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International festival honors university production

By JESSICA LOGAN
News Writer

"Today's Life Choices," a documentary series produced by the University of Notre Dame Productions, has been awarded the Bronze Award for films and video productions on social and economic issues from Worldfest Charleston, an international film and video festival.

The award was given for the episode "Professions in Peril: Physician Heal Thyself," which examined the causes and impacts of a decline in the medical profession. Written by Karen Heisler, the episode focused on the erosion of the relationship between physicians and their patients.

"Today's Life Choices" is a 30-minute series which airs in more than 60 Public Broadcasting System (PBS) markets including Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Indianapolis, Miami, New Orleans, Detroit, and San Francisco. The pro-

gram airs locally on WNIT-Ch. 34 every Friday evening at 6 p.m. and every Sunday at 6:30 a.m. on WNDU-Ch. 16. The program also airs on the cable network Odyssey, which reaches 30 million households nationwide, and it is used by many classrooms across the country through the PBS Adult Learning Services.

"Today's Life Choices" is currently finishing its ninth season and will air its last episode of the thirteen-episode season on Friday, Jan. 23.

The award winning episode discussed some of the reasons for the deterioration of the important relationship between physician and patients, citing the high

cost of years of education as a major cause.

The number of years available to a physician to earn income has decreased due to the greater number of years of required study, especially for those pursuing specializations.

Doctors are subsequently faced with the burden of repaying loans while supporting themselves and possibly raising a family.

In order to deal with financial difficulties, physicians often attempt to see as many patients as possible in the shortest amount of time.

Due to these efforts to increase physician income, patients are viewing their

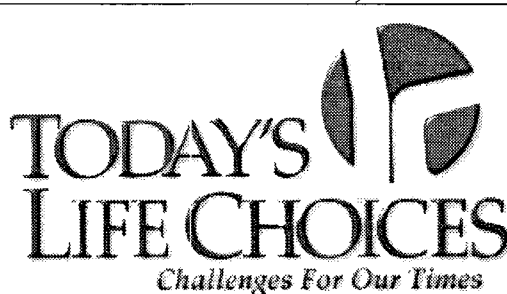
doctors with increasing skepticism.

Another factor cited in the award-winning episode as causing the weakened relationship between the physician and the patient is the increased control given to insurance companies concerning the type of treatment, medication and procedures allowed to patients. Physicians therefore have less freedom and are more limited when determining the type of treatment they can offer.

In response to the erosion of the physician/patient relationship, "Professions in Peril" suggests that the doctors and patients recognize the problem and work together to aid in the restoration of the rapport that once existed.

Besides the Bronze Award from Worldfest Charleston, "Today's Life Choices" received the Gabriel Award given by the National Catholic Association for Broadcasters and

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ND engineering professor wins prestigious award

By TARA CHURIK
News Writer

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) has named Mohamed Gad-el-Hak, professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering, as the 14th Freeman scholar.

Awarded biennially, the award is the highest honor given by the ASME's division of fluids engineering. The recipient delivers the Freeman lecture at the next annual ASME meeting.

Gad-el-Hak received the honor in recognition of his work with microdevices and microelectromechanical systems, known as MEMS. He has developed a novel viscous pump suited for MEMS applications.

"Such pumps are smaller than the diameter of one human hair, and have possible future uses including medical technology enhancement [by regulating the flow of medicine within the body]," Gad-el-Hak explained.

"The University is delighted at this recognition of the scholarly achievements of Professor Gad-el-Hak," said University provost Nathan Hatch. "We salute his accomplishments and this fitting recognition."

In his research, Gad-el-Hak has explored several tools for measuring turbulent flows of fluids. One major technique that he developed includes advancing the diagnostic technique of laser-induced fluorescence now used around the world to create a picture of fluid flow.

He has also introduced the concept of targeted control to reduce drag, enhance lift, and augment mixing in boundary layer flows. Gad-el-Hak holds two patents: one for a drag-reducing method for airplane and submarine vehicles and the other for a lift-control device.

"I am very pleased to receive this award, but am humbled and intimidated by my 13 predecessors," said Gad-el-Hak. "All are great mechanical engineers."

Gad-el-Hak joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1986 after leaving Flow Research Company in Seattle where he was a senior research scientist and program manager.

He received his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Ain Shams University in Egypt and his doctorate in fluid mechanics from Johns Hopkins University.

Since receiving this degree, Gad-el-Hak has taught and conducted research at the University of Southern California, the



Gad-el-Hak

■ CONSTRUCTION BEAT

RecSports nears completion

By KRISTI KLITSCH
Assistant News Editor

With the grand opening of the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center scheduled for Feb. 14, construction crews continue the internal work on the facility. The focus of the next two weeks will be on finishing much of the flooring of the new Rolfs Center.

Construction crews are currently laying the track. Upon its completion, the racing lanes of the track will be marked.

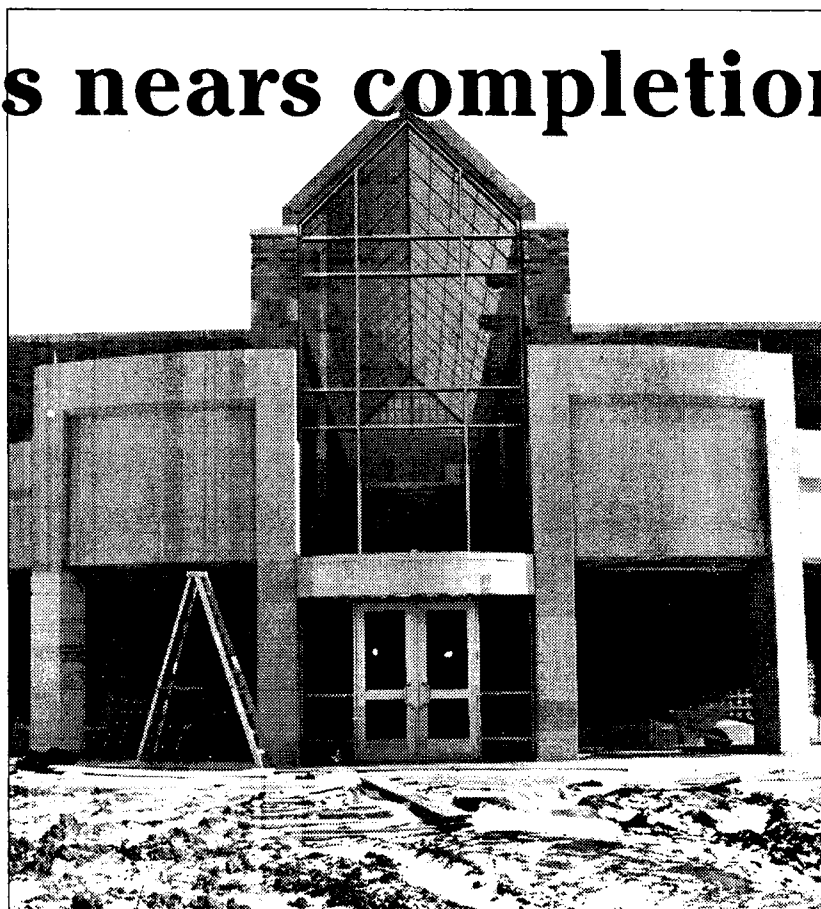
The flooring will also be put down in the soccer facility within the next two weeks.

All of the floors of the courts are finished, but they still need to be painted for activities such as volleyball, basketball and badminton. In addition, many areas still need to be carpeted.

Shower partitions are currently being installed in the locker rooms.

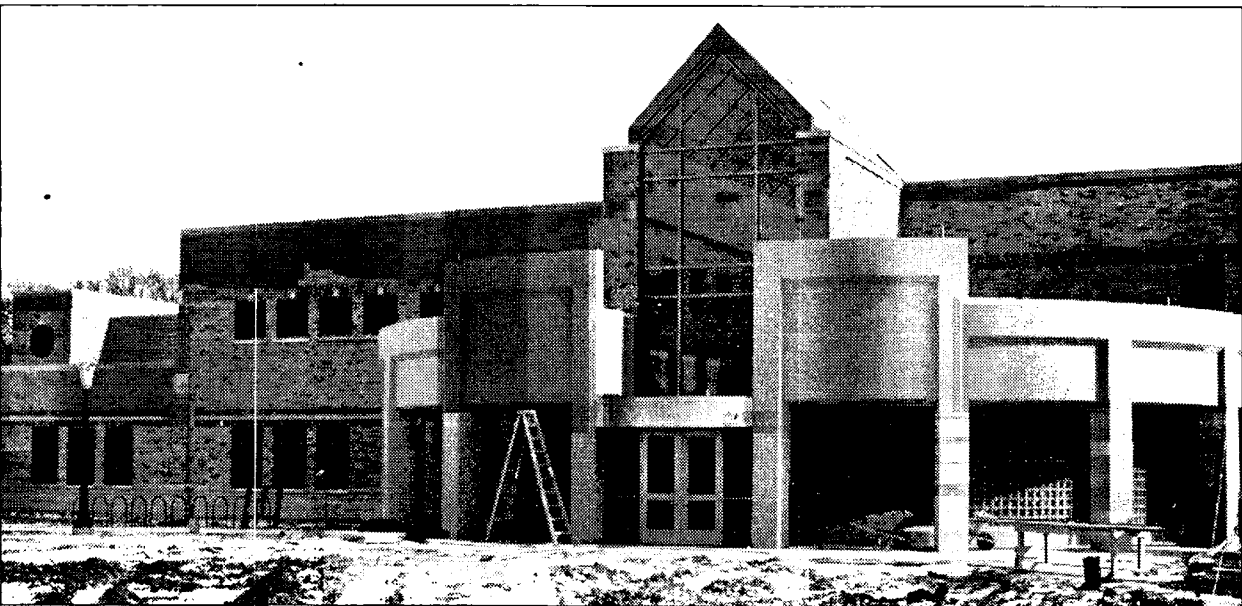
The delivery of sports equipment will begin next week, and the RecSports offices are scheduled to move to the new facility in the second week of February.

The grant to build the new facili-



ty was given to the University by Notre Dame alumni Thomas and Robert Rolfs. The facility is targeted towards informal recreation, fit-

ness and instructional programs. The Rolfs Center will provide students and faculty with 75,000 square feet of indoor space.



Construction is almost complete on the new RecSports facility. This facility is scheduled to open for use on Valentine's Day.

The Observer/Dan Feighery

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Common Sense

Laura Petelle
Assistant News Editor

It's January, which means we're back in South Bend, fighting Canadian air masses and arctic temperatures as we enroll and stumble our way through the first week of classes. January also means the familiar gripes, grumbles, and groans are resurfacing.

With this in mind, I propose the creation of a new ruling body at this University: the Common Sense Committee.

