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■ NOTRE DAME STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION 1997

Griffin and Nass top belated election results



The Observer/Adam Andres

Yesterday's voting in Keough and O'Neill Halls ran smoothly. The two dorms failed to vote Wednesday, postponing election results.

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor

With 51.6 percent of the vote, Matt Griffin and Erik Nass were named student body president and vice president last night. Two-hundred and thirty-one votes separated them from the other ticket, Matt Szabo and Mary Gillard.

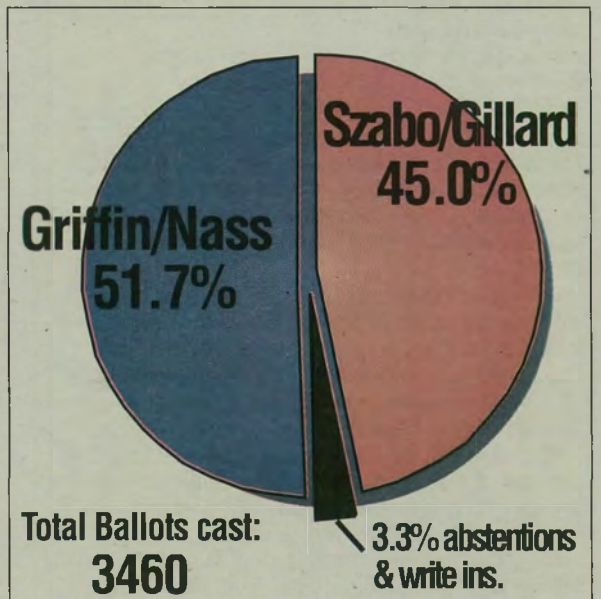
The results were released after counting ballots from yesterday's rescheduled voting in Keough Hall and O'Neill Halls. The make-up was held following Wednesday's surprise announcement that a series of hall government mistakes had kept the two dorms from participating in the runoff election.

Each of the candidates agreed that the postponement was nerve-racking.

"The last 48 hours have been just an emotional roller-coaster," Griffin admitted.

"But it's definitely worth the wait," Nass said. "It's a great feeling."

As an immediate goal for their infant adminis-



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SMC hosts Class of 1999 parents

By MELANIE GARMAN
News Writer

It's that time again. Parents travel from all over to join their daughters for a weekend packed with everything from dancing to relaxing.

This weekend marks the annual Sophomore Parents Weekend on the Saint Mary's College campus. As the women from the Class of 1999 prepare for the arrival of their parents today, they anticipate an event filled weekend that they will cherish forever.

According to sophomore class president Katie Wehby, the planning for this weekend's event began at the end of last year.

"At the end of our freshman year we elected a Sophomore Parents Weekend commissioner.

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She loves me, she loves me not...



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Irish Gardens Florist, located in the basement of LaFortune Student Center, anticipates its busiest day of the year today. See Accent pages 12 and 13 for a preview of the post-Valentine's Day Date Week.

Junior Parents Weekend 1997 Schedule of Events

Friday

- 1 - 7pm Hospitality Room in the Sorin Room, LaFortune.
- 7:30pm Office of Minority Student Affairs sponsors "Blak Kofee House," a variety show in the LaFortune Ballroom.
- 7:30pm Shakespeare in Performance class presents "Love Scenes from Shakespeare" in the Hesburgh Library auditorium.
- 9pm - 1am "Stroll Down Memory Lane" gala includes live entertainment, dancing, and a cash bar. North and South Domes of the Joyce Center. Entrance and coat room at Gate 10.

Saturday

- 9:30 - noon Academic workshops for each of the four colleges.
- 12:30 - 2pm Hall luncheons.
- 1 & 2pm Shenanigans, ND's singing and dancing ensemble, perform in the Snite Annenberg auditorium.
- 2 - 4pm London Reunion in the LaFortune Ballroom.
- 2 - 3:30 Arts & Letter / Science Honors Program reception in 210 O'Shaughnessy.
- 2pm Army ROTC Reception at the Pasquerilla Center Cadet Lounge.
- 2pm ND Jazz Band performance in the Band Building.
- 2:30 - 4:30pm Air Force ROTC reception in Pasquerilla Center
- 2:30 - 4:30pm Navy ROTC reception in Pasquerilla Center
- 2:30 - 4:30pm Open House at the Center for Social Concerns for those in service programs.
- 3 - 4:30pm International Studies Program reception in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune.
- 3 - 4pm Theology Department Open House in the Library Lounge.
- 5:30pm University President Father Edward Malloy presides over Mass in the South Dome of the Joyce Center.
- 7 - 10pm "Golden Times Dinner" in the North Dome of the Joyce Center.

Sunday

- 9:30 - 11:30am "Oh, The Places We'll Go" brunch in the North Dome of the Joyce Center featuring speaker Father Theodore Hesburgh.

NCAA report finds admissions gap

Disparity present between athletes and student body

By JOHN DeBOY
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Last week, when Irish head coach Bob Davie introduced Notre Dame football's class of 2001, much was made of the fact that Grant Irons, a future Irish linebacker and first-team USA Today All-American, currently holds a 3.87 high school GPA.

But at Notre Dame, considered the 16th most selective national university by U.S. News & World Report, such an achievement seems considerably less extraordinary, if not commonplace.

That fact — coupled with admissions statistics released by the NCAA in June — seems to suggest that a certain disparity exists between the high school academic achievements of Notre Dame student athletes and those of the student body as a whole.

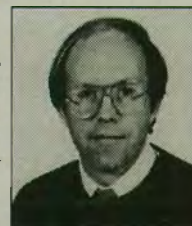
According to Kevin Rooney, Notre Dame's director of admissions, the average combined Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) score for entering Notre Dame freshmen from 1992-1995 was approximately 1220 out of a possible 1600. (That average, however, has since climbed to 1303 for the 1996 entering class as a result of score re-centering.)

Additionally, U.S. News & World

Report's guide to "America's Best Colleges" reports that 82 percent of those in Notre Dame's 1995 entering class finished in the top 10 percent of their respective high school classes.

However, the 1996 NCAA Division I Graduation-Rates Report paints a slightly different picture for Notre Dame student athletes. The NCAA report, which provides college admissions statistics for scholarship athletes in Notre Dame football, baseball, men's and women's basketball, and men's and women's track and cross country, indicates that, on average, Notre Dame student athletes score significantly lower on college admissions tests than do their peers in the student body at-large.

According to the NCAA report, entering scholarship athletes in Notre Dame men's sports attained



Rooney

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Goats, orgies, Valentine's Day

Well, its February 14 again — the day when you and your "luv-muffin" or "schmoopy-poo" can cuddle sweetly in each others arms while all around float red-and-white-colored visions of eternal bliss.

It makes you want to puke, doesn't it?

Although I have been known to frequently resound my bitter Valentine's Day sentiments everywhere from the halls of DeBartolo to the middle of North Quad, this year I have vowed to stop the madness. Expressing a hatred of Valentine's Day has become almost as uncouth as asserting the horrors of dining hall cuisine or debating the aesthetic value of Stepan Center; it has all been discussed before. Many, many times.

Valentine's Day hasn't always been so laden with romantic declarations of love devotion. In fact, the forebearer of our modern Valentine's Day was the Roman celebration of Lupercalia, an all-out bonanza in commemoration of pagan lust. Pretty cool, huh?

In ancient Rome, Lupercalia was celebrated on the Ides of February as a fertility festival. The priests of Lupercus would parade around town wearing nothing but a few goatskins, sacrifice some goats and one random dog, smear themselves with the blood gleaned from the killings, and then proceed to run around with a goatskin thong called a "februa." In the meantime, women would voluntarily place themselves in strategic locations so that the priests could later strike them with this skin-covered thing. It was thought then that this thrashing would ensure fertility and easy childbirth. It is thought now that oysters and drugs are much better options.

Lupercalia was tamed down later on: around 256 AD some party-poopers in the conservative right thought that perhaps there should be some other activities on this holiday besides puppy-killing. Two Christian martyrs, both named St. Valentine, both beaten and beheaded while on respective treks to Rome, were chosen as good substitutes for the immoral revelry. Don't ask me how these two guys, being priests and all, were associated with the celebration of fertility, but they were, and now their name is forever immortalized on about a zillion heart-shaped boxes of chocolates. If you are going to be beheaded, that's one way to be remembered.

This whole Lupercalia thing seems like a pretty good time. Okay, so leave out the animal murders and the random floggings, but this matchmaking ritual isn't a bad idea, especially when you attend school in the Land of the Frozen Catholics, a happy place where you are automatically bombarded with questions of wedding plans if seen holding hands, eating, walking, conversing, or looking in the general direction of any member of the opposite sex. I figure that if even a few couples at Notre Dame stop getting stared at as lepers by the largely single-and-bitter majority, then perhaps new couples could form, thus alleviating the need for anomalies like "dating workshops."

Yes, my last positive memory of Valentine's Day was hand-selecting Snoopy cards for my third-grade class with my mother. I have never, ever been in any sort of romantic relationship on February 14. This year I am going to fight the urge to be bitter when assaulted with cutesy candy hearts and nauseatingly adorable cupids. Leave the couples on campus to revel in their pink cloud of Valentine euphoria and find your own alternatives in the face of LoveFest '97. My advice? When in South Bend, do as the Roman do. Just be sure it's over before parietals.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Karen rebel base overrun, insurgents flee into jungle

BANGKOK, Thailand Bearing down on Burma's most inveterate insurgents, government soldiers captured the ethnic Karen rebel base on Thursday only to find it destroyed and abandoned.

Earlier Thursday, the insurgents set fire to the headquarters of the Karen National Union, then retreated into the jungle, a Karen officer said.

"We didn't want to leave the Burmese anything," said Col. Isaac, an officer in the Karen National Union. Like many Karen, he uses only one name.

About 500 Karen National Union troops had been struggling to hold Teakaplaw, in eastern Burma, against 1,500 Burmese government troops, Isaac told The Associated Press by telephone.

Knowing they could not hold out against superior numbers, the rebels fell back rather than lose men. "We have completely changed our tactics," Isaac said. "We are fighting a hit-and-run guerrilla war now."



AP/Wm. J. Castello

Thai television and border residents reported that Burmese troops had occupied the burned-out base. The 100 villagers who lived at Teakaplaw have joined the nearly 3,000 Karen who already had fled to Thailand.

A government offensive began late Tuesday against the last two areas in Burma controlled by the Karen National Union, which has been fighting for autonomy on behalf of the Karen people since 1948.

The government has thrown nearly 5,000 troops supported by artillery against the Karen National Union's 2,700 men along a 225-mile front.

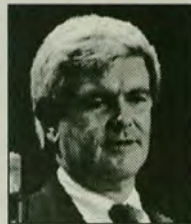
Thai television reported that Burma was preparing to attack Karen refugees camps inside Thailand. Mortars reportedly were fired at one camp across the border in the Teakaplaw region, forcing thousands of refugees to flee.

The fighting comes two weeks after cross-border raids by a Karen splinter group supported by the government against three camps of refugees loyal to the Karen National Union inside Thailand.

Gingrich can't stop term limit rejection

WASHINGTON The House overwhelmingly rejected a proposed constitutional amendment Wednesday to slap term limits on members of Congress after a debate marked by debilitating infighting among supporters. The vote was 217-211, 69 votes shy of the two-thirds necessary for approval of the measure to limit lawmakers to 12-years in office — and fewer than it gained two years ago. "They're eating their own, despite the efforts of House Speaker Newt Gingrich. It's just bizarre," GOP Rep. Christopher Shays, a term limits opponent, exulted as supporters quarreled among themselves over whether six years, eight years or 12 years should be set as a limit for House service. In the end, none of the proposals came close to amassing the two-thirds needed to prevail, leaving the issue dead for the foreseeable future. The final vote, for 12-year term limits to be applied beginning after ratification by the states, drew the support of 180 Republicans and 37 Democrats.

WASHINGTON



Source: Jackson, wife have baby boy

LOS ANGELES Is the self-proclaimed King of Pop a papa? KNBC-TV, citing hospital sources, said Michael Jackson's wife gave birth to a baby boy Wednesday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. However, a source close to the hospital who requested anonymity told The Associated Press that Debbie Rowe Jackson had been admitted to the hospital but had not given birth by late afternoon. Her due date is Valentine's Day. Medical center officials and Jackson representatives said they could not confirm that Mrs. Jackson was even at the hospital. "If that's the case, I'm not aware of it," said Ron Wise, spokesman for Cedars-Sinai. A spokesman for Jackson's MJJ Productions said he knew nothing about Mrs. Jackson's status. "If and when Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have something to announce, they will tell us," Bob Jones said. Security at the hospital was tight, with at least six uniformed guards in the lobby. Others stood watch in the third-floor maternity ward.

Girl slides off snowy road, dies

MARISSA, Ill. It was snowing, and their 16-year-old daughter was out on the road. So Kevin and Jane Laumbattus set out to find her. They did — only to see her killed in a fiery wreck as her car slid into the path of a pickup truck. She had been driving for only a month. "It happened so quickly, I still don't understand it," her father said. Amanda, her cousin Emily Canning and a friend, Laura Singenstreu, had set out Feb. 7 for the Wal-Mart in Sparta to buy a gift. After it began snowing, her parents started worrying about her lack of experience behind the wheel. So they headed that way. "It was snowing like crazy," Laumbattus said. A few miles later, they realized they were right behind Amanda. Within seconds, the pickup and Amanda's car had collided. Laumbattus — a volunteer firefighter — found himself pulling the girls from the burning car. "I've done this many times but never thought I'd have to do it with my own daughter," he said. "It's the hardest thing I ever did in my life, laying her body down." Two other men stopped to help, one of them breaking a window with his elbow to get Emily. Amanda died at a hospital.

