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HPC decides to place planned coffee houses inside hall party rooms

JANE KRAVCIK
Copy Editor

Those hall party rooms which are now silent dungeons may find new life next semester when they are used as coffee houses.

Pangborn Hall President Tom Ryan announced the plans for the proposed coffee houses at last night's Hall President's Council Meeting.

According to Ryan, the halls would be divided into six groups of four halls each. The hall in each group with the best facilities for the coffee house would host the event one night each month.

The coffee houses will feature food and live entertainment. Said Ryan, "People will walk in for just a doughnut or something but have their attention attracted by the live entertainment."

According to Ryan, the atmosphere of the coffee houses should be "like a bar with live entertainment."

There will probably be no charge for the events. "If each dorm sponsoring the coffee house donates \$5-10, that should be enough," said Ryan.

Ryan hopes to get "six different styles" of coffee houses by having six groups sponsor the event.

HPC President Chris Tayback commented, "We hope it will increase the social traffic in the party

rooms, which don't seem to be used much this year."

Tayback said he hopes the coffee houses will begin the second week after break.

Also discussed at the meeting were student-faculty relations.

Pat McCauley, assistant academic commissioner, presented suggestions to the council on how to improve these relations. These suggestions included asking faculty members to speak in dorms and participating in the hall fellows program.

Halls participating in the hall fellows program "adopt" a faculty member and invite him or her to all of the social activities of the hall.

McCauley called student-faculty interaction a major problem. "People just go to class and get what they can... there is so much to gain from the faculty."

The council was asked by McCauley to prepare a list of the classes best represented in their dorm test files. He said the lists from the dorms would be compiled into one so "everyone will have access to the tests."

McCauley also asked the council to review the recently-released University Curriculum Committee Final Report and submit comments to Bruce Loehman, academic coord-

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The Observer/Maggie Kersten

Love your outfit

These unidentified women participated in the Madrigal dinner held at Haggard Hall at Saint Mary's. To celebrate this annual event, the servers

donned Elizabethan costumes. Court dancers, harpsichord music, and other music provided entertainment for those present.

Legality of school prayer debated by sharply divided Supreme Court

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The legitimacy of setting aside daily moments of silence for student prayer or meditation in the nation's public schools was debated yesterday before a sharply divided Supreme Court.

In a case as politically charged as any on their docket, the justices must decide whether state laws allowing public schools to provide such periods may mention "prayer" as one possible activity during the silence.

Numerous political candidates this year - including President Reagan - called for a return of organized prayer in public schools. As Sen. Jeremiah Denton, R-Ala., told reporters yesterday, school prayer is one way of restoring "morality and ethics as a centerpiece of American democracy."

"You can't even say grace in the

corner of a school yard," Denton said on the courthouse steps. "School administrators are so inhibited that they aren't permitting anything. You can't even write a religious article in a school newspaper. It's gone nuts."

Reagan administration lawyer Paul Bator told the high court that laws such as Alabama's "enhance the opportunity for students to bring silent prayer as part of their activities at school" as he defended an Alabama law that allowed moments of silence for "meditation or voluntary prayer."

At least 22 other states have moment of silence laws, but not all of them mention prayer.

Baton Rouge, La., lawyer John Baker Jr., defending the Alabama law for Gov. George Wallace, said it does not coerce students to pray. "No one knows whether fellow students are

praying, meditating or vegetating," he said.

But Mobile, Ala., lawyer Ronnie Williams portrayed the law as a "blatant attempt" to get around a 1962 Supreme Court decision banning organized prayer sessions from public schools.

A federal appeals court struck down the Alabama law, ruling that it violated the constitutionally required separation of church and state.

When Justice John Paul Stevens pressed Baker to explain why a 1978 Alabama moment of silence law - which does not mention prayer - would not suffice as well, Baker said many people did not realize they could spend the silent time praying.

Chief Justice Warren Burger appeared sympathetic to Baker's contention, at one point asking

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MS benefit conducted by student government

By LISA M. BOYKIN
News Staff

A three-week MTV sponsored multiple sclerosis benefit is being conducted by student government in conjunction with student activities.

The benefit is part of a competition between 16 Midwestern colleges to raise the largest amount of money. If the response is successful, the program will become a coast-to-coast annual event.

Because it has a reputation for a charitable nature, Notre Dame was singled out as one of the "strongest contenders" in the competition according to Aline Gioffre, chairman of the event.

The winner of the contest will be determined on the basis of the most money collected per capita. Prizes will include a free concert by one of the top five rock groups as determined by MTV.

This concert would be scheduled for the Saturday of An Tostal, April 27, and would be free for all ND and SMC students, Gioffre said. MTV will host the concert, which will be video-taped live on campus, and re-broadcast on national television.

"We want to appeal to the community...to inform them about MS... the residents, the churches, the high school stu-

dents, and the alumni," Gioffre said.

Student Body President Rob Bertino said, "The idea of competition between the schools that we compete with in sports will be an incentive for student participation."

Although the plans for what Gioffre considers to be a "mammoth project" are still in the works, activities such as video dances, Monte Carlo Nights, marathons, and an array of other social events, are being considered.

These activities not only provide entertainment for the student body, but in addition, by participating, students are contributing to the drive, Gioffre said.

Checks have already been received from alumni, and Senior Bar has contributed 30 percent of the profits received during the Penn State week-end.

A rock video dance will kick off the festivities which are scheduled to begin sometime after Christmas break (all 16 schools will be competing during the same 3 week period which has yet to be announced.)

Applications for chairmanships of the various committees involved in the event are available at the Student Activities office in La Fortune.

Reagan discusses first budget cuts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Reagan finished an initial round of deciding where to cut domestic spending yesterday and White House aides indicated the next move will be to determine how much the president's planned military buildup must be trimmed to fight the flood of federal red ink.

"We'll have a pretty good feel at the end of the day as to how close we are to our... budget reduction goal for '85, and I think we can then begin to work with defense numbers," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said before Reagan began his last scheduled session on domestic spending reductions with a dozen senior aides.

Reagan met with his advisers for about an hour yesterday afternoon. White House officials said the defense budget was discussed but that no decisions were made.

Later, as the president returned to the White House after visiting Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Reagan told reporters who asked about the budget deliberations: "We're still wrestling with it. We have nothing yet to say."

Reagan was due to meet today with his Cabinet, including budget director David Stockman.

White House officials have said they were trying to cut spending by \$42 billion for the 1986 fiscal year, which begins next Oct. 1, which may hold the deficit, now projected

to reach more than \$200 billion next year, to \$170 billion.

In previous years, Reagan resisted calls to trim the growth of military spending. Speakes refused to say outright that Reagan has embraced the idea of reducing the military budget.

"On the early part of next week we will finalize defense spending," when Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger returns from a meeting of allied defense ministers in Brussels, Speakes said.

Stockman has told congressional Republicans that there is an \$8 billion target for reducing the planned increases in military spending, but Speakes refused to say that Reagan has endorsed the figure.

In Brief

The poison gas leak from a pesticide plant in Bhopal, India, has killed 1,000 people, doctors say, and many of the survivors in this central Indian city are threatened by blindness and sterility. The doctors said many of the dead were children and the elderly, who were not strong enough to withstand - or outrun - the lethal cloud that spread over 25 square miles of this city of 900,000 on Monday. The methyl isocyanate gas had begun leaking at 1 a.m. from an underground storage tank at a Union Carbide pesticide plant in a poor area of Bhopal. The leak was stopped after 40 minutes, but the gas seeped silently over the city through the early hours of the morning. -AP

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said yesterday, in Chicago, he will visit South Africa in January to focus attention on the plight of blacks living under apartheid, a system he said has been "reinforced" by Reagan administration policies. Jackson said South Africa's ambassador, Bernardus Fourie, told him.

Of Interest

The sophomore class Christmas party will be held in the LaFortune ballroom tomorrow afternoon beginning at 5:30. Among the events featured will be horse-drawn sleigh rides, tree decorating, food, music and a presentation of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Admission is free. -The Observer

Two Notre Dame bridge players, John Adams and Kevin Williams, teamed with South Bend locals Patti Tickfer and Sohail Bahu to win the top spot in the Rookie Grand National Teams duplicate bridge competition Saturday. The team now qualifies for the District 8 playoff in Decatur, Ill., on March 31. Students interested in participating in the second qualifying heat are invited to an introductory team game Dec. 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Valley Bridge Association Center, 2333 Miracle Lane, in Mishawaka's Town and Country Shopping Center. -The Observer

Air Force ROTC, Detachment 225 at Notre Dame will hold its fall awards ceremony today at 4:30 in the library auditorium. Professor Eugene Henry of the electrical engineering department will be honored with a meritorious service award for his 30 years service in the Air Force Reserves. He is a 1954 graduate of Notre Dame, and he retired from the Reserves last summer as a full colonel. -The Observer

The Saint Mary's Law Society is sponsoring a panel to discuss the role of women in the law profession. The panelists will include Jeanne Swartz, a superior court judge of St. Joseph's County, Julie Verhege, an attorney for the Women's Legal Clinic, and Claire Bolsen, a graduate student from Saint Mary's who is in Law School at Notre Dame. The panel will meet at 7:30 tonight in Madaleva. All are invited to attend and refreshments will be served afterward. -The Observer

Members of the senior class involved in the Big Brother/ Big Sisters program are invited to take their honorary sibling to a pizza party at Showbiz Pizza in Town and Country Mall in Mishawaka. The party will be Thursday at 5 p.m. and sign-ups are this week in the Student Activities office from 9 to 5. The cost will be \$3.25. -The Observer

Weather

A chance of snow is in the forecast for this afternoon and tonight, although accumulations are expected to be light. It will be cold, with highs in the upper 20s to low 30s. —AP



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Change comes slowly to ND, peer pressures remain today

There are mornings when I wake up with my mouth tasting like the inside of a decomposing gerbil. Sometimes I hack and wheeze until I think I am having a heart attack at the age of 20. My hands smell yellow.

