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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members continue policy revisions

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

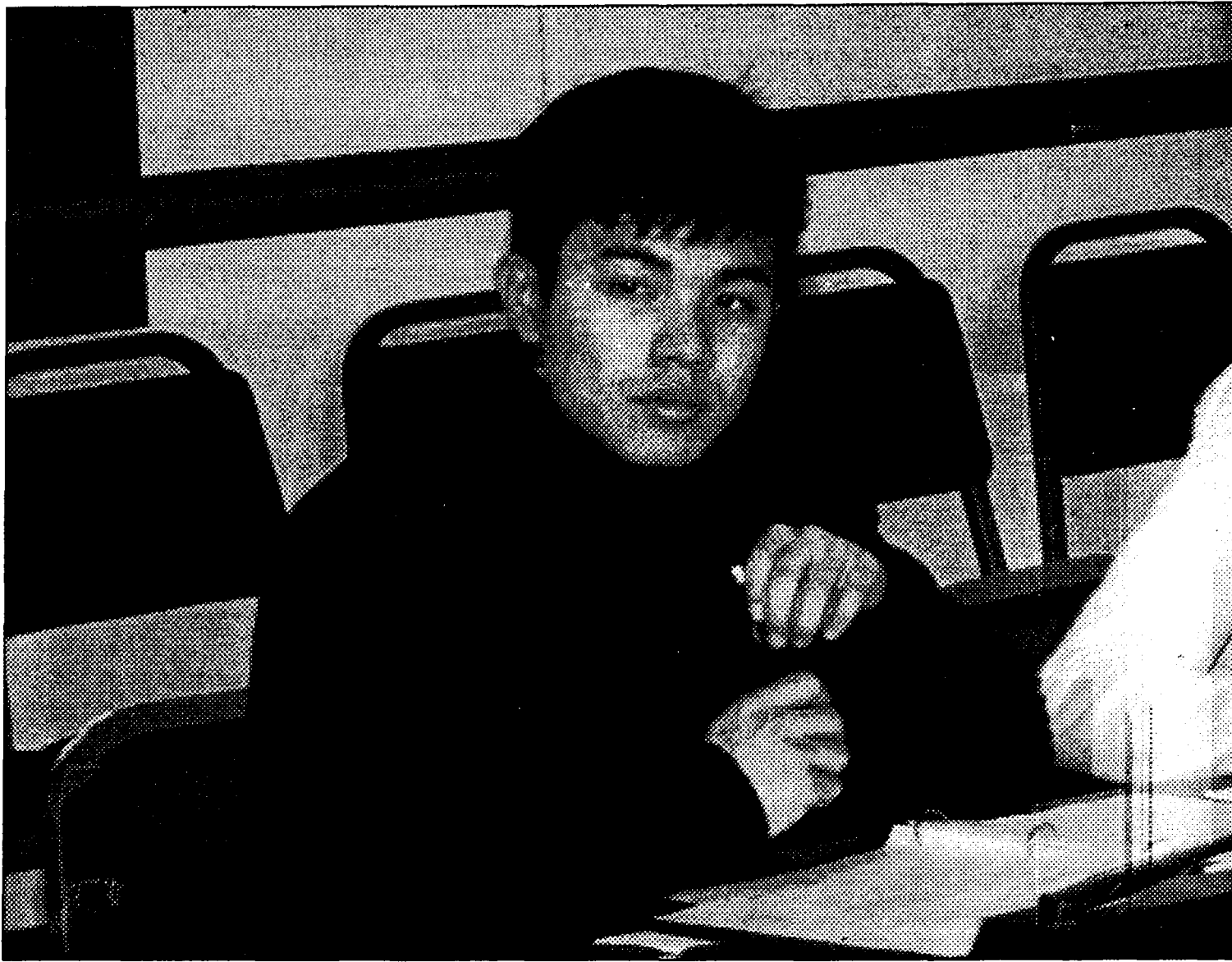
Members of the Council of Representatives convened Monday evening to discuss their ongoing work on revamping the Student Union constitution.

Student body president Jeremy Lao emphasized the group's need to create a finalized, well-written constitution.

"What I really want to stress for the rest of this semester is to write this constitution well," Lao said. "April 1 is the deadline."

The meeting's discussion centered around the programming side of student government. Though members disagreed on final details, they did approve a plan to create a Campus Programming Council, which would consist of one representative from each residence hall. The CPC would work on campus-wide events, essentially taking on the role of the current Student Union Board. In addition, members approved the concept of a Residential Programming Council, also composed of representatives from

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Student body president Jeremy Lao chairs a Campus Life Council meeting held Monday afternoon. Lao presides over the Council of Representatives as well as the CLC.

Group reviews proposals

Work continues on revamped College Seminar program

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

The College Seminar program, formerly Core, continues to face both praise and criticism as the Feb. 1 deadline for course proposals draws nearer.

Approved at the Dec. 9 College Council meeting, the one-semester College Seminar stands in place of the full-year Core course currently required for all sophomores in the College of Arts and Letters, and will officially take effect next fall. The new program will offer a variety of multi-disciplinary courses in both the fall and spring semesters — a major adjustment to Core's common curriculum — but also allows students to take the full-year Core course as an elective.

George Howard, director of Core and professor of psychology, said he is currently aware of 18 course proposals, including Environment, Materialism and Consumption, Reconciliation in Film, Theatre and Psychology, Social Psychology and Men and Music. The program's finances allow for 35 proposals to be approved, though that number was flexible, said Howard.

"We want at least 30 proposals, and since the professors are committed to teaching the course twice over a three-year period and we plan to offer 30 courses in the fall and 25 in the spring, we should be covered for at least a year with that number," said Howard. "However, we will be faced with the exact same problem next year. So, the best long-term interest for the College is to have more than 30 proposals."

In the event of too many submissions, a committee made up of one faculty member from humanities, social science and the fine and performing arts will make the final selection.

Though there was doubt surrounding the future of Core Congress, the voice for student concerns about the program, Howard said that, at this time, they intend to keep the Core Congress, now appropriately titled the College Seminar Congress. The congress, he said, has been a valuable resource providing what have been, at times, surprising responses of students that led to changes in the program.

Faculty feedback, however, was ambivalent after the divisive

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Students observe caucus

ND students campaign for runner-up Edwards

By KATE GALES
News Writer

Notre Dame and Purdue students witnessed firsthand the Iowa caucus in which Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry finished first, with North Carolina Sen. John Edwards a close second and Vermont Gov. Howard Dean in third.

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Notre Dame senior Casey Fitzmaurice, along with 34 students from Notre Dame and Purdue, worked for Sen. Edwards, whose second-place finish surprised many political analysts. CNN.com called Edwards' high voter numbers "surprising."

"We knew when we came out here that organization was the most important thing about Iowa," Fitzmaurice said. "But we didn't really understand that until we were given the responsibility."

Fitzmaurice said she believed that the door-to-door campaigning students did on Edwards' behalf contributed to his finish with 32 percent of the vote. Kerry



Reuters

Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards speaks to voters in Iowa on Monday. Notre Dame students traveled to Iowa to assist Edwards with his campaign.

received 38 percent, Dean finished with 18 percent and former House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt totaled 11 percent.

"We covered four precincts, and our efforts meant that we won them," Fitzmaurice said. "[We] knocked Dean out in our precincts, and that could have made a huge dif-

ference."

Fitzmaurice said hundreds of students from Indiana, North Carolina, Georgia, Wisconsin, Arizona and California spent the weekend in Iowa working on the Edwards' campaign.

"As soon as they hear

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President delivers address

Jablonski-Diehl updates college

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl highlighted the successes of Saint Mary's student government during her State of the School address Monday evening. Approximately 40 students and faculty gathered in Carroll Auditorium for the speech.

Sponsored by the Student Government Association, the address was intended to update interested parties of SGA activities, answer questions and allow students to voice their opinions.

Jablonski-Diehl focused on three areas she said SGA has been particularly successful in promoting, including VISA, the Friends With Sisters program and the new dining hall.

Student government joined forces with the VISA pro-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Easing the return back

My buddy list has shrunk. As a second semester junior, this is a common occurrence, as many of my peers have opted to escape the Bend and spend a non-football semester overseas.

Matt Mooney

While trying to cope with reading fewer away messages as a distraction from work, I realized that these worldly travelers have it pretty tough. Aside from the not-so-rigorous curriculum, the multitude of travel opportunities and newfound alcoholic freedom, abroad students must cope with unfamiliar surroundings and life without the dining hall.

But fear not. There is hope, and I have a plan. To ease the transition away from English and/or heavy accents, I urge the University to adopt a Semester-in-a-Week Program.

This program will place an outgoing student in a host dorm room for the first week of school before they head to wherever. The goal is for the guest student to experience all of the missed on-campus social interaction in one week.

To make the Semester-in-a-Week plan work successfully, the host room should attempt to vary the emotional atmosphere at least by the day, if not more frequently. For example, Monday should be filled with happiness and merriment as everyone basks in the afterglow of a long break. This may prove difficult to replicate, as most people will be busy spending the better part of 10 minutes registering for the semester, but fit in what you can.

The middle of the week remains at the discretion of the host dorm, but make certain to use at least one day for spring break. Travel somewhere exotic, like Reckers for those residents of Mod Quad. Maybe take a cruise on the frothy yet affordable seas of the resurrected Boat Club.

Saturday, or study days on the accelerated timetable, only requires the absence of studying. Alcohol consumption is encouraged, provided, of course, all such actions correspond with Indiana State Law. Just like they always do.

Concluding the week is Surly Sunday. On this day, the simulated exam-induced stress causes everyone to stress and flip out at each other. Shouting matches are encouraged, using blunt projectiles when necessary.

But above all, the guests should feel at home. They should have packages delivered to the room at 10 a.m. on a Saturday morning, when UPS needs a signature from one Matt Mahooney. Distribute the room phone number to everyone they know, so that no one misses a heartfelt goodbye. Then, when they are finally ready to say "bon voyage," they might just reward the hosts' hospitality by giving the residents a case of ... Strep throat.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU DOING FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY?



Allecia Fehrling
Sophomore
McGlinn

"I didn't do anything."



Brian McDonald
Freshman
Dillon

"I was mad at my friends because Michigan didn't have school."



Caroline Rycyna
Freshman
Lewis

"I took a long nap."



Ken Williamson
Senior
Off-campus

"Absolutely nothing."



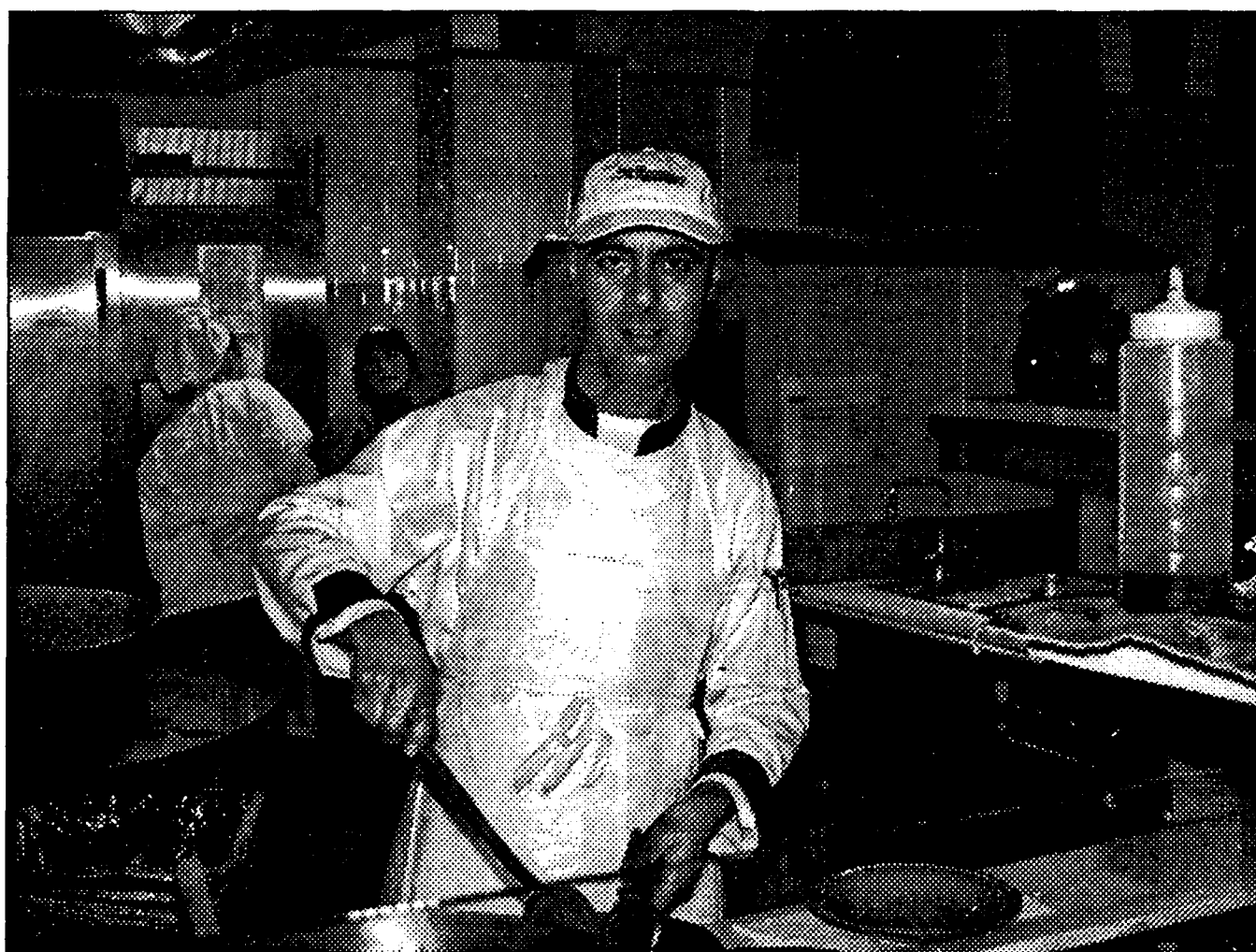
Liz Dolan
Freshman
Lyons

"I just went to class, hung out and went to cardio-boxing ... nothing special."



Matt Medlock
Freshman
Alumni

"No comment."



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

A chef prepares dinner for students in South Dining Hall's stir fry station on Monday evening.

OFFBEAT

Microsoft takes on teen over web site

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Mike Rowe thinks it's funny that his catchy name for a Web site design company sounds a lot like Microsoft.

The software giant, however, is not amused.

"Since my name is Mike Rowe, I thought it would be funny to add 'soft' to the end of it," said Rowe, a 17-year-old computer geek and Grade 12 student in Victoria, British Columbia.

Microsoft Corp. and its attorneys have demanded that he give up his domain

name, the Vancouver Province newspaper reported Sunday.

Rowe registered the name in August. In November, he received a letter from Microsoft's Canadian lawyers, Smart & Biggar, informing him he was committing copyright infringement.

He was advised to transfer the name to the Redmond, Wash.-based corporation.

Club cancels dog show over carpet worries

MUNCIE, Ind. — The dog show will go on — just not on the carpet.

The Muncie Kennel Club has canceled four days of dog shows usually held at the Horizon Convention Center in January because management would permit them only if the group covered the center's newly carpeted floor with plastic.

"Convention officials wanted us to cover the carpeting with plastic, but the insurance company wouldn't cover it and the dogs and their owners wouldn't tolerate it," said Tim Catterson, the kennel club's president.

Information compiled from The Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Students for Environmental Action will hold a meeting tonight at 6 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns lounge. During the meeting, the organization will plan events for this semester.

The Career Center is hosting an information session for Morgan Stanley at 6 p.m. tonight in the Stadium Room of the University Club.

Come learn more about Teach for America during an information session tonight at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall.

The Graduate Student Union will sponsor a blood drive on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Any students, faculty and staff who are able are invited to make a donation.

Test your knowledge during the College Bowl Competition on Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Notre Dame room of LaFortune. The Bowl is the longest running general knowledge quiz competition.

A workshop on post graduate service opportunities will be held at 5 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns. Any student interested in participating in the workshop is asked to contact the CSC.

The Late Night Olympics will be held Friday night from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. in the Joyce Center. Events will include broomball, inner tube water polo, kickball, target golf and more.

