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Cesaro, Griffin take run-offs

High turnout makes for close freshman race

By KRISTI KOLSKI
Assistant News Editor

As the campus-wide election season came to a close yesterday, the sophomore and junior class offices were filled.

The ticket of Peter Cesaro, Michelle Costello, James Farrell, and Erin Herlihy will lead the class of '99 in the coming year. Winning 53.6 percent of the vote they edged the Jay DeCoons, Karen Hilke, Joe Hand, and Dan Mullen ticket, which managed 46.4 percent of the vote.

Turnout in the sophomore class election yesterday was high with 1,142 freshman voting.

In Monday's sophomore class primary election the two tickets emerged with 21 percentage of electoral votes.

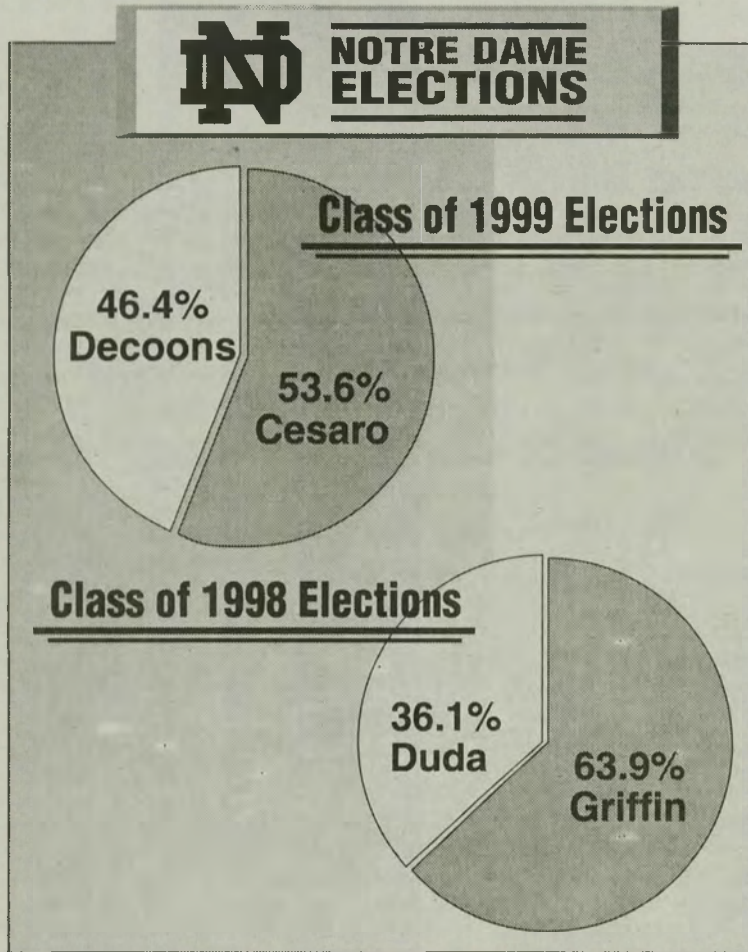
"We all worked really hard to pull this thing off," Costello said. "A lot of people got involved and I hope that is reflective of next year."

Communication is an important issue in the Cesaro platform. They are planning a class newsletter via the World Wide Web and a social-sophomore sports tournament.

Although losing, DeCoons and Hilke both reflected on the election as a great opportunity and plan to continue working in student government.

"We just want to thank our supporters and those who put their trust in us," DeCoons said.

Matt Griffin, Anne Freedy,



Beth Nolan, and Leon Stronsky won the junior class office election. The ticket garnered 63.9 percent of the votes while their run-off opponents, Rick Duda, Becca Dalton, Sean Lynch and Stacy McNulty, managed 36.1 percent of the votes.

Emphasizing class unity and becoming the 'Voice of '98,' the Griffin ticket is planning to offer mailings to juniors abroad and several class trips next year. The team would also like to establish a junior service week to increase service oppor-

tunities for the junior class.

"We are looking to get started early with concerts and trips to Chicago," Griffin said.

The newly elected leaders look to get more students involved.

"We really want to get more participation and more publicity," Freedy said.

Although Duda said his ticket did their best he applauded the Griffin ticket for their efforts.

"They did a great job and campaigned more aggressively," Duda said.

Gender Studies lecture addresses homophobia

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
News Writer

Stickers displaying a pink triangle and the words "Safe Zone" may be popping up all over campus soon. They are part of a program launched last night to provide areas on campus that homosexual students can go to speak about issues relating to their sexual orientation.

This program was the final point of a series of remarks given last night on the topic of "Moving Beyond Homophobic Campus Space" that was sponsored by the Gender Studies Program.

The first speaker was Kathleen Biddick, associate professor of History, who concen-

trated on Tolerant Homophobia as a tactic in homophobic dialogue.

"Tolerant Homophobia," she says, "[is when] the policy 'tolerates' gays and lesbians as long as they quietly endure institutionalized discrimination against them."

However, she qualified these statements by saying that tolerance is desirable, if it is accompanied by a change in the curriculum. "I am concerned," said Biddick, "that recognition of GLND/SMC, as important as that would be, by the administration will only produce a situation of homophobic tolerance unless it is linked to policies of institutional discrimination on

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Burrows' walk depicts trials of Afro-Americans

By GAYLA SPENNEY
News Writer

Tuesday night, as a part of "The Spirit of Blackness Week II," a mixture of Saint Mary's students, faculty and administrators turned out to view Vinie Burrows in her theatrical performance entitled, "Walk Together Children."

Burrows' show depicted the trials, tribulations, and triumphs that black Americans have been and are currently faced with. Through many different personas, Burrows developed a realistic and convincing portrayal of black Americans.

Alia Paige, Saint Mary's senior and president of the Sisters of Nefertiti stated that "It was a well acted portrayal of African-Americans from slavery to today, and it is truly a work of art."

Burrows, after many Broadway performances realized that she lacked exposure as a black woman.

To remedy this, Burrows started using her poetry and theatrical talents to portray the realities that face black

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Violence deepens quest for peace

Editor's note: this is the first of a two part series examining the recent end of the IRA cease-fire, and how the return of hostilities affects Notre Dame students living in London.

By MARY KATE MORTON
Associate News Editor

After seventeen months of tenuous peace in the North of Ireland and the United Kingdom, violence has re-assumed the role of primary player in the on-going peace process across the Atlantic Ocean.

Following the Feb. 9 explosion in the heart of the London business district and the Irish Republican Army's declaration that their cease-fire is officially over, the question arises as to whether or not the peace process has been permanently crippled by the lapse into violence.

According to Robert Johansen, director of graduate studies at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, the consequences of the recent bombings are complex. "There appear to be two paths that reactions have taken," said Johansen, although he reiterated the fact that there is no simple

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answer.

Johansen believes that two responses have manifested themselves in light of the end of the IRA cease fire. For some people, the return to violence has made them witness more directly their desire for peace. "Within Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, the actions of many Irish people have been encouraging. They have stood-up for their rights and for resolution and deepened their commitment to peace through non-violent methods," stated Johansen.

For others, though, peace may not be as likely. "There have been reports that certain people may be hunkering down in new fears and contemplating violent counter-actions," said Johansen.

As for the role of the governments in the wake of this violence, their actions may be even more difficult to predict than the responses of the people.

"When a threat is involved, it is harder for one side [government] to make clear concessions or decisions regarding a resolution," said Johansen. "The governments are concerned with their constituents and whether they will be perceived as conceding too much."

David Cortright, visiting faculty fellow at the Kroc Institute and a professor of non-violent conflict resolutions, agreed with Johansen, stating that the British side remains an obstacle, especially after the renewed violence on behalf of the IRA. "John Major depends on his Ulster constituents for support."

Ultimately, there are numerous factors that can lead to how a specific body of government, political group or individual will react to the end of the cease-fire. "We need to look at the various sides to evaluate the effects these bombings have had on their approaches to a resolution," said Johansen.

But the time could be right for peace. "Most encouraging is the rejection of the people of Northern Ireland and Ireland to a return to violence," said

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Hoop Dreams!

Notre Dame students sign up for Bookstore Basketball as spring rolls around the bend.

The Observer/ Katie Kroemer

INSIDE COLUMN

The gift of existence

I never met Gary Paschall. The brief time he had at Notre Dame did not overlap my semesters at Saint Mary's. His extraordinary life has still brushed mine—and the life of this entire community.

Mary Beth Ellis
Saint Mary's Accent
Editor

On February 16, I read in The Observer that Paschall, a Flanner resident, had lost a painful battle with bone cancer. Two days later I flew into Flanner Mass five minutes late, having been held up at The Observer office. As usual. My head was spinning. As usual. Assign this story, cram for that exam, and worry about room picks in the spare millisecond in between. I was all agitation until the focus of the service became quietly apparent.

Mass was offered for Paschall in Flanner that night. Rector Fr. Bill Seetch filled his homily with a portrait of this uncomplaining freshman from Wichita Falls, Texas, whose promising athletic career was snatched away by radiation treatments and an amputated knee.

But all Gary Paschall wanted, ladies and gentlemen, was a year at Notre Dame. Two semesters, fall and spring. That's it.

It didn't happen. Failing health forced him home to Texas shortly after his first Christmas break. He'll never see another pep rally, chem class, or Activities Night.

Think about that. How often are we so caught up in college that we miss it? Our days are whirls of classes and dances and meetings, each precious second of each precious day shaping us, making us more a part of this place and of each other's lives. It's overwhelming. But it's wonderful—and we whine. We focus on the annoying guy who lives next door or the prof whose lectures have the excitement of a rice cake—and we whine.

Life here shouldn't be sugarcoated, but it should certainly be appreciated. Loveliness abounds even amidst the mud and muck of February; if you can't see it in your physical surroundings, look to your peer surroundings. I guarantee you'll find it. The other week I was high-heel balancing my way to a dance when my date and I happened upon one of those infamous North Quad puddles you could hold a regatta in. My date, who, in the true SYR tradition, had known me for a grand total of forty-five minutes, picked me up and carried me across.

Things like that, I have noticed, just tend to happen around here.

Life is beautiful because it is life. If you don't want to take my word for it, take God's: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad" (Psalms 118:24). Smile, please. See the Dome instead of the scaffolding the next time you go past the Main Building. We're young, we're holding the future, and we're here. Send God a thank-you note the next time you pass by the dorm chapel. We have been virtually handed what Gary Paschall struggled for every day: the gift of the supposedly ordinary existence of a college student. Celebrate it—if not for your own sake, then for Gary's.

He didn't have the chance.

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Morissette captures two best album Grammys

LOS ANGELES Alanis Morissette's "Jagged Little Pill" was named rock album and album of the year and her emotionally raw single "You Oughta Know" won two other awards as the Grammys embraced some cutting-edge music Wednesday night.

Seal's "Kiss from a Rose" won record and song of the year, and he was named best male pop vocal performance.

Mariah Carey, who entered the competition tied with Morissette's leading six nominations, won nothing — her traditional-sounding album "Daydream" failed to generate trophies in a year with the recording academy skewed to a not-so-romantic view of life.

Morissette's "You Oughta Know" won best rock song and female rock vocal performance.

With 1995's best-selling album "Cracked Rear View," Hootie & the Blowfish won best new artist and pop group vocal performance for "Let Her Cry."

"You Oughta Know," with graphic sexual references, was performed word-for-word by Morissette on the Grammy stage but CBS bleeped out the most flagrant four-letter word.



"This award does not represent the fact that I'm better than any other women that were nominated with me but it does represent a lot of people connected to what I wrote ... and for that I'm grateful," Morissette said after receiving her trophy for female rock vocal performance.

Vince Gill, the trio TLC and Stevie Wonder also captured two Grammys apiece, Frank Sinatra scored his first victory in decades and Nirvana was saluted for its last effort before the death of leader Kurt Cobain.

A surprised Annie Lennox said she was honored to win a Grammy for the best female pop vocal performance in a year of so many strong performances by women artists.

Coolio won best rap solo for "Gangsta's Paradise." In perhaps the most meaningful acceptance speech, he addressed black and

Hispanic students who have been engaged in brawls on a Los Angeles high school campus.

Sinatra captured his first competitive Grammy in 29 years. His "Duets II" was named best traditional pop vocal performance.

Recording industry mentor Babyface, was honored as producer of the year.

Candidates tussle over trade in S.C.

CLEARWATER, S.C. Pat Buchanan lashed out at GOP rival Bob Dole on Tuesday over trade deals he said ship jobs overseas, pledging to wage a bare-knuckled fight for American workers against the "barons and knights" of the Republican Party. With trade a top issue in the runup to Saturday's South Carolina primary, Buchanan chose a shuttered textile factory as the setting to deliver his critique of trade deals that he said cost American jobs. Dole, for his part, headed for a BMW plant elsewhere in the state to offer free trade as a prescription for a healthy American economy. Thirty-seven delegates are at stake in South Carolina, a state where the competing approaches of Dole and Buchanan reflect differing views over where to find political gain. In South Carolina, as elsewhere, traditional industries such as textiles have suffered at the hands of foreign competition. But, at the same time, the state has its share of high-tech companies, often heavily dependent on foreign investment. It was Buchanan who struck first. Standing in a shuttered textile factory in Clearwater, he said Dole worries more about the bottom line for business than for the fate of American workers.



Wineries hit by fallout from protests

VILLEFRANCHE-SUR-SAONE, France Vintners, especially those in the Beaujolais heartland, are being hurt by a wine boycott spurred by French nuclear tests. Exports of Beaujolais Nouveau dropped about 15 percent due to the boycotts, Michel Rougier, head of the Beaujolais wine growers association, said Wednesday. The boycotts were most effective in Japan and northern Europe, where sales plummeted 50 percent, he said. Wineries in Bordeaux, where France's most coveted and exported wine is cultivated, reported similar results. Bordeaux wineries will lose at least \$200 million as a result of the boycotts, the Bordeaux wine growers' association estimated. Six underground nuclear blasts in French Polynesia from Sept. 5 through Jan. 27 spurred worldwide protests. In Australia, angry residents poured French wine into the streets. Exports of Beaujolais Nouveau since the fall were down by about 15 percent or 910,000 gallons, compared to the same period in previous years. That translates into \$11.6 million in lost sales for wine growers in the Beaujolais region around Villefranche, in east-central France. Sales dropped 35 to 55 percent in Scandinavian countries. There was no change in U.S. sales. While Beaujolais Nouveau represents only a small fraction of wine exports, it's one of France's best known wines.

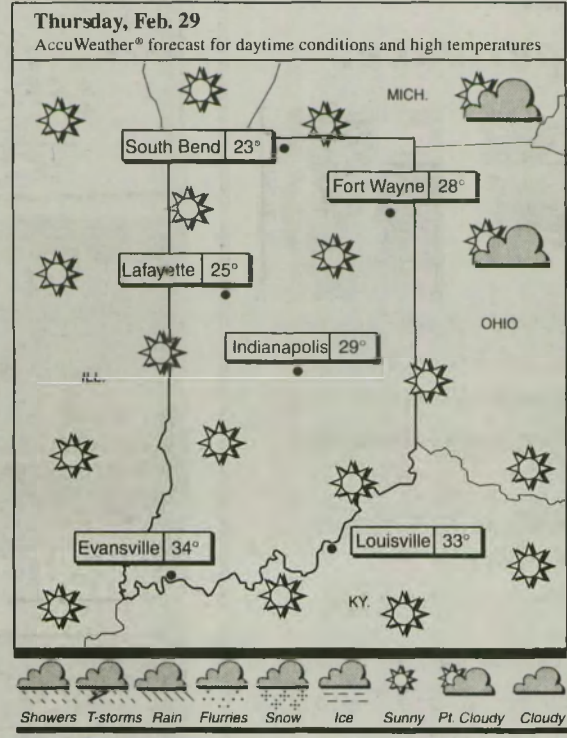
Salvi sees girlfriend become vampire

DEDHAM, Mass. The man charged with killing two people at abortion clinics descended into madness with visions of his girlfriend turning into a vampire and a belief that mobsters were stalking him, his father testified today. John Salvi III also told his parents that the family's home was bugged and that Freemasons controlled their credit cards, John C. Salvi Jr. testified today at his son's murder trial. The father was the second witness for the defense, which is trying to show that the 23-year-old Salvi was insane when he killed two people and injured five others at a pair of Brookline abortion clinics in December 1994. Prosecutors, who maintain the shootings were the work of a sane man who planned the shootings because he opposed abortion, wrapped up their case Tuesday. The elder Salvi said his son believed his girlfriend had turned into a vampire before his eyes.

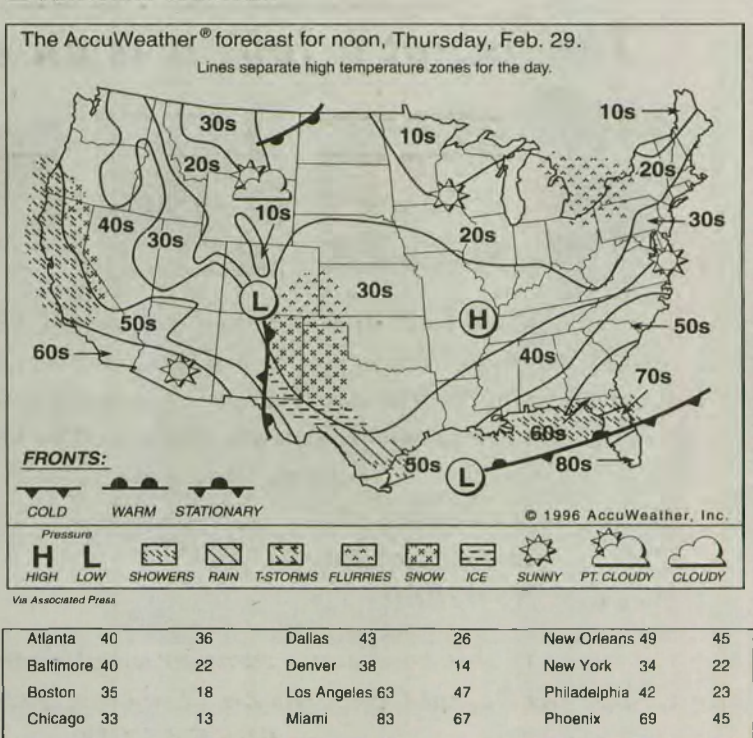
European condoms take new lengths

BRUSSELS, Belgium The European Union is taking unity to new lengths: Condoms must now be at least 6 4/5 inches long to earn the EU stamp of approval. "If it's not long enough, you can endanger the health of the consumer," Suzanne Larque, of the European Committee for Standardization, said Wednesday after the EU set the new size standard for condoms sold in 18 European countries. Testing will be standardized to ensure the safety of condoms, used to prevent pregnancy and the transmission of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. They must be filled with water to check for holes, and mechanically stretched and inflated to test strength. The guidelines probably will be in force by the end of the year in all 15 EU nations, as well as Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland, Ms. Larque said. Under the directive, the width of Euro-condoms can vary from 1 3/4 to 2 1/4 inches.