I smoke cigarettes. Smoking is not common among undergraduates at Notre Dame. For whatever the reason, students who smoke are set apart from the norm, especially men who smoke. It's not that smokers are rejected, exactly. They just aren't quite like everyone else.

This is a departure from the past. College has always been a time for sowing a few wild oats -- whether it be smoking, drinking or some other questionable pastime. The typical undergrad, as seen in old volumes of the *Dome*, is a disheveled, uninhibited individual. And they almost invariably have a cigarette hanging from their lower lip.

At other schools this is often still the case. People who don't smoke are usually the ones who feel left out. I have been in dorm room parties at other universities where there was so much smoke that it looked like Los Angeles on a bad day.

But here it is different. Why?

The answer: Women. Coeducation is a relatively new thing to Notre Dame. After more than ten years, men and women still are not really comfortable with each other's presence. At Notre Dame the average student dresses better, is more well-groomed, and is more polite. There seems to be an attitude that says, "Since we are at Notre Dame, we better look and act like it."

Generally, men try to impress the women with their niceness and women try to reflect this expression with their femininity. It really is a vicious circle.

The stiffness between the interaction of the sexes is preventing students here from letting their hair down. This is not to say that everybody should immediately run out to the 7-Eleven and throw down a buck for a pack of Marlboros.

You shouldn't because smoking is bad for you.

The lack of smokers at Notre Dame is just a symptom of a disease that is plaguing the vitality of the University's social life.

This could be, as one theory states, because many students come to Notre Dame from private, Catholic, single-gender high schools and the change is somewhat drastic. Or it could be because men think the women of Notre Dame are smarter and the women feel a little in-

Dan McCullough

News Editor



Inside Wednesday

timidated by the all-male precedent of the place.

High school was always the place where students sneaked a cigarette in the bathroom and flushed the butts down the toilet. People smoked then for different reasons: to be cool, to be accepted, to do the French inhale and blow smoke rings.

College was supposed to be the place where roommates laid in bed smoking late into the night talking about the big questions. But most students at Notre Dame seem to be content with calling it a night after eating a bag of popcorn from hall foodsales and watching David Letterman.

Not that there is anything wrong with David Letterman, or popcorn for that matter. There just seems to be something missing -- something more than just tobacco.

There is a definite attitude problem here. People with long hair, people who dress like slobs, people who smoke just don't fit in with the image of the Notre Dame student. They are something different. They are a kind of subculture.

While subcultures themselves aren't necessarily a bad thing, the things that people consider qualifications for membership into the Notre Dame subculture would hardly be considered "radical" anywhere else. It is hard to believe that someone at Stanford or the University of Chicago would be considered part of a separate group because he or she smoked or wore patched Levis to class.

Notre Dame still is adjusting to coeducation. Change comes slowly to this Catholic university. And unfortunately, smokers and others who choose not to submit to the social parameters here will have to suffer disapproving glances for awhile.

Condoning cigarette smoking is not one of my goals. People should be able to decide for themselves if they want to smoke or not. But they should be able to decide without the peer pressures that exist at Notre Dame.



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Alison Pascoe, a trainer from the Animal Institute, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, N. Y., demonstrates how Amelia, a 20-year-old Capuchin monkey, can help quadriplegic pa-

tients feed themselves. Amelia opened a special juice container and is moving a plastic straw to patient's mouth during the demonstration at Betty Bacharach Rehabilitation Hospital, Pomona, N. J.

AP Photo

Wrong view is taken by feminists, prof says

SUSAN FOLEY
News Staff

The feminist movement in the United States has taken the wrong approach to men according to Former Canadian Minister of National Health and Welfare Monique Begin. The Canadian movement has stressed cooperation rather than confrontation, as the U.S. one does.

"We brainwashed them," she said. Begin will be on the faculty of Notre Dame this year. She will be teaching a class in social policies and political action next semester to seniors.

The role of women in modern-day politics and the similarities and differences between the United States's and Canada's political forums were also discussed by Begin in her talk last night in Lewis Hall. The fire-side chat, sponsored by Lewis, was attended by approximately twenty-five students and was also covered by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to be used as part of a documentary there.

Begin began the evening with a brief description of her rise in Canadian politics, which culminated in election to the position of Minister of National Health and Welfare. During the seven years she spent in this position she was responsible for 2% of the total Canadian budget.

Stressing the advantages of being a female in politics, Begin noted that being a member of the childrearing, consumerizing, "women's culture" gives women an added dimension that men do not possess. She also said that women are likely to be better communicators, adjust to new environments more readily, and deal with stress more effectively.

On the other hand, Begin pointed to the double standard which makes men appear to be strong and women merely aggressive, and the inclination of many women to be filled with more self-doubts as possible disadvantages.

Begin has withdrawn from the world of Canadian politics. She said her withdrawal was the result of "personal decisions."

"Politics drain you: you give all the time. I did not want to come to love power for its own sake. Politics as an avenue to get things done was over. I had done my share and I needed a change to get some fresh air. Which is not to say that I am burnt-out. I don't think I am. At least, I hope not," she said.

She said although her return to the Canadian political scene was theoretically feasible, it was not her intent.

Begin, who is now teaching in the U.S., said that her decision to teach here was the result of a desire to 'take a distance' from Canada.

"If I was back home I would still be involved in the political game. And I wanted the opportunity to learn about American culture... We may be superficially similar but we are really very different," she said.

In reference to the recent campaign, Begin noted that the repeated references to religion came as a 'great shock' and commented that it would not be tolerated in Canadian politics. "Never in Canada has a politician given a speech about religion in politics."

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inator. The report reviews the present curriculum of the University.

Tayback said, "The opportunity to review it is important. We really have a say in this. They are going to be taken seriously: there should be effects from it."

There will be a Christmas Fair in South Dining Hall next Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 3 to 6 p.m., Tayback announced. Highlights of the event, which is jointly sponsored by University Food Services and Student Activities Board, will include: demonstrations on ice carvings, preparing hors d'oeuvres, baking and decorating Christmas cookies, and building winter scenes and gingerbread houses.

The South Dining Hall will be closed for dinner that evening, but North Dining Hall will serve "a quick-service type" menu, Tayback said.

Lewis Hall was awarded the Sower award at last night's meeting by Walsh Hall President Gretchen Froehle. The award is given each month to the hall with the best activities.

Prayer

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Williams, "Is a teacher telling students anything more than what the Constitution guarantees - that they have a right to pray silently?"

But Justice Thurgood Marshall, suggesting that the law's real purpose was to promote prayer, asked Bator: "didn't (students) have the right to pray silently before this statute was passed?"

The court will take a preliminary, secret vote in the case today, and announce its final decision by July.

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Please, can I have a job?

Shella O'Brien, a manager of Arthur Andersen, talks with sophomores Patti Novak and Dee Dee

Sbary at yesterday's Career Carnival in the Angela Athletic Facility.

Bishop says U.S. policy is 'un-Christian'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Black Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu called President Reagan's South African policy "immoral, evil and totally un-Christian" yesterday and offered to meet with the president before flying to Europe to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Reagan's chief spokesman said no meeting was planned.

Tutu brought members of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Africa to their feet, in a standing ovation highly unusual for a congressional hearing, after saying the administration's policy of quiet diplomacy toward the white minority-ruled nation "is giving democracy a bad name."

"We are talking about a moral issue," the bishop-designate of Johannesburg said, declaring that South Africa's apartheid policy of racial segregation "is evil, is immoral, is un-Christian, without remainder."

"In my view, the Reagan administration's support and collaboration with it is equally immoral, evil and totally un-Christian," Tutu said.

"You are either for or against apartheid, and not by rhetoric," he added. "You are either in favor of evil, or you are in favor of good. You are either on the side of the oppressed or on the side of the oppressor. You can't be neutral."

Nineteen people, including seven House members, have been arrested during a 2-week-old series of demonstrations outside the South African embassy here. The protest spread to New York on Monday, where four arrests were made at the nation's consulate, and organizers said it will extend to other U.S. cities where the Pretoria government has diplomatic offices.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said, "There are no plans to meet." He said Reagan had sent Tutu a "warm congratulatory message" when the bishop was announced the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize earlier this year.

Herbert Blaize elected new leader of Grenada

Associated Press

St. George's, Grenada — Herbert Blaize became Grenada's new prime minister yesterday with an overwhelming victory in elections that returned democracy to this Caribbean nation nearly six years after a leftist coup.

Unofficial results from Monday's balloting gave Blaize's U.S.-backed New National Party 14 of Parliament's 15 seats, and the opponent who won the 15th said he would resign because of election "discrepancies."

