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## Concern spurs changes in ND sex assault policy

♦ **But some claim officials should take additional steps**

By JASON McFARLEY  
Assistant News Editor

Prompted in part by student concerns last spring about rape on campus, Notre Dame officials recently announced a set of changes aimed at bolstering the University's responsiveness to victims of

sexual assault.

"What we're looking at is how to address the issues that came up. We're trying to be very responsive," said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life.

Kirk said that meetings last summer with representatives from the offices of Student Affairs and Residence Life yielded four changes to the way the University handles cases of alleged sexual assault:

♦ A change in the 2000-

2001 edition of the student handbook, du Lac, states that "student victims will not be subject to disciplinary action" in connection with alcohol or parietal violations related to a sexual assault.

♦ Two brochures detailing resources and courses of action for sexual assault victims will be printed this academic year.

♦ A committee will be established to advise University officials on issues and procedures pertaining to sexual assault on

campus. Representatives from the student body, faculty, various University offices, Saint Mary's and Sex Offense Services, among others will sit on the committee.

♦ A staff or faculty member will be appointed by ResLife as an official resource person for campus rape victims.

"They might seem merely cosmetic, but these are certainly significant changes," said Dennis Moore, director of public relations.

Sexual assault victims, how-

ever, question if these changes will be enough.

**A long way to go**

Kori's concerns about sexual assault at Notre Dame are the type that perhaps only come from a firsthand knowledge of the issue. She's had her share of it, first as a rape victim in 1997 and then as an outspoken champion for victims' rights and an advocate for increased campus support ser-

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## Breezing through the Windy City

*Green Party leader makes campaign stop in Chicago*

By NICK SWEEDO  
News Writer

When Ralph Nader stepped to the podium to greet the packed Illinois University at Chicago pavilion in Chicago, he received a thunderous standing ovation louder than the average Joyce Center pep rally.

Nader, the Green Party presidential candidate and founder of the modern consumer movement, has been traveling across the country trying to gain support for not only his candidacy but also for a new progressive movement. The event included appearances by Pearl Jam lead singer Eddie Vedder and talk show host Phil Donahue. All had high praise for Nader's character and integrity.

"I would like to thank Ralph and the Green Party for giving people who care something to believe in," said Vedder.

Nader's address to the crowd covered two main points. He bemoaned the power that corporate America has over the working man and illustrated how little difference there is between a vote for Bush and a vote for Gore.

"About 20 years ago, something started to happen," said Nader, who refuses to accept soft money contributions. "The two parties became vigorous competitors for the same business cash in their campaigns. They began to increasingly morph into one corporate party with two heads wearing different make-up. We saw that on the debate in Boston. That meant, of course, it was really one corporate party. Political competition diminished after that."

However, corporate influence does not end with campaign finance issues,

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Eddie Vedder  
musician



CHRIS PARSALL/The Observer

**Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader (right) spoke to a crowd during a campaign stop in Chicago. Phil Donahue and singer Eddie Vedder made appearances at the event in a show of support for Nader.**

according to Nader.

"On more and more of the issues of structural power, the Democrats and Republicans are on the same page. And look at where they're on the same page. They're on the same page now on that notorious WTO/NAFTA [World Trade Organization / North American Free Trade Agreement] that subverted our democratic processes and our health and safety standards in the workplace environment and marketplace. George Bush and Al Gore want more WTO, more NAFTA. They're on the same page in taking your tax dollars in the hundreds of billions and funneling them into corporate welfare programs, subsidies, handouts, giveaways."

Criticizing Bush and Gore's acceptance

of soft money and their ties to businesses, Nader said the two major political parties have allowed the money of large corporations to fuel the democratic campaign process.

"The civil society whose forebears brought us the social justice that we have in this country is being closed up by a company of political parties, whose principal interest is raising money in the same powerful corporate interests in order to re-elect them, so they can go to Congress and the White House and follow the marching orders of their corporate paymasters," Nader said.

"Now that is undermining our democratic society in a very profound way. Corporations were designed years ago to be our servants; they have become our masters. That has to be changed, and it can be changed by a powerful, new Green Party movement," he said.

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### FACULTY SENATE

## Malloy links tight budget to ND growth

By TIM LOGAN  
Senior Staff Writer

Quality costs money, and Notre Dame will have to spend a lot of money if it wants to continue to provide a high quality education to its students, University President Father Edward Malloy told the Faculty Senate Wednesday.

The "Generations" fundraising campaign topped the \$1 billion mark last month, but Notre Dame's growth, much of which has been spurred by that campaign, is creating a financial crunch, according to Malloy.

"We have a new reality at Notre Dame today," he said. "The University has grown in size, complexity and competitiveness."

New buildings require more money for maintenance. Expanded academic programs need funding for research and classes. And, most significantly, increasing the size of the faculty necessitates a lot of spending.

One of the goals of the "Generations" campaign is to hire 150 new professors. The University is approaching that mark, and will continue to increase the faculty until it is reached. Administrators are also trying to keep Notre Dame in the game in an ever-escalating bidding war for top academics.

"If we are going to be a great university in the very best sense, then we need to be competitive for the very best faculty," Malloy said, but he acknowledged that that would not be easy. "If we're going to be competitive, it's going to cost us a lot more money than in years past."



Malloy

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Smudging our identities

As you may know, Wednesday was National Coming Out Day. For the past several years, students at Saint Mary's College have used this day as a celebration of diversity and to show their solidarity with those struggling with issues of sexual identity.

Various ways students choose to show their support include rainbow ribbon distribution, the provision of information concerning community issues regarding homosexuality and the appearance of signs posted by student groups.

Amanda Greco  
Scene Editor

Most recognizable, though, are the chalk-written phrases adorning the sidewalks on Saint Mary's campus.

Early Wednesday morning, a group of dedicated students — homosexual, bisexual, curious and straight — sacrificed sleep and mid-term studying to show their support of human sexuality and their opposition to discrimination. The phrases appearing on the concrete that morning ranged from "hate is not a family value," to "happy National Coming Out Day" to "support your brothers and sisters struggling with sexual identity."

These sayings were in no way intended to advocate or promote homosexuality. Rather, they were scrawled in the same spirit as sayings written during SMC Pride Week.

However, they were not received in the same regard. Throughout the day, students were seen chasing the phrases across the sidewalk, pouring water on them and smudging out the messages with their feet. Belles were overheard making derogatory statements about homosexuality, and some students felt as though the issues were being "shoved in their faces."

It is well known that not all students in the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community are Catholic. However, the presence of religious icons and crosses rarely offend those of other denominations. We are all knowingly attending institutions holding strong religious affiliations. But, are we not also attending institutions that pride themselves on diversity and the acceptance and forgiveness implicit in their Catholic faith? Saint Mary's students should have pondered this Wednesday when they stomped out other students' expressions of free speech and defiled the images of pride for all — pride that both campuses are so greatly in need of.

Had these incidents occurred in relation to the celebration of other groups attempting to express their unity — African Americans, Hispanics, Women's Rights activists — surely, the discrimination would have been obvious and the disapproval resounding.

Many people disagreed with the display of crosses covering the lawns on campus this past weekend. Yet, no one was so disrespectful as to remove the crosses to quiet the message they sent. Saint Mary's students would have been wise to exhibit such respect when viewing the letters that appeared on their sidewalks.

Showing support for a group does not automatically imply inclusion in the group. I am Caucasian, but I wholeheartedly support minority heritage and pride. Many men pride themselves on being active feminists. Showing respect for those honored on National Coming Out Day does not require being homosexual. As one of the phrases on the sidewalk stated, "Be straight; be gay; just be."

What is perhaps most disturbing about these events is how the same students who will fight so strongly to stop discrimination for other groups will so readily turn around and dismiss efforts that stand to honor everyone. Members of our community cling tightly to their faith; but these acts belie all that Christianity upholds. If you are a Christian here on campus, please re-read the Ten Commandments. "Love thy neighbor" is not contingent on sexual orientation or any other sign of diversity. If you are not Christian, I should hope that you are human enough to not turn your back on those in our community who seek your support and respect.

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

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## THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ <b>Lecture:</b> "Progressing Toward Settlement," 12:30 p.m., C-103 Hesburgh Center	◆ <b>Meeting:</b> Confidential AA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Clubhouse	◆ <b>Lecture:</b> "Members of the Committee on Notre Dame's Position on the Ordination of Women: Religion and Intellectuals," 7:30 p.m., Faculty Lounge, Hesburgh Library	◆ <b>Art:</b> Ramiro Rodriguez Exhibition, all day, 230 McKenna Hall
◆ <b>Lecture:</b> History Week Speaker: Laura Craigo 7:00 p.m., HCC/Welsh Parlor	◆ <b>Dance:</b> Folk Dance Group, 7:30 p.m., Clubhouse		◆ <b>Children:</b> Children's Dispensary Fun and Learn 9 a.m., Havican Hall and Angela Athletic Facility

## OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

# Court rules McGill U. Daily's lease is invalid

MONTREAL  
The McGill Daily does not have a valid lease, ruled Judge Irving Halpern at the conclusion of court proceedings last week at the Palais de Justice. The ruling concludes a four-month lawsuit between the Daily and the Students' Society of McGill University over a lease dispute after SSMU deemed it necessary to lock the paper out of its offices.

The Daily's primary contention was that although there was no signed physical lease, past behavior between SSMU and the Daily constituted a legally binding agreement.

Michael Bergman, attorney for the Daily, argued that lease arrangements made between SSMU and clubs housed in the University Centre building in the mid-1990s did not apply to

*"We're arguing a valid lease, and secondly that [the Daily] has a right to occupy the premises as a result of the agreements between the Daily and the University."*

Michael Bergman  
attorney

the Daily. The focus on the Daily's right to be in Shatner, Bergman argued, is that the lease between McGill University and SSMU for the building, is co-terminant with the lease between SSMU and the Daily; that is, the Daily's lease expires when

SSMU's does.

"We're arguing a valid lease, and secondly that [the Daily] has a right to occupy the premises as a result of the agreements between the Daily and the University," argued Bergman. "The sum total of the documents, letters and behaviors of parties involved constitutes a lease. The lease continues because it is co-continuous with that of the SSMU."

Bergman furthermore argued that at the time of the original lease, the SSMU did not exist, and in its place was a body called the Student Centre of McGill University.

As the SCMU was not an incorporated entity in 1991, Bergman argued that it could not enter into a lease, and therefore the original lease was between the Daily and McGill.

## TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

### Petition fights bonfire restriction

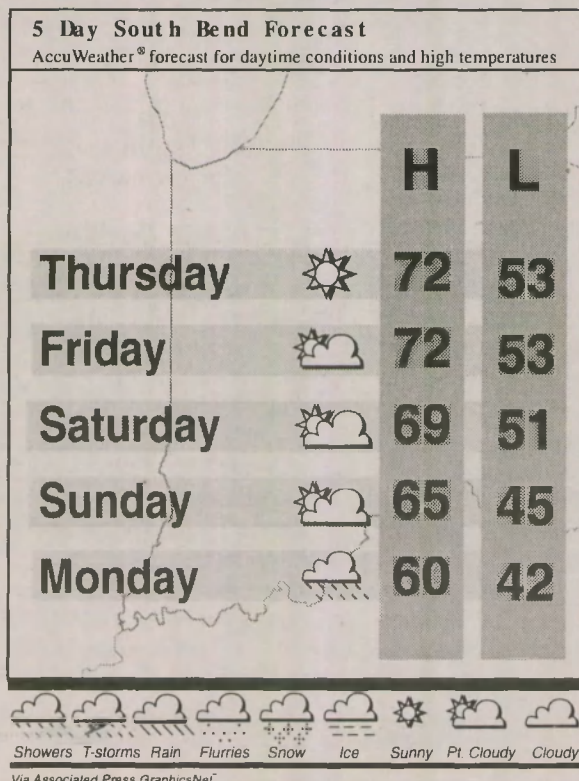
COLLEGE STATION, Texas  
Concerned that a hallowed tradition will turn into a hollow gesture, a group of students is circulating a petition urging Texas A&M University administrators to reconsider the limitations placed on future Aggie Bonfires. The petition is protesting the elimination of "cut," limited student involvement and leadership in building Bonfire, and the two-year hiatus of the tradition. According to parameters set by A&M President Dr. Ray Bowen, when Bonfire resumes in 2002, it will be built with pre-cut lumber under the close supervision of a professional engineer. "In talking to other students, I found that most don't support an off-campus bonfire, but they don't support Bowen's restrictions either," said Becky Bartschmid, a petition organizer and sophomore journalism major. "But so far, the administration isn't listening, and the Student Senate hasn't really spoken for the students." The petition was initiated and already has 300 signatures, Bartschmid said.

## UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

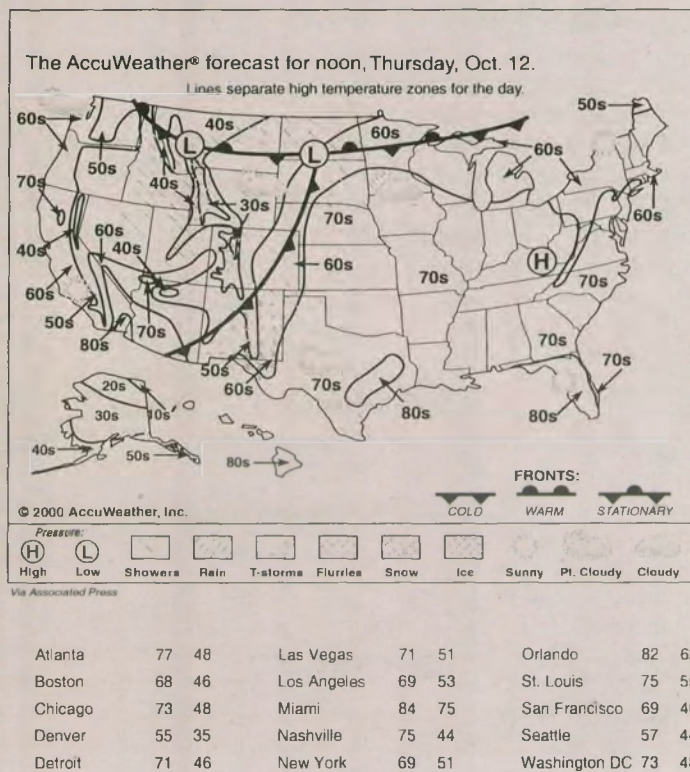
### Students desire Internet law classes

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.  
In this age of cyber-communication, more law students are seeking classes in the growing field of Internet law. While some law schools have already created centers and special programs to accommodate students' increasing demands, the University of Virginia only recently began to increase its number of Internet law classes. Law professor Daniel Ortiz said he has had to teach two sections of his Internet-related class for the first time this semester because demand was so high. "There were students who came to my office after they found out they couldn't get in," Ortiz said. Second-year law student Matt Branson said he was disappointed not to get into Ortiz's class. "It seems like we're still in the process of figuring out what we're going to do," Branson said about the lack of Internet-related classes at the Law School. Professor Robert O'Neil said he faces a similar problem each fall, when he offers his "Free Expression in Cyberspace" class: Too many students are applying for the limited number of slots.

## LOCAL WEATHER



## NATIONAL WEATHER





## BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

# Members cite alleged gay bias

By AMY GREENE  
News Writer

"Coming Out Day" and defacement of student displays headlined the Board of Governance meeting on Wednesday.

"Every year people across the nation and in colleges experience 'Coming Out Day,'" said board member and Feminist Collective representative Julie Frischkorn.

Frischkorn discussed the unfairness that some students experience when students deface the signs or gay-themed paraphernalia they display.

"I don't have a problem with people sharing their different viewpoints," said Frischkorn. "But at the same time it's unfair for students to discriminate by taking down and defacing signs. We do not need that on this campus."

Frischkorn also said that the Feminist Collective has been discriminated against in the

past.

"When the Right to Life groups placed a cemetery in front of McCandless no one spray painted or defaced those crosses," she said.

### In other BOG news:

♦ A sister-dorm program between Saint Mary's and Notre Dame could be a new BOG project in the future. Juniors Asra Ashraf and Gina Caponi recently met with some Notre Dame women who wrote a letter to The Observer regarding the junior class T-shirt.

"I felt threatened by the letter," said Ashraf about the T-shirt letter that caused friction between the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame student bodies.

"We wound up meeting Sunday, ordered pizza, and talked for hours. We gave them a tour of campus and it was a really great experience for all of us," said Ashraf.

"I think a social event with the women of Notre Dame and Saint

Mary's would really help to get rid of the stereotypes," she added. "We will be around each other for a very long time and the women of both schools should really get to know one another."

Ashraf and Caponi proposed a sister-dorm program as a possible solution to reduce the stereotypes.

"Overall we've had a positive experience with Notre Dame women, and there are definite possibilities with the women there and here to start a program. In a sense, we are sisters," said Caponi.

♦ BOG will be "walking around campus to address security issues on campus after fall break," said Crissie Renner, student body president.

Students' concerns about security on campus have recently increased, and BOG will work with security to address concerns.

♦ BOG announced that trick-or-treating in the residence halls will take place Oct. 30. The senior SYR is scheduled for Nov. 3. Fall Day On Campus is Nov. 5. The "Showcase of Careers" will be held in LeMans lobby Nov. 9. Senior Dad's Weekend is scheduled for Nov. 17 to 19.

## HPC serves several roles on ND campus

By KRISTIN ALLEN  
News Writer

Every Tuesday night, the presidents of Notre Dame's residence halls file into LaFortune for their weekly Hall Presidents Council (HPC) meeting.

"Hall Presidents Council is a good place for presidents to get ideas for how to solve problems in their dorm or for programs to run in the dorm," said Katie Rak, event coordinator of HPC.

"HPC works for the presidents," said Kate Stephan, president of Welsh Family Hall. "Basically, [HPC] makes sure the leaders of each dorm are running things smoothly."

Speakers come from all different groups on campus

to promote their events, and dorm presidents often bring messages from their rectors to disperse among the halls.

"It's a great way to get in touch with all of campus at once," said Rak.

In addition to dorm presidents, the council consists of two co-chairs and an eight-person executive cabinet, positions filled by past hall presidents.

*"HPC is just another branch of student government. It acts as a representative of residence life. [It's] mission is to carry out a successful and happy stay in the dorm."*

Kate Stephan  
Welsh Hall president

This year, HPC added a new cabinet member who is in charge of service.

Rak said this addition is positive because the new chair serves the dorms by holding their service commissioners responsible for

doing their jobs. The service chair also helps dorms develop project ideas.

"It's a good way to facilitate campus wide service," said Rak.

"HPC is just another branch of student government. It acts as a representative of residence life," Stephan said. "[Its] mission is to carry out a successful and happy stay in the dorm."

Another important HPC function is to disperse student government-provided money to dorms.

The council has a budget committee, consisting of the HPC treasure and several dorm presidents, which allots those funds, Stephan explained.

However, dorms only receive funds after a formal application process, according to Rak.

As a result, not every dorm gets exactly what it requests. The budget committee will sometimes grant all or part of the money requested, but in certain cases the committee will reject an application.

A dorm has the option of going a formal review process if it is not pleased with the committee's decision.

In the interests of equity, HPC tries to balance the budget committee with members from each campus quad and from both male and female dorms.

The council also tries to avoid picking budget committee members whose dorms served on the committee in the previous year, said Rak.

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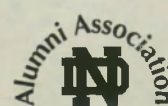
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# Changes

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vices.

Yet from where she stands now — a 21-year-old University senior, three years removed from her attack — Kori says time has done little to quell her fears about rape happening here or her reservations about the manner in which the University responds to it.

"There's still a long way to go," Kori said. "People in general still have a way to go. Notre Dame has a way to go."

But following the procedural changes this fall, University officials hope they have made some ground in addressing the needs of campus rape victims and raising overall student awareness on the subject.

"The University has received a lot of suggestions from both students and staff members concerned with the matter," said Moore. "Some of their concerns can be addressed easily, some can't."

The issue became a source of controversy at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's last spring, after The Observer reported on the alleged rape of a female University student. When the woman opted not to take any course of action against her alleged assailant, many students openly decried the closed-door nature and limited power of the campus disciplinary hearings offered through the University's Office of Residence Life.

The concern prompted both campuses to hold sexual assault forums and lectures with rape victims as guest speakers. Also adding to the discourse was a South Bend Tribune four-part series dealing with on-campus rape

and an Observer feature article detailing a 1997 rape in a Notre Dame residence hall and the victim's experiences throughout the disciplinary hearing that ensued.

"I'm excited that we've identified positive changes. We're trying to do more now," Kirk said.

But Kori isn't so sure.

While she said that any changes University policy undergoes to make sexual assault procedures more victim-friendly are "a step in the right direction," Kori admitted that the changes are a little less than she might have hoped for.

"To be honest, I'm surprised that I've seen any changes in my time here. But the changes aren't ideal," she said.

## Calling for an advocate

What concerns Kori most is that the proposed changes do not include the hiring of a full-time victim's advocate.

The staff or faculty member who will eventually be hired as a resource person will not fill the role of an advocate, according to Kirk. Kirk said there are currently no plans to hire an advocate. Several universities around the country employ advocates.

Kirk said hiring an advocate would add an adversarial tone to disciplinary proceedings and the University might also feel obligated to provide an advocate for accused students.

Last summer, representatives from the University Counseling Center made a formal proposal to the Office of Student Affairs, supporting the

hiring of a professional advocate.

"The hearings are an educational process. All of us advocate for all the students involved in the process. We're about education," Kirk said, noting the difference in

function between University procedures and the criminal justice system.

Kirk said because of possible lawsuits the University is also concerned with maintaining fair and consistent disciplinary

procedures. In past years, some of the University's rulings in disciplinary hearings have been overturned by courts, but Kirk didn't confirm if the rulings involved cases of alleged sexual assault.

Heavy alcohol consumption by both parties and familiarity with each other also complicates on-campus rapes, Kirk said.

Moore said, in most cases, students in disciplinary hearings judged guilty of sexual assault have been expelled from the University. Kori said her attacker was dismissed in 1998.

Official crime statistics indicate Notre Dame is a safe campus when it comes to sexual assault.

Figures from campus Security/Police report one forcible rape in 1999 and two forcible rapes and a forcible fondling in 1998.

Kori applauds other efforts at Notre Dame.

"Nobody wants rape on this campus, but that's not going to happen. At least we're taking small steps to address it," said Kori, who, since her rape, has spoken at Freshman Orientation and in campus dorms and served as a peer advocate for others involved in disciplinary hearings.

## Implementing the changes

Kori pointed to the change in du Lac as a positive step toward getting victims to come forward. In the past, many students may have feared

punishment for underage drinking or parietal violations, she said.

The new rules state students will not be disciplined for these offenses.

*"I'm glad to have seen changes like this while I'm still a student here. I hope the University continues to be responsive to the needs of sexual assault victims."*

**Kori  
rape victim**

While the rules are now made explicit, it's been the University's long-standing policy to disregard such violations in cases of alleged sexual assault.

While the change to du Lac has already taken effect, other changes will be gradually implemented throughout the semester, according to Kirk.

One of two proposed brochures underwent a limited printing and is already in circulation, available in various offices around campus. It takes text directly from du Lac regarding support services available to victims of sexual

assault.

The other brochure will be for ResLife use and will restate disciplinary hearing procedures "more simply," Kirk said. It should be available in January.

Also in January, Kirk expects a resource officer to be in place. Kirk said if need arises, he will look into the prospect of making the role a full-time position, but that person would have duties separate from an advocate.

Work on the proposed sexual assault committee is underway. Kirk said several members have been selected for the committee, and an organizational meeting is tentatively scheduled for sometime after mid-semester break.

"The committee won't serve as a legislative body," Kirk said. "But to the extent that they provide good suggestions, we'll implement them."

That's encouraging news to Kori.

"I'm glad to have seen changes while I'm still a student here. I hope the University continues to be responsive to the needs of sexual assault victims," Kori said.

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director of public relations**

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## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

**European kids impoverished:** At least 50 million children in eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union live in poverty and are exposed to levels of tuberculosis usually associated with the Third World, a new report says. The report, titled "The Silent Crisis," was released Wednesday by the European Children's Trust, a non-governmental organization. Titled "The Silent Crisis," the report said poverty in the region has increased more than tenfold over the last decade.

**Israelis accept mediator:** The United Nations often has been viewed in Israel as favoring the Arabs. However, Israel's acceptance of Secretary-General Kofi Annan as a Mideast mediator is evidence of a recent change in Israel's attitude to the world body. The traditional anti-Israeli voting pattern by the U.N. membership certainly hasn't disappeared.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

**House debates education:** The addition of 13 federal education programs and \$10 billion in spending over the past four years have failed to improve students' reading and science scores, a House panel said Wednesday. GOP leaders said the report by a House subcommittee's Republican majority justifies the push for their education agenda: state freedom from federal spending rules, tax-free savings accounts for private and parochial schools, vouchers and expanded charter schools, and the conversion of \$3 billion worth of programs into general grants.

**Judge orders Ford recall:** A judge took the unprecedented step Wednesday of ordering the recall of as many as 1.7 million Ford cars and trucks sold in California, accusing the automaker of concealing a dangerous design flaw that can cause the vehicles to stall in traffic. The ruling compounds Ford's troubles as the automaker tries to steer its way out of the Firestone tire recall crisis. Ford has insisted all along that the ignition module at issue is safe, and it said it will appeal the ruling.

## INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

**Hawkins sentenced for killing infant:** A man who pleaded guilty to reckless homicide in the death of a 4-month-old baby has been sentenced to seven years in prison and a year on probation. David Hawkins, 24, of Griffith was sentenced Tuesday in the death of Jacob Shebish, also of Griffith. Hawkins, the boy's godfather, told police he struck Jacob while he was baby-sitting. Before the sentencing, Hawkins apologized to the family.

## CAMPAIGN 2000

# Candidates take softer tone in debate

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. By turns polite and prickly, Al Gore and George W. Bush debated stark differences on a wide range of issues Wednesday night, treading carefully to avoid offending voters or breaking precedent with their presidential mentors.

It got a little bit personal in the end to keep things lively.

Seeking an advantage in their nip-and-tuck race for president, the major party candidates painted different visions of the role of American military power overseas, with Gore

defending humanitarian and nation-building missions and Bush warning that the U.S. forces are overextended. "I would be judicious about how we use our military," said the two-term Texas governor.

The policies of President Clinton and former President Bush loomed large over the second of three presidential debates. Gore suggested the United States could have saved lives if the Clinton administration had acted earlier in Rwanda and Bush chuckled slightly when asked to assess foreign interventions spearheaded by his father.

"Some of them I've got a conflict of

interest on, if you know what I mean," he said with a smile.