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Rotary scholarships available to students

By MELANIE LAFLIN
Assistant News Editor

Applications for the 1997-98 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial scholarships to be awarded worldwide are now available to all Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College students, courtesy of the Rotary Club of Roseland.

The scholarships, which are designed to further international understanding and goodwill, provide for study abroad in one of the 153 countries and 34 geographical regions where Rotary clubs are located. Some 1,200 scholarships of various types will be available from clubs worldwide. The value of each scholarship and local availability varies.

Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide up to \$22,000 or its equivalent for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, necessary educational supplies, contingency expenses, and one month of intensive language training, if assigned by the Rotary Founda-

tion. Multi-year Ambassadorial Scholarships are flat grants of \$11,000 per year for either two or three years toward the cost of a degree program in another country.

Also available are Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships which provide funding for three to six months of intensive language study in another country up to a minimum of \$10,000 and \$17,000 respectively.

According to Roseland Rotary representative Jay Simkins, all Rotary Scholars are expected to act as "ambassadors of American goodwill" to their foreign host country. Through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations, and other forums, the scholars represent their homelands and improve international understanding.

For an application, contact Jay Simkin, 17924 Sable Ridge Dr., South Bend, IN 46635 or call 272-8855 or 272-0285.

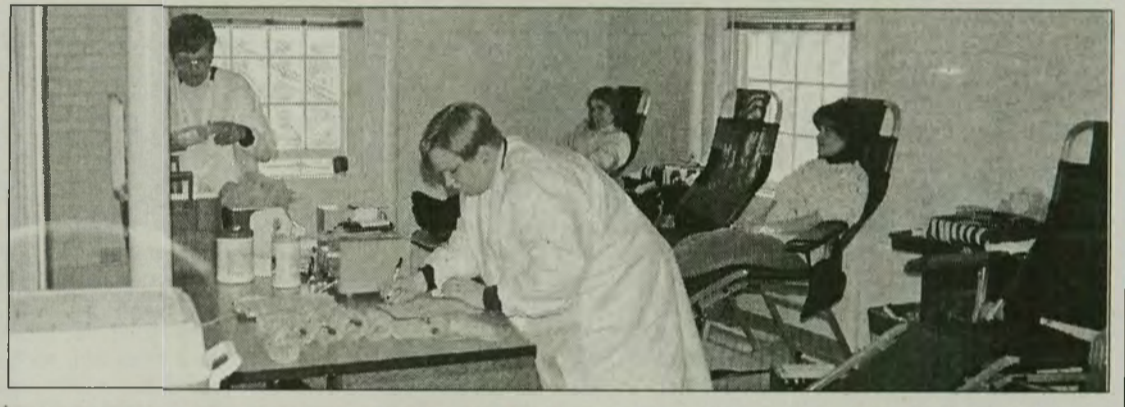
The deadline to submit all application materials to the Rotary Club of Roseland will be April 1, 1996.



Opening a vein for a good cause...

In a Blood Drive at Saint Mary's yesterday afternoon, students Beth Lang, Marie Young, and Linda Coleianne participated in donating blood.

The Observer/ Leslie Zielinski



Film forum discusses diversity

By ALYSSON COOK
News Writer

As the 'Spirit of Blackness' week continues, excitement on campus is at an all time high for the remaining events of the week. "The focus of all our events is to bring a culture

which we feel is under represented onto this campus and just celebrate it," said Alia Paige, president of the Sisters of Nefertiti.

Tonight at 6:00 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium, the Sisters of Nefertiti will show "Higher Learning", a film dealing with the struggles of students trying to find their identity in a racist world. Following the film, a discussion will be led by Assistant History Professor Kelly Hamilton and Assistant Sociology/Anthropology and Social Work Professor Jeffrey Breese.

Professor Breese and Professor Hamilton are anticipating a unique and informative discussion forum after the film. "There are only 17 African-Americans on campus and not only do we lack diversity, but it

seems like there's a lack of understanding. We hope the discussion will be an eye-opening experience to do away with apprehensions and raise the levels of awareness," said Breese.

Professor Hamilton feels that this film really touches students. "What I hope and expect through the discussion, is that people will openly and honestly speak their fears and apprehensions and really listen to each other," said Hamilton.

The Sisters of Nefertiti will also be holding their jam celebration of African-American culture in Hagger Parlor from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday.

On Sunday, an all school mass will be held in the LeMans Hall chapel at 4:30 p.m. where the Voices of Faith Gospel Ensemble will perform.

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Friendship addressed in Lenten lecture series

By KATHLEEN POLICY
News Writer

Friendship is precious beyond all words, according to Keith Egan, who spoke about the relationships between God and friendships in his lecture "Friendship: A Sacred Tradition" yesterday.

Opening the Lenten lecture series with "Friendship as Holiness", Egan spoke of friendships within the context of the Saint Mary's community. He believes that the history of Saint Mary's "bears witness to the beauty of women's friendship." Learning comes from friendship at Saint Mary's, he said.

"We learn not from competition, but from mutual search... a love of learning and a desire for God," Egan said.

He spoke of friendships as sacraments. To him, friendships are like sacraments, events that bring us closer to God. They manifest God's goodness and reveal the presence of God, he said.

Egan used many Biblical examples of great friendships, such as the friendship between Naomi and Ruth, mother-in-law and daughter-in-law, who became "fast friends," according to the Bible. Egan also cited the John's Gospel, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend."

Egan also drew examples from classical philosophy, citing Aristotle and Cicero, who

both discussed friendship in their works.

Egan stressed the importance of friendship as a sacrament. He stated that, although it may not be one of the seven sacraments, it is still one of the most important ways of experiencing God. Egan agreed with St. Thomas Aquinas, who stated that God sent the Holy Spirit to be our friend.

"If friendship exists among us, it is because it exists first of all among God," Egan said, quoting Aquinas.

Egan also stressed that the great tradition at Saint Mary's exists because of the friendships fostered between mothers and daughters. Egan feels this is a precious bond that fathers rarely have.

Students agree with Egan regarding the importance of friendship at the College. "Friends are the most important thing at Saint Mary's, next to my family," said sophomore Beth Phelan. "My friends here are like sisters to me."

Egan is the Chair of the Religious Studies Department at Saint Mary's and the Director of Planning for the Center of Spirituality. He is a Senior Fellow, Lilly Fellows Program in the Humanities and the Arts and an adjunct professor at Notre Dame.

Next Wednesday, the Lenten lecture series continues as Stephanie Paulsel speaks about "Friendship: A Woman's Grace" at 12:15 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

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the campus. And the core of this campus is its curriculum."

Mark Jordan, professor from the Medieval Institute, was the next to take the floor. He spoke of the University's policy against homosexuals from a theological point of view. "Theologically speaking," he said, "it is a heresy to assert that the infinite truths of the Christian faith can be reduced to any set of human statements, no matter how large."

He went as far as to indicate that homophobia is a sin. "Homophobia is a serious theological topic for our community because it is an old sin in our community," he said, "a durable sin, with uncountable effects."

He suggested that the only remedy for this problem is, "to stir up not a spirit of condescension, of toleration, of mere acceptance, but of penitent prayer."

The next two speakers were John Blandford and Samantha Shannon, co-chairs of GLND/SMC. Blandford defined homophobic space as, "space that is sufficiently unfriendly enough to drive them [homosexuals] back into the closet."

He also indicated that there was a certain amount of xenophobia at the root of the policies of the University. "There is a fear of others," he said, "a fear of strangers at the root of this. The homosexual is considered the outsider and is forced back into the closet because of developing policy that enforces xenophobic tendencies."

Shannon spoke of her experiences at Notre Dame and about what has helped her to cope with being a lesbian in such a conservative institution. "Positive female role models were very important," she said, "they accepted who I was and would not accept it as an excuse for doing badly in school."

The final speaker of the evening was Jason Lynch, the support group chairman of GLND/SMC. He introduced the "Safe Zone" program which he said was based on a program that he encountered at Northwestern University. "For the first time as a gay male, I felt safe on a college campus," he said.

He contrasted that with the atmosphere that he found at



The Observer/Alison Frick
Mark Jordan, professor from the Medieval Institute, speaks out about homophobia in Debartolo at a lecture last night.

Notre Dame. "When I first arrived on this campus," he said, "I felt intimidated and isolated."

He sees this atmosphere changing, if only slightly with the introduction of this new program, which designates offices and rooms as places that homosexuals can go and discuss their problems without fear of reprisal. "Actual interaction," he concluded, "is the most affective way of ending homophobia."

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believe in the arms struggle."

Despite this optimism, the bombings have undoubtedly thrown a wrench into the peace process and resolution may not be around the corner. But the efforts of the men, women and children whose lives are affected on a day-to-day basis provide the world with hope. Perhaps the violence will stimulate renewed efforts for a lasting peace.

"It will take a long time but the longer a dialogue, a communication exists between the sides, the better are the prospects for peace," said Corright.

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Americans.

"Dr. Burrows is an ingenious, beautiful woman and it was the best experience that I've had in a long time," said an impressed Martha Moylan.

Moylan also stated that "this was probably the most important event of 'The Spirit of Blackness Week II.'"

"I am very sorry for the people who did not attend this performance," said Gabrielle Bielak at the conclusion of Tuesday night's performance.

He contrasted that with the atmosphere that he found at

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Court rules for Doctor Death

By BRIAN AKRE
Associated Press

DETROIT
Prosecutors in Dr. Jack Kevorkian's assisted suicide trial won another battle Wednesday after their fourth trip to appellate court since the proceedings began.

Judge Jessica Cooper has criticized prosecutors for their repeated appeals and their unusually blunt attack on her objectivity. Prosecutors repeatedly have alleged that Cooper has been biased in favor of the defense since the trial began Feb. 20.

Attorneys for both sides have said they cannot recall a case in which the state has turned to the appeals court on an almost-daily basis to contest the trial judge's rulings on procedures and evidence.

Prosecutors said they plan to file their fifth appeal Thursday — asking that Cooper be removed from the case.

Kevorkian is accused of violating a now-expired ban on assisted suicide by aiding the 1993 deaths of Merian Frederick, 72, of Ann Arbor and Dr. Ali Khalili, 61, of Oak Brook, Ill. The law carries a penalty of

up to four years in prison.

In its ruling Wednesday, the Michigan Court of Appeals ordered Cooper to read jury instructions making clear the prosecutors' burden of proof in the case.

The ruling follows more than a week of contentious debate over the instructions.

Prosecutors first appealed Cooper's decision to allow the defense to question potential jurors about their religious beliefs. Cooper later reversed herself and the higher court ruled the issue moot.

Later, the appeals court agreed with prosecutors that Cooper had erred in her original jury instructions when she said the state must prove Kevorkian intended solely to cause death, and not relieve suffering.

The appeals court said that under the assisted suicide law, the state need only prove that Kevorkian provided the means or participated in the act that allowed the patients to commit suicide.

When both sides could not agree on new instructions, Cooper simply read the jury one paragraph directly from the higher court's order with-

out any explanation. At least one juror later expressed confusion and asked her to read them again. She told jurors she would at the trial's conclusion.

Prosecutors appealed again, complaining that the paragraph contained some Latin and left jurors with two conflicting instructions.

On Wednesday, a three-judge panel of the appeals court ordered Cooper to read a two-page, single-spaced, 12-paragraph instruction that clarifies what the law requires.

Kevorkian attorney Geoffrey Fieger said he was satisfied with the ruling, which he called a "recitation of the law."

In addition to seeking Cooper's dismissal, the prosecution's newest appeal seeks to bar Cooper from issuing a directed verdict of acquittal in one of the two cases against Kevorkian.

Cooper ruled Tuesday that the state had presented enough evidence to refer the case involving Frederick's suicide to the jury. But Cooper said she would decide Thursday whether to acquit Kevorkian in the Khalili case. If she does, the state will be unable to prosecute Kevorkian on that case again.

Branch: Black Catholic power needed in church

By MIKE JACCARINO
News Writer

Black Catholics are continuing to struggle for recognition in the American Church, according to the Reverend Edward Branch. Lecturing from a stage furnished by the growing resentment and inspired self-awareness of many Blacks, Branch unraveled America's African-American consciousness, elucidating thought upon their continuing battle for recognition.

Branch, a priest of twenty-two years and Campus Minister at the Atlanta University Center, spoke in the context of the Campus Ministry sponsored Black Catholic Series.

Listening to words of heartfelt rhetoric, the audience witnessed Branch capture what he thinks is the essence of the anonymous and maligned facade retained by the Black Catholic Congregation of the Catholic Church. "In the church we have become purveyors of bad news; bad news on the church closing front, bad news of the African American front, and we believe it . . . can't do becomes don't do and this becomes won't do and then where are we? If we listen to the bad news spoken by people who have not included us then we will become victims of our own self-fulfilling prophecy."

In contrast, Branch extols a good news, embodied by Black Catholic History and often forgotten or lost amidst attempts at integration or assimilation.

"We must learn to manage our information and history, within which is a different picture of who we are and what is taking place. It is a heritage of survival and success which we would do well to talk about and bank our souls upon. It is a history that includes the presence of three times as many African-American priests than there were in 1950 and a rising role of Black Woman in the Church. Let the stewardship of our history begin with you," he proclaimed.

Branch condemned the emphasis of modern Catholic thought as limiting in its outlook and scope when applied to Black Catholics and other minorities.

"There is a hegemony of Western Catholic thought present, always listening to what the French, Germans, and Italians are saying. Catholicism is a global religion

and being part of it means to be in conversation with everyone else. Because we have money does not mean we can be deaf to the rest of the world" he explained. It is within this atmosphere of American religious isolation that Black Catholic History and thought is often forgotten and not included. Branch went on to say that it is in this context that the Pope continues to schedule sojourns in Africa, stressing other cultures and their revelatory value.

In reference to the overwhelming Irish dominance of the church hierarchy and population, Branch exhorted, "Black Catholics don't have any control over the authority and decision-making of this church; it lies with the Fighting Irish. 64% of the church hierarchy is Irish." He went on to point to the small 4% minority of African Americans who comprise Notre Dame's Black population as an example of this inequality.

It is within this inequality that Branch found the greatest irony. Citing the growing resemblance of America's modern social problem with those previously associated solely with Black families, Branch said that all Catholic people are together in the challenges they face.

He envisions Black Catholics and the problems they face as a tableau for society rather than the forgotten minority they are deemed by others to be.

In this setting of inequality, Branch views black religion as a political, social, and economic event as well as religious. "Black Religion should be an event of civil protest on and the church a place of staging action during the week," he declared.

Where the majority community has other structures for the implementation of their politics, the Black Catholic Community solely has the Church, he said.

Calling for change, Branch implored the audience by saying, "There is a Black Catholic way of imagining reality which says that God looks like us and it is good. We have to study our history so we know it, speak up so others hear it, and ante up so we're better off when you're gone. The good news of the soul begins, if not here, then where? if not now, then when? if not with you, then with who?"

Menendez pleads innocence

By LINDA DEUTSCH
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES
In a dramatic finale to her final argument, defense attorney Leslie Abramson pleaded with jurors to acquit Erik Menendez, saying it would be "the ultimate tragedy of my life if I lose this case."

"I have enough emotion involved in this case that I could stand here and sob and not care what they said about me in the papers," Abramson said. "But I don't want to appeal to your emotions cheaply."

Abramson said the prosecutor's call for a conviction is "cold and callous and had nothing to do with my client. That kind of argument appeals to heartlessness."

Erik, 25, and his brother Lyle, 28, admit they killed their father, Jose, and their mother, Kitty, in a barrage of shotgun fire, but claim they did it out of fear and to end years of abuse. Prosecutors refiled murder charges after separate juries deadlocked after their first trials.

"It will be the ultimate tragedy of my life if I lose this

case," Abramson said in her summation, "Not for my career, because I'm done with that. But it will be so unjust."

Abramson painted an unusually personal picture of her relationship with Erik.

"Six years ago, I had a 19-year-old client who was very sick. I have watched him grow up in county jail and although we all deplore what happened in the den of that home, I was very proud of him, that he could take the stand in this case and fight for himself," she said.

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Mugabe urges churches to protest against gays

Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe likened homosexuality to alcoholism, drug abuse and prostitution on Wednesday and urged churches to join his campaign against gays.

Mugabe, addressing a gathering convened by U.S. evangelist Benny Hinn in Harare, called on Christian churches to join his government in a battle to restore moral values and fight "the cankering worm of debauchery and the affliction of homosexuality."

He said Christian teachings condemned homosexuality and preachers should fight it, just

as they combat drug abuse and immorality.

Last year, Mugabe's government banned a gay rights exhibit at a Harare book fair and Mugabe went on to make several outspoken attacks on gays.

Homosexuality is illegal in Zimbabwe. Police have raided gay rights meetings and listed the names of participants but no arrests have been reported.

Zimbabwe's small gay community accuses Mugabe of targeting its members to distract attention from official graft and worsening economic hardships as presidential elections approach. Mugabe is expected to overwhelmingly win another six-year term in the March 16-17 vote.

Temperatures rise as epidemic hits Nigeria

Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria At least 15,000 people have died in the last month from epidemics sweeping northern Nigeria, according to news reports Wednesday.

Health Minister Ikechukwu Madubike told the Lagos Guardian newspaper that in the last week, 50 people had died every hour in Kano state, on the northern border with Niger.

The home state of Nigerian military ruler Gen. Sani Abacha is suffering from acute epidemics of spinal meningitis, gastroenteritis, cholera and measles.