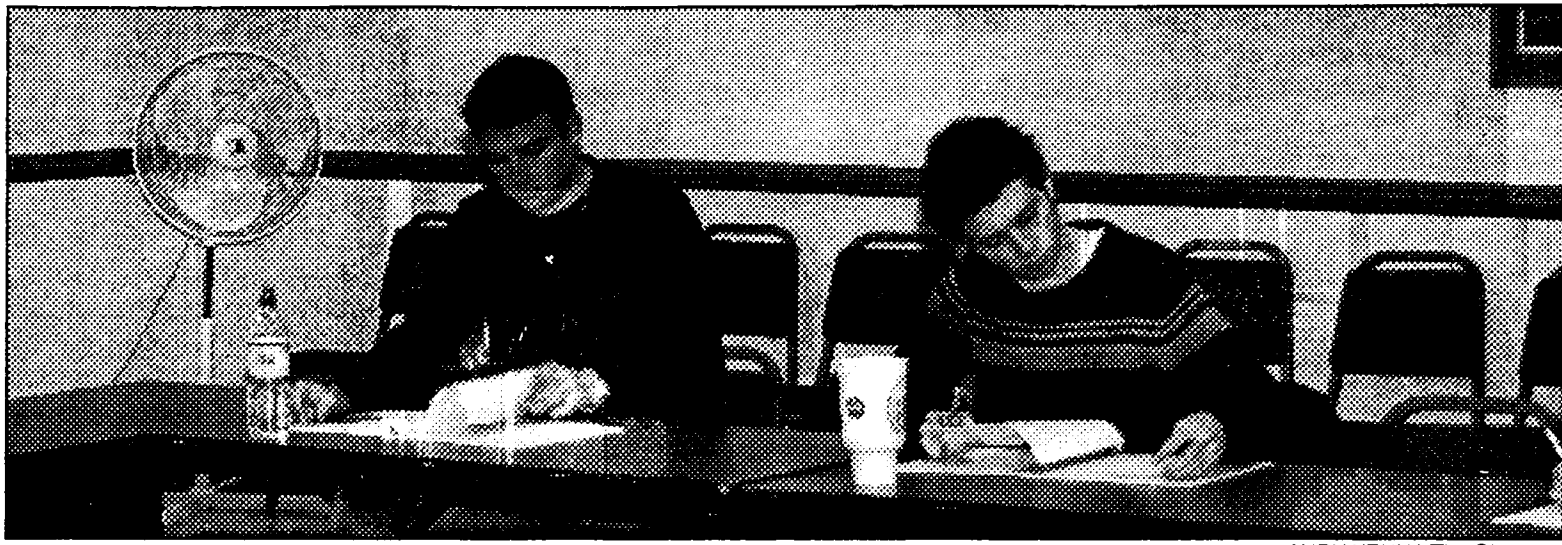
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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Lao takes charge of organization



CLC members Charlie Ebersol (left) and Aaron Ziellinski look over the agenda during Monday's meeting. During the meeting, members discussed plans for the spring semester.

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

The Campus Life Council reconvened Monday for its first meeting after Christmas break, led by new chairman and student body president Jeremy Lao, who replaced the now graduated Pat Hallahan.

"I really look forward to working with you all this semester," Lao said at the start of the meeting. "I really firmly believe [CLC] is one of the most important committees [within student government]."

Lao challenged members to use the council to its full potential.

"In the past few years, I don't think CLC has been fully utilized," he said. "I'll do my best to bring topics to the agenda."

Emily Chin, formerly the chief of staff, replaced Lao in the position of vice president, and her former post was filled by senior Patrick Corker.

Liam Magee also joined the CLC as a new member and representative from the Diversity Council.

CLC plans to host a social gathering in the coming weeks to provide an opportunity for the members to better get to know each other.

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In other CLC news:

◆ Chin briefed members of changes that are taking place within the Council of Representatives. The organization will now be divided into two areas: policy and programming. Work is still underway to determine which components of student government will fall within the two divisions, Chin said.

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SMC campus gears up for '04 election

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Saint Mary's students are beginning to show interest in this year's presidential election and Campus groups are preparing for it as they closely monitor the national news.

The Student Government Association wants to ensure that students are being heard, said Sarah Brown, student body vice president.

Brown said that campus groups such as Peacemakers, Feminists United, the political science club and the College Democrats and Republicans are joining together to educate voters and possibly even present a voting drive.

A campus-wide week of voter education will start January 26th. Groups will have a day to present issues important to them and present the candidate or candidates they will be backing in the election.

"We are meeting tomorrow night to discuss our plans for the elections," said Jessica Millanes, president of College Republicans. "Voting is very important and college students are a very

underrepresented demographic. Saint Mary's women are well-informed, and we can work to change those statistics."

Like most students, Millanes said she stays informed by watching the nightly news and reading the paper often. Recently, newspapers have become a more friendly option for on-campus students through the Collegiate Readership Program.

Managed by USA Today, the CRP delivers leading local and national papers to over 250 participating colleges nationwide. The program is designed to enhance the campus-learning environment and is billed as a relevant real-world resource for higher education.

Mary Nelson, College Democrats vice president and co-founder, said that the papers provided around campus are a key learning tool.

"The newspaper is the primary source of information about our country and the world, and I think the readership program gives us direct access to that every day," Nelson said.

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Edwards' message, they're willing to drive out here and come out," she said.

"Our group [from Indiana] got such a great response," Fitzmaurice said. "We divided

between Waterloo and Mason City, and each group was lucky enough to have Sen. Edwards for an event. We got to meet him, have pictures and support him in front of the Iowan voters ... There were huge turnouts — people were overflowing into hallways."

A political science major, Fitzmaurice enjoyed the hands-

on campaign experience, which included calling committed voters to make sure they attended the caucus. One Edwards supporter had to be called four times after falling asleep and forgetting to attend.

"This is a completely unique way to elect a president," Fitzmaurice said. "Now we have a better understanding of it ...

It's a completely valuable experience."

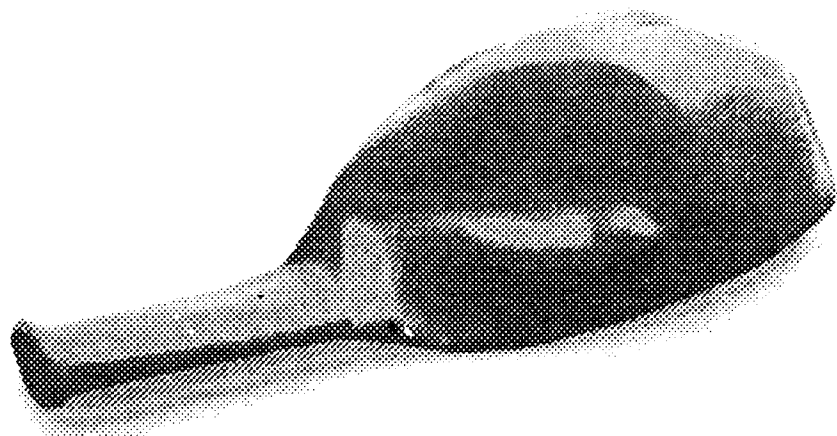
Casey Stanton, co-organizer of the trip, echoed Fitzmaurice's enthusiasm.

"It only took two minutes in a room with [Edwards] while giving a speech to be completely won over," said co-organizer Casey Stanton. "We think that's how the rest of the country is

going to feel."

The students plan to continue working for Edwards in Indiana, raising the 4,500 signatures needed to put him on the ballot and working the primaries, most importantly in Michigan.

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Seminar

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30-18 vote that made the College Seminar official, is now, as a whole, positive.

"It is fair to say that everyone is reconciled to the changes. As with most things intellectual, the more you think about them, the more excited you get, so there seems to be a growing enthusiasm for the program. The fact that I have been contacted by 18 people already is very heartening," Howard said.

Many current freshmen, the first to be affected by the changes, have responded favorably to the new program, citing freer schedules and more course choices as positive developments.

"I like that the one-semester program frees up our schedules. We have the option to explore different areas of interest, which is important since sophomores have to be ready to declare a major by the end of the year," freshman Kristin Hopson said.

Not all students, however, are pleased by the changes, which are a departure from the broad liberal arts values represented by the Core program.

"I'm disappointed that they took away the collective learning experience that Core offered," freshman Daniel McLaughlin said. "It's a shame that this unique program was overshadowed by the need for efficiency. I will probably take the full-year as an elective though."

Sophomore John Schneider, currently enrolled in his final semester in Core, sees the College Seminar program as a welcome change but does not regret taking the full-year.

"Although Core has potential for good, it doesn't often materialize, so ending the full-year requirement is a good thing," said Schneider. "I don't feel gypped, but from my experience, they made a good policy decision."

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Council

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each dorm.

Hall Presidents Council co-chair Sarah Keefer and SUB manager Charlie Ebersol proposed having CPC, RPC and Campus Affairs Council candidates run on the same ticket within each dorm to facilitate communication. Keefer said unified tickets would be an improvement over the present system.

"There are a lot of hall presidents who never see their senators," she said.

Some members, however, expressed doubt that these tick-

ets would produce the best candidates, and Lao sent the debate to a committee for further discussion.

Keefer urged members to approve the idea, saying that further delays could cause problems in upcoming elections.

"If we table this until next week ... we could be a week beyond our deadline," she said.

Keefer said the CPC and RPC would report to a Programming Council Executive Cabinet to coordinate work on campus-wide and dorm events.

"They would keep a synthesized calendar," she said.

Lao created three committees to hammer out details in the policy, programming and administrative areas of the new

constitution. He also expressed concern that the council's work on the document might come at the expense of student welfare.

"Issues on campus haven't been expressed as much," Lao said.

Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni echoed the sentiment.

"I've been hearing a lot of complaints," she said. "People are upset that the executive branch isn't keeping up with student needs."

In other COR news:

♦ Club Coordination Council president Seth O'Donnell announced that at least two members from each undergraduate club must attend their

respective division meetings next week. On Jan. 27, members from the academic and athletic divisions will meet. On Jan. 28, the meeting will include cultural and performing arts clubs. On Jan. 29, social service and special interest clubs will convene.

O'Donnell also encouraged students to run in the upcoming CCC division elections. Representatives will be elected from each of the six divisions. Candidates — who must be dues-paying members of a recognized undergraduate club — must attend one of the three CCC division meetings.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Search continues for crash victims

KINGSVILLE, Ontario — A Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker with a team of divers aboard used a robotic scanner to search the icy waters of Lake Erie on Monday for the bodies of 10 people killed in a weekend plane crash.

The single-engine plane went down in snowy weather Saturday afternoon, killing eight hunters returning home to Ontario, along with the pilot and a friend of the pilot.

The crew of the icebreaker planned to pinpoint the wreckage before sending the half-dozen divers into the 24 feet of frigid water.

"It's very cold, very difficult dive conditions in the best of times — even more so because of the wind and ice," police Constable Dennis Masse said.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

U.S. air raid kills 11 Afghan civilians

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A U.S. air raid in southern Afghanistan killed 11 villagers, including four children, Afghan officials said Monday. The U.S. military said it killed five militants in the weekend raid in insurgency-plagued Uruzgan province.

Sunday's incident came as American commanders and Afghan officials hunt for Taliban and al-Qaida suspects and try to improve security in the lawless south and east ahead of planned summer elections.

Their task was highlighted anew by a bold daylight raid on a remote military base that injured three American soldiers.

NATIONAL NEWS

King day marked with war protests

ATLANTA — Americans observed Martin Luther King Day on Monday with some activists charging that the war in Iraq and other Bush administration policies run counter to what the civil rights leader stood for.

"We have to be concerned not just about us. We have to be concerned about all our brothers and sisters throughout our nation and world," King's son Martin Luther King III said in a service at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where his father preached until he was assassinated in 1968.

"How many Iraqi children have been killed? When will the war end? We all have to be concerned about terrorism, but you will never end terrorism by terrorizing others."

Talks continue in hostage crisis

BUCKEYE, Ariz. — Negotiators tried to talk two inmates into freeing a pair of prison guards held hostage in an observation tower Monday for a second day.

The guards sent word that they were not seriously hurt. But authorities would not say whether the inmates had made any demands or threats and would not disclose whether they were armed or why they were in prison.

"The conversations have never broken off," Cam Hunter, a state Corrections Department spokeswoman, said.

LOCAL NEWS

Call lines help immigrant workers

SOUTH BEND — Immigrant and native workers can receive advice on their rights in the workplace with toll-free telephone calls to the latest in a string of advocacy centers across Indiana. The Worker Rights Center, which opened Monday in a South Bend AFL-CIO office, takes calls in English, Spanish and Polish.

Volunteers staffing the telephone lines will advise callers on workplace rights and which government agencies can help them in the event of violations, said Joe Carbone, coordinator of the center.

Annan to consider U.S., Iraqi request

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan promised U.S. and Iraqi leaders Monday he would weigh their request to send a U.N. team to study if Iraq could have quick, direct elections for a new legislature.

A decision by U.N. experts would help resolve a growing dispute between the United States and a top Shiite cleric over the best way to transfer power before a June 30 deadline.

Annan, who stressed that security of U.N. staff would be paramount, gave indications he was leaning toward approving.

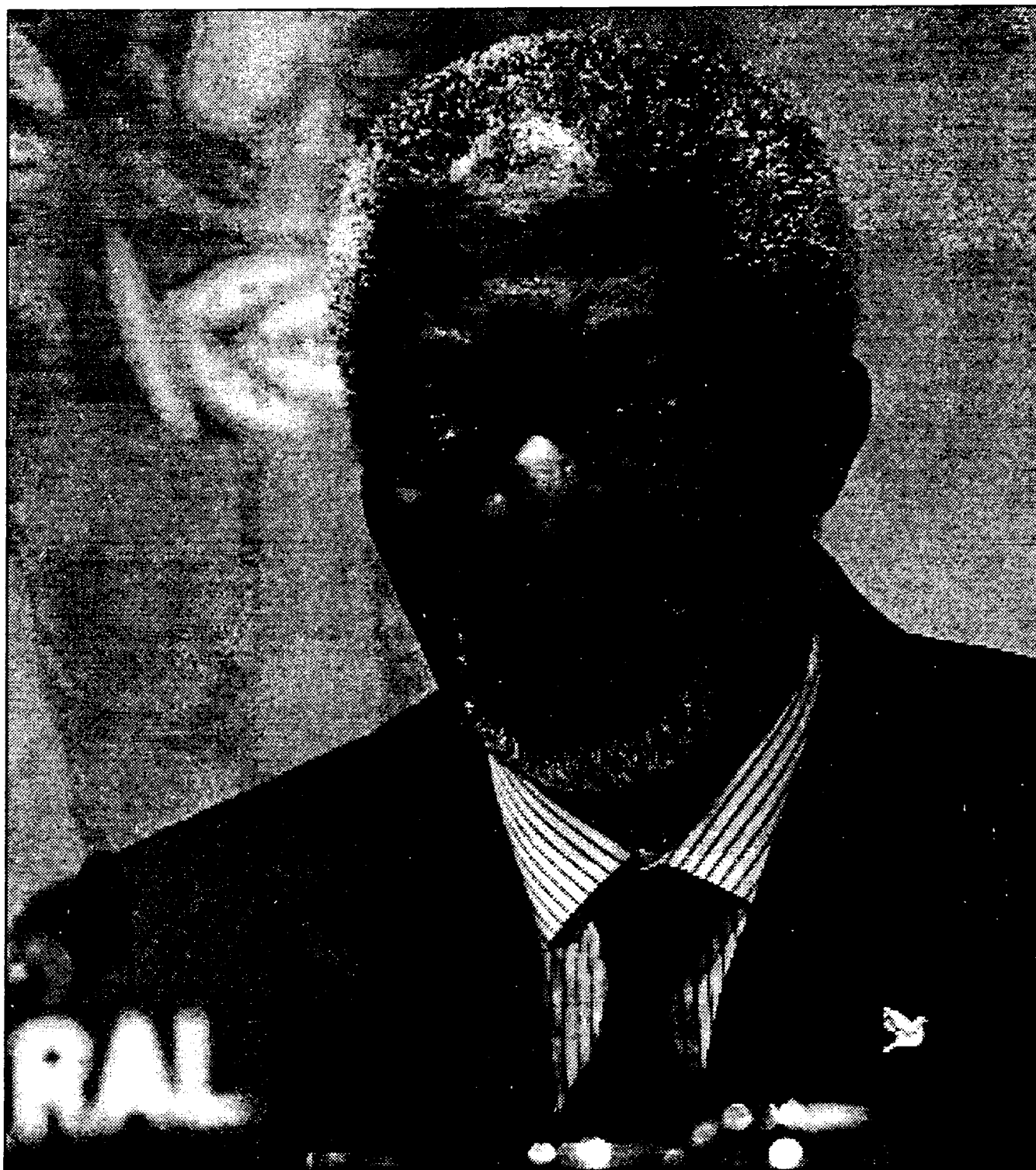
"If we get it wrong at this stage, it'll be even more difficult and we may not even get to the next stage," he said. "So I think it is extremely important that we do whatever we can to assist."

The United Nations is essentially being asked to help resolve an argument between the Bush administration and Iraq's most prominent Shiite leader, Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, who has demanded direct elections to choose a provisional government by June 30. The coalition wants to keep to a handover plan dating from Nov. 15, which calls for caucuses to choose a provisional assembly.

Agreeing to al-Sistani's request would essentially mean holding the direct elections by May, and Annan has said repeatedly it doesn't appear that would give enough time to prepare for a fair vote.

Annan said he recognized the election issue was urgent and that he hoped for a speedy decision. Experts were expected to start technical talks later Monday.

Underscoring that urgency, tens of thousands of Shiite Muslims marched in Baghdad on Monday to demand early elections. It was the biggest public display of Shiite political power here since the col-



UPI Photo Service

U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan discusses the results of joint meetings between the Coalition Provisional Authority and Iraqi Governing Council Monday in New York.

lapse of Saddam Hussein's Sunni-dominated regime.

