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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Co-ed living resolutions sent to O'Hara

A Possible Model of Coresidentiality?

This is a list of issues the Campus Life Council hopes to address in its exploration of coresidentiality.

Values and Concerns

- To develop a common life
- To face concern of size
- To address pastoral concerns
- To keep the "ND" way
- To model collaboration of men and women
- To offer privacy
- To encourage mixing and interaction

Options

- The complex must not only house the students, but also include a communal eating area, recreation area, study area and laundry
- A capacity of approximately 100 students
- An option available only to seniors
- Include aspects common to dorms - praying and athletics
- Staffed by both men and women (perhaps even a married couple)
- Suite setup with two bedrooms and a bathroom
- Coed by room

Table written by Sr. M.J. Griffin of CLC subcommittee for coresidentiality.

Advisory report seeks options for possible housing experiment

By BILL CONNOLLY
News Writer

The Campus Life Council passed two resolutions yesterday which will both be given to the Vice President of Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara, to consider and possibly implement.

The first resolution passed was the CLC's Compilation of Observations and Proposal of Coresidential Model. The report was formulated by the CLC Subcommittee on Coresidentiality after the entire CLC had discussed the values and concerns of the issue in detail.

The CLC report stresses that, "the improvement and development of gender relationships at Notre Dame is a critical concern and need within the community. Through the CLC discussion the most overwhelming value for the consideration of coresidentiality as stated by each group is the opportunity to strengthen, develop and model enhanced male / female interaction."

However, the CLC report also stated various reservations to coresidentiality. "These concerns included the possible

damage to a successful single-sex dorm environment. This sentiment was identified and discussed in a variety of ways:

- Loss of unique hall spirit.
- Loss of the virtues of the present residential system.
- Disruption of the community currently established.
- Loss of what the council identified as an unknown 'mystery ingredient' in the current system.
- Fear of change of the current system may hamper the development of individuals and the community."

Providing for all these contentions, the CLC report includes values and concerns matched with possible options.

The report concludes: "Be it resolved that the Campus Life Council recommends that the Vice President for Student Affairs considers and accepts the values and concerns articulated in the Council's report on coresidentiality."

"Be it resolved that the Campus Life Council recommends that the Vice President for Student Affairs develops and implements a senior coresidential housing option at Notre Dame. The creation of such an option should be guided by the CLC's expressed opinion on coresidentiality and the proposed model — which is the Council's vision of what this senior coresidential housing option might look like."

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Survey: ND frosh more politically, socially aware

By JP COONEY
News Writer

The American Council on Education recently released its annual survey of the attitudes of college bound freshman across the country. The results of this survey show that Notre Dame freshmen vary remarkably from their peers. They are more politically active and more inclined to social action.

The survey, which profiles the political and social views of the 1.52 million American college freshmen, was created in 1966 and is conducted annually by UCLA. This year's results are based on the responses of 240,000 students at 473 two-year and four-year institutions including the 1,908 in the 1995-96 Notre Dame freshmen class.

One of the most significant ways that Notre Dame students differ from their national counterparts is on their views of social action. 94% of Notre Dame freshmen have participated in volunteer service in the past year, whereas 70% of students nationwide have. 34% of freshmen believe that it is unlikely that an individual can bring about change in society, a ten year high. Only 20% of Notre Dame freshmen, on the other hand, feel that way.

These statistics come as little surprise to most members of the Notre Dame community. "85% of our student body comes from a Catholic background," said Flanner rector Father Bill Seetch. "In the past twenty years Catholic parishes and schools have stressed the importance of being active in the community, rather than solely going to church."

"Some of this has to do with the high schools that people went to," commented Zahm freshman Chris Walker. "A lot of people who come here, myself included, went to Catholic school and were required to do community service. I think many people had a positive experience that they want to repeat it on their own."

The survey also indicates that Notre Dame students are more concerned with social, family, and personal values. 45% of Notre Dame freshmen

By GWENDOLYN NORGLÉ
Assistant News Editor

Less than 40 percent of the class of 1997 will be recognized individually during the commencement weekend this spring. And according to Senior Class President Kevin Kuwick, things are not going to change for future classes, unless students voice their

opinions now.

"If you're not African American, Hispanic American, in ROTC, or participating in a service project next year, chances are, you won't get recognized," said Kuwick in explaining that only those involved in these ceremonies separate from the University's main ceremony, will be named.

But with the help of Kuwick and the

Commencement Committee which was formed by way of a resolution passed unanimously by the Student Senate on Sept. 27, this may change.

"The current commencement exercises are not consistent with the personalized and family-like nature of a Notre Dame education," the resolu-

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Plessy explored on its centennial

Brooks-Higginbotham opens series with examination of case's public consequences

By MARK FUSSA
News Writer

This year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1896 *Plessy vs. Ferguson* ruling, which affirmed the legality of segregation. Last night at the Hesburgh Library Auditorium, Evelyn Brooks-Higginbotham of Harvard University presented a lecture entitled "Remembering Plessy: The Racial Construction of Citizenship", which investigated the role of African-Americans as citizens.

Brooks-Higginbotham used the *Plessy* ruling as a backdrop to investigate the role of blacks as citizens at the turn of the century. According to Brooks-Higginbotham, the Louisiana state legislature passed a law in July of 1890 mandating the segregation of railroads, supplanting an 1868 law which stipulates "all people should enjoy equal rights." Within days, said Brooks-Higginbotham, the black community of Louisiana responded.

In 1892, Homer Plessy, a man who was seven-eighths white, was arrested by detectives in the white-only section of a train. Four years later, the case reached the Supreme Court, and segregation was upheld.

Brooks-Higginbotham discussed the main points from the court brief of Albion Tourgee, an attorney who provided his services to the cause, to provide insight into the status of blacks as citizens. She discussed Tourgee's brief in terms of "the public as pri-



The Observer/ Brian Hardy
Evelyn Brooks-Higginbotham discusses the implications of the *Plessy vs. Ferguson* ruling last night in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Just Another Alternative Joe

"Turn that crap off you disturbing little dumbass!" My roommate, Toby, threw down his calculus book in disgust. "Do you have to crank that stereo up and prance around every time you walk into this room?"



Joe Villinski
Assistant Sports Editor

As usual I tuned out the fatass and went about my business. When I reached to turn up my CD player I recognized the opening chords of Live's "Lightning Crashes" and smiled. This song was an anthem of sorts for the crowd I liked to call my friends. You see, we're a little different than your average Domers. As the song continued to caress my alabaster eardrums, I could feel my soul gently drifting far above Toby's unceasing remonstrations.

Suddenly, however, I was thrust back into my unnerving reality. Toby had a firm grip of my Underroos and was hoisting me six inches above the ground. "My mom was right," he squealed, "I always get stuck with walking freakshows for roommates."

Toby was nearly hyperventilating. He noticed a large "s" shaped vein in his own forehead grow and pulsate as his likeness reflected in the lenses of my gaudy, black horn-rimmed glasses. The intensity of Toby's scowl reached the very pit of my being. I was left with a wrenching abdominal pain which immediately reminded me of the time I broke my spleen wrestling with my sister.

Sensing my vulnerability, Toby's verbal barrage persisted. "Even though I always used generic words like "moron" and "jackass-boy" to describe you Joe, I just know that there has to be a term for people like you, who's every word and action I find vexatious and nauseating." Toby's normally viscous American blood was now boiling. "You know what you are Joe? You're... You're....."

"ALTERNATIVE?" I yelped like a yard dog in heat. "My Uncle Kirk used to tell me that if the shoe fits... Well in this case the Chuck Taylor's are snug as hell!"

"Yeah," I continued, "maybe I am alternative! And if your fat mainstream ass don't like it, too bad!"

"Well I feel sorry for you Alternative Joe. Mom says you're a waste of flesh and bones and that you're ruining your life."

"Toby, you intolerant cretin, do you honestly believe I choose to live my life out of touch with popular culture, subjugated to a lifetime sentence of flannel wearing and chain-smoking?" Tension was at an all time high. I felt a cool draft titillate the perimeter of my dank, drippy armpits. Had I not been such a wuss, we may have come to blows.

Once again a song by one of the "fringe" bands I loved resounded in our room. Smashing Pumpkin's "Bullet with Butterfly Wings" worked its fabled alternative magic, building a transcendental bridge of understanding, where ignorance once reigned. I could have sworn I saw a tear dot the corner of Toby's flabby eye socket. "I must admit," he said, "at times I do sometimes equate my plight to that of a rat in a cage." I also began to sob incessantly.

Understanding had trampled our hatred and ignorance, much the way the alternative movement has trampled individuality on college campuses everywhere.
Aaron Skalicky contributed helpful insights.

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

1996 presidential candidates voice their platforms

Where they stand ...

How President Clinton and his major Republican challengers view some pivotal issues:	President Clinton	Lamar Alexander Former Tennessee governor	Patrick Buchanan Conservative commentator	Bob Dole Senate Majority Leader	Steven Forbes Publisher	Dick Lugar Senator from Indiana
Supports abortion rights?	Yes	Would let states decide	No	No	Yes, with restrictions	No
Supports affirmative action?	Yes, but would reform	Would curtail	No	No, but has backed in the past	Opposes quotas	Opposes quotas
Supports gun control?	Yes	No	No	No	Limited	Yes
Advocates term limits?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
What are major welfare proposals?	Federal government would keep control; advocates "workfare"	Supports block grants to the states	Supports block grants to the states	States would control. Would freeze grants for five years at 1994 levels.	Supports two-year limit on aid to recipients able to work	Supports block grants to the states; two-year limit on aid to recipients able to work
How would health care work?	Make Medicare last as long as possible	State block grants would fund Medicaid, Medicare	Tax-free individual medical savings accounts	Federal government keeps Medicare; states get Medicaid	Favors medical savings accounts	Favors medical savings accounts; would increase qualifying age for Social Security

Passenger jet skids off runway

HOUSTON
A Continental Airlines jet skidded on its belly off a runway Monday while landing at Intercontinental Airport, apparently when its landing gear collapsed. Authorities said none of the 82 passengers and five crew members aboard Flight 1943 was seriously injured. One man was hospitalized with back pain. Passengers aboard the DC-9, en route from Washington's National Airport and due to continue to Las Vegas, said the landing gear appeared to collapse seconds after hitting the runway on a clear morning. "All I could hear was metal grinding on the runway and pieces breaking off, and it was a horrible feeling," Richard Fisher said. The plane came to rest flat in a grassy area near the end of the runway. Fisher and other passengers said smoke began filling the cabin after the plane stopped. Fire department officials said there were no flames when they arrived, and the airline said it didn't know what caused the smoke. Continental spokesman Ned Walker said there was no immediate clue as to what caused the accident. The three-hour flight from Washington had been uneventful.

NASA prepares for satellite problems

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.
Suppose, just suppose, Columbia's astronauts are reeling in a half-ton satellite at the end of a 12.8-mile cord when the motor inexplicably revs, yanking the satellite toward the space shuttle like an incoming cannonball. Or maybe a micrometeorite whizzes by and severs the tether, whipping the cord around the shuttle. Or maybe the cord goes slack and — boing! — the satellite becomes an out-of-control yo-yo. Maybe, maybe, maybe. The seven astronauts assigned to NASA's upcoming mission with the tethered satellite have trained for such dire possibilities and more during two years of preparation on the ground in simulators. "All very hairy," said astronaut Franklin Chang-Diaz, the crew's chief scientist. It will be the second trip into space for Italy's tethered satellite, which got no farther than 840 feet out the last time and almost had to be ditched. Chang-Diaz and three other astronauts who flew on that failed 1992 mission are back, along with many of the same flight controllers and scientists. The countdown for Thursday's liftoff began Monday afternoon.