The United States led an invasion of the island after the Marxist regime collapsed in a bloody power struggle last year, with Prime Minister Maurice Bishop among those slain.

Blaize took his oath of office at Government House from Governor-General Sir Paul Scoon, who had ap-

pointed an interim council to run the island after the invasion.

The 66-year-old attorney also said he had sent a letter to President Reagan asking that U.S. "security forces" on Grenada remain "until such time as we have a fully equipped and trained Grenada police force."

There are about 600 U.S. and Caribbean troopers still on the island.

Marcel Peters of the United Labor Party was the only opponent of the New National Party to win a parliamentary seat, and he said he would resign because of "discrepancies in the election process."

Blaize said of Peters, "If he resigns, he resigns because he feels too damn lonely."

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Teaching must be a way of life for Notre Dame

The progression from my senior year of high school to my freshman year of college was one giant leap for me and one small step for mankind.

Since my first few months at Notre Dame, my thoughts have been preoccupied with life here - classes, football weekends and SYRs. In short, I have become so busy bouncing checks I have forgotten my wobbly youth as a teenager. After all, I have been 20 for 10 days now.

This fall my mind, what little of it is left, wandered back to my days at De Smet Jesuit High School. Those were the best nine years of my life, I thought then.

Memories in time become mush - they need reinforcement. So at the suggestion of an editor at *The Observer*, I volunteered to go

Joseph Murphy

so it goes

back to my high school and to speak to the potential Domers who glide down the same corridors I once found so difficult to navigate.

The Undergraduate Student Committee gave me the chance to return in triumph - not for myself, but for those who educated me, who gave me the knowledge and the confidence not only to survive at Notre Dame, but to prevail.

Every school has its institutions. Notre Dame has Emil, Hesburgh, Joyce and Griffin. De Smet had Kane, Mess, Evola and Smith to mention a few.

The morning I arrived at De Smet, I sought out these teachers to thank them - not so much in words, my very return said that. Instead, I wanted to show them who I had become, or better, who they had help make me.

De Smet's college counselor is a Notre Dame graduate who said I had a chance to get into Notre Dame. I wonder where I would be if he had not taken the time to tell me "you're in the ballpark."

I told Chris Mess I had just taken a test in International Relations so similar to the ones he gave I breezed through the exam.

I also climbed the stairs to the second floor to visit Jeanne Smith who had taught English during my junior year. I wanted to tell her how much I appreciated the confidence she had instilled in me, but her classroom was empty. She was at lunch. I had just missed her.

Jeanne Smith once had commented to me, "you are writing with style." I am certain she did not remember that simple sentence, but I have not forgotten it. For me, her words marked the first time somebody ever told me I wrote well. It was a turning point which, while not significant to anyone else, changed my attitude about writing.

Jeanne Smith died suddenly a few weeks ago. The living have a tendency to make heroes out of the dead. I will not. The highest compliment I could give her, or any teacher, is simply this: I believe teaching to be one of life's greatest goods. Teaching is marked with no single moment of triumph, but with one continual evolution of character. In brief, the teacher takes a child and makes him a man who in turn will guide the next generation.

To succeed, teaching must not merely be an occupation, but a way of life.

Teachers are a family of individuals who make most out of each individual. Unlike the artist, the teacher's masterpiece is never finished. His brush colors a living work of art. The teachers seldom gets to view what he has helped make, but society does. There can be no doctors, no philosophers, and certainly no writers unless first there are teachers.

We at Notre Dame have a commitment to give of ourselves for others. The concern we must share is how we can best do this.

Last year, only 10 Notre Dame students received Indiana certification to teach in secondary education. These students met their general educational requirements here at Notre Dame and took their professional educational requirements at Saint Mary's. Notre Dame's coexchange program with Saint Mary's has allowed these students to do this. None of the Notre Dame students has received a certificate in primary education since this would require more intensive requirements than can be handled by the coexchange program.

Since 1976, only 120 Notre Dame students have been certified. In actuality, the number of Domers teaching around the country may be higher, but only slightly. Some Notre Dame students may not pursue Indiana certification or may teach in private schools where certification is not necessary.

Those are the facts. The reasons for these remain hidden. Perhaps, students interested in teaching do not apply to Notre Dame because we do not offer an educational major within the University curriculum. Perhaps, those students who do attend Notre Dame and who have sacrificed to do so are not willing or able to give up the financial benefits other careers offer. Perhaps, Notre Dame students believe they can as leaders of society have the greatest impact on society.

My point here is that, in the past, mankind has considered teachers to be society's greatest leaders. In the modern world, the boardroom has replaced the classroom as the foundation for the future.

Whatever the reasons for this, Notre Dame does have the caliber of students who make great teachers. Last year, 100 percent of those who received certification found opportunities to teach.

This is not to imply that one has to be a teacher to be of service to the young or that one has to go to Notre Dame to be a great teacher. The question I ask of us here at Notre Dame is who will teach the coming generation about the Catholic perspective, if we do not?

In a real sense, we are all teachers. Whatever we do, we must do it well. The eyes of our young are upon us. We must not blink.

I ask only that we consider teaching as a way of life and that we take a moment out of our busy day to light a candle at the Grotto for all the Jeanne Smiths who have made us what we are. In us, their light will shine forever.

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The loss of leadership and the loss of alcohol

Dear Editor:

As our first semester under the new alcohol policy comes to a close, it is time to step back and assess how the policy is doing.

The alcohol policy has been very ineffective in achieving its intended purpose of preventing alcohol abuse among students. Students have merely taken their alcohol off campus without changing any of their drinking habits. Although the University has freed itself from most legal liability for alcohol-related mishaps on campus, it has not been freed of the moral responsibility for any accidents which result from off-campus student drinking.

There are those of us who are, however, more concerned about what the alcohol policy means for future generations of Notre Dame students. In forcing upperclassmen off campus, the administration has created a void in the development of our underclassmen. I am not sure that the administration realized how important the example of upperclassmen is in helping younger students adapt to the new demands of college life. Increasing amounts of responsibility, frustration and homesickness can make the adjustment very difficult. Most freshmen look up to upperclassmen in their dorms for guidance in academic, and more importantly, social matters. Unfortunately, the alcohol policy has greatly reduced the possibilities for social interaction between the classes. While their potential role models are going off campus, most younger students are left to learn and adjust by themselves. It would be next to impossible to adjust to the unique and complex demands of social life here at Notre Dame without the example of upperclassmen. However, this is exactly what the administration has forced this year's, and succeeding years' classes, to do.

While I do not purport to have an answer as to how the alcohol issue should be best handled, I do disagree with Father Hesburgh's statement that the alcohol policy will only get stricter if the current policy is in effect. This would serve only to alienate the classes to an even higher degree than is present now.

Any alcohol policy should reflect a genuine concern for the well-being and development of all those affected by it. The University should examine the implications of the present policy with student leaders and offer amendments that will make the overall quality of student life here at Notre Dame the best it can be.

John Moran
Grace Hall

Coffee should not be voice of new generation

Dear Editor:

A dark and ominous cloud hangs over the golden dome. Our revered administration is contemplating a momentous policy blunder. I speak of the proposed coffee shop. On first consideration, a coffee shop seems the perfect solution to the Notre Dame social doldrums. The student government and administration envision clean cut, young Americans discussing civic pride over a steaming cup of java. This vision, however, is certainly the product of a severe naivete.

I fear a starkly different reality. Unruly mobs of coffee-addicted students running amok on our beloved campus. It has happened only too often before. Campus coffee shops, which first became popular in the mid-sixties, caused an unprecedented wave of violence at America's

universities. It was no mere coincidence that Joe's Coffee Emporium opened in Cambridge, Massachusetts one week before armed students seized Harvard's administration building.

Are we going to allow caffeine crazed youths to wreak havoc on the sacred quads? The consequences will be disastrous. Buildings will be ransacked, lives will be shattered and lawns will be trampled. These are slight inconveniences compared to the inevitable liability suits.

I beg the administration to reject this shortsighted, self-destructive proposal. Coffee shops are in no way compatible with the atmosphere of academic excellence fostered at Notre Dame.

Eoghan McGill
Howard Hall

Stopping starvation means long range plans

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Garry Wills column in the Nov. 27 issue of *The Observer*. As one who enjoys the media, I will take this opportunity to express and share some of my thoughts.

Much hype is distributed by pretty faces, but as a person watching the visual media, it is all too awesome to complete a day's work and see those starving faces covered with flies staring at me while trying to consume my much earned evening meal.

The comment arising out of Hitler's Germany "Where was God?" with the response "Where was man?" identifies my feelings toward these starving people very well. Today nuclear war is a constant threat. Therefore, when we ask "Where is man?" we truly need to consider the nuclear threat. Because to distribute food and other necessities to these poor souls will be only short term relief from the more serious problems associated with their culture and government. Is man then taking on the responsibility of trying to change these two social institutions? Does man contribute to the existing Ethiopian society, strengthening these peoples' bodies, and not offer a light at the end of the tunnel that sheds a better life and future for them? How are these changes accepted by their government - by other world powers?

Saturday morning as I listened to the radio, a Red Cross representative related that his organization wants money in preference to actual food. Their rationale being that Ethiopians are accustomed to a different diet than we of the Western World. With this attitude toward solving the starvation problem, then our emergency grain stores would still be of little use. But, spending dollars in the Ethiopian economy would only support conditions as they now exist.