Al-Sistani has indicated he would accept the U.N. team's decision, even if it affirms Annan's belief that direct elections are unfeasible.

Annan had initially called Monday's meeting with the Iraqi Governing Council and the U.S.-led Coalition Authority to help clarify a possible new U.N. role in the future of Iraq.

The crucial issue for Annan is whether U.N. staff will be safe operating in Iraq. He ordered all international staff to leave Iraq in late October following two bombings at U.N. headquarters — including one on Aug. 19 that killed top U.N. envoy Sergio

Vieira de Mello and 21 others.

"Obviously, the scope for operational U.N. activities inside Iraq will continue to be constrained by the security situation for some time to come," Annan said.

The top U.S. administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, who attended Monday's meeting, has said elections cannot be organized in time to meet the June 30 deadline, given the ongoing violence and lack of voter rolls.

But he acknowledged the plan's election formula could be altered — an indication that the United States is taking al-Sistani's demand seriously. "We think that that is a legitimate question and one

where the U.N. with its expertise in elections can offer a perspective."

Adnan Pachachi, the current Governing Council president, said the decision on elections must be resolved by the end of February, when the Iraqis will implement basic laws for the handover and transition. That means Annan would have to decide quickly about the team.

"We should not stick to rigid positions on these matters," said Pachachi, who was also at Monday's meeting. "We've got to find ways and means to deal with problems as they arise and I think this is a very healthy way of managing the affairs of our country."

Kerry wins caucus, Gephardt quits

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — John Kerry and John Edwards rode 11th-hour surges to a one-two finish in Iowa's kickoff presidential caucuses Monday, dealing a stunning blow to favorite Howard Dean. Kerry's comeback blew the nomination fight wide open, setting the stage for a free-for-all in New Hampshire's follow-up primary.

Dean finished third, stripped of his front-runner's mantle but still defiant — "We will not give up," he told backers. Rep. Dick Gephardt finished a weak fourth and planned to end his 33-year political career by

pulling out of the race.

His campaign given up for dead just weeks ago, Kerry predicted another comeback in New Hampshire's Jan. 27 primary.

"As I've said in New Hampshire and here, I'm a fighter," the Massachusetts lawmaker told The Associated Press. "I've come from behind before and I'm going to take the same fight that I've been making here to New Hampshire."

Edwards, 50, also claimed momentum.

"This campaign, this cause, this movement is about bringing real change to America," Edwards told supporters. "You and I can build an

America and an image of America that we will be proud of."

Just two weeks ago, before the Iowa race turned testy and tumultuous, Dean and Gephardt sat atop the field in Iowa, with Dean leading in New Hampshire and national polls. Kerry and Edwards turned that on its head, closing their campaigns with positive, forward-looking messages while Dean and Gephardt bickered over past votes and quotes.

"My campaign to fight for working people may be ending tonight, but our fight will never end," Gephardt said in a post-caucus speech that sounded like a political farewell.

Church to split over gay clergy

Associated Press

PLANO, Texas — Conservative Episcopalians opposed to a gay bishop's consecration and other liberal trends were on track to establish a nationwide protest organization by the close of a two-day meeting Tuesday.

Planners insist the budding Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes is not a schism or denominational split but a "church within a church" whose backers will remain Episcopalians.

The immediate cause of dissent was the Episcopal Church's decision last summer to elevate Bishop V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire, who has lived for years with a gay partner.

But the meeting's chairman, Bishop Robert Duncan of Pittsburgh, told a news briefing that the denomination "split from its own history this past summer, so who left?"

The closed-door meeting involved 100 bishops, priests and lay members representing a dozen dioceses with 235,000 members, or a 10th of the nation's Episcopalians.

The delegates at the meeting plan to complete an organizational charter for the network. They also are trying to produce a new theological statement based upon previous conservative platforms.

The Episcopal Church is the U.S. branch of the international Anglican Communion and the network hopes to draw legitimacy from overseas Anglican branches that agree with it.

"You've never had this many dioceses rallying to say a massive corporate mistake has been made," said Canon Kendall Harmon, a South Carolina delegate.

Canon Bill Atwood of the Texas-based Ekklesia Society, which aids churches in developing nations, said in a phone interview from Uganda that plans are under way for a formal declaration recognizing the new network from leaders representing a majority of the world's Anglicans.

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gram this year to ensure that prospective and new students who wished to take tours of the Saint Mary's campus were pleased with their stays.

"SGA is recruiting and training the tour guides," Jablonski-Diehl said, adding that since SGA has united with VISA, the visitor ratings have gone up. "All guides have received fives [the top score]."

Friends With Sisters is an on-campus volunteer opportunity in which students and Sisters of the Holy Cross are paired for visiting and friendship. Participation has jumped this year.

"There are 100 Friends With Sisters pairs," Jablonski-Diehl said. "There are also activities for cam-

pus."

These activities include December's caroling event and the Halloween party held for the convent. Both were highly successful and are expected to be continued, Jablonski-Diehl said.

Student government has worked closely with the dining hall this year, according to Jablonski-Diehl. Earlier this year, several forums were held in which members of the student body could attend and voice their opinions and ask questions about the new Noble Family Dining Hall.

"The dining hall issue forums were a success," Jablonski-Diehl said, as students and visitors alike have complimented the changes implemented this year.

Other topics discussed during the address included campus cable, the alumni job shadowing program and the

school fight song.

The fight song lyrics, voted on by the student body, will be revealed in the February newsletter sent out by the Student Government Association.

Jablonski-Diehl said that holding the State of the School address is important because student input is necessary to plan major events such as these.

"It allows students to speak up on campus issues that student government may not have realized were important to the student body," she said. "It really holds student government accountable as elected officials of the school and lets students know what we're doing, where their money is going."

After the address, the floor was opened for students to pose questions. SGA was asked to look into the rising price of textbooks in the

bookstore and faculty holding class meetings on Reading Day. Vice President Sarah Brown fielded many of the questions.

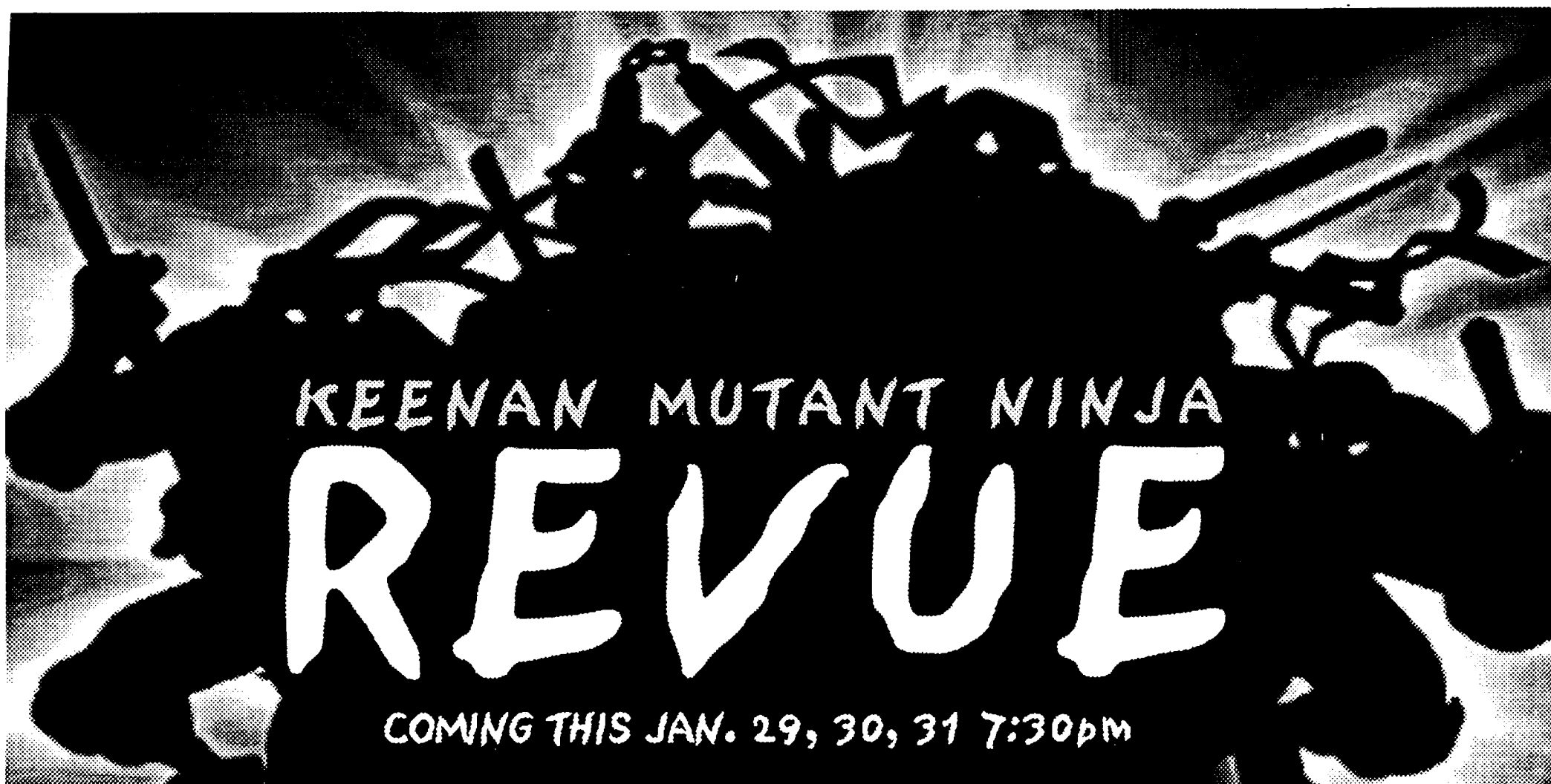
"We are working out the kinks in study day and issues of interpretation with SAC. A survey will go out on Prism next week. Student response so far has been positive, it was a big success and very helpful," Brown said.

Linda Timm, vice president for Student Affairs, said she was very pleased with the address and with student government in general.

"I think the level of volunteerism that it takes to make student government work is amazing," Timm said. "It requires a lot of hard work and effort on the students' part and many people recognize and appreciate that."

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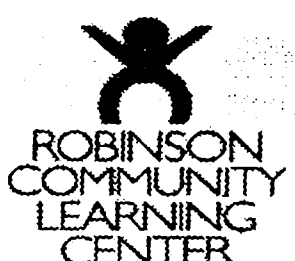
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IN BRIEF

Dollar rallies on jump in inflows

NEW YORK — The rebound in the dollar accelerated across the board Friday on data showing strong foreign demand for U.S. assets, with the euro finishing the week about 5 cents below its all-time high of around \$1.29 set Monday.

The Treasury Department released figures showing that foreigners stepped up their net purchases of U.S. securities to \$87.6 billion in November from \$27.8 billion the month before.

Investors had become increasingly concerned about the United States's ability to attract enough investment flows to fund the massive current account deficit following a paltry \$4.2 billion net inflow in September — a five-year low.

The report is "overwhelmingly positive" for the dollar because it "shows that the decline in U.S. interest rates to 45-years lows has not undermined foreign appetite for U.S. securities to the degree thought earlier," Michael Woolfolk, senior currency strategist at Bank of New York, said in a research note.

Wheat, corn prices rocket higher

CHICAGO — Wheat prices jumped sharply higher Friday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Corn and soybeans also increased.

Wheat for March delivery rose 11 3/4 cents to \$3.98 a bushel. March corn rose 3 3/4 cents to \$2.72 1/2 a bushel. March oats rose 4 cents to \$1.60 3/4 a bushel.

March soybeans rose 3/4 cent to \$8.35 3/4 a bushel.

Beef futures advanced while pork futures settled mixed on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

February live cattle rose .85 cent to 78.70 cents a pound. March feeder cattle rose .03 cent to 84.10 cents a pound. February lean hogs rose .95 cent to 54.75 cents a pound. February pork bellies fell .88 cent to 82.27 cents a pound, rest of the way.

Backlash brews as jobs shift abroad

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Executives from Silicon Valley to Wall Street are adamant that shifting white-collar jobs from the United States to developing countries is good business, but a backlash is brewing.

Indiana's state government canceled a \$15 million contract with an Indian consulting firm in November. And eight states voted on bills last year that would ban the use of taxpayer money on contracts with foreign workers. Though none of those measures passed, the states and several others are expected to consider similar bills this year.

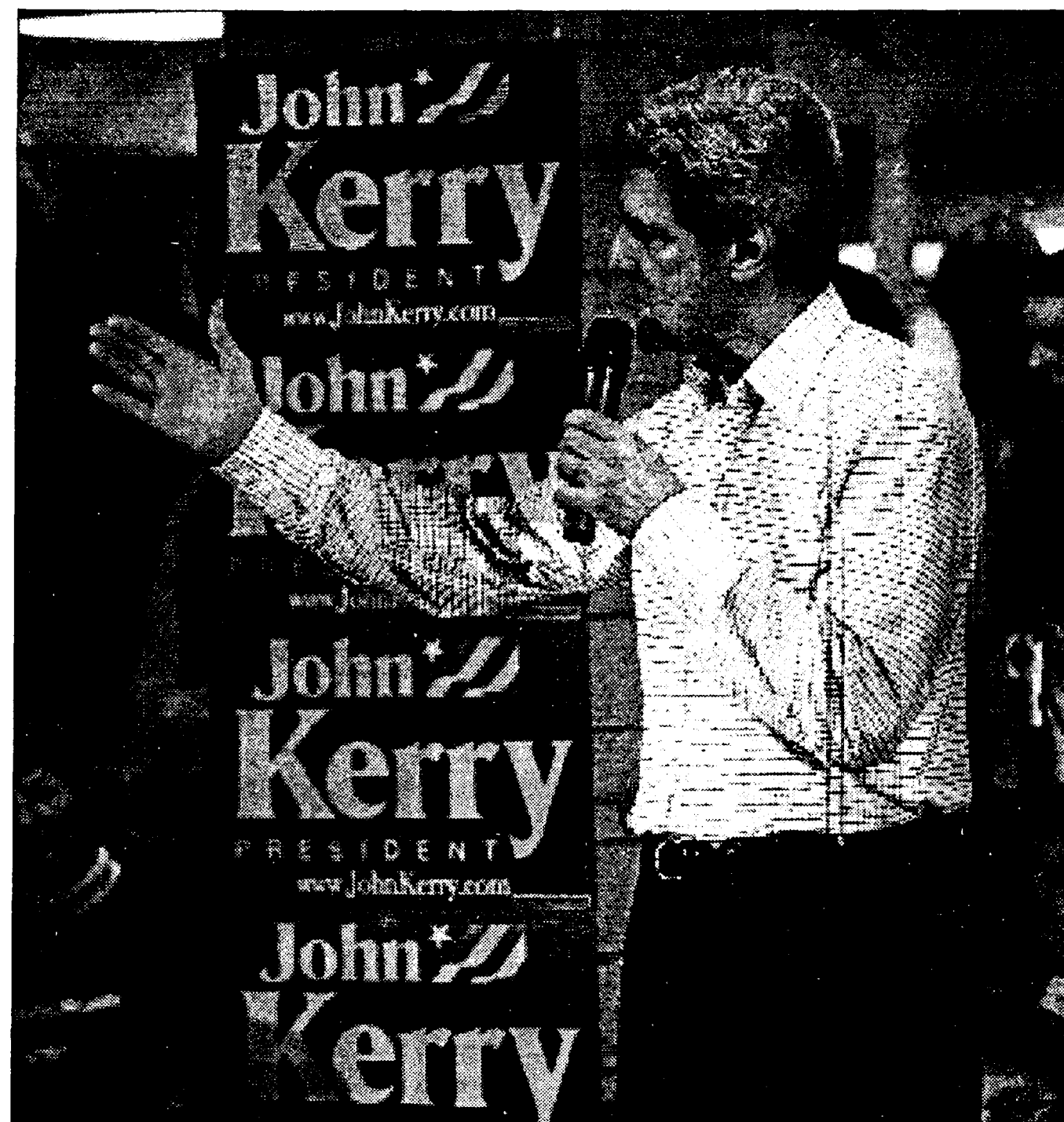
Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry says he would require overseas call centers to disclose their location — the New Economy version of the "made in America" label.

The Massachusetts senator said he wouldn't ban outsourcing, but would provide tax credits to companies that maintain U.S. factories and "close every single loophole that gives companies incentives to move jobs abroad."

Outsourcing critics say Americans have been complacent about the loss of technology jobs to overseas workers since the trend began in the late 1990s. But with elections in both the United States and India, they believe 2004 could be a turning point.

"Politicians can't outsource the vote," said Scott Kirwin, founder of the Wilmington, Del.-based lobbying group Information Technology Professionals Association of America, which compiles data from nearly 100 anti-outsourcing Web sites. Kirwin, who launched ITPAA after a large investment bank asked him to train the Indian worker who then replaced him, says said only broad consumer revolt will reverse the trend.