"We are very alarmed," said Madubike. "We have not witnessed this type of epidemic in recent memory."

It is the height of summer in West Africa. Temperatures can easily reach 100-105 with stifling humidity, causing food to spoil and sanitary conditions to worsen.

The government said about 20 million Nigerians living in and around Kano state could be at risk.

Parking lots in Kano state have been converted into children's wards because of a severe shortage of hospital beds. There is also a serious lack of trained doctors in the region.

Summit sets terms for talks

By SUE LEEMAN
Associated Press

LONDON

In a dramatic turnaround, Prime Minister John Major and Irish leader John Bruton today set June 10 as the date for starting negotiations in Northern Ireland.

The talks would begin following elections in Northern Ireland for a so-called "peace assembly."

Supporters of the Irish Republican Army had demanded a firm date for negotiations as the only way to restore the cease-fire broken on Feb. 9.

The two leaders said intensive consultations with Northern Ireland parties would begin Monday and continue

through mid-March.

Major and Bruton both said an IRA cease-fire was essential if the Sinn Fein party wished to participate in the process.

"Until that cease-fire is restored, both governments have made it clear that there can be no ministerial talks with Sinn Fein, nor can Sinn Fein take part in talks," Major told a news conference at his No. 10 Downing St. residence following his summit meeting with Bruton.

Both denied that the renewed IRA bombing and three deaths in London this month had spurred them to act.

"The violence has done nothing but create difficulty," Bruton said. "It has not in any way accelerated the process."

Major indicated Britain is no longer demanding that the IRA begin disarming before Sinn Fein joins the negotiations, but he said the issue would have to be part of the talks.

Bruton said the June 10 start of negotiations would not be changed. "The date is fixed. The date will not be changed," Bruton said, adding that if the parties cannot agree on arrangements for talks, the governments will do it.

The Ulster Unionist Party, which represents the bulk of the Protestant majority in Northern Ireland, had called for elections to a peace assembly as a way of starting negotiations.

Judge considers trial cameras

By LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK

Few cases have ever cried out to be televised more than a lawsuit seeking a takeover of the Child Welfare Administration, a Court TV attorney argued Wednesday.

"This is a case that is a public policy seminar at the same time it is a judicial proceeding," Floyd Abrams told U.S. District Judge Robert Ward. "It is the sort of case the public ought to know more about."

Ward said he would consult his colleagues before deciding whether to allow Court TV into the first hearing of the lawsuit. Two child advocacy organizations want a court-appointed receiver to take over the city's child welfare agency.

Lorna Goodman, a city lawyer, said parents who rely on the foster care program would "become dismayed and alarmed" if they saw grisly allegations that could not be refuted until a later trial.

"There will be a tendency to distort the arguments," she said.

Abrams said Goodman's statement should only bolster his case to allow cameras into the case. "That parents would be alarmed and dismayed would be the strongest argument for more information, more publicity, an argument for cameras," he said.

Ward's willingness to consult with his colleagues at Thursday's monthly meeting of Southern District federal judges was a minor victory for Court TV, which needs to persuade

Ward to buck the findings of a policy-making body for federal courts.

In 1994, the Judicial Conference of the United States voted against opening its courts to cameras, saying there were concerns that some witnesses and jurors had been intimidated by cameras in court.

Abrams, who specializes in First Amendment law, told Ward that local rules established for federal courts in Manhattan permit judges to decide for themselves whether to allow cameras in court.

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Short cervix increases risk of premature birth

By DANIEL HANEY
Associated Press

BOSTON

The length of a pregnant woman's cervix may be an important clue to her risk of giving birth prematurely.

A study found that the shorter her cervix, the more likely a woman will give birth too soon. Even those whose cervixes are normal in size have a greater risk than those with especially long ones.

As intriguing as this finding is, though, researchers say it is too soon to make cervix measurement a routine part of prenatal care. One reason is that doctors have no good way to prevent premature birth, even when they know the risk is high.

Prematurity is one of the country's most difficult health problems.

About 1 in 10 babies is born before reaching full development, and this has not changed in the past 50 years. 5% of premature babies die in infancy.

Combinations of several fac-

tors are probably involved, and the latest research appears to identify one of them.

The cervix separates the uterus from the vagina.

In the final stages of pregnancy, it shortens and widens to allow the baby to pass through. Doctors theorize that a long cervix delays birth by providing a stronger barrier and putting more distance between the fetus and germs in the vagina.

The idea that the length of the cervix has something to do with prematurity was suggested by earlier research. So the National Institute of Child Health sponsored a study of 2,915 pregnant women to test the theory. The results were published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

The researchers — led by Dr. Jay Iams of Ohio State University — used ultrasound to measure women's cervixes at 24 and 28 weeks of pregnancy. Then they followed the women to see how many gave birth at less than 35 weeks.

Surgeon spreads Hepatitis B

By DANIEL HANEY
Associated Press

BOSTON

A young heart surgeon unknowingly infected at least 19 of his patients with the hepatitis B virus, despite wearing gloves and carefully following all of the other usual operating room precautions.

While this virus can be extremely infectious, the high rate of spread startled experts, especially since they could not find that he had done anything wrong.

About 1% of U.S. surgeons are believed to be infected with hepatitis B, which can be fatal. Most of them, like the doctor in the newly described case, apparently caught it from their patients during operations.

The outbreak occurred four years ago at two Los Angeles hospitals where the physician trained in thoracic surgery. Over 12 months, he passed hepatitis B to 13 percent of his surgical patients, mostly during heart operations.

"Finding this was a real eye-opener," said Dr. James Cherry, who was head of infection control at UCLA Medical Center, where some of the infections occurred. "This may be more common than realized."

Operating room safety rules have been tightened in recent years to protect patients and health care workers from the AIDS virus. However, the hepatitis B virus is about 100 times more infectious than the AIDS virus. No surgeon-to-patient spread of AIDS has been documented, although a Florida dentist infected six of his patients in 1992.

The hepatitis B investigation was directed by Dr. Rafael Harpaz of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. It was published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

The physician involved is still working as a doctor but not performing surgery. He cooperated with the investigation and was not identified.

The outbreak occurred in 1991 and 1992 at UCLA and the Wadsworth Veterans Administration Hospital. The infected patients ranged in age from 14 months to 83 years. Six actually got sick with hepatitis but recovered. Nine of the 16 who are still alive are chronically infected but not sick; however, chronic infection raises their risk of liver disease.

According to the American College of Surgeons, at least two dozen clusters of surgeon-to-patient spread of hepatitis B have been identified since 1972. More than half have involved obstetricians or heart surgeons.

The investigators pointed out that the Los Angeles outbreak could have been prevented if the doctor had taken the hepatitis B vaccine — something that is now done by virtually all medical students.

Harpaz said the risk to patients is already low, and "we expect it will go lower still as there are fewer and fewer surgeons who are not vaccinated. But given the fact there is a rare chance of transmission, we still need to understand how it occurs so we can develop ever more measures to prevent it."

Typically, investigators are able to spot some obvious error

to explain an outbreak of operating room infection, such as the surgeon repeatedly pricking himself while sewing up incisions.

"The thing that was unusual was that after review of surgical techniques, we were not able to find the precise mechanism of transmission," Harpaz said.

The doctor used gloves, changed them frequently and was careful not to cut himself.

However, the investigators found that when he tied sutures repeatedly, he bruised his fingers. The pressure of the thread actually caused tiny slits, like paper cuts, that bled inside his gloves.

If this gloves was what happened, investigators are still uncertain how his blood might have gotten through the gloves.

A separate journal report from Dr. Juan Esteban and others from Barcelona, Spain, described another incident in which six patients picked up another form of the virus, hepatitis C, from a heart surgeon during valve replacement surgery. There is no vaccine for hepatitis C.

In an editorial in the journal, Dr. Julie Louise Gerberding said doctors should be required to get hepatitis shots. She also recommended other innovations, such as blunt suture needles, improved instruments and reinforced gloves.

Dr. Donald Fry of the University of New Mexico, a spokesman for the college of surgeons, cited federal figures showing that about one-third of surgeons who have been practicing more than 10 years are vulnerable to hepatitis B infection.

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■ CUBA

FBI denies knowing planes would be shot

By EVAN PEREZ
Associated Press

MIAMI Cuban defector Juan Pablo Roque was a paid informant for the FBI, the agency acknowledged Wednesday, although it vehemently denied knowing in advance that the Cuban government would shoot down planes flown by an exile group.

Along with claiming he worked for the FBI, Roque has said that the agency knew the Brothers to the Rescue planes would be downed last Saturday if they flew near Cuba. Four people on the planes are missing and believed dead.

"The FBI is calling Mr. Roque what he truly is, a liar," Paul R. Philip, who runs the FBI office in Miami, said Wednesday.

The FBI routinely cautions all informants against doing anything illegal, and agents had warned Roque about flying over Cuba several times, but not specifically with the knowledge the planes would be shot down Saturday, Philip said.

"The FBI ... told Roque that he could not violate Cuban airspace because it was illegal," Philip said. "It could cause an international incident and it could result in being shot down."

"Had we known (of the impending attack) we would have tried to stop it," Philip said.

The group also was warned not to fly over Cuban territory by the State Department, which told the group it had received warnings from Havana that the Cuban government would take action if the Brothers flew over the island again.

The State Department also told the group that it could not intervene on its behalf if it continued to fly over Cuba.

In an interview with CNN in Havana, Roque claimed he had passed on a specific warning from the FBI to others in the Brothers' group.

"The U.S. government knew they were going to shoot them down," he said. "FBI Agent Oscar Montotto tells me on Feb. 21, 'Don't go on that mission because they're going to knock you out of the sky.'"

Philip said the FBI did speak to Roque on Feb. 21, when he tried to pick up \$1,500 owed him. The agency could not come up with the money before he left for Cuba.

Roque defected to the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay in 1992 and volunteered to join the pilots group. He also volunteered to be a paid informant, beginning in 1993, Philip said.

■ GERMANY

Trial opens against terrorist's accomplice

By COLLEEN BARRY
Associated Press

BERLIN More than a decade ago, the jet-setting terrorist Carlos the Jackal allegedly ordered a series of attacks in an attempt to free his lover and several associates from a French jail.

Today, his right-hand man, Johannes Weinrich, went on trial on charges of carrying out one of the attacks: the 1983 bombing of the French cultural center in then-West Berlin that killed one person and wounded 23.

Shortly after the trial opened

amid tight security at a Berlin courthouse, Weinrich's lawyers attacked the credibility of the prosecutor's evidence.

Weinrich, 48, sat impassively in a glass-enclosed secured area as the charges were read.

Weinrich was Germany's most-wanted fugitive before he was arrested last summer on murder and terrorism charges. During the 1970s and '80s, he headed European operations for Carlos' terrorist group.

On Aug. 25, 1983, Weinrich placed a bomb on the fourth floor of the Maison de France, prosecutors say, killing a man.

■ IRAQ

Saddam purges relative rivals

Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus Saddam Hussein has killed two of his own grandchildren in his savage purge of two defectors and their supporters, Iraqi opposition groups claimed Wednesday.

Reports of a bloodbath persisted, with one opposition group saying many army officers in the northern city of Mosul were fleeing with their families for fear they, too, had been marked for death because of real or suspected links with the defectors, Saddam's sons-in-law.

There has been no independent confirmation of the opposition reports of a purge orchestrated by Saddam's sons Odai and Qusai. Diplomats in Baghdad reported the capital was quiet, although there were opposition reports of clashes in the city.

One report said the eldest son of Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, a longtime confidant of Saddam's, had been arrested.

If that is true, it could indicate the purge may be mushrooming out of control with Odai targeting his rivals as well as those deemed tainted by their connections to the high-ranking former defectors.

Odai and the younger Aziz have been business rivals for years.

The state-run Iraqi media has been silent on the reports from various opposition factions which, despite some contradictions, concurred on several points.

The two defectors — Lt. Gen. Hussein Kamel al-Majid and his brother Col. Saddam Kamel — were among the first to be slain Friday, three days after returning to Baghdad in the apparent belief that Saddam had forgiven them.

The al-Majid brothers had



been married to Saddam's daughters, Raghad and Rana.

The women accompanied their husbands to Jordan when they fled Aug. 8, then divorced them a day before they were slain.

The Iraqi government said the brothers were killed by relatives shamed by the defections.

Critics say Saddam ordered the killings.

The one point on which most opposition reports agree is that Saddam's son Odai is slaughtering anyone connected with the al-Majid brothers. Opposition sources said Odai himself led the squad that killed the brothers and their relatives Friday.

King Hussein of Jordan said Tuesday that he had reports that "many of the children" in

the defectors' families had been slaughtered.

Opposition sources said the children included at least one of Hussein Kamel's three children, 10-year-old Ali, and Saddam Kamel's 7-year-old son, Ahmed.

Kuwait's Al-Watan daily, quoting Iraqi sources, said Hussein Kamel's two sisters and one of their husbands, Abdul-Hadi al-Majid, were also killed.

The Tehran-based Supreme Assembly for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, the main opposition movement, said Odai has arrested Ziad Aziz, apparently in Baghdad, for unknown reasons.

Odai and Ziad's father Tariq Aziz, Saddam's senior diplomat and an associate for more than three decades, differ sharply on how Baghdad should respond to the crippling U.N. trade sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Odai advocates a confrontational approach to the U.N. Security Council, while Aziz has urged a more diplomatic approach to try to end the embargo.


Odai was reported Tuesday to have placed Wathban Ibrahim, one of his father's three half-brothers, under house arrest after thwarting his plot to defect to anti-Saddam forces.

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■ MEXICO

Judge rejects deportation of ex-Salinas justice official

By JEFFREY GOLD
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J.

A federal judge today threw out deportation proceedings against a former Mexican deputy attorney general, ruling that the U.S. government's case was unconstitutionally vague.

Mario Ruiz Massieu has been accused in Mexico of obstructing the investigation into the assassination of his own brother in order to shield the brother of then-President Carlos Salinas de Gortari from being implicated in the killing.

U.S. District Judge Maryanne Trump Barry said Ruiz Massieu can be freed Friday unless the Justice Department obtains a stay of release from an appellate court.

He has been in custody for nearly a year.

The U.S. and Mexican governments have said the return of Ruiz Massieu is important to relations between them, although the judge noted at a hearing last month that most

charges against him in Mexico have been dismissed.

Those charges included that he embezzled the equivalent of \$750,000 before leaving office in November 1994. He also had been accused of accepting drug bribes.

Ruiz Massieu, 45, maintains his innocence and filed for political asylum in December, saying he is being persecuted by the administration of President Ernesto Zedillo.

Mario Ruiz Massieu was detained at Newark International Airport by Customs agents in March for allegedly failing to declare about \$40,000 before trying to board a flight to Madrid, Spain.

Four attempts to extradite him to Mexico failed.

After the last attempt failed in December, the U.S. government filed deportation proceedings on grounds that Secretary of State Warren Christopher had concluded a failure to return him to Mexico posed "potential serious foreign policy consequences."

■ RWANDA

UN officials deny Hutu massacres

By CHRIS TOMLINSON
Associated Press

KIGALI

Rwanda denied Wednesday that the government has engaged in systematic killings of Hutu civilians and U.N. officials said they have no evidence of large-scale revenge attacks.

A report Tuesday in the respected Paris daily Liberation said the Tutsi-led government had killed at least 100,000 Hutus since mid-1994 in systematic attacks to avenge the genocide of hundreds of thousands of Tutsis.

Rwanda's information minister, Jean-Pierre Bizimana, denied the report on Wednesday, saying it was fabricated by Hutu extremists intent on bringing down the Rwandan government.

"The accusations ... are designed to discredit the Rwandan government and further confuse the refugees on the issue of repatriation," Bizimana said, referring to government and U.N. efforts to convince about 1.7 million Hutu refugees to return home.

Ian Martin, chief of the U.N.

Human Rights Field Operation for Rwanda, said revenge killings have occurred in Rwanda, but his office had no evidence of systematic killings. He invited anyone with evidence to bring it to U.N. authorities.

Liberation said it arrived at the 100,000 figure by analyzing lists of missing or dead tabulated by village authorities in the central province of Giterama, then extrapolating results for the entire country. It said about 17,000 people were killed in Giterama.

But Martin said it would be surprising to learn about massacres on such a scale only now, considering the dozens of investigations conducted by U.N. and independent human rights groups.

"Extrapolation is seriously questionable because the situation is different from one place to another," Martin said.

More than 500,000 people, mostly minority Tutsis, were killed from April to July 1994 by Hutu-led government forces and Hutu extremists.

Rebels of the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front top-



AP/Carl Fox

pled the Hutu government in July 1994 and set up a new government. More than 1.7 million Hutus, fearing reprisals for the genocide, fled to neighboring countries.

Reports of large-scale revenge killings have circulated outside Rwanda for months.

Former Prime Minister Faustin Twagiramungu, who was ousted in August, accused the Rwandan army in November of committing genocide.

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TO WHOM ARE MORE REPUBLICANS TURNING IN 1996?



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Election '96 through the lens of Gilded Age campaign verse

As a student of history, I'm here to tell you that American elections aren't what they used to be. They're just too issue oriented, too sober. The mind hearkens back to the "good old days" of the Blaine-Cleveland contest, when the only issue to speak of was the tariff, and the only question how much to raise it by.

"Blaine, Blaine, Continental liar from the state of Maine," went one chant, while loyal unionists waved the bloody shirt and sang plaintively, in the voice of Cleveland's bastard child, "Ma, Ma, where's my pa?"

You didn't have to worry back then about David Brinkley giving you a hard time, nor how a handful of bearded acorn farmers would interpret your "message" in New Hampshire. The decisions were made in smoke-filled rooms full of corpulent men, and by God, the work got done.

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This glorious genre was last heard, to my knowledge, when Frank Sinatra sang "The Kennedy Song" in commercials in 1960. If you exclude Richard

Nixon's performance of "Get Off of My Cloud" on Laugh-In and Ronald Reagan's memorable rendition of the Buggles' "Video Killed the Radio Star" in 1983, the genre has been moribund. (I

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am excluding Eugene McCarthy, whose mordant verse was never intended as the sort of crassly vulgar sloganeering I am calling for).