You see, I am glad that I was born in the United States. I realize that not everyone in the world was, but that does not make me an isolationist. Rather, our American educational system has helped me to think clearly about all aspects of a problem. Starvation is a horrendous problem, but again I ask, do we strengthen these people temporarily only to pull away when other world powers, opposed to our involvement, threaten the well-being of the whole world with retaliation as they see fit?

Guilt by visual aids is a strong force. So instead of being subjected to a sight about which I can do little, I rather would like to feel secure knowing deliberate long range plans existed with qualified, conscientious, experienced people working to fulfill them.

Cleo Mellinger
South Bend, Ind.

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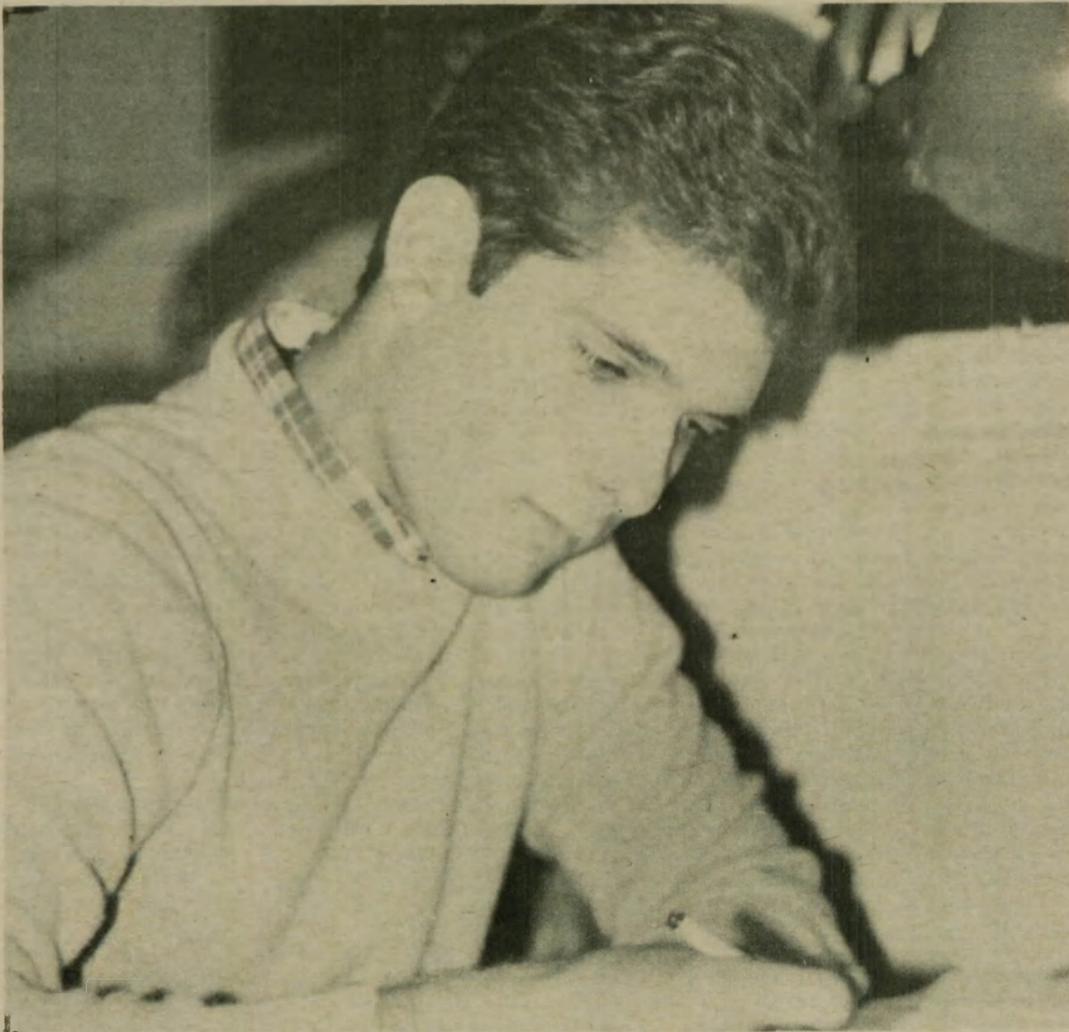
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The freshman engineer



Above: Freshman Jeff Vuono studies at his desk in Zahm Hall. Below: Vuono treks across campus in the shadow of the Notre Dame library



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by Beth Whelpley
features staff writer

Jeff Vuono doesn't have a calculator strapped to his belt, nor does he have a pencil permanently attached to his right ear. But perhaps he should have his own monogrammed carrel at the library, as this is where he spends up to 35 hours a week.

A resident of Zahm Hall, Vuono is among the more than 500 freshmen enrolled in the College of Engineering at Notre Dame.

Vuono's schedule for the fall semester was typical of freshman engineers, requiring that he attend physics, calculus, and chemistry on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with a physics lab every other Wednesday afternoon and a chemistry lab on Friday afternoon. In addition to these, he takes International Relations, Freshman Seminar, and Army ROTC. Unlike the half-credit physics lab, the one-credit chemistry lab is not averaged into his chemistry grade.

Vuono's courses totalled 18 and a half credit hours this semester, until he dropped physics. "It was taking up too much time and pulling my other grades down... I knew I had to drop something," he explains.

The physics course currently offered replaces a social science elective formerly on the schedules of freshmen engineers (see sidebar below). Physics was then taken

sophomore year, when, it was thought, students would be better able to handle the course. At that time, the course was worth four credits, with a weekly tutorial. It is now worth three and a half credits, and includes a half-credit lab. Vuono still goes to physics lectures, hoping to tackle the course again next semester.

"I've studied more in a few weeks here than in all of my 12 years of schooling," he moans. It often seems as if his friends in Arts and

"If I knew then what I know now, I don't know if I would have been an engineer..."

Letters, Business, and Science are doing better academically, and yet have more time on their hands, he says. "My roommate in Art and Letters has a 3.5 (grade point average)," he says, adding "He does put in a lot of studying time."

Physics thrusts freshmen forward

by Mary Heilmann
features staff writer

The engineering program at Notre Dame has undergone some changes in recent years which, according to Cornelius Brown, chairman of the physics department, are "long overdue."

The changes, implemented in the fall of 1983, were, according to assistant Dean of Engineering Jerry Marley, "fairly minimal. There is a physics sequence now in the freshman year, whereas previously there was a mechanics course. This may be an apparent change, but actually the content matter is the same."

Brown, however, points out that the freshman physics course is now being taught by the physics department instead of in the College of Engineering.

"The change was long overdue and has significantly improved the physics program for freshmen. We had contended that, if math courses are taught by math professors and English courses are taught by English professors, then physics courses, naturally, should be taught by physics professors," he said.

Marley says that the changes were made "because there was a periodic review of the curriculum. We felt it was essential to provide a yearlong physics program in order to maintain a quality education in engineering over a four year period."

A particular concern was that freshmen in the College of Engineering lagged significantly behind those enrolled in the College of

Science when they entered sophomore physics courses.

"Engineers were not adequately prepared by their freshman year course to begin the sophomore physics course," Brown claims. "Since the change to a two-semester course taught by the physics department, the students enrolled in the College of Science and those in Engineering are almost indistinguishable in their knowledge physics."

Several sophomores who experienced the new program in its incipient year, however, share an opinion of it that is considerably different than that of both Marley and Brown.

"It seemed like they used the course to weed people out by making it particularly difficult," notes Lisa Connor, a sophomore math major formerly enrolled in the College of Engineering. "I don't feel that an engineer has to know as much about physics as a science major would, particularly a physics major. Plus, since it was the first year that they had huge physics classes, we were pretty much the guinea pigs."

Susan Valocchi, also a sophomore, agrees. "I didn't think their way of presenting the course was very efficient, and my professor last year was not very helpful in explaining the subject matter and answering questions."

Brown, however, denies allegations that the course is particularly

difficult, pointing out that "the number of A's awarded over the years has been fairly constant. When students complain about grades, I explain to them that we curve the exams based on scores over the past 20 years. Because of this, an A today means essentially the same as it did years ago."

In reference to the difficulty experienced by freshmen in the physics course, Marley states, "I know of no engineering program at Notre Dame or anywhere else that the initial complaint or difficulty is not mechanics. Whether you call it physics or mechanics, the subject matter is still the same, and it is the subject matter that causes the problems."

As to the perceived effect of the changes, Marley notes that it is difficult to determine "since there are still sophomores changing majors."

He explains, however, that in 1981, 494 freshmen engineering intents entered the University. In 1982, 379 of these students continued in engineering during their sophomore year - a 75 percent continuance rate. Among those entering the engineering college in 1982, the rate of continuance as sophomores in 1983 was 70 percent - a decrease although the program was the same as it had been in 1981. In 1984, the rate of continuance among freshmen who had experienced the new program was 60 percent - again a decrease, but not substantially higher than previous years.

"On the basis of those statistics, the net effect appears to be minimal," Marley states. "However, it is much too early to tell."

more than meets the eye

Vuono sorely misses the time he used to read the paper and watch the news, keeping up with current events. Living in Europe for his second and third years of high school, Vuono saw much political unrest. His father is a general in the military, and current events affected his life every day. He used to read the daily paper meticulously.