"In the 1980s, many people boycotted companies that did business with the apartheid regime in South Africa," Kirwin said. "Many of those same people have more money today and don't



Democratic presidential candidate Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry speaks to supporters at a rally Monday. Kerry says he wants overseas call centers to disclose their locations.

like doing business with companies from countries that work against us politically, like France, or economically, like India and China. Consumer activism is an important part of putting the brakes on the outsourcing movement."

After his software development job was terminated in 2002, Florida's Mike Emmons decided to run for Congress on an anti-outsourcing agenda. His meager campaign funds come mostly from unemployed programmers who visit his Web site, OutsourceCongress.org. He is trying to get on the ballot for the Democratic primary this summer.

"This is hitting medical transcribers, financial analysts, radiologists, everyone," said Emmons, 41. "If you

work at a desk, beware — the foreigners are coming after your job."

Fear of a backlash was a major issue at a technology summit this month in Hyderabad, India. Indiana's failed contract with Tata Consultancy Services, and customer complaints that prompted Dell Inc. to reroute some help desk calls from India to Idaho in November, worry Indians, who have received billions of dollars in outsourcing contracts.

"This is a matter of concern for all of us," India's info tech minister, Arun Shourie, told officials from 30 Asian countries at the summit. "We must come together to find a consensus approach to fight this backlash."

Business experts say India needn't worry; Indiana and

Dell are high-profile exceptions to what has become the rule of outsourcing.

In a research report in mid-2003, Gartner Inc. predicted that at least one out of 10 technology jobs in the United States would move overseas by the end of 2004. Forrester Research predicts at least 3.3 million white-collar jobs and \$136 billion in wages will shift from the United States to low-cost countries by 2015.

"The idea of a backlash makes for great press, and it makes for great rhetoric in an election year," said John C. McCarthy, vice president of research at Forrester. "But the reality is that every day there's a new customer with new cost savings from this. The economics are hugely compelling, and it's not going away."

Dow begins week at 22-month high

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average reached its highest level since mid-2002 Friday as investors greeted strong earnings from General Electric Co. and the technology sector. The market's major indexes were all up for a seventh week in a row.

GE's earnings helped reassure investors skittish following Intel Corp.'s disappointing revenue projections earlier this week.

"The key thing here is that you're starting to see some aggressive buying coming back into the market," said Jim Raphaelian, head of institutional trading at Charles Schwab.

"There's more than one buyer for any stock being sold, and there are both institutional and retail buyers. And that's because earnings are showing us that fundamentals are sound."

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 46.65, or 0.4 percent, at 10,600.51, a new 52-week high. It was the index's highest close since March 19, 2002, when it finished at 10,635.30.

The Nasdaq finished up 31.38, or 1.5 percent, at 2,140.46, eclipsing the previous 2 1/2-year high reached Monday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed up 7.78, or 0.7 percent, at 1,139.83.

For the week, the Dow was up 1.4 percent, the Nasdaq gained 2.6 per-

cent and the S&P 500 rose 1.6 percent.

GE, a Dow component, posted fourth-quarter profits 47 percent higher than a year ago, boosted by increased industrial demand. GE closed up \$1.35 at \$33.35, a new 52-week high.

"These early earnings reports show signs of a broad economic recovery," said Subodh Kumar, chief investment strategist for CIBC World Markets. "However, unlike the first through third quarters, where the markets responded strongly, the expectations of the earnings are already built into the market prices, so we'll see more price fluctuation on individual reports."

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Restructured Core shows promise

The University's decision to eliminate the Core requirement is a good example of the positive outcome that can be reached when officials consider student input and work with students to make changes.

Officials collaborated with students throughout the examination of the Core course. First, the Core Congress was created and representatives from each Core section were called upon to give their feedback and opinions. Then, Core administrators and faculty actually incorporated some of these suggestions into the course, experimenting with new ideas garnered from student advice as they tried to tailor the course more effectively to perceived student needs and wishes.

But after years of continued complaints about Core from the Congress, the faculty and the students, the College of Arts and Letters realized that repeated course tweaking and modification had failed to fix the course and it eliminated the mandatory Core requirement.

Even in this final step, the University has made impressive efforts to satisfy all factions. Core will still be offered as an

optional college seminar course. And students who take the elective are presented with an additional option, as well; the college seminar will be offered as both a semester and year-long class. Professors, instead of following a rigid syllabus, can propose their own ideas for material on a variety of topics. By allowing faculty members freer reign to teach subjects about which they are passionate, the level of enthusiasm will unquestionably be increased in both the instructors and their pupils.

This new system stands as an example of University commitment to truly fulfilling the academic needs of faculty and students. The College consulted all parties involved to create an adequate and acceptable alternative to the previously flawed Core course, which reflected a desire to foster a cooperative, comprehensive and progressive learning community. The University should be congratulated for its open-minded and responsive handling of the Core issue, and the implementation of the new program will undoubtedly prove beneficial to all Arts and Letters faculty and students.

The Observer Editorial

Sucking the marrow out of ND life

"I went to Notre Dame because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear, nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out the marrow of life ..."

Peter J.
Quaranto

A Call
to Action

Alright, maybe I am not the parallel to Henry David Thoreau that I had hoped in my more idealistic days, but I do believe that we can always learn something from Western Massachusetts poets who spend years of solitude in the woods and refuse to pay war taxes. In this case, Thoreau's plea for the passionate life is a plea that all of us Notre Dame over-achievers can appreciate. Yet, it is puzzling that so few of us seem to really live the sort of life of which Thoreau sucked the marrow.

For too many of us, we make Notre Dame a factory of conformity, complacency and conventionality. Most of us arrive here determined to live life to the fullest, but our lives quickly become consumed with Notre Dame football games, Turtle Creek parties, summer internships and barbeque sandwiches at the dining hall. I love barbeque sandwiches, but I just wonder if life, even life here in college, is supposed to be about something more.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "My life is my message." Gandhi built on Thoreau by saying that we should be delicately aware of the many implications and effects that our lives have on those around us and all of humanity. Thus, Gandhi raised the stakes of Thoreau's plea for us "suck of the marrow of life"

by introducing a necessary component of justice to this journey.

This component of justice falls far from the normal American college student of the 21st Century, who is career-driven, politically-apatetic and heavily-organized. Modern college students are well-suited for jobs at J.P. Morgan, but do they really know what it would mean to begin to "suck the marrow" of life in a way that promotes justice? Could you imagine a student committed to writing poetry in a log cabin in the woods in Western Massachusetts? Could you imagine a student leading a non-violent social movement or creating a philosophy of peace? The modern college student is out of touch with Gandhi or Thoreau, thus making any discussing of "sucking the marrow" a hard one to swallow.

Here at Notre Dame, these university trends are apparent. Most upperclassmen can relate to these trends and have been affected by them. Yet, there is one group that remains relatively outside these trends: freshmen. There is still time and there is still hope that the freshmen of Notre Dame might wake up the echoes of Thoreau and Gandhi.

Freshmen, you lie at a crossroads, where your current decisions will affect the rest of your lives. Your first semester was your orientation and your socialization here at Notre Dame, but your second semester is your placement. It is the semester where you choose the sort of person you want to be. It is the semester when you choose between Thoreau and J.P. Morgan. Gandhi and Morgan Stanley.

I am exaggerating the importance of the second semester in the freshmen year, but it is certainly an important semester that can play a pivotal role in one's university experience. I want to suggest a few ways that this year's group of highly-gifted Notre Dame freshmen scholars might begin to "suck the marrow" out of Notre Dame life.

First, get involved with an interesting activity. Try yoga with RecSports, take a one-credit theology course, get lessons for a musical instrument, go on a Campus Ministry retreat or do anything that will force you to expand your horizons and meet other people.

Second, submit a letter to the editor to the Observer. Write about anything from your thoughts on dining hall food to your analysis of the current political situation to your angry response to one of my columns later this semester.

Third, make time for yourself. I'm not talking Playstation-2-time; rather, I am talking about making some quiet time for prayer, meditation, Thoreau and Gandhi. I know this can be the most difficult in our go-society, but it is evermore necessary.

Finally, come to the Center for Social Concerns Festival tomorrow night from 7-9 p.m. to learn about different service and social justice activities. Tutor a kid, work with the homeless, go to New York City for break to learn about children and poverty, or take advantage of any of the many opportunities. I believe that there is no greater way to "suck the marrow" of life than sharing in the suffering of others and working for the common good.

So freshmen, suck the marrow out of Notre Dame life. And maybe in the process, you'll inspire all of the rest of us, elders, to do the same.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."

Plato
philosopher

Friends do more than just help with the band aid

The boat gently rocks against the calm wavy seas of the South Pacific, the storm having passed by some time ago. Looking at the craft that is keeping me afloat, I'm amazed that I still enjoy the ability to be above the water and not somewhere four miles below the water's surface. The boat is in shambles and so am I. I've most certainly broken a number of bones, crushed by splintered lumber during the storm. But the boat is just as beaten up. Jimmied, shimmied and make-shifted together like a pair of old sneakers that refuse to die despite the number of holes in them, the boat can look no worse. Duct tape is everywhere and there is enough rope holding the deck together to give Tarzan some excitement. It creaks and whines with the tide but it's still floating. I wonder quietly to myself: how can the hells that I've gone through in the past week do me any good? What purpose does it hold for me? Certainly, nothing good could come of it in the immediate future.

Adam Cahill

A Domer's Outlook

There's no time to think of that; all that can be done is the task at hand — keep my ship from sinking long enough to get back to port so I can repair. So that's exactly what I do. I ration my goods, reinforce any loose joint that may snap from stress against the sea and keep my body from infection. And when I lean back against the delicate starboard rail, enjoying the first bit of sunshine in days, I know that there is a greater purpose in my survival. One can only wonder what it will be though.

Several years have passed since that day and I still keep to my ship. It took a few weeks for me to recover, the boat a bit longer. But it's fully recovered now except for a few cosmetic differences which I believe only add character. I keep sailing, too. My reasoning is that you don't stop doing what you love just because of a few mishaps along the way — why should you stop living when you haven't died? My friends and I joke about what I went through,

always over good times and wine. I retell the story like a grandfather reciting stories around a campfire. Even the hard questions I answer. Why wouldn't I? They are my friends. The questions don't bother me, though. It's just something that happened to me.

I walk down the small dock and throw in my gear, bracing for another adventure. It's going to be a short trip, a long weekend. Straight toward the horizon I go, as always, nothing in front of me but the deep blue of the Pacific. It's a calm trip as far as weather goes, and I throw a silent prayer toward the sky in thankfulness as I try and beat the sun to the horizon.

But on the return journey, an unexpected event befalls me. Through the calm waters, I find bits of driftwood and marine gear, looking like a car that has dragged its tail, a muffler here, a hubcap there. Bits of rope, wood, plastic and sail litter the sea and I make haste in following the trail. But as the day progresses, the weather gets increasingly worse. But instead of being a budding storm, I was heading into the tail end of one. It's a relief as far as I am concerned; there is no then a familiar scene appears on the horizon. It's a boat, but an injured one — no mast, no sail. As I struggle to come to its aid with my own boat, I see that it's one

of my friends. And as I pull up alongside him, I came to realize that which was equally true: the nightmare I spent on the seas years ago has saved his life he would later say. He had taken my story and learned from it. The boat looked remarkably like my own, the one I had kept together back then.

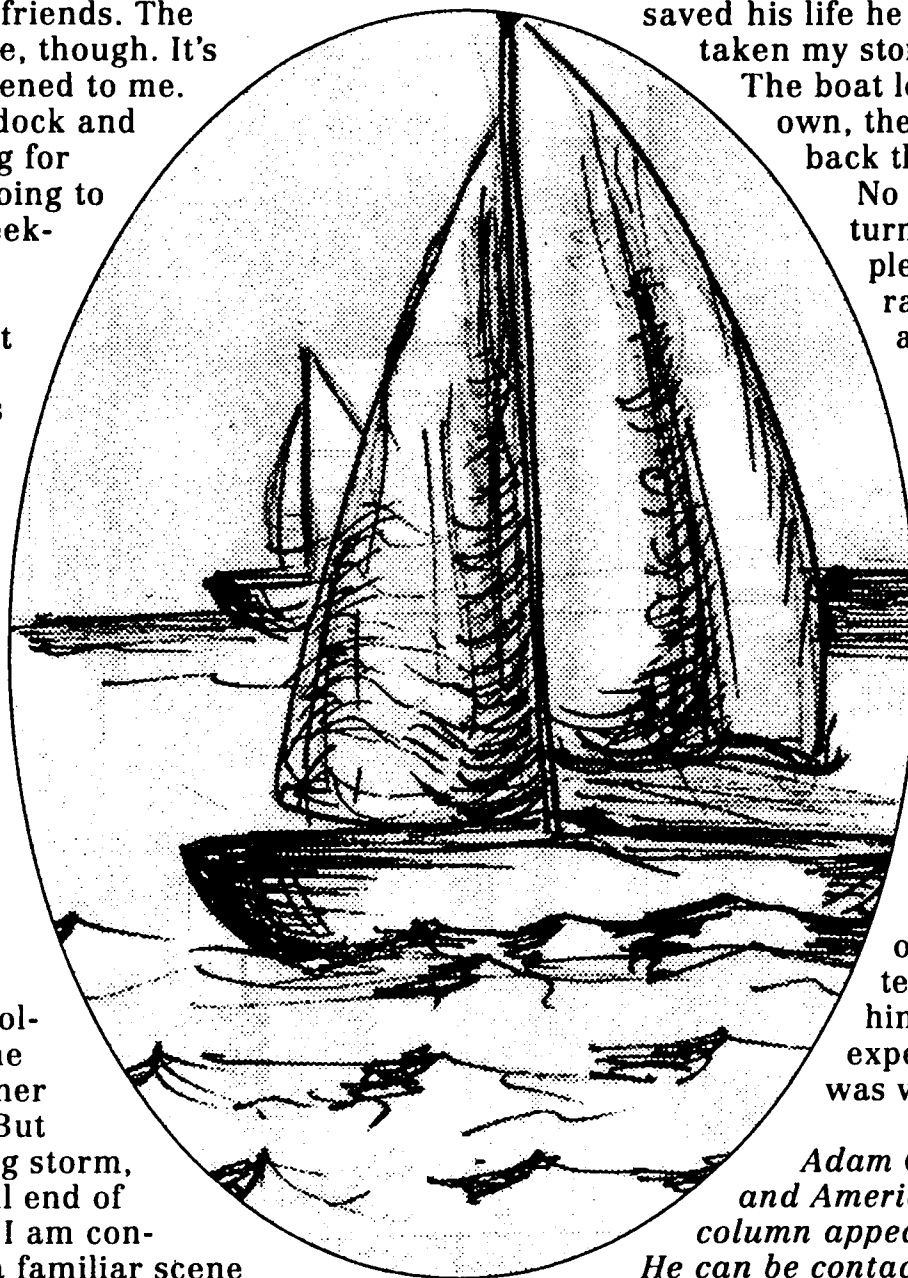
No story is the same. And his turn of bad luck was no simpler than mine. He had lost radio contact early; whereas, I had lost my mast first. But the specifics didn't matter. A lot of things had gone wrong to be sure. He had been injured as well but like the rest of his situation, the injuries were different.

So when I hopped aboard his boat the only thing he said to me was thank you. No, no, he said. Thank you. I could see it in his eyes and I understood.

It wasn't the actual act of helping him that mattered. What mattered to him was that I shared my experience and in the end, it was what saved him.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Forget your idealism, welcome to the real world

Jacqueline Cuisinier's article "How can Catholics support Bush?" in the January 19th, 2004 printing of the Observer ends with the line: "I believe that he [Dick Gephardt] is the man who will best carry out Catholicism's idealism."

By saying this, Ms. Cuisinier is openly admitting that she is an idealist. Unfortunately, we live in the real world.

It might be nice to think that the world is a great place, but this simply is not true. As Catholics, we need to not only follow the ideals of our faith, but also use common sense and rationality when making decisions. If you blindly follow your faith or anything else for that matter, you are no better than a puppet.

Many of Ms. Cuisinier's criticisms are based on the idea that the United States is only benefiting itself through its actions. For this, I recommend that Ms. Cuisinier take a political science class and read "The Tragedy of Great Power Politics" by John Mearsheimer. In sum, all nations do what is in their best interest. Nothing is "right" or "wrong." Ms. Cuisinier would say that we should just make everything

"right." But, she does not realize that there are implications to changing our foreign policy to do what is considered "right" from the Catholic perspective.

There is no doubt everyone on this campus wants the most comfortable life possible. If we decided to change the policies of the United States in favor of Ms. Cuisinier's opinions, we would have to give up our McDonalds, Abercrombie, and SUVs. Who is prepared to do this? Are you realistically prepared to make the sacrifices of not living in luxury for the people of Tajikistan?

While it might be easy to criticize the Bush administration from the cozy confines of Notre Dame, I urge Ms. Cuisinier to look beyond the bubble that we live in and adopt a more worldly perspective, and stop blaming Bush for the "problems" of the United States. The United States purely acts in a way to make our lives better, like it or not, no matter who is in office. Welcome to the real world.