Each candidate would need a different form, to fit his personality. For the single-minded Forbes, for example, the Japanese haiku would be apropos:

*My father left me
 Millions; now they want to take
 It away from me*

Such an approach would be enormously more cost-effective than Forbes' current ads, while boiling down his essential message to an irreducible economy. Forbes could barrage primaries with different haiku, for example, "Behind my thick glasses/my beady eyes weep at the thought of no flat tax."

Forbes has an essentially intellectual view of things; how would a more visceral candidate, like Pat Buchanan, convey his message?

I look at Buchanan's piggy face, and I see star material. I see Buchanan taking a page from the group Nine Inch Nails, and adopting their song "Head Like a Hole":

If you are a real hard hat
 You'd better vote for Mr. Pat!

Naturally, Buchanan's core constituency might not go for the aggressive power chords of this song, so perhaps he might vary it with a jingoistic ditty based on Jimi Hendrix' "Hey Joe"

"Hey Jews, where you going with those jobs in your hands?"
 "I'm going to give them to foreigners, I don't have to pay them in a far away land."

Such aggressive melodies would not play for a more moderate candidate like Bob Dole. No, for the Senate Majority leader, no bumptious melodies will suffice. Dole is the candidate of sober Republicanism, hands-off government in the Roman model. Could there be any poetic form more suited to him than the Augustan couplet? For Bob Dole, the mighty iamb is ideal. It conveys his wisdom, his restraint, his global view of things:

*Survey Mankind, From Orange County
 to Vermont
 And ask thyself, can thou find a want
 Of Education, of Plenty, of the arts of
 Health
 Which could not be solved without Big
 Government's Wealth?*

See the *Liberal!* who in his wasteful hour,
 Builds for homosexuals the bridal bower
 Subsidizes the *Media's* tentacles of vice,
 and spills our blood for Serbs, without thinking twice!

Such verse is inevitably tiresome to ordinary people, and perhaps it is just this aloofness which has handicapped Dole among the acorn farmers. Yet form must follow function, and it is impossible to conceive of Dole bringing down the house with scores of maddened yahoos, a la Buchanan. No, let Dole build his house of marble, and prepare for an octogenarian run for the

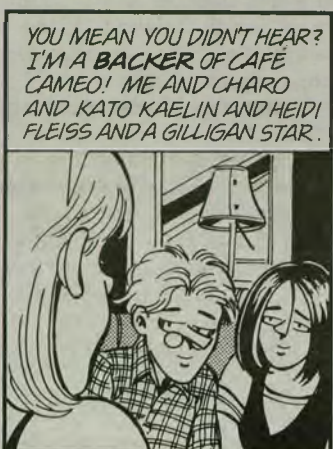
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could then release through anonymous functionaries, disavowing, Mission-Impossible style, any knowledge. "The fruit doesn't fall from the tree," "Let's give Dole a hand!" and "Buchanan looks silly in his cowboy suit" would circulate throughout the infosphere. But I doubt they would be received in the right spirit. The other side would start making snide jokes about "Whitewatergate" and "Mrs. President" and we would be right back in the Gilded Age again.

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DOONESBURY



GARRY TRUDEAU

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The only fence against the world is a thorough knowledge of it.

—John Locke

■ GOD 'N LIFE

Take time out for yourself before eternity hits

Leap Year. Once every four years, we get an extra day- according to the calendar, at any rate. That "time" is just a figment of human imagination, or just an invention to make society more ordered, has been debated for centuries. Do we really need wall clocks, wrist watches, Big Ben? What would our existence be like without time?

Eternity. A scary concept, eternity, and also the topic of numerous debates. We are told- in Christian religions - that we face an endless eternity upon dying. In heaven, we will sing God's praises with the angels. If we land in hell (another scary concept), we will suffer without end.

Eternity is a time line with no beginning and no end. Still the image of a line to describe it is wrong. Eternity is. When we get there, we'll understand, but for now we have to live by a concept somebody developed to keep us in check, to get us to class and work even if the sun isn't up yet.

Is this a call to revolt? Perhaps. Maybe technology has gone too far,

beginning with time. People used to get up when the rooster crowed, feed the livestock or plow the fields. Everyone got a good night's sleep, going to bed when the sun set. There was no "night life", because there was no artificial

Julie Ferarro

light. Without the pressure of the clock, life was simpler.

Anyone out there yearn for a simpler life? It might be said that life can't be any simpler than on a college campus. Food and bed are supplied, a schedule tells us where to be at at what hour on what day, and the rest is "free time." Complications always seem to arise, however: papers to be written for

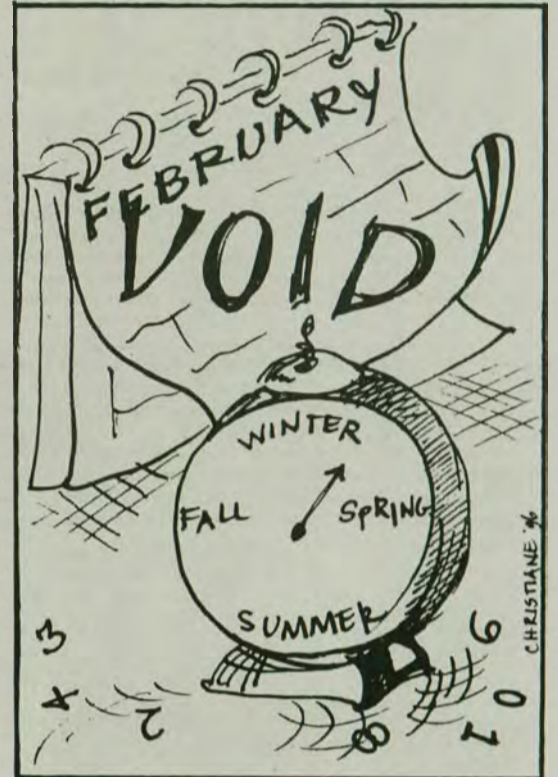
class, tests, family emergencies, etc. Just about the time we're ready to relax, the water main in the dorm springs a leak, or the power goes out.

What can be done to make life simpler, then? Should there be a clock bonfire in the C-1 parking lot some evening? I don't think the administration would look kindly on that. Should all the wrist watches on campus be boiled in oil or scrapped out for spare parts? Doubtful.

Let's stop being slaves to time, anyway. Such minor obsessions can grow into major ones later in life, and lead to unhappiness. Take a "night off" now and then just to relax. Better yet, take a weekend off for a personal retreat. Find a secluded inn or retreat center and forget time for a day or two. Sit in a hot tub, get a massage, say a prayer.

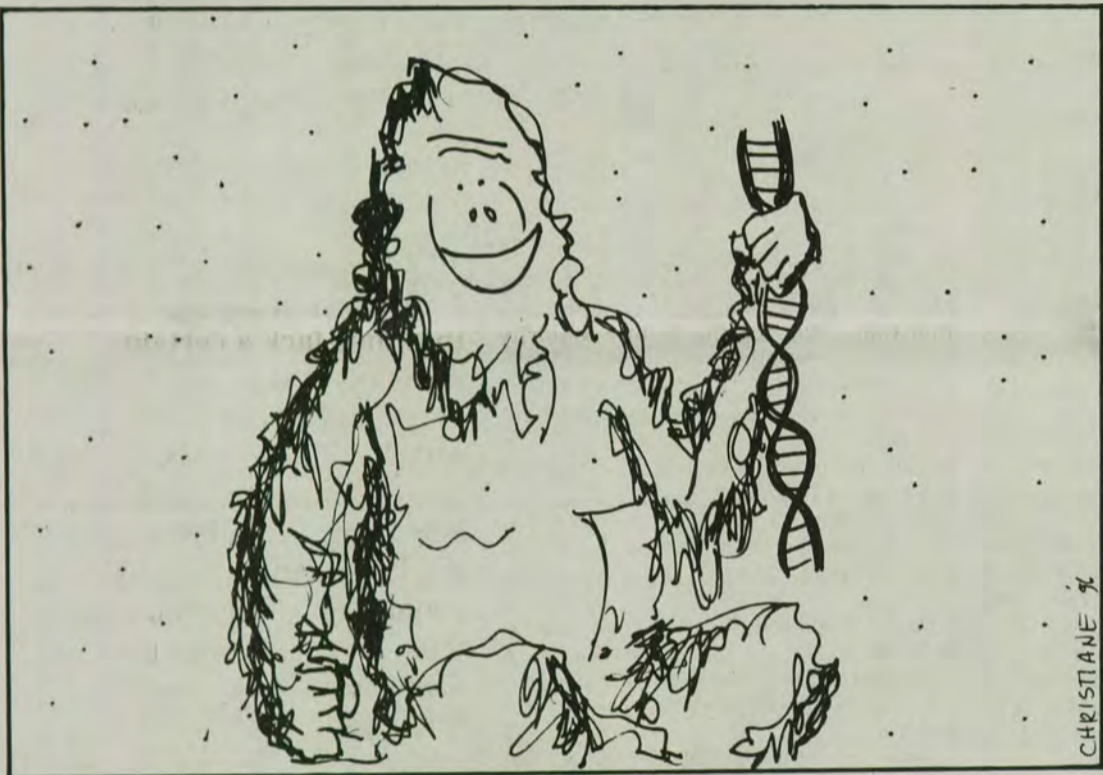
Do it now, while you have the chance. The one undeniable thing about time is that it ultimately runs out for all of us. Then we'll have to be in good voice, so we can sing for eternity!

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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Evolution issues require an exorcism



Dear Editor:

Graduate students do not go to Notre Dame. Graduate students haunt Notre Dame. They are restless spirits, largely invisible, with an unremitting drive to gloom their opinions upon the living.

One such voice, a very restless one, has frequented the editorial page with a series of uncorporeal attacks on matters of Evolution. It does not befit a fine University to have its campus paper filled with nonsense. These bumps in the night demand exorcism.

I must admit though, my motives for writing are derived from pure emotion. It gets my Irish up when someone tells me that my ancestors DID NOT EXIST. It bothers me because they worked very hard, for over a billion years, to ensure the success of their children, to ensure the survival of their families. A billion years of family values is worth defending.

I know they existed because, equipped with common sense and also a little biochemistry, I can see their legacy all around me. A newspaper is not a proper forum for debate on technical matters — you don't have enough fonts. However it is The Observer that decided to 'unearth the evolution debate' and so thus summoned, I offer a sample of living, breathing facts.

Consider the mouse, the human, a bacteria familiar to most of us called E. coli, and baker's yeast. Evolution demands us to consider who is more closely related to whom. Can one test it? Can one qualitatively address this in the limited amount of space of an Observer column? No place for complex babble about bones, teeth or the composition of various bits of slime. We need a more interesting meter stick, interesting enough for The Observer audience.

EDUCATIONAL INTERLUDE — Living things have a myriad of common features. One is that they make proteins. Required for this process is a certain type of 'key' molecule called tRNA. If mutations take place on these molecules it's most likely a bad thing. Organisms are careful not to let this happen too much. The code for these tRNA is a string of DNA. Everyone has heard about DNA, it's the thing of which your genes are composed. DNA 'speaks' in a code of four letters. The human and the mouse sequences are identical. The bacteria E. Coli differs from the human in 22 places — the yeast with the human in 17 places. A very elegant theory implores us to draw a qualitative tree.

People with microscopes have been able to create this kind of thing for a century; your own eyes can tell you that you have much more in common with a mouse than puddle of slime. Other single genes might better show kinship more clearly, but they are large. For more information it is best to compare a variety of genes. Which brings us to general maxims.

1) Biology makes no sense without the theory of evolution. 2) Evolution is made only more robust with more data. Christopher Columbus has taken some hard knocks in this paper — apparently for simply being a product of his times. Surely one thing can be understood, his belief that he had discovered a way to the fringes of Asia. All Chris had ever read suggested so. Hard to understand are those that can reside amid the pregnant winter fields of 20th century Indiana and expect to find the Great Khan shackled up in Granger.

Observer readers deserve better.

LESTER LAMBERT
Graduate Student

All Irish sports teams deserve student support

Dear Editor:

This letter is informally addressed to every member of the Notre Dame student body. I am writing primarily because of the widespread lack of support for our sports teams, and to further comment on the issues raised in Bob Corson's letter of February 22, 1996.

Last weekend, I had the opportunity to visit the University of Connecticut. While there, I watched UConn beat Rutgers (at Rutgers) in a televised women's basketball game. After announcing that 5000 fans were in attendance, one of the announcers mentioned that when playing at home, the UConn women's team draws an average of 8000 fans per game. That's right: 8000!!!! Granted, their women's team has been nationally ranked for as long as I can remember; however, over the past few years, Notre Dame's women's basketball team has been as good, if not better (as we should see in this weekend's game against UConn, and in the Big East Tournament beginning March 2) than both UConn and Rutgers. So, I ask, why does Notre Dame only average 1500 fans a game, with fewer than a tenth of those being students?!

A similar question was raised when the women's soccer team won the national championship earlier this year. Why is it that Irish fans are so enthusiastic about football games, but fail to support many of the other fine athletic teams? I guess they must have something better to do than support their fellow classmates. Personally, I have been to nearly every hockey, women's basketball, and men's basketball game over my four years here, and also try to attend as many of the other sporting events as possible. Obviously I can't go to EVERY game (I need SOME time to study and to spend with friends), but at least I (and a handful of other Irish "faithfuls") make the effort.

We have many superior teams here at Notre Dame that deserve our respect. There are a few simple things we need to do as a student body to improve the level of support:

(1) Attend at least one ND sporting event a week. This only takes 2-3 hours (a wonderful study break!), and the teams would really appreciate the effort. Plus, most of the events are FREE - just show your ID. at the door.

(2) Learn the school songs (not just the fight song and the alma mater), and the cheers that accompany the percussion cadences (e.g., "In Your Face Abuse"). Start cheering along with the cheerleaders - they're not there just to look pretty, they support the teams. Student and fan unity can play a vital role in the outcome of the game. What though the odds...

(3) Cheer loudly and often for the team, even if they're losing. We should show approval for the players' efforts, even if we're not particularly happy with the outcome of a particular play or the game. The players will become more confident, and will take pride in representing their university.

(4) If the band is at the game, remain at the game until the alma mater is finished. If the band isn't there, sing it yourselves. Not only will you be supporting the team, YOU will be paying respect to your school. (It was very disheartening to see only 6 fans stay for the alma mater after the Providence basketball game.)

Let's bring the Notre Dame spirit back to this campus by encouraging our athletic teams. Remember, the athletes on these teams live in our dorms, have papers and exams like we do, and eat in the dining halls. We need to support our classmates, our friends, and our school. So, put on your Gold and Blue, and come join the "faithful"!!!!

CYNTHIA DUBELL
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Lewis Hall

Girls Against Boys *House of GvsB*

★★★★★
(out of five)



Courtesy Touch and Go Records

Write it down on your hand. Girls Against Boys (abbreviated as "GvsB") will rule the rock world very soon. Don't be fooled by their chosen name. "Girls Against Boys" tends to conjure up images of bands like Blur who prudishly prance around pools in primary-colored Adidas warm-ups. But one should know that the drumming of Alexis Fleisig alone could beat the snot out of those swaggering modsters all the way back to the UK.

House of GvsB, the band's fourth full length album, is the most mature and diverse release to date by these New York-by-way-of-D.C.-ers. Mixing lounge, funk, hard-core and post-punk, Girls Against Boys creates a completely unique sound. Like few other bands, GvsB also creates a definite texture and atmosphere. You can practically smell the music. Scott McCloud's voice, the growling Barry White of indie-rock, combined with muddy rhythms and snaky keyboards is the house music of an imaginary club.

Down a dark, rain-slick alley, under a pink fluorescent glow lies the door to the exclusive House of GvsB. Smoke from constantly igniting cigarettes gelatinizes the dark air, as sweaty punks, super models, tycoons and club-kids whisper into each other's ears under the jingle and clank of cocktail glasses and the thump and whack of GvsB, the post-modern, hard-core Tony Bennett.

Musically, GvsB has tweaked their sound considerably. The wah guitar on "Super-fire," the old-school hip-hop beats on "Vera Cruz" and the industrial sounding drums

on "Zodiac Love Team" complement the band's sexy eclecticism. The fact is, one can't mention this band without mentioning "sex" or "sexy." It's only natural. With a name like Girls Against Boys and songs like "Zodiac Love Team" what could one expect? Some might even go so far as to say that sub-conscious suggestions in their music trigger the lobes of the brain responsible for pelvic thrusting, head bobbing and hip-swaying.

For evidence of this theory, check out "Click Click" and "Cash Machine." Both songs pummel and seduce the ears with locomotive drums, crisp guitar rhythms and GvsB's trademark double-bass assault. Unlike the myriad of other hard-core/punk/indie/metal bands, GvsB refuses to rely on the guitar as chief rock power tool. "TheKindaMzkYouLike," for example, mirrors Helmet-like rhythms without the use of the guitar, mutating the music into hard-core dance hall. On the other hand, "Vera Cruz" goes down in history as the one song that can successfully mix the Beastie Boys and Fugazi.

House of GvsB demands to be listened to at maximum volume and bass. Be careful to fasten and secure loose objects in your room. Clear the floor. Work up a deep sweat learning the all the dance moves. But, hurry—Girls Against Boys is touring with the Foo Fighters and recently signed to Geffen Records, securing their imminent success. Be the first on your block.

-by Brent DiCrescenzo

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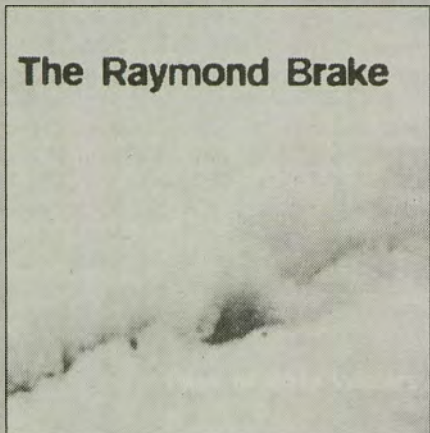
WVFI CORNER

THE RAYMOND BRAKE

Piles of Dirty Winter

★★★★★
(out of five)

The Raymond Brake



The Raymond Brake is the next North Carolina indie rock sensation from the area known as "the triangle," the region encompassing Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill. The triangle has certainly produced a disproportionate number of great bands, including the Archers of Loaf, Superchunk, and Small. These twenty and twenty-one-year-olds, who are currently students at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, are by no means a one-trick act. Their songs range from cool pop tunes to intense, screaming anthems, with a folk song thrown in for fun. Songs like "Philistine" and "New Wave Dream" showcase their talent for writing catchy, poppy tunes that you'll be humming for days.