"Now all I know is the Nieuwland Science Hall, the 'brare . . . I want to watch Dan Rather at four o'clock. This is one of the reasons I took International Relations. I had to find out Ghandi was shot from *The Observer* he explains.

Commenting on the frustration of the entire situation, he observes, "The other guys seem to have the time to do all that. Maybe I just have to schedule my time better."

Another thing Vuono misses is the 3.85 grade point average he had in high school. Now, with a 2.5 midsemester average he says, "We have to accept the fact that we won't make the same grades that we used to because it is so tough."

Vuono has a four-year scholarship through ROTC. Although according to Vuono, "one can devote as little or as much time as you want to," he admits, "I put in a lot of time . . . more than most." Besides class and a two-hour lab each week, he participates in various activities with the Irish Rangers, a division of elite cadets.

"I like doing it," said Vuono. "It is a release and is enjoyable." He spends approximately six hours a week in ROTC. In November he participated in an overnight military tactics outing, after which Vuono said he slept and then got up to study.

Generally, however, Vuono appears to spend his weekend evenings in the fashion of most freshmen in any college of the University. "We have social gatherings on Friday night, either in our hall or in others . . . We also go to the games religiously," he says with a twinkle in his eye.

Before dropping his physics class, Vuono would often get discouraged as he got his first test grades back. "I had expectations . . . I think everyone does. If I knew then what I know now, I don't know if I would have been an engineer," he says. Vuono was fortunate to have the support of his older brother and friends, who are upperclassman engineering students.

"I have a better attitude now. I

am intent on doing better . . . I needed that shock (midsemester grades)," says Vuono with a sigh. "I just wish it was a little lighter."

If he ever decided to switch majors, Vuono says he would go towards Arts and Letters, in computers, government, or economics. The only major obstacle in his way would be the possibility of his ROTC scholarship being terminated, as it is "earmarked as engineering."

Still, Vuono believes the engineering program is worth the problems it presents to a point, because it is "a good field to go into."

Vuono would like to see more courses introducing freshmen to particular fields of engineering in

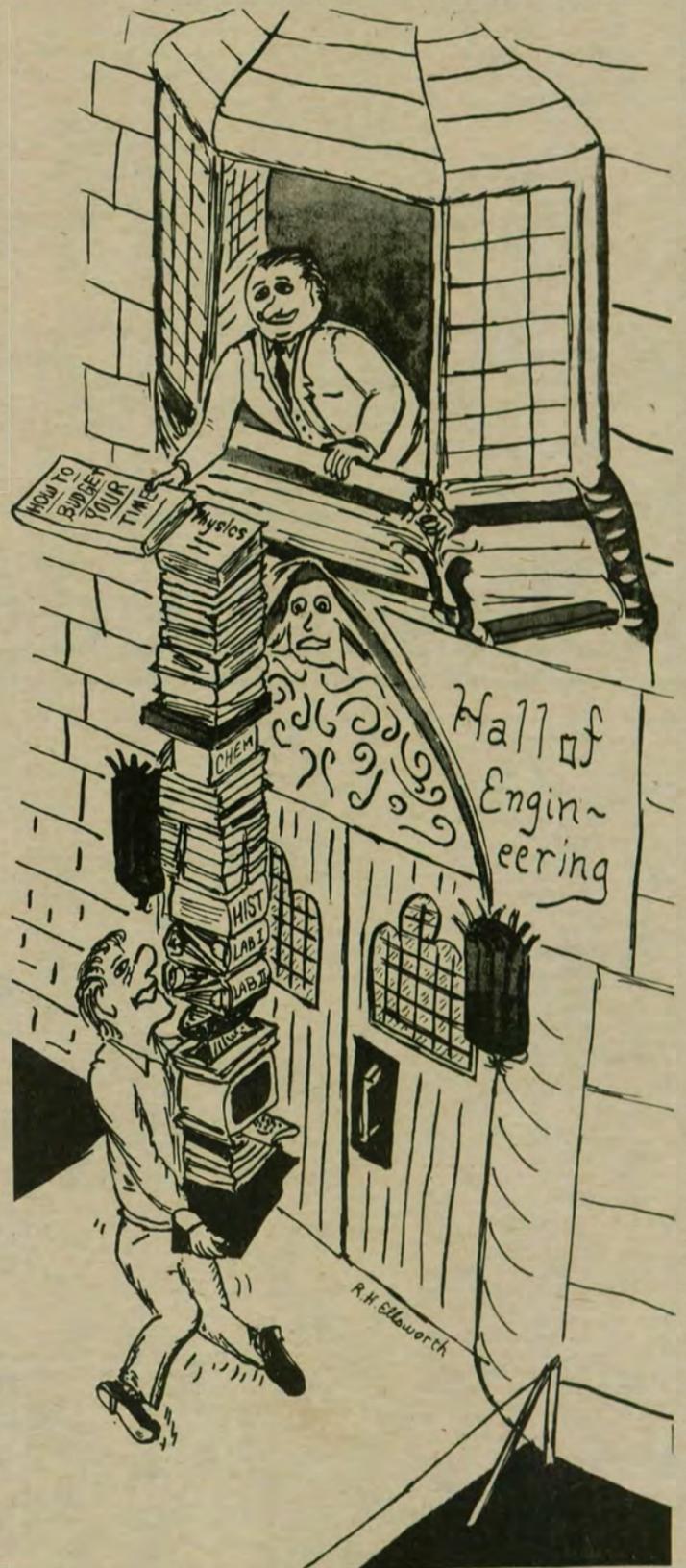
order to see where their interests lie and in what areas they excel. He describes freshmen engineering as "generic," in that only basics are offered, with the exception of Engineering 120.

"I'm getting pounded with learning foundations. I don't feel that by the end of this year I will have the basis to make a decision (as to the choice of engineering field)," Vuono says.

There are people who could excel in specialized fields of engineering, but who are getting "weeded out" in the basic courses, according to Vuono. "They are good at trying to weed out people, but at the same time they might be weeding out the wrong people."



Vuono experiments in his afternoon chemistry lab.



Correction

Because of an editing error, the byline for the review of "Places in the Heart" in Monday's *Accent* section was incorrectly spelled. The correct spelling is Shelli Canfield.

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Sports Briefs

The Notre Dame Rowing Club will be meeting today at 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Little Theatre. All novice and varsity men must attend, and anyone else who is interested also is welcome. A picture of all members will be taken at 9:30 p.m. for the Christmas card. - *The Observer*

ND's Army ROTC basketball team defeated Kentucky's Army, 68-51, to win the 16-team, double-elimination ROTC tournament last weekend at Stepan Center. Led by Rick Louthan's 29 points, the Army bounced back after losing once to Kentucky, 72-57, forcing the second championship game. The Army got to the finals by defeating Miami (Ohio), Southern Illinois, Kentucky and Notre Dame's Navy ROTC. Louthan was named the MVP of the tournament, and he and teammate Dave Taiclet were named to the all-tournament team. Notre Dame Navy ROTC's Brian Keohr also made the all-tournament squad. - *The Observer*

A white-water rafting trip is being sponsored by NVA during spring break. The trip will be organized by Colorado Outward Bound. An important meeting for anyone who is interested will be held this Sunday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in the football auditorium at the ACC. Anyone who has questions but is unable to attend the meeting should call Sally at 239-6690. - *The Observer*

The Yankees and the Cubs completed a six-player trade, and the Cleveland Indians re-signed free-agent Andre Thornton as baseball's 1984 winter convention began to heat up Tuesday. The Yankees and Cubs deal was the first of the meetings and sent left-handed pitcher Ray Fontenot and infielder-outfielder Brian Dayett to Chicago for four players. Then, the Indians called a news conference to announce that they had re-signed their own free agent, Thornton, to a four-year contract. In return for Fontenot and Dayett, the Cubs sent veteran catcher Ron Hassey, 23-year-old outfielder Henry Cotto and pitchers Rich Bordi and Porfi Altamirano to the Yankees, where they will be assigned to the club's Class AAA Columbus roster. - *AP*

The Big Ten has not yet received full payment of \$2.9 million owed by Sports View, a Nashville, Tenn., television syndicator, but the league commissioner says he does not believe the company has defaulted on its college football TV contract. Failure to pay the sum could mark the first default since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the NCAA's hold on college football TV rights. - *AP*

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Box Score

Last Night's Results
Notre Dame 74, Indiana 63

	M	FG-A	FT-A	R	F	P
Morgan	14	1-5	0-0	2	1	2
Giomi	29	9-10	0-0	6	5	18
Meier	32	5-7	0-2	8	3	10
Dakich	33	4-6	2-2	3	2	10
Alford	34	1-6	2-2	2	4	4
Brooks	24	5-9	5-5	2	3	15
Eyl	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Blab	8	1-3	0-0	0	1	2
Smith	5	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Hillman	5	1-6	0-0	2	1	2
Sloan	11	0-1	0-1	0	3	0
Simmons	4	0-1	0-0	0	1	0

200 27-55 9-12 25 24 63
FG Pct. - .491 FT Pct. - .750 Team rebounds - 3 Turnovers - 19 Assists - 16 (Dakich 7) Technicals - none

Notre Dame (74)

	M	FG-A	FT-A	R	F	P
Royal	29	2-6	2-4	12	1	6
Dolan	34	1-2	0-0	7	4	2
Barlow	32	6-13	3-4	5	4	15
Rivers	39	7-15	9-11	2	3	23
Hicks	33	7-15	0-0	5	5	14
Duff	12	0-2	4-4	2	0	4
Price	13	3-4	4-4	3	0	10
Voce	8	0-0	0-1	3	0	0

200 26-57 22-28 39 17 74
FG Pct. - .456 FT Pct. - .786 Team rebounds - 0 Turnovers - 20 Assists - 15 (Rivers 5) Technicals - none

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1. For you forensics pre-meds: What term classifies a Rhesus monkey that got run over by a lawn mower?
A. Rhesus Pieces

2. Okay you A-Team fans, what do you call B.A.'s lymphocytes?
A. Mr. T Cells

3. What do you call the immune cells of a prostitute?
A. Nymphocytes

4. EXTRA CREDIT: Okay BioLab TA's, What sound does a light saber make?
A. "Rao Rao"

Karl & Ann

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What do we say, dear?