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Dillon Hall
Jan. 19

War should not be a factor to vote Gephardt

The question, according to Jacqueline Cuisinier, is how a Catholic can be a Republican. Let me do my best to respond to this great riddle.

It may surprise her, but the free market is not contrary to Catholic doctrine. Nor are tax cuts. I recommend that anyone confused about this issue read the encyclical "Rerum Novarum," which, interestingly enough, condemns socialism (which Jacqueline seems to be clamoring for) far more than capitalism. The free market is no more inherently evil than is democracy. If some people use the wealth they acquire through free and independent economic activity in ways not in accordance with the demands of charity, the fault lies with them, not with capitalism. If an elected official abuses his power, we do not blame democracy, the system through which he obtained that power, do we?

Regarding the war — true, the Bush administration has done a lot of killing, but that is not necessarily wrong. As a former serviceman who still has friends serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, I would say it is pretty clear that the vast majority of those who have been killed have been people eager to kill innocent civilians both in America and abroad. Why, though, does the Democratic party get a pass on killing the unborn, as some "unfortunate" plank in its platform (it is not a plank, but the core of the platform; but that is for another time), while Bush is

held to the flames for killing terrorists? Why not say the war is just an "unfortunate" part of the Republican platform? If you are so smugly concerned for the poor, Jacqueline, why not for the unborn? What makes you so sure we who oppose abortion are just rationalizing our greed? Why do poor states vote Republican (look at a map) while rich states vote Democrat?

As for the rest of the world, I am not so sure her assertion that most of it is against Bush is correct. Countries like Iran and France and China are, while countries like Kuwait and Poland and Albania are not. Perhaps there is something wrong not with Bush, but with the countries which oppose him. Ever think of that, Jacqueline? I had no idea Bush severed out ties with the United Nations, by the way. Read the news, miss. Also, it seems to have slipped your notice, but Bush asked Congress for \$15 billion to fight disease in Africa — this is about \$15 billion more than what was allocated before him. You ask if anyone even knows what is going on there; have you asked yourself?

Go ahead and vote for Gephardt. Such a compassionate, humble, and diplomatic man deserves such a compassionate, humble, and informed voter.

Jason Arnoult
Class of '99
Jan. 19

Film, Television and Theatre

This weekend's film festival will showcase the creativity a

By KATIE WAGNER
Scene Writer

A select group of Notre Dame's film students will debut their creativity, technical skills and endless days of hard work to the student body Thursday at the Department of Film Television and Theatre's 15th annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival.

The festival screens Jan. 22, 23, 24 and 26 at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. each night. This approximately 115 minute show includes 12 student-produced short films and a brief introductory film produced by Tim Mandell, an FTT faculty member and head of the festival.

Mandell, a 1986 Notre Dame graduate, has been a member of the faculty since 1988 and has run every film festival so far. His work for the festival includes providing suggestions for student films, choosing which films to show with FTT professors Jill Godmillow and Bill Donaruma, choosing the order of the films, designing marketing materials, overseeing ticket sales, putting all the films onto one DVD and making his own film.

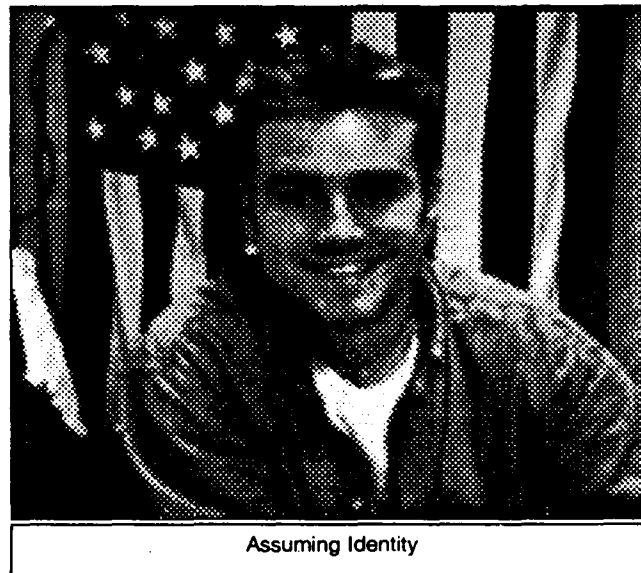
Although this is Mandell's 15th year creating an introductory film for the festival, he is far from exhausting all of the possibilities for the subject of this film. In addition to maintaining the typical use of humor in his films, Mandell has recently incorporated a new tactic for capturing the audience. Last year Mandell began the festival with a Coach Tyrone Willingham's big screen debut in "Survivor Tyland." Mandell promises more humor and another surprise Notre Dame celebrity in his 2004 film. Overall, Mandell thinks the film will be full of surprises.

"One thing about an ND film festival is that it's not predictable," Mandell said.

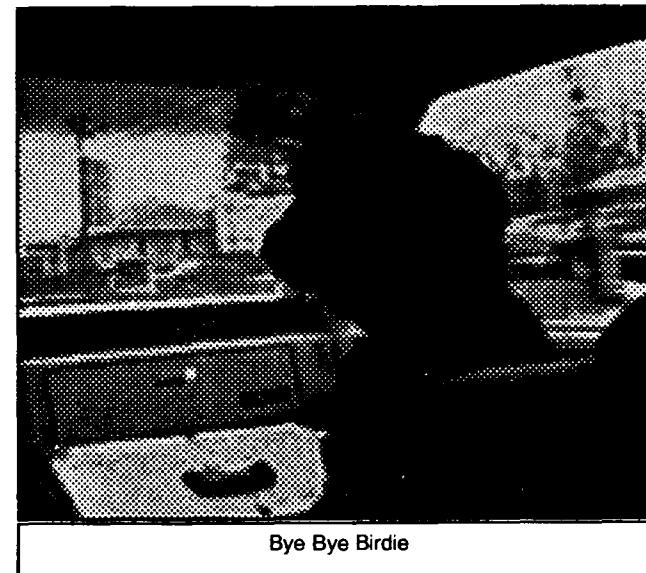
Undergraduate students from Notre Dame's advanced film courses have produced most of the films selected for previous film festivals. However, films



2004 FTT Student Film Festival



Assuming Identity



Bye Bye Birdie

created by students taking the introductory and intermediate level classes have appeared in the festival on occasion. This year the festival will include films from students enrolled in Intermediate Film Production, in addition to films from students enrolled in Advanced Film Production and Advanced Digital Video Production. Besides quality, other factors are considered in choosing which films will be used for the show. The running time of individual films does play a small role in this process.

"One thing about an ND film festival is that it's not predictable."

Ted Mandell
FTT Professor

"Basically, we try to get as many deserving films in the show as possible and keep the festival to around two hours long," Mandell said.

Although Mandell said he finds it extremely difficult to give general rankings to his festivals, he does compare certain aspects of his festivals from year to year.

"Each year it seems to me that the films tend to get more sophisticated and the ideas are more sophisticated," Mandell said.

Although the students come up with the ideas for their films and film them completely on their own, professors give students suggestions for their films during filmmaking classes, and students typically discuss their initial ideas with their professors. Professors then provide them students with suggestions, including a final critique of the film.

Notre Dame students taking filmmaking classes say they require extreme levels of commitment and dedication. Like most producers of the films pictured in this year's festival, senior film major Sarah Cunningham found her Advanced Film Production class to be very intense.

"For that whole semester it was my life," Cunningham said. "Almost everyone in my class stayed for fall break and for Thanksgiving break we were asked to stay if possible."

The amount of time and energy that the students put into their films both during and outside of class is incredible. In one semester these students are expected to write, shoot, stage, cast and edit a film for just four credits.

Although cameras are provided for students by the FTT department, students still must purchase their own film and props. In addition to equipment, finding a location to shoot as well as actors that will work for free is sometimes much more challenging task than one would expect.

Film major Matt Amenta and Kajal Mukhopadhyay, a 2003 graduate of Notre Dame as well as the only non-film major involved with the film festival, found that the subject of their film created quite a few obstacles for them. Their film "Martinsville" is about an unusually racist town in Indiana. These producers actually traveled four hours to get to this town to be able to shoot real footage of it from inside a car. Finding a location on campus to

shoot other parts of "Martinsville" was especially challenging. Amenta and Mukhopadhyay were not allowed to shoot their film in a place that anyone would see them because of the activities and costumes that were being used. Before they shot at any of the spots pictured in their film on campus, they had to get special permission from several people and organizations of Notre Dame. They ultimately found a few isolated spots to shoot, but Mukhopadhyay still felt quite rushed during their shooting, due to guards that were required to monitor them.

"Everywhere we went we had to get a clearance," Mukhopadhyay said.

Despite all their struggles, overall Amenta and Mukhopadhyay said they were pleased with their film.

"For that whole semester [the film] was my life."

Sarah Cunningham
Senior

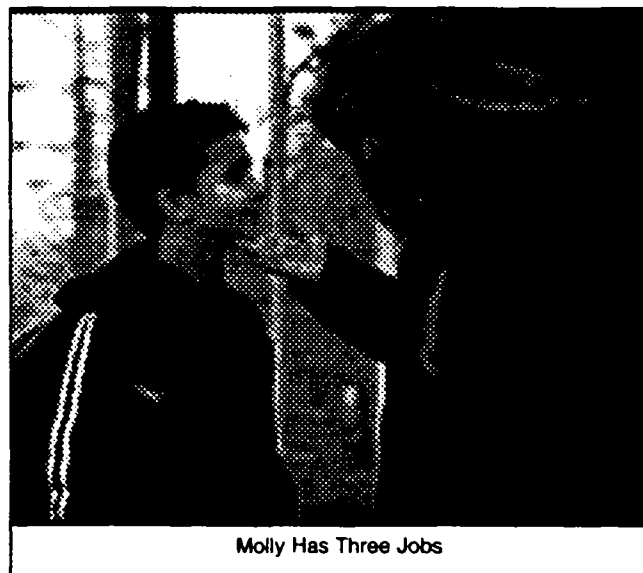
"This production was very big for us," Mukhopadhyay said. Other films featured in the festival also were time-intensive and certainly added great amounts of stress to the lives of their producers.

Senior film majors Justin Rigby and Ryan Steele encountered some technical errors while shooting their film "Civil Wars," which will be the second student-produced film shown.

"My experience with making this film was crazy," Rigby said. "Our first shoot was plagued with almost every equipment problem you can imagine."



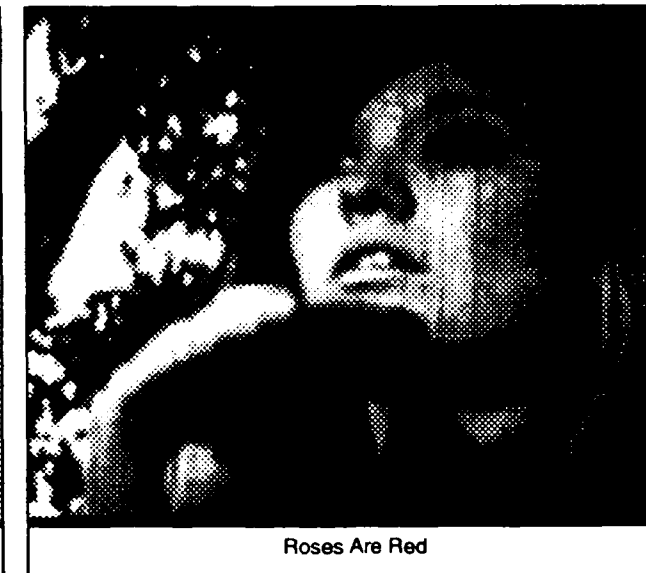
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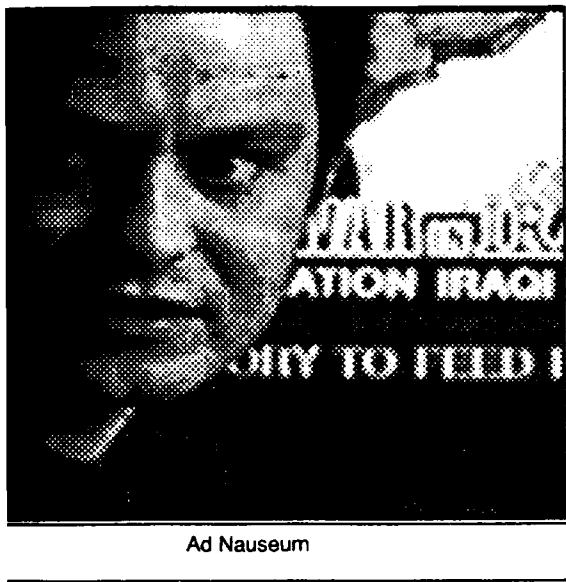
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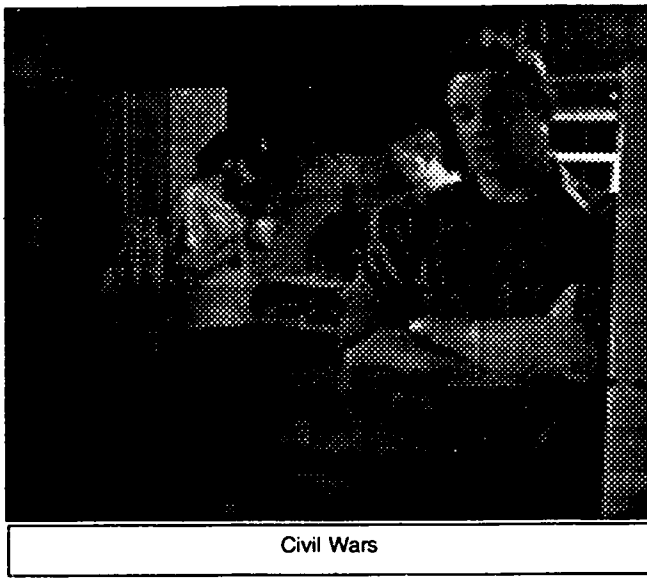
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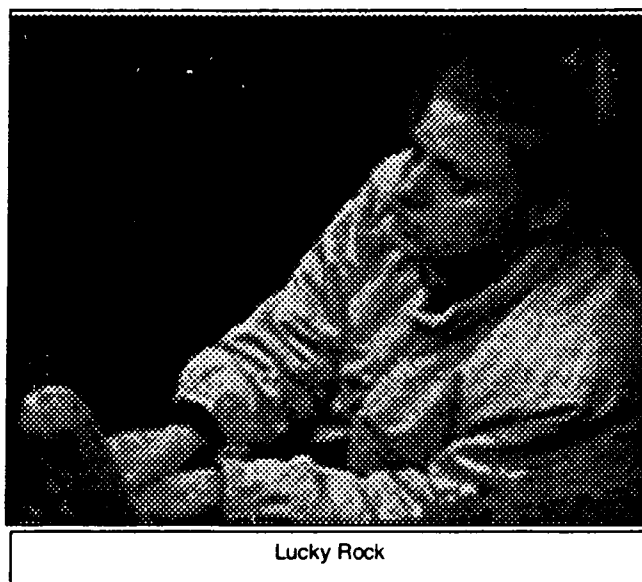
and hard work by some of Notre Dame's best FTT students



Ad Nauseum



Civil Wars



Lucky Rock

This film's main character is a high school boy that excels in the classroom and on the wrestling mat and is quite popular with the rest of the student body. Behind his parents' back though, he sells drugs.

Todd Boruff, film major and producer of "Lucky Rock," which is featured in the festival, said that making this film forced him to pull his first two all-nighters. Emily Smith, a 2003 Notre Dame graduate, served as Boruff's partner in producing this film about a suicidal adolescent girl.

The first student-produced film that will show is "South Bend By Night." Senior film majors Joe Muto and Garrett Fletcher produced this humorous documentary about vampires during their Advanced Digital Film Production class last spring. Muto said he is really excited about his film's primary position in the show. "I'm really proud of this film. It's a great culmination of four years," Muto said. "I'm amazed it came out as good as it did."

Muto also helped produce a second film with Sarah Cunningham called "Theresa C."

Muto and Cunningham shot this film with an extremely advanced, but also rather costly type of film.

"Theresa C" is about a girl out of high school that is in denial about being pregnant. Cunningham came up with the idea for this film and wrote its script. Muto was initially nervous about producing a film about such a feminine subject.

"I surprised myself," Muto said. "I thought I'd be giggling [while filming]."

Another film featured in this festival includes "Assuming Identity," produced by Taylor Romigh and Liam Dacey. This film is about homosexual students at Notre Dame.

"Molly has Three Jobs," produced by Ernie Grigg and Garrett Fletcher, will fol-

low this film. It's about a single mother struggling to support her son, by taking on too many jobs.

"Spanglish," produced by Lance Johnson and Andy Gomez describes the hardships suffered by a character that immigrates to the United States as a six-year-old. The same twenty-year-old actor is used to play this character as both a six-year-old and a twenty-two-year-old.

"Bye Bye Birdie," produced by Alex Grunewald and Juli Baron, is about a filmmaker searching for the perfect place to put his poodle Birdie that is diagnosed with cancer.