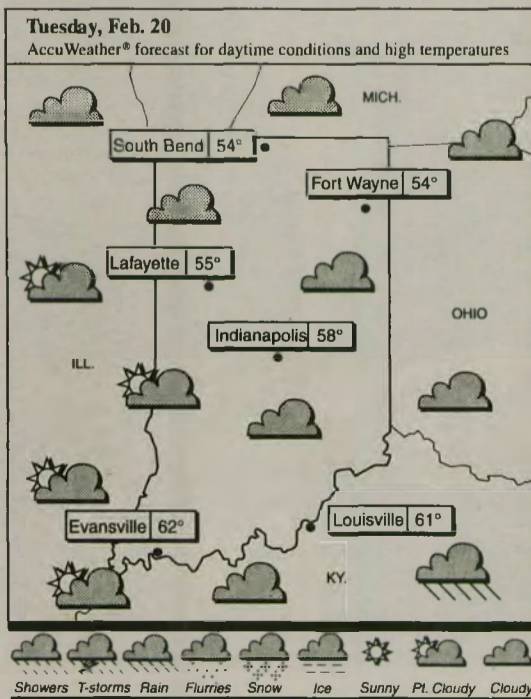
Doctors hope cop will speak again

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.
The severely brain-damaged policeman who astonished doctors and family by talking for the first time in 7 1/2 years may speak again, although the probability is a mystery. "I have honest hopes that he may speak again," neurologist Bruce Kaplan said Monday. "I do not have honest hopes he will get beyond severe neurological disability." Gary Dockery, 42, was shot in the head in 1988 by a drunken man while on duty. Since then, he has occasionally communicated by blinking his eyes or nodding his head, primarily to his family. He cannot chew, swallow or speak. He is paralyzed completely on his right side, partially on his left. Dockery amazed family and doctors by suddenly speaking coherently over an 18-hour period Feb. 11, a day after he was hospitalized for life-threatening pneumonia. Since surgery last Thursday to remove fluid from his lungs, he has communicated by opening and moving his eyes, squeezing hands, nodding to answer questions and moving his leg and arm upon command. "He does none of this consistently," Kaplan said.

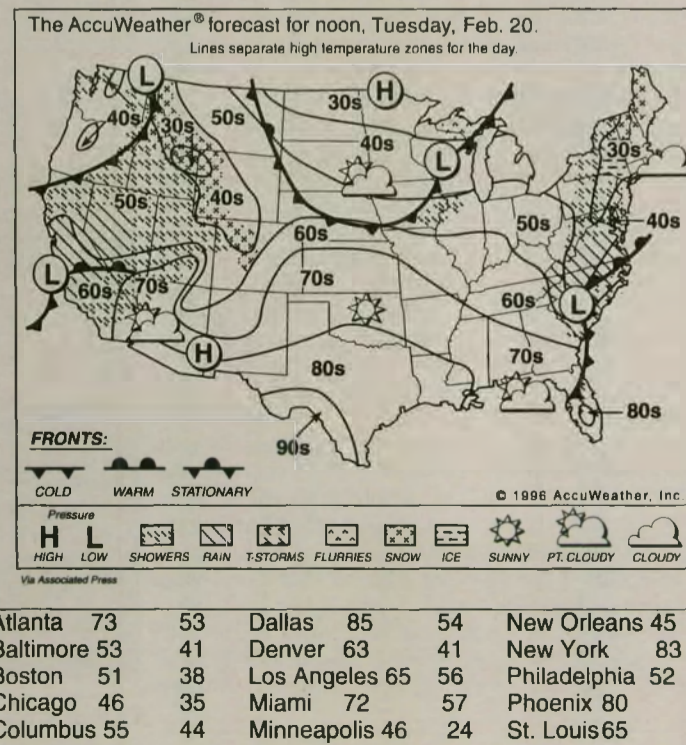
Group seeks truce over logging policy

WASHINGTON
A tradition-rich national forest conference reconvenes Tuesday, seeking a truce between timber companies and environmentalists at a time when tension over U.S. logging policy is at a historic high. "The time has come for the nation to turn away from polarization and toward consensus," Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas said in a welcome prepared for the Seventh American Forest Congress. The congress first met in 1882. The five-day event here brings together corporate officers, professional foresters, academics and — for the first time — environmentalists and other conservation-minded citizens. It's the first meeting of the congress since 1975, when the U.S. Congress passed a series of environmental laws that now are under attack by majority Republicans and some conservative Democrats. The second meeting, called by Teddy Roosevelt in 1905, led to the creation of the national forest system, which now stretches across 191 million acres. Hopes were high for this conference when it was announced last October and a series of 51 local meetings gathered citizen views.

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■ BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Nefertiti proposal approved

By MAGGIE WALSH
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) has approved a co-sponsorship proposal presented by the Sisters of Nefertiti. The Sisters of Nefertiti will receive \$3,500 to help offset the costs for their upcoming Spirit of Blackness Week.

This second annual week long event, which begins on Feb. 26, has activities planned to promote campus awareness and support. Some events include an original play, written by student Alia Paige, called "A Place at the Table",

and a one woman production presented in Moreau's Little Theater.

The proposal for the Student Leadership Award is being processed and will probably be finalized in the near future. Saint Mary's students will be called upon to help select the student nominees.

BOG is nearing completion of informational brochures. The pamphlets will contain the Saint Mary's Mission Statement and descriptions of each of the four major leadership organizations on campus. Representatives will probably be hand delivering the

brochures to residents in early April.

In other BOG business, new representatives were assigned to Admission and Scholarship, Fire and Safety, and the Curriculum Committees. The Spiritual Club has created a new branch, called Club Life, and is looking to finalize the approval so that the club can have a table at Activities Night in the fall.

BOG has also hired an artist to create a logo for the renaming of the snack bar at Haggard. BOG is now holding its weekly meetings at 9 p.m. on Sunday evenings.

Panel discusses the importance of service

By MAUREEN HURLEY
Saint Mary's News Editor

The Saint Mary's Justice Education Department presented the latest installment of its conversation series "Is community still possible?" last night. The panel discussion focused on working community service projects in the South Bend area.

The purpose of the lecture series is for "students to understand that service should be considered a lifetime work, and that it is also a collaborative work," said Esmée Bellalta, coordinator of the justice education program at Saint Mary's.

All the panel members were involved in South Bend community projects, ranging from neighborhood centers to the program "There are Children Here," created by Notre Dame Assistant Arts and Letters professor Jim Langford.

Marco Miriani works as a neighborhood planner in South Bend, implementing the Good Neighbors/Good Neighborhoods program started by South Bend Mayor Joseph Kernan in 1993. "The purpose is to get the government back into the neighborhood, with existing neighborhood associations working to come together to improve their own neighborhood," Miriani said.

Patti Huettl, director of the Rum Village Center, agreed. "The center is a place where people collaborate to make it work. People working together to a common goal—that's what volunteerism is." Erik Christensen and Evan Sockalosky, both Notre Dame graduate students, were in Bellalta's class last year, and spoke of their experience working with the Rum Village Center project.

"As an architecture student, I was able to bring technical knowledge to show them what could be done with their ideas," said Sockalosky. "This project has already gotten underway. That's exciting to see."

"Architecture is all about people. It's important to have a working relationship with the clients to tackle a community problem together," said Chris-

tensen. "It was good to work with the community; we dealt with a lot of sensitive issues that we usually don't think about as students."

Langford and his wife, Jill, began a community project on their own. The Langfords purchased 16 acres in Lakefield to begin the program "There Are Children Here."

"There are five-year-olds living in Michiana with incredible stresses in their lives," Langford said. "You see their smiles, and see that they can play in a place with no drive bys and no bad guys, and relax"

"We're almost finished with construction. We figure when we're up and running, we'll be able to have 2000 children and volunteers stay there per year."

All the panelists stressed the importance of community service in college life. "It's little things that have made a significant difference in other people's lives," said Huettl.

The next lecture in the series takes place on Mon., Mar. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge. The topic is "Community based social work."

Gore supports Everglades

By TOM WELLS
Associated Press

EVERGLADES, Fla.

The Clinton administration wants to double spending to restore the Everglades to about \$1.5 billion, funded in part by cutting subsidies to Florida sugar farmers, Vice President Al Gore said Monday.

Part of the money would be used to buy 126,000 acres of land for an attempt to restore some of the Everglades degraded by decades of draining, farming, pollution and development. Gore spoke alongside a small lagoon at the Royal Palm Visitor's Center in Everglades National Park. Two alligators floated nearby.

"We are dealing with an extremely fragile system that is

on the verge of collapse," Gore said of the Everglades, a vast sheet of water known as the River of Grass that stretches about 50 to 75 miles wide across southern Florida. The water goes on to nourish Florida Bay.

"We must pass on to our children a planet as healthy as that left to us," he said.

Part of the administration's funding for the program would come from a one-penny reduction in the current 18-cent-per-pound subsidy paid to sugar farmers in the Everglades area of South Florida.

The subsidy reduction would raise \$35 million each year for seven years for land acquisition, Gore said, calling it "very small reduction in the very significant subsidy."

There have been proposals in Washington to make all Florida sugar growers pay 2 cents on each pound of sugar to buy and restore land.

Florida's two senators, Democrat Bob Graham and Republican Connie Mack, countered with a proposal to tax sugar produced everywhere across the nation. A federal farm bill passed earlier this month by the Senate called for spending \$200 million but without fees.

The Everglades vs. sugar issue has figured in the debate on the farm bill as well as in presidential politics. The heavily financed sugar lobby has clout, but so does the growing number of Florida residents who blame sugar growers for damaging the environment.

■ SECURITY BEAT

FRI., FEB. 16

9:03 a.m. A University employee was transported to Memorial Hospital for treatment of an illness.

4:47 p.m. Security responded to a two car accident on Old Juniper Road. there were no injuries reported.

SAT., FEB. 17

3:30 a.m. A Pangborn Hall resident was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of injuries sustained during a fall.

5:00 a.m. Security and Notre Dame Fire responded to a fire alarm at Grace Hall.

1:12 p.m. Security transported a university employee to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of injuries sustained during a fall.

6:35 p.m. A Flanner Hall resident reported the theft of his bike from the Flanner Hall bike rack.

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12:33 p.m. Security responded to a hit and run accident at the Main Gate Circle.

1:48 p.m. A Keenan Hall Resident reported the theft of his wallet from his unlocked room.

5:14 p.m. Security stopped two juveniles at University village. the were identified and later released.



Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Ash Wednesday

February 21, 1996

MASSES

11:30 a.m.

Robert Moss, CSC, Presider

Sacred Music Provided by the Basilica Schola



5:00 p.m.

Robert Dowd, CSC, Presider

Sacred Music Provided by the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, all Catholics between eighteen and sixty are obliged to *fast*, that is to have only one full meal a day and only two smaller meals, eating nothing between meals. American Catholics who are 14 years or older are also obliged to *abstain* from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.





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feel it important to influence social values versus 38% nationally; 84% want to raise a family versus 71% nationally; 59% feel it is essential to develop a meaningful philosophy of life versus 42% nationally. These statistics indicate a significant difference between the average Notre Dame freshmen and other freshmen across the country.

"Students who apply to Notre Dame want to stand out," said Farley freshman Melia Checcia. "They come from strong families and are encouraged to believe they can make a difference. Their families have already instilled lasting values."

These statistics are also not surprising to the Notre Dame Admissions Office. "We don't search for students with values by using a checklist," stated Admissions Counselor Pat Leonardo. "We are looking for students who are active and

whose teachers and counselors tell us they are the greatest things on earth. Often that equates to sound values."

Notre Dame freshmen also seem to be more politically aware than the average student. Only 29% of American freshmen feel it is important to stay politically aware, while 53% of Notre Dame freshmen feel that way. Notre Dame's freshmen also tend to be politically more conservative, and hold definitive views on issues.

While more than half of entering college students feel that abortion should be legal, just 38% of Notre Dame freshmen feel that way. 21% think the death penalty should be abolished, while 35% of Notre Dame freshmen think so. The widest gap between Notre Dame freshmen and their peers appears in their feelings about sex. 43% of entering freshman feel that it is okay for two people to have sex if they really like each other even if they have only known each other a short time. Just 22% of Notre Dame freshman approve of sex in that situation. P.E. freshman Anne Searle

said, "I'm not at all surprised by this. Notre Dame students typically come from predominantly conservative, Catholic, and upper-middle class families."