Simpson's defenders join JonBenet case

BOULDER, Colo. Two key members of O.J. Simpson's defense have been enlisted to help prosecutors in the JonBenet Ramsey murder mystery, officials said today. Henry Lee, a forensic scientist who heads the Connecticut State Police's crime laboratory, and DNA expert Barry Scheck will help Boulder investigators on DNA, crime scene analysis and other matters, District Attorney Alex Hunter said. "We know where we're headed. We know this case is going to be solved," the prosecutor said at a rare news conference on the case. "I can think of cases in the past where I didn't have that feeling. We're going to solve this case, but we're going to our way." The 6-year-old beauty queen was found strangled in the basement of her family's home Dec. 26, and authorities have released few details about the investigation. Hunter would not elaborate on the list of suspects, but he offered a warning to the girl's murderer.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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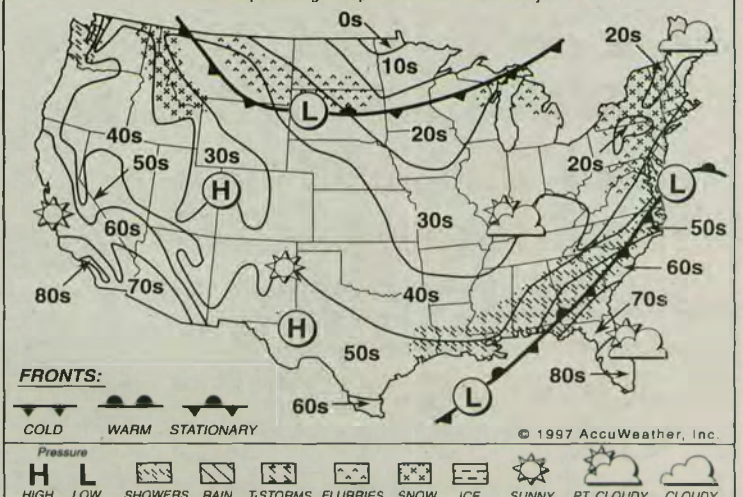
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Outlaw: Gender, ethnic splits pose challenge to ND

By ANDREA BOWLBY
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Last year, two Notre Dame undergraduate students sought the advice of Iris Outlaw, the director of Multicultural Student Affairs, after a professor allegedly used a racial slur during a lecture.

The students considered filing a complaint with the ombudsperson but were hesitant to do so because they were the only minority students in the class and did not want to be perceived as troublemakers. Outlaw counseled the students, but the incident left her disturbed. "Surely some of their fellow white students were offended, too," she asked. "Why didn't they file a complaint?"

Outlaw was the featured speaker at yesterday's Gender Studies lecture, where she addressed the concerns of minority faculty and students struggling to find a niche within

an institution often regarded as a white, male bastion.

She offered her experiences as an African American woman as a starting point for discussion. According to Outlaw, the demands on women and minority faculty at Notre Dame exceed those placed upon their colleagues because in addition to their official job descriptions, they must serve as role models and confidants for minority students.

She also talked about challenges particular to women, noting how difficult it is for a woman to network and establish professional contacts. "We're not wheeling and dealing on the golf course or in the men's bathrooms," Outlaw said.

Outlaw suggested that women form support groups in order to voice their frustrations. She mentioned how this summer she began hosting luncheons for other women of color on the Notre Dame faculty. These lun-

cheons provided a forum for the women to commiserate with each other, but more importantly, to share their triumphs.

"We talked about how we could help our students be successful and how, as women, we define success differently than many male professors on campus," Outlaw said that the camaraderie fostered by the luncheons helped her feel ready to tackle the current academic year.

But if being a minority at a largely homogeneous university poses a challenge to faculty members, imagine the burdens placed upon the student. All college students grapple with issues as daunting and emotionally volatile as choosing a career path, deciding whether or not to experiment with sex and drugs, and questioning one's sexual orientation. It is in this context that minority students often confront a myriad of other social issues that are compounded by the

demographics at Notre Dame, Outlaw said.

Outlaw said that dating, although an anxiety for many students, can be more difficult for students of color because there is a smaller pool of people on campus who share their ethnicity.

Minorities may also worry that their fellow students perceive them as less intelligent someone who was admitted to the University to fill a quota.

Outlaw also pointed out that minorities may not be accustomed to the dorm lifestyle. For instance, Outlaw said that alcohol is not normally a part of the social scene for minorities. Minorities may also dress differently than the typical Notre Dame student. One would guess that the way one dresses would have ceased to be an issue after high school graduation, but one student said that his hall mates constantly "remark about how I dress even though I don't ask for their comments." Socio-economic differences can also serve to divide the students.

Minorities must also battle their own "personal variances," Outlaw said.

A student of color may have a problem they want to talk about, but he or she may be reluctant to seek out a rector or a resident assistant because the student reasons, "If I talk to them, will they understand me?"

Outlaw quoted statistics that show that Notre Dame's overall graduation rate is 96 percent, but its minority graduation rate drops off precipitously to 74 percent.

"What are we doing wrong?" she asks. In order to start



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In her lecture yesterday, Iris Outlaw examined the struggles of minority students and faculty.

breaking down the gender and ethnic divides on campus, Outlaw said that the University's undergraduate curriculum needs to be more inclusive. Professors need to better incorporate the diverse experiences that each student brings to the classroom.

She suggested that professors ask students to bring in any articles or books relating to discussion that especially speak to them.

She also praised the curriculum improvements that have already been implemented including the African American Studies concentration and the Asian Studies program. "Our voices are becoming louder."

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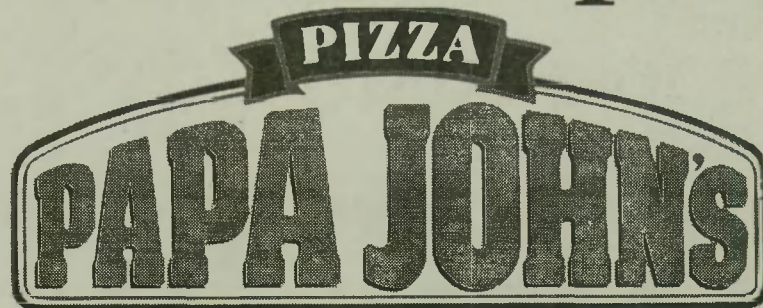
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Alia Hawkins, who then gathered a committee to help her with the plans," said Wehby. "Alia reported to the sophomore board every week with her committee's progress and their efforts ran smoothly the entire year."

"I hope that the weekend is as successful as our planning has been, and that it is a treasureable experience for both the parents and their daughters," said Hawkins, chair of the SPW committee.

There are a wide range of events that highlight the weekend, including a faculty open house Saturday morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Le Mans Hall lobby. Parents will get a chance to meet with professors of all departments and majors, and will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

For all of those workout buffs, Saturday afternoon will offer an open gym at Angela Athletic Facility and an open swim in Regina Hall, followed by Mass at the Church of Loretto at 4:30 p.m.

To conclude the day, par-

ents and their daughters will travel downtown to the Century Center where there will be a presidential reception with a speech by SMC President William Hickey beginning at 7 p.m. The evening will continue with a dinner dance until 1 a.m.

The weekend will come to an end Sunday morning with a continental breakfast in Stapleton Lounge from 8 to 10 a.m.

Students of the sophomore class are very anxious for the arrival of their parents. "I am excited to spend some quality time with my parents and have them meet all of my friends," said Madeline Carpinelli. "After having been at Saint Mary's for a year, my life is pretty well established and I want my parents to see that."

According to Wehby, this year's Sophomore Parents Weekend appears to have a higher attendance record than previous years.

"My goal for the weekend is for all of the parents and students to have a good time and enjoy themselves in a relaxed setting," says Wehby.

President

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tration, Griffin and Nass listed improving communication between student government and the student body. They also plan to implement reform committee proposals as soon as they can.

Until Griffin and Nass officially assume their offices on April 1, they will be involved in a transition period with the current Seth Miller/Megan Murray administration.

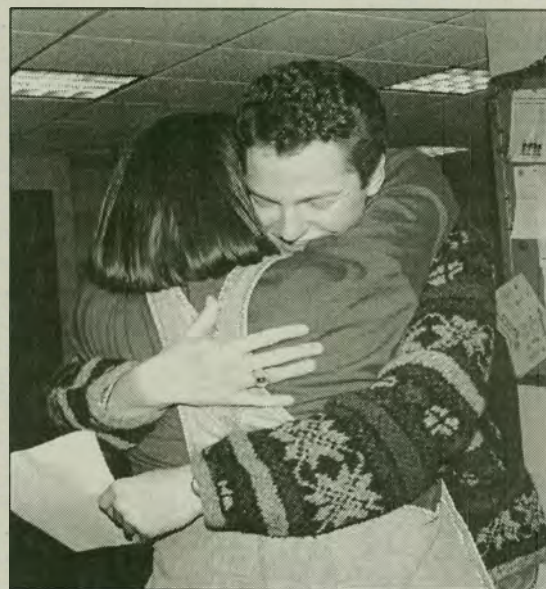
"I remember how nervous I was," Miller said. "I look forward to working with them."

"It was a tough race, and I want to wish Matt and Erik the best for next year," Szabo said. He cited his platform's focus on student rights as an issue he hopes Griffin and Nass will address in the coming year.

"Those are valid points," Griffin later said. "That's why it was such a close race. So much of what [Szabo and Gillard] believe in about standing up for students, we regret not having more of that on our platform."

Yesterday's voting ran smoothly, according to election officers. "Today, everything was fine. It is just unfortunate that it had to come down to this," said election committee chair Jen Dovidio.

In hindsight, the decision to allow Keough and O'Neill to vote holds no controversy. With a combined 124 votes for Szabo/Gillard and 122 votes for Griffin/Nass, Golf Quad's much-awaited ballot totals did not sway the election's final outcome. "We feel we handled it the right way," Dovidio



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Student-body president-elect Matt Griffin celebrates moments after learning the election results.

said.

Standford Hall had the campus' best turnout, with 76 percent of its residents voting. Repeating its performance in the primary election, Flanner Hall had the campus' lowest turnout, this time with 40 percent.

Compared to last Friday's primary, almost twice as many off-campus students voted in the runoff. With 44 of 1,650 students voting, off-campus turnout reached nearly 3 percent.

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Terri

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■ SECURITY BEAT

Thefts in lots continue

By LIZ FORAN
Editor-in-Chief

Three more vehicles were broken into in the past three days while parked in campus lots on campus lots, said Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Notre Dame Security.

The string of recent thefts has frustrated both students and Security, which has been unable to prevent the thefts.

"We've done 24 hour a day surveillance for a month at a time and nothing happens," Hurley said. "We stop, and a week later there are more."

No pattern has emerged, either, with thefts occurring

during day and night, Hurley added.

The break-ins have centered in the D2 south lot, an on-campus student lot where two of the recent thefts occurred. The other break-in was in C1 lot behind the Joyce Center, which is used for off-campus student as well as event parking. All victims were students.

The recent break-ins, two cars which were parked next to each other in D2, happened sometime between midnight on Tuesday and 11:55 p.m. Wednesday. The C1 break-in occurred sometime between 10:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Foley critiques modern democracy

By BRAD McDONALD
News Writer

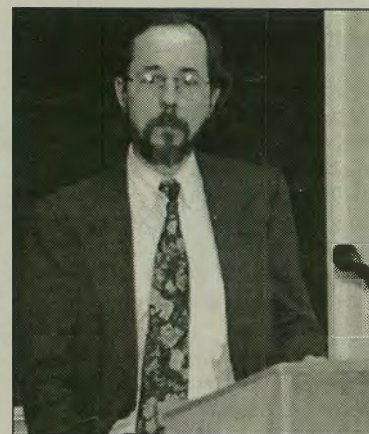
According to professor Michael Foley, "The question is how to achieve popular government without creating a grievous society." He stated that there is a serious problem with the concept of the "New Democracy" and its inability to deal with mass society and populism.

Michael Foley is associate professor of politics and director of the Peace and World Order Studies sub-concentration at the Catholic University of America. He spoke yesterday at Notre Dame in a lecture entitled, "The Myth of the 'Mischief of Faction' Civil

Society, Uncivil Government, and Democratization," in order to "think through some more discontents."

The "Mischief Faction" in Foley's title refers to number ten of the Federalist Papers, written by James Madison. He also frequently quoted many influential people in the history of democracy, including Aristotle and Tocqueville, and more contemporary characters such as Dahl.

Foley led a strained question and answer session with the audience in which he responded to questions concerning several contradictions in his argument and the lack of correlation between the main points of his lecture. He admitted that he presented a strong critique of modern democracy but did not offer an answer. In response to a question about the title, Foley claimed, "I like the title but I'm afraid that it



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In yesterday's lecture, Michael Foley explored government's ignorance of populism.

led me astray."

Foley concluded by stating that it was important to ask "not how to quash mass societies, but how to control them; not depoliticize, or make more harmless, but channel their power."

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the following average combined SAT scores from 1992-1995: 894 (football), 1054 (baseball), 1035 (basketball), and 1148 (cross country and track). In Notre Dame women's sports, the NCAA reported the following SAT averages for entering scholarship athletes during the same period: 989 (basketball) and 1085 (cross country and track).

Notre Dame students have expressed a wide range of reactions to the NCAA statistics. Some, such as Notre Dame junior Lauren Mack, were disappointed by the figures.

"I find it disappointing," Mack said, "primarily because at Notre Dame they make such a big deal out of saying that athletes meet the same standards that everyone else does."

Others see the less impressive admissions statistics as a necessary part of competing in big-time intercollegiate athletics.

"Personally, it doesn't offend me," said Notre Dame freshman Chris Reyes. "They're athletes, and they're really coming to Notre Dame to play sports; although, for most of them, getting a good education is part of the reason they're here. The school gives athletes a break — and a good education — in return for the athletic talents that they bring to the school."