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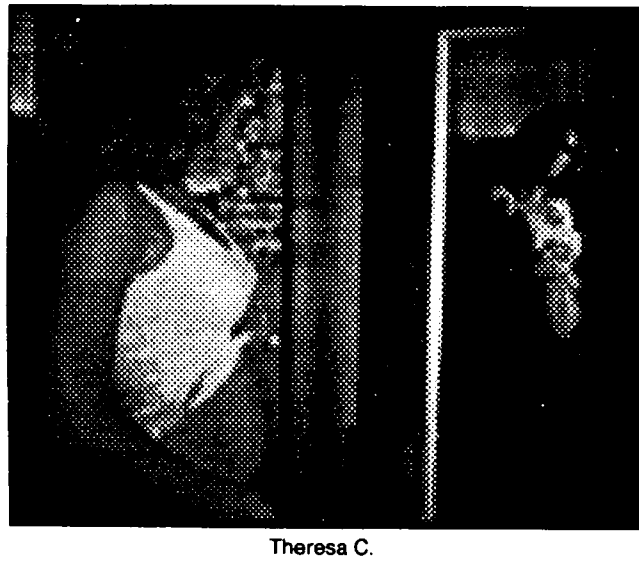
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South Bend By Night



Spanglish



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CLUB SPORTS

Talamo leads bowling club to 32nd place finish in Las Vegas

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame bowling club finished 32nd in a field of 36 teams at the Las Vegas National College Shoot Out. Jim Talamo led the Irish with a 169 average and a 190 high game, followed by Vance McClenton with a 162 average and a 240 high game. Van Koppersmith posted a 160 average and a 193 high game, while Matt Nieves rolled a 152 average with high game of 192. Dan Martin averaged 151 including a high game of 193.

Two women club members entered the event as individuals. Danielle LaFramboise averaged 119 and Michele Taets 104. Captain Jason Raver started the tournament for the Irish, but his foot stuck on the second frame of his opening game. He fell onto the lane, slicing his finger and was unable to grip the ball, forcing his withdrawal from competition.

The club will host one of the premier events in the country this coming weekend, Jan. 24-25, the Blue and Gold Classic at Beacon Bowl. This will possibly be the largest and strongest field in the country with over 70 schools entered. The tournament will begin Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Ski club

The Midwest Collegiate Ski Association season opened last weekend as the Irish competed in both men's and women's events. The women's squad placed second overall behind Michigan State. The Irish captured first in the slalom and second in the giant slalom, while the Spartans finished second and first in the two events. By the narrowest of margins, Michigan State edged the Irish for the overall championship.

Leigh Hellrung waged a personal contest with Michigan State's Nikki Smith. Smith, a transfer star from national champion Massachusetts,

edged Hellrung by one second in the giant slalom, with Hellrung taking first by two seconds the next day in the slalom. Alana Lungren took fifth in the slalom, while teammate Molly Butler was seventh. Lungren and Butler placed seventh and 12th respectively in the giant slalom, with Rita Morgan 14th.

The men's squad finished fourth behind Michigan State, Western Michigan and Grand Valley. The Irish placed ahead of Michigan and Central Michigan. Northwestern placed first and second in both slalom and giant slalom, but did not have a full team competing and were not ranked. Top men's performances in the slalom were Mike Ryan, eighth, Joe Payne 16th, Kevin Wolf 36th and Alex Gloeckner 51st. Conditions were very difficult for the slalom, as only 51 of 108 racers were able to finish the course. In the giant slalom, Leif Peterson took 23rd, followed by Payne 24th,

Bill Liemkhueler 27th and Dan Block, 28th.

Men's volleyball

The Notre Dame men's club volleyball team opened regular season play at Marquette this past weekend, dropping all six matches. The Irish had to travel together an alternate lineup due to the absence of starting setter Dan Zenker to mononucleosis. The opening losses were by scores of 25-19, 25-13 to Ball State, 25-21, 25-17 to Lakeland and 25-22, 22-25, 15-5 to the host Warriors. Freshman Kevin Overmann made his debut at setter filling in for Zenker. Throughout the day, Notre Dame was able to spark big runs behind ace serving from Nico Lopez and Mike Toomey. The Irish were also able to out block their opponents with the help of outside hitters Mike Giampa and Brian Michalek.

The Irish concluded the tournament with losses to UW-Milwaukee, 26-24, 25-21, Iowa State, 23-25, 25-15, 15-

13 and Illinois State, 25-22, 25-18. As the day went on, it was apparent that Notre Dame was gaining more confidence and improving as a team.

Notre Dame continues its season play on Jan. 30-31 at Michigan State.

Women's ice hockey

The women's ice hockey club dropped a 7-1 decision to Michigan at Ann Arbor last weekend. Injuries and players studying abroad depleted the Irish lineup.

Michigan scored three times in a penalty free first period. At 10:14 of the second period, Julia LaPointe rifled home the only goal for the Irish, assisted by Amy McIntosh and Tori Blainey. Michigan answered four minutes later for a 4-1 lead. The Wolverines padded the lead with three more goals in the final period to complete the scoring. Becca Frigy continued to play well in goal, making many saves while being peppered with shots the entire contest.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Connecticut gets physical in 68-65 win over Pitt

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Connecticut and Pittsburgh went retro Monday night. Not in what they wearing or the music being played. They played a Big East-style game like the ones that gave the league its physical reputation.

"Only the brave dared report for that game," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said of his fourth-ranked Huskies' 68-65 victory over No. 8 Pittsburgh — the Panthers' first loss of the season. "The 10 starters all played at least 30 minutes and if you didn't stand up you got knocked down. You couldn't find a place to hide."

The Huskies (15-2, 3-0 Big East) bounced back from Saturday's 68-65 loss at North Carolina that knocked them from the No. 1 spot they held in the rankings for the previous five weeks.

"Two losses in a row, we didn't even think about that," Connecticut guard Taliek Brown said.

Now that's a possibility for

the Panthers (18-1, 4-1), one of the last four unbeaten teams in Division I.

"A lot of people didn't think we're as good as we are because our schedule wasn't that tough," Pittsburgh guard Carl Krauser said. "We're as good as our record says we are."

The game was a lot slower than Connecticut, which averages 85.9 points, wanted. Pittsburgh used up most of the shot clock on virtually all of its possessions, the way a team that averages 71.3 points usually does.

"We couldn't speed things up," Calhoun said. "We tried everything and they'd bring the damn thing back out again."

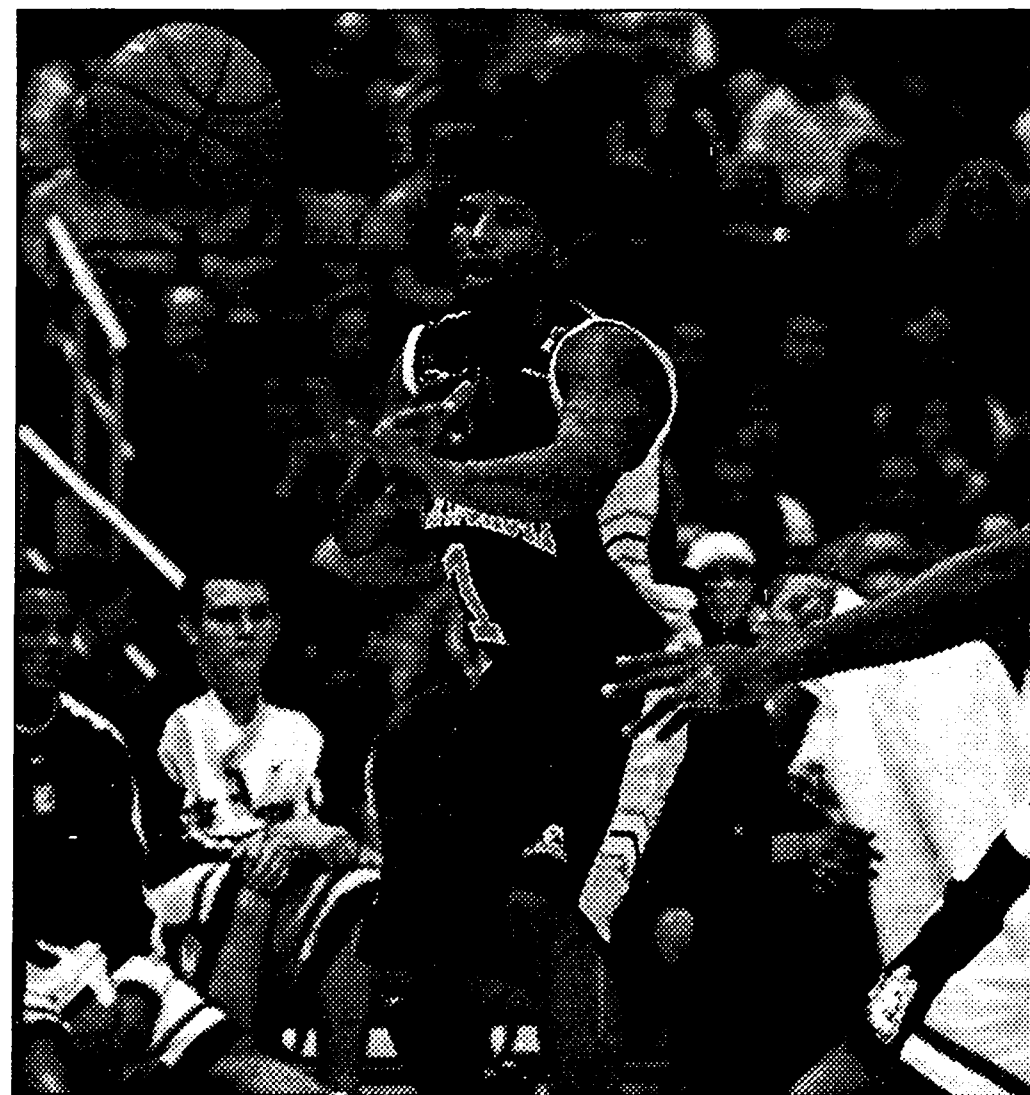
That Connecticut was able to play that way and win was even more impressive because preseason All-Americans Emeka Okafor and Ben Gordon didn't have their usual stand-out games, although Okafor came up big on the defensive end in the final minute. Denham Brown led the Huskies with 20 points.

Taliek Brown scored in the lane with 1:44 left to give Connecticut the lead for good at 64-63. Freshman Josh Boone, who matched his career-high with 10 points, scored on a tip-in with 1:04 remaining to give the Huskies a three-point lead.

Krauser, who had a career-high 24 points for the Panthers, made two free throws with 34 seconds left to make it a one-point game. Pittsburgh had only four teams fouls and had to commit three in a span of 6 seconds to get the Huskies to the free-throw line.

Denham Brown made both ends of a 1-and-1 with 25 seconds left to make it 68-65. Krauser's shot was blocked by Okafor with 13 seconds to go. Taliek Brown missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with 7.8 seconds to go and the Panthers had one last chance to tie.

Krauser sent the ball across the court to freshman Antonio Graves, whose open 3-pointer bounced off the rim at the buzzer.



ICON SPORTS

Pittsburgh's Jullas Page makes a pass Monday night. Connecticut defeated Pittsburgh 68-65.

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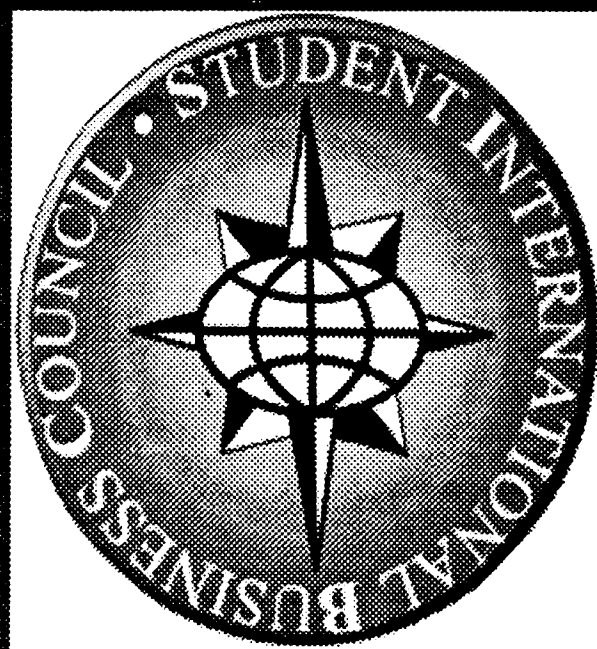
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Defense

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"We're not in that ballpark, and we may not be in that ballpark this season.

"But there are some things we can do better."

It begins with Notre Dame's defensive effort. Under Brey, the Irish have always been a team that relied on outscoring teams to beat them. And the Irish coach was satisfied with his

team's offensive output against the Orangemen.

But the Irish have displayed an inability to lock down on defense in tough games or to weather runs opposing teams pile on. The Irish are ranked last in the Big East in oppo-

nent's field goal and 3-point percentage and have the league's third-worst turnover ratio.

"I don't think this team does the tough stuff that other teams do," senior Torrian Jones said. "We are kind of considered one of the pretty boy teams of the Big East, and other teams feel that we try to outscore everybody, and that's the mindset we have going into the game. We can't do that."

The presence of a healthy Tom Timmermans, who recorded career-highs in both minutes (32) and points (16) Saturday after missing five games with back spasms, may give Brey another option alongside Torin Francis in the paint. And with Timmermans performing as the most consistent player against the Orangemen — both on offense and defense — that squeezed Jordan Cornette and Rick Cornett mostly out of the lineup.

"Getting something out of [Cornette and Cornett] is something we need to work on," Brey said. "We need some juice out of that."

But how much remains up in the air. Cornette played a season-low 10 minutes Saturday and Cornett, after sitting out the second half against Villanova and the entire game at

Pittsburgh, played just three first-half minutes against Syracuse. Neither player scored, either.

That means Brey could move Timmermans into the lineup more to give the Irish a more physical presence inside.

"I think it's just the other teams are being tougher than us as of right now," Timmermans said. "We've had some games where we've played tough, but [against Syracuse] we got pushed around on the

backboard." Brey has always emphasized offense, but that approach may change with Notre Dame's struggles against ranked teams. All season long, the Irish have countered multiple baskets by opposing teams by believing they can hit a big shot to stop the momentum. But Notre Dame's defensive disappointments have led Brey to say the Irish have to recommit themselves to their defense.

"We have to step up," guard Chris Quinn said. "From guards to big guys to wings, from the first guy to the 13th guy, we have to step it up."

"Things will be tougher for us before they get better."

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Up and Coming Employer Presentations:

| Date | Company Name | Location | Time |
|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1/20/04 | Teach for America | DeBartolo Hall | 7-9 p.m. |
| 1/20/04 | Morgan Stanley | Stadium Room, University Club | 6-8 p.m. |
| 1/21/04 | Kellogg-(CFO will be here) | Lower Level, CCE | 5-6 p.m. |
| 1/22/04 | Citigroup | ND Room, Morris Inn | 6:30-8 p.m. |
| 1/26/04 | WPS Resources | Room 112, CCE | 7-8 p.m. |
| 1/28/04 | KPMG-Take a Break-Open House | Room 210, CCE | 12-3 p.m. |
| 2/03/04 | Teach for America-CNN Screening | DeBartolo Hall | 7-9 p.m. |
| 2/04/04 | Mercer | Alumni Room, Morris Inn | 6-9 p.m. |
| 2/11/04 | Factset Research | Sorin Room, LaFortune | 6-7 p.m. |
| 2/11/04 | Ford Motor | Room 122, Mendoza | 6:30-8 p.m. |

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said. "Even though we did not win the game, we walked away finding out a lot about ourselves and the level that we can play at."

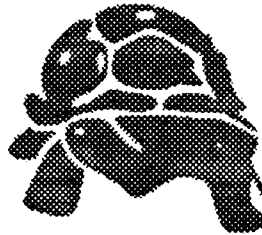
Another goal for the Belles was to avoid turnovers and careless mistakes. After giving up a staggering 25 turnovers in their loss against Adrian College, the Belles limited themselves to seven turnovers against Alma.

Despite having an improved total team effort and cutting back on turnovers, the Belles extended their losing streak to six games as Alma's first half lead was too much to overcome. Faced with that disappointment, the Belles still have a determined outlook.

"The team attitude remains positive even with the losing streak," Bellina said. "We plan to continue playing with the same type of intensity and focus."