This Committee would be composed entirely of people who know how to do things like call information out-of-state, put a coat on when it's cold outside, and look both ways before crossing the street — those little things that people with common sense do so well.

The University would be required to put any ideas to the Common Sense Committee before carrying them through, and the Committee would have authority to shoot down any idea that seems to be lacking in, well, common sense.

For example, when presented with the current South Dining Hall renovation, the Committee would say the following:

"First of all, you should have renovated SDH before you moved 1000 new students to that part of campus. Secondly, it would have been a phenomenally good idea if you had done the renovation over the summer instead of during the school year when students are trying to eat there!"

Or, when presented with the idea of moving campus media to the basement of the same SDH, the Common Sense Committee would have responded, "Well, I understand your need for space for the clubs, but moving three of the largest and most active campus organizations to the basement of South Dining Hall is not the best idea you've ever had. Taking campus media out of LaFortune distances them from the student body and moving them to South Dining Hall takes them out of the center of campus. Besides, everything they own is going to smell like the dining hall and they won't be able to eat quarter dogs all night."

Or, while touring O'Shaughnessy, the Common Sense Committee would immediately notice the classroom overcrowding and the complete lack of clocks in the classrooms. The Committee might then suggest moving the larger classes (you know, the ones with 100 students in 204 O'Shag where the students in the back can't hear and you have to trip over 15 people to battle your way to a desk) to other larger rooms. They might even be moved to suggest time-telling devices in the classrooms.

The Common Sense Committee might also wonder aloud why some of the University's top professors are exiled to the far corners of campus with offices in the Hesburgh Center.

It also might occur to the Common Sense Committee to wonder why Notre Dame has six sports buildings (the stadium, the JACC, the Rock, Loftus, the new Rolfs RecSports Center, and the alleged Eck Tennis Pavilion which I have never seen) but only Washington Hall for the theater performances — certainly not the most modern and versatile of stages.

Countless other things might have been handled a little bit differently: the Spirit of Elimination letter, for example, or the continuing elimination of social space in LaFortune to make room for Anthony Travel and the Huddle Mart.

Any student could give you an exhaustive list of his or her gripes — and how the University SHOULD have done it better.


All it takes, ladies and gentlemen, is a little common sense.

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

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Student drug user at Princeton relays experiences

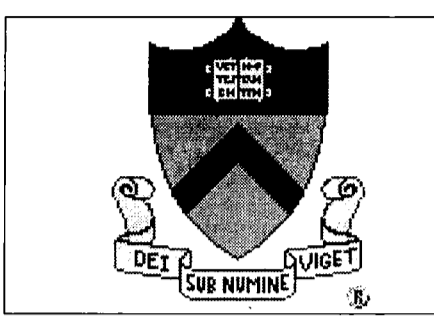
PRINCETON N.J.

Administrators at Princeton concentrate their drug-related disciplinary efforts on hard-core users, but while they are concerned about casual users, in some ways, they know kids will be kids.

"Experimentation is something that students do," Dean of Student Life Janina Montero said. "But one hopes that they do it very carefully and very infrequently — it's different from frequent use, and though it concerns me more if it is done on campus, frequent use concerns me regardless of where it is going on."

"Frank" is a junior who uses acid often and cocaine occasionally, but he said he "stopped smoking pot like I used to all the time because it's dumb."

He began using drugs in high school and was surprised to find himself among what he perceived as "such a



small minority" at Princeton.

"Princeton is abnormal as a college because so few people use drugs or know about anyone using drugs," he said, "and at our age you're supposed to do drugs and have new experiences." Frank says that he buys his drugs "from a guy on campus, a girl at Rutgers or the townies," and "never feels like I'd get into trouble on campus, but I would be petrified in town."

These experiences with "hard-core" drugs that Frank and, according to the 'Prince' survey, only a few other students have, are what Montero and other administrators who create and enforce University drug policies are afraid of.

These administrators aim to erase drugs from campus completely. In some ways, students may be less aware of Princeton's drug scene than administrators.

The assumption among Princeton go-getters is that "everyone is too worried their career will be ruined because they inhaled," said one junior.

Just as Princetonians take pride in being above-average students, they may also assume they are below average when it comes to drugs.

However, according to the poll, they are nearly in line with national averages for drug use.

■ MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Search for missing student continues

EAST LANSING, Mich.

Despite air and aquatic missions to the Red Cedar River, an army of volunteers circulating posters while scouring campus and surrounding local cities, a 14-day search for a former MSU student remains hopeful that Ryan Getz, who disappeared New Year's Eve, will be found soon, but his father said each passing day gets tougher. Getz, originally from Lapeer, was reported missing when he didn't show up for his parents' New Year's Day dinner. He was last seen when he left a party at Cedar Village Apartments on New Year's Eve between 10:30 p.m. and 11 p.m., said East Lansing police Lt. Louis Muhn. Police plan to have more divers search the river when water levels are low enough. They have already used dogs, helicopters and divers to search along the Red Cedar River. A \$5,000 reward is being offered to aid in finding Ryan.

■ UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

President in hot water over comment

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

An offhand racial comment President John Lombardi made during a private party at his home Dec. 16 has come back to haunt him. He now is struggling to explain just what he meant when he called newly-elected State University System Chancellor Adam Herbert an "Oreo." Lombardi, who said he found out a few days ago the comment could become a public issue, said he used the term "to signify someone who's black who can operate in the white world." "He's managed to deal with issues of race and ethnicity in a complex society, and he's done it well," Lombardi, 55, said Tuesday, one day after sending Herbert a formal letter of apology. "Unfortunately, the word also carries some not-so-good meanings. I just picked the wrong shorthand. It was a private party, and you say stupid things in private. I just kicked myself, as I do when I say something stupid, and vowed not to do it again," Lombardi continued. Herbert, 54, last week was named the first black chancellor of the Florida SUS.

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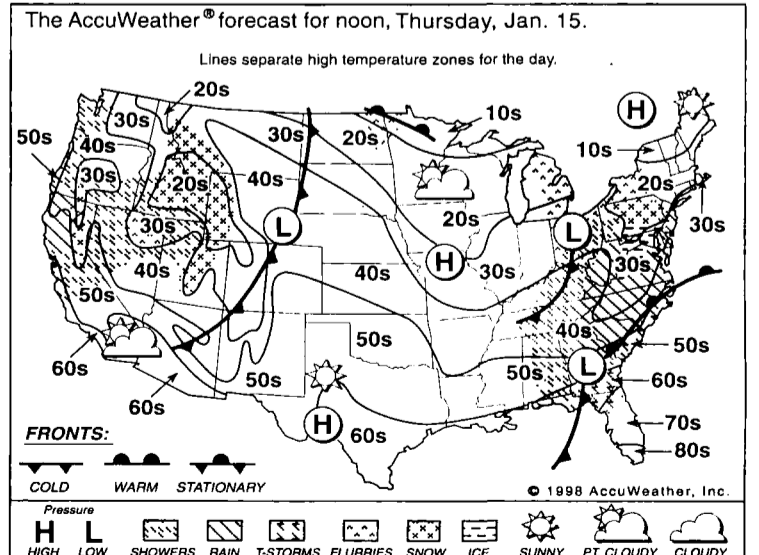
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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Columbus	35	31	Los Angeles	63	48	St. Louis	35	24

Anything to beat the cold ...



The Observer/Dan Fiegher
In spite of frigid weather outside, students stayed warm as they did the hula at a SUB Luau last night in the LaFortune Ballroom.

U.S. Labor Secretary accused of corruption

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Justice Department is investigating Labor Secretary Alexis Herman over allegations of corruption in office, law enforcement officials said Wednesday night.

The probe is being conducted by the department's public integrity section and FBI agents assigned to the department's campaign finance task force, the officials said, requesting anonymity. But no connection to campaign financing could be learned immediately.

ABC News, which first reported the story, said the allegations concerned Herman accepting payments for using her influence while she was a White House aide during 1994-96, including helping someone obtain a Federal Communications Commission license for a satellite telephone system.

"The allegations against Secretary Herman are just not true," her attorney, Neil Egglestrom, said Wednesday night. "We have not been contacted by the Justice Department. If we are, we'll provide whatever information they need to help put this matter to rest."

At the White House, press secretary Mike McCurry said, "The president continues to have full faith and confidence in Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman. We are confident the Justice Department will conduct its review of the facts and make its decision based on the law."

Law enforcement officials said the Herman case was in a 90-day preliminary inquiry under the independent counsel act and the inquiry was due to end next month. At that time, the Justice inquiry would either be extended for 60 days, dropped for lack of evidence or, if further investigation was needed, Attorney

General Janet Reno would ask a special court to select an independent counsel to do a full investigation.

The Justice Department's campaign finance task force is also looking into Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt's role in the rejection of a license for an Indian casino that was opposed by other tribes who contributed \$300,000 to Democrats.

The Babbitt inquiry must end by Feb. 11, and officials have said it is the mostly likely to be referred to an independent counsel out of the scores of allegations, including some against Clinton himself, that the campaign finance task force has probed.

ABC said the allegations against Herman were brought to the government last October by Laurent Yene, a 42-year-old businessman from Africa.

Yene told investigators and ABC that he and Herman and one of Herman's close friends began a secret arrangement to use her White House influence. Herman, then an assistant to President Clinton and head of the White House's public liaison office, was to get 10 percent of the consulting fees, ABC said.

Yene said he gave Herman one payment in cash in an envelope he took to her home. He told ABC he was unaware that the arrangement was illegal.

Allegations that Herman had used her influence to obtain an FCC license for a former business associate surfaced last year during a prolonged confirmation battle. No evidence of wrongdoing was uncovered then.

The Herman friend allegedly involved in the scheme and the client seeking an FCC license called Yene a liar who was seeking revenge because of a falling out over business and personal matters, ABC reported.

'Scream' inspires murder

The Associated Press

LYNWOOD, Calif.

They couldn't afford to rent a Grim Reaper mask or a voice distortion box, but a teen-ager told deputies that he and his cousin killed his mother anyway after seeing the 'Scream' slasher movies, authorities said Wednesday.

Gina Castillo, 37, managed to dial 911 before she collapsed about 2:45 p.m. Tuesday inside her apartment, said Sgt. Bob Stoneman of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. She was dead on arrival at a hospital.

The woman's 16-year-old son and her 14-year-old nephew were arrested and booked Tuesday for investigation of murder.

Many details about the killing were withheld by detectives.

Another nephew, a 17-year-old, was arrested Wednesday. He allegedly helped plan the killing but may not have been there when it occurred, police said.

The youths were held without bail at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, where they allegedly told detectives they were inspired to kill the woman after watching the 'Scream' horror movies.

"The two juveniles said they committed this crime based on information they got watching two movies - 'Scream' and 'Scream 2,'" the sergeant said. The movies feature killers in grotesque masks stalking and killing college students.