David Hill, a Notre Dame junior, feels similarly.

"I don't think (the lower admissions statistics) are fair, but I think it does benefit the school," Hill said. "And I think we'll have to keep doing it to maintain the caliber of the football program and the prestige of the school."

According to Rooney, however, the lower numbers are not necessarily an indication of lowered admissions standards, but are rather a reflection of the University's desire to bring a number of different talents to each entering class.

"The whole concept of lowering standards isn't really the question," Rooney said. "Each year we're going to have about 9,000 applicants for 1,900 spaces, and the overwhelming majority of the applicants are qualified. We're trying to put together an entire class that reflects the talents that are important to the University. Obviously, football, for example, is important at Notre Dame. But we also work with the music department on applicants with exceptional musical talent."

"We're not setting an arbitrary standard and saying that you have to jump over the hurdle to get in," Rooney added. "We're looking at the whole class."

Rooney also indicated that the admissions office uses a separate admissions procedure for student athletes, some of whom would be admitted to Notre Dame regardless of their athletic ability, and some of whom would not be otherwise admitted.

"In some ways this is a separate admissions procedure," Rooney said. "With football, for example, we have about 20-25 grants-in-aid available each year, and we have a lot of potential prospects competing for those spots."

"Of those athletes who end up coming to Notre Dame," Rooney continued, "some would get in if they applied through the regular admissions procedure and some would not. Some need their athletic ability to get in;

others don't."

Rooney made it clear, however, that not just anyone with exceptional athletic talent who meets NCAA minimum academic standards is admissible to Notre Dame. The admissions office, he said, screens applicants carefully to determine who is capable of handling the academic rigors of a Notre Dame education.

"We work with the coaching staffs to find those individuals who can compete in a sport and who, in our best judgment, have a reasonable chance of succeeding here academically," Rooney said.

Additionally, Mike Karwoski, director of compliance for the Notre Dame athletic department, insisted that athletes who could potentially fill an immediate need on one of the University's athletic teams are not given more leeway in the admissions process than are other student athletes.

Karwoski offers Randy Moss — a 1994 first-team USA Today All-American wide receiver coveted by then-head football coach Lou Holtz — as an example.

"Randy Moss is a perfect example," Karwoski said. "He was all-world in several sports, and especially in football. He met NCAA minimums, and he was permitted to sign a letter of intent to attend Notre Dame, but ultimately he didn't meet certain requirements set forth by the Notre Dame admissions office and wasn't admitted."

Moss eventually signed with Florida State, and later ended up at Division I-AA Marshall after violating a probation sentence by failing a drug test.

Said Karwoski, "Compared to student athletes at other schools with big-time programs, I don't think our ath-

letes are getting any breaks."

Karwoski, whose job as director of compliance is to ensure that the University remains in accordance with NCAA regulations, also discussed the role of the athletic department in the admissions process.

"One of the first things that a coach will look at in the recruiting process is the academics, to make sure that certain requirements are met," Karwoski said. "We ask our coaches to send transcripts to the admissions office. Ultimately, though, the admissions office determines who gets in and who doesn't."

Yet despite the fact that Notre Dame student athletes tend to produce lower average scores on admissions tests than do their peers in the student body as a whole, Rooney pointed out that they still rank among the highest-scoring student athletes in Division I.

"In Division I football we are clearly in the top seven or eight," Rooney said. "One reason for that is that we don't have an academic curriculum that provides majors that don't require a lot of work. Some schools, particularly large state schools, see it as part of their mission to provide physical education teachers for the state. We don't have that. Most majors here require a truly dedicated effort on the part of the students."

NCAA statistics support Rooney's claim. At Florida State, for example, none of the six major athletic teams averaged higher than 993 on the SAT, and football players averaged 791 from 1992-1995.

At those schools considered Notre Dame's academic peers, NCAA admissions statistics were comparable to those of Notre Dame student athletes. At Duke, men's basketball players

averaged 927 on the SAT from 1992-1995, while football players averaged 1023.

Interestingly enough, men's basketball players at Georgetown averaged 784 on the SAT during the same four-year period.

One additional peculiarity that stands out among the admissions statistics of Notre Dame student athletes is the fact that scores differ significantly from sport to sport. While the men's cross country and track teams averaged a relatively impressive 1148 on the SAT, the football team averaged a considerably lower 894.

But, according to Rooney, such a trend is not unique to Notre Dame.

"That's because of the pool of applicants who are out there," Rooney said. "At any school you would find similar differences."

In addition to lower admissions statistics, the NCAA report also indicated that scholarship athletes at Notre Dame tend to post lower graduation rates than the student body at large. For the classes that entered the University between 1986 and 1989, 94 percent of those in the student body as a whole graduated from Notre Dame, while only 85 percent of Fighting Irish athletes earned their diplomas.

Karwoski suggested that an increase in the number of players who leave school early for professional sports has contributed to the lower graduation rates among scholarship athletes.

"With college athletics in general, when you look at basketball, baseball, football, and even hockey, those are sports where students can leave early for the pros," Karwoski said. "And that can really affect the graduation rates."

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ARTHUR ANDERSEN

King family: Trial would ease pain of unknown

By PATRICIA MAYS
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA

Afraid that the truth about the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination will die with James Earl Ray, King's family is asking that he be given a trial to answer the questions that have haunted them for 30 years.

"The lack of a satisfactory resolution to questions surrounding the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. has been a source of continuing pain and hardship to our family," Dexter King, a son of the civil rights leader, said at a news conference Tuesday with his two sisters, his brother and his mother, Coretta Scott King. "Every effort must be made to determine the truth."

Over the years, King said, "because of the painful nature of this tragedy, we

have reluctantly ignored it, stayed away from it." But now, with Ray dying from cirrhosis of the liver in a Nashville, Tenn., prison, they want the full truth known, King said.

"It was time to come forward, make a statement about this, which has haunted us for years. If Mr. Ray does not pull through, this will die with him," King said.

Ray, 68, pleaded guilty to killing King and was sentenced to 99 years in prison but later recanted his confession.

Ever since a sniper's bullet cut down King on the balcony at a Memphis motel in 1968, several theories have surfaced

as to who was responsible. A 1978 congressional report concluded Ray shot King but said a St. Louis-based conspiracy of racial bigots was behind the slaying.

I think that, by having the trial, a lot of information will be shared that not only will vindicate Mr. Ray but point to others.'

Dexter King

After the news conference, Ray's brother, Jerry, told MSNBC: "I really appreciate them asking for a trial for James, and I'm sure

the whole King family, just like the Ray family and the rest of the American public, wants the truth to come out once and for all."

In order for Ray to get a trial, his attorneys must prove there is new evidence that could exonerate him. Next week, a judge in Memphis, Tenn., will hear arguments from Ray's attorneys for new scientific tests on the rifle believed used in the assassination.

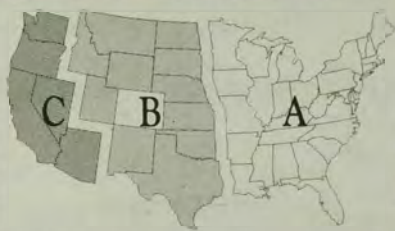
John Campbell, a Shelby County, Tenn., assistant district attorney, said that even if the tests are conducted, there is plenty of reason not to give Ray a trial.

"The guilty plea Ray is under has been examined seven times by other courts and affirmed every time," Campbell said. "He went into court and told the jury he was guilty. They convicted him."

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■ BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Across both sides of Bosnia, refugees await Brcko decision

By JUDITH INGRAM
Associated Press Writer

BRCKO

Bosnian Serb refugee Slavojka Lukic moved into this northern city when rebel Serbs overran it during the war. Bajram Salkic, a Muslim, was driven from his house — and he wants it back.

Both await a decision Friday on the future of a city so important that Bosnia's former warring sides said they would go to battle again for it. Their competing claims are so strong that international negotiators have twice put off a decision on who should govern it.

But today, unconfirmed reports that arbitrators would keep the town in Bosnian Serb hands angered thousands of Muslim refugees.

The Bosnian news agency ONASA, quoting unidentified sources in the Muslim-Croat federation, said Brcko would go to the Serbs for one year. An international supervisor would ensure that the Serbs obey the Dayton peace agreement and the decision could be reversed if the Serbs fail to abide by it, ONASA reported.

The official Tanjug news agency of Serb-dominated



AP/Wm. J. Castello

Yugoslavia also reported that Brcko would go to the Serbs.

Bosnia's official BH Press news agency said the Sarajevo government was trying to negotiate changes in the decision.

Sejfudin Zahirovic, deputy mayor in exile of Brcko, said local leaders were furious.

"We feel betrayed by the international community,

especially the United States," he said, adding that local leaders told U.S. troops to return to their bases. The Brcko area is patrolled by the U.S. Army under the Dayton peace accords.

Until those reports are confirmed, however, the wait for the decision is agonizing for those in Brcko.

"The worst thing is to wait, which we people from Brcko have been doing since 1992," said the 49-year-old Salkic, smoke from his cigarette forming a haze across his lined face. "I try to keep busy, just to make the time pass until the evening news."

The Brcko area — pronounced BR'CH-koh — is vital to the Serbs because it sits astride the narrow corridor linking their holdings in the west and the east. They hope the arbitrators will confirm their hold on the city and widen the corridor surrounding it.

The Muslim-led government wants to regain the city and its transport links, and return the refugees to their homes. It has looked increasingly favorably on a proposal to make the city the center of a free-trade zone, initially protected by international forces.

■ EGYPT

Attack leaves nine dead; police blame militants

Associated Press

MINYA

Police stationed armored vehicles around churches in southern Egypt on Thursday after assailants stormed a church charity meeting and killed nine people.

Police blamed Muslim militants for the attack. At least 79 people were arrested by nightfall Thur.

Gunmen burst into the Mar Girgis Church in El-Fiqriya on Wednesday and opened fire, killing eight people. A ninth person died Thursday of his injuries. Five people were wounded.

El-Fiqriya is in Minya province, about 145 miles south of Cairo. The region long has been a site of strife between the government and Muslim militants seeking to install Islamic rule.

Among the militants' targets are Coptic Christians, who make up just 10 percent of Egypt's 60 million people but are a large minority in southern Egyptian provinces including Minya.

Christian clergymen and activists have accused Egyptian authorities of failing to adequately guard

Christian establishments, despite repeated attacks by Muslim militants in the past five years. Christians have been killed as suspected police informers, in land disputes or in attacks on Christian-owned shops.

Militants have burned churches in Cairo and elsewhere. But Wednesday's assault inside a church is the first in recent memory and the worst against Christians since 1992, when 12 villagers in the southern Egyptian city of Assiut were gunned down after a rumor spread that a Christian was pressuring a Muslim to sell his land.

Police placed Abu Qurqas, in the El-Fiqriya area, under curfew Thursday, sealed off main streets leading to the church and searched Minya province for suspects, police officials in Cairo and Minya said.

Dozens of armored vehicles were stationed around churches and on roads leading to them.

The government ordered heightened security around churches in other southern provinces as well, police in Cairo said.

■ YUGOSLAVIA

Despite Milosevic threats, state media seeks freedom

By JOVANA GEC
Associated Press Writer

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Serbia's president warned Thursday he would act swiftly against protesters, but opposition to his autocratic rule appeared to be spreading — even to his loyal mouthpiece, state television.

Slobodan Milosevic's admonishments came amid reports from inside Serbian Television that 110 employees have signed a petition demanding media freedom and the ouster of their director.

Several reporters of the TV's third channel — focusing on art, music and sports — recently were fired for participating in opposition protests.

In addition, Independent

Index radio reported that many employees at Politika TV — also state-run and pro-Milosevic — were balking at working for the pro-Milosevic management.

Control over the media has been a pillar of Milosevic's decade-long rule. The opposition has said the next step in its struggle to topple Milosevic in elections later this year will be to free the media.

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■ ISRAEL

Israelis knew of Albright's roots

By DAFNA LINZER
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM

Israeli leaders knew of Madeline Albright's Jewish heritage two years before the new Secretary of State says she did, an Israeli diplomat said Thursday.

Gad Yaacobi, Israel's former ambassador to the United Nations, said a British friend of the Albrights told him of the family's Jewish roots in 1994, when Albright was the U.N. ambassador for the United States.

Yaacobi told then-Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, but the issue never was raised with Albright because they felt it wasn't significant and would not affect her approach to the Middle East.

"She didn't share it with me, and I wasn't quite sure if she even knew about it ... or if she would feel comfortable discussing it," Yaacobi told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Shortly after Albright's nomination as secretary of state in December, The Washington Post uncovered documents and established that more than a dozen members of her family were killed as Jews during the Holocaust.

Albright, 59, said she knew nothing of it, and that the information she had received last month came as "a major surprise." She was brought up Roman Catholic, and knew little about her family's past.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns appealed to the news media Thursday to respect Albright's wishes for

privacy.

"It's a very emotional issue for her," Burns told reporters. "She lost three grandparents in death camps, she lost an aunt, she lost a cousin and many other family members."

"She is very proud of her family," Burns said. "She is very proud of her parents for having rescued her from Adolf Hitler and Stalin."

Yaacobi said his friend George Weidenfeld, an Austrian-born British publisher who knew Albright's father in London during World War II, had revealed Albright's Jewish background to him.

Weidenfeld, however, told The AP that he had never discussed family heritage with Albright's father and had no proof that he was actually Jewish.

■ TAJIKISTAN

Rebel warlord orders murder of U.N. hostage

By UMED BABAKHANOV
Associated Press Writer

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan

A rebel warlord accused the Tajik government of trying to trick him and had one of his 14 hostages killed Thursday, fellow hostages said. They said the victim was a U.N. military observer.