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Tuesday, January 20, 2004

NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|--------------|--------|-------|---------|-----|
| New Jersey | 21-17 | .553 | 6-4 | - |
| Boston | 20-23 | .465 | 4-6 | 3.5 |
| New York | 19-24 | .442 | 5-5 | 4.5 |
| Philadelphia | 18-23 | .439 | 4-6 | 4.5 |
| Miami | 16-25 | .390 | 3-7 | 6.5 |
| Washington | 12-28 | .300 | 3-7 | 10 |
| Orlando | 11-31 | .262 | 3-7 | 12 |

Eastern Conference, Central Division

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|-------------|--------|-------|---------|------|
| Indiana | 32-11 | .744 | 9-1 | - |
| Detroit | 29-13 | .654 | 10-0 | 2.5 |
| New Orleans | 23-18 | .561 | 4-6 | 8 |
| Milwaukee | 22-19 | .537 | 7-3 | 9 |
| Toronto | 20-19 | .513 | 5-5 | 10 |
| Cleveland | 13-27 | .325 | 4-6 | 17.5 |
| Chicago | 12-29 | .293 | 3-7 | 19 |
| Atlanta | 12-30 | .286 | 4-6 | 19.5 |

Western Conference, Midwest Division

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|-------------|--------|-------|---------|-----|
| Minnesota | 27-12 | .692 | 8-2 | - |
| San Antonio | 27-15 | .643 | 5-5 | 1.5 |
| Dallas | 24-16 | .600 | 6-4 | 3.5 |
| Houston | 23-16 | .590 | 7-3 | 4 |
| Denver | 24-18 | .571 | 5-5 | 4.5 |
| Memphis | 21-18 | .538 | 6-4 | 6 |
| Utah | 21-18 | .538 | 5-5 | 6 |

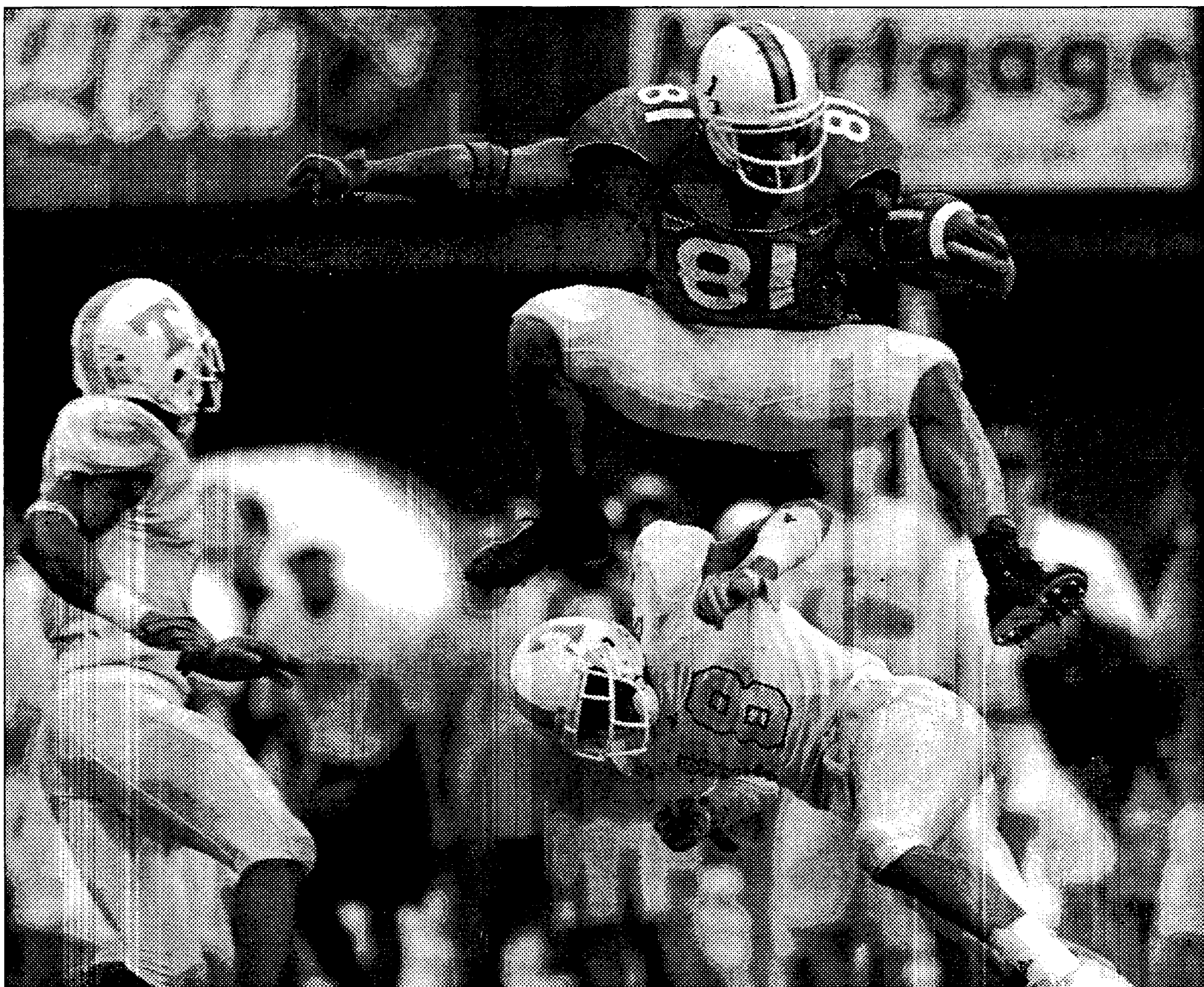
Western Conference, Pacific Division

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|--------------|--------|-------|---------|------|
| Sacramento | 29-9 | .763 | 9-1 | - |
| LA Lakers | 25-12 | .676 | 5-5 | 3.5 |
| Seattle | 20-19 | .513 | 5-5 | 9.5 |
| LA Clippers | 16-22 | .421 | 3-7 | 13 |
| Golden State | 16-23 | .410 | 2-8 | 13.5 |
| Portland | 16-23 | .410 | 1-9 | 13.5 |
| Phoenix | 15-26 | .366 | 4-6 | 15.5 |

Men's College Basketball Coaches Top 25

| | team | record | points |
|----|--------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Duke (25) | 14-1 | 765 |
| 2 | Stanford (5) | 14-0 | 743 |
| 3 | Saint Joseph's (1) | 15-0 | 675 |
| 4 | Connecticut | 14-2 | 671 |
| 5 | Cincinnati | 13-0 | 657 |
| 6 | Louisville | 13-1 | 566 |
| 7 | Wake Forest | 11-2 | 519 |
| 8 | Kentucky | 11-2 | 505 |
| 9 | Pittsburgh | 18-0 | 502 |
| 10 | Kansas | 11-2 | 486 |
| 11 | North Carolina | 11-3 | 469 |
| 12 | Arizona | 11-3 | 420 |
| 13 | Georgia Tech | 11-2 | 396 |
| 14 | Texas | 11-2 | 394 |
| 15 | Gonzaga | 14-2 | 361 |
| 16 | Syracuse | 14-1 | 347 |
| 17 | Florida | 11-3 | 342 |
| 18 | Texas Tech | 11-2 | 314 |
| 19 | Wisconsin | 11-3 | 203 |
| 20 | Mississippi State | 14-1 | 168 |
| 21 | Oklahoma | 10-3 | 167 |
| 22 | Vanderbilt | 14-2 | 146 |
| 23 | Purdue | 12-4 | 91 |
| 24 | Creighton | 13-1 | 68 |
| 25 | Oklahoma State | 12-2 | 61 |

NCAA FOOTBALL



All-American Miami tight end Kellen Winslow leaps to avoid a tackle. Winslow will enter the NFL draft a year early along with fellow teammates Sean Taylor and Vince Wilfork.

Three Miami players enter draft early

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Miami was the hardest-hit school when the official list of early entries for the NFL draft was released Monday, losing All-Americans Kellen Winslow and Sean Taylor, along with standout defensive tackle Vince Wilfork.

The three Hurricanes were among 41 players who left school early for the draft. That list does not include Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett and Pittsburgh receiver Larry Fitzgerald, who have spent

only two years in college.

NFL rules require that a player's graduating class must be three years removed from high school to enter the draft. But Fitzgerald spent a year at a prep school before entering Pitt and is hoping to get a special waiver.

"We are in the process of clarifying his status," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Monday.

Clarett was suspended this season for accepting improper benefits from a family friend and lying about it to investigators. He filed a federal lawsuit

in New York on Sept. 23 challenging the NFL's rule and a ruling could come by Feb. 1.

National champions Southern California and LSU each lost key players early as well. USC All-American defensive end Kenechi Udeze joined LSU quarterback Matt Mauck and receiver Michael Clayton on the list.

Arkansas was also hit hard, losing All-American offensive tackle Shawn Andrews, defensive back Ahmad Carroll, tight end Jason Peters and fullback Mark Pierce.

Virginia Tech lost star running back Kevin Jones and cornerback DeAngelo Hall.

Other prominent players on the list include, Ohio State cornerback Chris Gamble, Oklahoma defensive tackle Tommie Harris, Oregon State running back Steven Jackson, Georgia defensive back Sean Jones, Miami of Ohio quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, Florida State receiver P.K. Sam, Maryland defensive tackle Randy Starks and Washington receiver Reggie Williams.

IN BRIEF

Federer Opens with easy win

MELBOURNE, Australia — Wimbledon champion Roger Federer found his range with his powerful forehand and beat Alex Bogomolov Jr. 6-3, 6-4, 6-0 in a first-round match Tuesday at the Australian Open.

The second-seeded Federer reeled off seven consecutive games to close in 1 hour, 29 minutes and extend Bogomolov's record in Grand Slam tournaments to 0-5.

Federer will meet another American qualifier in the second round after Jeff Morrison beat Dennis van Scheppingen 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

Venus Williams, a four-time Grand Slam winner returning to a major for the first time since losing the Wimbledon final to her sister Serena last year, faced American teenager Ashley Harkleroad in the later match

on center court.

Spaniard Felix Mantilla, seeded 23rd, joined the seven other seeded men's players out in the first round when he lost 7-5, 6-1, 7-6 (3) to Frenchman Thierry Ascione.

Greg Rusedski lost 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 to 26th-seeded Albert Costa in likely his last match before he faces an ATP doping hearing at Montreal on Feb. 9.

Rusedski admitted two weeks ago he'd tested positive for nandrolone last July, but claims the banned steroid was contained in supplements dispensed by ATP trainers.

Timberwolves over the Hornets 97-90

MINNEAPOLIS — Sam Cassell had 22 points, including seven in the final 2 1/2 minutes, leading the Minnesota Timberwolves to a 97-90 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Monday.

Kevin Garnett led Minnesota with 29 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists, drawing a foul with 18.2 seconds left that led to New Orleans coach Tim Floyd's ejection.

Baron Davis had 25 points for the Hornets before mildly spraining his left ankle midway through the fourth quarter with his team trailing 85-84.

Without its star, New Orleans lost its cool.

Darrell Armstrong beat the shot clock with a 3-pointer that put the Hornets up 90-87 with 3:30 to go, but Cassell hit a 10-footer to cut the lead to one.

Steve Smith missed a long jumper, Garnett got fouled as he made a shot in the lane on the other end and Floyd went crazy. He chucked his jacket off, kicked a bouncing ball into the seats, got ejected and angrily chased after referee Phil Robinson.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Indiana at Ohio State 7 p.m., ESPN
NC State at Boston College 6 p.m., ESPN2

NHL

Dallas at Edmonton 9 p.m., Fox Sports

NBA

Detroit at Indiana 7 p.m., Fox Sports
New Jersey at Dallas 8:30 p.m., NBA TV

Goalies

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"Our goalies were just tremendous," coach Dave

Poulin said. "I think that goaltending is one of the strengths on our team."

"I really feel we might have the best tandem in the country." Strong words for a school

who has never had a goaltender finish his career with a save percentage higher than .900. But Cey and Brown have been turning heads this season as quickly as they've been turning away pucks.

With the Irish getting quality goaltending at one end of the ice, senior forwards Rob Globke and Aaron Gill and sophomore forward Mike Walsh were able to excel at the other end.

Globke and Gill each scored two goals on the weekend, while Walsh scored the crucial game-tying goal after Wisconsin took an early 1-0 lead Sunday. Walsh has already shown a knack for coming through in big games, scoring the only goals in 1-0 victories over both Boston College and Maine.

"Mike's goal on Sunday was really the turning point," Poulin said. "Wisconsin obviously felt that they had lost a point against us the night before and thought they'd be able to win easily. We were able to tie it up and get the momentum back, and that was the difference."

The weekend began on an ominous note for the Irish, who ran into a storm near the Illinois-Wisconsin border that delayed their bus ride to Madison for four hours.

"I was very pleased with how the team handled that adversity," Poulin said. "It took us a little while to get our legs back under us from the bus ride, but we were able to get going and do well in a difficult arena to play in."

The Irish fell behind 1-0 early in the first Saturday as John Eichelberger scored for the Badgers on the power play. Notre Dame's sluggish start was apparent, with the Irish not even recording a shot on goal until the 14:40 mark of the first period.

That shot would be a big one, however, as Gill picked up the rebound of a Globke shot and slipped it past Wisconsin goalie Bernd Bruckler. The goal came on an Irish power play and marked the then-fifth straight game that the Irish scored on a power play (they would also score a power play goal Sunday to run that total to six).

Eichelberger would regain the lead for Wisconsin in the second period with his second goal of the game, but Gill would

match him once more on the scoring sheet with another power play goal just 1:23 into the third. Globke also collected an assist on the play.

All four goals Saturday came with the man advantage. Each team was 2-of-7 on the power play.

"When you're not getting a lot of shots on goal, it's important to take advantage of your power play chances, and we did just that," Poulin said.

The Irish again got off to a rough start Sunday, perhaps facing an angry Wisconsin team focused on revenge. Brown faced 13 shots in the first period, allowing a goal to Rene Bourque, while his Wisconsin counterpart Brian Elliott only faced two Irish shots.

Walsh tied the game about six minutes into the second period as he wristed a shot past Elliott to give the sophomore his ninth goal of the season.

Ten minutes later, the Irish took advantage of a 5-on-3 power play to take the lead, with Globke collecting the goal off assists from Tom Galvin and Neil Komadowski. Globke's goal was the game winner and gave him 13 in his career, tying him with Brian Urick and Poulin.

The senior forward would score his second goal of the game with an empty-netter to put the Badgers away for good.

Penalty killing was a big part of Notre Dame's success Sunday, as the Irish killed all six Wisconsin power plays in the game, including three in the first period.

"Special teams were huge for us this weekend," Poulin said. "When Wisconsin had those three power plays in the first Sunday, it allowed their offense to get in gear a little, but we never backed down and did a great job playing through that difficult situation."

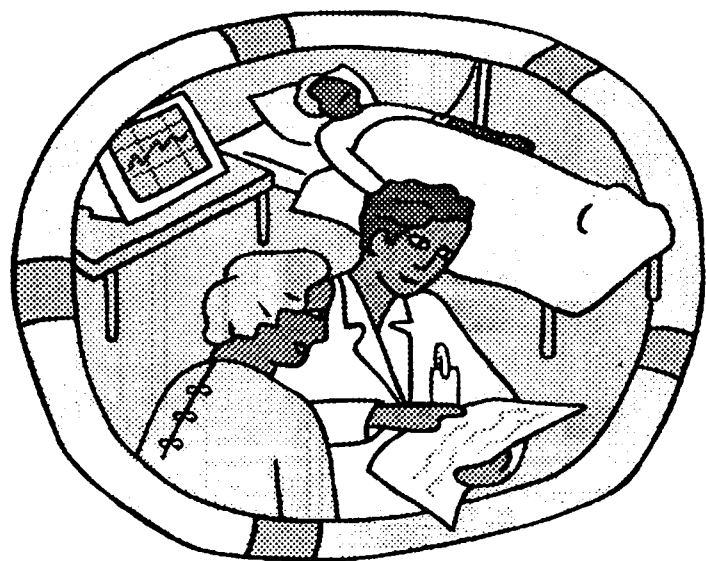
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ROTC

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beat the Virginia and Tennessee State Air Force squads to advance to the championship game, where they beat the Colorado mixed-service team in the Joyce Center arena to win the tournament.

Tournament participants voted Notre Dame sophomore Greg Belatti as tournament MVP.

After beating Marquette's Army Battalion in the women's division, the Notre Dame Air Force cadets defeated the Purdue mixed-service squad for the championship.

The results were mixed for the other services at Notre Dame. The Navy unit beat Purdue's Navy team before losing to Colorado's mixed-service squad in the men's semifinals.

However, the Army team failed to advance after a tough loss to Marquette.

Andrew DeBerry, a fifth-year senior Air Force cadet who was in charge of the tournament, said the tournament has become a Notre Dame and ROTC tradition.

"It's the largest annual ROTC competition in the nation," DeBerry said.

"It's a chance for units to build unity within themselves ..."

Andrew DeBerry
Air Force cadet

DeBerry said the tournament was a success, thanks to his fellow cadet leaders.

"I had a great staff," he said. "Because of the contributions of a sharp staff, a supportive wing and great leaders, this tournament was a success."

The tournament also featured a 3-point shootout and a cadre bracket, in which commanders' faced off on the floor. In addition to basketball, the Air Force cadets hosted a gathering at Legends, as well as tours of the campus and Notre

Dame Stadium.

"It's a chance for units to build unity within themselves, camaraderie with other future officers across service lines and have an excellent tournament," DeBerry said. "We

emphasize having a good time."

DeBerry said this year's tournament was especially unique.