The candidates agreed in many remarks on many matters, but clashed often on foreign policy, hate crime legislation, same-sex marriage, gun control, health care, taxes and the environment. Time and again the rivals took pains to stress their agreements, sensing that voters are turned off by conflict. Gore, in particular, had to mind his manners after his heavy sighs and interruptions put off some voters in the last debate.

"It seems like we're having a love fest tonight," the Texas governor said at one point.

## PERU



AFP Photo

Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori talks to Justice Minister Alberto Bustamante and Eduardo Latorre outside the Government Palace in Lima. Fujimori announced the disbanding of the Peruvian National Intelligence Service.

# Fujimori orders spy agency to close

Associated Press

LIMA President Alberto Fujimori's government on Wednesday ordered the disbanding of the feared spy agency that critics say has long been a tool of repression in Peru.

The government published a law saying the National Intelligence Service, which analysts say employed at least 5,000 agents and support personnel, will be disbanded within 15 days. Opposition parties had been pressuring the government to disman-

tle the agency, a measure promised by Fujimori in mid-September.

Opposition leaders and human rights groups have long criticized the agency, saying it has become a repressive political tool with powerful influence over the judiciary and electoral system, and much of the media.

Fujimori's decision to disband the agency was prompted by a leaked videotape showing the now-exiled spy chief, Vladimir Montesinos, apparently bribing an opposition congressman to

join the government's ruling party. The scandal erupted last month, forcing Fujimori to announce new elections next year in which he will not run.

Experts on national security have questioned Fujimori's action, saying the government may merely be transferring the spy agency's electronic surveillance equipment and many of its employees to army intelligence, which is controlled by generals loyal to Montesinos.

A weary-sounding Fujimori called for national reconciliation Wednesday

and urged Peruvians to avoid deepening polarization.

"What we are looking for is stability — that does not produce a break of social order," Fujimori said during a meeting with top ministers and a representative from the Organization of American States.

"Personally, I'm going to leave as I arrived, a Peruvian in the service of the country," Fujimori said. "As president, I don't want to leave a nation in chaos and ungovernable, but rather with every possibility of true democracy."

## Market Watch 10/11

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## Finances

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Full professors at Notre Dame currently earn an average of \$108,000, placing the University 28th in the country in that category, according to figures from the American Association of University Professors. And there are other expenses

besides salary.

Malloy said health benefit costs will rise 15 percent next year, and he noted that, for every professor it hires, Notre Dame must provide research funding, library resources and other costs.

"The single most expensive reality is the growth of faculty and staff," he said.

Nevertheless, Notre Dame has its highest operating

budget ever — \$535 million — and enjoyed a record-breaking year in endowment growth last year, Malloy said. The endowment is now \$3.5 billion, placing it among the nation's elite, and that has enabled the University to substantially increase financial aid for both undergraduate and graduate students. The number of endowed professorships have also reached an all-time high.

Earlier this week, Notre Dame celebrated the creation of its 150th endowed chair, and, according to Malloy, this growth has been a great improvement for the University.

"If you think about our first [endowed chair] our 10th, 50th, 100th, and if you see who has either been attracted to the University, or promoted, I think you see the concrete and tangible results in the people we can attract or promote," he said.

Malloy gave a short talk to the faculty and then answered a series of questions submitted in advance before opening the floor for a brief question and answer session.

## Nader

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Nader also mentioned the need for universal health care in America.

"Here's what some Western governments achieved 30 and 40 years ago which we still have not achieved in this country, the richest country in the world," Nader said. "Universal health insurance coverage for all those people. They got it, we don't. With 46 million people and children without health insurance, 10 million more than when Gore and Clinton were elected in 1992, so much for universal health care step by step. Does that mean backwards or forwards, Al Gore?"

"Western Europe and Canada got coverage for their people; we didn't. Why? Because powerful economic forces now represented by the giant HMOs, hospital chains, drug companies said no. They said no to our government, and our government wasn't strong enough to tell them to back off. And so these giant corporations are holding America down on one of the most critical rights of any civilized society."

By examining the minimum wage, Nader called into question the "so-called" prosperity that the U.S. is experiencing.

"The minimum wage in 1968 when our country was half the size that it is now in GDP [gross domestic product] per capita was in purchasing power equivalent to \$7.30 an hour," he said. "Today, it's \$5.15 an hour. The economy has doubled. In any stable and strong democracy, the minimum wage in purchasing power would be double what it was in 1968, not \$2.15

less. Those are not living wages paid by giant corporations whose stock is skyrocketing and whose profits are spiraling upwards."

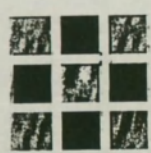
Nader noted the similarities between Gore and Bush on issues ranging from corporate welfare, foreign policy, the death penalty, the WTO and helping the small farmer.

"What is the difference between Al Gore and George W. Bush in the area of enforcement against corporate crime, fraud, abuse?" Nader asked. "[Do] Bush and Gore have anything to say about tougher corporate law enforcement? Do you ever hear them say 'I'm going to be tough on corporate crime. I'm going to be tough on the crime in the suites'? No way. Those are the companies that are funding their elections."

Nader criticized the two leading candidates for their stances on international relations.

"I see no difference essentially between Gore and Bush on foreign policy," he added. "Our country will still support dictators and oligarchs cutting deals with big multi-national corporations and even 10 years after the end of the Soviet Union. When will our country support the workers and the peasants and the downtrodden of the third world for a change?"

Ralph Nader was born in 1934 in Winsted, Conn. He is a magna cum laude graduate from Princeton University and a graduate of Harvard Law School. He gained national prominence in 1963 with his best-selling book, "Unsafe at Any Speed: The Designed-In Dangers of the American Automobile," which exposed the wrongdoing within General Motors and caused the entire automobile industry to make safer cars.



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## Stressing awareness for women

During my two decades in law enforcement and security work, I have conducted many classes on self-defense for women. Despite my sculpted body (hidden underneath a more modest exterior) and my lightning reflexes (somewhat lessened by the ravages of time), most of these classes have featured the mental aspect of self defense. I leave the rough stuff to people like Officer Sue Tullos and her excellent team of Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Instructors. (You can reach Sue at 1-5555.)



Cappy Gagnon

Cappy's  
Corner

Here are my self-defense tips for women in the Notre Dame community:

1. Don't drink when you are underage. There is no good reason to break this law. There is a reason the drinking age is 21.

2. If you are old enough to drink, do so in moderation. Here are a couple of tests: Can you go to a bar or party and have only a soft drink, or nurse one drink? If you can't, you're not strong enough to resist peer pressure. For help, contact either the Alcohol and Drug Education program (1-7970) or the University Counseling Center (1-7336).

3. If you are exploring the single's scene, go with a friend and leave with her. If you meet a really cool guy, he shouldn't mind swapping phone numbers and making a date for another day. If he does mind, tell him to take a hike. This is a good test of his staying power. Here's another good test for potential boyfriends. See what he says when you say you prefer not to drink. If he pressures you ("Everybody drinks," "You'll have more fun," "It'll loosen you up," etc.), tell him you're sorry, but you've got to go study for orgo (I don't know what this is, but some of my student workers talk about it). If I told you that the guy you just met had poured a "date rape drug" into your Dr. Pepper, you would not drink it, but the same effect may occur when you pick up yet another beer. (They should put labels on beer cans — warning, drinking beer makes you stupid.)

4. Don't ever get into a car with a driver who has been drinking (unless you were born on Krypton). If you don't believe me, give Rex Rakow a call (1-8338). He's the director of NDSP, but he's also conducted a number of vehicular death investigations which have resulted from alcohol. Also, whenever you get in a car, make sure everyone is wearing a seatbelt (unless you have a death wish or own stock in a company which makes wheelchairs).

5. Remember the country song which asked, "Why do the girls all get better looked' at closing time." The reverse is also true. When you are not drinking, you have high standards in choosing

your companions. Don't forfeit your reputation when you imbibe.

6. Don't scoff at parietals — they are one of Notre Dame's many rules designed to help members of the community. You too will be writing in defense of them, when your daughter enrolls here in the 2020s. While I realize that it is not chic these days to be writing about preserving virtue, remember a couple things. When you sleep with a man, you are sleeping with all of his sex partners. You are making a statement about your own worth every time you share intimacy with someone.

7. "No" is a complete sentence. Read Gavin de Becker's book, "The Gift of Fear." Never let a boy or man force you to do something you choose not to. Yell like a banshee. We have an armed police department on campus, with lots of shiny handcuffs and four of the most capable investigators in the county. We would be happy to beef up our arrest stats. Even if you're afraid that some of your own behaviors may have contributed to put you at risk, it is advisable to call immediately for help when things don't work out the way you wished. Most sober people know this.

8. Don't forget that we have a terrific SafeWalk Program. Call 1-5555 if you would like someone to walk with you on campus after dark.

Thirty years ago, when I was involved in juvenile delinquency work, I served on the "Drug Abuse Task Force" for St. Joseph County. When I was asked to name the most serious drug, I answered "alcohol." In those days, it was not yet a big problem with kids aged 12-16 (my target group), but it was a huge influence in the home life of those adults who posed as family for these kids (a teacher friend of mine describes these kids as being "raised by wolves"). Nothing I have seen in the past 30 years has changed my mind about the biggest social problem facing our society.

I have done a lot of observational research (in taverns, pubs, the streets of Los Angeles and in the Stadium's visiting team sections when a certain East Coast parochial school is in town) and come up with the definitive typology of what happens when males drink. They become one of five people: Morpheus (named after the Greek god of dreams). This is sometimes the easiest drunk to deal with. He falls asleep by half-time and needs only to be carried back to his room after the game. He is only annoying when he is more than 300 pounds and incontinent ... or when his '64 Chevrolet rear-ends you on the 1967 Fourth of July weekend (but that's another story).

Note: sometimes this guy is not asleep, he's passed out and heading into a coma. If you can't rouse this person, he's likely suffering from alcohol poisoning. Call 911 immediately.

Or they become Johnny Carson (named after the funny comic, who was once arrested for drunk driving by one of my L.A. police pals). This guy is incredibly funny when he drinks. At least he and all his pals are laughing uproariously. Sometimes, though, you will see some people not laughing. Those are the ones not drinking. It reminds me of the '60s-era canard that people on LSD were capable of producing great art and music. You heard this a lot until someone actually gave an easel to an artist who was dropping acid. It was ugly.

Or they become Casanova (named after the 18th century Italian "adventurer"). This guy becomes amorous. Unfortunately, one guy's amorousness may be a woman's sexual battery complaint.

Also, they may become Marciano (named after the only undefeated heavyweight champion in history).

This guy becomes belligerent. He can be divided into two sub-groups: The Chuck Wepner-type, named after the

Bayonne Bleeder and identified by the facial stitching. Or they become the Mike Tyson-type who also thinks he's Casanova. This is the guy domestic violence victims describe as "real nice when he's not drinking." One victim told me, "When he puts his arms around me, I just melt," but she had to tell me this while standing, because the most recent time he had put his arms around her, it was to throw her down the basement steps. Her broken hip had not yet healed.

When this guy goes to college, he becomes part of the shadow statistics of acquaintance assault.

He's the boy written up in some Observer articles during the past year. He would never grab a stranger on a deserted path and pull her into the bushes and assault her. No way. He believes "rape is wrong", but when he's pounded down a bunch of brewski's with the blonde first-year student who's slouched on the next bar stool, he is all too quick to respond to the opportunities of the moment.

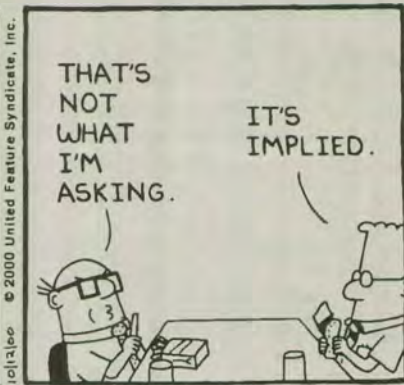
I'm not familiar with all the ways women are affected when they drink, but a lot of young women acquire one harmful trait. They become forgetful. They forget all the things their parents taught them. Beer not only makes you stupid, it also makes you forget things. Rape is wrong; acquaintance rape is preventable.

Cappy Gagnon, '66, has seen too many Notre Dame students embarrass themselves in the stadium because they were drinking beer instead of hot chocolate. His two daughters heeded his advice and grew up and married without ever being crime statistics.

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### DILBERT



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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don't know, I don't care and it doesn't make any difference."

Jack Kerouac  
writer



## POLITICAL FACE-OFF

# Putting the health of America first

## Prioritizing the needy

American health care is the best in the world. The only problem is getting it. People with enough money or a generous employer are provided with access to some of the most advanced medical technology on earth. Unfortunately, more than a sixth of all Americans have no health care coverage at all. Roughly 44 million people are without insurance.

**Jeffrey  
Stuffings**

*College  
Democrats*

The lack of affordable health insurance in America hits children and minorities the hardest. Eleven million children and more than a third of Hispanics have no health insurance. Ordinary families suffer as well. Medical bills from a common illness can bankrupt a middle-class family without coverage.

Vice President Gore has proposed extending tax credits to employers who provide health insurance to their employees. He has also proposed expanding the State-Children's Insurance Program in order to provide universal health coverage for children. George W. Bush, who governs a state with one of the worst public health records in the nation, wishes to rely upon health care companies to offer private plans. The bottom line is that poor and middle income families will continue to have little hope of becoming insured.