The teen-agers, whose names weren't released because of their ages, apparently sought out a Grim Reaper mask and a voice distortion box similar to the ones used in the two horror movies, Stoneman said.

"They were planning on committing this crime by renting some sort of costume and some sort of voice box that apparently is available," the sergeant said.

But the youths couldn't afford the items "so they committed the murder without them," Stoneman said. At least one knife was recovered, he said, refusing to provide any details about the number of stab wounds.

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University of Virginia, Institute National Polytechnique de Grenoble and Université de Poitiers.

Currently, he serves as associate editor for Applied Mechanics Reviews and as contributing editor for McGraw-Hill's "Yearbook of Science and Technology," Springer-Verlag's "Lecture Notes in Engineering" and "Lecture Notes in Physics," and CRC Press Inc.'s "Handbook of Fluid Dynamics."

Gad-el-Hak is also a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, a life-long member of the American Physical Society, an associate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a research fellow of the American Biographical Institute.

He has also been inducted as an eminent engineer in Tau Beta Pi, an honorary member of Sigma Gamma Tau and Pi Tau Sigma, and a member-at-large of Sigma Xi.

Gad-el-Hak has worked with the Departments of Defense and Energy, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Science Foundation as a member of several advisory panels.

Gad-el-Hak also served as a consultant for the governments of Egypt, France, Germany, and the United States, for the United Nations and for numerous industrial organizations.

He is the author of the book "Topics in Flow Control" and has edited books including "Frontiers in Experimental Fluid Mechanics" and "Advances in Fluid Mechanics Measurements."

In addition, he served as associate editor for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Journal.

Gad-el-Hak has published more than 260 scientific articles and presented nearly 160 invited lectures in the basic as well as applied research areas of isotropic turbulence, boundary layer flows, unsteady aerodynamics, biological flows, non-Newtonian fluids, hard and soft computing including genetic algorithms, and flow control.

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Communicators in 1989 and again in 1995 for "outstanding artistic achievement in a television program or series which entertains and enriches with a true vision of humanity and a true vision of life." The program won a silver medal from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education in 1990, and finalist awards from the New York Festivals Awards in 1991, 1992, and 1995.

Guests featured on "Today's Life Choices" in past years include Vice President Al Gore, Attorney General Janet Reno, actor and activist Martin Sheen, South African leader Nelson Mandela, and Olympic gold medalist Bonnie Blair.

"Topics for the episodes of 'Today's Life Choices' are selected by a university committee, and the show is then produced based on the committee's recommendation of a topic," production coordinator and producer Michael Schmiedeler explained.

"The staff also consults a wide variety of University faculty for information about topics discussed on the show," Schmiedeler added. The show is produced on location throughout the world.

Iraq

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This time, Iraq wants Ritter's team re-formed. It says the team, consisting of nine Americans, five Britons, a Russian and an Australian, is heavily tilted toward the United States and Britain. Butler plans to take a Canadian, Italian and, for the first time, a Chinese official with him to the talks.

Last month, Butler was accompanied by a Frenchman and a Russian when he met last with the Iraqis.

The United Nations has sought over the years to broaden the national makeup of its inspection team.

But U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said Americans and Britons were strongly represented because few other countries have large numbers of weapons experts fluent in English, the working language of the commission.

■ STUDENT SENATE

New fashion statement?



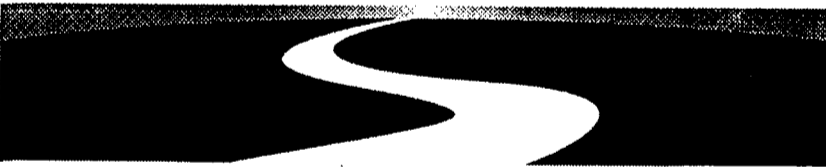
The Observer/Dan Fiegher
Student Senate Secretary Mark Higgins attempts to lighten up the atmosphere of the senate's first meeting of the semester last night by wearing apparel absconded from a luau held nearby. The 10-minute meeting consisted of greetings, a reminder about extended lunch hours in the dining halls and a DeBartolo pencil sharpener update by Senator Matt Szabo.

"Attention SMC Sophomores!"

SPW Invitations will be sent out on Monday, January 19 for all sophomores. If your address has been changed or you do not want an invitation sent to your home, please contact Elaine in Student Activities at x4562 or Erin at x5194 ASAP.

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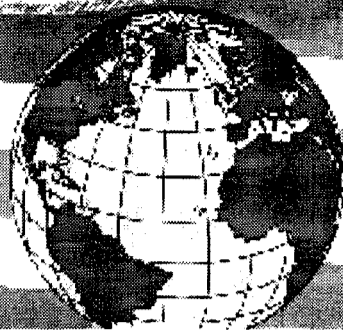
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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

World War II spy group discovered in England

LONDON, England

The Soviet Union controlled a third, previously undisclosed spy ring in Britain that was disbanded two years into World War II, the Daily Telegraph reported Wednesday. The "Green" ring, made up of Britons who had fought with the Communists during the Spanish Civil War, was run by Soviet military intelligence, the GRU, the newspaper said. Until now, only two KGB-controlled spy groups in Britain, the Cambridge and Oxford rings, had been publicly known. The Daily Telegraph said its information about the Green ring came from KGB files released exclusively to the newspaper. The ring was established by a printer, Oliver Green. He was recruited by Soviet intelligence while fighting for the International Brigade, volunteers who fought under Communist leadership in the 1936-39 Spanish Civil War between fascists and socialists. Upon return to Britain, Green began wooing Britons to pass on political secrets to the GRU. Green operated from his apartment in Edgware, north London, the Telegraph said. The ring, which included members of the armed forces and an unidentified government official, was less successful than the two controlled by the KGB, the newspaper said. Britain's internal secret service, MI5, exposed the ring after Green was discovered forging gasoline coupons so he could drive around the country to meet with his agents.

Vatican and PLO discuss holy sites in the West Bank

JERUSALEM

The Vatican and the PLO have decided to negotiate an agreement on the status of Roman Catholic holy sites and churches in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem. The decision to form a committee to deal with the issue was reached by the Vatican's foreign minister, Jean-Louis Tauran, and the Palestine Liberation Organization's Vatican representative, Afif Safieh. The panel will look into the "status, rights, obligations and privileges of the Catholic church in Palestinian territories," Safieh said Wednesday. The negotiations will also deal with Roman Catholic properties in east Jerusalem, where the Palestinians hope to establish a future capital. Safieh said in a telephone interview from London. Israel captured east Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war and later annexed into its capital. However, the Holy See and most countries in the world don't recognize Israel's annexation. Despite the Vatican's position, it reached an agreement with Israel on Nov. 10 to place Catholic church properties in east Jerusalem under Israeli jurisdiction, raising concern among the Palestinians. "It wanted to guarantee the church's rights during the era of Israeli control."

United Nations: Iraqi ban unacceptable

ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS

A day before the chief U.N. weapons inspector leaves for Baghdad, the Security Council on Wednesday deplored Iraq's refusal to allow inspections by an American-led team, branding the action an "unacceptable" violation of U.N. orders.

Russia, France and China were growing frustrated by Baghdad's continued refusal to cooperate fully with U.N. inspectors.

However, Russia quickly followed up its vote by objecting to the use of military force against Iraq.

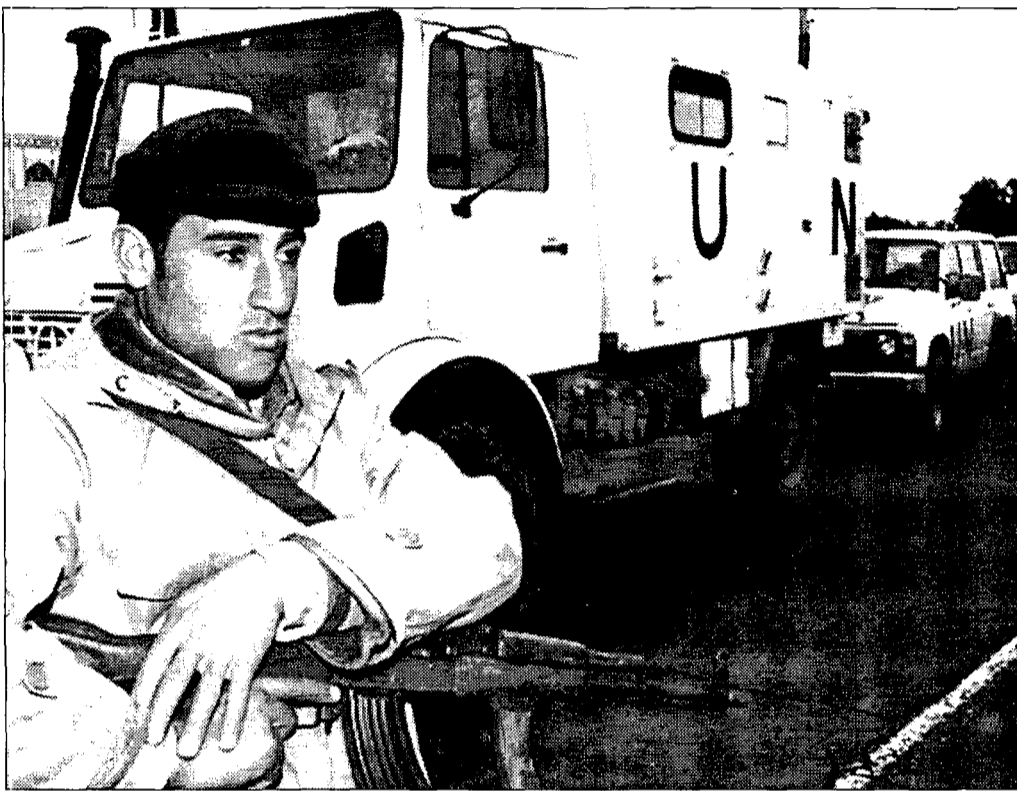
From our point of view, all issues concerning the work of the (U.N.) inspectors ... should be settled through talks," Foreign Ministry spokesman Valery Nestrushkin told the Interfax news agency in Moscow.

Wednesday's unanimous council statement was sought by the United States as a show of support for chief U.N. inspector Richard Butler, who leaves for Baghdad late Thursday to demand unrestricted access to all suspected weapons sites.

U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson hailed the council action and said the Clinton administration was anxious to exhaust all diplomatic avenues to resolve the crisis with Iraq.

"My optimism is waning considerably," Richardson said. "I think the world community's optimism is waning too. Patience is wearing thin. But we should not abandon diplomacy."

The statement said the



AFP Photo

An Iraqi soldier blocked the passage of U.N. cars, yesterday in Baghdad.

council "deplores" Iraq's moves to bar American Scott Ritter and his team from conducting inspections and "Iraq's subsequent failure to fulfill its obligations to provide the (inspectors) with full, unconditional and immediate access to all sites."