Russian journalists among the hostages said Bakhram Sadirov ordered an unidentified captive shot, claiming the Tajik government had failed to return a group of his comrades from neighboring Afghanistan as promised.

It was not clear whether the journalists, whose captors allowed them to use a satellite telephone, were speaking under duress.

"We are aware of the report," U.N. spokesman Hiro Ueki said in New York.

"However, we are not confirming this yet. We are still waiting for further details from the field."

The report came from correspondents for the Russian news agencies Interfax and ITAR-Tass and the independent network NTV. They did not identify the U.N. observer or provide much detail.

Earlier, Sadirov had agreed to free his prisoners — eight U.N. personnel, four Russian journalists, their driver and Tajikistan's security minister — after the government agreed to bring the 40 Tajik



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guerrillas led by his warlord brother back home from Afghanistan.

The government claimed the fighters arrived in Tajikistan on Thursday in two helicopters.

But the hostage journalists said Sadirov told them the helicopters were empty. He said the guerrillas were still in Afghanistan and several had been attacked and killed on their way to meet the helicopters.

Sadirov also alleged that government armored vehicles and troops were moving in on his base at Kalainav, 50 miles east of the capital Dushanbe, where the hostages are being held. The government denied it.

The Interfax correspondent, Suraye Sobirova, urged the troops to pull back. "Otherwise, all the hostages will be destroyed," she said.

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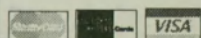
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OFTEN WRONG, BUT NEVER IN DOUBT

A nod towards our impending cultural demise

It wouldn't do to let the whole semester pass by without a nod towards our impending cultural demise. Most people aren't interested in this. After all, the evidence of it is overwhelming, but the likelihood of anyone understanding that is quite the opposite.

This is an unequivocal call for censorship. Unequivocal, because at this late

enshrines violent death in its Constitution, millions of people are fighting to keep it that way. Elaborate arguments are constructed appealing to the worst possible understandings of liberty to support national moral suicide.

Case 2: Dr. Death;

There are a lot of people in the world with whom you can argue, but your doctor is seldom one of them. If he tells you this is the way it has to be, how can you disagree? Few, if any, professions hold as high a level of trust and attendant responsibility. Now we have doctors who want to help people kill themselves. This, out of humanity, they say. What defense will an elderly person have when his doctor tells him that his family will be terribly burdened by his continuing life?

There will be no protection for our parents. Their doctors and their children will conspire to convince them they are not worth saving. If assisted suicide becomes legal it is certain to become common. If it becomes legal it is certain to become routine. If it becomes legal it will certainly be done simply for the sake of convenience. If you don't agree, read American history and start in 1973.

Case 3: Illegitimacy;

The phenomenal rise in illegitimate births in the United States has fueled the collapse of the inner cities. Black illegitimacy is now 68 percent of total births. The steadily deterioration of the family unit threatens to turn poor black Americans into a permanent underclass. This class will be without decent living condition or hope of reaching them. Lest anyone think whites are immune, similar effects are starting to show in the suburbs. The figure for whites is about 22 percent, but among poor whites it is close to 45 percent.

Children without families are far more likely to be poor, far more likely to be criminals, far more likely to be unedu-

cated, far more likely to be a burden on society. But it is not for our sake that this trend must be stopped "by any means necessary;" it is for theirs. They are far more likely to die young.

Case 5: Popular Music and Movies;

What passes for music in popular culture today leaves little doubt where our society is headed. The explosion of rap and heavy metal lyrics celebrating violence against women and the police, promiscuity and death is inextricably linked to our impending cultural demise.

The argument is frequently made that television and music don't kill people. That remains to be seen, but it is certain that television and music affect behavior. If you don't believe that, ask why billions of dollars are spent on advertising.

Case 6: alt.sex.stories;

Notre Dame pays for access to this international child molester network. Megabytes of violence to men, women and mostly children are all included in your \$25,000. You can read about the best approaches to kidnapping — how to wait outside a grammar school and entice children into your car. You can read for hours about the absolute debasement of human beings. The Internet is showing us the future.

The best argument against censoring all of this material, the best argument for not legislating and enforcing morality has been defeated. Not here, but in the hearts and minds of the American people. "If you don't like it, don't buy it. Don't watch it." Americans do like it. They do buy it. They enjoy watching it. And it is propelling them rapidly towards oblivion. Some will wave the banner of the freedoms all the way to hell, but those freedoms will be useless to them in the nation they are building.

Notes and Asides:

— The student government elections are over, somebody won and the best man for the job was too smart to run. Go

figure. Then dial 1-800-HLP-USBK.

— Tom Clancy made people mad in his speech. Bad writers now define the cultural debate at America's finest University. For the imminent consequences of this, see above.

— I watched a bouncer from the Linebacker beat a Notre Dame student to the ground and pepper spray him in the face at point blank range. Subsequently, two other students, were sprayed just for trying to talk him out of beating this kid up behind the stores across the street. I'm going to Finnegan's.

— The place that Stanford B-2 will hold in history is not yet clear. Some things, however, are already certain. They had more heart, determination and court savvy than luck, talent and athleticism. They wrote the most letters to Recsports and got the worst calls anyone could imagine (See "touching the rim," suspensions for fighting, anything on GR, and "block.") They wrote more on their shoes and featured more tantrums than any team this campus has ever seen. They fought harder than most opposing teams could believe — and that was just among themselves. They are the best team I've ever coached and the best one I ever will coach.

Stanford B-2 was a team in every sense of the word. They were some of the best guys I've ever known. Except Flinger, who sucks. Anyway, if you never saw them play, you've never seen what basketball is really about and you probably never will.

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stage, the alternatives are utterly beyond our grasp. Further, it is a call for the government to impose its morality on the people. The last forty years — the last twenty in particular — have left the average American unable to defend himself from himself.

Case 1: Murder at college in Delaware;

Two young, affluent college students rent a hotel room. They deliver their child there. After the child is born, they beat it to death and throw it into a dumpster. These students are among the better educated people in their generation. What they did would have been 100 percent legal if it had taken place as a partial-birth abortion. That is to say: "Dumb kids, you're supposed to beat it to death before it comes all the way out." Instead, Delaware threatened the students with (what else) the death penalty.

The astonishing lack of respect for human life that pervades our culture — particularly in underclass, inner city locations, but also among the affluent — is fed by a culture which has abandoned the value of the sanctity of life. Despite the pernicious impacts of a society that

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GARRY TRUDEAU

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I am certain of nothing but of the holiness of the heart's affections and the truth of imagination. What the imagination seizes as beauty must be truth — whether it existed before or not."

—John Keats



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What's love got to do with it?

Dear Editor:

When one asks the question, "Where is love?" many answers come to mind. The first ones are commonplace — boyfriend, girlfriend, family. Every question has a few easy answers. There are other sources, other types of love, though. Some people find their love in friends, some in studies. Some may have a hobby, some may have an addiction. People place their trust and love in many things from people to objects, even to places. Yet none of these can compare, whether in modern society or millennia-old civilizations, to the power of romantic and meaningful love.

Are there other kinds? Of course. There are loves between people that run the gamut between love-for-life to love-for-a-night, and no judgment can be made here on that. But regardless of our personal feelings on types of relationships, why does the "Awww" type of love matter so much? Why does the sight of a couple deep in love strike such an all-is-right-with-the-world type of feeling? Why is such a deep chord struck in all of us when we hear of an impending marriage, when we know a close friend beginning a serious relationship, when Rachel and Ross finally got together? Silly as the last example may be, it nonetheless illustrates the point that the "happily-ever-after" type of love matters to us, as a people and individually. And of course the individuality of those feelings is what prompted me to write today.

Different people have different approaches towards love. Some of us seek dates aggressively, some of us don't care. Some view dates as important; to others they're minor functions. How we get there and how we find the loves in our lives is where the problems seem to occur.

Why is it that as our society has become more free-spoken, more open-minded, and more honest with itself about itself that dating and relationships have become more and more confusing? It seems that one hears about the impossibility of dating and "finding someone" more often than ever. Could the answer be that as we find ourselves more and more in a media-obsessed, quick-want-it-now culture that we expect this aspect of life, one of the more ineffable quantities that exists, to be easier as well? Might we not expect

that love and relationships will be obtainable as easily as our phone-ahead Chinese takeout? Do we expect that a soulmate can be ordered as easily as a set of Ginsu knives?

If love is so powerful, so important that one can define it, no two can agree on it, that no three can share it the same, why might we expect it to be so easy to find? What convinces us that it can happen so readily, occur so naturally, appear so easily?

What makes us think that love will find us?

Love, for all its beauty and gentility, must be created and forged from who we are and what we do. There is no reason to expect that the creation of a relationship or the finding of love will be any easier than the work we put into our studies or our jobs or any other portions of our lives. Love must be pursued as any other desire must be pursued, must be sought after as any hope, any dream must be.

How does this relate to us now? I spoke once before about how we must be receptive to others' overtures of friendship, how we must open ourselves up to the possibility of people — to allow intruders into the carefully guarded sanctum of one's self. But these overtures, these first communications only come about when one of us has the courage to say hello, to make the gesture of friendship without which none of the romance can come about.

The first conversation is impossible. The words, "What's up?" seem so embarrassing, so scary. Yet so much rides on them, so much can come from them — why don't we try? Why don't we commit? To paraphrase myself last year — if so much can be gained by such a simple action — why do we not try? Gamble a little? We must find the courage, men and women, to commit ourselves to making that first contact in order to realize and maximize that portion of our lives which so inspires and motivates us.

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Clancy mocked
'high-minded'
ND readership

Dear Editor:

I'd like to add my two cents to the Tom Clancy debate. The general consensus is that Tom Clancy is an arrogant, opinionated, jackass. No one will argue these points, at least I hope not. What he did was get a bunch of "high minded" students "offended" and upset. Hello people, don't you get it? He was mocking you! The sophomores invited him to a literary festival. Literary, literature. He does not write literature, he tells stories, he entertains. As he stated; he writes for the common man, and there is nothing wrong with that. People, for a group of "intellectuals" your analysis has been very superficial. The SLF was the wrong forum for Tom Clancy, he understood that, and his "sardonic quips" were his way of telling you and reminding you of that.

I would like to thank the SLF for inviting Mr. Clancy. I did get my copy of "Without Remorse" signed by the author. As the author said at the start of the evening, "Beware the fury of a patient man." There were about two dozen people who showed up at La Fortune after the talk to socialize with the author and their patience was rewarded with a signed book.

What should you take away from this? Tom Clancy is not a literary giant nor a literary gnat. He weaves a pretty darn good story though. And there is NOTHING wrong with that.

Oh by the way, all the cracks about the liberal left, NEA and the Democrats; he hit the Bulls Eye every time!

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RIGHT OR WRONG?

Courts not always the best judges of humanity

"Is it okay for them now... to shoot us, as long as they're sincere in their moral beliefs?", asked abortion clinic director Randi Fallor. Her question was in response to the January 13th ruling of U.S. District Judge John Sprizzo, finding not guilty of criminal contempt a retired Catholic Bishop, George Lynch and a young Franciscan brother, Christopher

belief render their conduct lacking in the willfulness which criminal contempt requires, but also (their) conduct, which is purely passive... is so minimally obstructive as to justify the exercise of the prerogative of leniency."

Judge Sprizzo discussed whether, under the theory of necessity or justification, "it is a defense to a criminal contempt charge that a person act with a sincere religious belief that he is acting to save a human life." He noted that he "is not persuaded... that there... should not be any (such) defense... because the conduct at issue i.e., abortion, is legal... Were a person to have violated a court order directing the return of a runaway slave when Dred Scott was the law, would a genuinely held belief that a slave was a human person and not an article of property be a matter that the Court would not consider in deciding whether that person was guilty of a criminal contempt charge?"

Sprizzo did not have to resolve that issue "because... neither Lynch nor Moscinski acted with... willfulness." Sprizzo noted a 1970 case, U.S. v. Sisson, in which Sisson, who had refused to submit to induction, "argued... that the Vietnam War was immoral and that he did not feel he could, in good conscience, claim a conscientious objector status, because he was not opposed to all wars but just opposed to that war. The district court instructed the jury to determine whether Sisson's refusal to submit to induction was 'unlawfully knowingly and willfully done.' After the jury found Sisson guilty, the district court set the verdict aside... (because) Sisson's sincere moral belief precluded his conviction." That ruling was upheld by the Supreme Court as an acquittal. When a jury, or a judge sitting without a jury, acquits a criminal defendant, that acquittal is final and cannot be appealed because of the constitutional prohibition of double jeopardy. Since Judge Sprizzo's decision

appears to be an acquittal rather than a ruling on a question of law, it ought to be similarly final. The government, however, has appealed Sprizzo's ruling and the Court of Appeals will have to decide.

As Moscinski's lawyer, Gabriel Kralik, a college and law school graduate of Notre Dame, noted, Lynch and Moscinski at their trial "explained to the court the meaning of their prayer of the Rosary and how they relied on its power to change the hearts of people... As patients and workers walked by, unobstructed, the men simply prayed. They felt no ill will or contempt for the court or arresting officers." They "were also ready to accept the imprisonment penalty sought by the government."

Judge Sprizzo said that "Lynch's and Moscinski's sincere, genuine, objectively based and, indeed, conscience-driven religious belief, precludes a finding of willfulness (which) means deliberate conduct done with a bad purpose either to disobey or to disregard the law... [E]ven [if their conduct were willful] the Court would still find [them] not guilty. The facts presented... by... testimony and a videotape depicting an elderly bishop and a young monk quietly praying with rosary beads in the Clinic's driveway, clearly call for... exercise of the prerogative of leniency which a fact-finder has to refuse to convict... [T]he Court must... have the broadest possible discretion to determine whether... a finding of criminal contempt is necessary to vindicate its authority." Criminal contempt is not a violation of a statute but a defiance of a judicial order. "It's a crime against the judge," said Yale Law Professor Akil Reed Amar. "If he wants to forgive and forget, he has the power to do so."