The Vice President's plan will actually drive down health care costs. People without coverage are forced to seek emergency treatment at the last minute. Emergency care is incredibly expensive. Providing preventive care and early treatment under a health plan is much more sensible.

The ever-increasing number of uninsured Americans is not the only health care problem facing the U.S. today. Currently, the price of prescription drugs is spiraling out of control. In 1999, the prescription drug bill for Americans was \$112 billion, and the overall cost of prescription drugs is growing at a rate of 10 percent a year. The group of Americans hurt most by the prescription drug hike over the past ten years is elderly.

Most elderly have some form of private insurance that pays for their prescription drugs. However, as drug costs have risen, private insurers have been more and more unwilling to pick up the tab. Worse yet are the third of elderly Americans that have no prescription drug coverage at all. With drug costs totaling several hundred dollars a month, many elderly have seen their disposable incomes plummet. They must frequently choose between filling their prescriptions or buying food to eat. Often, prescriptions go unfilled and the health of elderly Americans suffers.

Vice President Gore has proposed using our nation's economic prosperity to help elderly

Americans meet the rising cost of drugs. He has proposed spending \$253 billion of the federal budget surplus over the next ten years on a comprehensive prescription drug benefit program for Medicare recipients. The prescription drug benefit would be administered through the existing Medicare system, which would continue to provide traditional coverage as well.

Governor Bush, on the other hand, has proposed that prescription drug benefits be administered directly through private insurers. What the Bush plan does is leave the elderly at the mercy of the private insurance market. The Bush campaign has tried to suggest that bureaucrats or "rats" will decide who receives drug benefits under the Gore plan.

Under the Bush plan benefits will be administered by executives worried about their share prices on Wall Street. There is definitely a degree of uncertainty in Governor Bush's plan. Not only will prescription drug benefits be less generous under a Bush administration, but seniors cannot take comfort in knowing they will receive help paying their skyrocketing drug costs.

There is simply a difference in priorities between Vice President Gore and Governor Bush. The Vice President makes a priority of using our nation's prosperity to solve some of the most pressing social problems in America. He wants to use the surplus to promote universal health care and improve the health of our nation's seniors. Governor Bush makes a priority of letting market forces solve our nation's problems. He doesn't seem to believe that the government should provide help to those who are unable to help themselves. The prosperity over the last eight years has given the U.S. the special opportunity to improve the lives of the most needy Americans. We must not let this opportunity slip away.

*Jeffrey Stuffings is the president of the College Democrats Club. Political Face-Off will run every Thursday until the election.*

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## Bush proposes a plan that works

The lies and sighs of the Gore campaign have carried over to the issue of health care. Once again, Gore has decided to lie about the details of Governor Bush's plans instead of debating the substantive differences between the plans. This article will not throw out mag-

**Greg Kelly**

*College  
Republicans*

ical, very convenient numbers, targeted at tricking the uneducated, but instead it will relay the facts of Governor Bush's plan and let you decide whether or not to support it. Governor Bush realizes that bipartisan proposals have made great strides towards solving our national health care crisis. The basis of this proposal is essentially giving every American citizen the same health coverage that government workers get, which includes choice from a wide range of comprehensive plans that will meet all health care needs.

The first key in this is not penalizing people who are currently happy with their health care. Anyone who does not want to change his or her current coverage will not be forced to. At the same time, flexibility will be introduced to allow people to change their coverage at the end of the year if they are not happy with the services.

Governor Bush does not believe that impoverished seniors should

have to pay anything for their coverage. Any seniors at 35 percent of the poverty level or less will have their health coverage and prescription plan fully covered by the government. Seniors between 35 percent and 75 percent of the poverty level will have partial help in their prescription drug plan. All seniors will have a minimum of 25 percent of the prescription drug premium paid for by the government and the government will cover any catastrophic expense (over \$6,000) for all seniors.

Governor Bush does not believe people should have to wait for the government to raise funds to reap the benefits of this legislation. The Governor's "Helping-Hand" legislation would give \$48 billion of direct support to states for four years to make these programs go into effect immediately. By the time these funds are exhausted, the funding that the legislation will have raised will be sufficient to start sustaining the benefits.

Vice President Gore's plan does not give extra benefits to impoverished seniors. He also does not want to reform the system in the same detail that Governor Bush does. Instead, he wants to make the existing system cheaper. This does not address the problem of the inadequate care that currently plagues the country. Once again, Al Gore has decided to say what sounds best instead of suggest true reform. Mr. Gore has a plan to get elected, not to improve healthcare.

Governor George W. Bush has a plan to work with a Republican or Democratic congress to make healthcare reform a reality. He realizes that issues of the welfare of American citizens should be above the petty bickering of partisan lines and should not be exploited as a political tool. Electing George W. Bush will ensure not only healthcare reform, but also restoring the motel at 1600 to the mansion at 1600.

*Greg Kelly is a member of the College Republicans Club. Political Face-Off will run every Thursday until the election.*

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Smeared words speak volumes

How does it feel to be rubbed out, completely destroyed, obliterated, extinguished, figuratively, literally and with malice?

Walking around Saint Mary's campus today, I notice that there are chalk messages on the sidewalks. These phrases and symbols are in recognition of National Coming Out Day. Many of the sayings, however, have been rubbed out. Apparently someone hates

gays enough to believe that gay voices should be silenced. Maybe they think that gay people themselves should be destroyed — as if by wiping away the words, they can eradicate an entire group of people.

How much loathing does it take to snuff out a person's soul? To the individuals who remind us to celebrate diversity today and every day: do not be disheartened. It

takes a lot of courage to stand up to a world filled with fear, hatred and intolerance.

In this case, the message is clear: smeared words speak volumes. Please, listen to what they are saying.

Elizabeth Karle  
Notre Dame Class of '85  
Oct. 11, 2000

## Correction:

The CSC column, "For a More Just and Humane World," that appeared Tuesday, Oct. 11 was written by Rene Mulligan and Kathleen Maas Weigert, the associate director for academic affairs and research at the Center for Social Concerns.

Also, the CLC article that appeared on Sept. 26 incorrectly stated that Bill Kirk was the vice president of Student Affairs. He is the assistant vice president of Student Affairs. The Viewpoint staff regrets these errors.



## MOVIE REVIEW

# Stiller and DeNiro can't save their comedy



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

In Jay Roach's "Meet the Parents," Ben Stiller (right) plays a man looking to gain approval from his girlfriend's father, played by Robert DeNiro. Too many unbelievable circumstances and too few laughs make the film a surprising failure.

By JUDE SEYMOUR  
Scene Movie Critic

There was so much promise for "Meet the Parents," a comedy directed by Jay Roach ("Austin Powers" 1 & 2) and starring Robert DeNiro as a watchful parent and Ben Stiller as a timid boyfriend. The promise never pays off. The movie feels much longer than its 108-minute running time.

The premise is simple. Stiller plays Greg Focker, a guy who wishes to get married to his longtime girlfriend, Pam Byrnes (Teri Polo, a TV character actress). Hoping to make the right moves, Greg suggests a weekend with Pam's parents. At the end of the weekend, Greg plans to propose, having secured the parent's approval.

This is a comedy, however, and everything goes wrong for Focker. He accidentally destroys almost everything in and around the house. Suffice to say, the meeting with the parents is a disaster. However, as things in movies always tend to do, every mis-

understanding works itself out and the happy couple is united for a limitless future.

The main problem with this movie is that it peaks too early. When Stiller destroys a precious urn containing the ashes of DeNiro's beloved mother, the audience roars with laughter and gasps. Everyone feels compassion and humor for the situation Greg is in: he has just performed the greatest injustice to the Byrnes family (and unintentionally at that).

However, the accidents become increasingly ridiculous as the movie progresses. Destroying an urn is one thing, but is Greg so unlucky that, in the same weekend, he would destroy a front lawn with a single flush of the toilet? His bad luck culminates in a situation with a cat, a cigarette, leaves, a gutter, an electrical wire and a hand-crafted wedding altar. This is not bad luck on Greg's part: this house is a liability waiting to be burned to the ground.

Greg is the starting domino in a series of chance events. His bad luck becomes absurd

## MOVIE REVIEW

# Despite a poor script and weak characters, 'Carter'

By MATT NANIA  
Assistant Scene Editor

If the rain-slicked new Sylvester Stallone revenge flick "Get Carter" seems a little familiar, it's with good reason.

It could be that the picture is a remake of a gritty 1971 film of the same name (starring Michael Caine, who appears in this version as well). It could be that the bad-guy-going-after-worse-guys plot — about a Las Vegas mob enforcer determined to find and snuff the people who whacked his estranged brother — isn't all that different from the story of a hard-as-nails parolee avenging his daughter in last year's "The Limey."

Then again, in execution and style, "Get Carter" is an awful lot like Mel Gibson's 1999 glamorous guns-a-blazin' vindication venture "Payback," which was itself a remake of 1967's "Point Blank." Or it could just be that Sylvester Stallone is Sylvester Stallone in almost every movie he makes.

Even though watching Stallone rough guys up in "Get Carter" feels like a retread of a retread, director Stephen Kay ("The Last Time I Committed Suicide") turns the experience into a stimulating visual showcase of stylish filmmaking that keeps the viewer's attention.

Taking photography and editing cues from David Fincher ("Fight Club"), Steven Soderbergh ("The Limey," "Out of Sight") and Michael Bay ("Armageddon"), he

turns the action and fights into an array of images that pack a punch. It's not the story, but the look of the picture that keeps it interesting.

Kay owes a debt of gratitude to cinematographer Mauro Fiore for his wet, color-saturated rendering that makes everything look dank and dangerous. Editor Jerry Greenberg deserves part of the credit too, for maintaining the picture's energy level with his kinetic, staccato cuts, loops and splices. And Tyler Bates techno-rock score lends each scene some verve.

Kay is smart enough to know he doesn't have a lot to work with here, so he doesn't waste time with expository backstory, extraneous childhood flashbacks, or an explanation of the Carter boys' falling out. Those things aren't relevant and he knows it. Jack's brother is already dead when the

film opens. Kay jumps straight into the action. He even manages to keep the catch phrases in check.

Stallone is solid (if stoic) as Carter, even if it is another flawed, permanently scowling tough guy role he could do in his sleep. But in an odd stroke of prestige casting, Miranda Richardson ("Sleepy Hollow") and Alan Cumming (Broadway's "Carousel") are wasted in stage-prop parts. Richardson is the brother's widow and Cumming is a twerpy software millionaire who blunders into a crooked business relationship with the movie's maximum-bad malefactors — underage pornographers who doped and exploited

Carter's niece (Rachel Leigh Cook, "She's All That"). They're lead by Mickey Rourke ("Angel Heart"), who matches Stallone stone-cold stare for stone-cold stare. Overall, the cast does a good job.

And, although Carter's appetite for vengeance and his efforts to achieve personal redemption are only moderately believable, the film does exhibit a handful of suspenseful moments.

Thanks to its stylishness and dynamism, "Get Carter" also manages to grab the audience for most of its running time (a killer "French Connection"-style car chase ups the ante by taking place on Seattle's slippery-when-wet avenues.)

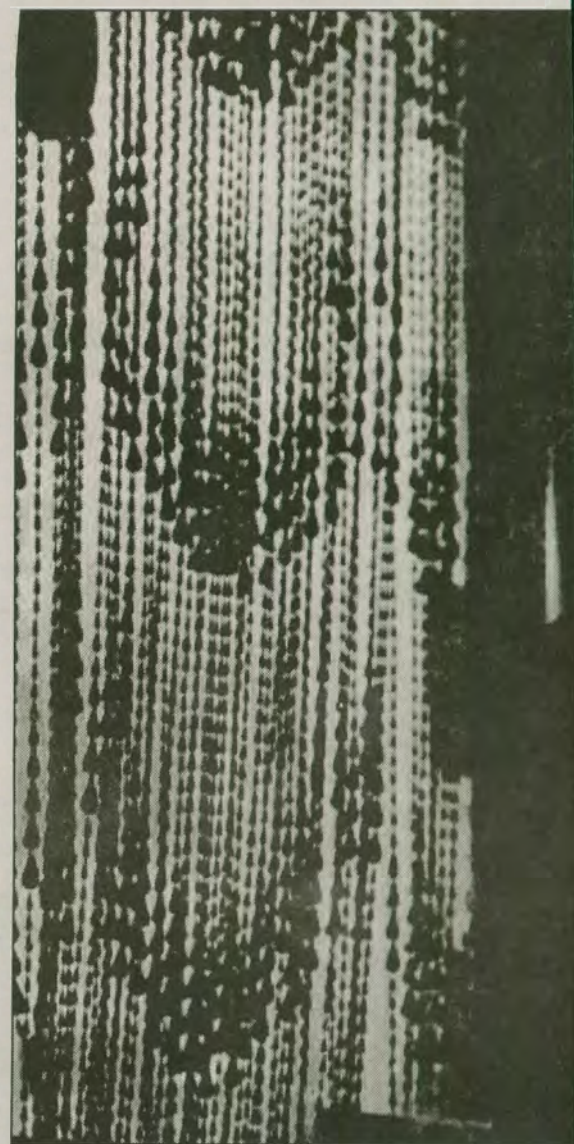
One could easily accuse Kay of using directorial flash to service a weak story, and that's probably true, but if the flash helps evoke the mood and energy of the characters, what's wrong with a little overkill? These characters are violent and over-the-top. It only makes sense that the look of the film follows in suit.