The Raymond Brake are no sellouts; they stay true to their indie rock roots, with influences such as Polvo and the Grifters. On "Filthy Lucre," they pull you in with a catchy melody, but as soon as you start humming along, they blow you away with a powerful chorus complete with desperate screaming vocals. The range of styles makes *Piles of Dirty Winters* difficult to grab at first, but after a few good listens you'll realize it's the best thing you've heard in a long time.

-by Dan Connolly

up and coming

★★★★★
(out of five)

Despite a number of previous albums, Pulp has only recently joined the pantheon of Britpop which is today so dominant. Along with Blur and Oasis, Pulp has achieved a level of performance which justifies naming them among the very best of today's bands. Their previous effort, *His 'n' Hers*, was a notable achievement, but with *A Different Class* they have pieced together an album which is as profound as it is memorable.

Its highlight is "Common People," an energetic track with splendid flashes of the famous Jarvis Cocker irony: "She came from Greece/She had a thirst for knowledge/She studied sculpture at St. Martin's College/That's where I caught her eye" (imagine IceT studying at Harvard!). Social criticism is both obvious and implied, a rare treat from a contemporary band and one that is worth listening out for. The hilarious "Sorted For E's and Wizz" asks, "Is this the way they say the future's meant to feel, twenty thousand people standing in a field?" Hopefully the answer will be a negative one, but Pulp's uncanny ability to question those trends of which they form a part is both refreshing and amusing.

From the general they move to the particular, and then back again. The second best track on the album, "Disco 2000," is a personal narrative concerning a pathetic and forlorn love set to a thumping disco track that is guaranteed to have clubbers dancing all over the place. Images of awkward childhood abound and are treated with the usual Cocker self-deprecation, while more adult concerns in "Live Bed Show" demonstrate that sadness as well as humor fall well within the band's repertoire.

Above all this is a challenging album, and one that will find few friends amongst those who settle for the status quo. The theme of social division and injustice runs throughout the ten songs, but do not fall into the trap of thinking that this is all

Pulp



Courtesy Island Records

A Different Class

serious and whiny liberalism. There is none of the joylessness of a Billy Bragg but all the dark satire and humor of a Leonard Cohen. As with many English bands, Pulp has an instantly recognizable sound which ensures that they remain unforgettable. Cocker's effortless cabaret style involves the listener in his tales of self-conscious and distantly ironic trauma, and the production decision to let vocals remain unsubmerged makes the whole experience an enjoyable one.

A Different Class is excellent and therefore unmissable; it is an album one finds hard to stop listening to and will provide as much enjoyment as Oasis' epic first two albums. Like Oasis, Pulp comes from the north of England, and it must be hoped that their confrontational style will provide more happy events like last week's Brit Awards — just don't expect Michael Jackson to guest on their next album. In only a few short months, *A Different Class's* strengths have already propelled Pulp to superstardom in England, and its imminent release this side of the Atlantic will bring pleasure to many who choose to investigate the enormous amount this album has to offer.

-by Julian Elliott, music critic

concert review

by **Dominic DeVito**

the club is open

**Guided By Voices
Midwest Tour
February, 1996**

Over the course of eight days, Dayton, Ohio's Guided By Voices braved the harsh climes and monotonous terrain of the north central U.S. to deliver four amazing concerts for their growing legions of fans. This intrepid journalist was fortunate enough to attend three of these exhilarating events and talk to members of the band about the trials and joys of being middle-aged rock stars.

The first show was in the Patio, a small bar outside of Indianapolis. Approximately 500 fans, many from Dayton, packed into this cozy pub to hear what is possibly the best-kept secret in live music today.

Before the show, guitarist/songwriter Tobin Sprout expressed enthusiasm about GBV's upcoming album, *Under the Bushes, Under the Stars*, the band's 11th release. "I'm real happy with it," said Sprout, although he had written more than the four songs of his which appear on it.

Frontman Bob Pollard was recently quite busy writing new songs, and his twelve on the album all made an appearance at the show, while Sprout didn't sing any lead vocals. Not that it mattered; Pollard's track record for penning catchy pop songs in the tradition of The Beatles and The Who speaks for itself.

The band shocked many by opening their 90-minute set with eleven brand-new songs. For those who were used to GBV's lo-fi short song sound, the new tracks showed a new direction for the band: longer songs with more intricate structures and instrumental passages.

However, the trio of Pollard, Sprout and guitarist Mitch Mitchell proved instantly that they hadn't lost the magic touch for beautiful hooks and haunting lyrics. Each new song was received with mass approval as they all seemed to be instantly familiar. From the rolling "Your Name is Wild," to the brilliant chorus of "Underwater Explosions," and the unprecedented dynamics of "Cut Out Witch," this preview of the new album had everyone drooling in anticipation.

After disposing of the new stuff, GBV delved into a hearty helping of the best material from their last four and most popular albums. The crowd went nuts. As Sprout said regarding their best music, "It's power pop. It rocks," and songs as familiar as any Beatles anthem brought the crowd to repeated frenzies. Even Randy the t-shirt guy got involved, providing substitute vocals for an exhausted Pollard on "Madder Eater Lad" during the encore.

For those unfamiliar with GBV's reputation as beer-drinking rock'n'rollers, it's most definitely true. Throughout the Indy performance and in subsequent shows in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and Chicago, the band spent the entire night working themselves into a drunken frenzy.

Bob Pollard's lanky frame hovered and spun all night long, pausing occasionally to open a new bottle or light a cigarette. Mitchell, cigarette and long locks ever-present, leapt and strummed like a madman possessed with the devil of music, while bassist Greg Demos strutted and twirled (and occasionally fell), stroking his guitar like a phallus



Courtesy Matador Records

Dayton, Ohio natives Guided By Voices kicked off their 1996 touring season with a visit to the Heartland, stopping in Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, and Ohio.

and daring anyone to question the place of this Dayton lawyer in a rock'n'roll band. Drummer Kevin Fennell did a superb job keeping time for those pop masterpieces, flailing but always in control. Sprout's reserved stage demeanor contrasted the rest of the band's antics, but his playing and harmonizing spoke well enough for themselves.

The next weekend brought Guided By Voices to Wisconsin and Illinois. The Eau Claire show, held at the state university, was a much different affair than the Indy show, with a huge room and stage and a smaller and younger crowd.

The band delivered a phenomenal performance, choosing this time to mix the new material in with the old and interacting more with the audience. A big surprise came when Matt, from the opening band, New Radiant Storm King, joined GBV for a breathtaking

"Smothered In Hugs."

The following night at Chicago's Metro was the perfect caper to the road trip from heaven. The band was in good spirits from a positive press session, and the heartily sold-out club welcomed them with open arms.

The longest performance of the mini-tour showed the band to be giving a bit extra to each song (the newer material sounded especially polished), and the band showed their appreciation for a good show by giving a pair of long encores.

Basically, the lesson from this excursion with GBV is this: they're good live. They will be touring the entire country starting in April, so be sure to check them out when they come by. Picking up the new album and the last four (on Matador or Scat) wouldn't hurt either.

CAMPUS MUSIC CAMPUS MUSIC

Getting funky with the Reverend Funk

by **Kevin Dolan**

The campus music scene has never been a breeding ground for trends. This might seem odd at a school where everybody started rollerblading at about the same time, but historically, identifiable trends have been avoided. The Roadapples did their thing (and curse the past tense!), Big Earl did theirs, Emily had their turf, and Brian Colin and Vince were there to keep things light.

This year, however, and at the end of last year, there has been a growing trend on the part of campus bands to move back to our diaper days, the '70s. Fear not: we're not talking about Seals and Crofts or the Carpenters here. It's funk. Bands with singers who emphasize soul more than strict precision, rhythm sections that actually know what "syncopation" means, and the odd horn thrown in here and again. This is the campus funk scene, and it is somehow appropriate that a band named Reverend Funk would exemplify that scene as it has come to be.

Let it be said straight away that Reverend Funk is not a pretentious band. Cocky, yes, but not pretentious. A band opens itself up to questions like that when it names itself "Reverend" anything. Reverend Funk, however, like their predecessors whom we aren't old enough to remember in context, place more value on soul and energy than instrumental virtuosity.

That's not to say they can't play their instruments. In fact, all involved are tough to beat in terms of composite musical talent. Every player here carries his weight, especially bassist Chris Mueller, who is every bit as capable of playing a compelling solo as he is of laying a solid line. The occasional Richard Johnigan sax solo is a treat, and should be utilized more often for color. Overall, however, Reverend Funk is musically solid.

A quick trip through a Reverend Funk demo tape gives one a good overview of their influences. They aren't nearly as broad as one might hope, but then, funk is not the most diverse of genres. The band credits "Gimme Some Lovin'" to the Blues Brothers. This is possibly a charming way of being progressive and keeping things in the (relative) present. However, Steve

Winwood and the rest of the Spencer Davis Band, who recorded the original (and superior almost beyond words) version of "Gimme Some Lovin'" before the Blues Brothers were out of high school, might be a bit annoyed. What this says about Reverend Funk's influences is up to you, but then, what has Steve Winwood done lately?

Other covers stick pretty much to the basic campus-funk idiom. "Brickhouse," of course, is in there, and let's be honest: If you've heard one version of that Commodore's chestnut, you've heard them all. There are at least two bands on campus who play this song, and there is precious little to distinguish any rendition thereof.

The same holds true for "Do A Little Dance." Granted, this one is very, very catchy. But then, so is mono. Reverend Funk, as they do with every song they play, bring out the best in the song. Here, it's an atmospheric guitar sound that almost seems out of place in a funk context, but actually works perfectly. Still, questions of historical knowledge arise. As with everything on the Pulp Fiction soundtrack, would anyone think twice about this song if we didn't have an ultra-hip visual association to go with it? Not likely. "Low Rider" is another cover you've heard a hundred times, but Reverend Funk slows it down a bit, and the results are quite nice.

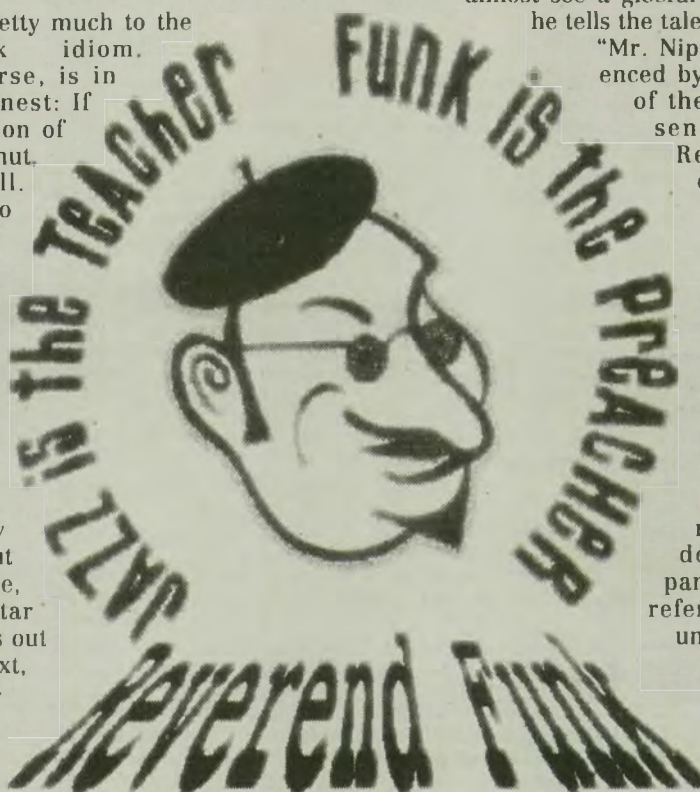
Reverend Funk's originals are another story altogether. It is a shame they only include two on the demo tape, because they're both really stellar. A certain frat-boy sensibility pervades them thematically and lyrically, but there's something in Dave Fantz's delivery that tells you the band is well aware of the joke; you can almost see a gleeful half-smile on his face as he tells the tale of "Mr. Nipple."

"Mr. Nipple" just screams "influenced by Primus." It's an update of the leering, winking '70's sentiment echoed in

Reverend Funk's hairy-chested covers. The verse, particularly, is more suited to headbanging than grinding, but it still swings. Primus is a good band to emulate, largely because they have no particular style. This song, however, can only be described as "Primus-styled." "Keys," the other original, is memorable more for its reference to defecating in one's own pants than anything else, a reference whose meaning is unfathomable.

Reverend Funk, however, should not be judged by a raw four-track demo. They play with an energy and sense of pure fun that can only be appreciat-

ed live. Your next opportunity to do so comes Saturday night, when they will be appearing at Jazzman's. Go check them out. Funk, more so than most genres, is a live art. Bearing in mind that they finished second at Nazz last year, live appeal is key to their act.



COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Allen scores career high in win

Associated Press

the school record of 85 he set last season.

STORRS, Conn. — Ray Allen scored a career-high 39 points, including a career-best nine 3-pointers, rallying No. 4 Connecticut from an early 15-point deficit to a 78-66 victory over Rutgers on Wednesday night.

Allen, who hadn't made more than three 3-pointers in the previous five games, hit four straight from beyond the arc late in the first half after the Huskies had fallen behind 30-15.

Connecticut (26-2, 16-1 Big East) took a 39-37 halftime lead, but Rutgers stayed in the game, and led 58-57 on a scoop shot by Damion Santiago with 7:45 left.

Allen responded with his seventh 3-pointer, which started an 11-0 run that put the Huskies up 68-58, and ahead to stay, as the Scarlet Knights (9-16, 6-11) never got closer than seven points the rest of the way.

The game spoiled an impressive performance by Santiago, who tied his career-high with 27 points. Andrew Kolbasovsky had 11 points for Rutgers and Rob Hodgson added 10.

Doron Sheffer, who didn't score until there were two minutes left in the first half, finished with 12 points for UConn, which finished undefeated in 15 home games this season.

The Huskies, who had already secured the No. 1 seed for the Big East tournament, wrap up the regular season Saturday against Seton Hall.

Allen has 91 3-pointers this season, breaking

Indiana 76, Illinois 64

Bob Knight gave Lou Henson a going-away present Wednesday night, then Indiana gave the retiring Illinois coach a 76-64 loss in his final game in the Hoosiers' Assembly Hall.

Brian Evans scored 25 points and Todd Lindeman added 19, including 9 during a 27-5 second-half streak that broke open a tight game and kept alive Indiana's hopes for an NCAA tourney bid.

The two coaches, who feuded five years ago after Knight criticized Illinois for recruiting violations, embraced during a pre-game ceremony honoring Henson, who will retire at the end of the season. Knight gave Henson an engraved chair and called him a "tremendous part of Big Ten basketball."

Then they went back to war.

The Hoosiers (16-11, 9-6 Big Ten) had lost the past two games and three of their past four and appeared in trouble after Illinois (17-10, 6-9) rallied from 10 points down to lead 47-44 seven minutes into the second half.

But the Illini managed only two baskets by Bryant Notree, one of them a 3-pointer, over the next 10 minutes.

During that period, Indiana steadily pulled away. A 3-point goal by Neil Reed gave the Hoosiers a 58-49 lead before Notree's 3-pointer.



Photo courtesy of Connecticut Sports Information
Husky swingman Ray Allen set a career high with 39 points as Connecticut rallied from a 15 point deficit to win 78-66. The victory improved the No. 4 ranked Huskies' mark to 26-2, 16-1 in conference.

UMass rebounds, Marquette upsets in overtime battles

Associated Press

AMHERST, Mass.

Marcus Camby had 21 points, 15 rebounds and his 300th career blocked shot Wednesday night as No. 2 Massachusetts rebounded from its only loss with a 68-66 overtime victory over St. Joseph's.

Camby hit a turnaround jumper in the lane with 1:44 left in overtime to break a 63-63 tie, then registered the milestone block at the other end. With 16 seconds left and UMass leading 67-66, Edgar Padilla missed two free throws that could have iced it, but Camby grabbed the rebound.

Terrell Myers and Reggie Townsend each had 14 points and Townsend added 11 rebounds for St. Joseph's (13-11, 8-7 Atlantic 10), which had won four in a row.

UMass (27-1, 15-1) was com-

ing off its only loss of the season, 86-76 Saturday to George Washington. The Minutemen haven't lost two in a row in three years.

Marquette 80, No. 21 Louisville 79, 2OT

LOUISVILLE, Ky.

Aaron Hutchins hit a 3-pointer from the right corner with three seconds left in the second overtime, lifting Marquette to an 80-79 victory over No. 21 Louisville on Wednesday night.

Hutchins' game-winner spoiled the return of Louisville center Samaki Walker, who had missed 10 consecutive games while the school conducted an investigation into the purchase of an automobile by his father.

Walker finished with 24 points and 12 rebounds.

Louisville (19-9, 10-4

Conference USA) took a 79-77 after Tick Rogers made two free throws after picking off a pass and being fouled by Anthony Peiper while driving to the basket with 8.8 seconds to go.

After a Louisville timeout, Hutchins took the inbounds pass and drove down the right side and launched the 3-pointer to give Marquette (19-6, 9-4) its sixth victory in its last seven games.

Louisville's Alvin Sims lofted a shot from midcourt that was way off the mark as time expired.

Hutchins, who was 5-of-6 on 3-pointers in helping Marquette to a 37-29 halftime lead, finished with 23 points. Roney Eford collected 14 points and 12 rebounds, while Peiper finished with 13 points.

Damion Dantzer, whose tip-in with 14 seconds sent the game into a second overtime, scored 18 points, while DeJuan Wheat added 14 and Brian Kiser 12 for Louisville.

Marquette overcame 34 percent shooting (23-of-67) by making 12 of 13 shots from 3-point range and 21 of 27 free throws.

Louisville shot 44 percent (29-of-66), but made just six of 19 3-pointers and missed 10 of 25 foul shots.