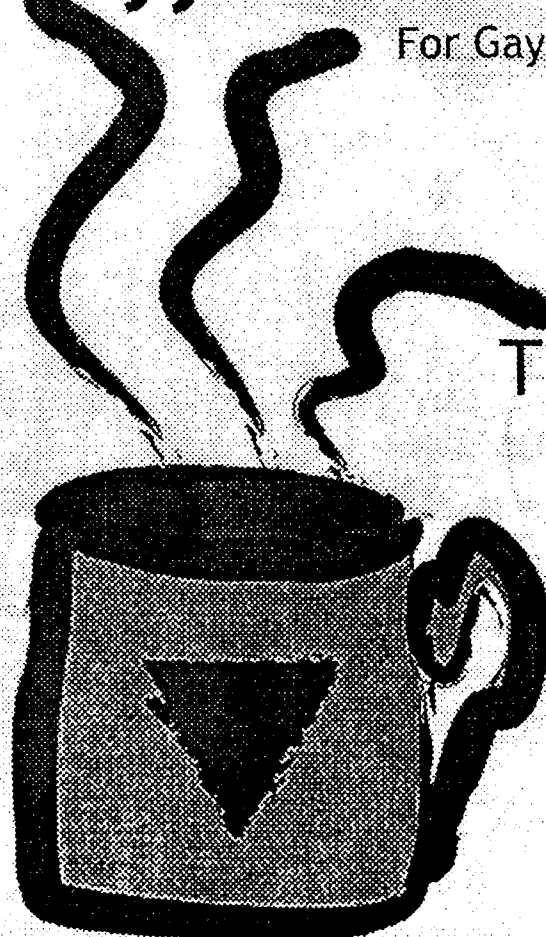
"It's dedicated to all deployed servicemen and women," he said. In particular, the cadets

played for their former commanding officer, Col. Mark Gehri, who is now serving in Afghanistan.

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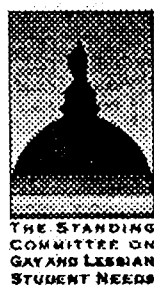


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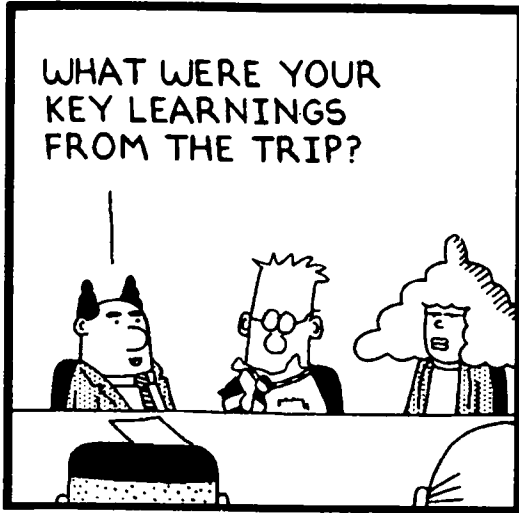
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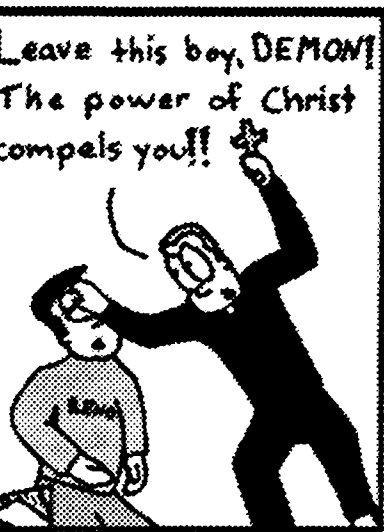
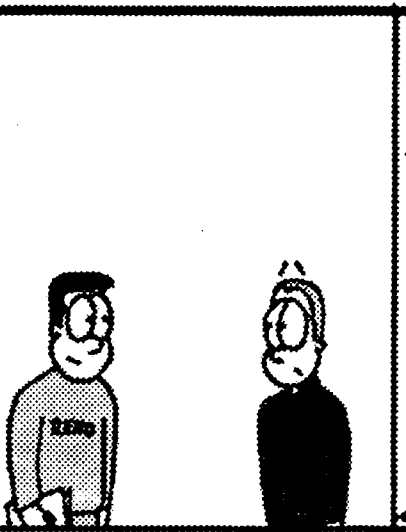
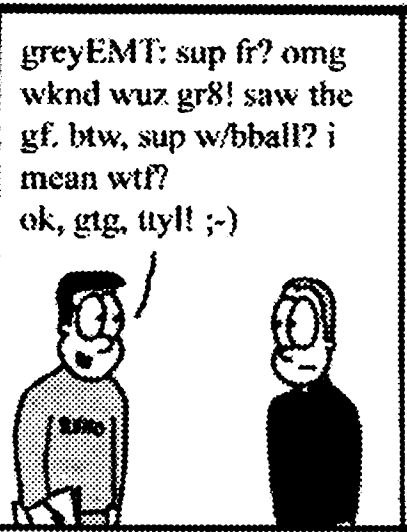
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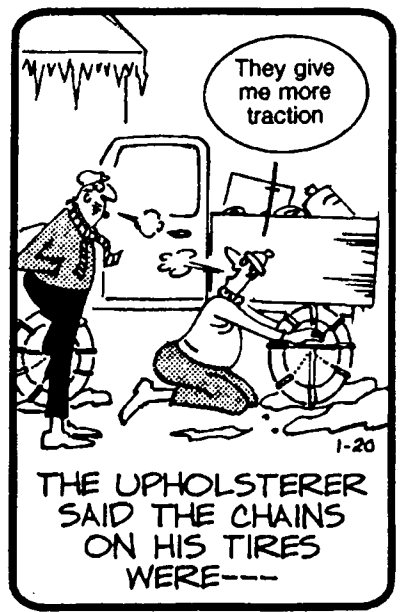
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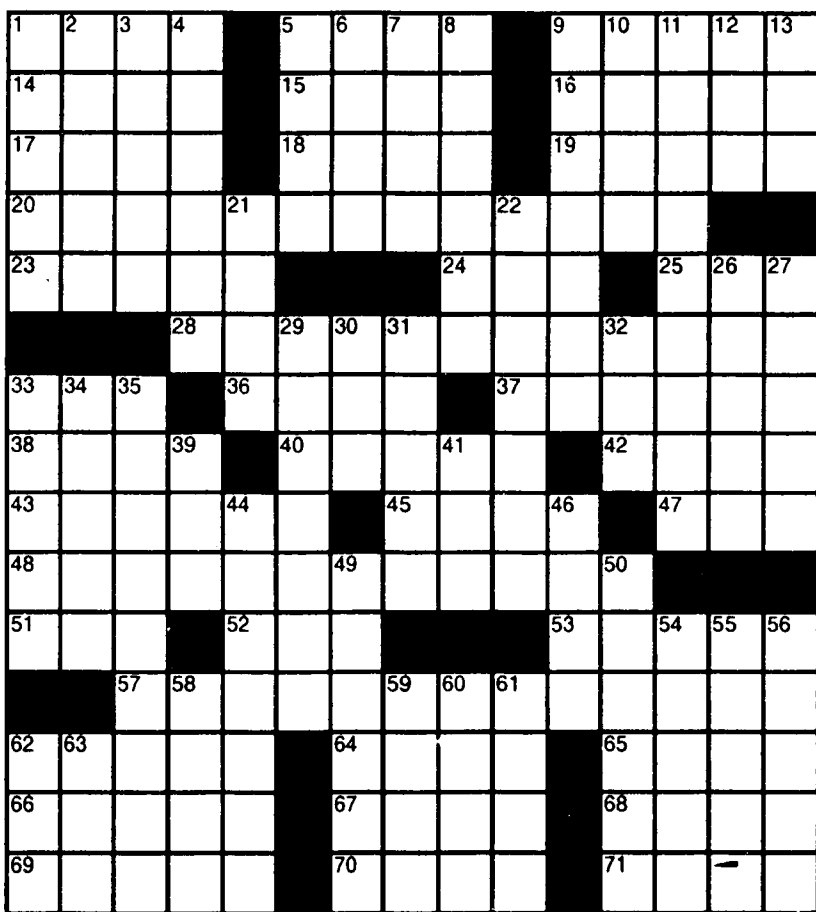
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- 1 Fr. holy women
 - 5 Nut's partner
 - 9 Rite place
 - 14 Bath powder ingredient
 - 15 Tom Joad, for one
 - 16 Mr. Moto portrayer
 - 17 Boorish
 - 18 St. Paul's architect
 - 19 Shoe blemish
 - 20 Flexible educational environment
 - 23 You should worry if you're in it
 - 24 Suffix with auction
 - 25 Lobbying grp.
 - 28 "Smile!" show
 - 33 California's Big
- DOWN**
- 36 Teutonic turn-down
 - 37 Wreath for the head
 - 38 Took advantage of
 - 40 Like some organs
 - 42 Herbert sci-fi classic
 - 43 Dracula portrayer
 - 45 Burned-out ship, e.g.
 - 47 Amigo
 - 48 "Guys and Dolls" composer
 - 51 Car loan fig.
 - 52 They, in Tours
 - 53 Simoleons
 - 57 Payee's convenience
 - 62 False move
 - 64 Mate's greeting
 - 65 False move

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- 32 "Spy vs. Spy" magazine
- 33 drug (infection fighter)
- 34 Take forcibly
- 35 With respect to
- 39 Put on
- 41 Neighbor of Ger.
- 44 Sidestepped
- 46 Gridder-turned-politician Jack
- 49 Back-to-back awards for
- 50 Top contractor?
- 54 Honshu port
- 55 Compare
- 56 Bikini event, in old headlines
- 58 "Picnic" playwright
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HOCKEY

Badgering all of their opponents

Irish tie 2-2 and win 3-1 on the road against No. 4 Wisconsin

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

As if they needed to make their case anymore this season, the Irish once again showed the hockey world they can compete with the best.

Already this season, the Irish have defeated then-No. 1 Boston College and then-No. 3 Maine away from the Joyce Center. Add No. 4 Wisconsin to Notre Dame's list of vanquished ranked foes on the road.

Despite being outshot by the Badgers by a combined 69-37, the Irish remained undefeated (2-0-1) at the Kohl Center in Madison, Wisc., thanks especially to the play of their goal-tenders.

Junior Morgan Cey made 36 saves Saturday to help the team to the 2-2 tie, and freshman David Brown continued his impressive rookie campaign with 30 saves as he backstopped the Irish to their third win over a top-five team.



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Cory McLean looks for a pass earlier this season against Bowling Green. By defeating No. 4 Wisconsin, the Irish knocked off their third top 5 opponent of the season.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Effort on 'D' needs to improve

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

In two straight games against two ranked teams, Notre Dame has appeared more than willing to step aside and let its opponents do what they will.

Easy lay-up? It's yours. Loose ball? You can have it. Want a rebound? Here's a space to jump from. In fact, in back-to-back losses to Pittsburgh and Syracuse, the Irish have surrendered more than 40 points in the paint each time and allowed both opponents to shoot over 48 percent from the field.

The schedule doesn't get any easier. After the Irish (8-5 overall, 2-2 in the Big East) travel to Virginia Tech (8-6, 1-2) tonight, Notre Dame plays six ranked teams in nine games. So far this year, the Irish are 0-3 against foes ranked in the top 25.

"They're really, really good," Irish coach Mike Brey said of Syracuse Saturday night.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Second half rally not enough for Belles

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

In desperate need of a victory this weekend, the Belles made a strong second-half comeback but still came up short in a 70-67 loss to Alma College.

The Belles (4-11) found themselves down 45-32 at halftime after being unable to stop Alma's powerful offense. In the second half, the Belles closed the gap with a resilient defensive effort that almost gave them the victory. "Our defense really picked us up in the second half," coach Suzanne Bellina said. "The lack of defensive intensity in the first half made the difference between winning and losing."

The Belles certainly had their hands full on defense trying to contain Alma forward Karen Hall, who had a

double-double with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

Alma built its lead in the first half on a solid inside game and accurate shooting. The Scots shot 60 percent for the game from behind the arc.

Center Emily Creachbaum was the leading scorer for the Belles with 19 points, while guard Katie Miller chipped in 15 points with 5-of-10 shooting from 3-point range.

Before the game, the Belles realized that a team effort would be necessary to win. After a shaky first half, the Belles regrouped and were able to move the ball better and play tighter defense.

"This probably was one of our best team efforts of the year, if you look at the assists as well as the defensive effort that was put forth," Bellina

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ROTC

Notre Dame hosts ROTC tourney

Air Force unit wins 18th annual hoops tournament at JACC

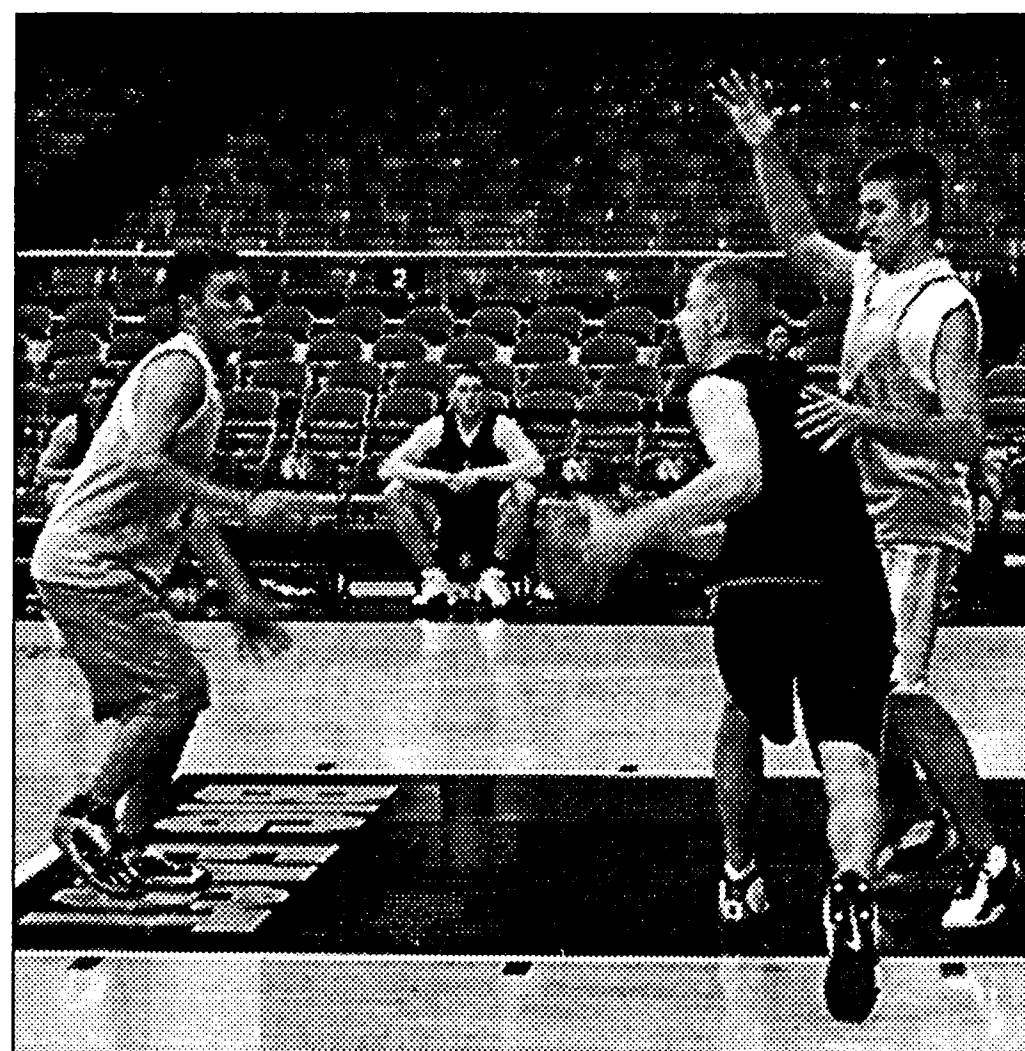
By MATT BRAMANTI
Sports Writer

The Flying Irish soared again.

Last weekend, Notre Dame's Air Force ROTC cadets won the 18th Annual ROTC Invitational. Detachment 225 of the Air Force ROTC sponsored the tournament, held in the Joyce Center, which was open to Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC units nationwide.

The invitational featured 53 teams from across the country, who played at least three games each in brackets named after Notre Dame legends like Sorin, Hesburgh and Parseghian.

In the men's bracket, the Notre Dame Air Force team



MATT BRAMANTI/The Observer

Holy Cross sophomore Darren Manley, left, looks for a steal in last weekend's annual ROTC Invitational.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

NCAA FOOTBALL

41 players declare early for NFL draft

Miami loses three key players — Sean Taylor, Vince Wilfork and Kellen Winslow.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Connecticut defeats Pittsburgh 68-65

Connecticut bounces back after their loss at North Carolina that knocked them from the No. 1 spot.

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CLUB SPORTS

Bowling team finishes 32nd in Las Vegas

Jim Talamo led the Irish with a 169 average and a 190 high game.

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