"Just take a look in the mailroom and you'll see why our students are well-informed and concerned with politics," commented Seetch. "There are lots of *Times* and *Newsweek* magazines around there. They read the paper and watch the news. There are lots of self-starting students who are willing to take a stand."

While Notre Dame freshmen are considered to be socially concerned and politically active, only 20% of them have participated in a demonstration in the past year, compared to 41% of their peers. "Notre Dame students are more likely to want to have a direct impact on their community in ways other demonstrations," said Lewis freshman Colleen Newman. "They feel that by actively serving their community they can make more of a difference than by demonstrating."

Plessy

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vate domain", "the reputation and respectability of whiteness", and racial classification.

Brooks-Higginbotham sums up "the public as private" as the cultural trend that "public space came to signify private property just as whiteness meant private property." The Louisiana law, Brooks-Higginbotham explains, turned what was once public property into the exclusive domain of white society. Tourgee, Plessy's attorney, argued that by forcing his client to move, his right to use property was deprived.

Segregation "constructed a society of insiders and outsiders according to access to this public property," said Brooks-Higginbotham.

"Numerous state legislatures devised ingenious schemes to deny public spaces to blacks," she said.

Taking the second point, the reputation and respectability of being white, Brooks-Higgin-

botham told the assembled crowd that the Plessy ruling denied blacks respectability in the eyes of the rest of society. She said, "African Americans didn't want to be white, they claimed the respectability of white society and all it allowed."

Tourgee argued to the court that this ruling prevented Plessy from claiming his whiteness as his property, said Brooks-Higginbotham. Challenging the court and underscoring the importance of the white reputation, Tourgee wrote "most whites, if given the choice, would prefer death to being colored."

Finally, Brooks-Higginbotham covered her final point, that of racial classification. "The difference in equality wasn't Tourgee's issue. His issue was the standard," she said.

According to Brooks-Higginbotham, Tourgee pointed out that many states had different standards of race, but all Southern states eventually adopted the "one drop rule" which stated that if one drop of your blood was from a black ancestor, you were classified as

black.

Tourgee ridiculed this rule, said Brooks-Higginbotham, by reversing the law, asking "is a single drop of black blood enough to color an ocean of caucasian whiteness."

The issues dealt with by the "forward looking" Albion Tourgee, primarily the definition of race, are still hard for our society to deal with said Brooks-Higginbotham. But she considers those difficulties to be a call to arms, saying "to remember Plessy vs. Ferguson is to remember the challenge given to us from our past."

Diploma

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tion read. "The Undergraduate community desires a personal presentation of diplomas."

The committee led by the senior class was created by the Senate to convey student interests regarding this matter to the Provost's Office.

And efforts to bring students' concerns to those in charge were made, according to Kuwick, who discussed the matter with Registrar Harold Pace and Associate provost Sister Kathleen Cannon.

"I was asked by the Provost to find the best way to develop several individual ceremonies," Pace said. "We discussed times and places and passed along a scenario to the Provost."

According to Cannon there were two different proposals presented by the students.

Every undergraduate at the University commencement ceremony would be named and would walk across the stage. However, as Cannon explained, allowing 15 seconds per each of the 1800 undergraduates would add two hours and 45 minutes to the ceremony.

The colleges would hold individual commencement ceremonies.

According to Cannon, the second proposal was sent to the Provost's Advisory Council, which, in its first review of the proposal, discussed it with the Registrar's Office and personnel at the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center. After considering the sizes of the groups and the number of workers needed to set up for the ceremonies, the Council and Committee members realized upon

second review that individual ceremonies were going to be impossible due to the logistics.

"We weren't really able to get to 'the front' with a solid well-thought out proposal," Kuwick said.

"It won't happen this year," said Kuwick, who, in response to Pace's efforts, explained that such an event can not simply be worked around the previously scheduled events.

"You can't just fit it in. You have to start all over," he said.

Which is what Kuwick is still trying to do - if not for his own class, for those following.

Although it is too late for commencement exercises to change for the class of '96, there is still hope for future classes.

"It'll have to be next year," Kuwick continued. The committee has constructed five or six schedules, including one plan which has individual ceremonies for each college "spread out" over the weekend. One of these proposals will be presented to the Provost's Office after Spring Break.

Cannon and Pace added that there is still a chance that a more personalized ceremony be included in the weekend, specifically during the departmental distribution of diplomas. These departmental receptions can be "enhanced" and made more formal, Pace suggested.

For now, the biggest problem facing the Commencement Committee is not only the administration, according to Kuwick - it's the students.

Student awareness will be the key to changing the way Notre Dame students complete their education, according to Kuwick, who urged the student body to voice its opinion.

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■ WALES

Salvage team hopes to reboard crippled tanker

Associated Press

ST. ANN'S HEAD
Twenty members of a salvage team boarded a crippled tanker leaking oil into a pristine wildlife sanctuary and began preparations Monday to pump the oil into smaller vessels.

Attached to two tugs, the Sea Empress was battered overnight by high seas and strong winds off the southwest coast of Wales.

The Sea Empress ran aground Thursday on St. Ann's Head at the tip of the western promontory guarding the mouth of Milford Haven estuary, one of Britain's leading wildlife conservation areas.

At high tide Monday evening the tanker lifted off the bottom

and began moving.

"She was afloat and moved quite quickly and moved quite quickly some considerable distance," a salvage worker said on condition that he not be named.

When the tide runs out, the Sea Empress should rest again on the bottom, he said.

Estimates of the oil spillage have been dropped from 1.8 million gallons to 300,000 gallons, about 1 percent of its cargo. Although the leakage is much less than the 11 million gallons spilled in 1989's Exxon Valdez disaster in Alaska, there is still potential for substantial damage.

The oil has already killed some 3,000 rare rock pool starfish at West Angle Bay, close to the stranded tanker.

■ RUSSIA

Kohl meets Yeltsin to discuss re-election bids

By SERGEI SHARGORODSKY
Associated Press

MOSCOW
President Boris Yeltsin discussed his re-election bid with Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany on Monday and said he was worried by the decrease of German business interests in Russia.

Yeltsin said it has become apparent that German businesses are waiting to see who wins the June ballot, following the Communists' and nationalists' victory in December's parliamentary polls.

"German businessmen want to wait until June to see the

fate of reforms," he said after meeting with Kohl.

Yeltsin announced Thursday that he is seeking a second term. He trails in opinion polls behind Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov.

Some Russian news reports said Kohl's visit was planned as an endorsement of Yeltsin's candidacy and a boost to his campaign.

Outright Western support of Yeltsin is not necessarily beneficial to the Russian president, however. His Communist and nationalist opponents accuse him of being too friendly with the West — at Russia's expense.

■ ENGLAND

Two arrested in IRA bombing

By ROBERT BARR
Associated Press

LONDON
The IRA claimed responsibility Monday for a blast that ripped through a double-decker bus in central London, killing one person and injuring nine. Police said they believed the bomb was detonated accidentally and the carrier may have been among the victims.

Two people were arrested Monday under anti-terrorism laws, Scotland Yard said. But it refused to say whether they were connected to the Sunday night explosion.

Despite some Protestant political leaders' demands that the government locked up all suspected IRA leaders, British and Irish leaders continued trying to salvage the battered peace process in Northern Ireland.

The Irish Republican Army had already killed two people in London since calling off its 17-month cease-fire Feb. 9.

Scotland Yard said there was no warning before the 10:38 p.m. explosion at the edge of the theater district, near Covent Garden's popular restaurants and bars.

Commander John Grieve, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist unit, said the bus "was not the intended target," although he couldn't say what was.

The IRA, in a statement telephoned to the British Broadcasting Corp. in Belfast, Northern Ireland, claimed responsibility.

"We can say at this stage we regret the loss of life and injuries which occurred," the caller said.

The mangled and burned wreckage continued to block traffic Monday while police technicians probed for clues. Buses carry video cameras, but it wasn't known if they survived the blast.

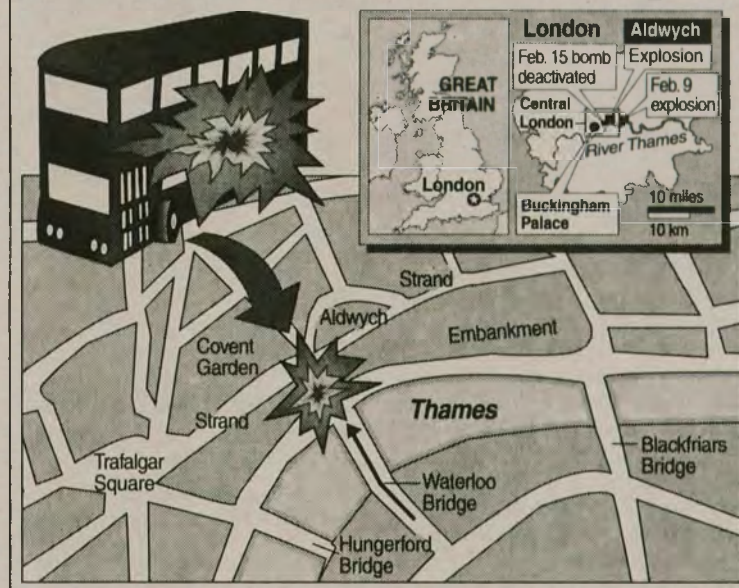
Four victims of the blast remained hospitalized Monday.

Dr. David Williams, director of Accidents and Emergencies at St. Thomas' Hospital, where the victims were treated, confirmed Monday that armed guards were on duty in the hospital. Scotland Yard refused to comment on the reason for the extra security.

Williams said one injured man, 38-year-old Ralf Hobart of Torquay in southwestern England, suffered severe injuries on the right side of his face and was in critical condition. His girlfriend, Denise Hall, 30, also was injured.

Londoners, meanwhile, set-

IRA responsible for bus bombing



led into the familiar routine of bomb alerts, train cancellations and immobilized traffic.

"You have always got it in the back of your mind that you could be in the same street next time," said John Langton, who was delivering meat Monday near the scene of the bombing.

"I am just carrying on as normal. There is nothing you can do — except hope the bombs don't come to you."

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, the third-largest and exclusively Protestant party in Northern Ireland, urged the government to simply lock up suspected IRA leaders.

However, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Britain's minister responsible for governing Northern Ireland, said the search for a peaceful settlement would continue despite the bombing. He rejected Protestant calls for the government to end all contacts with the IRA's allies in the Sinn Fein party.

"It's perfectly clear that this (bombing) is part of a campaign designed to make the British government, a democratic government, comply with the wishes of terrorists. But of course that's going to fail," Mayhew said.

John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, which gets most Roman Catholic votes in Northern Ireland, met for two hours Monday with British Prime Minister John Major. Hume said they exchanged proposals, but he gave no details.

"I welcome the fact that the government is urgently dealing with the matter by meeting with all parties and with the Irish government," said Hume,

whose secret dialogue with Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams contributed to the IRA cease-fire.

Bertie Ahern, leader of Fianna Fail, the largest party in the republic of Ireland, said he planned to meet this week with Adams. Ahern's party had enthusiastically welcomed Sinn Fein as a partner in the peace process following the IRA cease-fire in September 1994.

"We have some very strong things to say to him. ... but whether he can do anything about it, I don't know," Ahern told Ireland's RTE radio.

The IRA's return to violence, Ahern said, "makes no sense whatever. It's just unbelievable stupidity."

Proinsias de Rossa, Ireland's social welfare minister, said Sinn Fein could not expect other parties to yield to its demand for negotiations while the bombings continue.

"The easiest part is to stop killing people, and the IRA can stop doing that immediately, if they so choose. The difficult part is finding accommodation for people to sit down to talk to each other," said de Rossa, who was imprisoned as an IRA member in the 1950s.

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■ BOSNIA

Pitfalls obstruct path to peace

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

SARAJEVO

The guns that shattered schoolrooms and market stalls are silent, the armies separated. But the hard part is still ahead.