The poorly-scripted story takes its toll on the viewer, though, by film's end. There are long scenes that plod on forever and short scenes that stand as pointless.

Also, instead of bringing Carter's revenge to a crescendo, the climactic showdowns deflate all the tension from the film. He goes on the rampage, people get killed, and the audience stops caring.

If one thinks about it, "Get Carter" has all the ingredients of a dumb Hollywood movie: a washed-up action star, a weak storyline and a crop of stereotypical action characters.

Yet, thanks to some flashy directing, quality performances and a fair share of quality action scenes, the film succeeds in at least maintaining our attention. In that sense, "Get Carter" isn't half as bad as it could have been.



In the crime-drama "Get Carter," Jack Carter revenge on his brother's killers. Director Stephen Kay follows the film's stereotypical plot line.



## om going too far

and the humor becomes less funny and more annoying. Because of this, other things leave themselves open for scrutiny.

The De Niro-Stiller relationship is scripted haphazardly. There is a sense through the whole movie that De Niro will warm to Stiller's character by movie's end, even when he is cursing the would-be son-in-law

for his mistakes. Teri Polo is miscast, and her role in the film is left undone. She becomes a sounding board of overused phrases ("I'm sorry Daddy" and "It'll be okay, Greg"). A Teddy Ruxpin toy could have repeated the three phrases she needed to learn to be a part of this movie.

"Meet the Parents" has its funny moments, though. It aborts its plot late into it to make an unbelievably funny commentary on airline protocol. The movie also makes good use

of Greg's last name (Focker is pronounced just as it looks).

Owen Wilson ("Shanghai Noon") is tremendously funny as Pam's ex-boyfriend, and had his role been bigger, he might have been able to save parts of the movie.

Overall, however, the movie drags because it resorts to unbelievable situations that increasingly insult the moviegoer's basic intelligence.

### "Meet the Parents"



out of five shamrocks

**Director:** Jay Roach

**Starring:** Ben Stiller, Robert DeNiro,

Blythe Danner, Teri Polo and Owen Wilson

Meeting a loved one's parents is traumatic and scary, but it does not culminate in a nicotine induced cat destroying a wedding dress. "Meet the Parents" overreaches and, consequently, it suffers.

Those looking for a spectacular movie about first meetings with parents (but not a comedy) should undoubtedly check out Stanley Kramer's 1967 classic, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" to substitute for their viewing of "Meet The Parents."

## VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK



Photo courtesy of MGM Studios

Woody Allen's classic film "Manhattan," starring Allen, Diane Keaton and Meryl Streep, is available to rent on video.

## Allen comments on life and love in 'Manhattan'

By JUDE SEYMOUR

Scene Movie Critic

Woody Allen is often associated with his short, witty comedies. It was a romantic comedy, "Annie Hall" that won him a Best Picture Oscar in 1977. "Manhattan" was his follow up, and a lot was expected of it. It is a brilliant film, and the late 1970s mark the most fruitful period of Allen's writing and directing.

"Manhattan" plays out on two levels. The first is Allen's perpetual love song to Manhattan. Backed by amazing George Gershwin selections, the film is an ode to a town that Frank Sinatra once pointed out "never sleeps."

Over the familiar opening chords of "Rhapsody in Blue," the movie opens. When the movie ends, "Rhapsody" swells for one last climax that captures the city as a visual and as a sound. The viewer might have been treated to scenes capturing the rising and setting of the sun, but the city is in perpetual motion, much like the song that has been associated with the beginning and end of the film.

In between, the audience is treated to other, less familiar Gershwin selections that set appropriate moods and coordinate with an abundance of visuals of the beloved Manhattan. There are no scenes outside Manhattan. As a character explains early, living outside this town is "just not practical."

The second level the movie presents is Allen's commentary on life, focusing on the casual nature of relationships and sex within the city. Allen plays Isaac Davis, a 42-year-old TV writer. At the film's opening, he is "dating" 17-year-old Tracy (Mariel Hemingway, who was 17 in real life). His friend, Yale (Michael Murphy), is unhappily married to Emily (Anne Byrne), and looks to a pseudo-intellectual Mary (Diane Keaton), for a fling.

The movie is about how each of these people hop from relationship to relationship to satisfy an understanding of their own life's purpose. Yale looks to justify his infidelity, but Isaac will not consent. Although the two are friends, they are miles apart on what they should be getting out of their relationships.

For Yale, he enjoys the sex and danger of being caught when he is with Mary. For Isaac, it is about recovering from a messy marriage — his inadequacies are soon going to be part of a "tell-all" book written by his now lesbian ex-wife (played by Meryl Streep).

Isaac dates Tracy because it is his security blanket; Tracy adorns him with a form of

"puppy love" that is common of a teenager. Isaac tries to keep the relationship casual, but Tracy is falling in love with him. Clueless of the needs of a teenager, he responds the only way he knows how: he admonishes her for everything. He is also careful in his language: she is not "beautiful," but "adorable." Tracy is constantly reminded that she "can't be in love. [She's] just a kid".

Allen also comments on the way the era (the 1970s) is addressing sex. For example, a group discussion at a dinner party quickly turns to the subject of orgasms. At one point, Mary quips to Yale, "It's always sex with you. There's never any time for holding." Clearly,

Allen has written that piece of dialogue because he is frustrated with the way that sex is used as a tool. The intimacy and importance of a partner is no longer valid; relationships have taken on a "revolving-door" nature.

Isaac leaves Tracy for Mary because he thinks he is doing the right thing. After all, Tracy can't be hung up on Isaac. He

points out that he can "beat up her father." Mary is an emotional mess. Played as a sex object in her relationship with Yale, she is a polar opposite to Isaac. Nevertheless, they click for a while. Gershwin hums in the back as a classic shot of Isaac and Mary, on a bench overlooking the Brooklyn Bridge, is put up on screen.

Mary leaves Isaac when she admits she still loves Yale. Disturbed by the morals he sees amongst his friends, Isaac takes off to find Tracy, whom he finally realizes has been part of his most satisfying relationship.

A fast, striking Gershwin piece plays as Isaac races to find Tracy before she leaves for London. The final scene is classic Allen: well scripted and a strong ending to the film.

While it would be discourteous to reveal the outcome of the story, it is relevant to point out that, regardless of how it turns out, Isaac has learned that Tracy is much more mature than he had given her credit for. Whereas his attitude towards her at the beginning of the film might have been that he had nothing to learn from her, the truth lies in the fact that even a old man can fall in love with a charming teenager.

"Manhattan" is a delightful love story set to a fantastic Gershwin score. In a carefully mastered script, the characters exchange quips about morality, sex, relationships and true love. Allen's classic one-liners are thrown into the mix and the story is satisfying and humorous.

While "Annie Hall" may have captured the awards, it is "Manhattan" that oftentimes steals the show.

## 'Carter' still engages

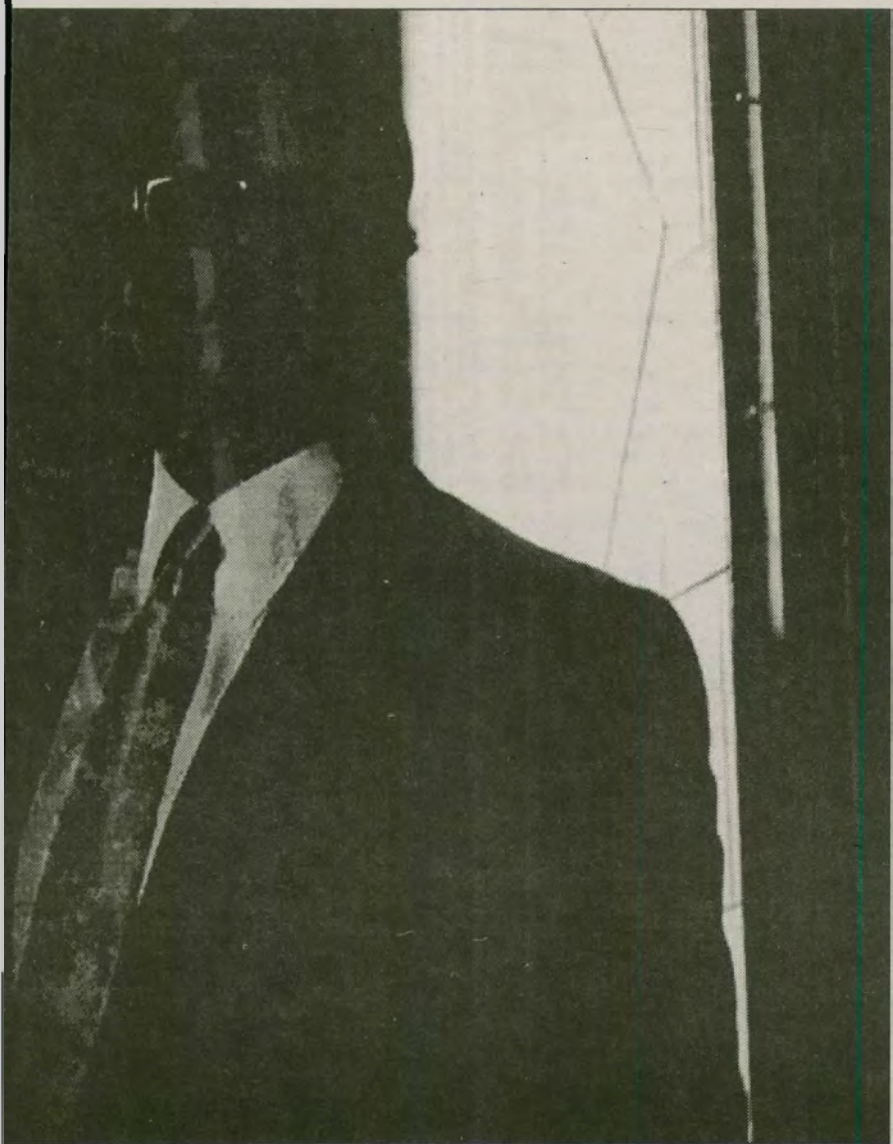


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(Sylvester Stallone) is a hard-boiled mob enforcer determined to enact Ken Kay's high-energy visuals and sequences are just enough to outweigh



## NHL

# Blues rally to tie Kings, Messier leads Rangers to win

Associated Press

## LOS ANGELES

Scott Young led a furious third-period rally with two goals and an assist to lift the St. Louis Blues into a 4-4 tie with the Los Angeles Kings on Wednesday night.

The Blues spotted the Kings a 4-0 second-period lead before storming back with four goals in the third.

Jochen Hecht tied it at 4 when he scored with 33.6 seconds remaining in regulation, after the Blues pulled their goaltender for an extra attacker.

Pierre Turgeon flipped the puck across the crease to Hecht, who poked it in past the Kings' Jamie Storr for his second goal of the season.

Young scored both of his goals 2:13 apart after Pavol Demitra finally put St. Louis on the board 1:15 into the third period.

Young beat Storr 3:29 into the period to make it 4-2, then added his sixth goal shortly afterward as St. Louis cut the deficit to one goal.

Young also assisted on the tying goal.

Mathieu Schneider and Bryan Smolinski each had a goal and two assists for the Kings, who have not beaten the Blues in Los Angeles since Jan. 11, 1997, and have won just one of their last 11 meetings.

Luc Robitaille had a goal and an assist to become the third player to score 1,000 career points for the Kings.

Robitaille, who has five goals and four assists in Los

Angeles' four games this season, joined the Kings' Marcel Dionne, who had 1,307 career points for Los Angeles, and Dave Taylor, who had 1,069.

Ziggy Palffy added a goal and an assist for Los Angeles.

## Flyers 3, Wild 3

Eric Desjardins scored midway through the third period to lift the Philadelphia Flyers to a tie with Minnesota in the expansion Wild's first regular-season home.

The Wild took a 3-2 lead on Wes Walz's short-handed goal at 9:12 of the third period, but Desjardins tied it at 10:37 in the first NHL game involving a Minnesota team since the North Stars played their last game at the Met Center in Bloomington on April 13, 1993.

Minnesota's Manny Fernandez made 36 saves and was kept busy, laying out to smother pucks and stop shots as Philadelphia exploited Minnesota's weak and inexperienced defense.

The Wild, who had scored just once in each of their previous two games, were inconsistent in the offensive zone.

They peppered Flyers goalie Brian Boucher in the opening minutes of the game, but had just three shots in the second period.

Marian Gaborik, the Wild's first-round draft pick this year, had a power-play goal to kickstart Minnesota's offense with 55 seconds left in the second.

The 18-year-old Gaborik shot the puck into Boucher's arm and the puck trickled out of his hand, which was resting in the goal.

## Rangers 3, Canadiens 1

Mark Messier returned home and nearly brought the house down.

Messier, in his first home game with the New York Rangers in over three years, scored a power-play goal early in the third period in a victory over the Montreal Canadiens.

Radek Dvorak scored twice for the Rangers, who won their home opener for the first time since 1995 and improved to 2-0 for the first time in a decade.

Messier's goal came just 24 seconds into the final period as he carried the puck to the right of Canadiens goalie Jeff Hackett. Messier tried to pass out in front, but the puck hit Montreal defenseman Eric Weinrich and ricocheted into the net to make it 2-0.

Messier, who had an assist in New York's 2-1 opening-night victory over Atlanta, left the Rangers for the Vancouver Canucks after the 1997 season. He returned this summer as a free agent, signing a two-year deal. Messier was honored as part of a 30-minute pregame ceremony celebrating the Rangers' 75th season and their captains.