Pieper appeared to have the game iced for Marquette when he made two free throws for a 63-61 lead with 4.3 seconds remaining in regulation. But Wheat was fouled by Hutchins while bringing the ball up the court at 1.9 seconds and made both foul shots.

Pieper's 3-pointer with 36 seconds left in the overtime gave Marquette a 69-67 lead. Dantzer came through with a tip-in on B.J. Flynn's miss 22 seconds later to force the second overtime.

Louisville, losing its second straight game, opened a 77-74 lead on Walker's short hook with 1:31 left in the second extra period.

Marquette's Chris Crawford countered with a 3 at 1:14 to tie the game.

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Final Report of Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs Submitted to Professor Patricia O'Hara, Vice President for Student Affairs

In your March 6, 1995, Open Letter to the Notre Dame community, you announced the establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. This letter will serve as the final report of the committee.

In order to put the work of the committee into context, it is important to understand the circumstances which led to the creation of the committee. The Office of Student Affairs has had a longstanding dispute with GLND/SMC regarding whether granting official University recognition to this organization is an appropriate means of meeting the needs of gay and lesbian students on this campus given the University's responsibility to be faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Student Affairs has twice considered requests from GLND/SMC for University recognition — first in 1986, when recognition was denied by the then Vice President for Student Affairs, Rev. David Tyson, C.S.C., and again in the spring of 1992 when you denied an appeal by GLND/SMC of a decision by the Office of Student Activities refusing recognition. In denying GLND/SMC's appeal, you cited the "value neutral" approach expressed in its application materials and a history of dissent from official Church teaching among some of its leadership.

As an unrecognized group, GLND/SMC is not permitted to use campus facilities, receive University funds or sponsor activities. In the spring of 1995, Student Affairs informed GLND/SMC that, in light of its unrecognized status, it could not use a room in the Counseling Center for regular and publicized peer support meetings. This decision sparked a heated, painful and divisive campus debate. For some, the refusal to grant recognition suggested that the University wished to disavow its gay and lesbian students as integral and valued members of this community.

On February 20, 1995, the Campus Life Council (CLC) passed a resolution that called upon Student Affairs to grant full recognition to GLND/SMC. In your Open Letter of March 6, 1995, in response to this resolution, you articulated Student Affairs' rationale for refusing to grant recognition to GLND/SMC. At the same time, you affirmed the University's genuine desire to acknowledge and support gay and lesbian students on this campus:

We value our gay and lesbian students, as we value all students who are members of this community. We want the University to be a safe and inclusive environment in which every student can pursue the educational endeavor to which we are committed — free from harassment of any kind. As with all our students, we want to meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students. We seek to do so through appropriate channels — channels which we believe are best equipped to address the issues with which gay and lesbian students deal and channels that allow us to balance our desire to support our gay and lesbian students with our responsibility to remain faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

In your March 6, 1995, Open Letter, you also announced the creation of this committee to advise you on how, apart from recognition of GLND/SMC or another student organization, Student Affairs could do a better job of meeting the needs of gay and lesbian students. Specifically, you asked us to consider the following questions:

1. How can the University, through Student Affairs, sponsor a facilitated setting respectful of Church teaching in which gay and lesbian students can come together as a group to explore common issues and find mutual support?
2. What types of programs should Student Affairs sponsor for rectors, hall staff and other Student Affairs professionals, to better equip them to meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students?
3. What additional measures should Student Affairs take to promote an environment free of harassment based on sexual orientation?

Since its inception a year ago, the committee has submitted to you two interim reports, the first on May 1, 1995, and the second on December 1, 1995. Both interim reports were published in *The Observer*.

In our first interim report in May 1995, we offered specific recommendations with regard to question two of our mandate, namely on those programs Student Affairs might sponsor for rectors, hall staff and other Student Affairs professionals, to better equip them to meet the needs of gay and lesbian students. These recommendations, as they appeared in our May 1995 report, are as follows:

RECOMMENDATION 1:

That the Office of Student Affairs incorporate into its orientation program for all resident assistants and assistant rectors a workshop on how to assist gay and lesbian students.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

That the Office of Student Affairs offer continuing professional education to all residence hall rectors on the psychosexual development of college-age students, both heterosexual and homosexual.

In determining the content and format of these workshops, the Office of Student Affairs should call upon the University Counseling Center, Campus Ministry and most importantly, upon our own gay and lesbian students, for input.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

That the Office of Student Affairs make resources available to assist rectors in sensitizing their staffs and hall residents to the needs of gay and lesbian students.

RECOMMENDATION 4:

That in their words of welcome at the beginning of the year, residence hall rectors be encouraged to specifically articulate their willingness to be a resource for those who are struggling with issues of sexual identity or who are self-identified homosexuals. Rectors should also communicate to the hall community the University's intolerance for harassment on the basis of sexual orientation.

We concentrated our early efforts on the portion of our mandate relating to programs to be offered to hall staff members and Student Affairs professionals because we were hopeful that our recommendations would be implemented as early as fall 1995, when hall staffs once again participated in staff training and orientation. We are pleased to note that most of our recommendations have been or are in the process of being implemented: all resident assistants participated in a workshop on gay and lesbian student needs during hall staff orientation; residence hall rectors were encouraged to specifically articulate their willingness to be a resource for those who are struggling with issues of sexual orientation and to emphasize the University's intolerance for harassment on the basis of sexual orientation; and Student Affairs has planned a workshop for rectors on the psychosexual development of college-age students.

In our second interim report in December 1995, we described what we heard in the course of the listening sessions hosted by the committee during the 1995 fall semester. Several of our meetings were devoted to listening to the voices of gay and lesbian students on this campus. Many students, both undergraduate and graduate, expressed feelings of fear, frustration and isolation. The students spoke of the very real terror they experienced at the prospect of revealing their sexual orientation to roommates, friends and family. Several students reported feeling such a sense of isolation that they contemplated suicide. Others chose to act out in ways that were equally self-destructive.

The gay and lesbian students with whom we spoke talked about how very difficult it is to be gay at Notre Dame. They have had to look to each other for support and assistance, feeling that their needs are largely ignored by the University. GLND/SMC has been the primary source of support for most of the students to whom we listened.

Many gay and lesbian students spoke about their commitment to their faith and their desire to find a way to live as adult Christians. They want the University to provide gay and lesbian students with the resources they need to integrate their sexuality and their faith lives. They expressed their need for gay and lesbian role models who can assist them in this process.

Our December report also described what we heard from a small group of gay faculty members who shared their perspectives on the needs of gay and lesbian students at Notre Dame. The faculty members underscored many of the concerns raised by the students. Some described an atmosphere of fear among gay and lesbian faculty which impacts negatively upon students who are coming to terms with their own sexual identity. They urged that the nondiscrimination clause found in University publications be amended to include nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The committee has spent the months since our last report engaged in careful reflection and constructive dialogue. We have formulated our recommendations in light of what we have heard and within the context of our mandate. Throughout our work together as a committee, we have been conscious of the centrality of the Catholic character of Notre Dame. The recommendations we offer represent our best efforts to address the needs of gay and lesbian students within a community that is committed to Gospel values and to the teachings of the Catholic Church.



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A great deal has happened since the committee began its work together a year ago. As painful and divisive as the campus conversation surrounding the issue of recognition for GLND/SMC has sometimes been, the committee has been encouraged by the small but important signs of progress we have observed as a result of this dialogue. The fact that your words of welcome at Freshman Orientation made specific reference to gay and lesbian students, the fact that several rectors have made efforts to welcome and support gay and lesbian students, the fact that letters have appeared in *The Observer* from Campus Ministry welcoming the gay and lesbian students in our midst, all suggest that as a community, we have become more aware of the pain and sense of alienation experienced by gay and lesbian students on this campus. The committee hopes that we will continue to take steps toward becoming a place where students are valued for their uniqueness. While there is still a great deal of work to be done, the dialogue about these issues has moved us beyond where we were as a community a year ago.

A similar process has taken place among members of this committee. Each of us has been deeply moved by what we have heard over these past months. We have been inspired by the ways in which gay and lesbian students have cared for and assisted each other, and we have been impressed by the earnestness and faithfulness with which many seek to live out their lives as Christians. In the course of our work together, the members of this committee have grown in their respect for and trust in each other. We are hopeful that the collaborative spirit which has animated our work together will also enliven the University's ongoing efforts to respond to the needs of gay and lesbian students.

Within the context of questions one and three of our mandate, the committee offers the following recommendations as specific steps designed to move the University closer to becoming the kind of welcoming and inclusive community we strive to be.

RECOMMENDATION 5:

That a University group of gay and lesbian students facilitated by one or two members of the faculty or administration be constituted. This group, which would stand in special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs, should assist gay and lesbian students in coming together to find mutual support and in exploring common issues within the context of this community and the teachings of the Catholic Church. The group's advisor(s) should be selected by the student members and approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs. However, for the first year, the Vice President should solicit names of possible advisors from gay and lesbian students and appoint an advisor or advisors to convene the group. Through its advisor(s), this University group should receive University funding, publicize its meetings and have use of University facilities for its meetings.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

That a standing committee on the needs of gay and lesbian students be created to advise the Vice President for Student Affairs. It should be the task of this committee to act as a resource to the Vice President in identifying the ongoing needs of gay and lesbian students, to continue the dialogue begun by the ad hoc committee, and to assist in the implementation of campus-wide educational programming on gay and lesbian issues. The committee's membership should consist of appropriate members of the faculty, administration and student body. At least half of the committee's members should be gay or lesbian persons.

RECOMMENDATION 7:

That the University Counseling Center continue to play a vital role in providing ongoing psychological support for those struggling with issues of sexual identity.

Many of the gay and lesbian students with whom we spoke indicated that they found the services provided by the Counseling Center helpful at various stages in their lives. The committee commends the work of the Counseling Center in this area and encourages the staff to consider new ways of enhancing its outreach efforts.

RECOMMENDATION 8:

That Campus Ministry provide forums for gay and lesbian students in which issues regarding faith and sexuality can be discussed in a non-judgmental atmosphere, while at the same time challenging students to live up to Christian ideals. Campus Ministry should also provide retreat experiences geared specifically to gay and lesbian students.

In addition, Campus Ministry, in consultation with the University Counseling Center, should develop and offer retreats open to all students who wish to explore issues relating sexuality to faith.

The committee wishes to acknowledge and affirm the efforts of Campus Ministry in forming a pastoral support group for gay and lesbian students.

RECOMMENDATION 9:

That the Office of Student Affairs coordinate forums on sexuality, personal development and faith for the campus. There is a need to engage students,

whether heterosexual or homosexual, in meaningful conversation about their sexuality and the integration of sexuality and faith. While Campus Ministry has offered students some opportunities for such dialogue, most notably through its "Keeping the Faith" lecture series, a more comprehensive program which will reach a greater number of students should be developed. Given the large percentage of undergraduates who reside on campus, the possibility of hosting such forums within each residence hall should be considered.

RECOMMENDATION 10:

That *duLac*, the *Faculty Handbook* and the *Staff/Employee Guidebook* include specific statements which articulate the University's intolerance for harassment on the basis of sexual orientation and which express the University's desire to welcome and support the gay and lesbian members of this community. In addition, the University should take steps to heighten awareness of the procedures in place to address harassment on the basis of sexual orientation. The University's current discriminatory harassment policy provides for the appointment of a University ombudsperson who can serve as a resource to those who are the targets of discriminatory harassment. All materials publicizing the University ombudsperson should include a specific statement that the ombudsperson can be of assistance in addressing incidents of harassment on the basis of sexual orientation.

RECOMMENDATION 11:

That in orienting new students, faculty, staff and administrators to Notre Dame, the offices responsible for such orientation should make affirmative statements which articulate the University's intolerance for harassment on the basis of sexual orientation and which express the University's desire to welcome and support the gay and lesbian members of this community.

RECOMMENDATION 12:

That the Vice President for Student Affairs should raise to the University officers the issue of modifying the nondiscrimination clause which appears in University publications to include sexual orientation.

Thank you for your support for the work of this committee. We hope that we have been able to assist you and the University community in exploring effective ways of addressing these important issues which affect us all.

Signed,

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■ NFL

Seattle makes final effort to keep team

By TIM KLASS
Associated Press

SEATTLE King County officials met with NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue for 2 1/2 hours today in New York in an effort to keep the Seahawks in Seattle.

There was no immediate comment from either side.

Seattle was represented by King County executive Gary Locke, who made the trip with county council budget committee chairman Peter von Reichbauer. Also present was John Nordstrom, the Seahawks' former owner, representing the Seattle business community.

Behring announced Feb. 2 that he was moving the franchise to the Los Angeles area. That move drew a barrage of legal action designed to enforce the club's Kingdome lease, which has 10 years to run.

The county sued Behring. Behring responded with a move to void the lease on grounds that the Kingdome would collapse in an earthquake and Washington state filed an antitrust suit against Behring.

In addition, Tagliabue said he advised Behring not to try to move the franchise and suggested that the effort could be reversed.

Last year Behring voted for a resolution, signed by all the NFL owners, that gave the league control of the Los Angeles market following the departure of the Rams to St. Louis and the Raiders to Oakland.

Behring met Tuesday with Portland Trailblazers team president Bob Whitsitt, who is exploring purchase of the team by Microsoft co-founder and Trailblazers owner Paul Allen.

The meeting between Behring and Whitsitt in Danville, Calif., was reported in today's editions of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

A Behring spokesman refused to answer questions about Tuesday's meeting with Whitsitt, who is the former president of the Seattle SuperSonics.

"The team is not for sale, period. And we will have no further comment about any sales rumors," Alan Elias told the P-I.

But von Reichbauer remained optimistic.

"Meetings going on on the East Coast and West Coast are critical to our keeping the Seahawks in Seattle," von Reichbauer told the newspaper.

"What's at stake in Seattle is a metaphor for what's going on throughout the NFL."

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Piazza hopes to stay at catcher

By JOHN NADEL
Associated Press

VERO BEACH, Fla.

Long before Mike Piazza became baseball's best hitting catcher, he decided to call it quits one day.

Fortunately, he was talked out of it, but was glad it happened because it changed the way he looked at his job.

"I really wasn't enjoying the game," Piazza said at the Los Angeles Dodgers' spring training complex, where he was playing for the Class A Vero Beach Dodgers in 1990 when the incident occurred. "I was ready to move on in life and do something else."

"I just said I was quitting. I had just had a bad run-in with the coach I was playing for. I just felt a lot of resentment toward me, that he had it out for me."

Piazza recalled telling a friend that if he wasn't in the starting lineup on one particular day, he was going to walk out. And that's what happened.

"When I got home, I decided I was going to pack up and leave," he said. "I was ready to retire. They convinced me to stay. I had to apologize to the team and I had a big fine."

Piazza, whose father was a boyhood friend of Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda, was the team's 61st pick in the June 1988 Free Agent Draft. So the club probably wasn't too concerned when he talked about quitting.

"It's a good thing they didn't say, 'Well, OK, see ya, good

luck,'" he said with a smile. "I believe everything happens for a reason. I was putting a lot of pressure on myself."

"The next year, I said, 'I'm just going to go out and play ball. If it doesn't work out, I'll be able to say I gave it a shot.' I had a lot more fun playing the game after that."

Piazza played for Bakersfield of the California League in 1991 and hit .277 with 29 homers and 80 RBIs. With Vero Beach in 1990, he hit only .250 with six homers and 45 RBIs.

"Believe it or not, I honestly believe if I had quit, I would have done something," he said. "It's funny how life is, you never know what to expect."

"I appreciate the accolades and the attention. If it were to end tomorrow, I'd still be happy. I'd move on."

Now 27, it's doubtful Piazza will be moving on for a while.

Through three full seasons, his numbers compare favorably with former great catchers at that stage of their careers.

From 1993-95, Piazza hit .327 with 91 homers and 297 RBIs. Hall of Famer Johnny Bench, for example, hit .287 with 86 homers and 320 RBIs from 1968-70, his first three big-league seasons.

Last year, Piazza hit .346 with 32 homers and 93 RBIs in just 112 games. He was sidelined for more than three weeks early in the season after sustaining a torn ligament in his left thumb caused from falling and landing on it while rounding first base.

There has been talk about a change of position for Piazza because he's such an outstanding hitter and there's a lot of wear and tear on a catcher, but he said that's not something he's thought about yet.

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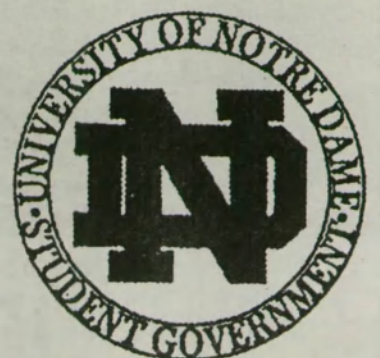
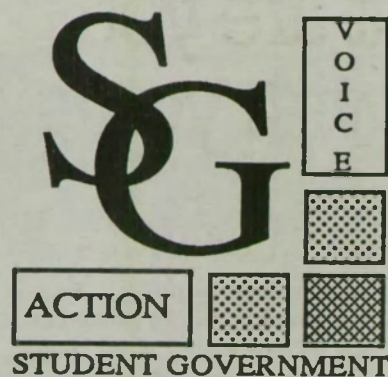


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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Georgia Tech clinches ACC

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. Matt Harpring scored 22 points to lead No. 18 Georgia Tech to an 83-68 victory over Florida State on Wednesday night, clinching the Atlantic Coast Conference title.

Drew Barry and Eddie Elisma had 16 points each as Georgia Tech (19-10, 12-3 ACC) had little trouble handling the Seminoles (13-12, 5-10) in setting a school record for conference victories.

The win, the Yellow Jackets' sixth straight, also made Bobby Cremins the winningest coach in Georgia Tech history with a 293-170 record. Cremins overtook John "Whack" Snyder, who went 292-271 from 1951-73.

James Collins led the Seminoles with 14 points and Kirk Luchman added 12.

Georgia Tech opened its biggest lead at 54-39 with 14:41 to play before the Seminoles cut the lead to 60-54 on LaMarr Greer's 3-pointer with 7:40 to go.