Ritter, whose team is entrusted with checking Iraqi ministries and other government sites, was blocked for a second day Wednesday when the government did not send required Iraqi escorts.

Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, said Ritter would not be allowed to work because there were too many "Anglo-Saxons" on his inspection team.

However, British Ambassador John Weston said Butler gave the council details on the composition of the U.N. teams and they refute Iraq's claim it was dominated by Britons and Americans.

To counter assertions of national bias, Butler said he had accepted three Chinese inspectors to join the team in Baghdad. China had repeatedly refused U.N. offers to nominate experts to join the inspection team.

Wednesday's council statement followed an appeal Monday by President Clinton for "strong and appropriate action" against Iraq.

Iraq accuses the United States and Britain of trying to prolong the disarmament

process and, therefore, the lifting of harsh U.N. economic sanctions imposed when Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, leading to the Persian Gulf War.

The Security Council has said the sanctions will not be lifted until the U.N. Special Commission on Iraq certifies the nation has eliminated its weapons of mass destruction.

Last fall, Iraq blocked inspectors from entering sites and then evicted American inspectors from the country, accusing them of bias. They later were allowed back, but only after inspections stopped for three weeks.

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Outbreak in Kenya causes concern

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NAIROBI, Kenya

Across a 4,000-mile stretch of northeastern Africa, a deadly virus has left its victims bleeding from the nose and mouth and wracked with fever, vomiting and diarrhea. Louise Martin wants to stop it.

The World Health Organization epidemiologist and a team of doctors have slogged through miles of swampland to reach infected villages. At each stop, they urge villagers to take precautions, including arming themselves against mosquitos and halting the slaughter of sick animals, whose blood can be a carrier for the virus.

The Kenyan Ministry of Health has confirmed more than 350 deaths from Rift Valley fever, so named for the trough of land stretching from Jordan through eastern Africa to Mozambique. Martin, how-

ever, says the count is "possibly double that."

"We definitely have a Rift Valley fever epidemic," she said.

Reliable statistics are impossible to compile because a huge swath of Kenya and Somalia is flooded by rainfall 500 percent above normal. Rivers have spilled from their banks, washing out bridges, turning roads into mud slicks and submerging most airstrips.

"It's a mess," Martin said. "Very hard to work."

In Somalia, dozens more people have died from the virus, but there, too, exact figures were not available. As with the Kenyan victims, the dead Somalis have suffered from vomiting and diarrhea; their brains have swollen and they have begun oozing blood from the nose and other orifices.

Just back from five days in northeastern Kenya, Martin said she and other epidemiologists have hitched rides on aid heli-

copters and at times tramped through more than a mile of flood land to reach sick people.

"We'd hop off, run to the chief and say, 'Have you had anyone die in last month? How? What did they look like?'" she said.

Often, the group was never able to meet with the chief, as high waters blocked their path. WHO doctors have been to just 20 of 118 villages in Garissa district, and have not reached two other districts, Mandera and Wajir, which also are infected by the fever.

Martin expected the death toll to rise dramatically as the doctors reach more villages.

Rift Valley fever compounds an already precarious health situation in northwestern Kenya, where an impoverished population is malnourished and ravaged by many diseases, especially those spread by a lack of clean water and medical ser-

vices. Malaria and tuberculosis also are killing people.

Teams of doctors were fanning out across the region to tell people how to protect themselves from the Rift Valley virus, which is harbored by the aedes mosquito.

Because floods have destroyed huts, people are sleeping beneath trees where they are easy prey for swarms of mosquitoes.

"We're trying to get people to cover up, to use repellents and ... to give them bed nets," Martin said. The WHO also is urging that sick animals not be slaughtered. The virus is concentrated in the blood, which splatters widely when an animal's neck is slashed. Droplets that are inhaled or fall on an open wound can easily infect a human, Martin said.

Martin is especially worried about festivities planned by the mostly Muslim population for Jan. 29, when the holy month of Ramadan ends.

Market Watch: 1/14

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BIGGEST PERCENTAGE GAINERS

COMPANY	TICKER	% CHANGE	\$ GAIN	PRICE
VITRAN CORP INC.	VTNAP	170.59	+3.625	5.75
EDISON BROWN	EDBRW	115.39	+1.870	3.50
COTTON VALLEY	KTN	35.48	+0.687	2.625
ZENTH ELECTRIC	ZE	33.71	+1.875	7.44
DYNATEC INTL	DYNX	33.33	+1.875	7.50

BIGGEST PERCENTAGE LOSERS

COMPANY	TICKER	% CHANGE	\$ LOSS	PRICE
SPLASH TECH	SPLH	43.42	-10.312	13.44
LEICROY CORP	LCRY	35.66	-11.50	20.75
ACE COM	ACEC	35.37	-3.625	6.62
HOVITRON	HOV	32.00	-1.000	2.12
NEOPHARM	NPRMW	26.92	-0.875	2.38

Memos reveal intent to target teens

R.J. Reynolds used Joe Camel to lure young smokers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Secret R.J. Reynolds memos show the No. 2 cigarette maker targeted teen-agers as young as 13 in a plan to steal its competitors' youngest smokers — and even created a special brand aimed at boys.

Code-named Project LF, a 1987 memo stamped "RJR Secret" says the company created a "wider-circumference nonmenthol cigarette targeted at young adult male smoker (primarily 13-24-year-old male Marlboro smokers)."

Camel Wides eventually were sold.

Other RJR papers illustrate that the highly popular Joe Camel campaign, the hip cartoon character that peddled the Camel brand until last year, targeted teens despite the company's repeated denials.

A 1973 marketing memo says that to help lure "younger smokers" away from Philip Morris' Marlboros, the leading teen brand, "comic strip type copy might get a much higher readership among younger people than any other type of copy."

The document defined "younger smokers" as those ages 14 to 24.

Shortly thereafter, the Joe Camel cartoon debuted in France. He was brought to the United States in 1987, and Camel rose to become the No. 2 brand among teens.

RJR said Wednesday that the papers were "cherry-picked" to be taken out of context. RJR said it had other papers that show the Camel Wides memo actually "contains a typographical error" and should read ages 18 to 24, not 13

to 24.

"Our documents reflect the social attitudes of the times in which they were created. And while attitudes toward smoking have changed over the past several decades, Reynolds Tobacco Co.'s position and policy have remained constant: that smoking is a choice for adults" and minors were never targeted, said a company statement.

RJR provided the papers to California attorneys as part of a \$10 million settlement of lawsuits brought by San Francisco and other communities that accused Joe Camel of targeting teens.

In releasing the papers Wednesday, Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said he will urge Attorney General Janet Reno to investigate them for evidence of perjury because the documents appear to contradict RJR executives' testimony in congressional hearings.

RJR insisted it does not market to teens, did not design ads to attract teens and never even surveyed anyone under age 18 to determine smoking habits.

The documents outline ads and marketing campaigns specifically designed for teen-agers and contain a poll of 11,000 14- to 17-year-olds that researched teen smoking habits.

The papers also complicate congressional consideration of the proposed national tobacco deal, Waxman said.

This month, lawmakers will begin debating a settlement that would end state lawsuits against tobacco companies — and forbid most smokers' own lawsuits — if the industry pays \$368 billion over 25 years and curbs marketing practices.

"Our worst fears about what the tobacco companies might be doing to get kids to smoke were justified," Waxman said.

"These documents are going to make it hard to convince the American people we ought to be passing a law to forgive the tobacco companies for their past practices, as reprehensible as these docu-

ments show they were."

The documents make "clear the extent to which RJR and other tobacco companies are targeting our kids," said San Francisco City Attorney Louise Renne.

"If you can get a young person to smoke before they're 18, they are then hooked for life."

Critics' first attempt to question RJR about the papers could come this month.

Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., wrote the nation's top five tobacco executives Wednesday to request that they attend a Jan. 29 congressional hearing on the tobacco deal.

Already released documents have uncovered industry attempts to target minors to take up smoking — because studies show people who don't begin smoking before 18 probably never will. RJR competitor Liggett Group last year even admitted the industry targets teens.

But the new papers provide the first detailed look at RJR, showing a company worried about future profits because its chief competitors seemed to have locked up the youngest smokers.

"This young adult smoker, the 14-24 age group ... represents tomorrow's cigarette business," says a 1974 RJR marketing presentation.

But Philip Morris and Brown & Williamson had more smokers that age, the paper goes on to say, which "suggests slow market share erosion for us in the years to come unless the situation is corrected."

So RJR developed a marketing plan that its top officials hoped would help, as evidenced in a 1980 memo by future company chief executive G.H. Long:

"Hopefully, our various planned activities that will be implemented this fall will aid in some way in reducing or correcting these trends," he wrote.

The strategy included "a direct advertising appeal to the younger habits," with "more true-to-life young adult situations."

The ads were to run in magazines, such as Sports Illustrated, that are widely read by teens.

First Lady gives fifth testimony

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Prosecutors questioned Hillary Rodham Clinton at the White House Wednesday about the gathering of FBI background files on past Republican political appointees — her fifth session of sworn testimony in the Whitewater investigation.

The questioning took just 10 minutes.

Mrs. Clinton said she knew nothing about any such collection of files by the office of White House security, according to lawyers and other people familiar with her testimony.

She also maintained that she was unaware of how the White House came to hire Craig Livingstone, the aide who ran the security office, said those sources, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr questioned the first lady under oath in the Treaty Room on the second floor of the White House family residence, where investigators have interviewed the Clintons several times in recent years.

"As the president has previously announced, he and Mrs. Clinton are cooperating fully with the independent counsel," said presidential spokesman Mike McCurry, reading a statement by White House counsel Charles F.C. Ruff. "Mrs. Clinton voluntarily agreed when an interview was requested."

Starr's office declined to comment.

Questions about Mrs. Clinton's role in the FBI files controversy arose when an old FBI report came to light in 1996.

It quoted White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum as telling an FBI agent, in 1993, that Mrs. Clinton "highly recommended" Livingstone for his job.

Nussbaum had testified the previous month to a House committee that he didn't know who hired Livingstone. Nussbaum denies making the statement to the FBI.

Republicans suggested that getting the background files — some on high ranking Reagan and Bush administration officials — was done to compile an enemies' list. The White House says it was nothing more than a bureaucratic blunder.

Livingstone has said he knew nothing about the gathering of the FBI files by subordinate Anthony Marceca. However, an aide in Livingstone's office said she told him that Marceca was gathering files on former White House aides.



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U.S. astronaut examines Mir

Associated Press

MOSCOW
After more than three months on the Mir, American astronaut David Wolf headed into open space for the first time Thursday to examine the Russian space station's outer hull for possible leaks.