The Captain, who reclaimed his title from Brian Leetch — who uncomfortably held it in his absence — received a four-minute standing ovation from his beloved fans as he was the last New York player introduced to the crowd.

Dvorak gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead on the power play with a wrist shot over Hackett's stick at 1:13 of the second period.

Defenseman Craig Rivet got Montreal within a goal, 2-1, at

2:58 of the third by blasting a long shot past Kirk McLean. McLean, playing in place of injured goalie Mike Richter — recovering from offseason knee surgery — made 28 saves.

Dvorak restored the two-goal lead with nine minutes remaining, taking a beautiful pass across the crease from Petr Nedved and directing the puck past Hackett — who played well in stopping 29 shots.

## Maple Leafs 3, Islanders 2

Mats Sundin scored a power-play goal late in the third period, and Glenn Healy stopped a penalty shot with just 34 seconds remaining as the Toronto Maple Leafs held on to beat the New York Islanders.

After New York's Roman Hamrlik was penalized for cross-checking, Toronto scored when Petr Svoboda centered a pass to Sundin, who shot it past goalie John Vanbiesbrouck with 5:45 remaining.

Healy, playing his first game of the season, was given a deliberate delay of game penalty after he knocked the net from its borings. Brad Isbister took the penalty shot, but Healy blocked the winger's back hand with his right pad.

Healy stopped 18 shots for Toronto, which went 1-for-8 on the power play. Vanbiesbrouck made 30 saves for New York.

Garry Valk, who had a goal and an assist, gave Toronto a 1-0 lead at 12:22 of the first after tipping in Bryan McCabe's shot from the point.

Oleg Kvasha tied it 1-1 at 12:40 of the second after he

intercepted McCabe's pass, faked a shot, and snapped it past Healy.

Less than a minute later, Mariusz Czerkawski beat Healy with a slap shot from the top of the left faceoff circle to give the Islanders a 2-1 lead.

Sergei Berezin tied it after taking a pass from Valk and shooting the puck past Vanbiesbrouck at 3:44 of the third.

## Capitals 3, Thrashers 3

Jeff Halpern scored off a rebound with 2:23 remaining in the third period and the Washington Capitals tied Atlanta, preventing the Thrashers from reaching .500 for the first time in franchise history.

Ray Ferraro put the Thrashers (0-1-1) ahead with 5:58 remaining, but the 2-year-old franchise couldn't make the lead stand up.

With the Capitals swarming the net, Atlanta goalie Damian Rhodes stopped a shot by Ulf Dahlen. But Halpern pounced on the rebound and buried a high shot from the right side.

Donald Audette scored a pair of power-play goals in the first period and assisted on Ferraro's goal, which also came with a man advantage for the Thrashers.

Washington's Joe Murphy was sitting out a cross-checking penalty when Tomi Kallio shot from a bad angle and the puck slipped between Capitals goalie Craig Billington and defenseman Ken Klee.

Ferraro, lurking on the opposite side, slammed the loose puck into the net for his first goal of the season.

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# CAMPUS MINISTRY

CONSIDERATIONS...

## Calendar of Events

September 25-October 30

103 Hesburgh Library

Sign-up, Freshmen Retreat #31

(Nov. 3-4, 2000)

Targeted Dorms: Alumni, Breen-Phillips, Farley, Keough, Howard, Dillon, Lyons, McGlinn, Pasquerilla West, Sorin

Sunday, October 8, 1:30 p.m.

Keenan-Stanford Chapel

Spanish Mass

Presider: Rev. Don McNeill, csc

Monday-Tuesday, October 9-10,

11:30 pm-10:00 pm

St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, October 10, 3:45 p.m.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Endowed Chair Inaugural Mass

Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.

Badin Hall Chapel

Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.

Siegfried Hall Chapel

Confirmation-Session #2

Wednesday, October 11, 10:00 p.m.

Morrissey Hall Chapel

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Weekend Presiders

### Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, October 7 Mass

30 minutes after the game

Most Rev. Anthony Milone

Bishop, Great Falls/Billings, MT

Sunday, October 8 Mass

8:00 a.m.

Rev. Jim King, c.s.c.

10:00 a.m.

Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy

11:45 a.m.

Rev. Patrick M. Neary, c.s.c.

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Saturday, October 7 Mass

45 minutes after the game

Rev. David J. Scheidler, c.s.c.

## Scripture Readings for this Coming Sunday

1st Reading Gn 2: 18-24

2nd Reading Heb 2: 9-11

Gospel Mk 10: 2-16

## Sing for me

by Steve Warner

It was the first day of Senior week, May 14, 2000. Mother's Day. May in all her glory was enveloping Our Lady's campus. On that brilliant day of sun and new-formed flowers, thirty-six members of the Notre Dame Folk Choir made their way to the Maximum Security Prison in Michigan City, Indiana.

The prison is on the edge of nowhere. Past the city, hardly marked, hang a right-hand turn off US 20, keep your eye on the grotesque cooling tower of the energy plant which frowns down on the barbed wire and guards and pathetic brick structures that make up the destitution and despair of the Level Four incarceration unit. And here we are, on Mother's Day.

It is the Choir's third trip to the prison. Each time, more and more inmates have shown up for our concert. On this day, almost six hundred of the offenders are here. The Catholic community of the prison - some of them just newly baptized - are proud as can be. We are "their choir;" they are our hosts. For forty-five minutes before our concert, we mingle with the men of the prison. Jovial conversations, timid at first, but always with a sense of hospitality and gratitude on their part.

We sing our songs. One hour of music. A dedication to the men on death row (they are not allowed to attend the concert, as they are in permanent lock-down; however, they can view it on closed-circuit tv). Some lively gospel songs, bringing the men to their feet. Always, a shouted admonition to "take your time!" As we sing, there are tears. There are closed eyes. Offenders gently rock back and forth. Many are there with Bibles clasped close to their hearts.

And at the end of the hour, a long, joyful, standing ovation. The men know that we are not here for some isolated do-good venture. This is our third trip. We know some of these guys by name, or by their faces. Some, even their stories. Over the last few years, a bit of adoption has taken place... we pray for these men through the year. We remember them during the Lenten season. And we journey to sing for them, to let them know that they are not forgotten and that they still have dignity, and that God forgives them their errors in this world - even when many of the voices in this world cannot.

There is a certain relief when we leave. The process of being searched, passing through four sets of iron bars, the dynamic of presenting music to such a needful group of human beings, and leaving again so quickly... this leaves a mark on the soul. We exit the dingy-green corridors of security, and then, suddenly, the May sunshine, now moving toward sunset, surrounds us again. So amazingly easy that we can walk around those bars, all those armed guards, and pass easily through the gates.

There is silence around the choir, and a natural need to huddle. Across the street from the prison is a

small picnic table. We gather there, to regroup, to pray for a moment for the men locked inside. Fr. Joe Ross, then the chaplain for the prison, points to the right side of the complex. "Death row," he says. We gaze at the brick stockade, which seems to radiate fear and loneliness.

Sing for me!

It is a voice pleading from deep inside death row. He is shouting to us, across the chasm that separates the free from the imprisoned. Sing for me! he cries. And his voice is like one who cries from the pits of hell. Sing for me!

And so we begin. Hallelujah, my Father, for giving us your Son.... Our voices leap across that chasm. Past the barbed wire, past the guards, past the bars. Sending him into the world to be given up for us.... We give up our voices, the song leaps from cell to cell, slips past the bars and the gates. We can see figures gathering at windows, though we cannot see faces.

God bless you! the voice cries, on behalf of his brethren. And our song is raised all the louder, penetrating the Mile that few have walked. But musicians can reach out to the Mile, if their song is strong and true enough.

Knowing we would bruise him, and smite him from the earth....

And we blink back our tears as we look down upon our Birkenstocks and our designer jeans.

Please! Sing just one more! So the voice cries again, and we obey. *We are marching*, we sing, *we are marching in the light of God*. And the sun spreads itself about us, and the song penetrates the prison one more time.

Pray for us! He cries. And we shout back "We will!" And we do.

Now, we know. We know why visiting the imprisoned is a "corporal work of mercy." "Corporal," or having to do with the flesh - we know, because without even seeing the man, we saw the face of Christ enfleshed in his words. We know, because we experienced the Word of God that could not be locked up: bars and guards and all the devices of human imprisonment could not hold back our simple song of hope.

De profundis clamavi ad te Domine: "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord." Never again will Psalm 130 mean the same thing. For we have heard a voice that came from those depths. And we have tasted what it means to minister to that Voice.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Pitching ace Hampton powers Mets past Cardinals 6-2

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS  
This was the reason the New York Mets were so eager to get Mike Hampton.

Pitching every bit like an October ace, Hampton won for the first time in the postseason, leading the Mets past the St. Louis Cardinals 6-2 Wednesday night in Game 1 of the NL championship series.

"I wanted to be a contributor instead of a liability," Hampton said. "I just wanted to do my part and help this team win. I didn't do that in the first series."

The Mets extended their postseason scoreless streak to a team-record 26 innings before allowing two unearned runs with two outs in the ninth.

Hampton kept the big guy — pinch-hitter deluxe Mark McGwire — on the St. Louis bench and left after the seventh with a 3-0 lead. Relievers John Franco and Armando

Benitez finished up.

"There had been some doubts cast over Mike because of a small sample of postseason play, and I think he erased those doubts," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said.

And it was a good-luck victory for the wild card Mets — the last seven teams to win the NLCS opener went on to reach the World Series.

Mike Piazza put aside his past playoff slumps, hitting an RBI double in a two-run first inning. Todd Zeile and Jay Payton homered in the ninth and Edgardo Alfonzo scored a run and drove in another.

"I liked the way we played, I just didn't like the final score," Cardinals manager Tony La

Russa said. "Hampton and the Mets were a little better."

Game 2 will be Thursday night at Busch Stadium with Al Leiter starting for the Mets against rookie Rick Ankiel.

Acquired from Houston last winter to win at crunch time, Hampton delivered in outpitching former Astros teammate Darryl Kile. He blanked St. Louis on six hits and silenced the crowd of 52,225.

Hampton began the evening with a career postseason record of 0-2 and a 5.87 ERA in four starts.

A loser last week in the opening round at San Francisco, prompting some to suggest Leiter should start the opener, Hampton tamed a Cardinals team that averaged eight runs a game in its first-round sweep of the Braves.

Not that the Cardinals didn't have their chances. They left the bases loaded in the first when Carlos Hernandez grounded out and, down 3-0, threatened to tie it in the seventh.

With two on and one out, Edgar Renteria sliced a long fly that right fielder Timo Perez ran down on the warning track. Jim Edmonds followed with a high fly that left fielder Benny Agbayani caught just short of the wall, and Edmonds gave an "aw-shucks" skip as he rounded first base.

"I didn't breathe, I'll tell you that," Hampton said.

Hampton struck out four and walked three. He also got the benefit of a defense that paid extra attention to its positioning, making subtle shifts that paid major dividends.

Meanwhile, not even the presence of a few St. Louis Rams — the NFL team scoring 43 points per game — helped boost the Cardinals hitters.

Several of the Mets recently expressed relief that their No. 1 nemesis, the Braves, were out of the playoffs. Secretly, maybe they also knew how well they matched up against St. Louis.

The Mets went 6-3 against the Cardinals this season, mainly because New York's left-handed pitchers could cancel out the Cardinals' lefty hitters. St. Louis was just 17-23 in games started by opposing left-handers.

With nearly every Mets player in the dugout leaning on the top railing, Perez got them off to a fast start. Keeping up his role as late-season sparkplug, he led off the game with a double and took third when Kile bounced a curveball for a wild pitch.

After Alfonzo walked, Piazza grounded a double down the third-base line. It was a good sign for the Mets — the All-Star catcher had zero RBIs in the four-game victory over San Francisco and began the night as a career .211 postseason hitter. Robin Ventura's sacrifice fly made it 2-0.

"I swung the bat a lot better tonight, only because of my teammates getting on ahead of me, giving me the opportunity to drive in the runs," Piazza said.

"A good start for us, we know it's far from over," he said. "Got to keep the pedal down."

Hampton beat out an infield single in the fifth and later scored on Alfonzo's single.

The Mets tacked on three runs in the ninth off Mike James. Zeile led off with a home run, Agbayani singled and Payton homered over the left-field wall.

*"[It's] a good start for us, we know it's far from over"*

Mike Piazza  
Mets catcher

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head from the "others receiving votes" category.

While Texas was picking up wins against noted football powerhouses like Louisiana-Lafayette, Houston and Oklahoma State, it also lost to 2-3 Stanford and then got pasted by Oklahoma 63-14.

NC State's wins against Arkansas State, Indiana, Southern Methodist and Georgia Tech aren't exactly stunning victories, at least the Wolfpack didn't lose to Stanford. NC State's only loss came against No. 5 Clemson in a 34-27 shootout.

But Texas is supposed to be good. Didn't the Longhorns read all the preseason publications? Didn't they see their rankings? They are supposed to be undefeated and challenging for the national title not losing to the Cardinal and getting whipped by one of their biggest rivals.