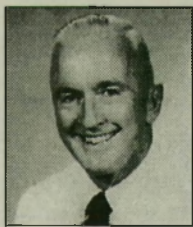
The New York Times editorially evoked images of bombings in criticizing Sprizzo's "bizarre opinion": "The protesters' aggression... is... clear. Their intent is to prevent access to clinics. Whether they achieve that purpose by

blocking the doors or issuing verbal threats, the fear they cause is the same. The recent abortion clinic bombings... are on the extreme end of that continuum of intimidation tactics."

Bishop Lynch and Brother Fidelis (Moscinski) were obstructionist of a sort, even thought the merely required some people to park in the street. But if their cause were politically correct they would be praised, not condemned, by the "respectable" establishment. When the National Council of Churches, in 1968, approved peaceable "civil disobedience" in the Vietnam draft context as "a valid instrument" to correct injustice, the Council's definition of the term precisely covers the conduct of Bishop Lynch and Brother Fidelis: "Civil disobedience [means] deliberate, peaceable violation of a law deemed to be unjust, in obedience to conscience or a higher law, and with recognition of the state's legal authority to punish the violator."

Protest against the Vietnam War was politically correct. But nothing is politically more incorrect than total opposition to abortion, which is the defining sacrament of what Pope John Paul calls "the culture of death." Bishop Lynch and Brother Fidelis remind us of what we would rather forget: that every abortion is a murder and that every abortuary is a miniature Auschwitz. In any sane society, Bishop Lynch and Brother Fidelis would be honored and the killers of unborn babies would be put behind bars. When future generations look back on our pagan culture of death, one of its redeeming points of light will be an elderly bishop and a young monk witnessing peacefully and prayerfully for life and a judge with the wisdom and courage to count them as moral exemplars rather than criminals.

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Moscinski (whose Franciscan name is Brother Fidelis).

In February, 1996, Judge Sprizzo had enjoined Lynch and Moscinski from "obstructing... any... form of ingress into, or egress from," an abortion facility in Dobbs Ferry, New York. In July Sprizzo had held Lynch and Moscinski in civil contempt for violating his February order but he denied the prosecutor's request to require them to pay \$5,000 as damages.

On Aug. 24, Lynch and Moscinski seated themselves on the clinic's driveway where they prayed the Rosary. They blocked access to the parking lot, but nearby street parking was available. No one was denied access to the clinic. Lynch and Moscinski were arrested and convicted in state court and served 19 and 10 days, respectively, for that obstruction.

On Sept. 6, the federal prosecutor charged Lynch and Moscinski with criminal contempt, which carries a penalty up to \$5,000 and six months in jail. In such cases the judge sits without a jury. Judge Sprizzo found them "not guilty... Not only does their sincere religious

Making an effort

HPC promotes Date Week (well, it's two weeks, really) to give a little nudge to those who may need some persuasion. Here's what it's all about, with an account of Mike and Jessica's date to Shooters.

By ELENA MILLNER
Accent Writer

Feelin' the need for a little one-on-one with a certain someone?

Hall President's Council has been concocting a grand plan to rid the stereotypes of bad gender relations on campus once and for all. Instead of simply talking about the issue, our brilliant dorm leaders have taken action by scoping the South Bend/Mishawaka area for great places to go on dates.

This two-week entourage of opportunities that the Council has compiled are sure to fill any spaces in the social calendar. And here's a news flash: The one-on-one's can be with more than one "certain someone" throughout the two weeks (of course, HPC recommends one per night, though an "A" for effort would be in order for success with two). Date Week will kick off on February 17 and run until March 1.

Before you murmur your first "but" concerning a lack of monetary funds, HPC is one step ahead. They have approached each of the businesses and successfully obtained, or are in the process of obtaining, various discounts that will run throughout the duration of the two weeks.

In order to take advantage of this wonderful wintry weather, St. Patrick's Park offers both snow tubing and cross country skiing. Bendix also offers snow tubing.

For those with some winter sport talent, Swiss Valley is offering specials each day for downhill skiing.

To alleviate the stresses of the semester, you and your date can get to really know

each other by getting naked — that is with a massage therapist. New Renditions not only gives massages but offers fake bakes to reduce the pasty appearance of your sun-starved skin.

Since your body is relaxed

sneak preview of what's in store.

The date started with a little accidental detour route through the greater Elkhart area. But what could have been a negative aspect of Mike and Jess's evening, turned into a positive

Both commented on the vast array of guns, from pistols to sniper guns to machine guns, that were displayed in the gun room into which they were taken. After selection, they were both given eye goggles and ear muffs to wear. Jessica

Mike, after a few below-the-belt shots by Jessica (anything subliminal here?), she hit the target dead center. Not only was Mike impressed, but the other gun slingers were in awe. One leaned over to Mike and whispered, "That was awe-

some! You should have her with you more often than on dates." Two points for Jessica. She claims it was luck, but Mike isn't convinced.

Both described the gun-pros that coached to be very helpful, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic.

On Thursday nights, there is "Commando Night," in which people come to watch the gun shooters dive over barrels and aim at moving targets. Mike and Jessica both expressed interest in a Thursday night outing to see "Commando." They also plan on wearing full camouflage and face paint for their next excursion to Shooters.

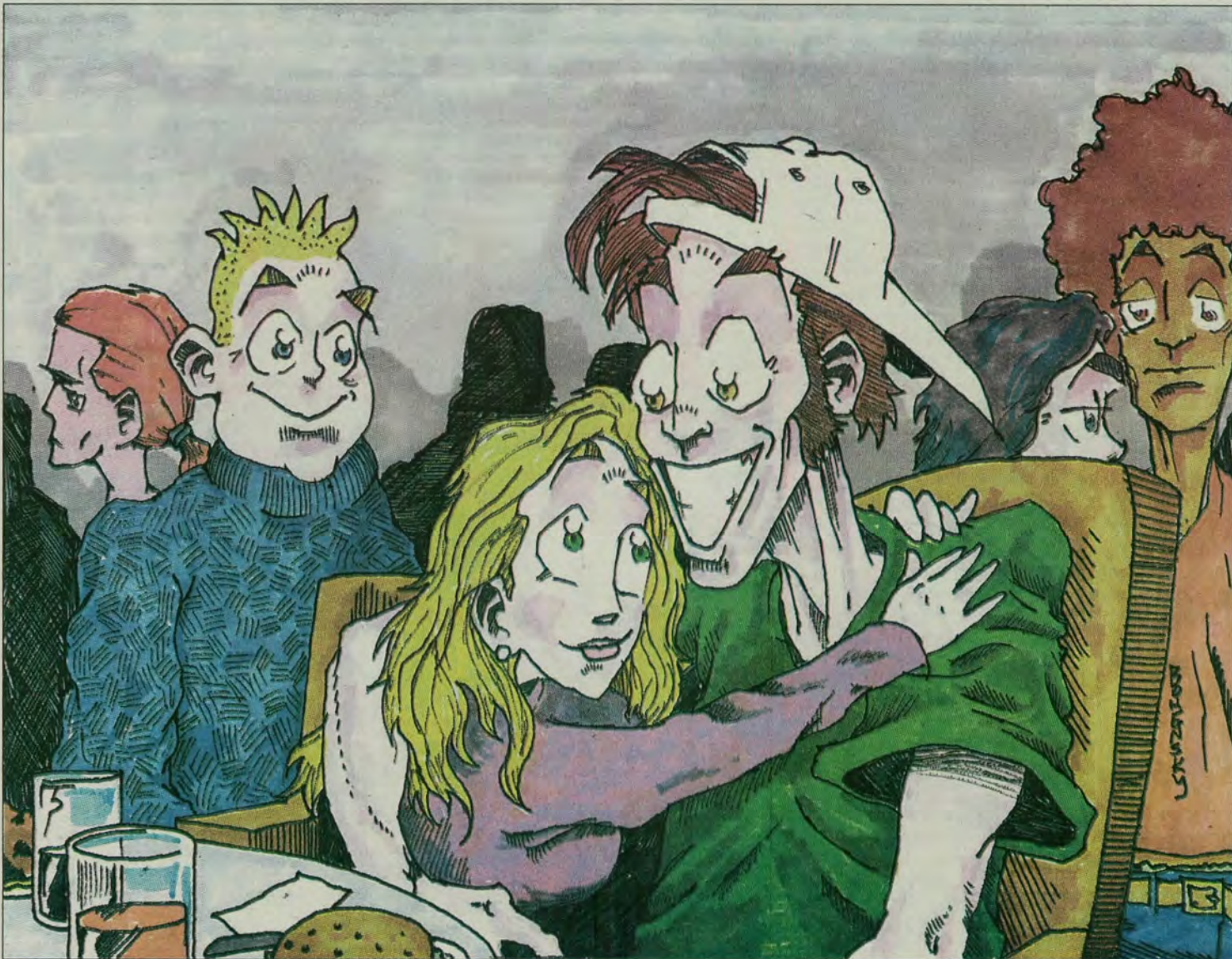
"It was so much fun," Mike remarked. "I am definitely

going back."

"It was one of the most random and fun things I've ever done," said Jessica. "If I ever want to 'pack heat,' I am set."

Look for ads in The Observer throughout Date Week for specific times, fees and directions concerning all of these activities. Besides all of these places, there are numerous activities right here on campus.

All right, you are thinking this sounds good, but how will this get me a little one-on-one private time (hootchie-coochie)? Well, if you need directions for that, you better stick to HPC's starter course a little longer than two weeks.



and ready to go, Heartland is offering free cover. So practice your two-step and grab your ten-gallon hat that has been stashed under your bed.

To add to the list, various restaurants, comedy clubs, and bowling alleys are running specials as well as Lazer Storm and Michiana Paintball. Now if your date gets annoying, you can just shoot at them.

But the high action does not let up there. For some real excitement, you and your guest can sharpen your target aim by going to Shooters, where, yes, you shoot real guns and no, it is not recommended to shoot at your date. HPC's own Mike Tobin and Jessica Irvine went to the shooting range to get a

one when Mike stopped not once, but twice to ask for directions. Jessica remarked that she was quite impressed by this oh-so-bold move of Mike's. No need to fret, all you gun enthusiasts, Mike and Jessica were sure to write down detailed directions which will appear in the Observer during Date Week.

Once arriving, a mere 15 minutes before closing time (luckily it stayed open for them to shoot), Mike and Jess were greeted with, "Do you two pack heat?"

Well, the date had gone well so far. Mike and Jessica later learned that the lingo meant "Do you have any guns on you?"

commented that she had "no idea how real" this was going to be. Both learned a lot from the safety lessons given, and the attentiveness of the pro-gun instructors, whom Jessica referred to as "Hank" and "Bob."

Mike shot first and said he was scared from the huge kick he felt. Though Mike claims to have "no background" at all in shooting, Jessica is suspicious. "I think Tobin has shot more than he's let on, I was very impressed." Wow, two points for Mike — he impressed Jessica twice in the same night. Hey guys, this is the place to take your date.

And ladies, this is the place for you as well. According to

'Rent a Vermin' not quite as raunchy as it sounds

By ELENA MILLNER
Accent Writer

In correlation with Date Week, the men of Carroll Hall present "Rent A Vermin." This is ND students' grand opportunity to claim their favorite Vermin for a day as Carroll will be auctioning off themselves throughout Date Week to the highest bidder.

This fundraising idea takes on the challenge of

improving gender relations in an innovative, creative way. Bobby Booker, one of Carroll Hall's co-presidents, remarked on the success this event had in his high school. He explained that it was called "Rent a Senior" and the bidders had their senior carry their books for the day, get their lunch, dress funny, and other various random acts. "It was a lot of fun," Booker said.

The plan is to hold the bidding period during Week 1 of Date Week. It will take place during lunches in

the dining hall. By Friday, whoever has bid the highest gets their man. The following Monday, the money will be collected, then Wednesday is the big day. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., excluding classes, your Vermin of Choice is yours. Carroll's co-presidents, Booker and Kevin Fumai, hope that the Vermin's efforts will help promote the success of Date Week. So, maintain a watchful eye for those Carroll men (no stalking, please). If the price is right, your dream Vermin is yours. Who says you can't buy love?



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HPC Date Week

A tentative list of possible businesses involved in the promotion. Discounts and participants may vary or change. Call for details.

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Shooters

Dating: Just Do It

By MARGEE HUSEMANN
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Let's face it, Notre Dame is not exactly a bastion of great dating. The squirrels on campus date more than most of us. This is not news. Every year some sort of "creative dating" seminar comes to campus to try and promote a healthier environment for campus couples. These are ultra-useful, providing such tips as "share your favorite Bible passage" or "go to the Zoo."

However, there's only so many times that you can giggle over Song of Songs, and the three-headed fish of St. Joe's Lake are more exotic than Potawami. They even offer some great conversation starters like, "Do you have an innie or an outtie?" Gee, it's hard to understand why these seminars fail. The truth is, "creative daters" don't live in South Bend, they won't chaperone the date to monitor conversation, and they were our age the last time that the Notre Dame Football Team was National Champions.

With these facts in mind, HPC is sponsoring a two-week starter course in dating. Here's the plan: 1) Ask someone out; 2) Go on a date. It sounds easy, but how many of you have fumbled step number one or skipped both steps in your eagerness for some lovin'? To lighten the financial burden of dating, local businesses will be offering discounts to ND couples. There's no good excuse not to go out. In order to show the advantages of this plan, here's a table showing typical ND dates versus the new improved ND date:

Before:

- Holding hands with that special someone at Cushing and watching a movie you saw three times this summer
- Walking in the snow to your girl/boyfriend's dorm
- Greasy "burgers" at NDH

After:

- Holding hands with that special someone at a movie that just opened
- Taking a cab through the snow to Meijer, land of wonder
- Greasy burgers at Steak 'n Shake

And remember—HPC aren't just the presidents of your hall, they're also members.