Wolf and Russian flight commander Anatoly Solovyov began their spacewalk just after midnight Wednesday (4:12 p.m. Wednesday EST) with the Mir high over the southeastern Pacific.

After a relatively uneventful three hours and 52 minutes, they sealed the hatch back up again.

Wolf had the best partner he could ask for. Solovyov is the most experienced spacewalker in history, having logged about 74 hours in 15 previous spacewalks, including six since he arrived on the Mir in August.

When Wolf was told that the mission was almost over and it

was time to head inside, he said he didn't want to go back. Wolf asked Solovyov, who was filming the walk, to make sure he was photographed.

"Take a picture of me," he said. "This is a big moment in life."

Ground controllers gave Wolf more detailed instructions than usual at the start of Thursday's mission.

Wolf, who arrived in September, has remained inside the station during the spacewalks by his Russian colleagues Solovyov and Pavel Vinogradov. In most instances, he was in the Mir's escape capsule to assist in case of an evacuation, and he filmed his fellow cosmonauts through a window.

This time, Wolf and Solovyov used an American-made monitoring device to examine the Mir's outer hull in at least two separate places. Signs of a leaky hatch appeared in footage filmed by Solovyov and

beamed back live.

Wolf and Solovyov also conducted an experiment aimed at helping to gauge the degree of aging of equipment in space.

Observers at Mission Control saw the Russian's smiling face with the brilliant blue of the Atlantic Ocean in the background.

Told a few minutes later that Mir was above Africa, Solovyov joked: "Yeah, I saw zebras running around."

The 12-year-old Mir, which was expected to last only five years, suffered a series of accidents last year. The current crew has brought the Mir back to nearly full power and there have been no serious breakdowns recently.

However, a new crew that will be in place by the end of the month will still face a number of repair jobs.

They will try to find and seal the holes in the station's Spektr module, which was punctured during a June 25 collision with a cargo ship. The new team will also attempt to fix an air leak from the Mir's exit hatch.

Neither problem is considered serious, but the leak from the hatch on the Kvant-2 module creates some inconvenience for the crew during spacewalks.

During a spacewalk last Friday, Solovyov and Vinogradov found that one of the hatch locks was broken. Because of more pressing tasks aboard the station, the repairs have been left for the next crew.

Teen suicide linked to instructions on WWW

Associated Press

COVINA, Calif.

Friends of a teen-ager who lay down in front of a train after downloading suicide instructions on the Internet were angry Wednesday that they were back on the Web as the 14-year-old was being buried.

Michael Swalles was carrying a notebook with the instructions when he was killed by the train Saturday about 40 miles east of Los Angeles.

Swalles got the instructions from a Web page maintained by Chris Economakis, a 22-year-old chemistry major at Duke University in North Carolina.

Economakis' page, some of which is intended to be humorous, also contains a "terrorist handbook," the Unabomber manifesto and photos of nude women smoking.

Economakis did not write the suicide list himself, but downloaded it from elsewhere on the Internet. In a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday, Economakis said that he is not responsible for the teen's death.

"I came across a document I thought was interesting, and I put it on my Web page," he said from his parents' home in Baltimore.

"I find my relationship with it peripheral, the same way a bookstore carries certain books."

Economakis took the suicide instructions off the Internet Monday, after he was told of Swalles' death. But it was back online Wednesday.

Swalles family friend, Steve Munoz, said he would like to see Economakis permanently dump the site.

"That doesn't make any sense to do it for a day," said Munoz.

Munoz opened up the page to find Economakis' e-mail address and read a list of 40 suicide methods, including enrolling in the military, starting World War III and becoming president.

No. 14 is jumping in front of trains. "Go for decapitation," it suggests. "Probably better to put your neck on the line, since a glancing blow would probably break your spine [and cripple you]."

"We read through it and then got to No. 14 and it was very upsetting," Munoz said.

Economakis said he feels sorry for the Swalles family, but doesn't plan to change the page.

"I can't speculate why this boy committed suicide," he said.

"Certainly, there were some circumstances that led him to do it, and I don't think reading the [instructions] pushed him over the edge."

A disclaimer on the Economakis' page states that the list is for amusement and that passing it on to anyone known to be suicidal could land the user in jail.

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Child locked in daycare center

Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va.

A day care center allowed to operate while it appeals the loss of its license left a toddler locked inside, forcing her mother to break a window to rescue her. The state department of Social Services on Wednesday asked the attorney general to seek a court order shutting down the ABC Children's Learning Center. The center lost its state license in June because of several lapses in supervision.

On Jan. 8, 14-month-old Savannah Fajardo was left in

her crib at the center after all the staff and other children left for the day. Her mother, Lisa Fajardo, said she arrived to pick up Savannah 15 minutes before the center was to close and found the doors locked.

She told police she broke a window with her fist and crawled inside to get her daughter.

The center's director admitted in a letter to parents that the child was left alone and called it an accident.

"Previously there had been a pattern over time of serious risk to children," said Jane

Brown, operations director at social services.

"The center has been assuring us they are making improvement to the program," he said. "To then see this type of action says to us that we need to take additional steps to assure children are safe."

The ABC center was previously cited for allowing a 4-year-old to get into an unlocked car; failing to call 911 after a child had a seizure; and permitting young children to play the video game Mortal Kombat, which has violent content and is intended for older teen-agers.

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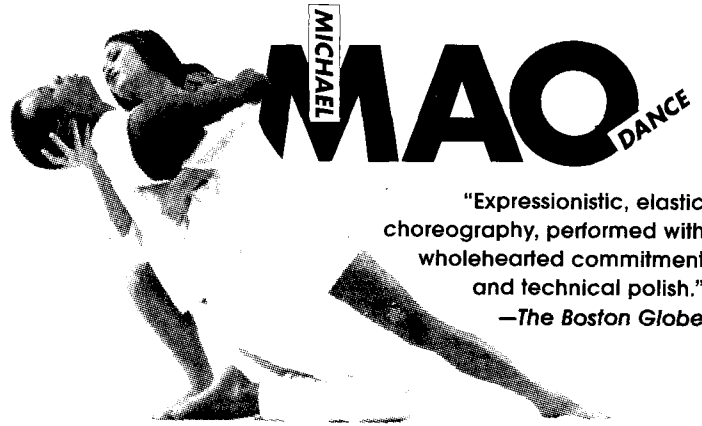
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Emmaus: Communities of Faith Sharing and Scripture Study

Saturday, January 17
11:00am - 4:00pm
LaFortune Ballroom

Misa en Espanol - Spanish Mass

Sunday, January 18
1:30 pm
Stanford-Keenan Chapel

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Service

Monday, January 19
7:00pm
Keenan-Stanford Chapel

Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, January 20
7:00pm
Campus Ministry - Badin Hall

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Wednesday, January 21
7:00 pm
Stanford-Keenan Chapel

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Presiders at Sacred Heart Basilica

Saturday, January 17
5:00 p.m.

Rev. Robert Moss, C.S.C.

Sunday, January 18

10:00 a.m.

Rev. John M. D'Arcy, D.D.

11:45 a.m.

Rev. Peter D. Rocca, C.S.C.

Sunday Vespers

Sunday, January 18

7:15 p.m.

Rev. David Scheidler, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 62: 1-5

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel John 2:1-11

We Remember. Not only for His Sake, but for Ours.

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

On this day, sixty-nine years ago, a child was born to a middle-income African American family in Atlanta, Georgia, who would forever change how we view ourselves as Americans. On Monday, January 20, our nation will mark with a national holiday the life and heritage of an unlikely hero, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. One of the great activists for social change, Dr. King believed deeply in nonviolence. Reverend Samuel McKinney of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Seattle has said, "King was willing to challenge the evil of hatred and racism by putting his own life on the line. He did not run from bigotry but he was willing to face it head-on. He was willing to fight it, but not fight back." Dr. King was, and is, a beacon of hope for oppressed people everywhere, even right here on our campus.

Most of us actually know very little about Dr. King. And that which we do know has often been filtered through the biases and prejudices of those who have "educated" us about him, whether it be the press or our own parents. That this man should have engendered negative feelings among much of white society is of little surprise, I suppose, when one considers the turmoil that followed him wherever he went. And yet, surely, we can think of others, whom I need not name, around whom just such turmoil swirled and whom we have not so readily dismissed.

Growing up, I think we all trusted what we learned in school, that America was a fair nation, a melting pot that treated people equally. It doesn't take a rocket scientist, even here at Notre Dame, to realize that that may not be true. The principles of fairness and equality do not necessarily extend to all. Even more disconcerting than the reality that we might be victims of such discrimination is the sad reality that we might actually be perpetrators of it. If we are to achieve the kind of inclusive society of which King dreamed, especially in our ever more diverse and multicultural society, then we all have a role to play. It is not only the message of Dr. King, but it is as well the call of the gospel and of Jesus Christ.

I am stunned to realize that Dr. King, at the age of 35, the very same age I am now, had already won the Nobel Peace Prize. Only four years later, at 39, he would die a martyr's death for standing against hatred and discrimination. All that he accomplished in his short life would leave me embarrassed at my own feeble attempts at justice if it didn't at the same time give me so much hope. It is stunning to think what one person can do, and perhaps even more amazing to think what an entire community could do if it only joined together in a common cause for justice and equality. Mine may only be at this time to write a simple exhortatory letter in the *Observer* about Dr. King and all that he stood for. Yours may be simply to urge those in your world to love, regardless of race or ethnicity or religion or orientation. We all have a part to play in the realization of the dream.

Please God, we all share the one hope that all people can come together to stand against racism, discrimination and indifference; and that this campus community can come to know the dignity of each member. It is the call of us all. I will not pretend to be able to say it any better than Dr. King himself, and so I close with his words, not mine:

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless night of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.



Campaign funds could hinge on abortion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In mid-term reprise of a party-wracking dispute, Republicans are going at it again on abortion. This time it is purists against political pragmatists, over a punitive proposal to deny party campaign funds to GOP candidates who aren't committed to banning some late-term abortions.

The arena is the Republican National Committee, where a resolution to punish party nominees who won't make the commitment against the so-called partial-birth abortions is due for debate on Friday, at least in committee, possibly by the full 165-member committee.

It probably will be rejected; the GOP chairman opposes it, despite his anti-abortion position. So do two leading House opponents of the abortion procedure at issue in the proposed ban, calling it a tactical error that would be counter-productive in their effort to get it banned by law.

Abortion has become a divisive fixture at Republican National Conventions, with a debate every fourth year on a platform declaration that the party favors a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court decision that

legalized the procedure 25 years ago. The plank stands.

Tim Lambert, a Republican national committeeman from Lubbock, Texas, proposed the resolution to withhold campaign funds from candidates who aren't committed to the partial-birth abortion ban.