So Bobby Bowden will continue

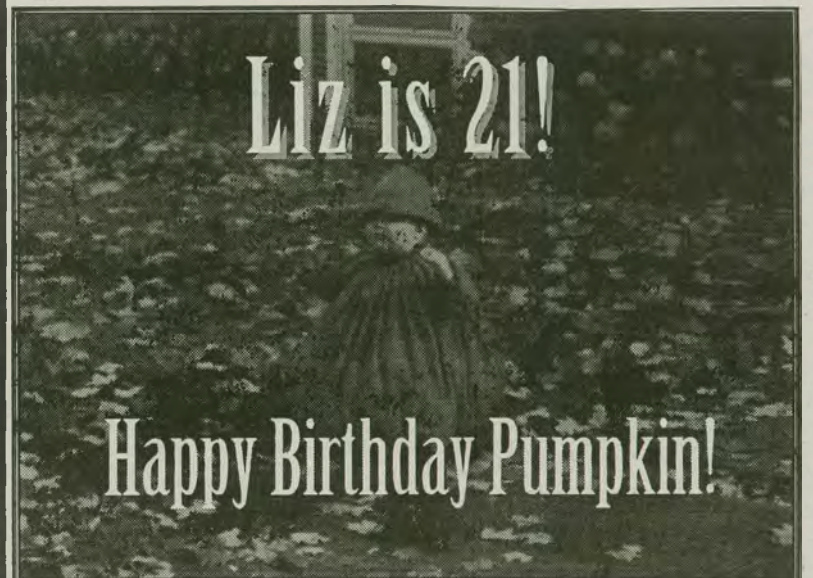
to spin doctor. He will beg the pollsters not to forget about the Seminoles. He will plead that they keep him team in their top 10 so Florida State can win the title.

Because the real national championship isn't decided on the field, it's decided in the polls. The best teams don't even get a chance to play for the title if their coaches don't know how to work the voters.

"I think when it becomes later in the year when you are talking about 1-2-3, there's always jockeying going on," Davie said. "That's part of it. But the bottom line is that everything takes care of itself in the end. Especially here at Notre Dame because we play such good football teams. I would hope people recognize who we are playing on a regular basis."

Did you hear that pollsters? That was Davie's case for a BCS bowl for his potentially 9-2 Irish.

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## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## Baker's status with Giants uncertain

Associated Press

## SAN FRANCISCO

Dusty Baker has been wondering whether the San Francisco Giants want him to return as manager.

In an interview with KPIX-TV broadcast Monday night, Baker said he was disappointed he hadn't received even a phone call from Giants president Peter Magowan after San Francisco was eliminated from the NL playoffs on Sunday.

The Giants, who finished the regular season with the NL West title and baseball's best record at 97-65, were knocked out in four games by the wild card New York Mets.

Baker, whose contract expires Dec. 31, has been criticized by fans and the media for his moves during San Francisco's loss to New York.

"It hurts even more when you come home for support and you're getting ripped. But that's the job," Baker told the station. "But at the same time, you start thinking, 'Have you worn out your welcome here, and what's it going to be like a year from

now, or the next time people disagree with your opinions?'"

Though he's considered an excellent players' manager and a respected administrator, Baker has just one post-season victory in eight seasons with the Giants.

He already turned down a contract extension earlier this year, and it's believed Baker will seek a new contract averaging around \$2 million per year, which would make him the game's second highest-paid manager behind the Yankees' Joe Torre.

"I'm a man, I'm a pro, and I ain't begging nobody for nothing," Baker said. "I've got to talk to my wife, my mom and my dad, talk to [Giants GM] Brian [Sabeen] and the organization and

come up with a decision."

Baker acrimoniously parted from the Dodgers in 1983 after eight seasons as a player. He has been mentioned for vacancies in Los Angeles and Arizona, two of the Giants' rivals in the NL West.

*"It hurts even more when you come home for support and you're getting ripped."*

**Dusty Baker**  
Giants manager

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high school player in Texas, he earned scores of awards and honors: selection as a USA Today first-team All-America defensive back, Parade prep All-American and a ranking of sixth nationally on listings of the top 100 national prospects by ESPN.com and The Sporting News. When people compared those accolades with an image of Sapp riding the bench, some began to question his talent.

He wasn't one of those doubters.

"I knew I'd have to work for it," Sapp said. "The guys who were in front of me, Deke Cooper and A'Jani Sanders, ended up teaching me. By me not playing last year, I actually gained more knowledge watching those guys. [Not playing] didn't really bother me, because I knew that when my time came, I would be ready."

Now Sapp backs up senior Ron Israel at strong safety, usually playing a limited amount on defense. Although he'd be thrilled to become a starter, Sapp understands he has to bide his time.

"[Free safety] Tony Driver and Ron Israel are great guys," Sapp said. "When I get in, they're happy for me. When they're in, I'm happy for

them. Whoever makes the plays, the other person's happy."

Despite coming off the bench, Sapp ranks just behind Israel in tackles with 17 this year. In Notre Dame's 20-14 victory against Stanford, he tallied four.

By next year, Sapp figures to be a major contributor.

"Next year, I plan on making an impact nationwide, not just at Notre Dame,"

Sapp said. "Once they put me out there for good, I feel like I can make the plays I need to make."

If Sapp does move into the national spotlight, an NFL career might not be out of the question. But that's not first and foremost in his mind.

"After college, the NFL, that's nice to think about, but that's not really my main goal," Sapp said. "My main goal is just to get a degree. Football's OK, but I'm thinking of bigger and better things."

*"The guys who were in front of me, Deke Cooper and A'Jani Sanders, ended up teaching me."*

**Gerome Sapp**  
strong safety

Sapp came to Notre Dame in large part for the chance to be more than an athlete, to be a student-athlete.

"We're all students, too, student athletes," Sapp said. "At

other schools, you get just the athletics. You don't get the mix. They really stressed that as recruiters. You're going to take classes like other students. You're going to be like other students, to live and eat with other students. I know I actually enjoy that."



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INTERHALL BASEBALL

# Keough squeaks by St. Ed's for championship 3-2

By CHRIS FEDERICO  
Sports Writer

Playing with the support of a lively pack of fans, the underdog Keough 'Roos knocked off top-seeded St. Edward's to win the interhall baseball championship 3-2 Wednesday night at Eck Baseball Stadium.

After being destroyed 8-0 by St. Ed's in the first game of the season, Keough showed that the talented St. Ed's squad did not intimidate the 'Roos. Led by the strong arm of pitcher Matt Prill, the Keough defense kept the explosive bats of St. Ed's under control, giving up only two runs on five hits. Prill pitched all six innings, had four strikeouts and only allowed one earned

run on a home run by shortstop Andy Harris.

"When we came out tonight, we knew that St. Ed's had the better team, but we stuck together and got it done," Prill said. "My arm was feeling a little dead all night, but my defense made the plays behind me to give us a chance."

St. Edward's got on the board first in the first inning

when Harris reached on an infield hit and then stole second. On an attempted pick-off, Prill

threw the ball away, and then centerfielder Matt Lamberta missed his target trying to throw Harris out at third, allowing him to score.

St. Ed's pitcher, Mike

Garofola, was golden in the first inning, striking out the side.

Keough tied it up in the second when first baseman Kevin McAbee reached on an error. Right fielder Chris Prill then hit a double to the gap in right-center, driving in McAbee from first.

In the top of the fourth, Keough would get a two-out walk from Brian Smith.

Then McAbee hit a fly ball down the left field line that dropped in just fair for a double. Smith slid in under the tag at home plate to give Keough a 2-1 lead.

In their next inning, Keough pinch hitter Will Dubon reached on a fielder's choice. The next batter, Matt Lamberta, hit a clutch double to add an insurance run that would later prove to be the difference in the game.

Relief pitcher Tim Greene then struck out the next two batters to end the inning.

St. Ed's tried to mount a

rally in its last at-bat when shortstop Andy Harris once again came up big with a lead-off solo home run to bring them within one run. Prill would allow no more, though, retiring three of the next four batters to preserve the upset for the 'Roos.

St. Ed's player and coach Judson Penton was frustrated with his team's performance.

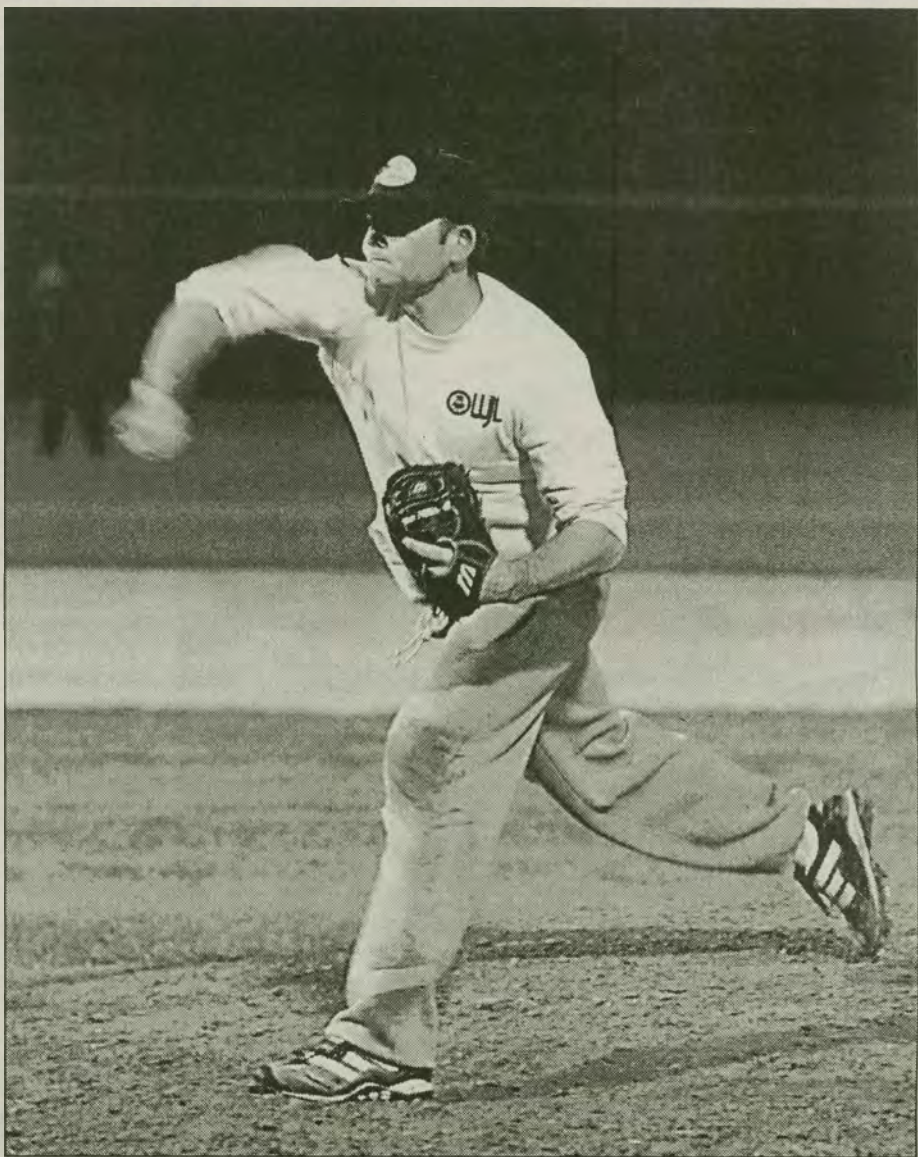
"We blew a lot of chances and left a lot of guys on the bases," Penton said. "We also suffered some tough calls on the bases. I think that talent-wise, we're probably the stronger team, and maybe on

any other night we would have won. But I have got to tip my hat to those guys [the 'Roos] — they came out here and put it all together tonight. I wish I could say we'd fight back, but that's the tough thing about these short, single-elimination games."

Keough first baseman Kevin McAbee, who had a solid offensive night with an RBI double and a run-scored, summed up the night, "I love playing with these guys. St. Ed's may have been better than us, but we had more heart, and we came out here tonight and won it all."

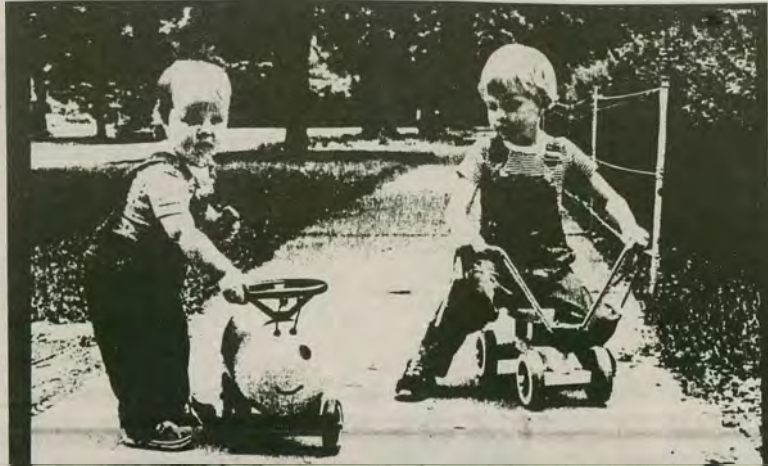
*"We knew St. Ed's had the better team but we stuck together and got it done."*

**Matt Prill**  
Keough pitcher




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**Matt Prill of the Keough 'Roos pitches against St. Edward's in last night's championship game. Prill held the Steds to just two runs.**



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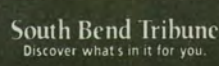
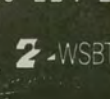

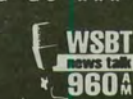


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## VOLLEYBALL

# Belles struggle in straight-game loss to Kalamazoo



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Outside hitter Mary Carla Christopher prepares to make a spike. The Belles dropped their match against Kalamazoo.

