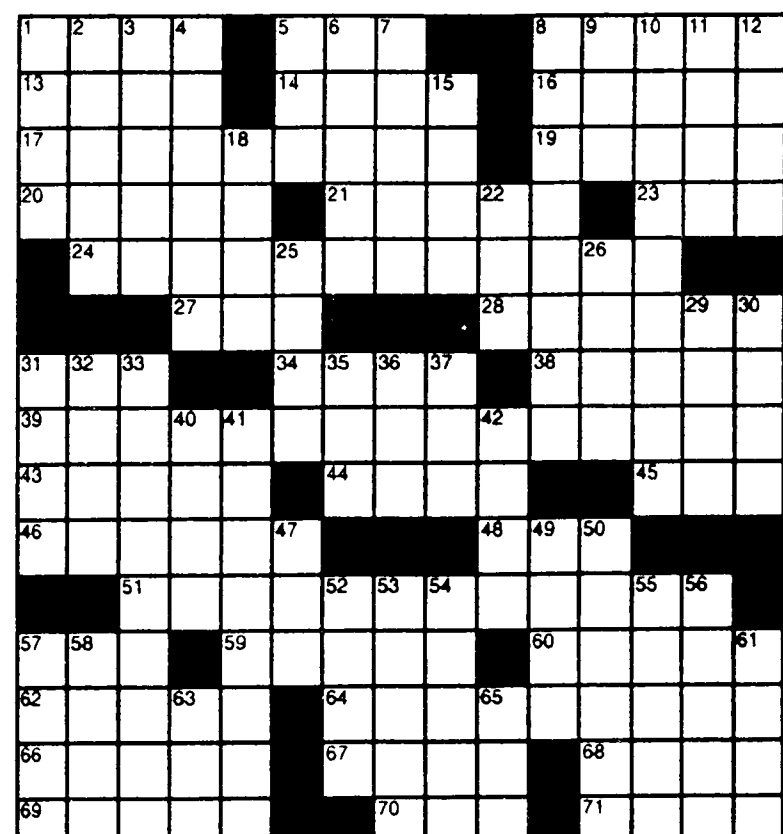
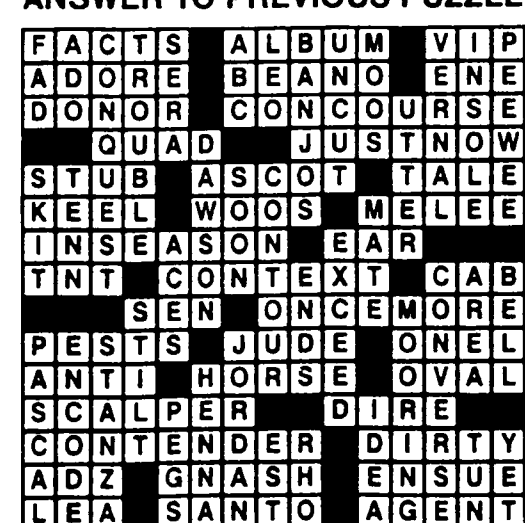
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 - 13 Call
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 - 19 "___ funny, McGee!"
 - 20 It may follow a bench-clearing
 - 21 Change form
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 - 24 Cavalier
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 - 28 Not sober
 - 31 Med. readout
 - 34 Wordsmith Webster
 - 38 R.E.M. singer Michael
- DOWN**
- 39 Imminent disaster
 - 43 Brunei native
 - 44 Axis leader
 - 45 Comics scream
 - 46 Place for an O. Henry surprise
 - 48 Jolson and Jarreau
 - 51 Far from buxom
 - 57 Dian Fossey subject
 - 59 Sub system
 - 60 Auto option
 - 62 Commit a deadly sin
 - 64 Powerful politico
 - 66 Fragrant resin
 - 67 Father-and-daughter boxers
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 - 41 Like the Romanovs
 - 42 Old Testament kingdom
 - 47 Old muscle car
 - 49 Good earth
- DOWN**
- 50 Lipton rival
 - 52 "My Way" writer
 - 53 Leaves port
 - 54 Tom's "Roseanne" role
 - 55 Croupiers' gear
 - 56 Inferior merchandise
 - 57 Breezed through
 - 58 Traveler to Cathay
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HOCKEY

Nielsen follows childhood dream

◆ Irish captain knew he wanted to play hockey since age of 3

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The day Evan Nielsen skated off of the rink in his figure skates and saw the older boys leaving their hockey practice was the day he knew he wanted to play hockey.

"About the time I was three years old, I was in the rink for my skating lessons and saw some of the bigger boys coming off with all their hockey equipment on," Nielsen said. "I looked up at my mom and said, 'I want to do that.'"