We all know that the gender relations at Notre Dame are not normal. In the real world, or so I've heard, brushing by a member of the opposite sex in a crowded bar does not constitute a date. In recognition that our lives will not forever include the social meccas of dorm parties, SYRs, and holding hands in Cushing, we pledge the following:

- To make social calls to the living space of the opposite sex without the expectations of a commitment
- To refrain from assuming that any relationship between a woman and a man has to be something more than friendship
- To go out on a real date (Yes, a real date!)
- To fight back the fear of rejection and make the first move/ask someone out
- To battle the insipid foes of gender stereotypes (Women can ask out men!)
- To drink responsibly so as to remember dates and so as not to alienate dates
- To start a tradition of good relationships at ND
- To seek out new ideas and new locations—to boldly go where no one has dated before
- Respect

■ NBA

Shaq attack shelved for 8-10 weeks with knee injury

Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. Shaquille O'Neal, who signed a seven-year, \$120 million contract with the Los Angeles Lakers last July, will miss at least 8-10 weeks with an injured left knee.

O'Neal, who has helped the Lakers to the best record in the Western Conference, was injured in the first quarter of their 100-84 victory at Minnesota on Wednesday night — his first game after missing two games because of an injured right knee.

O'Neal's injury was diag-

nosed Thursday by team doctor Stephen Lombardo of the Kerlan-Jobe Medical Group in Inglewood following an examination, X-rays and MRI tests.

The Lakers said O'Neal, one of the NBA's dominant big men at 7-foot-1 and 300-plus pounds, suffered a hyperextension injury, with damage including a torn capsule, a fractured bone and a partial tear to the lateral collateral ligament.

No surgery will be necessary, the team added, but O'Neal will wear a splint for 2-3 weeks, after which he will begin rehabilitation therapy.

O'Neal was injured when he landed awkwardly on his left leg while trying to control a lob pass from Nick Van Exel.

O'Neal landed hard, but after a brief delay, continued to play and wound up with 12 points and four rebounds in a little more than eight minutes.

He came out of the game with 3:37 left in the first quarter and went to the Lakers' dressing room with trainer Gary Vitti shortly thereafter.

O'Neal, headphones and sunglasses on, ignored questions as he walked past reporters in the locker room after the game and went to the team bus.

"I asked him, 'Good or bad,' and Shaq said, 'Bad,' " Van Exel said.

O'Neal, who turns 25 next month, played four seasons with the Orlando Magic before signing with the Lakers as a free agent last summer. He entered Thursday's games as the NBA's third-leading scorer with a 25.8-point average and its fourth-leading rebounder with a 12.8 average.

He is also averaging 3.0 blocked shots and has made 56.3 percent of his shots.

In his four seasons with Orlando, he averaged 27.2 points and 12.5 rebounds.

O'Neal injured his right knee late in the third quarter of a game against Washington on Feb. 2 when he planted his foot in the lane, started to twist for a shot and banged legs with Bullets center Gheorghe Muresan.

That injury caused him to miss two games as well as the All-Star game in Cleveland last Sunday.

Without O'Neal, the Lakers were beaten by the Los Angeles Clippers 106-84 at Anaheim Arena on Feb. 4, but rebounded to beat the Chicago Bulls 106-90 the following night at the Forum.

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Shannon, So I've been hearing rumors that you are the most beautiful woman on campus. I guess I have to agree...I mean it was PRINTED in THE OBSERVER so it MUST BE TRUE. Happy Valentine's Day, t

Kurt, Soulful, Andy, and Spoon: Cymbals on the quad? What a great Valentine that would be! -Big Hand Red (and the Bottomless Shiksa)

To the guys in Dillon 203: Y'all are the BOMB! Happy Valentine's Day! Love 'n' Stuff, Red

Kris and Lauren: I'm drunk! I mean, drunk! What do you mean I'm not? Thanks, gals! Happy Valentine's Day!! And I promise, no more 26 year olds! All my love, Laura

Teresa Jo, 2/14/92, 3/21/92, 6/6/92, 5/17/96, 10/4/97, and ... Happy Valentine's Day, Ed

Dear Tenille, Happy Valentine's Day, dear. Thanks for hanging around with me... Love, Brad

Colleen, You won't be disappointed. Only the best can come of this. Dan

Happy Valentine's Day, Sean. I love you even though none of your friends believe you. Do sleepies, honey. -Beth

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Secor, Who needs flowers??? Strawberry milk and Taco bell... I'll pay

Tobin... Have a great Valentine's Day??? A date with chesly???

News, Happy Valentine's Day!!! Where are my beads??? Or at least the story to go with them??

Campbell, Happy belated birthday!!! Have a good time tonight!!!! Love, The Neighbors You Never Knew

G, I know you hate this... but it's Valentine's Day. I love you, baby, with all my heart. Can't wait to see you tomorrow.... Love, me

Brad, Love you, lover. No soup for you....

Heather, Soup? What else could it mean? Hope you get some this weekend..

Missy, beware the penguin

I love you, Doug, thank you for everything. Looking forward... -Heath

Denise, Between a frog and a boy's mouth, I'd take you any day. -Dave.

Hey Sean, I love you even though nobody believes you.

Kimmy, Barry White lives on!

Tony- I know I smell good. Better than Kell, right? Stop with the smoochie talk, already. -J

From Justin to his Mormon, what number am I now?

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■ NFL

Open season begins in free agent market

By DAVE GOLDBERG
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK
Yes, there will be a free-agent season this year.

The old Michigan passing combination of Elvis Grbac and Desmond Howard will be available. So will Jerome Bettis, Rod Woodson, Gilbert Brown, Chad Brown, Daryl Johnston, Neil Smith and Larry Centers, all standing to cash in now.

But with the salary cap up just \$700,000 from last season to about \$41.45 million, 1997 looks like a stop-gap year. The real fun starts next year, when billions of dollars from a new television will start giving even the most cap-strapped teams room to maneuver.

"The good players will still get a lot of money this year," says Bill Kuharich, general manager of the New Orleans Saints.

"There will just be a lot fewer of them getting it."

All this is subject to late developments. Teams continued to negotiate with their own players until the midnight deadline and others were prepared to slap "franchise" and "transition" labels on players they want to keep.

Oddly, the highest-paid free agent may be one who's been a free agent since early last season — Jeff George, the talented but troublesome quarterback who was cut by Atlanta last season after a spat with June Jones, then the Falcons' coach. He's set to sign a contract with the Raiders for an estimated \$25 million over four years.

George is one of four intriguing quarterbacks available along with Grbac, Heath Shuler and Rick Mirer.

And George's arrival in Oakland will turn loose another — Jeff Hostetler, although at 36 and injury prone, Hostetler may have to be a backup.

The only true free agent in the group is Grbac, who proved as Steve Young's understudy in San Francisco the last two seasons he has the talent to be a starter.

He could become the latest ex-49er quarterback in Kansas City — the aging Joe Montana and career backup Steve Bono preceded him. The Chiefs also talked Tuesday to Chris Chandler, who still is under contract to Houston but will probably give way to Steve McNair.

Or he could go to Chicago if the Bears decide the price is too high to pry Mirer from Seattle in a trade.

Unlike many free agents, Grbac will take his time signing — the signing period extends until April 15.

"It's not like it's going to be that one day there's Elvis and the next you find out he's with another team," says his agent, Jim Steiner. "This is going to be done judiciously with anyone we talk to."

Mirer and Shuler are more iffy.

Mirer, who could go to the Bears for their first-rounder, was the second overall pick by Seattle in the 1993 draft and Shuler was third by Washington in the 1994. Yet each lost their jobs — Shuler to Gus Frerotte and Mirer to John Friesz — and are on the trading block.

Other big names are likely to return to their old teams. Bettis, for example, was negotiating with Pittsburgh up to the midnight deadline, and the Steelers also hope to keep Woodson and Chad Brown, who had 13 sacks after being moved from inside linebacker to the outside.

Derrick Thomas appeared set to re-sign with Kansas City, although the Chiefs were making less of an effort to re-sign Neil Smith, their pass-rushing defensive end.

And Gilbert Brown is at the top of Green Bay's re-signing list.

■ GOLF

Woods four back in Outback

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia
Tiger Woods left his driver in the bag Thursday and worked his way around with course with precision Thursday to shoot a 68 in the first round of the Australian Masters, four strokes off the lead.

Adapting his game to the tricky doglegs on the par-73 course at Huntingdale Golf Club, Woods used his driver only once — preferring position over power — and made only one birdie on a hole that wasn't a par-5.

Still Woods, a notoriously slow starter, was in good shape with only four players ahead of him. Lucas Parsons of Australia tied the course record with a 9-under-par 64 to take the lead.

Peter O'Malley, another Australian, was at 65 while Mike Weir and Rick Gibson, both of Canada, shot 67s. Larry Mize was one of five players tied with Woods at 68.

Woods, coming off a hectic week in Thailand that ended with a 10-stroke victory in the Asian Honda Classic, is seeking his fifth victory in 14 professional starts and trying to win on a third continent this year.

About 10,000 people jammed six and seven deep around the first fairway as Woods teed off at noon with Brett Ogle and Robert Allenby. Allenby, who shot a 70 and Ogle, who struggled to a 78, were clearly disturbed several times when the gallery refused to settle down after Woods hit.

"Tiger's not the only one playing out here," Ogle snapped to the crowd at one point.

Woods, however, played the course in a way no one else could. His booming shots off the tee enabled him to drive with his 3-wood and 1-irons and 2-irons. On the 510-yard

14th hole he was over the green with a 3-wood and a 2-iron.

"It wasn't easy today," Woods said after making it look rather easy. "As everyone knows, this golf course requires a lot of concentration."

One mistake with a tee shot and you're looking at bogey or worse," he said.

"I grinded my way around," Woods said. "Today was very tiring. Physically, I'm fine, but it is just a mental grind on a golf course that requires so much accuracy off the tee. I just made one birdie, apart from the par-5s."

Woods said he was not surprised to see Parsons in the lead.

"What a lot of people don't understand is that any pro is capable of doing it on any given day and he did it today," Woods said.

Woods saved par on No. 18 with a 10-foot putt. The one time he used his driver was on the par-5 10th, setting up a birdie.

Parsons, who lost his PGA Tour card last season after earning only \$21,233 in 24 starts, matched the course record held by Bernhard Langer and Mike Clayton.

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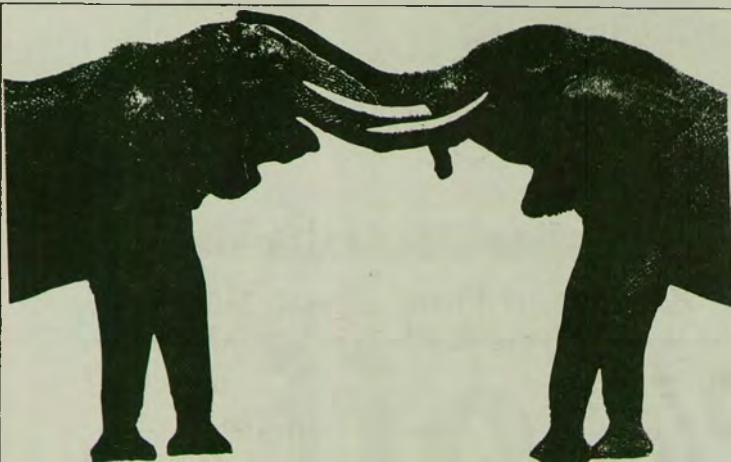


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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Fasting runner breaks indoor record for mile

By RAF CASERT
Associated Press Writer

GHENT, Belgium

The month of Ramadan fasting might have cost Hicham el Guerrouj some of his strength. It didn't cost him a chance to set world records.

After running his first-ever mile Wednesday, the Moroccan now has two world records in 10 days, and he took away the oldest indoor mark in the books, held by Eamonn Coghlan.

In Germany on Feb. 2, el Guerrouj still lived within the limits of the Muslim Ramadan, but thrived in heated competition with Ethiopia's Haile Gebrselassie as he smashed the 1,500 indoor world record.

At the Flanders Indoor meet, the Ramadan fast was a thing of the past, but he had to struggle the final two laps as a lonesome figure against the clock.

He finished in a time of 3

minutes, 48.45 seconds, beating the previous record by 1.33 seconds. After his victory lap, he was wrapped in the Moroccan flag, exhaustion finally taking effect.

"The race has tired me too much. After Ramadan, you lose a lot of energy," el Guerrouj said of the month of daily fasting from sunrise to sunset.

But ever since the Atlanta Olympics, he has been running to redeem himself.

He thought the day of the Atlanta 1,500 final was his as he was surging alongside favorite Noredine Morceli with a lap to go.

Yet he stumbled, and his dreams crashed.

"It was providence," he now says, convinced that at 21, his time was yet to come.

He did not have to wait too long, and the two records make him a rising star of middle distance running, poised to peak in the August world championships in Athens.

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Hoosiers trying to find stroke

By STEVE HERMAN
Associated Press Writer

Despite the absence of its leading scorer, Indiana is on a modest two-game winning streak and playing with renewed confidence and some uncharacteristic offense.

Coach Bob Knight still isn't convinced.

"Consistency has not exactly been a byword with this team. ... We're an immature team in terms of the mentality that we bring to the game," Knight said.

Nevertheless, with forward Andrae Patterson missing from the victories over Ohio State and Penn State because of a sprained right ankle, A.J. Guyton and Charlie Miller helped produce the Hoosiers' first back-to-back games of 80-plus points all season.