Ms. Romano, what's a ...?

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Johanna - "Ah Miss... think of me, think of me" during your SYR. I'll be thinking of you... Tobias

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-Peg

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-Szan

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HEY! JEANNE STEINBRONN HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS! LOVE, your Kris Kringle in Badin ???

YO, J.C. Yeah, the rich one with the plane. C(M) may equal 69, but I think M(C) equals zero!

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BYU retains top spot in AP poll; Irish move up

Associated Press

The regular season is over and the countdown to college football's national championship is under way.

Realistically, there are four contenders: top-ranked Brigham Young, runner-up Oklahoma, No. 3 Florida and fourth-ranked Washington.

BYU held onto first place for the third week in a row in The Associated Press' final regular-season poll despite last weekend's ABC-TV telephone poll, which branded the Cougars as anything but the nation's top team - 191,336 voters said they should not be No. 1 while 166,590 thought they should.

Brigham Young received 33.5 of 57 first-place votes and 1,091.5 of a possible 1,140 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and sportscasters. Oklahoma, No. 2 for the second week in a row, received 16.5 first-place votes and 1,083.5 points.

A week ago, with 59 of the 60 voters participating, BYU led Oklahoma 34.5-18.5 in first-place votes and 1,133.5-1,128.5 in points. Brigham Young, the nation's only un-

beaten team at 12-0, will face Michigan in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 21 while Oklahoma, 9-1-1, meets fourth-ranked Washington in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Night.

The Top Ten remained unchanged from last week. Florida, which closed out a 9-1-1 season by defeating Florida State 27-17 for its ninth consecutive victory - the Gators are ineligible for a bowl game - received six first-place votes and 1,033 points. Last week, the Gators were No. 1 on five ballots and received 1,048 points.

This week's other first-place vote went to Washington, 10-1, which received 963 points. The Huskies were followed by Sugar Bowl-bound Nebraska, 9-2, with 888 points. Sixth-place Ohio State, 9-2, which meets Southern California in the Rose Bowl, received 811 points to 808 for No. 7 South Carolina, 10-1. The Gamecocks play Oklahoma State in the Gator Bowl.

Eighth-place Boston College concluded a 9-2 regular season by trouncing Holy Cross 45-10. The Eagles, who meet Houston in the

Cotton Bowl, received 767 points. Oklahoma State, the No. 9 team at 9-2, received 725 points while Southern Methodist, which defeated Nevada-Las Vegas 38-21 to finish at 9-2, received 608 points. The Mustangs have an Aloha Bowl date with Notre Dame.

The Second Ten consists of LSU, Maryland, Miami, UCLA, Florida State, Auburn, Notre Dame, Southern Cal, Texas and Wisconsin, which made the Top Twenty for the first time this season.

Last week, it was Auburn, Florida State, Texas, LSU, Maryland, Miami,

UCLA, Georgia, Notre Dame and USC.

Georgia, which had been in the Top Twenty for 11 straight weeks, fell out by losing to Georgia Tech 35-18. That made room for Wisconsin, which finished the regular season 7-3-1.

AP Top Twenty
The Top Twenty college football teams in The Associated Press poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, this season's records and total points. Points based on 20-19-18-17 etc. Notre Dame opponents are italicized.

1. Brigham Young (33.5)	12-0-0	1,091.5
2. Oklahoma (16.5)	9-1-1	1,083.5
3. Florida (6)	9-1-1	1,033
4. Washington (1)	10-1-0	963
5. Nebraska	9-2-0	888
6. Ohio State	9-2-0	811
7. South Carolina	10-1-0	808
8. Boston College	9-2-0	767
9. Oklahoma State	9-2-0	725
10. So. Methodist	9-2-0	608
11. LSU	8-2-1	525
12. Maryland	8-3-0	484
13. Miami	8-4-0	416
14. UCLA	8-3-0	342
15. Florida State	7-3-1	271
16. Auburn	8-3-0	213
17. Notre Dame	7-4-0	210
18. Southern Cal	8-3-0	191
19. Texas	7-3-1	136
20. Wisconsin	7-3-1	74

Bavaro named All-American

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mark Bavaro, the leading receiver on Notre Dame's Aloha Bowl-bound team, was the only Indiana college player selected to the 1984 Associated Press All-America football team.

The 242-pound Bavaro, considered Notre Dame's best blocking tight end since Dave Casper, has another season of eligibility remaining after missing the 1982 season with an injury. However, he has elected to forego his final season of eligibility and graduate with his class.

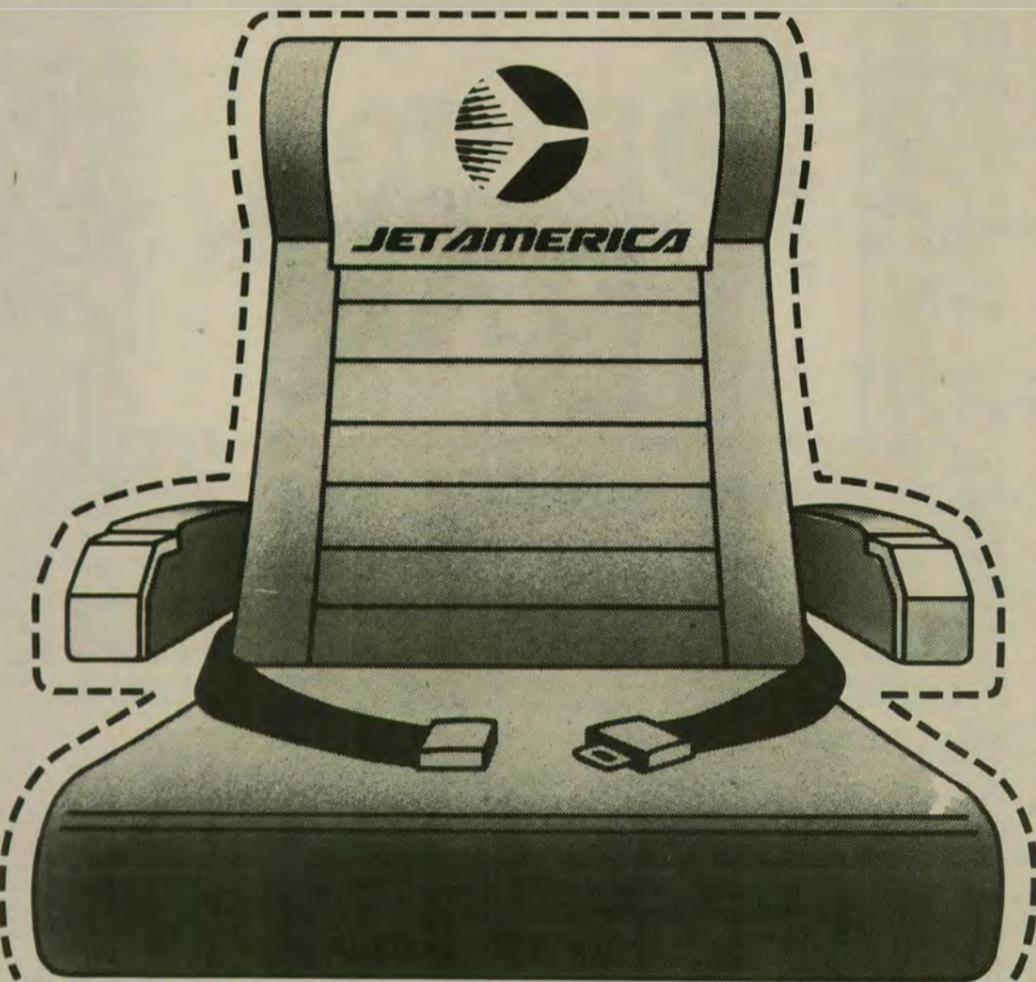
Notre Dame guard Larry Williams was named to the AP second-team offense.

Three other Notre Dame players, center Mike Kelley, running back Allen Pinkett and placekicker John Carney, received honorable mention on offense.

Notre Dame tackle Mike Gann was named to honorable mention on defense, along with Indiana linebacker Joe Fitzgerald and Purdue back Rod Woodson.