Bosnia has indeed emerged from war, thanks to a NATO-led force that has carved out a twisted maze of buffer zones and polices them with world-class firepower.

Peace is far from assured, however, despite renewed pledges of cooperation from Balkan leaders at a weekend summit in Rome.

Foremost among the pitfalls, say Western generals and diplomats, is the lack of goodwill and trust among Bosnia's Muslim, Serb and Croat leaders.

Rather than plunging wholeheartedly toward peace, they seem to be maneuvering for advantage in some future round of diplomatic or military confrontation.

While they all have different motives for avoiding genuine reconciliation, most of them view continued ethnic tension as the best way for them to stay in power.

"The leaders are not clear yet what they want," said Michael Steiner, a German who is deputy chief of a mission overseeing civilian aspects of the peace process.

"Will they go all out for peace?" Steiner wondered. "Or do they want to be in the right position if things get nasty again when IFOR (the NATO-led peace force) leaves?"

The peace force has successfully imposed buffer zones. The transfer of territory under the Dayton peace agreement, including coveted Serb-held land around Sarajevo, has begun.

But progress has been slowed by Serb anger over the arrest of two senior military officers linked to war crimes.

Freedom of movement, crucial to knitting civilians into a



Problems of peace

Major pitfalls facing the Bosnian peace agreement.

Land transfer: NATO-led troops are enforcing demilitarized zone along former front line. But Serbs around Sarajevo are angered by a land transfer scheduled for March 19.

Muslim-Croat Federation: Created as counterweight to Serb region in new, divided Bosnia. But Croats and Muslims fought bitterly in 1993-1994, and distrust remains.

Elections: Elections are supposed to be organized by next fall. But complicated power-sharing arrangement for planned government looks much like political structure that collapsed when Bosnia descended into war in 1992.

Brcko corridor: Left unresolved by peace accord. Serbs need route to connect Banja Luka with eastern Bosnia and Serb-led Yugoslavia. Bosnian government needs rail and road links north to outside world.

single community again, is in jeopardy.

Ahead are more challenges: the actual transfer of control over territory, particularly Serb-held Sarajevo; warehousing weaponry; organize elections for a government in which former enemies will have to cooperate; deciding who will get the vital Serb corridor across northern Bosnia.

Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Walker, commander of NATO-led ground forces, says all three sides have cooperated well in military aspects of the peace plan. He gives them a grade of 90 percent.

But he acknowledged it can be frustrating to see non-military problems arising that

could unravel the successes.

Like Steiner, Walker cited the often halfhearted commitment to peace displayed by political leaders.

"They are not indicating that they want peace at any price," he said in his headquarters in Ilidza, a tense Serb suburb outside Sarajevo. "There has to be some sense of reconciliation — the political leadership has to be prepared to compromise some of its more hardline positions."

On paper, the peace accord creates a unified Bosnia grouping together a Serb republic and a Muslim-Croat federation. But the Serbs have severed contacts with the federation and the federation itself is in trouble.

Croats in Mostar have balked at efforts to reunify the southwestern city devastated by Muslim-Croat fighting there in 1993-94. One reason is continued Croat animosity toward Muslims; another is the influence of crime gangs and corrupt police in Croat-ruled west Mostar who flourish in a divided city.

The NATO-led force has no mandate to grapple with Croat-Muslim tensions, since the two sides nominally are allies. Walker said it wouldn't do any good anyway "to bang their heads together" if there was no goodwill.

Many of the military and civilian experts deployed in Bosnia sense that ordinary people are more open to reconciliation than their leaders.

CLC

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After reviewing the report throughout the week, the CLC had one last discussion before voting on the issue.

Matt Schlatter, co-chair of the Hall Presidents' Council, voiced a concern that O'Hara doesn't have the direct power to "implement" the CLC's ideas as recommended in the report.

Father Patrick Sullivan retorted by asserting that the Board of Trustees seemed to be in favor of the report. Thus, according to Sullivan, the decision whether or not to bring it to the Board should be left to O'Hara. In this way, the report could be implemented through her approval by the Board.

Student Body President Jonathon Patrick agreed with Sullivan. Patrick added that the CLC could only had the power to recommend or advise on this issue. Thus, passing the ideas to O'Hara for recommendation was the most direct way for the CLC to proceed.

Patrick also reminded the Council that O'Hara had one week, with the possibility of an extension, to present the CLC with her decision and the rationale behind it. Patrick then suggested the resolution come to a vote, reminding the Council that a two-thirds majority was needed for the resolution to be passed.

The resolution did pass by an overwhelming majority, with all but two members of the CLC, Assistant Dean Ava Preacher and Father Terence Linton, voting against it. Preacher had expressed reservations that the report didn't

go far enough and might be seen as elitist by the student body since the recommended model includes only 100 seniors.

The other resolution passed by the CLC for the consideration of O'Hara proposed input on future revisions of *du lac* by the student body. The resolution was proposed by Tom Matzzie, Judicial Council President.

The resolution, which was submitted first for discussion, All CLC members present excepts for Sister Susan Bruno voted for the resolution, fulfilling the two-thirds majority needed.

The resolution, which was submitted first for discussion, and then for a vote, stated: "Whereas, the current revision process for *du lac* excludes prior input and commentary from the Notre Dame community; and whereas the Catholic Church's social teachings encourage the participation of individuals in the decision making processes of their own community; whereas, a more inclusive *du lac* revision process would potentially improve student awareness of *du lac* and the policies contained within it.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Campus Life Council recommends that the Vice-President for Student Affairs amend *du lac* to require an organized public comment period as a part of the *du lac* revision process ... Specific revisions need not be announced, however the Council asks that policies under consideration for revision be specified at the beginning of the proposed organized public comment period."

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AND IN THIS CORNER

Fat Tuesday and the Fat Heads — Separated at Birth?

I'd like to write about the New Hampshire primary — no, really, I mean it, I do — except for the fact that all of the candidates combined have the same personal appeal as a month-long root canal with no anesthesia.

How sad is the world of politics: Buchanan claims he's the only Republican with "ideas" (the idea of forcing Americans to adhere to his Orwellian concept of "family values," I suppose); Dole says he's tired of "mud-slinging" as he proceeds to dish out some himself; Forbes cracks stupid

supposed to have the public interest in mind, not their party's interests.

Shows what I know about democracy. This November I wonder if I can vote "none of the above."

With all of this political bull, it's really no wonder that "youth" in America are apathetic towards voting. Besides the reality that people under the age of 30 have no power (i.e., no money), the only decision we get to make is whether to vote for the old, rich white guy or the older, rich white guy.

I notice that none of the candidates has bothered to even attempt attracting younger voters, though, excepting Lugar, all of the Republican candidates showed their interest in attracting hate-groups by attending gay-bashing rallies in Iowa. Seems they know exactly who votes in this country.

But, of course, the New Hampshire Nonsense isn't the big event today — that would have to be Mardi Gras, "Fat Tuesday," which, as my neighbors have been reminding me at all hours over the past four days, has in effect been going on all week.

I've never really understood the reason for Mardi Gras — I figure if you really want to party, you don't need a reason. Of course, I've never really understood Lent, either. Lent: fake not enjoying yourself for a few weeks and pretend you actually care that people are starving in Sudan in order to "prepare for the Coming" or similarly ecstatically-worded phrases.

When I was growing up, the rest of the families in our parish usually gave up luxuries such as mixed drinks, late-night pantry raids, going out to eat, or anything else that they could do without most of the time anyway (note that sports activities were generally not considered as Lenten sacrifices).

In my family, standard practice was for the kids to give up candy and for my mother to give up cookies. (I'm not positive, but I think my father usually gives up arguing with my mother.) As you might expect, pretending not to eat

candy doesn't make one very penitent.

(That reminds me of a "Catholic" joke: For Lent a young couple decided to give up liquor, and they convinced their eight-year-old son to give up candy. Then on the first weekend of Lent, the boy discovered his parents drinking Brandy cordials. "Well, we only gave up hard liquor," the boy's mother said. "Fine," he responded obstinately, "then I'll only give up hard candy.") (Okay, dumb joke.)



Actually, there is very little my family can give up for Lent. My mother insists upon forcing the family to uphold the old Church rule of "meatless Fridays or you'll burn in Hell for all Eternity," which now apparently only counts during Lent.

The funny thing is, my family is usually lucky just to have meat once a week. My family's idea of meat is hot-dogs for Sunday lunch. My parents don't drink, so that old reliable is out. Might as well be cookies (and tea; my mother goes through 100 tea bags in one week). As

for the children, my siblings don't own any video game systems, so there's something else they don't have to give up.

Probably the best thing my parents could ask my brothers to give up would be cartoons — and if you've seen the crap that's on TV now, you'd think it'd be easy to give it up. I mean, we had Voltron, the Transformers, GI Joe — now THAT would have been a real sacrifice. My old ploy was to ask if I could give up math homework, but for some reason that never seemed to fly.

Then again, the idea of "giving up X" for an invented six-week period called Lent is silly. The key to most Lenten "sacrifices" is the same key to most supermarket sales: give up something you can do without. Instead of helping the unfortunate and reducing our obsession with the material world, all we have to do is temporarily reduce our luxuries.

A real act of contrition would be to give away something we cherish and fast for a week straight. Not that I myself would go to such an extreme, but by only truly "shipping" once or twice a year, Christians ultimately forgive themselves for not following their avowed faith. Lent winds up being a ritual of hypocrisy.

Of course, I haven't even touched upon the links between the mid-winter and spring Christian celebrations and the traditional pagan rituals which the Church intentionally duplicated, but I suppose I can leave that to a future column in a more appropriate time and setting.

Don't you just love obscure references and incoherence? You never know — I could be preparing to enter politics. All I have to do now is attack Pat Buchanan a few times and claim I support unity.

Nah. Too easy. Matthew T. Apple is a creative writing graduate student at Notre Dame who, frankly, was bored to tears by the Campaign '96 media coverage. Talk to him at matthew.t.apple.1@nd.edu or http://www.nd.edu/~mapple.

Matthew Apple

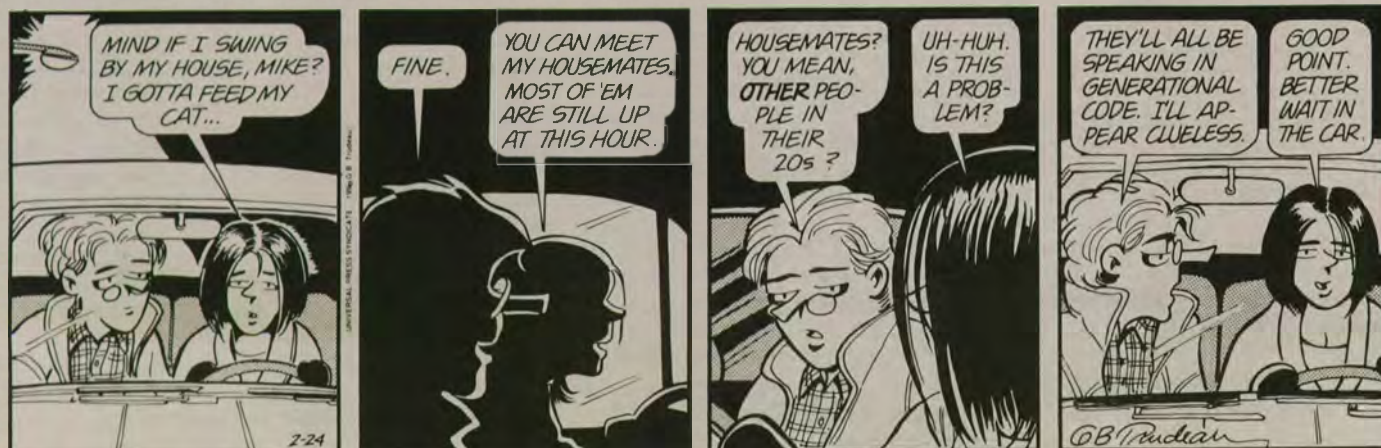
jokes and whines "flat tax, flat tax" until he's blue in the face; Alexander says "Vote for me, because I'm not Dole or Buchanan"; some other Republican no-name says the Declaration of Independence is the "bridge" between "God and the Constitution," as if that means anything of any consequence — and Clinton's speech-writers continue to prove their speechy-of-the-term "vague."