"We have so much expectations and want to do so well, sometimes we get so focused on the wrong things. Now our approach is just competing, trying to play to win," said Miller, whose season-high 22 points led Indiana over Penn State 81-57 Tuesday night.

Miller has averaged 13.5 points a game over the past eight games and scored more points against Ohio State and Penn State than he totaled in the first seven games of the season.

"I'm just trying to play, to do the things I can do and stay away from the things I can't do," he said. "Coach Knight and the coaching staff have stuck with me, and I'm finally coming through, finally getting some progress out of my play."

Another thing Patterson's absence has produced is more playing time for Guyton, who was on the floor 78 of a possible 80 minutes and scored 45 points in the two games, and for Miller, who played 75 minutes and scored 34 points.

"That's something I really can't explain," Miller said of the Hoosiers' success without Patterson. "But I can't wait until he gets back because then hopefully things can go our way and we can have a late run."

The two wins evened the Hoosiers' Big Ten record at 6-6 with six games to go, starting Sunday at No. 14 Michigan. Indiana then returns home to play Purdue next Tuesday.

Knight doesn't know what to think. The two victories followed three losses that accounted for Indiana's longest-losing streak in seven years and knocked the Hoosiers out of the nation's Top 25.

But will the success last?

"I look at it always with mixed emotions when we get in a situation occasionally like we're in



Photo courtesy of Indiana University Sports Information

Hoosier coach Bobby Knight looks for a solution to his team's inconsistent play.

now," Knight said. "We'd have been pretty tough to beat over the course of 12 Big Ten games playing like we did (against Penn State)."

"But think back this year, and how many points we kind of squandered away at the end of the first half and beginning of the second half. Those have always been in my thinking two important points in the game," Knight said. "With the good teams we've had (in the past), in the second half, in three minutes, it's over. But, boy, with us, we keep everybody guessing."

On Saturday, Indiana led Ohio State by 13 at the half. The Buckeyes cut the lead to three points in the first four minutes of the second half before the Hoosiers came back to win 93-76.

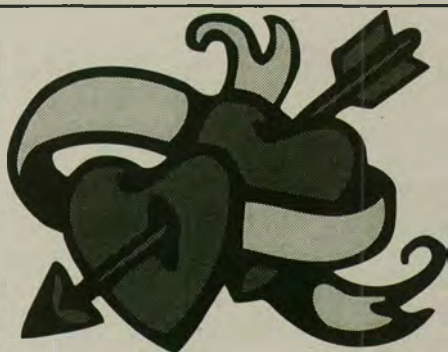
Tuesday night, Indiana's 27-point halftime lead against Penn State dwindled to 17 midway through the second half before the Hoosiers regrouped.

"We've played this way before and turned around and haven't played very well," Knight said. "Sure, I would hope it would (indicate a trend), but who knows?"

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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Tracksters gear up for Big East Tournament

By WILLY BAUER
Sports Writer

The regular season has ended and now it's crunch time.

The year's biggest time for the Notre Dame indoor track team is the Big East championships, this weekend in Syracuse, New York.

At the beginning of the season, coach Joe Piane said that he was "pleased" with the Irish's third place finish. After seeing how this season has gone so far, he may not be so "pleased" with an equivalent standing.

Both the men and women's team will have to rely on its various strengths to put the Irish on the victory stand. Providence and Georgetown are two of the Big East's best teams, and will be the Irish's primary competition.

So far this season, the men have received contributions from varied events. From the first time junior Errol Williams stepped onto the track in Michigan, he has dominated the 60-meter hurdles. If he can touch his season-best time in the 60-meter hurdles Big East teams will be hard-pressed to find an athlete who can compete with Williams.

The women have also found a star in the hurdles, but she will

be staying around a little longer than Williams. Freshman Dominique Calloway has been leaving fire-trails over all the tracks that she has ran on and has positioned herself as an important cog in the Irish running machine.

Aside from Calloway, the Irish women boast strong sprints team with sophomore Nadia Schmiedt and senior Alison Howard.

In contrast with the women, the men have a strong distance team led by senior Jeff Hojnacki. Hojnacki's stability in the long-distance races will be one of the keys the Irish will rely on this weekend.

Two freshmen will be heavily counted on this weekend to continue their early season successes. Long-jumper Marshaun West and long-distance runner Joanna Deeter each have revealed in the spotlight. Deeter has ran well in three events; 3,000 and 5,000-meters and the mile. Coach Tim Connelly gave her a day off last weekend, allowing her to rest for the Big East meet.

Almost as if they are icing on top of a cake, the Irish have received strong efforts from senior David Gerrity, freshmen Chris Cochran and Jennifer Engelhardt.

Gerrity has been a mainstay

in the pole vault since the beginning of the season. He vaulted well at the Michigan Invitational and finished up the regular season with a solid performance at the Central Collegiate Championships.

Cochran also has followed a similar pattern. He finished in third place at Michigan in the 200-meters, and last week at the Central Collegiate Championships he finished in seventh place in the 400-meters. Engelhardt is part of the freshman triumvirate that will keep the Irish women successful for years to come.

She qualified for the NCAA indoor championships in the high jump and rounds out one of Notre Dame's best track teams in years.

All coaches point to the play-offs and now the playoffs have arrived for the Irish track team. Long-distance runners were rested last weekend and other participants had excellent tune-ups for the upcoming meet. It is time for Notre Dame to put the crunch on the other Big East teams.



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Freshman Dominique Calloway has burst onto the NCAA field and will be looked to in order for the Domers to place well in the Big East.

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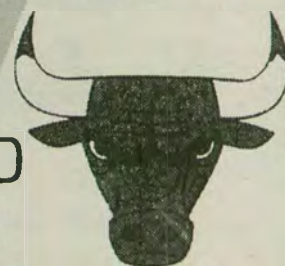
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Villanova	8	5	17	7
West Virginia	8	6	14	7
Connecticut	6	7	13	9
Notre Dame	6	7	12	9
St. John's	5	9	10	12
BE 7				
Miami	9	4	15	6
Providence	8	5	17	7
Pittsburgh	7	6	13	11
Georgetown	8	7	15	8
Syracuse	5	8	14	10

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seemed primed to upset, but the VU squad pulled away to 68-57 victory after Notre Dame's offense stagnated.

Since that time, it seems that things have indeed changed for both teams.

Although Villanova is the only ranked team in the Big East at No. 18, they are fighting through a two-game losing streak and may have peaked a little early.

"They seem to have flattened out since we last played them," Irish center Matt Gotsch evaluated. "Don't get me wrong, they're still a great team, but they haven't really improved from our last time."

This assessment is in direct contrast with Gotsch and his team's progress over the last month.

Since the last meeting between the Irish and the Wildcats, head

coach John MacLeod has lead his squad on a 5-2 conference run as the pieces have slowly come together.

"We're not the same team we were a month ago," Gotsch asserted. "We've been steadily improving to the point where I think this game will be a much better contest."

Wildcat rookie Tim Thomas, the leading scorer and rebounder from the previous contest, has continued to impress.

Junior Derek Manner, fresh off a strong defensive outing against West Virginia's Damian Owens, will have to keep himself at that level to play with the talented freshman.

Hopefully, as he did with Owens', he will go for a bit of revenge against Thomas.

Power forward Chuck Kornegay will be back to square up with Notre Dame's Garrity.

In the last contest, Kornegay physically punished his counterpart for the majority of the game. But this time, Garrity should have some

teammates at his back.

Guards Admore White and Pete Miller have lit up the arenas recently with touch shooting and deft ball-handling.

The duo poured in seven from long-distance in Tuesday's victory over the Mountaineers, and will need to continue to play strong to keep defensive pressure from focusing on Garrity.

Miller, who suffered a mild concussion in Tuesday's game, will play, but it is uncertain whether or not he will start against the Wildcats.

"It's great to see Admore White and Pete Miller doing the things that they're doing," said MacLeod. "They have grown into a very interesting back court. They both have that determination and that grit. And they both come after you."

So as it stands, Notre Dame couldn't be more prepared as a team to head back to Wildcat country.

The 'Cats are down, the Irish dancing a jig. But how the plot will twist this weekend, most Notre Dame fans will have to find out on TV as the Big East turns.

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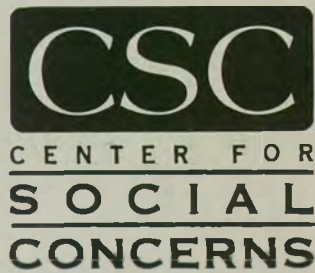
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Soccer Officials—The Department of RecSports is seeking officials for spring soccer, including women's interhall, campus co-rec, and indoor soccer seasons, as well as the campus outdoor tournament.

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Juniors! - One More Year and then... Consider the Possibilities!



Time flies, as they say. Most Juniors and their families are beginning to reflect upon just how fast the college years are going and that when they return to campus next year, it's the big one—Senior Year! And then what?!? One of the great traditions at the University of Notre Dame is the commitment to a year or more of full-time volunteer service work after graduation. Between 10 - 12% of each year's graduating class each year makes this commitment to teach, work in a shelter, counsel, mentor, do youth ministry, work in an inner-city health clinic, or engage in a wide variety of other work experiences with people in need sponsored by a secular or faith based organization in the U.S. or abroad.

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Juniors and their families are encouraged to stop by the Junior Parents Weekend Open House at the Center for Social Concerns on Saturday, between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m., to meet and talk with the program's Director, Maureen Skurski, and to pick up a copy of the Post-Graduate Service Handbook and begin the journey of continuing to serve and learn as an integral part of being a student and an alum of the University of Notre Dame.

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Ethics and Leadership Wednesday 3/26

Organizational ethics and leadership by Jim Davis, Ph.D.
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the COBA.

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Popular culture views of leadership in American film
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SPECIAL NOTE:

Monthly Hospitality Luncheon Thursday 2/20

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■ SOFTBALL

Notre Dame and Connecticut atop preseason polls

Softball squad favored to win South division

Special to The Observer

The University of Connecticut and the University of Notre Dame were unanimously chosen to win their respective divisional titles in the 1997 Big East Softball race.

By a vote of the league's head coaches, both UConn and the Fighting Irish received seven first-place votes for 28 points.

The Huskies, last year's Big East tournament champions, are expected to win the North Division, while the Blue and Gold is the favorite in the South Division.

Notre Dame ended its inaugural year in the Big East with a 19-1 conference record and 48-16 overall.

The Irish claimed their first ever at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. Head coach Liz Miller, the 1996 Big East Coach

of the Year, returns '96 Big East Player of the year Meghan Murray and co-Rookie of the Year Angela Bessolo.

Rutgers, also new to the conference last season, was picked to finish second in the South Division. The Scarlet Knights received 20 points in the preseason poll. Villanova advanced to the 1996 Big East Championship and finished with a 30-19 record, 10-8 in the league.

The Wildcats garnered one first-place vote for 18 points. Seton Hall, under the direction of first-year coach Ray Vandermay, received ten points to close out the South Division.

Connecticut has won six of the last seven Big East tournaments and defeated the Irish 1-0 in last year's title game.

The Huskies advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the seventh time in the past eight years.

UConn finished the 1996 season 34-22 overall and 16-4 in conference action.

The Huskies return the tournament's Most Outstanding

Player and the 1996 Big East Pitcher of the year Bridget McCaffery and Big East co-Rookie of the Year, Allyson Johnson.

Picked to finished second in

the North Division is Boston College with 22 points, including one first place vote. BC closed the '96 season 27-19 overall and 9-11 in the league. Providence, which advanced to the Big East championship last year, garnered 16 points for a preseason finish of third. Rounding out the North Division is St. John's with ten points.

The Red Storm will be

under the direction of new head coach Kim Staehle.

The teams will continue their 20-game schedule this season, playing divisional opponents four times each and non-divi-

sional opponents twice.

The Big East Softball Championship will be held on May 3-4 at the Connecticut Softball Field on the University of Connecticut campus.



The Observer / Melissa Layton

After claiming their first ever NCAA bid in '96 the Irish are poised for another great year.

1997 BIG EAST Softball Preseason Poll

North Division	Pts	South Division	Pts
1. Connecticut	28	1. Notre Dame	28
2. Boston College	22	2. Rutgers	20
3. Providence	16	3. Villanova	18
4. St. John's	10	4. Seton Hall	10

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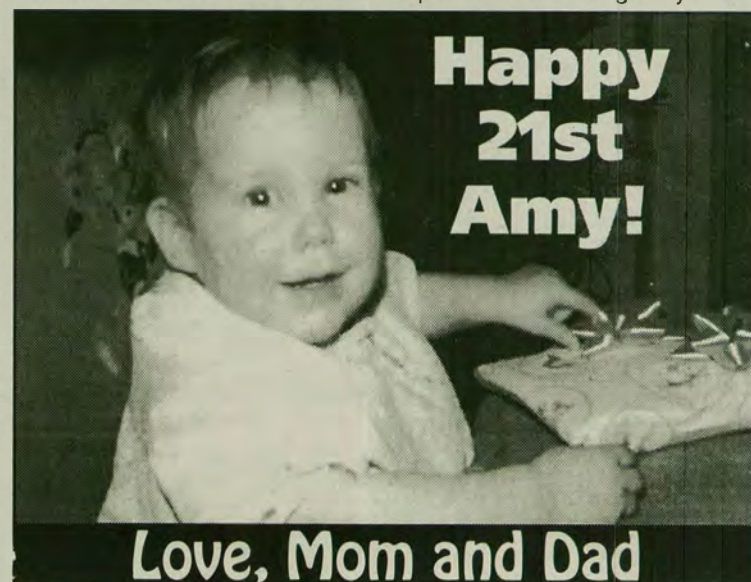
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Women

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said. "Everybody got in foul trouble on Wednesday and we can't afford to do that because our bench is not as deep as it was."