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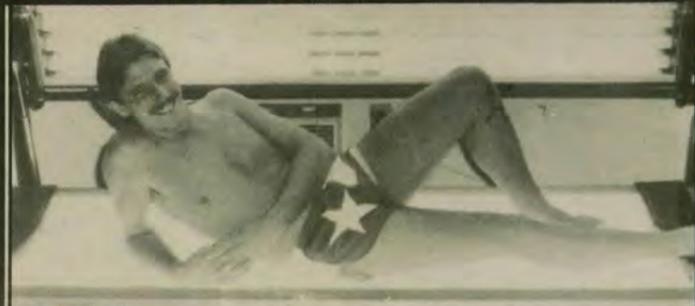


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Boards

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late, it would seem that rebounding might be a weakness against defensive-minded Indiana. However, Phelps emphasized to his players the importance of the big men blocking out and the possibility of Notre Dame's guards picking up the rebounds.

"Coach Phelps wanted me to go to the boards a lot," Hicks explained. "He feels that I have quickness to get to the open areas of the floor, and with Indiana's guards being not very good rebounders, we tried to tie up their big men underneath to allow our guards to get the loose balls."

Hicks, also saddled with the responsibility of guarding Steve Alford, finished with five boards, with four coming in the first half. Price accounted for three rebounds, all in the first half.

"We carried through with the game plan," Phelps stated. "We dominated the boards, sagged on defense and executed our points. Going into the game, we were concerned with their big men."

Jim Dolan added seven more boards, but his role in the Notre Dame scheme was more of a people mover to shut down the inside game of the Hoosiers than one designed to actually get the rebounds.

"Dolan pushed people around underneath," Royal continued, "and Scott and I just looked for the openings. We were a lot more aggressive than Indiana, which also allowed us to get some offensive rebounds. When we are coming down the floor on the transition, I'm

just looking for position to follow the shot."

Indiana coach Bob Knight noted the intense play of Notre Dame. "Notre Dame players go after things," said a very calm Knight during his post-game comments. "They are a tough team to play, and they got the better of us in aggressiveness tonight."

The press also contributed to the Notre Dame running game. Phelps went to a trap press with Indiana in the lead, 22-16, after starting with only contain pressure. That strategy resulted in six points by Rivers, all following Hoosier mistakes which led to running situations for the Irish.

"When we went to the trap press, it gave us the intensity that Indiana didn't have," Phelps pointed out. "Our big men did a job on theirs, especially Gary Voce on (Uwe) Blab. Royal also played very well, and he has been playing to his quickness, which creates things for us defensively."

Although Royal scored only six points, five of them came as a result of his offensive rebounding. Just over three minutes into the game, the 6-8 sophomore followed a Ken Barlow miss to put the Irish ahead 6-4. With ten minutes left in the game, after Indiana had pulled within nine points at 58-49, Royal grabbed a missed free throw by Dave Rivers, and converted a three-point play on his second follow of the shot.

Price added his two offensive rebounds in the last two minutes of the first half, converting on a wide-open layup off of a Hicks miss, and retaining possession of the ball for

the Irish after Voce missed a one-and-one opportunity.

In the Indiana game, the Irish only picked up where they left off against Northwestern — playing an aggressive, pressure defense and controlling the boards to get their transition game going.

Phelps claims that the Irish are "ready to go" and has no plans to change the thus far successful Notre Dame game plan of pressing, rebounding and utilizing the transition game against DePaul on Saturday.

Irish

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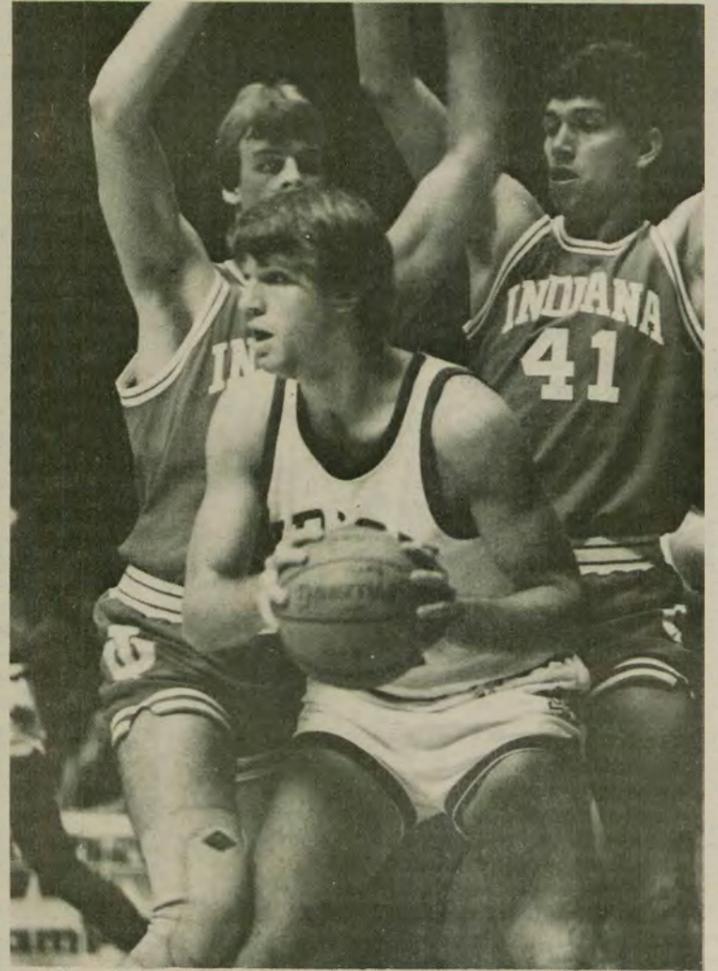
Jim Dolan, playing in his first game this season after missing the first three due to a preseason shoulder injury suffered against the Zadar Club of Yugoslavia, pulled down seven rebounds himself.

"It didn't bother me too much," said Dolan of the shoulder after the game. "We'll just have to wait until tomorrow to see how it feels."

Center Tim Kempton, meanwhile, sat out the game with the sprained ankle he suffered last week against Northwestern. Kempton had the okay of team doctors to play, but Phelps' plan was to get by without him if possible so as to further rest the injury for the DePaul game.

"We're excited about the win," added Dolan. "It gives us a lot of confidence because we know now that we can win with injuries."

The question becomes, then, what Notre Dame can do at full strength.



The Observer/Pete Laches

Jim Dolan (center) started for the Notre Dame basketball team last night after missing the first three games of the season with a shoulder injury. Here, Dolan appears to be boxed in by Hoosiers Todd Meier (left) and Mike Giomi (41), but he succeeded in boxing them out enough to grab seven rebounds in the game. Jeff Blumb and Theron Roberts detail the action on the back page.

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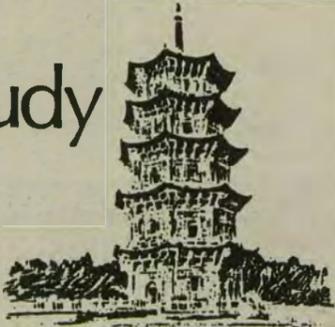
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- 4:30 p.m. - AFROTC Fall Awards Ceremony, Library Auditorium.
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- 6:30 p.m. - Madrigal Dinner, Haggar College Center Parlor, Reservations Only, \$12.
- 7 p.m. - Lecture, "Earthquake Disaster in the Midwest?" Dr. J. K. Rigby, ND, Little Theatre, LaFortune, Sponsored by Environmental Concerns Org.
- 7 p.m. - Swimming, ND Men vs. Bowling Green, Rockne Memorial.
- 7 p.m. - Wednesday Night Film Series, "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance," O'Shaughnessy Loft.
- 7 p.m. - Basketball, ND Women vs. Western Michigan, ACC Arena.
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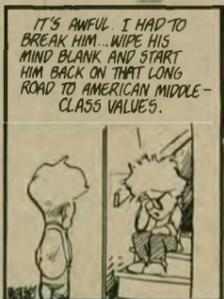
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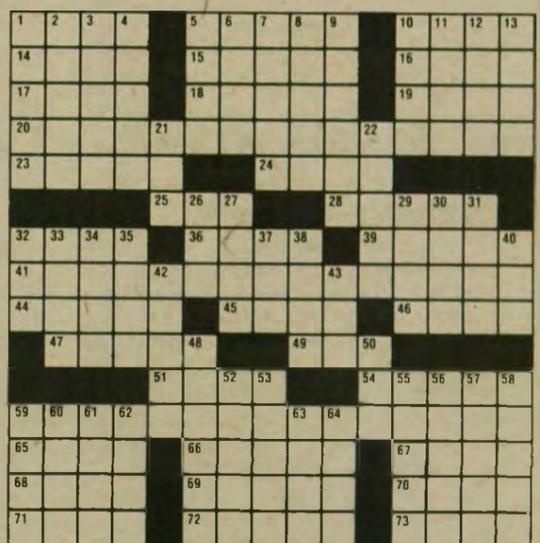
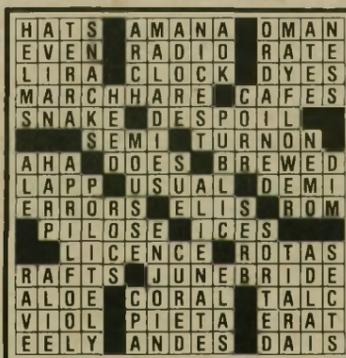
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Notre Dame upsets 11th-ranked Hoosiers, 74-63



David Rivers, Notre Dame point guard, sparked the Irish to a 74-63 upset of 11th-ranked Indiana last night. Jeff Blumb describes the game in his story at right, and Theron Roberts discusses Notre Dame's rebounding below.