By ALICIA ORTIZ  
Sports Writer

The Belles volleyball team battled against the Kalamazoo College Hornets Wednesday, dropping the match in three games. The game leaves Saint Mary's struggling at 2-8.

They lost to the 6-4 Hornets 15-4, 15-13, 15-5.

"Kalamazoo had a lot of depth, especially offensively," coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "We did not block at all."

The Hornets proved to be tough competition two weeks ago when they played at Saint Mary's. They won in a four game series of 15-7, 7-15, 15-7. While the Belles have improved over the season, so have the Hornets.

"We were flat against Kalamazoo in the first and third games," Schroeder-Biek said. "The second game was much better. We served well."

Denise Langolis and Jamie Dineen each served two aces.

Communication was a problem for the Belles, said outside hitter Angie Meyers.

"We have our good games where we cannot stop talking on the court," said Meyers. "Then

we have our bad games when we do not communicate at all."

Meyers had 13 kills and 11 digs.

Despite losses, the team has had strong individual performances, particularly in defensive specialist Victoria Butcko and middle hitter Jolie LeBeau, Meyers said.

"Victoria has had an awesome season, she always digs up the ball," Meyers said. "Jolie blocks the ball, which has helped our offense".

Friday the Belles face off against Calvin College. It is the

second ranked team in the MIAA, with a record of 7-2.

"We are experimenting to add versatility to our game," Schroeder-Biek said.

*"We have to play intensely and maintain our focus."*

**Julie Schroeder-Biek**  
Belles coach

The Belles have been practicing hard for this match. This season has been ups and downs for them, but they have

played hard all throughout.

"We played well against Calvin on their home court," Schroeder-Biek said. "We have to play intensely and maintain our focus throughout the match."

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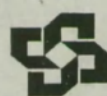
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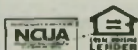


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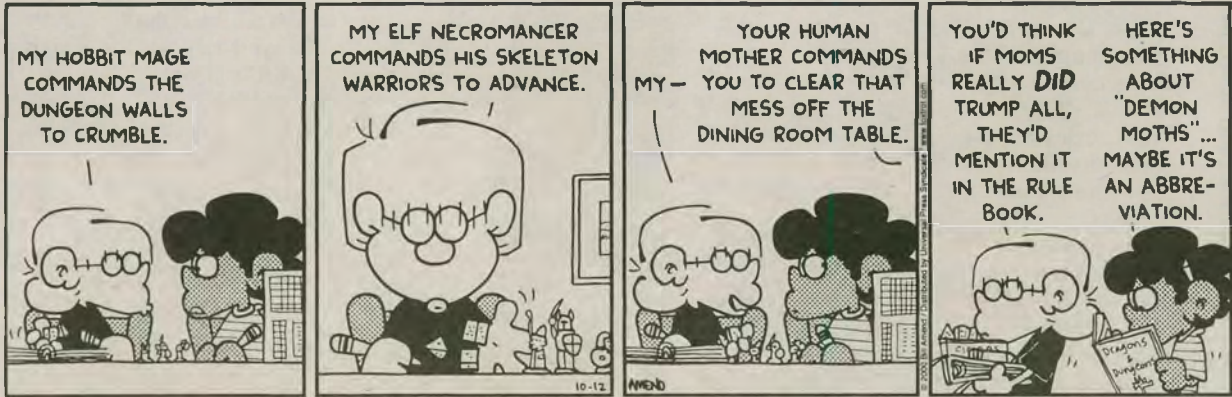
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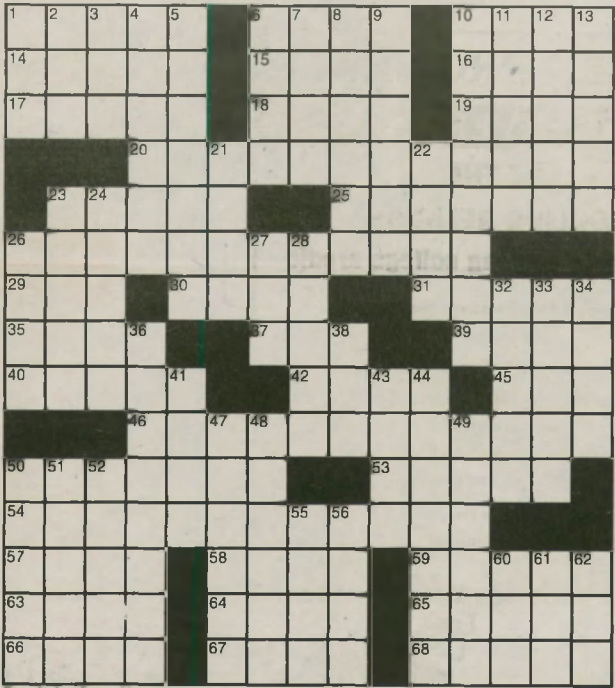
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Hell really is other people.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Area sweeper?
  - 6 Flexible, in a way
  - 10 Isn't gentle with
  - 14 Castle
  - 15 Sour fruit
  - 16 Substitution in a list
  - 17 Condescend
  - 18 Endorse
  - 19 Tabula
  - 20 Radicals' bash?
  - 23 Muralist Rivera
  - 25 O. Henry plot twists
  - 26 Excellent hip-hop affair?
  - 29 "What to do?"
  - 30 One who hits the high notes
  - 31 Blender button
  - 35 Calls after bad calls
  - 37 Shipboard title: Abbr.
  - 39 N.Y.C. cultural center
  - 40 Nay sayers
  - 42 Tennessee's state flower
  - 45 1986 U.S.S.R. launch
  - 46 Doctors' frolic?
  - 50 Bolsters the confidence of
  - 53 Best Supporting Actor of 1999
  - 54 Physicists' fete?
  - 57 Director Kazan
  - 58 Pinkish
  - 59 Riverbank romper
  - 63 Kind of car
  - 64 Part of G.M.T.
  - 65 Afresh
- DOWN**
- 1 Free (of)
  - 2 Exist en masse
  - 3 "Agnus"
  - 4 One who's casting about?
  - 5 Broke a promise
  - 6 Like certain profs.
  - 7 Second-century date
  - 8 Goldbricks
  - 9 Middling beginning?
  - 10 How some interest is paid
  - 11 Arcade pioneer
  - 12 Not be frugal
  - 13 Emulates St. George
  - 21 Convergence points
  - 22 Lowdown
  - 23 Friend of Pythias
  - 24 Blithering sort
  - 26 Cake with a kick
  - 27 Time to look ahead
  - 28 Pre-exam feeling, maybe
  - 32 Like 7-Down
  - 33 1960's middleweight champ Griffith



Puzzle by Gene Newman

- ACROSS**
- 34 Title for Robert Walpole
  - 36 Feign
  - 38 Lanka
  - 41 Withered
  - 43 Atahualpa subject
  - 44 Peppers, perhaps
  - 47 Peter Ustinov autobiography
  - 48 Judean Plateau locale
  - 49 Attacked by mosquitoes
  - 50 "of robins in her hair"
  - 51 Tarnish
  - 52 Grafting shoot
  - 55 Vampire chronicler Stoker
  - 56 Major NBC star
  - 60 Company once owned by Howard Hughes
  - 61 Cousin of a moose
  - 62 Part of a Reuben
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2000

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Kirk Cameron, Luciano Pavarotti, Chris Wallace, Tony Kubek, Susan Anton

**Happy Birthday:** This will be a busy year. You must be well-organized and practical if you want to make the most of all the opportunities around you. Acceptance, compromise and moderation will be the key to your success. Work with those who have as much talent as you, and you will reach your goals. Your numbers: 9, 13, 28, 31, 33, 42

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Your anxious nature will get the better of you if you think your mate is being unfair or dishonest with you. You will tend to have temper tantrums if you lose control. ☹☹☹

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You may take things the wrong way at work. One-sided attractions or infatuations are likely. Try to keep things in perspective. Your reputation is at stake. ☹☹☹

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You can do things with children that will be beneficial to your relationship. Sign up for creative courses. ☹☹☹

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You will find a lot of activity going on at home, perhaps because more people are there. Acceptance will be the key to survival. ☹☹

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't push your luck at home. It is best to get out with friends. You need to be involved in activities you can learn from. Don't let in-laws goad you into an argument. ☹☹☹

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You will be spending your money before

you have it. Don't get involved in joint financial ventures. You will not win if you put your money into risky investments. ☹☹☹

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your mate will be eager to be with you. Plan to spend some quality time together. You will have an interest in having children or doing more with them. ☹☹☹

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You will have a problem with female co-workers. Don't say things you'll regret later. The more you take on, the better you'll look to your boss. ☹☹☹

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** To find physical outlets for your high-powered energy, participate in competitive sports or join a fitness club. You need to test your endurance and stamina. ☹☹☹

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Your home life will be unstable if you don't pay particular attention to loved ones. Neglect will lead to loneliness. Make personal changes that will please your family. ☹☹

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Your need to travel will lead to unusual destinations. Mix business with pleasure if possible. Do a little sightseeing, but be sure to attend to business. Your interest in foreign cultures will benefit you when dealing with others. ☹☹☹

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Your need to overspend will cause financial difficulties later on. Don't give into the demands of children and friends. Give them your time, not your cash. ☹☹☹

**Birthday Baby:** You'll be fired up and ready to make a difference from a young age. Your need to help those with less ability will build a good reputation. You are loyal, relentless and quick to find solutions.

(Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at [astroadvice.com](http://astroadvice.com), [eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com), [astromate.com](http://astromate.com).)

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## FOOTBALL

# Safety Sapp plays many different roles for Irish

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  
Associate Sports Editor

Sophomore strong safety Gerome Sapp is content stretching like Silly Putty into any position the Irish need him to play.

"I'm kind of like a rubber band man," Sapp said. "I do whatever they ask me to."

So far, one of his biggest roles has been on special teams, where the Irish rely on Sapp to chase down opposing players on kickoff and punt returns.

"I play a major factor in special teams," Sapp said. "As of right now, I'm leading the team in special teams points."

As a freshman, Sapp made 164 special teams appearances. He's maintained his playing time on special teams this year as Notre Dame's special teams unit has become the program's forte.

"Our coaches are really preparing us for what we have to do, so we'll be ready for anything that they [opposing teams] can possibly think of to come at us," he said.

While he enjoys special teams since it allows him to help the team, defense is his preferred position.

"I like defense better," Sapp said. "In high school, I felt like I was part of the defense, and at any minute, I could play a part in the game. Special teams offers the same things, but defense I love."

Last year, Sapp saw action in the secondary against Kansas, Michigan State, Oklahoma and Stanford. Against Michigan State, he came through with a pass interception, and in the game with Stanford, he made what he considers his best play to date.

"In the Stanford game last year, on a punt I ran down Troy Walters, the guy that broke all the PAC-10 records, from behind and tackled him," Sapp said. "The camera was zoomed in on me, and my mom saw it and called me when I got back. That's probably one of my highlights."

Most of the time, though, he found himself watching then-seniors A'Jani Sanders and Deke Cooper.

That came as a big adjustment for Sapp. As a



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**Strong safety Gerome Sapp looks to make a play on a kickoff against Stanford. The sophomore has been a special teams stand-out this season and leads the team in special teams points.**

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## College football 2000 — the real political race

After a head to head battle between two worthy opponents, a spokesman for one of the sides immediately jumps on television and says that his side will win the battle. In a process commonly known as spin doctoring that spokesman tries to convince the voters that his side will win in the end.



Mike Connolly

Outside  
Looking In

I must be talking about the presidential debate last night, right?

Wrong.

I was talking about Bobby Bowden and the Florida State Seminoles. After his team's loss to Miami last Saturday, Bowden went on television and told America that he didn't see any reason why a team with one loss couldn't win the national championship.

And of course Bobby is right. A team with one loss can still win the national title if that team was rated highly enough in the preseason polls. One-loss teams like Florida State and Miami are still ranked in the top 10 of both the ESPN coaches poll and the Associated Press poll. Meanwhile,

one loss teams like Northwestern and North Carolina State are ranked 17th and 26th, respectively.

If Bobby can sweet talk the voters into keeping his one-loss team ranked near the top, he can increase his chances of going to a BCS bowl while other one-loss teams are left out in the cold. If both Northwestern and Florida State end up with two losses and neither team wins its respective conference, who do you think will be ranked higher?

Florida State will always get the benefit of the doubt in rankings over teams with identical record — no matter who each team lost to — because Florida State always has a high preseason ranking.

And that preseason ranking can

almost be worth a few extra wins. Sure a team still has to go out and win all its games but if its not highly ranked at the beginning, it probably just won't be highly ranked at the end. Just ask Tulane or Marshall. All they did was win all their games in a season and neither team got even a second look from the BCS.

Irish head coach Bob Davie said he only spends about 20 minutes filling out his poll every Saturday night. He just doesn't have enough time to look at every team, evaluate their pluses and minuses and make informed decisions. His primary job is to get his team ready for next week, not figure out if Oregon State is for real or not.

"You use your experiences over the last 20 years more so than

exactly what happened," he said. "You just don't have time to follow it. It's not like I am going home and reading those newspapers and following it and looking at who's injured and who isn't. You are just trying to try and evaluate it. It's an inexact deal."

A team like Texas can use that inexact deal to recover from some bad losses thanks to a high preseason ranking. The coaches poll rated Texas at No. 8 while the AP poll pegged the Longhorns as the No. 7 team; two writers even gave Texas first place votes.

Now five games and two losses later, the Longhorns are still in the top 25 while 4-1 North Carolina State can only scratch its

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