That day, Nielsen traded his chance to be the next Brian Boitano for a chance to be the next Brian Sutter, and began a lifelong love of hockey that eventually brought him to Notre Dame.

Since wearing the Irish jersey, Nielsen has achieved almost every accolade one can earn in college hockey. He was named captain his junior year and continues to wear the "C" this sea-

son.

He served as the only freshman on a defense filled with seniors and juniors his first year at Notre Dame, and still managed to tie for the team lead in goals by a defenseman.

After his sophomore season, he was selected by the Atlanta Thrashers in the eighth round of the 2002 entry draft.

In his junior year, he achieved career highs in goals, assists, points, shots and plus-minus.

"If I could sum up Evan in a few words it's that he's an all-around player," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "He has improved his play in each category of the game every year he's been here. He's a mature kid and his leadership and presence are intangible."

Nielsen has always had the talent to compete at a high level of play. At the age of 16, he was faced with the decision of going to play junior hockey or going to prep school. He chose to attend The Taft School, in Waterbury, Conn., hundreds of miles away from his home in Evanston, Ill.

"I knew I was going to have to leave home," he said. "But playing at Taft offered me a chance

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ANDREW KENNA/The Observer

Notre Dame defenseman Evan Nielsen battles a Boston College player earlier in the season when the Irish tied the Golden Eagles 3-3.

MENS BASKETBALL

Home sweet home

◆ Irish return to Joyce Center against West Virginia

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

It's nice to be home.

After its longest road trip of the season — a stretch of three games over eight days that saw the Irish go 2-1 — Notre Dame (16-3, 4-1) returns to the Joyce Center for a Big East matchup with West Virginia (11-6, 2-3).

"It was a long, long stretch on the road, but it's great to be home," Irish guard Matt Carroll said. "I think ... we're ready and excited to play in front of our home crowd."

While the Irish got only their first two victories on the road last week against Providence and Boston College, they have been stellar on their home court. Notre Dame is a perfect 12-0 this season in the friendly

confines of the Joyce Center.

The trip to South Bend may be more difficult for the Mountaineers, however, who are 0-5 on the road this season. West Virginia has been outscored by an average of 12 points in those five road losses.

A danger for the Irish could be in their opponent's inconsistency, however, as West Virginia is a team that has shown this season it has the ability to play with anyone in the country. The Mountaineers' 11-6 record includes impressive victories over No. 4 Florida, Tennessee and Miami, and a tough two-point overtime loss to Georgetown.

"They're a good team. They have a good coach there," Carroll said. "He's done a good job with them this year. It's going to be a tough game just looking at how they run their offense."

Much of that offense comes in freeing up guard Drew

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish searching for consistency

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame took a step forward last Saturday by beating a ranked opponent, No. 20 Villanova, 58-56 on the road.

Now the Irish look to take another step to improving their confidence — and their overall record — when they face Boston College tonight at the Conte Forum.

"We definitely made a step forward [against Villanova]," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think that we have really been making really some strides since after the Purdue game."

McGraw said that the difference has been in practice.

"We kind of came to the realization that we really had to step it up in practice," McGraw said. "Our intensity wasn't quite where it needed to be."

Notre Dame will need to play another game like their last, if they hope to secure a second road win in the past week. The

Eagles present several problems for the Irish, specifically their experience. They start four seniors, including three fifth-year seniors.

"They present a lot of problems, because they're a veteran team," McGraw said. "They're the kind of team that doesn't beat themselves."

The Eagles perimeter game also could give the Irish some problems. They start three guards, with another coming off the bench and all four players can knock-down 3-pointers. Guard Jessalyn Deveny leads the Eagles in scoring, averaging 18.2 points per game.

But the difference in the game could be whether Notre Dame can shut down Boston College's inside presence of Becky Gottstein. Gottstein

averages 14.1 points and 8.3 rebounds per contest.

"She's really, really trouble for us," McGraw said. "She's really good on the block. She's mobile, she passes well, she scores well. They're just a really solid all around team."

The Irish will counter Gottstein with Courtney LaVere, Teresa Borton and Katy Flecky. LaVere has been solid all season for Notre Dame, and is coming off a 20-point scoring performance against Villanova.

For the Irish, the biggest factor will be if they can simply play well.

"We need to play well. That's what we need to do," McGraw said. "So then we can go out and feel good about what we've done on the court."

The game tips off at 7 p.m.

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SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

MENS TENNIS

Illinois at Notre Dame

Today, 4 p.m.

After starting the season with two losses, the young and inexperienced Notre Dame mens tennis team faces a tough challenge with second ranked Illinois visiting the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

SMC BASKETBALL

Alma at Saint Mary's

Today, 7:30 p.m.

Currently on a five-game losing streak, the Belles look to surprise third-place Alma and pull the home upset.