When ex-candidate Phil Gramm announced his support of Dole, one of his given reasons was that he believed Dole had the best chance to "beat Clinton." This appears to be the driving force behind all of the Republican candidates: to "oust" the President and propel the Republican party into power in the White House. Pardon me, but I thought the idea behind the presidential election was to vote for the person best qualified to lead the United States.

These guys who only want to beat someone have pretty much already proven that they could care less how they run the country. Presidents are

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I stand by all the misstatements."

—Former VP Dan Quayle

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A complete debacle?

JPW masks real identity of ND life

Dear Editor:

The University put on a brilliant performance this weekend for Junior parents and their little children. They generated an image of America's leading catholic institution in a way that any marketing major might be proud of. The weekend is supposed to be a celebration of the "Notre Dame" family. Parents fly into town and are presented with an image of the University put forward by the University. President Malloy, Lou Holtz, and Father Beauchamp beamed smiles at the crowd and delivered their propaganda laden speeches to the ever cheering families.

The hypocrisy of the entire event is disgusting. From the speeches to the slide show, a picture perfect image of Notre Dame comes off to the University's constituents - namely those who pay tuition - without even glancing at the issues which have plagued our stay here. JPW is meant to be a time to reflect on the past and see where we have come. If this had been engaged with even the slightest attempt at thinking about our last two and a half years, I might have found something worthy of my parents' and my own time. But instead, only a well packaged "we're all so happy" here series of talks dribbled over a P.A. system.

Malloy's depiction of the Notre Dame family was pure propaganda. Yes, I guess we are all one big, toasty group of young people. But, in our family we don't want our homosexual classmates talking on campus. And in our family, we don't want to address the horrendous gender relations between our "brothers" and "sisters" that has been cited over and over again from a 1988 report by the task force on residentiality up through *The Observer* columnist Chris Kratovil's compelling article on gender relations a couple of weeks ago. And in our family, we don't want to talk about our pathetic homogeneity in which

of the 1,901 students who enrolled in the Junior class, only 73 were African Americans (ND Fact Book, September 1995). We in the family are also at ease with the rising instances of sexual assault, since, I guess, Jesus forgives all sins. Malloy told my parents that we were one big support group - the ND family, singing the fight song and marching down the path of righteousness. But anyone who has been here for a couple of weeks can see that this simply is not the case.

Even sadder might be the focus of the events. I attended the "meet your major" reception on Saturday. Talking to one of my professors, a man seriously dedicated to the University, he spoke of his disappointment in only visiting with six of his students over the course of the reception.

Meanwhile, Lou Holtz and his shallow, pop-psychology-go-get them speech received an extended standing ovation. Maybe the University might have had a professor speak about education and social duty at one of the banquets instead of tucking them neatly away on Saturday morning. Yes, my professor might not be famous, but I believe he represents what Notre Dame is about far more than little Lou babbling about how great it is that you don't have to worry about the ACLU pestering you at Notre Dame (God forbid someone defend our freedoms at a University!).

Finally, the slide show was a disgrace. Over half of the pictures could have been labeled "I'm so drunk - aren't I funny?" The fact that the pathetic state of the Notre Dame social life, one that fosters gender relation problems through a mix of condoned alcohol abuse and a paternalistic approach to forming associations between the sexes, is celebrated without question makes me nauseous. We are all intelligent people, and social drinking is something that most of us engage in. But the University tacitly allows

alcohol abuse in order to cloak their overt paternalism and the general lack of any constructive social avenues at the school. The slide show again reinforced this programming not only on our minds, but on our parents' minds as well.

What saddens me about JPW is that it could be a time of constructive analysis of the University. I don't mean that we need to inundate the students and parents with the short comings of the University, but we could at least talk about them. By harnessing the extended Notre Dame network and by actively engaging students and parents in the past as well as the future of Notre Dame, we could foster intelligent conversation on what is good and what needs improvement here. Instead, JPW was simply carefully constructed propaganda which supported the current myths about Notre Dame that are so established that they stifle the hope of constructive change.

By engaging in more than image at the major functions of JPW, the University might discuss the tensions that fill our University with both the students and the parents that pay the tuition. But no, the Notre Dame family would rather rah-rah their way through just another vacuous event that supports the same false myths about the University that are sold to us in recruiting pamphlets (namely diversity, egalitarianism, and an intelligent social atmosphere). My parents and I and your parents and you deserve more than contrived images of the University. Maybe those in charge of next year's event will strive to remove some of the propaganda and replace it with authentic, constructive discussion and critical, reflective thinking.

MIGUEL SANCHEZ
Junior
Off-Campus

Absolving sins

Dear Editor:

Father Stephen Newton offers a letter to the editor (Feb. 14) "in case anyone was shocked by what was reported" concerning a talk of his (Feb. 5).

Well, Father, I'm not so much shocked as anesthetized by this part of your letter: "Actually, instead of saying that falling short of a moral ideal is not sin . . . sin is the human condition, blessed and absolved by God, as in the sacrament of reconciliation."

Whatever happened to the teaching that sin is an offense against God, a violation of His commandments? "Bless me, Father, for I have fallen short of a moral ideal in my human condition." Students, do not try that on you hometown confessor.

JIM CIERZNIAK
Class of '57

Ad campaign links fashion with porn

Dear Editor:

I quite agree with Beth Higgins's letter of Feb. 14. *The Observer* did this university no service by putting the Calvin Klein insert into its paper. Last fall, the public outcry forced the odious fashion designer to withdraw lubricious ads which were more than tacitly suggestive of child pornography. As a parent of two young daughters, I not only resent what Klein did, (these kind of ads appear in such magazines as *Seventeen* where my daughters and their peers see them) but have consistently told them that they will never buy anything from this company. Every time they see Klein's name in print I want them to associate it with words like "pervert" and "pornographer" and "anti-women." My only hope is that more people will make the same semantic connections. Klein has a constitutional right to advertise as he sees fit, but there is no reason in the world that I should (or would) support him with my money and little justification for *The Observer* in providing him with a venue for advertising his overpriced wares.

LAWRENCE CUNNINGHAM
Professor
Theology

LNO raises funds

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Office of Recreational Sports, I would like to thank all members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community who participated in Late Night Olympics on Friday, February 2.

With your help, we had a great event, and we were able to raise nearly \$4,000 for the St. Joseph County Special Olympics. The money raised has been earmarked for the purchase of new basketball uniforms.

Thank you once again for your support and interest in what we hope will continue to be a very worthwhile event.

KARA O'LEARY
RecServices Coordinator
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MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

Americans on the go leave their attention spans behind

The television rating sweeps has taught me so much lately, like tattoos add to Rachel's appeal, *Thorn Birds* part I is much better than part II, and flipping through the best of what networks have to offer, can still produce nothing on TV. But the message clearly is this: America's attention span is dead, gone, kaput! Sorry ABC, NBC and CBS, but your efforts this month only serve as a memorial to our old friend.

Of course, we all knew that the attention span had been shrinking. Thanks to sociologists, we were warned that TV viewers were steadily falling into the habit of thinking in clumps of ten or fifteen minutes. But somewhere between thought-clumping, *Oprah* and second long commercials the attention span became so minuscule that it vanished entirely.

Wait, what am I writing about? Attention span, that's right.

Anyway, sociologists generally agree today's official attention span stands at a whole thirty seconds. But with the ever-so-popular TV news sound bite, thirty seconds is an eon. First books seemed too long, now it's the movies.

Good news, though. Mental regression has been taken into account by today's

scriptwriters. No longer do we contend with the old Hollywood approach where we were filled in on the action up to the point where the movie begins. Logical narration just isn't the '90s way.

Critics hold that Americans have no



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attention span because we cannot sit still. But this opinion only prevails as long as Americans eat at home. You see, if there's a bright side to any of this it's that most of us can concentrate on "the menu" for longer than five minutes. The down side is that sociologists are rumored to be the only ones able to find the restaurant's door again after a meal is finished.

But hey, the brains of us Generation X'ers are supposed to what academics

call "multivalent" and "polysemous." This means you should be able to put down that Spanish book and learn the information through osmosis, i.e. play a language tape as you sleep. With the tape flowing knowledge into your head, all you need is to do the hokey pokey and shake your head about . . . If you're not sick in the morning from all the action, amazing things may pop out.

This may seem like a strange example, but it explains a lot. For example, people running around campus like chickens with their little heads cut off. Understand the majority of them aren't messing with amphetamines, they're just reacting from all the information they absorbed the night before by being their natural polysemous selves.

And with the attention span already short, the go-go American attitude makes it virtually impossible to concentrate on anything. So if the average South Bend student has the attention span of a windshield wiper, it may not be completely their own fault. When one jumps on today's bandwagon, distractibility becomes the fault of society. They're the ones who encourage us to leave our body's emotional lights on until our batteries have run dry!

However, my favorite scapegoat for attention span loss is one of America's newest diseases, Attention Deficit Disorder. And like all democratic diseases, it never discriminates. Therefore, we may run the gamut of ADD resources, seminars and clinics and not feel embarrassed or ashamed.

I'm not mocking those who have a disease or serious learning disability. It's just when you hear about third graders selling Ritalin (the medicine used to control ADD) in class, you've got to wonder if something hasn't gone terribly wrong with our youth.

American's don't learn how to absorb and integrate new information into their lives because we're not obligated to do. Instead, we increasingly find ourselves identifying with Winston in George Orwell's "1984" who could never shut the "telescreen" off or escape the wrath of the status quo.

By now my message should now be clear. Please help to revive America's attention span. Think of yourself as the saving the mind. Turn off the TV, and reach for *Trivial Pursuit*.

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Dipping into the breadstick phenomenon

By KRISTA NANNERY
Accent Editor

No matter how much the customers beg and moan, the Papa John's pizza people just won't cooperate.

"Look, it's a Saturday night. We'll be there with your breadsticks in about two hours."

The roommates look at each other, faces pale and worn. They're tired, they're hungry and they're all on diets. They knew they'd have to wait, but two hours? Do they have the patience?

Fortunately, the Papa John's delivery man makes it to campus in about an hour. The girls quickly devour their midnight snack: two orders of doughy breadsticks, accompanied by side orders of garlic butter, nacho cheese and tomato sauce.

Increasingly, breadsticks are becoming the new appetizer—and sometimes even main meal—of choice. This is especially true among the college crowd. Ever since the U.S. 33 branch of Papa John's picked up Saint Mary's College as a part of its route the company has watched the number of breadstick orders skyrocket. At as little as \$2 an order, it's not a bad deal. On average, Papa John's sends out over 100 boxes of 'sticks a night. That number will often top 150, especially on Friday and Saturday evenings. That's 800 to 1200 breadsticks delivered daily to the campus of Saint Mary's alone.

Papa John's self-titled "dough-guy" Mike Smith, says, "Breadsticks are popular because they're cheap and low fat. They're very filling, too." He describes the breadstick-making process as relatively simple: regular pizza dough is stretched length-wise, then sliced. Basically, it's pizza crust without the sauce or cheese. Unless, of course, you choose to add that in the form of dipping sauces yourself.

While Papa John's busily delivers their breadsticks to campus, Fazoli's, a franchised fast-food Italian restaurant, sits

back and watches customers stream through its doors. Most Fazoli's customers come in just for the breadsticks. The management estimates that each guest entering their establishment has at least four breadsticks before leaving. This is part of an interesting policy: even if a guest orders nothing more than a Diet Coke, a Fazoli's server will continuously offer them breadsticks while

'On a Friday, it's not unusual for us to give out more than 5000 breadsticks.'

Ellen Peirce, Fazoli's

they're seated, free of charge.