But Florida State couldn't overcome its inconsistency on the boards, the foul line and beyond the 3-point arc. The Seminoles also were without Corey Louis, their top rebounder and second-leading scorer, who was suspended Wednesday for violating team rules.

While both teams shot more than 50 percent from the field, Georgia Tech made 75 percent (21-of-28) of its free throws while Florida State could only muster 40 percent (6-of-15).

Louis, who had averaged 6.6 rebounds a game, watched in street clothes as the Yellow Jackets enjoyed a 35-28 advantage on the boards.

Florida State coach Pat

Kennedy suspended Louis for two games. He will sit out the Seminoles' last regular-season game against Maryland, but return for the ACC tournament next week.

It marked Louis' second suspension of the season. The sophomore forward also missed the season's first two games for ignoring academic responsibilities.

The Yellow Jackets made 10 of 21 3-pointers, led by Barry's 4-for-6 shooting. The Seminoles were 4-of-13 from 3-point range.

No. 20 Iowa 69, Wisconsin 54

IOWA CITY, Iowa Jess Settles scored 25 points, including 10 straight in a second-half rally, as No. 20 Iowa outlasted Wisconsin 69-54 Wednesday night.

Andre Woolridge added 12 of his 19 points in the second half and Russ Millard finished with 13 points and eight rebounds for Iowa (20-7 overall, 9-6 Big Ten), which won for the 13th time in 14 games at Carver-Hawkeye Arena and gave coach Tom Davis his 93rd league victory to make him the winningest Big Ten coach in school history.

The Badgers (15-12, 7-8) lost despite a career-high 22 points from Sean Daugherty and 19 from Jeremy Hall, which matched his career best.

Hall hit three 3-pointers and Daugherty two in a 17-4 spurt to open the second half and turn a 30-26 halftime deficit into a 43-34 lead with 13:17 to play. Settles, who had a bucket during the Badger run, rallied Iowa with eight more points to key a 12-2 run that gave the Hawkeyes a 46-45 lead with

9:52 remaining.

Sam Okey, Wisconsin's leading scorer at 13 points a game and a top contender for Big Ten freshman of the year, hit a free throw to tie the game at 46-46 before Iowa scored 11 of the next 13 points, capped by Kenyon Murray's basket, to open a 57-48 edge with 3:26 to play.

Wisconsin climbed back twice to within seven, the last time at 59-52 on Okey's bank shot with 2:14 remaining, but failed to close.

Okey, who leads his team in scoring, rebounding, assists and blocked shots, scored just six points although he had 10 rebounds, three blocked shots and four assists.

Iowa, outrebounded 34-29 in an 80-71 loss to Wisconsin on Jan. 13, pounded the Badgers 37-26 while holding them to 40.8 percent shooting from the field.

Kansas St. 92, No. 23 Iowa St. 87, OT

AMES, Iowa Elliot Hatcher and Aaron Swartzendruber each scored 22 points and freshman Ayome May hit a 3-pointer for the go-ahead basket in overtime as Kansas State beat No. 23 Iowa State 92-87 Wednesday night.

Kansas State (16-9, 7-6 Big Eight) rallied from an 11-point deficit in the first half and came from five points down in the final 2 1/2 minutes of regulation to keep its NCAA tournament hopes alive.

Iowa State (19-8, 8-5) got a season-high 31 points from Kenny Pratt and 24 from Dedric Willoughby, who sat out three minutes in the first half after twisting his right knee but returned to play a strong game.

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Pitino, Kentucky relish top ranking

By KEN BERGER
Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala.

Rick Pitino was expressionless as he walked out of the tunnel before the game. His face showed nothing but angst from tipoff to the final buzzer.

A smile finally came when the Kentucky coach was asked to explain why his top-ranked Wildcats beat Auburn by ONLY 15 points on Tuesday night.

"I think the reason for that is that Auburn was very good," Pitino said after the Wildcats' 88-73 victory over the Tigers. He started out in a serious tone, and then began laughing when pressed about his team's "off night."

"You know," Pitino continued, "we're a hell of a good basketball team. That's why we're No. 1 in the country. We did some things poorly tonight — not indicative of a No. 1 team. But, you know, we've got great players. When you have an off-night and you win by 15 in this type of environment, you've got a real good basketball team."

Kentucky (25-1, 15-0 Southeastern Conference) shot only 40 percent in the first half; 43 percent for the game. The Wildcats made only eight 3-pointers and couldn't get many fast break points. Auburn kept it close early by surging through the usually impenetrable Kentucky defense for easy baskets.

But as usual, Kentucky was too good for too long. Just as fans have trouble sustaining noise for the entire 35-second clock, defenses have trouble chasing the Wildcats that long without breaking down.

"We played hard, and the crowd was into it," Auburn coach Cliff Ellis said. "But they're not intimidated by anything."

As March grows nearer, tantalizing Pitino with the possibility of a national championship, the players are not only believing his gospel of perfection; they're preaching it.

"We came out and our press

wasn't good," Walter McCarty complained.

"We gave up a lot of easy baskets and layups."

Still, the Wildcats passed a tough test in an incredibly loud building that has seen upsets before.

The fans at Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum seemed to muster some of the ear-ringing noise that fills the football stadium on this campus in the fall.

A team bidding for the first undefeated season in the SEC since Alabama did it in 1956 might prefer to go without a trip to Auburn. The Tigers won the last two meetings with Kentucky with the Wildcats holding the No. 1 ranking. Last year, Auburn (18-10, 6-9) shocked then-defending national champion Arkansas at home.

Kentucky stayed in the locker room longer than Auburn before the game. When the Wildcats emerged, they were buried in that SEC football-type noise.

The pep band played louder and cut its notes cleaner than any game all season. Cheerleaders got more height on their kicks and were winded and sweating after their first routine.

The Wildcats' faces said, "Ho-hum." They see this everywhere they go.

Pitino was the last to emerge from the tunnel, looking nervously at his feet while walking deliberately along the baseline behind the basket. Fans shouted expletives at him.

"This is a tough environment," Pitino said.

But it would take more than environment to rattle Pitino's sturdy machine, which has won 24 straight games by an average of nearly 25 points.

"I'm just from a different school," Pitino said. "Crowds, teams needing games or it being senior night — I don't think any of those things matter. I think what wins games is execution."

What has mattered so far has been Pitino's ability to keep all his stars happy.



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■ NHL

Blues make room for Gretzky salary

By R.B. FALLSTROM
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS
After working on the Wayne Gretzky deal for more than a month, the St. Louis Blues aren't about to let him get away.

During trade talks that resulted in the deal Tuesday night, the Los Angeles Kings did not allow the Blues to talk to Gretzky or his agent, Michael Barnett. But neither Gretzky, who can be a free agent July 1, nor the Blues expect any trouble reaching agreement on a new contract.

"We just think we have enough knowledge, enough experience and enough background to complete this before any danger of his leaving would occur," Blues president Jack Quinn said. "We don't really think that's going to be a problem."

"We're going to start immediately."

Gretzky is making \$6.5 million this season, and the nine-time MVP is seeking a three-year contract worth about \$21 million, an amount that would keep him the NHL's highest-paid player.

With about two months left in the regular season, the Blues will pay Gretzky about \$2 million, which boosts their payroll to about \$22 million. For now, though, the

biggest cost to the Blues is in futures.

The Blues sent rookie forwards Craig Johnson and Patrice Tardif, 19-year-old prospect Roman Vopat, their fifth-round pick in this year's Entry Draft and their first-round pick in 1997 to Los Angeles.

The Blues did not want to give up a first-rounder this year because they are hosting the draft.

The players the Kings acquired have 42 career points in 139 games. In 1,235 career games, Gretzky has 829 goals and 1,758 assists for 2,587 points.

How the deal fits in the Blues' financial puzzle remains murky. Soon after general manager-coach Mike Keenan signed a raft of free agents last summer, including Shayne Corson, Geoff Courtnall, Dale Hawerchuk, Brian Noonan and Grant Fuhr, he was ordered to slash the payroll by the Kiel Center Partners, who own the team.

Now what? "We either have to grow revenues, or shrink expenses," a team spokesman said.

Without question Gretzky will boost ticket sales. The Blues are averaging 18,218 per game and can seat about 20,000 at the Kiel Center. On Monday and Tuesday alone, the Blues sold 2,200 tickets.

■ NHL

'Great One' seeks final goal

By KEN RAPPOPORT
Associated Press

Wayne Gretzky won four Stanley Cups in Edmonton. He then went to Los Angeles and did the strangest thing, making hockey fans out of Southern Californians.

Now the Great One is in St. Louis, and the mission is no less imposing — winning a Stanley Cup for the Blues.

"There are no guarantees in this business that anyone for sure is going to win the Stanley Cup," Gretzky said Wednesday in a conference call from Vancouver, where he is to play for the Blues on Thursday night.

"And that's what makes it so special when you get to lift the Stanley Cup."

There is still a lot of ground to cover between now and the start of the playoffs in mid-April. But, for the moment, Gretzky has given hope to a team with a 26-24-11 record and saved Mike Keenan's shaky relationship with the St. Louis community.

Keenan, however, makes little of his team's mediocre record. He says the object, as always, is the playoffs.

"I think we've built that type of playoff team that we'll be very comfortable with," he said, speaking on the same conference call. "... Certainly, the acquisition of Wayne Gretzky is a big part of the success formula."

The Blues general manager and coach had been criticized

of late for many unpopular moves, most notably trading Brendan Shanahan and Curtis Joseph and stripping Brett Hull of his captaincy.

This time, Keenan didn't give up any fan favorites to get the biggest name, and biggest draw, in hockey.

Gretzky's box office magic is just as important to the Blues as his magic with a hockey stick. The team's goal of season-ticket sales at the new Kiel Center is currently short by 3,000 and Gretzky should make an immediate impact there as much as he did in Los Angeles.

"Looking at this organization and Michael's leadership, (the Blues) are as competitive as any team and I'm darn excited about being here," Gretzky said. "I feel like a young kid."

He will immediately move into the No. 1 center's position

and play on a dream line with Hull, one of hockey's most potent scorers.

While the trade rumors swirled around him, Gretzky had fairly salivated about the prospect of playing with Hull, who once scored 86 goals in a season — six shy of Gretzky's record.

"Who knows?" Gretzky once joked. "If we play together, he might get 100 goals."

Hull would settle for a lot less in exchange for a Cup. But there's no guarantee of that, just because of Gretzky's arrival.

At 35, Gretzky is not the player who once scored 92 goals in a season and made 200-point seasons a habit.

And he's joining a thirtysomething group of players who, in many cases, have seen their better days.

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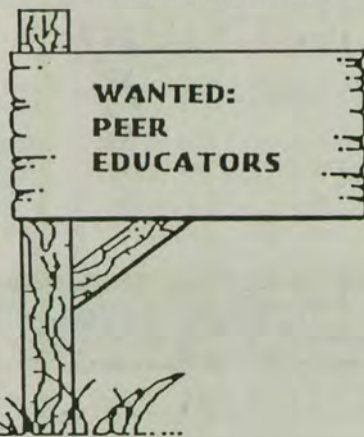
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■ NBA

Blaylock propels Hawks

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Mookie Blaylock won the game with a late 3-pointer, but he wouldn't have had the chance if the Atlanta Hawks hadn't preceded it with a pair of offensive rebounds.

Blaylock's 3-pointer with 11 seconds left was the difference in Atlanta's 90-88 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday night. Portland's Clifford Robinson missed a last-second 20-footer.

"We just couldn't get those rebounds when we needed them, and they did," Harvey Grant said.

Arydas Sabonis hit two free throws to give the Trail Blazers an 88-87 lead with 41 seconds to go. Blaylock, who finished with 23 points and eight assists, nailed the game-winner from the left side after he and Craig Ehlo each missed.

"The fact that we were able to get some offensive rebounds at the end is what helped us win," said Christian Laettner, who had 15 points and six rebounds in his first start since the Hawks acquired him from Minnesota last week.

"We kept passing it around. Craig missed a shot. We got the rebound. Mookie missed one, and we got another rebound and then Mookie nailed it," said Laettner, who logged 34 minutes in his first home appearance in Atlanta.

The win was the third in a row for Atlanta and left Lenny Wilkens, the NBA's all-time winningest coach, one victory shy of 1,000. He'll go for the milestone on Friday when the Hawks host Cleveland, his former club.

The Hawks are undefeated since the Feb. 22 four-player trade for Laettner and Sean Rooks which sent Andrew Lang and Spud Webb to the Timberwolves.

Steve Smith added 17 points and Stacey Augmon 14.

Sabonis collected 26 points and 10 rebounds, and Grant added 17 points, including five in the final three minutes.

The lead changed hands seven times in the final three minutes after Portland rallied from a 9-point deficit in the final nine minutes.

Celtics 121, Hornets 116, OT

BOSTON

David Wesley scored 33 points, including the go-ahead basket in overtime, as the Boston Celtics snapped a five-game losing streak by beating the Charlotte Hornets 121-116 Wednesday night.

Wesley's jump shot with 3:40 left in overtime gave the Celtics a 116-114 lead. Todd Day and Wesley made a free throw apiece and Day made a jumper for a six-point lead. Charlotte scored only one basket in overtime.

Dino Radja and Rick Fox scored 16 points each and Pervis Ellison had 20 rebounds for Boston.

Kenny Anderson had 22 points and 13 assists but lost his dribble at the end of regulation to force overtime and was ejected in the final period for throwing the ball at Day. Larry Johnson led the Hornets with 26 points, Dell Curry added 21 and Glen Rice 19.

Notes: Boston used a starting lineup of guards Fox and Wesley, center Dino Radja and forwards Ellison and Eric Williams — the first time that unit has started a game. It was Williams' first start in the NBA. ... Boston made two roster moves prior to the game, placing guard Dee Brown on the injured list with a sore toe on his right foot and activating forward Doug Smith from the IL.

SuperSonics 94, Pistons 80

SEATTLE

Gary Payton scored 17 second-half points and Seattle held Detroit to 32 points in the final two periods as the SuperSonics won their 11th straight game Wednesday night, 94-80 over the Pistons.

The Sonics broke the game open without the services of Shawn Kemp. He was ejected by official Steve Javie for arguing a call with 9:31 left and the Sonics leading 73-68.

Led by Payton's six points and five from Frank Brickowski on a 3-point shot and fast-break dunk, the Sonics opened up a 91-74 lead with an 18-6 spurt.

Kemp, who earned Player of the Week honors last week, topped the Sonics with 23 points on 9-for-14 shooting and 14 rebounds.

Allan Houston paced the Pistons with 29 points and Grant Hill added 15. Detroit made only eight shots in 34 attempts in the second half.

After trailing 48-36 at halftime, the Sonics outscored the Pistons 32-16 in the third period — Payton scoring 11 — for a 68-64 lead after three quarters. The Sonics blocked six shots in the third quarter, four by Ervin Johnson.

Notes: Seattle has won 11 in a row at Key Arena and is 26-2 at home. ... The Pistons scored just one more point than their season-low of 73 at Orlando on Dec. 23. ... The Sonics were 11-1 in February, their best month since going 11-1 in Nov. 1993.

■ NBA

Shaq tops Alonzo, Magic escape Heat

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla.

Shaquille O'Neal won another personal matchup with Alonzo Mourning and the Orlando Magic cooled off the Miami Heat with a 116-112 victory Wednesday night.

O'Neal had 31 points and 14 rebounds to Mourning's 18 points and 10 boards as the Atlantic Division leaders improved to 29-0 at home and dealt Miami its first loss since coach Pat Riley remade the Heat with three trades last week.

Anfernee Hardaway just missed a triple-double with 27 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds. Dennis Scott added 25 points for Orlando, which also beat Miami in another Shaq-Zo showdown on Feb. 17.

Tim Hardaway, one of the five players the Heat obtained before last Thursday night's trade deadline, led Miami with 22 points and 13 assists. Rex Chapman had 16 and Walt Williams 14.

Orlando led 91-89 going into the fourth quarter and pulled away by making 8 of 11 free throws during a crucial two-minute stretch. O'Neal was just 2-for-10 from the foul line in the first three quarters but made his first five free throws in the fourth.

Miami, which had won three straight since the blockbuster trades — and four overall — fell behind 108-97 and never seriously threatened after that.

The Magic shot nearly 70 percent in the first quarter, opening a 39-26 lead before Miami bridged the first and second periods with a 15-0 run to go up 41-39.

The Heat made up the

deficit with Mourning on the bench, but Orlando steadied itself and rebuilt its advantage to 10 before settling for a 66-58 halftime lead.

Chapman led another Miami surge in the third quarter with 11 points — nine on 3-pointers — to help the Heat battle back to a 75-73 lead.

Suns 117, Timberwolves 93

MINNEAPOLIS

Charles Barkley finished one assist shy of a triple-double and the Phoenix Suns outscored the Minnesota Timberwolves by 20 points in the third period of a 117-93 victory Wednesday night.

Barkley had 24 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists and rookie Michael Finley added 21 points. The Suns shot 62 percent to move over .500 (28-27) for just the second time since Nov. 25.

Danny Manning scored 11 points in the third quarter and finished with 17 in his 13th game since returning from the knee injury that sidelined him for a year. The Suns are 9-4 in those games and have won four of their last five.

Isaiah Rider led Minnesota with 21 points, but had just three after halftime. Andrew Lang, acquired in a trade last week, added 18 points and nine rebounds.

Minnesota, which has beaten Phoenix just once in seven seasons, led 55-52 at halftime as Rider and Barkley dueled for 24 minutes. Rider had 18 points and Barkley had 17 in the half.

Manning scored two quick baskets over rookie Kevin Garnett to start the third quarter and the Suns went on to hit 13 of 16 shots in the period.

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Frazier hospitalized for unknown reason

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. Former Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier, who led the Cornhuskers to a national championship at the Fiesta Bowl last month, is in the hospital.

Suzanne McMasters, spokeswoman at Bryan Memorial Hospital, confirmed Wednesday that Frazier had been admitted but would not disclose details. Officials at Bryan on Monday had denied that Frazier was hospitalized there.

The Omaha World-Herald quoted Frazier's mother, Priscilla Frazier, as saying her son was undergoing tests to determine if another blood clot had formed in his right leg.