He's got backing on the Christian right. But party leaders are opposed, fearful of a no-win stance that could divide their support and perhaps widen the gender gap Democratic advantage of prior elections.

Rep. Henry Hyde, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and an advocate of the vetoed legislation to ban partial-birth abortion said that denying GOP funds "to candidates who don't agree with us would be a serious tactical error, and very unhelpful to our cause."

The latest election evidence came in Tuesday's special balloting for a California House seat, but it can be argued either way.

Republican state Assemblyman Tom

Bordonaro, who opposes abortion ran ahead of fellow Republican state Assemblyman Brooks Firestone, who supports abortion rights, but far behind Democrat Lois Capps, widow of the late Rep. Walter Capps, who also supports abortion rights. Bordonaro and Mrs. Capps will meet in a March 10 run-off.

The power of the issue, and of the outside advertising it draws, was a factor in New Jersey when Republican Gov. Christie Whitman barely won re-election last November.

The party help she got would have been denied by the disputed resolution.

She had vetoed a partial-birth abortion plan because it did not provide an exception for cases involving the health of the mother, and was overridden by the GOP-controlled state legislature after her re-election.

A federal judge put the ban on hold pending a trial later this year.

President Clinton has twice vetoed partial-birth abortion bans, saying he wouldn't sign one without exceptions for the

life or health of the mother. His vetoes withstood Republican override attempts, but there will be more.

Hyde said that the denial of campaign funds would work against future attempts. He said refusing party support to candidates who need to be persuaded would "kill our chances of getting an override." He spoke for himself and Rep. Charles Canady of Florida, leading sponsor of the partial-birth abortion ban.

"In politics, you win by addition, and we need every Republican vote we can muster," Hyde wrote in a letter to the RNC chairman, Jim Nicholson. "If we lose our majority, it will be the death knell of pro-life legislation for as long as the Democrats are in power."

He said there ought to be another way to condemn partial-birth abortion without reading dissenters out of the party.

Nicholson, an abortion foe, quoted Ronald Reagan's reminder that people who are supporters 80 percent of the time are allies, not foes for their opposition on the other 20 percent.

It all reflects the classic split between the dominant, conservative wing of the party and the dwindled roster of moderates, whose organization is broadcasting TV ads against the resolution twice an hour in Palm Springs, Calif., near the Indian Wells site of the Republicans' winter meeting.

Whatever happens, the dispute stirs a troublesome topic at a time when Republicans want to add, not divide support.

"Trying to dictate to party officials is a very bad policy for any party," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. "And if people want to make policy, run for Congress. Don't run for national committee."

The Democrats are delighted to look on, sparing comment. "I think we will leave divisive political fights in the Republican Party to the Republicans to sort out," said White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry.

Workers smuggle in nurses

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Five health industry officials pleaded guilty Wednesday in what the government said was a scheme to smuggle hundreds of Filipino and Korean nurses into the United States to work at below-market wages.

A Texas nursing home operator and four nursing recruiters in California and New Jersey entered the pleas in U.S. District Court in Lubbock, Texas, to a series of federal charges stemming from "Operation Windmill," a 33-month investigation conducted by a joint task force.

"This is without a doubt one of the largest, if not the largest, visa fraud schemes ever seen in this country," said Lynn Ligon of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Authorities said the nursing home operator, Billy Denver Jewell of Lubbock, teamed with the nursing recruiters in California, New Jersey and Texas to fraudulently bring in more than 500 nurses, most from the Philippines.

Jewell received \$1,000 or more for every nurse brought in with a legitimate work visa as a result of petitions filed by some of the 22 Jewell family-operated nursing and extended care facilities in Texas and Oklahoma, said U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins.

Jewell and his associates filed more than 1,100 petitions for nonimmigrant work visas, resulting in the issuance of more than 500 fraudulent visas, officials said.

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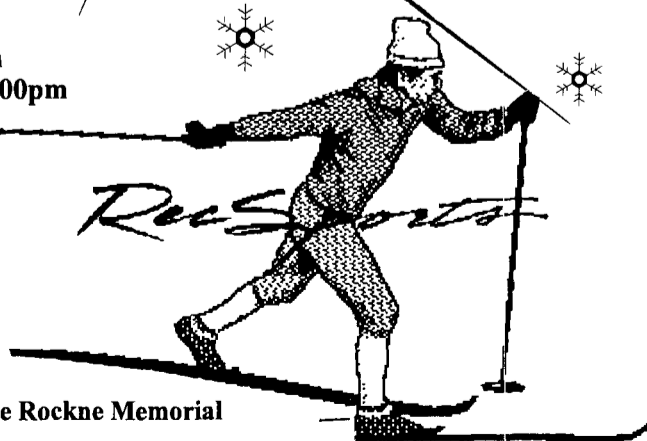
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

California Smoking Ban Just Blowing Smoke

I would just like to take this time and space to express my thoughts on the new law in California which bans smoking in bars: Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!!! They're kidding, right? I mean, no, really, c'mon guys ... that's a funny gag and all but stop it, you can't really mean ... you can't mean you're serious?!

Ah, but at last, they are serious! California, the state that has always set trends for such toxic materials as marijuana, heroin, and Mariah Carey, has now said that smoking in bars is illegal. You would think that this is the sort of law that could be found in an overly intrusive place such as the old Soviet Union or du Lac. Next thing you know our government will be passing laws that mimic Notre Dame's parietals (now wouldn't that just take away any point of going home on breaks!).

In California, they have a lot of problems with things like gangs, drugs, gun-control, award shows that drag on and on, and natural disasters, (WARNING: SARCASM ALERT) so it's nice to see our government stepping in at the ground level to solve these problems by making sure that people don't smoke in bars. It's a good thing, too, because I know that as a non-smoker I was just sick of going to bars to have a few (dozen) drinks, knocking off some brain cells before staggering home along a road traveled by motorists whose average blood alcohol level is nearly double their GPAs, only to have my lungs damaged by some arrogant jerk's side stream smoke. I mean, c'mon, what kind of barbaric environment do we have to put up with in the sophisticated high-class atmosphere of bars! (WARNING: END OF SARCASM ALERT)

Okay, seriously though, I'm glad that you can't smoke in an airplane, and non-smoking sections in restaurants are a nice idea. But in bars ... get real, guys. If you're willing to smell like Guinness — okay, bad example, that's kind of a good smell — if you're willing

to smell like Bud Light, then you gotta just deal with smelling like cigarette smoke. If it's that big of an issue, try this: buy your alcohol somewhere else and get trashed in the privacy of your own home. Or a friend's home. I don't care, really. Well, you should ask your friend first if it's okay with them.

The thing that really gets me about this whole issue is that it is very possible that marijuana will become legalized within the next 10 or 15 years, while tobacco seems to be the taboo of modern society. I know that at a conservative school such as this one, what I'm about to say is more controversial than saying, "There is a possibility that The Dave Matthews Band isn't the greatest band of all time, and that maybe, just maybe, they're not bigger than the Beatles and probably not even as big as Jesus!": it's fine by me if they legalize marijuana for private use. The key phrase for marijuana here is private use — do whatever you want in the privacy of your own home, as long as it doesn't involve something harmful to society such as making letter bombs (yes, Unabomber, that was directed at you) or writing that loathsome bubble-gum music that rattles around your brain while trying to take a final (yes, Hanson, that was directed at you). Marijuana isn't all that harmful, and it really isn't our government's business to tell us that we can't do stupid things to our own body. By the way, I do hope they will stop people from smoking marijuana in public places, because second-hand marijuana is about as pleasant smelling as my high school's wrestling locker room.

Tobacco companies have received more media bashing than Mike Tyson for the whole ear-biting thing, and I don't see why. A lot of this hatred that Americans like to focus on trivial issues is aimed at Joe Camel. Apparently many uptight people believe that these advertisements are the source of all evil, including the promotion of smok-



ing among today's youths. These are the same people who ask, "Is anal retentive hyphenated?" Please, let's not pretend that today's American children are quite that mindless — I don't think they're so gullible as to say, "I think that smoking is dumb and gross and I'd never ... hey, that long nosed, hairy, mutated-horse-with-the-double-hunch-back smoking a cigarette ... man, that camel is da bomb!" Maybe the camel works to make smokers lean toward their brand of cigarettes, but I promise you that as a non-smoker, Joe Camel has never made me want to smoke. At times he has made me want to write letters to Camel Cigarettes to let them know that a smoking Camel is stupid, but it has never made me want to smoke.

As a side note, I'd like to point out that Joe Camel is always wearing sun glasses and a leather jacket — made from a cow, which is like you wearing the inner skin of your cousin — but often doesn't wear any pants. I think there's a good psychology paper in that fact somewhere. As a second side note, I'd like to point out that it is the liberals

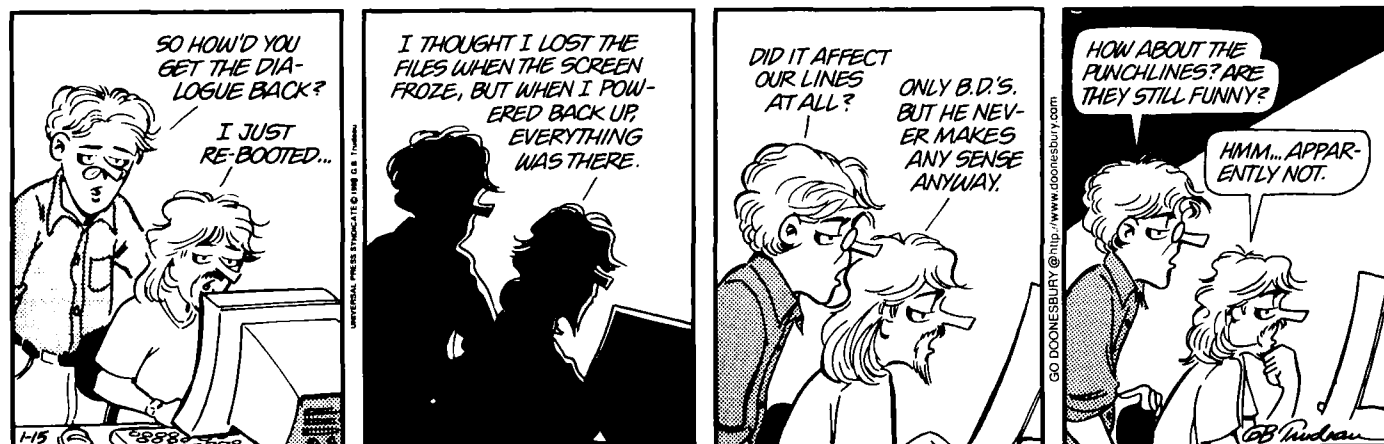
who are in favor of the smoking ban — the very same group of people who were smoking marijuana in weed pipes longer than the Titanic and painting flowers and tie-dye patterns on their rear ends. I think there's another paper there.