The lineup for the Domers will thus consist of smaller, quicker players as they have only three natural post players healthy.

Center Katryna Gaither continues to lead the Big East in scoring as she is second in rebounding averaging 19.7 ppg and 8.8 rpg.

Senior Rosanne Bohman is enjoying her finest season wearing the Blue and Gold as she contributes over nine

points and five boards a contest.

The strength of the Friars lies in their frontcourt as Nadine Malcolm is second in the conference with 19.3 ppg and is third in rebounding hauling in 8.1 rpg.

Her teammate Kerri Chatten is also in the top ten in scoring and rebounding with 16.1 ppg and 7.8 rpg. So the Irish will look to Henderson to play more minutes with the limited players with post play experience.

On the outside guard/forward Beth Morgan rebounded from a poor shooting outing against Connecticut to regain her stroke as she lead the team with 17 points, which is also her average.

Guards Mollie Peirick and Jeannine Augustin will run the

offense as the squad looks to refine their game with the post-season just around the corner.

"We're just taking each game the same way all of eight us are going to have to play our hardest," Henderson said.

"Our goal is to get a little better each game, particularly on the fast break game and in rebounding."

This Sunday the Irish will venture to Providence with hopes that more good news is in their future as their regular season winds down and they head into post season play and a likely rematch with the top ranked Connecticut Huskies in the Big East



The Observer/Mike Ruma
Head coach Muffet McGraw has seen several players on her squad fall to injuries, but the team refuses to fall in the rankings.

1996-97 Big East Womens' Basketball Standings

School	Big East	Overall	School	Big East	Overall
BE6	W L	W L	BE7	W L	W L
Connecticut	13 0	22 0	Georgetown	7 7	14 7
Notre Dame	13 1	21 5	Providence	7 7	12 10
Boston College	9 5	13 9	Rutgers	7 8	9 14
West Virginia	9 6	16 9	Miami	6 8	11 11
Villanova	7 7	12 10	Seton Hall	6 9	9 14
St. John's	2 12	4 18	Syracuse	4 10	6 16
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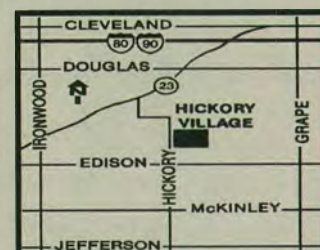
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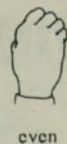
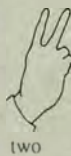
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FOOTBALL

Sanford named new QB coach

Special to The Observer

Former USC quarterback Mike Sanford, Trojan assistant head coach and a member of the USC football staff since 1989, has been named quarterback coach at the University of Notre Dame by head coach Bob Davie.

Sanford's appointment finalizes Davie's crew of assistant coaches heading into 1997, his first season as Irish head coach.

Sanford fills the slot vacated when Irish offensive coordinator and quarterback coach Dave Roberts became head coach at Baylor.

The 41-year-old Sanford brings with him 18 years of ex-

perience working with the passing game, after coaching the Trojan receivers the last eight seasons.

At USC he coached three first-team All-Americans in flanker Curtis Conway, wide receiver Jonnie Morton and wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson—and five players who earned all-Pac-10 honors.

Conway, Morton, and Johnson all became first-round National Football League draft picks in 1993, 1994 and 1996, respectively, with Johnson earning the honor of being the first overall pick. Morton, who set 12 Pac-10 and USC receiving marks, remains the Trojans' leading career receiver.

When John Robinson was hired as USC head coach prior to the '93 season, Sanford was the only full-time assistant retained from previous coach Larry Smith's staff. During

Sanford's eight seasons with the Trojans, USC played in six bowl games—the Rose Bowl following the '89 season, the John Hancock in '90, the Freedom in '92 and '93, the Cotton in '94 and the Rose in '95.

Prior to returning to USC, Sanford spent two seasons as quarterbacks and wide receivers coach at Long Beach State (1983-86), two seasons as quarterbacks, wide receivers and tight ends coach at Army (1979-80) under Lou Saban.

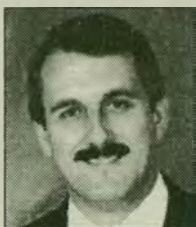
He also served as offensive coordinator his last two years at Long Beach State (1985-86), with his teams ranking among the top ten in passing each season.

He coached 49er quarterback Doug Gaynor, who set four NCAA career records (he averaged 308.8 passing yards per game and threw for 3,563 yards in '85), and Mark Templeton, who set the NCAA career pass-catching mark (262 career catches for 1,969 yards, including 99 when he led the nation in '86).

Sanford coordinated the passing offense during his tenure at VMI, served as defensive coordinator at San Diego City College in 1978 and began his coaching career as a USC graduate assistant under Robinson in 1977.

Sanford spent four years (1973-76) as a reserve quarterback and safety at USC—starting one game at quarterback in 1975 against Washington and playing on Trojan teams that qualified for the Rose Bowl three of his four seasons.

A 1978 USC graduate with a degree in physical education, he earned all-Northern California honors as a high school senior quarterback at Los Altos High School.



Sanford



The Observer/ Mike Ruma
Irish signal caller Ron Powlus will take instructions from a new coach next year as Bob Davie completed his staff with Mike Sanford.

Challenge

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to work," stated head coach and former NHL all-star Dave Poulin. "That's the only way I know how to do it."

"It was tough, losing those games," stated junior captain Steve Noble. "But now we have nothing to lose. We just have to go and play hockey and make the best of the last five regular season games."

The line-up for this weekend's games remains in doubt. After Friday's night's debacle (a 5-2 drubbing by Ohio State which Poulin later dubbed "our worst effort of the season"), Poulin elected to sit several regulars in favor of walk-on additions to the team. Whether those players will suit up again tonight remains unknown.

One criticism of the Notre Dame hockey team has been its failure to respond in pressure situations. For instance, against St. Cloud State, a team that is not in the CCHA but that is

ranked in the top ten teams nationally, the Irish split a home series, winning one game by three goals and losing a hard-fought second game by one tally.

The pressure is indeed off the Irish now, as they have nowhere to go but up. Notre Dame trails Ohio State and the final playoff spot by three points with five games left in the season. Notre Dame will be hard pressed to pick up any points this weekend, but Ohio State plays Western Michigan and Bowling Green, teams which the Buckeyes are capable of beating.

Thus, in a best-case scenario, Notre Dame will not lose any ground and will then have 3 games in which to make up three points.

In a worst-case scenario, and the fruition of worst-case scenarios seems to be the Irish' motif this year, the Boys would be down seven points with three games to play, a deficit which they could not mathematically surmount.

But, in the words of Noble, "it's time to forget all the numbers and go play hockey."

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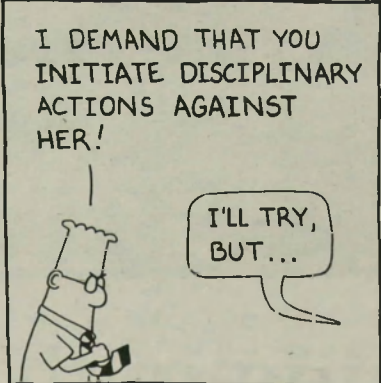


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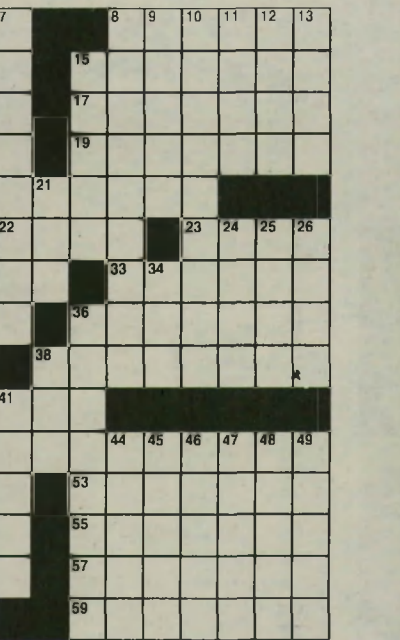
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Play the romantic to the hilt! Shower your loved one with chocolates, flowers and cards. An influential older person will be impressed by your ardent pursuit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Already lucky in love, you hope to achieve the same success in business. A group's assistance will make a wish come true. Your instincts lead you in a promising new direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A well-connected individual may have a hidden agenda. Guard your resources. A love relationship looks blissful. Strengthen marital ties while your partner is in an affectionate mood.

■ OF INTEREST

The Poynter Institute Fellowship is accepting applications for its summer program until Feb. 17, 1997. Members of the class of 1997 interested in journalism, news writing, or editing are encouraged to contact either the English Department at 1-7226 or Career and Placement Services at 1-5200 for an application.

Syracuse University is offering the Newhouse Graduate Newspaper Fellowship and Apprenticeship for Minorities Program. Information about this masters level fellowship in newspaper journalism for members of under-represented groups is available at Career and Placement Services at 1-5200 and at the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs at 1-6841. Deadline is Feb. 17, 1997.

■ MENU

Notre Dame

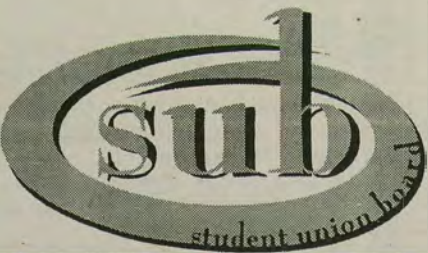
North
Shrimp Poppers
Potatoes au gratin
Cut Corn
Winter Vegetables

South
New England Clam Chowder
Stir-fry Seafood Medley
Three Cheese Croissant

Saint Mary's

Baked Spareribs
Rotisserie Chicken
Rice Pilaf

Wanted: Reporters, photographers and editors.



Happy Valentine's Day!

Yes, we love you too, but don't forget about your family and friends. Let them know how much each of them means to you.

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wounded warriors to hit road in final stretch

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

As the Notre Dame women's basketball team heads into their final leg of the regular season there is good news, and there is bad news.

The Irish have only lost five of their 26 contests. The bad news is that they have lost almost as many players during the season.

Guards Danielle Green and Niele Ivey saw their seasons end early in the campaign as they fell to injuries.

Combine that with this past week's injury to Kari Hutchinson and Diana Braendly's departure from the team five games into the season, and head coach Muffet McGraw has only seven scholarship players with which to work.

Notre Dame, ranked 17th in the nation at 21-5, 12-1 will travel to Providence (12-10, 7-7) this weekend to see if the nine that can dress can build on the momentum of a 27 point triumph over the third best team in the Big East, the Boston College Eagles. McGraw's squad opened Big East play with the Friars earlier in the year when they dropped Providence 91-75.

In that contest several Irish players got into early foul trouble, which is something

that they can ill afford with a sparse bench. With the loss of Hutchinson, a junior guard/forward, the Irish lose a solid bench player who has both size and quickness.

"It has a big affect on us," McGraw said. "She has a lot of experience and she can bring a lot of things to the court."

Hutchinson was averaging 16 minutes a game in Big East play before she broke her hand in practice on Tuesday. At six feet tall she could play practically anywhere on the court.

"She is a very versatile player who could play from the post to point guard," said freshman center Julie Henderson. "We only have nine players to begin with and she was our all-around player."

Sophomore guard Sheila McMillen and Henderson will be the first two off the bench as walk-ons Adrienne Jordan and Kristina Ervin (a former Irish volleyball player) will also see time. McMillen's sharp-shooting puts in over eight points a game. But with a limited number of players, everyone will have to pick up their game.

"Basically everyone will have to step up and play more minutes," Henderson

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The Observer/Mike Ruma
Freshman center Julie Henderson (with ball) will be called on more often as injuries have depleted the Notre Dame bench.

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL



The Observer/Rob Finch
Sophomore guard Antoni Wyche and his squad are looking to extend their three game winning streak.

Irish rising in the Big East

By DAVE TREACY
Associate Sports Editor

As the Big East turns, surprising plot reversals and unsuspecting endings have created some build-up for Sunday's contest between Notre Dame and Villanova at the CoreStates Center in Philadelphia.

The last time these two teams faced each other, the story was Notre Dame's inability to find anyone to help Pat Garrity on the floor, while the Wildcats' triumvirate of Jason Lawson, Tim Thomas, and Alvin Williams played a typical, dominating game. The Irish closed the gap midway through the second half and

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■ HOCKEY

Icers need to finish strong

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

"A man's got to do what a man's got to do," is an aphorism passed on from father to son whenever the son faces an unpleasant task.

This phrase, however, could be modified to read, "a hockey team's got to do what a hockey team's got to do," and then it would be perfectly germane to the Notre Dame hockey squad, which travels to Ann Arbor this weekend for a pair of games against the top ranked Michigan Wolverines.

Describing the Irish's task as "unpleasant," however, would be greatly understating it. Michigan, the 1995-96 NC champion, has dropped only two games all season and, in the only meeting between the teams thus far, blew out Notre Dame 5-0 on Nov. 1 at the Joyce Center.

That the Wolverines are so potent should be no surprise; from last year's team they returned 93 percent of their goal scoring, their starting goal-

tender, four defenseman who played critical roles in the team's 9-0 March run, and Breandan Morrison, whose accolades include CCHA Player-of-the-Year and The Hockey News U.S. College Player of the Year awards.

The Boys of Winter, on the other hand, sit dead last in the CCHA and currently are reeling

from a 6-game losing streak. With their playoff aspirations all but dissipating in last weekend's frustrating back-to-back losses to then-number nine Ohio State, nothing seems to be going right for our Boys. So how does a team recuperate from such a terrible weekend? "We go back

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The Observer/Brandon Candura
Benoit Contoir looks to upset the top ranked Michigan Wolverines.

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