Frazier was admitted to Bryan on Monday for a sinus infection that worsened dur-

ing a weekend autograph session in Norfolk, Mrs. Frazier said. She called the hospitalization was a precaution.

"He almost passed out," she told the World-Herald. "They wanted to make sure it didn't turn into pneumonia."

Frazier, the runnerup to Ohio State's Eddie George in last year's Heisman Trophy voting, had blood-clot problems during his junior season. Anticoagulant medication dissolved a clot behind his right knee but the clot later reformed.

Frazier missed seven games, but returned to play in the 1995 Orange Bowl and lead Nebraska to the first of two consecutive national titles. Professional scouts have projected Frazier as a defensive back, but he has said he wants to play as a quarterback.

Irish

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mount a furious second half comeback," said Miami coach Lenard Hamilton. "I'm very proud of our youngsters for maintaining their intensity."

Intensity was lacking from the Irish from the outset. Despite national television and their last opportunity to play in front of the home crowd, the Irish slept-walked through the first half, shooting 28% from the field.

Notre Dame did not score a point during the last 7:54 of the half, allowing Miami to stretch a six-point lead to a 24-point blowout.

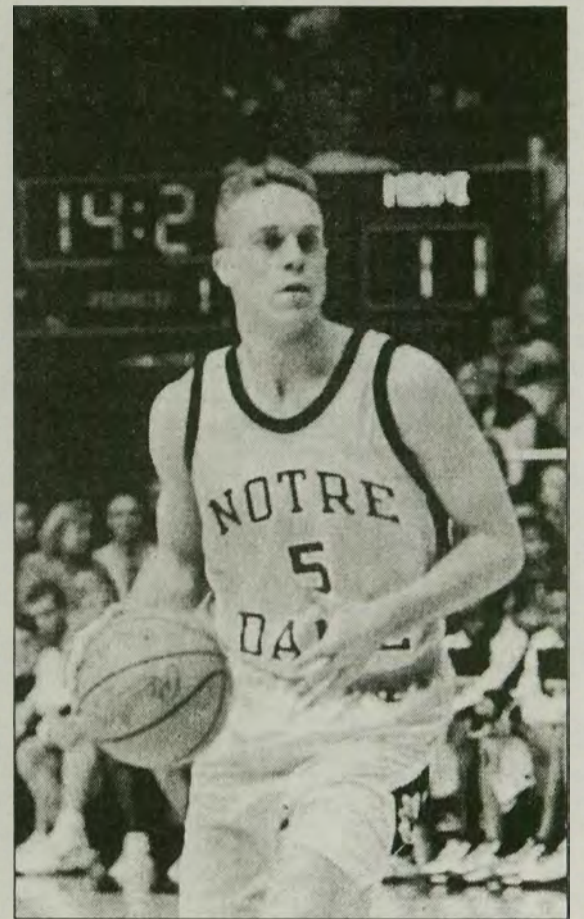
"We've had a lot of those periods this year when we've blanked," stated MacLeod. "We've had a difficult time putting two good halves together. We have to grow up and mature quickly in this league."

The loss cast a damper on the final home game for Irish senior captain Ryan Hoover. Hoover, a crowd favorite because of his proficiency from long range, struggled early, missing all four of his first half three-pointers before finishing with 12 points.

"It's really disappointing," he said of the loss. "I have lots of great memories of this place and wanted to go out on a note that would exemplify how it has been, but this was a low point."

"I was sorry to see it end this way for Ryan," added MacLeod. "I wanted to see him lead the team to the locker room victorious and end his career here in a blaze of glory, but what happened was the opposite."

Pat Garrity led the Irish with 20 points, while freshman Gary Bell, starting for an ill Derek Manner, chipped in 10.



The Observer/Brandon Candura
Senior guard Ryan Hoover missed all four of his three point attempts but scored 12 points in his final game as a player for Notre Dame.

Tennis

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Walliham defeated Patterson 6-4, 5-7, 6-2. Ben Hetzler battled O'Brien in the first two sets, 4-6, 7-6, before dominating the third 6-1. Aaron Murray beat Pun in the No. 5 singles position 7-6, 6-1.

With the match being decided by only one point, Andy

Chmura came through in just his second match of dual match play. The senior overcame losing the first set tiebreaker and defeated Mark Jacobsen in the second and third 6-2, 7-6.

The 4-3 Irish victory pushes their record to 7-4 on the season. The Irish are at the midpoint of their season with eleven more dual matches remaining. They will need a strong second half of the season to reach their goal of a top ten finish.

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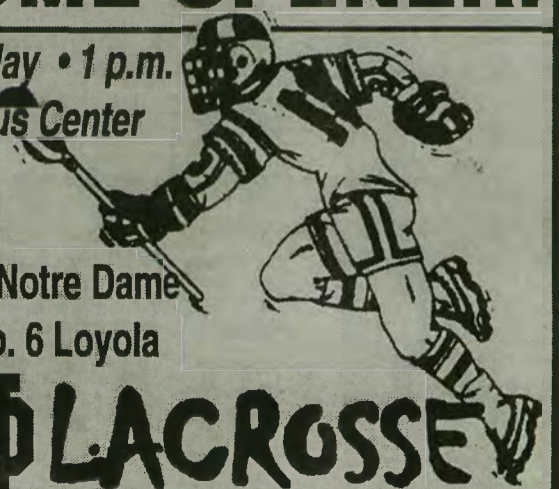
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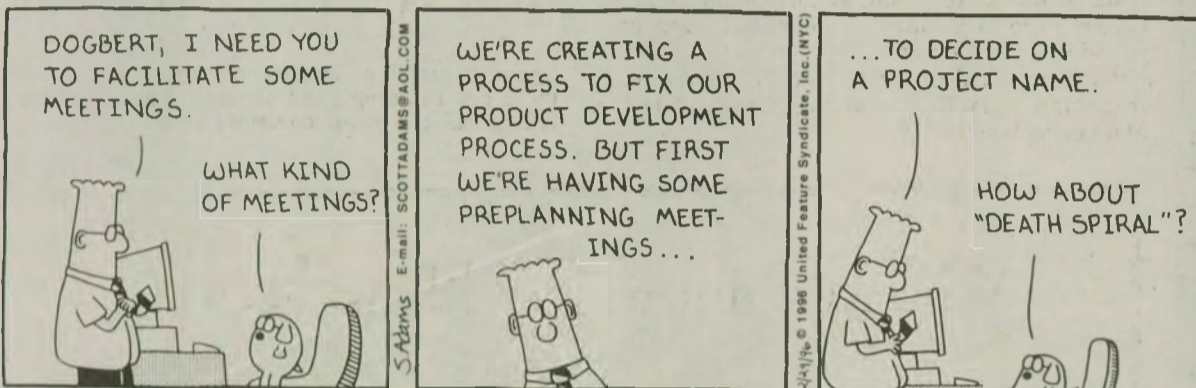
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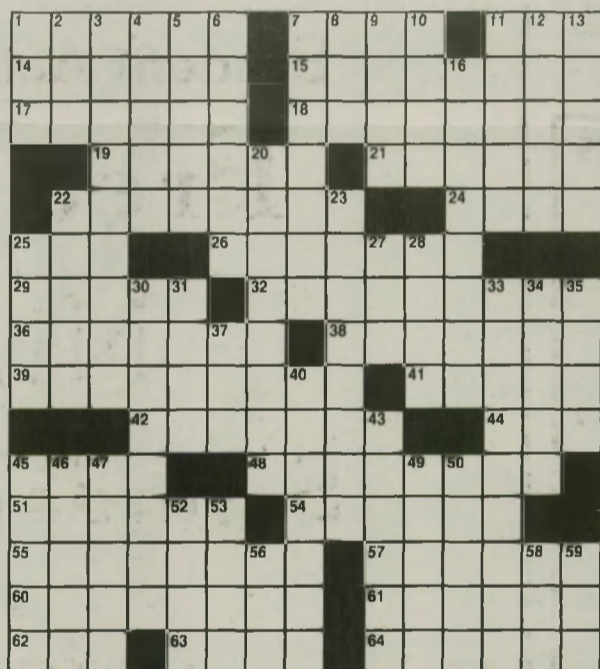
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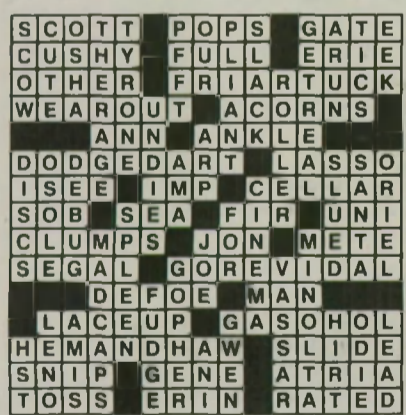
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 - 14 Tropical lizard
 - 15 Surmounted
 - 17 Actress d'Abo
 - 18 Like desert water, usually
 - 19 Missile's heading
 - 21 Subject of many an ode
 - 22 Develops slowly, as an idea
 - 24 — mecum (handbook)
 - 25 Insurgent, briefly
 - 26 Eyewear for Col. Klink
 - 29 Not a science, but —
 - 32 Trolley
 - 36 Involving dispute
 - 38 Smug
 - 39 Nobel-winning poet
 - 41 Tooth, in Torino
 - 42 Drink recipe words
 - 44 " — the season . . ."
 - 45 The "first martyr"
 - 48 Retired
- DOWN**
- 1 Lip
 - 2 Muslim official
 - 3 Unexpected pitch
 - 4 Sammy and Danny
 - 5 Make into law
 - 6 Gong
 - 7 Landlord's sign
 - 8 Eggs
 - 9 Trawlers' gear
 - 10 Radiator drainpipe
 - 11 Craze
 - 12 Modify
 - 13 Doorstop, maybe
 - 16 Sporty Chevy
 - 20 Ear doctor's device
 - 22 — salami
 - 23 Wizard
 - 25 Hip-hop hits
 - 27 Capt. of industry
 - 28 Advance
 - 51 Erratic driver
 - 54 Bonsai gardener
 - 55 Medicinal herb
 - 57 In a reverie
 - 60 1994 Olympic rink star
 - 61 Covered with soft hair
 - 62 Somme season
 - 63 1972 pact
 - 64 Posture



Puzzle by Chuck Deodene

- 30 Russian roulette need
- 31 Fed
- 33 Roman army commander
- 34 Those opposed
- 35 66 and others: Abbr.
- 37 Adherent: Suffix
- 40 Widespread
- 43 One-ups
- 45 Attentive
- 46 "Western Star" poet
- 47 Tidal bore
- 49 Greenland native
- 50 Magnetic induction unit
- 52 Some Ivy Leaguers
- 53 Baltic capital
- 56 Ripken Jr. or Sr.
- 58 Pres. advisory grp.
- 59 "Well, I'll be!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Do less, but do it really well. Curb a tendency to bite off more than you can chew. Teamwork is the key to getting ahead. Delegate authority to trustworthy subordinates. Artistic and creative types will receive new financial support as the year progresses. Develop an idea further before presenting it to higher-ups. Vacation travel may have to be postponed while you work on an exciting assignment. Temporary sacrifices will be rewarded.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: actor Dennis Farina, actress Michele Morgan, baseball manager Al Rosen, bandleader Jimmy Dorsey.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An overdue message could make this an A-1 day! There is no need to walk on eggshells or act hard-boiled. Good news centers around a romance or events taking place at a distance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A new project or duty is your vehicle to stardom. It pays to clarify team goals and each player's role in ensuring victory. Let your actions reflect what you feel in your heart. Romance soars!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are an ingenious business manager who knows the score. Take direct action on several fronts. Pay more attention to psychic promptings and intuitive hunches.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Romance occupies your thoughts. As you receive new information, someone's motives and objectives become clear. Take the initiative in your personal relationships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your smooth style and excellent timing put you in the swing of things today. Bright ideas abound; take steps to protect yours. Romance brightens when you adopt a more confident approach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A good day to review accounts and catch up on your bookkeeping. Family members can help if you tell them exactly what you need. Finding common ground with a co-worker is not easy. Try harder.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The sure path to success becomes slippery. Keep your footing by checking the accuracy of the information you are given. Refuse to act without proof.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Knowing the ropes puts you at an advantage now. You could receive a substantial pay raise. Give some thought to purchasing a car. Clear communication is vital at place of employment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will make swifter progress if you do not fret over your workload. Do everything you can to clear away a web of confusion. If a real estate deal is pending, settle it this afternoon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be practical in money matters. Even minor repairs will make your home more comfortable. Paying closer attention to detail will prove highly beneficial.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You could receive something of a shock at work. Take any changes that are announced, in stride. Stick to the task at hand instead of chatting with co-workers. Those who gossip will waste valuable time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Use your negotiating skills to gain long-term benefits. An older person has played a major role in your professional and personal life. Try not to be thrown by a change in your relationship.

Of Interest
Career and Placement will be holding a workshop on "Office Visits/ Plant Trips" today from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room in Lafortune. There will also be a Resume Development Workshop today from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in 207 Debartolo.

Kids Corp and Tentmakers representatives will present information about service and employment opportunities this evening at the CSC. Tentmakers will present at 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. Kids Corp will host a pizza and info. gathering from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Stuck here for Spring Break? Help Habitat for Humanity build a house. Come to the informational meeting on March 3 at 7:30 pm. in 301 Lafortune. If you cannot make the meeting or have any questions, contact Johanna at 4-4813.

Indiana Black Expo is now accepting resumes for Summer internships in the public relation department. For more information, contact Carolyn Mosby at (317) 925-2702, ext. 16.

MENU

Notre Dame
 NORTH
 Chicken Fajitas
 Buffalo Chicken Wings
 Meat Ravioli

SOUTH
 BBQ Chicken
 Spinach Quiche
 Yankess Bean Soup

Saint Mary's
 Black History Month Special Dinner

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SUB
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Irish wiped out by Hurricanes

Rich, Miami ruin Hoover's home finale

By TIM SEYMOUR
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame returned to the Joyce Arena floor with over eight minutes left in the half-time intermission. Evidently, there was not much need for discussion after the team's most abysmal half of the season.

Miami (13-12, 7-10) scored the final 18 points of the first half en route to an insurmountable 41-17 lead at the break and coasted to a 71-59 thrashing of the Irish (9-16, 4-13).

The final score was deceptive though, cosmetic surgery

masking the true chastisement delivered by the 'Canes.

Miami, which won its first Big East road game of the season, came out with more intensity from the opening tip and overwhelmed the sluggish Irish with its athleticism.

"We should be embarrassed by our performance in the first half," said Doug Gottlieb. "We came out terrible. The effort wasn't there for some reason."

In contrast to the Providence game a week ago, where Notre Dame fell behind by twenty before mounting a furious rally to get within one at the buzzer, the Irish were never able to

whittle away significantly at the Hurricane lead.

"It's difficult to overcome a 20-point deficit," said Irish coach John MacLeod. "We can't keep relying on a monumental effort to dig us out of a hole."

During spots of the second half the Irish appeared poised to mount that comeback, but Miami maintained its composure and responded to every challenge.

Hurricane center Steve Rich was dominant in the paint, scoring 14 points on 7-of-12 shooting. He was complemented by freshman forward Tim James, who despite hoisting only one three-pointer all season, hit two of his four attempts to finish with 14 points and eight boards.

"My biggest concern about Notre Dame was that they have in every game been able to

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Point guard Doug Gottlieb (left) and swingman Antoni Wyche (right) were unable to help the Irish overcome Miami's devastating 18-0 run to end the first half. In the final home game of the season, Notre Dame could not erase a 24 point halftime deficit despite outscoring the Hurricanes (13-12, 7-10) by 12 points in the second half.



Bengal Bouts Final Round

Frank Diorio	Chip Farrell
125 Dan Zepf	Chris Sikora
Mike McCurdy	J. Christoforetti
130 Tommy Will	Seth Roy
Toby Biolchini	Bob Lalor
Matthew Bardol	Patrick Maciarielli
Ted Pagano	Mike Farrell
140 Doug Pollina	Matthew Dowd
Andrew Dicello	Brian Gaffney
145 Fred Kelly	Dan Cunningham
Butch Cabrerros	Mike Mantey
150 Tom Kelly	Ken Oliphant
Rick Rogers	Troy Phillips
155 John Kmetz	Cory Spense
	Tim Regan
	Shannon Donovan

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Men's Tennis

Notre Dame struggles past Michigan State

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

After suffering through a tough weekend in Louisville, the Notre Dame men's tennis team got back on the winning track. The Irish dropped all three of their matches in the USTA/ITA indoor championships which pushed their record to 6-4.

The Irish returned home to the Eck Tennis Pavilion yesterday and prevailed in a tough match against the Spartans of Michigan State, 4-3.

Notre Dame got off to a fast start as they swept all three doubles matches. The No. 1 tandem of seniors Mike Sprouse and Jason Pun overcame State's best squad 8-5.

In the second doubles slot, the sophomore/freshman combination of Jakub Pietrowski and Brian Patterson improved their record to 4-1 as they easily defeated the Spartan team of Beyeley and Ben Hetzler, 8-3.

The last doubles match saw junior Ryan Simme team with sophomore Danny Rothschild, who saw his first dual match action this season, to overcome Alberto Brause and Trey Eubanks while surrendering just three games.

On the singles side, captain Mike Sprouse continued to impress. Sprouse defeated Brause, who could only manage to win four games, as the final was 6-2, 6-2. Sprouse's record now stands at 9-2 on the season. He has produced a terrific start leading the way for the Irish.

Sophomore Jakub Pietrowski did not see singles action today which bumped up everyone by one position. Simme breezed by Eubanks 6-0, 6-0 in the No. 2 singles slot.

The Spartans won their points in the 3, 4, and 5 singles slots. Freshman Brian Patterson and senior John J. O'Brien were bested in matches that went the distance. Dan

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SPORTS at a GLANCE

Men's Basketball
at Syracuse, March 2, 4 p.m.

Women's Basketball
at BIG EAST Championship, Storrs, CT
March 2, TBA

Hockey
vs. Ferris State, March 2, 7 p.m.

Men's Tennis
at Illinois, March 2, 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis
vs. Kansas State, March 2, 10 a.m.

Baseball
at New Orleans, March 1, 1 p.m.

SMC Sports
Tennis vs. Hope, March 2, 1 p.m.

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