"It's our policy that everyone in our restaurant get our breadsticks," says assistant manager Ellen Peirce. She often watches guests come in, order two breadsticks, then sit down and wait for more to be brought to their table. "On a Friday, it's not unusual for us to give out more than 5000 breadsticks," she adds. To give you an idea just how popular Fazoli's sticks are, during one week last semester, they went through 23,108 of them.

One thing that makes Fazoli's breadsticks so popular is garlic butter flavoring. It's a secret recipe that the management is not allowed to disclose. Whatever it is, it sure is working. People seem to like the butteriness. "Although I'll eat Papa John's 'sticks if someone has ordered them, they're too dry. I like

them greasier," says University of Notre Dame senior Mike Rimbert.

Other restaurant chains jumping on the breadsticks bandwagon include The Olive Garden, Domino's Pizza and Pizza Hut. Hostesses at The Olive Garden could only comment, "Oh my God! We go through so many breadsticks a day!" As with Fazoli's, every guest that enters The Olive Garden is greeted by free breadsticks. Some people find the 'sticks there so addicting that they won't even allow their server to put them on the table! Free refills provided without asking.

Although little more than pizza crust and a special sauce—if you're lucky—breadsticks are turning into the cheese fries and potato skins of the '90s. Will they ever replace shrimp cocktail or caviar? Probably not. But they are quickly replacing pizza as a cheap, low fat and filling midnight snack. Now if only Papa John's would deliver them within fifteen minutes of your phone call...



■ MEDICAL MINUTE

Healthy Relationships

Dear John,

I'm a girl who can't seem to find Mr. Right. I'm not unattractive or snobby, but for the longest time, I've had trouble starting a relationship with anyone. The problem is that when I meet a guy, I can't seem to progress past the friendship stage. Many of these guys become my good buddies, but they just don't seem interested in starting an intimate relationship. My bad luck has left me feeling unattractive and unconfident. Any ideas on how I can improve my relationship status? I know it's vague, but it's been troubling me forever.—Thanks, Just-a-Friend



John Galvin
Medical Minute
Correspondent

Dear Just-a-Friend,

First of all, my friend, luck often doesn't have a lot to do with relationships. Maybe you're trying too hard. A potential person can sense this, and it comes off as needy and consequently unattractive. It sounds to me like you need to start defining yourself for who you are, not who you're with. Taking the time to know yourself, develop your personality and actually like yourself are very key things to do before beginning a fun relationship. You will then approach a new partner with lots to offer, not lots you need. Good luck and have fun.

Dear John,

I have been going with my girl for over a year now. We both love each other and are very cool. We were set-up at my SYR and spent the summer together in New York. She has two years of college left, and I'm graduating this year. The problem is that I'm "in love" with my girl, but in a few months we will be separated. I'm afraid that our separation will prevent us from growing and progressing. Will things end after the emotional airport smooch? Should I avoid getting too intimate, so I don't get whipped when I eventually have to leave? I want to be a nice-guy, but I just don't want to be played for a fool.—Ain't-No-Fool

Dear Ain't-No-Fool,

The idea of carrying on a long-distance relationship and worrying about whether or not there is, or might ever be, a commitment sounds incredibly stressful. You need to ascertain questions like: What do you each want out of your relationship? What are you each getting out of the relationship—now, in the past and in the future? What are your needs in a relationship? Are they being met over the long distance? Can they be met over time? Are you having fun? Think of it as a big experiment—if what you first decide to do isn't working for one or both of you, go back to the drawing board. And then have some fun.

Dear John,

I'm a communications major who is trying to cope with shyness. I have extreme difficulty talking to people—even to people I see and hang-out with everyday. I know making friends takes time and patience, but I seem to be at a loss as to how to develop acquaintances too. I've always been anti-social, but I never wanted to be. Who does, right? But I just don't know how not to be.

I'm studying a profession that requires a lot of personal communication, so it's making me nervous and depressed whenever I can't overcome my introvertedness. But it's not my career that worries me the most. I sense my emotional well-being deteriorating every time I feel myself lost around others. Is there anything I can do to overcome shyness? Thanks.—Isolated

Dear Isolated,

You are not alone in feeling shy—although it probably feels that way. Shyness relates to one's exaggerated sense of self. Shy individuals are often absorbed in themselves, and constantly focused on how they affect others and how others feel about them. They worry about themselves and become so absorbed in their own discomfort and inadequacies that they cannot focus on or feel toward others. This cycle further isolates shy people from the mainstream of warm, giving relationships. Force yourself to talk more, share your feelings and to have some fun.

Dear John,

Last semester I went abroad, and, wouldn't you know, I met a guy and fell head-over-heels for him. Having never really had a real boyfriend, Giovanni was like a dream come true. He was very sweet, a perfect gentleman and very romantic. Unfortunately I had to leave him behind, and now here I am back in the U.S., and I miss him a lot and don't know what to do to deal with it. I plan to see him again this summer but I don't know how to deal with it for now. It's not only the emotion I felt when I was with him, but the "amore" that I miss.—Missing the "Amore" in my life

Dear Missing the "Amore" in my life,

Experiencing an intimate relationship is great, however, long-distance relationships can be really hard. Therefore, try to keep yourself busy with schoolwork and creating a social network while you're here. Make platonic friends and develop a support system to help you deal with daily stresses as well as just hanging-out. Write letters, pine away for your boyfriend, and in the meantime, have some fun.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Hoyas deny Huskies' bid for perfect Big East season

By JIM O'CONNELL
Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. Georgetown did things no one had done to Connecticut since November.

The 11th-ranked Hoyas ended the third-ranked Huskies' 23-game winning streak and chance at a perfect Big East season with a devastating 77-65 victory Monday night.

"For the first time a team attacked us and we didn't respond," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "We expected the challenge from a very good team, thought we could meet it and obviously didn't."

Georgetown (22-5, 11-4 Big East), which was led by Allen Iverson's 26 points and eight steals, did it the way it used to in the old days — with a suffocating defense so good that even Ray Allen had one of his worst games of the season.

"Allen plays both ends of the court extremely hard," Georgetown coach John Thompson said of the 6-foot Iverson. "He did a good job."

The Huskies (24-2, 14-1) last lost to Iowa in the semifinals of the season-opening Great Alaska Shootout. Their start matched the best ever in the Big East. St. John's went 14-0 in 1984-85 and Georgetown ended that run as well.

A 16-1 burst gave the Hoyas a 30-12 lead with 9:43 left in the first half. The Huskies had 12 turnovers at halftime and Allen,

second only to Iverson in the league scoring race, was 1-for-9 at halftime with two points. It wasn't just one Georgetown player who stopped Allen. Boubacar Aw, Iverson, Victor Page and Jerry Nichols all covered him. And there was plenty of help. Every time Allen went around a screen, there was another player waiting for him.

"I think Boubacar and Jerry Nichols did a great job on him. Everybody else did a great job of helping out when he came down on transition," Iverson said of Allen. "We just wanted to come in here and play our style of basketball, and that's real hard defense. Boubacar set the tempo for us."

Allen finished with 13 points on 5-for-18 shooting.

"Ray has been played tough before in a lot of games, and great players are going to get played that way," Calhoun said. "Ray had to find a way to get free. He just didn't have a good game. I don't think he had a good game at either end."

"They just stunned us. They got down on us," Allen said. "I remember they scored one of the first baskets and we just turned around and they were in our faces and took us by surprise."

The Hoyas led 43-31 at halftime and the sellout crowd of 19,035 at USAir Arena had a sense the Huskies weren't done as they had never trailed in the second half during the winning streak. Iverson took care of that quickly.

He scored the first points of

the second half on a dunk where he went down the lane over teammates and opponents alike. He was fouled on the play and Calhoun was forced to call a timeout just 47 seconds into the second half. A 7-0 run that made it 55-36 with 16:09 left had Calhoun calling a second timeout.

The lead reached 59-39 on a jumper by Aw with 13:53 left, the first time Connecticut had been behind by that many points this season.

Jerome Williams had 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Hoyas, while Aw and Nichols each had 11 points.

Connecticut had won the last five games against the Hoyas, including all three last season.

"I had memories of them beating us three straight games last year, and I didn't want to be able to come home and say, 'I've never gotten a win against UConn,'" Williams said.

Doron Sheffer led the Huskies with 23 points on 6-of-8 shooting from 3-point range.

"Maybe I'm going to say too many good things about Doron, but, boy, was he good," Calhoun said. "Iverson had some help tonight. Doron didn't. He just didn't get any help."

All but the first and last of the seven baskets of the 16-1 run came off turnovers as Georgetown's pressing, trapping defense had the Huskies shook. Iverson had three steals in the run and each led to a field goal, two by him, including a three-point play, and a break-away dunk by Page.



The Observer/Mike Norbut Superstar Hoya guard Allen Iverson had 26 points and eight steals last night as Georgetown ended UConn's 23-game winning streak with a 77-65 victory.

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AS OF WEDNESDAY, 2/28, I'M OUTTA HERE. SO ARE YOU. WHEN DOES FOOD AND DRINK SEASON BEGIN? WE STILL NEED TO FIND A DRIVER FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. ANY VOLUNTEERS?

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You won't get another chance at this, Admiral. We have no choice, General Calrissian. Our cruisers can't repel firepower of that magnitude. Han will have that shield down. We've got to give him more time.

Tim Corbitt is spelled Tim Corbett. But he is cool no matter how you say it.

Do you know anyone who has been to an obscene amount of dances? Let Accent know. 631-4540

hey, if that guy would not have flashed his lights, we would have hit the deer. and chore daddy would have paid for it. say, pal, did you ever get that girl's car fixed? don't smoke and drive, silly.

pixy pixy pixy stix and you will never know

emily, allison, charity, here's to you and the pink jeans!

cora and ash, stop with the trolls, will you? and your music is way too loud.

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when is that thing running anyway? I'll be out of town.

Dean, hope it's a good valentine's dance. too bad I don't get another t-shirt. say, I never got the one from two years ago!

if you stole my brown doc martens, please return them. I know who you are, mean monkey. I know you've got them

Nez and Mar face off in four days...will anything ever be the same Bad jeans?

Bon-Bon, I'm glad I've got a friend like you to lean on when I'm rejected...I didn't want to go anyway Love Always, The Alternative Intellect

Lisa...smile roomie, you're out of here for some fun in the sun in no time at all!

Banana...can we teach our parents the "Jimmy this weekend?"

I crushed your head Monk, and I'm not scared to do it again. Just wait 'till graduation.

"I think a man...feels more like a man if he can have a bottle of suds. That's only my opinion, sir.

Mr. Stanford contest coming this Saturday Stepan center at 8:00. Tix will be sold at the door.

"Drink up ladies, before it gets warm."

Happy Birthday and going away party Homeless, enjoy your little jaunt off to London.

Regis thanks Mrs. Tate for the call.

Thanks for the coffee Janel.

Becky, your CD player was invaluable. Thank you.

Hey Maureen, I will be praying for you.

Lance, Dom, Till, Ali, and Scull-Hope the residents of the Inn weren't too mad at us. By the way, how's your ass Lance?

■ SAINT MARY'S BASKETBALL

DePauw conquers Howells, Belles

By CAROLINE BLUM
Saint Mary's Sports Editor

Senior Barbara Howells may end her basketball career at Saint Mary's with a losing season this year, but she won't have much else to complain about.

Sunday Howells played, as Coach Marvin Wood detailed, "the best game of her career" against National Tournament hopeful DePauw College. Although the Belles fell to DePauw 88-58, Howells was almost perfect with 15 rebounds, 12 points, and 7 blocked shots.

"Barb played incredible," Wood said. "For her to play that good against such a strong team is a great compliment to her. Each time DePauw tried to score she squatted them down."

A humble Howells refused to take the credit, however.

"I didn't feel great about the game," she said. "You can never feel good about a loss. Coach Wood told us that we weren't hitting the boards so all I did was concentrate on hitting them. But I admit, I was tired."