So I guess if you want to join a gang (Delta Gamma Crypt), buy Soviet arms and a kilo of uncut heroin, or star in a movie which shows naked people using chainsaws to hack away at each other's private parts — all in the name of "art" — then California is the place to go. But if you want to be a real immoral hooligan and smoke in a bar, then you'd better stay in one these wild states like Indiana. Appreciate what we have here in South Bend, students of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community, because this state can now boast that it is the home of the Fighting Irish and smoking-permitted bars! This is just such a great state (whoops, forgot the SARCASM ALERT that time)!

John Barry
Sophomore, Alumni Hall
January 13, 1998

DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"And a woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke."

—Rudyard Kipling

concert review

by Sean King

oasis invades washington d.c.

The Brothers Gallagher came to the suburbs of our nation's capital last Friday night to play the Patriot Center. The result was a crowd pleased with what it heard, but perhaps hoping for a little more of what it came for. Sixteen songs might enthrall a small club in Manhattan, but it's not enough to pacify an arena-sized audience.

That said however, those 16 songs were strong and well-executed. The only disappointment was "Supersonic," which was not played at its usual break-neck speed. The show opened smoothly enough with the title track from the band's new record, *Be Here Now*. The next song, "Stand By Me," was inappropriate however, given its slow pace and introspective nature — not the kind of thing to get a crowd going early on.

But, after "Supersonic," Oasis reverted to its no-apologies brand of rock n' roll with such hits as "Roll With It," "D'You Know What I Mean?" and "Cigarettes and Alcohol." Sparingly-used special effects were a tasteful complement to the music. "D'You Know What I Mean?" was accompanied by lights in the form

of rotating helicopter blades. Later on, younger sibling Liam sang "Champagne Supernova" against a backdrop of stars and the moon.

Beyond that, the visuals consisted of the band members' usual looks of disdain for those around them — tambourines thrown in mock disgust, fingers pointed and Liam practically yawning in the face of older brother Noel's expert guitar work. But that's all part of the act, and it's a welcome contrast to Oasis shows in 1996, when the band started playing up to its newly found American audiences.

Halfway through the show, Noel Gallagher performed his own acoustic set, which included such crowd favorites as "Don't Go Away" and "Cast No Shadow." Dillon Allie, ND class of 2001, said Noel Gallagher made everyone in the arena feel as if he were personally singing to every person in the audience. After a traditional, electric version of "Don't Look Back in Anger," Liam returned to do what can best be described as a heavy metal version of "Wonderwall." It was a fresh take on an old favorite and, following numbers like



"Live Forever" and "It's Getting Better Man," got even the security guards tapping their feet.

In one last irreverent gesture, Oasis had the audacity to close the night with

"Acquiesce," a b-side from three years ago; but that's what we love about them. Problem is, if you're the most important band since U2, you need to play more than five songs from your latest album.

b.b. king

Deuces Wild

★★★ 1/2 stars
out of five



Courtesy of MCA Records

B.B. King is known for his ability to banter and duet with musicians. His partnerships with Bobby "Blue" Bland, Ruth Brown, Gladys Knight, and many others have highlighted the career of this most gregarious bluesman. So when B.B. went out and got a whole slew of celebrities for his new album, he arranged for a broad cross-section of both what works and what doesn't in duets.

The best tracks on this album come from the more accomplished bluesmen (and women) in the group. "If You Love Me," with Van Morrison, who is perhaps the only singer recruited for this record that can rival B.B.'s intensity, is the most pure blues song on the album. Even with its cheesy violin track, this song just drips with emotion.

A pleasant surprise comes to light in the form of R&B singer D'Angelo's vocal talents. The man, most commonly known for very ethereal and quiet vocals, busts out with a determined, gut-wrenching performance that is eerily reminiscent of the late, great Otis Redding. Ever competent blues guitarist Eric Clapton duels B.B. to the death for control of the classic, "Rock Me." Dr. John and Joe Cocker both lend their

soulful, raspy voices to this album, much to its benefit.

There are some down points to this album. Mick Hucknall's floundering performance on "Please Send Me Someone to Love" is awful. You are better off with the version featuring Gladys Knight on B.B.'s last live album. The cheesy, stupid rap between Heavy D, B.B. and his guitar Lucille, and "hair-boy" (see the album cover; it is funny) Marty Stuart's destruction of the classic, "Confessin' the Blues," mark low points of this work.

Overall, this album is another in the great catalog of B.B. King efforts with a fun, solid romp with the Rolling Stones and the inevitable pairing of B.B. King and Willie Nelson on the ever-popular song "Night Life" (B.B. wrote the song, Willie covered it better than anyone else for years). It is a brand new look at some great old songs in the style in which B.B. King, one of the greatest bluesmen of all time, excels.

by Matthew Loughran

upcoming concerts in the region

Buddy Guy	Jan. 15-23	Buddy Guy's Legends (Chicago)
Oasis	Jan. 17	Rosemont Horizon (Rosemont)
The Drovers/Butterside Down	Jan. 17	Schubas Tavern (Chicago)
The Delvins/David Poe	Jan. 22	Schubas Tavern (Chicago)
Grand Funk Railroad	Jan. 23	Murat Theatre (Indianapolis)
Edwin McCain	Jan. 26	House of Blues (Chicago)
Wyclef Jean of The Fugees	Jan. 29	House of Blues (Chicago)
Hum/The Promise Ring	Jan. 30	Metro (Chicago)
Paula Cole	Feb. 1	Piere's (Fort Wayne)
Luna	Feb. 6	Metro (Chicago)
The Jayhawks	Feb. 7	Metro (Chicago)
Aerosmith	Feb. 10	The Palace (Auburn Hills)
Ivy/Space Monkeys	Feb. 12	Patio Lounge (Indianapolis)
ALAN JACKSON/DEANNA CARTER	FEB. 13	JOYCE CENTER ARENA
Henry Rollins	Feb. 13	House of Blues (Chicago)
Ben Folds Five	Feb. 15	Riviera Theatre (Chicago)
Jimmy Buffett	Feb. 16	The Palace (Auburn Hills)
Willie Nelson	Feb. 23	House of Blues (Chicago)
The Crystall Method	Feb. 28	House of Blues (Chicago)
Cheap Trick	Feb. 28	Star Plaza (Merrillville)

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Blue Devils ice Demon Deacons

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Shane Battier led a stifling defensive display that sent No. 2 Duke to an 88-52 victory over Wake Forest on Wednesday night, the Demon Deacons' worst loss in the nine-year history of Lawrence Joel Coliseum.

The Blue Devils (15-1, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their sixth consecutive game by scoring 29 points off 20 turnovers.

Duke, which has an average winning margin of 28 points in conference play, got 15 points from Chris Carrawell, 13 from Trajan Langdon, 12 from Steve Wojciechowski and 10 apiece from Roshawn McLeod and Mike Chappell. Battier, who fueled the decisive surge early in the first half, wound up with four points, 10 rebounds, four steals and three assists in 20 minutes.

Wake Forest got 15 points from Tony Rutland, 13 from Robert O'Kelley and 10 from Niki Arinze.

The Demon Deacons' biggest problem was Duke's press, which frequently produced turnovers before Wake Forest could even get out of its own backcourt. On the occasions when the Demon Deacons were able to cross the center line, they often had to do it by having 7-foot-1 Loren Woods or one of their forwards dribble the ball to a safe area.

Less than two minutes into the game the Blue Devils broke it open by starting a 16-0 run in which they forced six turnovers and converted them into 10 points. Battier had three steals, four points and an assist in the surge, which gave Duke a 20-4 lead less than seven minutes into the contest.

Wake Forest, which went nearly 6 1/2 minutes without scoring, broke its drought with a 7-0 run before Duke began pulling away again. The Blue Devils quickly stretched it to 21 points and built it as high as 25 on the way to a 48-25 halftime lead.

No. 13 Iowa 61,
Ohio State 46

Dean Oliver doubled his average with 17 points and No. 13 Iowa flourished offensively but still had enough firepower to beat Ohio State 61-46 Wednesday night.

Iowa (14-2, 3-1 Big Ten) won for the eighth time in its last nine games. The Hawkeyes were beaten at home 76-64 by Illinois a week ago in their last game.

J.R. Koch added 11 points, while Ryan Bowen had 11 rebounds and Darryl Moore 10 as the Hawkeyes outrebounded the Buckeyes 36-30.

Jason Singleton scored 16 points and matched his career high with 10 rebounds for Ohio State (7-9, 0-3), which has lost six in a row.

Michael Redd of Ohio State, the nation's leading freshman scorer, hit just one of his first 11 shots and finished with 13 points on 3-for-15 shooting. Despite a twisting ankle in practice Monday night, Redd never left the court.

Ohio State shot just 35 percent (17-of-48) for the game and had 24 turnovers, 10 by captain Neshawn Coleman in his first start of the season.

The first half was marked by dramatic runs for each team.

After Ohio State opened the scoring on a 3-pointer by Coleman, Iowa ran off the next 13 points as the Buckeyes missed 10 straight shots. But Ohio State scored 12 of the next 16 points to get back in the game, with two free throws by Redd pulling the Buckeyes even at 17.

Koch and Moore each scored four points in the closing 15-7 spurt that gave the Hawkeyes a 32-24 lead despite 12 turnovers.

No. 3 Kansas 83,
Texas A&M 65

Paul Pierce and Eric Chenoweth led a second-half scoring surge and No. 3 Kansas took advantage of Texas A&M's icy second-half shooting for an 83-65 victory Wednesday night.

Chenoweth led Kansas (20-2, 4-0 Big 12) with 16 points, nine in the second half, and Pierce scored 11 of his 15 points in the second half as the Jayhawks won their fourth straight and 12th in 13.

The biggest lead of the first half was the halftime margin as the Jayhawks edged from a 39-37 lead with 2:46 to go in the half by scoring the final six points of the half.

The Aggies didn't get a basket in the second half until Michael Schmidt's field goal with 16:04 left in the game. Schmidt led the Aggies with 16

points.

The Aggies took a 21-18 lead midway through the first half before a basket by Lester Earl and a 3-pointer by Ryan Robertson gave Kansas a 23-21 lead.

The Aggies tied it 23-23 on a basket by Jerald Brown with 9:46 left in the half but two straight baskets by Chenoweth gave the lead back to the Jayhawks and they never trailed again.

Robertson and Kenny Gregory each scored 13 points for the Jayhawks and Nick Bradford added 11.

Larry Thompson added 14 points for the Aggies.

No. 22 Arkansas 89,
Florida 84

Kareem Reid scored 18 points in the first half and made both ends of a 1-and-1 with 24 seconds left as No. 22 Arkansas survived an impressive Florida rally and beat the Gators 89-84 Wednesday night.