Keeping ball away from Alford becomes the key to Irish victory last night in ACC

By JEFF BLUMB
Assistant Sports Editor

Steve Alford. U.S. Olympic team point guard. Key to Indiana's offense. Rarely gets his hands on the ball. Notre Dame beats Indiana, 74-63. It had been preached and preached and practiced and practiced. Keep the ball out of Steve Alford's hands and you can beat Indiana, they were told.

Following orders, Notre Dame did just that - kept the ball out of the talented Alford's hands for much of the night - and knocked off the 11th-ranked Hoosiers last night at the ACC. The Irish go to 4-0 as they point toward a key battle with second-ranked DePaul Saturday at the Rosemont Horizon. The Hoosiers, meanwhile, drop to 1-2 and face the prospect of going home to play Kentucky.

From the outset, it was the ability of Notre Dame to deny Alford the ball time and time again that kept the Indiana offense under wraps for much of the night. The IU sophomore, who had averaged 20.5 points through the Hoosiers' first two

games, could manage but four on 1-for-6 shooting. More importantly for the Irish, Alford set up only two Hoosier scores.

"We really played hard-nosed defense on him," said Irish guard Scott Hicks, assigned the difficult task of stopping Alford for most of the game. "We played a sagging defense designed to deny Alford the ball. I'd get help from other players if he curled or whatever. It was kind of a zone defense."

"We were fortunate to get away with what we did tonight," Notre Dame coach Digger Phelps admitted. "We helped out a lot and conceded some outside shots at the beginning. Hicks just did a fantastic job on Alford."

"Hicks was the key on defense," said a mild-mannered Indiana coach Bob Knight afterward. "If I were rating him on a scale of one to ten, I would say that Scott Hicks was over five as one of the reasons that Steve Alford didn't score a lot."

"Notre Dame was well set-up defensively. From my standpoint, Notre Dame is the kind of team I would like to play a lot because it always plays enthusiastically. (The Irish) were tough as always tonight."

Indiana jumped out to 22-16 lead in the game's first 12 minutes on the strength of 12 points from senior forward Mike Giomi. Giomi was 9-for-10 from the field on the night, and was IU's leading scorer with 18 points before fouling out.

At that point, Indiana had its biggest lead of the game. But Notre Dame responded by scoring 29 points to the Hoosiers' eight, including one 18-2 spurt, over the half's final eight minutes. The Irish never looked back from their 45-30 halftime advantage.

"One of the keys in the game was that 18-2 stretch," said Knight. "We

got very careless in what we were doing. Now all of a sudden we're 10 down. We played well in the first 12 minutes before we hit that spell."

After making only two of his first nine shots, Ken Barlow, who finished the game with 15 points, came back to make four consecutive jumpers in the second half, scoring eight of Notre Dame's first 13 points in that period. Despite that, Indiana pulled back to within nine at 58-49.

Notre Dame did not fold like it could have, though. Donald Royal grabbed the rebound of a missed free throw by David Rivers. He put up a shot that missed, but then followed it up and was fouled by IU's Brian Sloan. Royal converted the three-point play and the Irish were back up by 12, 62-49.

Indiana was able to knock the margin down to nine again at 66-57 with 3:37 remaining, but Notre Dame matched Indiana's points the rest of the way, finally stretching the lead out to 11 at game's end.

"In the second half, IU had its spurt but we didn't lose our composure," said Phelps. "The kids hung in there even though we made some mistakes. Barlow came on and (Dan) Duff helped us tremendously off the bench."

"We hit our foul shots under pressure and we played the boards aggressively under pressure. That was the key."

Rivers led all scorers with 23 points, including 9-for-11 from the line. His free-throw shooting down the stretch iced the game for the Irish, as the Hoosiers elected to foul the freshman often.

Royal pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds as Notre Dame dominated the boards, outrebounding Indiana, 39-28.

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ND dominates boards and running game

By THERON ROBERTS
Sports Writer

Probably most evident in Notre Dame's impressive victory last night over Indiana was its continued success using the transition game. But perhaps even more important than that was the aggressive play of the Irish on the boards and the scrappy defense which started many of the fast breaks.

The hard-nosed rebounding of

Donald Royal, Scott Hicks and Joseph Price in the first half kept the Irish transition game in motion and prevented second shots by the Hoosiers. Aggressiveness and good position on defense throughout the game resulted in a 39-28 Notre Dame rebounding advantage.

Royal was an especially prevalent rebounding force, grabbing 12 caroms in the contest. Many of his rebounds came from within a crowd of red jerseys, but Royal's tenacity

enabled him to end up getting the ball.

"Coach (Digger Phelps) told us that IU's weakness was blocking out, especially on the weakside after they put up a shot," Royal said. "So every time they shot, we were looking to go to the open spaces and get the rebound to start the break."

With the number of injuries that has plagued the Irish frontline as of

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Irish need Wheaties to play with the big boys

Hello again, everybody!
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We're gonna tell you what the big boys eat.

Put an extra bowl of Wheaties on the table for the Notre Dame basketball team, because the Irish will need all their strength this week. Notre Dame will certainly find out what it takes to hang around with the big boys of college basketball. The Irish were certainly pumped up for last night's contest with Indiana, but now they have to put it into overdrive to get ready for Saturday's showdown with DePaul at the Rosemont Horizon.

If I had a vote, the Irish definitely would be in the Top 20 after last night's game. Sure, David Rivers was important with 23 points, but the credit for this one should go to the defense, which shut down the Hoosiers in the last 10:50 of the first half to break the game open. Scott Hicks and Dan Duff just completely took Steve Alford, one of the top players in the nation, right out of the game. Alford was averaging 20.5 points per game entering the contest, but last night he could collect only four points.

Also, give some credit to players like Joseph Price, who came off the bench to score 10 points in the first half. Give some credit to Ken Barlow, who connected on several outside jumpers. Give some credit to Donald Royal, who did a magnificent job on the boards in replacing Tim Kempton. Give the whole team some credit, because they deserve it.

Nevertheless, Notre Dame cannot afford to rest on its laurels. While the Irish may wish to savor a victory over the 11th-ranked Hoosiers for quite some time, the mark of a truly good team is to come off an emotional performance like the one witnessed last night with another solid performance.

So, now the Irish have to travel to the Horizon, an arena which has been as uncomfortable for visiting teams, as it is

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for spectators over 5-5. DePaul is an incredible 68-3 while playing at the Horizon, and they have not lost at home since Gonzaga turned the trick during the 1982-83 campaign.

That news does not bode well for Notre Dame, which has been about as successful on the road the last few years as Bob Uecker has been getting seats in the front row. These facts make Saturday's game all the more important for the Irish, as they attempt to prove they belong among the ranks of college basketball's elite. A win, even a close game with DePaul, would offer some proof that the Irish can play with anyone.

It won't be easy, however, as Digger Phelps will have to decide whether or not he is going to try to run with the Blue Demons, who move much faster than the Fullerton Street El trains that pass behind the Belden Avenue campus. Former DePaul coach Ray Meyer said on his Sunday morning TV show that he expects Digger to go with the halfcourt offense. Digger says he's going to run. Current DePaul coach, Joey Meyer, hasn't said anything, but nobody is listening to him anyway, because everybody still is asking Ray what's going to happen.

Still, it's an important decision, because everybody knows DePaul likes to run. Senior point guard Kenny Patterson is one of the best in the nation at executing the transition game, and if you don't believe it, you didn't see any of the UCLA game last Saturday. He'll move things

around in the backcourt along with junior Tony Jackson, and that duo will give the younger tandem of Rivers and Hicks all they can handle.

On the front line, few teams have the combination of strength and quickness that DePaul does. Senior Tyrone Corbin is the anchor of the front line at his small forward spot, but he gets lots of help from center Marty Embry and sophomore sensation Dallas Comegys. Comegys is by far the flashiest forward, and he has a tendency to tone up his shot-blocking skills in big games. Look for his play to be a major factor in Notre Dame's success or failure on Saturday.

Despite all the offensive stars, though, the key to this game will be defense. The Blue Demons play a very aggressive man-to-man defense that allowed opponents to connect on only 41 percent of their shots from the floor last year. The Irish also have been tough on defense this year, showing an ability to force turnovers and shut down opponents for long periods of time. Look for Phelps to mix things up between man-to-man and his patented matchup zone.

Overall, it looks like Saturday's game has all the makings of a typical nip-and-tuck Notre Dame-DePaul contest, and it should serve as a good indicator of whether or not the Irish can eat at the same table as the biggest of the big boys.

Pick of the Week... Sexist? Me sexist? Not on your life! That means that if the women's swimming team was last week's pick, you know the men's swimming team will get the nod this week. Coach Dennis Stark sends his team back into the waters of the Rockne Memorial Pool tonight to take on Bowling Green.

It will be your last chance to see the Irish, led by co-captains Tim Bohdan and Brian Casey, swim at home until February, so change those plans and head over to the Rock to catch all the action.