After being on the road at Manchester Thursday night, traveling home for a game against Olivet Saturday, and finally to DePauw on Sunday, Barb was not the only one who felt fatigued.

A combination of nine 3-



The Observer/Tina Lemker

Senior Barb Howells scored 12 points, blocked seven shots and had 15 rebounds against DePauw on Sunday.

pointers from their opponents and the loss of starting sophomore Julie McGill to a twisted ankle contributed to the Belles' 89-76 loss to Manchester.

However, junior Marianne Banko filled in with 22 points, her career high.

"Marianne really stepped in and helped us out," Wood said. "She scored in double-figures, was 8-8 from the free-throw line, and made some incredible rebounds."

Char Albrecht also contributed offensively in double

figures as well as defensively as a strong force.

On Saturday the Belles earned their seventh win of the season against Olivet College, 81-39, with every player seeing at least nine minutes of play.

"Olivet was the weakest team we had played all year," Wood said. "But I was proud because we executed the entire game. We never backed down just because we had a big lead."

The Belles displayed the same efforts in their loss against DePauw Sunday.

"Nicki (McGill) kept saying in the last few minutes of the game, 'let's go, we can do this.'" Howells said. "We knew that we would lose, but we didn't give up. We pulled together and stayed a team. And I think that's important."

A DePauw player hit six 3-pointers in a row in the first half, but after some readjustments, the Belles limited her to only two points in the second half. Other problems for the Belles resulted from DePauw's trapping press. The press caused several of Saint Mary's turnovers, giving DePauw several easy points.

Only two games remain on the Belles' schedule, Thursday at Aurora and Saturday at home against No. 2 Defiance.

"For some of us, these games will be our last two ever," Howells said. "We want to end our season on a high note."

Tennis

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They defeated Alabama's No. 3 doubles team of Amanda Ballinger and Jill Breslin.

Hall, at No. 2 singles, led the way in her singles match, by routing her opponent, Brasington, 6-3, 6-0. At No. 3, Lord, won her first set decisively, 6-0, but then her opponent, Breslin, put up a charge. Finally, Lord secured the victory by capturing the second set, 7-5.

Gowen was the other Irish player, who was victorious in singles, on Saturday. She battled with Bama's Erin Braeuning, and quickly put the match away, 6-0, 6-3.

"Gowen had an impressive match against Alabama," remarked Louderback, "She came out quickly, and won convincingly, despite her injured knee."

The Irish suffered three losses. Crabtree was handed her second straight loss of the weekend. She was defeated by Alabama's Camino, 6-2, 6-1. At No. 5 singles, Olson, lost to Ballinger, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3. Also suffering her first loss of the season was Velasco who lost to Dill.

"My opponent played well," stated Velasco, "I give her lots of credit. She came up with some big shots at crucial times. Basically, she just had a better day."

"We were in control the whole time," stated Louderback "Because we won the doubles point and because we captured three quick victories in singles."

After coming out on top on Saturday, the Irish were forced to take on a hot Kentucky team. The No. 37 Wildcats were coming off a huge upset of No. 4 Georgia, the previous week. Notre Dame came away with the victory, handing the Wildcats a 6-3 loss.

The Irish played the old format for their match. This time they played singles' first, followed by doubles. They came out quickly, capturing five out of the six singles matches, and were in control for the whole match.

"Kentucky is a good team," stated Louderback, "We came

out to a quick start by winning five out of the six singles matches. We got everybody in this match, so that everyone got a chance to play. Basically, we were fired up."

Crabtree came up with her only victory of the weekend against Kentucky. She defeated Kentucky's Courtney Roberts, who was forced to retire early because of a knee injury, 6-1, 1-0.

Hall also had another impressive showing at the No. 2 singles spot as she quickly dismissed Wildcat's Massoumeh Emami, 6-4, 7-5. Lord came through at No. 3 singles, by beating Kentucky's Kathy Herring, 6-3, 6-2. Velasco defeated Andrea Nathan at No. 4 singles, 6-2, 6-4. The fifth victory came from Gowen, she downed her Wildcat opponent, Kelly Brown, 6-1, 6-4.

The only Irish singles player to suffer a loss was Olson, she was beat in straight sets by Kentucky's Christy Sigurski, 6-4, 6-1.

The team did get swept in the doubles competition. New and old faces were on the court for the Irish doubles team. Olson and Velasco were bumped up to No. 1 doubles and were defeated in a tight match, 9-8. Playing at No. 2 doubles was senior Meredith Siegfried and freshman Courtney Haskell. Haskell was playing in her first collegiate duel match. They were handed a defeat, 8-6. Sophomore Molly Gavin and sophomore Darci Sweet lost to Kentucky's Brown and Caroline Kirk.

"This last match for us was tough," stated Louderback, "We had been playing all weekend long. All of the singles played really well. All around the play was pretty solid."

"Kentucky was a really solid team," stated Velasco, "We played tough and ground it out. In the end, we pulled through."

Mostly the Irish will be resting this weekend, because they are looking ahead to the National Indoor Tournament this coming weekend in Wisconsin.

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Junior Beth Morgan and the women's basketball team look to continue their home court dominance tonight against Miami.

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coaches know what to expect. "They're a really quick team, but they aren't a very good shooting team," stated Poor. The Hurricanes are led by sophomore forward Octavia

Blue, who averages over 16 points per game in Big East contests. In her last four games, she has led all Hurricane scorers with a 24 point average. Despite Blue's impressive statistics, the Irish are not intimidated.

"Her quickness was hard to guard, but we know we can contain her," explained Poor.

Desma Thomas and Jennifer Jordan round out the list of double digit scorers for the Hurricanes. Jordan also leads the team in rebounding with nearly seven per game.

The Irish will attempt to contain all of Miami's scoring threats. On the other side of the ball, Notre Dame hopes to continue its own impressive offensive attack. The Irish had five players who scored in double figures this weekend against Pittsburgh.

If Notre Dame plays like they have for the past two weeks, the Irish seniors will finish their last home game with a win.

Bouts

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release form," he said.

Being of legal age does have more than one advantage. But it didn't mean Mrs. Schmieler was going to take to the idea lightly, so Jim thought it would be better to just keep her in the dark.

"I told my dad about it, but I wasn't going to tell my mom until afterwards," Schmieler, a South Bend native, said. "But then I had to go home one weekend and I had gotten a black eye in practice. She found out pretty quick."

There are plenty of distractions to keep a second semester senior, especially one that has never before been in the ring, away from the boxing gym in the JACC. You can bet, though, that those who do it have the determination.

And their own private reasons.

"I've wanted to do it since sophomore year," Zahm Hall resident Pat McDonough said. "I figured it would be better for me to do it now rather than have a mid-life crisis."

Whether you're 21 or 51, however, boxing can be a scary thing. Seniors more than anyone count on the buddy (or buddies) system to get them through the daily grind.

"A big reason for me doing it was the roommate thing," said Charlie Algier, a fellow Stanford Hall resident with Schmieler. "It helps out a lot too, to work with a friend. You don't want to go beating on someone you don't know."

But the door can swing both ways. Not having any previous experience against other boxers may give someone false confidence, making him think he can take on even the best of boxers right off the bat.

"The first time I sparred, I fought (returning champion) John Christoforetti," McDonough said. "He kicked my butt pretty good. It's good, though, because I knew I was going to get hit. I wouldn't want to go up against someone who wasn't going to beat on me."

Unless they're boxing prodigies kept under wraps for three years, seniors take their lumps



The Observer/Brian Hardy

Senior Pat McDonough focuses on the heavy bag during a recent Bengal Bouts workout. The quarterfinals of the Bouts are Sunday.

like everyone else, sometimes even more so. The added three years of not being in boxing shape tends to weigh just as heavily as a stiff jab or uppercut.

But with time quickly advancing towards Sunday's quarterfinal bouts, it's too late to start worrying about a ten-pound opponent will be. The chips just have to fall where they may.

In the eyes of many spectators, wins and losses are incidental. The fact that a senior could just get in the ring and compete after three years of watching is enough to make the oldest die-hards stand and

cheer.

And if all else fails, they'll at least hang up the gloves in their best physical condition.

"I like the boxing workout," Schmieler said. "Never again will I eat healthier and be able to exercise for two hours a day, six days a week."

In six short weeks, the seniors have already picked up the intangibles they need to make them total boxers. The true physical test will be in the ring.

"I just hope I don't get knocked out," 140-pound hopeful Joe Leslie said. "Guys that light don't usually get floored by one punch, do they?"

SPORTS BRIEFS

Jazz Dance: A Jazz Dance class will be offered on Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:45 in Rockne Rm. 219. All levels are welcome, but space is limited. You must register in advance at the RecSports office and the fee is \$30. Open to all ND students.

Intercollegiate Bowling: Any students of Saint Mary's or Notre Dame who are interested in collegiate bowling competition, please contact Jason 4-1065.

Women's Lacrosse: Practice schedule change beginning February 20 and will now be Tuesday and Thursday at 10:15 p.m. Questions? Call Allison at 239-7924.

Drop-In Volleyball: RecSports will be sponsoring Drop-In Volleyball every Tuesday night this semester. Play will be from 8-11 p.m. in the Joyce Center. Open to all students, faculty and staff.

Downhill Ski Trip: RecSports will be sponsoring a ski trip to Cannonburg, MI on Sunday, February 25. The fee for the trip is \$30.00 and it includes lift ticket, ski rental and transportation. The bus departs the library circle at 11 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m. The registration deadline is Thursday, February 22.

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■ TRACK

Men finish third in Big East Tourney

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Sports Writer

This past weekend, the Notre Dame track and field team competed in their inaugural Big East Championship meet. The men's team earned the immediate respect of their new conference rivals by claiming third place overall in the meet. The women, despite some promising performances, were only able to achieve eleventh place at the contest.

The men's squad was paced by three first place finishes, two in running events and one in the field events. Sophomore Jason Rexing won the 5000 meter run in a time of 14:17.99, followed by teammate Matt Althoff who finished fifth in 14:32.90. In the 1000 meter run, senior Jeff Hojnacki was victorious for the second time this season as he crossed the finish line in a time of 2:27.39. Junior Pat Gorman finished eighth in the event.

The field was the site of the most significant Irish highlight of the weekend. Senior Mike Fleisch broke the Big East Championships record in the shot put with a throw of 59-6.25. His effort once again met NCAA provisional qualifying standards.

Sophomore Errol Williams and senior Derek Seiling also turned in impressive performances on the track. Williams placed in two events, the 55 meter hurdles and the 200 meter dash. He took fifth in the hurdles with a time of 7.45 and eighth in the 200 in 22.65. Seiling placed sixth in the 3000, finishing in 8:27.19 and anchored the team's distance medley relay with a 4:06 mile.

Hojnacki, who was teamed with Seiling in the distance medley, gave his teammate

strong praise for his performance. "Pat Gorman and I were tired coming off of the 1000 meter trials," said Hojnacki, "and Derek really carried us on his back."

There were also a few other notable accomplishments in the field events. Senior Lamarr Justice met NCAA provisional qualifying standards again, as he turned in a second place leap of 51-2.25. Irish pole vaulters contributed quality points to the team effort with second and third place finishes. Junior David Gerrity jumped 16-2.75 to take second and freshman Mike Brown rounded up third place honors with an identical height.

Top women's performances were found predominantly in the relays. The 4x800 meter team captured second with a time of 9:05.56, while the 4x400 group came in fourth in 3:47.85 and the distance medley relay finished fifth in 11:56.07.

The top individual results were turned in by sophomore Berit Junker, junior Alison Howard, and senior Erica Peterson. Junker led the women with a 1:13.19 time in the 500 meter dash. Her time was good enough for second place in the event. Howard finished sixth in the 400 with a dash of 56.83 and Peterson competed well in the 800, finishing seventh in 2:15.31.

When asked about the men's third place finish, Hojnacki said, "We finished higher than I thought we would. We were missing a few key sprinters and some distance runners were out due to injury. Everybody who made the trip competed well."

Fleisch added, "Georgetown and Connecticut were extremely impressive, but hopefully we will be able to challenge them in the outdoor season."

■ BASEBALL

Irish stung in season opener

By DYLAN BARMMER
Sports Writer

The wake-up call has been administered.

The Notre Dame baseball team was welcomed into the 1996 season by an ever-so-accommodating Georgia Tech team.

The host Yellow Jackets stung the Irish pitching staff for 21 runs off 26 hits in the two game series, pounding out convincing wins of 12-4 on Saturday afternoon and 9-4 in Sunday's game.

Leading the welcoming committee for the No. 16 Tech squad were freshman shortstop Jay Hood, who said hello to the Irish with a 6-8, three homerun, six RBI performance, and junior third baseman Michael Sorrow, who brought the Irish nothing but sorrow with his 5-10, five RBI performance on the weekend.

But the Irish aren't about to lose perspective on the importance of this weekend, looking instead to the positives which can be gleaned from the first two games of a nearly sixty game season.

"There's a lot of adjustments to be made going from indoors (Loftus) to outdoors," commented head coach Paul Mainieri. "And when you're playing a team the caliber of Georgia Tech, there is very little room for error."

The Irish pitching staff found this out the hard way, as nine different pitchers surrendered 18 earned runs to an angry swarm of Yellow Jackets. Tech hitters appeared to find therapy in the green Irish staff, using the weekend to vent the frustrations which an 0-5 start had caused.

"It didn't work out as well as I'd hoped on the mound," commented Mainieri. "None of our pitchers were able to shut them out for more than an inning. I don't think we pitched that well at all."



The Observer/Brian Hardy

Darin Schmalz and the rest of the Irish hurlers were roughed up for 18 earned runs against Georgia Tech last weekend.

The pitching turned sour from the beginning, as staff ace Craig Allen surrendered four runs, two of which were earned, in the first inning of Saturday's game. Three more runs, this time off sophomore Christian Parker in the third inning, put the Irish in an insurmountable 7-1 hole.

Bad luck on the mound struck once again in the second game, most notably in the seventh inning, when, with the Irish trailing 5-3, Wally Widelski surrendered a three-run, two-out homerun to Hood to put the game out of reach at 8-3.

Just as pitching plagued the Irish over the weekend, frustration also set in at the plate, where the Irish went down swinging 22 times, part of the reason why Notre Dame stranded 15 runners in the two game stretch. The most exciting moment for the Irish at the plate came in the ninth inning of Saturday's game, when catcher Bob Lisanti, starting his first game in over a year, launched a two-run homerun off Tech reliever Carlos Cason.

"We were able to get about four runs and ten hits in each game, but we really didn't hit the ball like we could've because we struck out too much," said Mainieri.

The greatest display of early-season hitting jitters by the Irish came in Sunday's game, a game which saw the Irish jump out to a 2-0 lead, knocking starter Shane McGill out of the game after just three innings. But David Elder was able to come in and shut the door on the Irish.

"Elder came in and got us behaving very defensively at the plate," commented Mainieri. "We struck out too much."

One aspect of his team's game which Mainieri was pleased with was fielding, as the Irish committed just four errors on the weekend which was no small feat considering they are coming off several months spent on the artificial surface of Loftus.

"I think that the only phase of our game we played up to our potential in was the defensive aspect," said Mainieri. "We made some great defensive plays out there."

"We were able to get the season underway - we went outside and played one of the top teams in the country," mused Mainieri. "It showed us the level of play we want to get to, and we can get there. I don't think we played up to our capabilities. I think we're going to get better, and I think we'll play much better next weekend."

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■ HOCKEY

Injured Ling leaves Notre Dame on thin ice

Irish set to face MSU in final showdown

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

Unless the ice on which they play on was to suddenly evaporate, life couldn't get much worse for the Notre Dame hockey team.

The 8-21-3 Irish currently find themselves out of a playoff position, one point behind Alaska Fairbanks for eighth

place in the CCHA. Leading scorer and team leader Jaimie Ling is finished for the season after breaking his ankle in Friday night's 5-2 loss to Michigan.

And oh, by the way, first place Michigan State heads into town tonight for their third and final game of the season against the Irish.

"We know that we're in a tough position with Ling out and the schedule ahead of us," said junior center Terry Lorenz. "We're going to have to take it upon ourselves to pick up the slack and get into

the playoffs."

Michigan State, 26-8, including a 22-5 league mark, has been as tough on both sides of the puck as any team in the nation. The Spartans limit opponents to a mere 2.81 goals per contest while scoring over four goals a game at the offensive end.

"They take advantage of anything you give them, so you have can't afford to have a lot of mental breakdowns," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "They have a strong front line and a good goaltender (Chad Alban). They really make you work hard at both ends."

In contrast to Notre Dame, the Spartan offense is capable of exploding at any moment of the game. Led by the electrifying trio of Anson Carter (40 points), Mike York (34), and Mike Watt (34), MSU had won 11 of 12 games prior to Saturday's loss to Michigan.

The Irish defense hopes to continue to reap the benefits of defenseman Davide Dal Grande's return to the lineup after missing 15 games with an injury.

For the most part, the unit held two of the country's top offenses, Michigan and Western Michigan, in check over the past week.

Sophomore goaltender Matt Eisler (4.30 Goals Against Average), along with defensemen Jeremy Coe, Ben Nelsen, Garry Gruber, and Brian McCarthy, have performed well of late but have little to show for their efforts against two of the nation's most talented squads.

"It's frustrating because we know that we're capable of



The Observer/Brian Hardy

Netminder Matt Eisler has been playing well recently, but will need more offensive support tonight if the Irish hope to defeat Michigan State.

beating Western Michigan and Michigan," said Nelsen. "The score doesn't indicate how we've played. We can play with anybody if we play our type of game."

Offensively, Notre Dame will have to find a way to compensate for Ling's team leading 12 goals and 19 assists. Freshman right wing (24 points), Lorenz (15), and junior right wing Tim Harberts (22)

recognize the challenge that awaits them.

"We know that it's going to be tough with him out of the lineup," said Lorenz. "We've kept a positive attitude through it all and know what we have to do to be successful. It's just a matter of going out and accepting the challenge."

Unless there is a sudden evaporation, that challenge begins tonight.



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Junior center Terry Lorenz says he knows the Irish are in a tough position and will need to pick up the slack if Notre Dame is to reach the playoffs.

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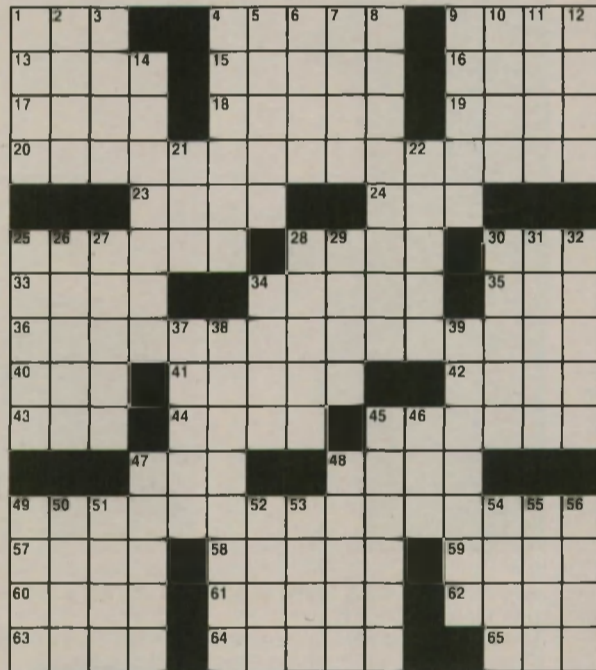
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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Becoming overly attached to material possessions will hurt you in the long run. Remember: Spiritual values count most! Look within for guidance; you are your own best adviser.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your high spirits and good humor are a big plus in the social arena. Romance thrives. Seek counseling if still troubled by something that happened a long time ago. Peace of mind will follow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Discretion keeps you from saying or doing things you could regret later on. Be prepared to adjust your schedule to handle a rush job. Higher-ups admire your ability to perform when under pressure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A brainstorming session with a close friend will deepen your rapport. Making a phone call could rekindle a plan you deemed hopeless. Bold ideas galvanize you into action. Romance looks wonderful.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish picking up steam with weekend sweep

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Writer

Three wins in four days, is an accomplishment. The women's tennis team can boast exactly that.

The Irish defeated the No. 9 Tennessee Volunteers on Thursday. Then this weekend the team followed it up with a victory over the Crimson Tide of Alabama on Saturday. The very next day, the team dismissed the Kentucky Wildcats.

"We knew that Alabama was a tough team," stated freshman Marisa Velasco, "The singles matches were going to be tough so the key was to win the doubles point."

On Saturday, the team faced a tough Alabama team. The match was close the whole way through, but in the singles competition the Irish clinched

it, 4-3. The key to the match was the doubles competition according to head coach, Jay Louderback.

"The doubles point was the key to the victory because we split the singles and we needed it to claim the match," stated Louderback.

The Irish swept all of the doubles matches. Seniors Wendy Crabtree and Holyn Lord defeated Alabama's Cantillon Brasington and Allison Eager, 8-5. Following their teammates' lead, junior Erin Gowen and freshman Jennifer Hall came out victorious in their close match with the Tide's Whitney Dill and Baili Camino, 9-7. Also coming out on top in their close match was sophomore Kelley Olson and Velasco, who won 9-7.

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Despite Notre Dame wins over Alabama and Kentucky, sophomores Darcy Sweet (left) and Molly Gavin lost against Kentucky on Sunday, 8-4. The Observer/Dave Murphy

'Last Chance'

First-year senior boxers take advantage of final Bengal Bouts opportunity

By MIKE NORBUT
Sports Editor

Jim Schmiedeler's mom was never supposed to know.

The senior desperately wanted to take part in the Bengal Bouts during his first three years on campus. But one thing or another always

seemed to get in his way. This year, however, things fell into place, and Schmiedeler got his chance to box.

"The main thing that allowed me to do it this year was I got to sign my own

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Above: Joe Leslie takes a breather during a sparring match Monday. Below, left: Jim Schmiedeler (left) tries to avoid a Charlie Algier jab during a Bengal Bouts workout. The Observer/Brian Hardy

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Bengal Bouts

Quarter-Finals

Sunday, February 25
1:30 p.m. Joyce Arena

Semi-Finals

Tuesday, February 27
7:30 p.m. Joyce Fieldhouse

Finals

Friday, March 1
8:00 p.m. Joyce Arena

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Blowing away the opposition

Irish look to continue dominating trend in last home game of season

By TODD FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Home sweet home.

The Notre Dame women's basketball team has cherished this motto all season, only dropping one game at the Joyce Center. Now Irish seniors have only one more opportunity to compete on their home court. They will play the last regular season home game of their college careers tonight against Miami, which enters this contest with a 13-11 record.

Under different circumstances, Notre Dame may have looked past this game because of this weekend's nationally televised contest with Big East Conference leader and defending national champion Connecticut. Senior co-captain Carey Poor explained that this game is different.

"I don't think anyone is looking past this game, especially because it is the last home game," commented Poor.

The 18-5 Irish will try to continue one of its best winning streaks of the season. They have handily defeated Pittsburgh twice, along with triumphs over Georgetown and Villanova in their last four games. Because of their recent success, the Irish plan to make few adjustments heading into tonight's contest.

"We're happy with the way we are playing. We're playing really well right now," Poor said.

In their first match-up of the season, Notre Dame defeated Miami 67-50. So Irish players and

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SPORTS at a GLANCE

Basketball
vs. Providence Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball
vs. Miami Feb. 20, 7 p.m.

Hockey
vs. Michigan State Feb. 20, 7 p.m.

Track
Alex Wilson Invite Feb. 23-24

Men's and Women's Tennis
at National Indoors Feb. 22-25

SMC Sports
Basketball at Aurora Feb. 22, 7 p.m.
Swimming at Liberal Arts Invite
Feb. 22-24

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