Reid's free throws made it 87-84 and came after Tarik Wallace stole an inbound pass following a Florida timeout. Arkansas (14-2, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) padded the lead when Wallace made two free throws 13 seconds later.

The Gators (8-5, 2-2) trailed by as many as 13 points in the second half but went ahead 82-81 on Dan Williams' layup with 3:40 remaining.

Kenyan Weaks, who was 6-of-9 from 3-point range, led Florida with 22 points. Greg Stolt, who didn't miss on his five 3-point attempts, added 21.

Arkansas took a 69-56 lead after Nick Davis leaned in at an awkward angle for a basket and Florida turnovers resulted in a dunk by Derek Hood and a layup by Chris Walker. Williams and Jamaal Horton made 3s as Florida closed to 73-66. Williams' one-hander in the lane and Weaks' 3 from the corner cut it to 75-71.

Davis' two baskets put Arkansas up eight, but Weaks made a 3 from the corner. Eddie Shannon drove for a basket and Weaks scored inside. Williams then put Florida ahead for the first time since 7-5.

Arkansas used a 16-0 run for a 21-7 lead. Florida began to pressure Arkansas and quickly cut into the lead with a 12-0 run that made it 25-24.

■ OLYMPIC SWIMMING

Chinese athletes busted for drugs

Associated Press

PERTH, Australia

Four Chinese swimmers were suspended for drugs Wednesday, strengthening accusations that have shadowed the team for years and prompting calls for China to be removed from the world championships.

The United States won two titles and Olympic gold medalist Alexander Popov took the men's 100-meter freestyle. But the focus of the championships again was on drugs and China's team.

FINA, swimming's governing body, said Wang Wei of China's men's team and Wang Luna, Cai Huijue and Zhang Yi of the women's team tested positive for the banned diuretic triamterene and were immediately suspended.

The federation also announced suspensions against two other Chinese team members involved in last week's seizure of a banned performance-enhancer.

Yuan Yuan, a swimmer caught by Australian customs Jan. 8 with human growth hormones in her suitcase, was given a four-year suspension. Coach Zhou Zhewen, who said he placed the drugs in the suitcase, was banned for 15 years, although FINA said it would review his case after 10 years.

"I think anything they do anymore, you can't be surprised," said Amy Van Dyken, a four-time Olympic gold medalist for the United States. "Especially considering the events which started the other day with customs, I don't think you can be very surprised about any of this."

The positive tests for triamterene came from samples collected Jan. 8. FINA said the four are suspended until another sample taken at the same time could be analyzed.

There were 12 samples taken on that day, a FINA official said, and not all have been returned, raising the

possibility of more positive tests. The Chinese also were tested Jan. 9, but those results are not known.

Diuretics are sometimes used by athletes to reduce weight quickly. But medical officials say diuretics also are used to reduce the concentration of drugs in urine in an attempt to flush drugs from the system.

"I don't really understand why they are doing this," FINA secretary Gunnar Werner said.

Chinese swimmers, who burst onto the international scene in the past decade, have spent years dealing with drug accusations.

"It just proves something is going on," U.S. coach Jon Urbanchek said.

Urbanchek said Chinese officials turned away drug inspectors Jan. 7, questioning if the test was indeed sanctioned by FINA.

"The next day FINA turned up in their jackets with their official badges and did the testing," the U.S. coach said. "During the night they've (Chinese officials) obviously given these to the kids as a masking agent."

Also Wednesday, FINA suspended Ukrainian swimmer Olena Lapunova for four years because of a positive test in 1997 for a metabolized form of a banned drug. She might be able to return to competition after six months if she undergoes drug monitoring.

It also suspended Australian swimmer Scott Miller for two months for testing positive to marijuana on Sept. 22.

In the pool, Popov, a Russian who lives in Australia, beat Aussie training partner Michael Klim in the 100 freestyle. Popov is attempting to become the first man to win a 50- and 100-meter double at successive world championships. He achieved the Olympic double for the second consecutive time at Atlanta.

"I'm exhausted but not ecstatic," Popov said. "It was a usual victory, nothing spectacular."

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Saint Mary's College and the Early Childhood Development Center are co-sponsoring a Storybook Festival for young children (ages 2.5-6) on Sunday, February 8, 1998. The Storybook Festival will celebrate books and the worlds they create by bringing children inside those worlds through a variety of art, music, movement and creative dramatic activities. Volunteers are

needed to assist on the afternoon of Saturday, February 7 with set-up and on Sunday, February 8 during the afternoon and evening as greeters, storyroom volunteers, and to help with event clean-up. There will be a meeting for everyone interested in volunteering (faculty, staff, students, and community members) on Tuesday, January 20, 1998 from 5:30-6:30 at the Haggar College Center Parlor, Saint Mary's College. For more information, please call the Saint Mary's College Public Relations Office at 284-4595 or the Early Childhood Development Center at 631-3344 or 284-4693. Please join us for this wonderful, enriching event which promotes literacy and the love of reading!

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Mets change uniforms, faces

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The New York Mets brought nearly half their team to the Fashion Cafe on Wednesday to unveil new uniforms. There were only minor alternations to both the threads and the roster.

Most of the focus was on Masato Yoshii, a 32-year-old pitcher who agreed Tuesday to a \$200,000, one-year contract that gives him the chance to earn \$1.4 million more in performance bonuses.

"To play in New York and to play under Bobby Valentine really attracted me," Yoshii said through a translator, referring to the Mets' manager, who piloted the Chiba Lotte Marines in 1995.

If he pitches 200 innings and makes 33 starts, he would wind up making \$1.6 million, more than double the \$707,000 he earned last year in Japan. Still, Valentine said Yoshii could have gotten a better deal with

the Tokyo Giants, Japan's No. 1 spender.

"They offered him at least \$2 million a year for four years," said Valentine, who compared Yoshii's pitching style to Orel Hershiser and Rick Reed.

Todd Hundley, Butch Huskey, John Olerud, Bernard Gilkey and others also strutted the runway, showing off a primarily black cap the Mets will wear at times and road uniforms with a black drop shadow.

The only new faces were John Hudek and Rich Becker. Not very much to spark ticket sales, which start Saturday.

"You always want to go out and get a big-name player, a quality player," John Franco said. "It's just a matter of going out and doing it. We still have two months left. A deal could be made in spring training, too."

Despite the addition of Hudek and Dennis Cook to the bullpen, and Becker to the outfield, Todd Hundley's absence may be the biggest difference

between the 1998 Mets and the '97 version, which went 88-74 and missed a wild-card spot by four games.

Hundley said he won't even start tossing a ball for another month and still doesn't know when he'll return.

"That's the frustrating part," he said. "I don't have any idea of when I can come back."

Valentine takes heart that this is a "good group." Without mentioning Kevin Brown, Gary Sheffield and Randy Johnson, he said he worried that "we'd get a better player and become a lesser team."

He knows the Mets aren't picked by most to make the playoffs. Some say the 88 wins last season were a fluke.

"How do you think you're going to do that again," he said is the question he's most-often asked.

Most people, he says, don't think it's possible.

"Probably everyone," he said, "except my coaches, a couple of players, my mom and my dad."

Fielder looks to work miracles for Angels

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif.

Newly acquired Cecil Fielder expects to lead the Anaheim Angels to a title the same way he helped lead the New York Yankees to a World Series championship in 1996.

And he won't do it with power, although the slugging designated hitter-first baseman does expect to hit his share of home runs in 1998.

"I think what this club needs most of all is guys who will do the little things it takes to win. That's what I want to do," said Fielder, who signed a one-year contract with the Angels as a free agent on Dec. 19.

"I think the situation is the same as it was in New York. (Yankees Manager) Joe Torre said we had the guys to drive in the runs and do the big things; what we needed were the guys to do the little things. We did the little things and we won."

Being able to return home was important to Fielder, who grew up some 25 miles north of Anaheim. Being able to play for a club he felt had a strong chance of winning was also a big reason why Fielder chose the Angels.

The Angels finished second in the AL West in two of the last three seasons. Fielder said his new club doesn't have far to go in order to reach the top.

"I've always thought the Angels had a great deal of talent," he said. "The last couple of years is when that talent has

started to come out. The last few years, they just haven't been able to get to the top. It's a learning process."

"This is still a young club, and young players need the older guys to pick them up and not let them down. I've been around the league for a while. I bring that experience for sure."

Fielder, who struggled through most of the 1997 season with the Yankees, is one of several impact players the Angels brought in this winter and introduced to Los Angeles-area media at a press conference Wednesday.

Other new additions include right-handers William VanLandingham and Omar Olivares, catcher Matt Walbeck, and infielders Norberto Martin and Phil Nevin.

Fielder, with his 302 career home runs and 940 RBIs, may be the key addition. He's eager to prove he's fully recovered from a thumb injury that limited him to 13 homers and 61 RBIs last year, and forced him to sign for less than one-third of the \$9.3 million he earned in 1997.

"You can tell just by looking at him that Cecil's getting ready to have a big year," Angels manager Terry Collins said. "There's a lot of pressure on guys when they come home to play, but he's the kind of guy who can handle it. He looks great. You can tell he's been working very hard this offseason. Cecil's going to be a major impact player for us."

Twins may seek greener pastures

Associated Press

PHOENIX

If nostalgia is on the side of fans who want the Minnesota Twins to stay in the Minneapolis area, finances may be leaning toward North Carolina.

Baseball's ownership committee discussed the proposed move of the franchise on Wednesday, along with the pending sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers to Fox Sports, a branch of Rupert Murdoch's publishing empire, without making recommendations.

"The Twins situation not only involves a prospective sale but a prospective reloca-

tion, so it's really a matter that has to be further discussed by the executive council," said Atlanta Braves chairman Bill Bartholomay, chairman of the ownership committee.

He didn't expect the council to take action on the proposal of North Carolina businessman Don Beaver to acquire the Twins and move them to the Triad area around Greensboro.

Twins owner Carl Pohlad signed a letter of intent last year to sell to Beaver, but left the door open to stay put if Minnesota legislators agree to subsidize construction of a new stadium.

Bartholomay expects his

committee to make a recommendation before the next owners meeting on the sale of the Dodgers, baseball's last single-family franchise.

"(Dodgers owner) Peter O'Malley addressed the committee and discussed some open items that need to be resolved," Bartholomay said.

"I think everybody would like to see baseball prosper where it is, but you certainly can't ask anybody just to continue to lose money in one place," Schieffer said. "My individual preference would be hopefully to see something work out. But if it can't, I know the folks in Charlotte are good people and would do a good job."

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■ NFL



LeRoy Butler's guarantee of perfection is keeping Green Bay cool as they head into the Super Bowl against Denver. KRT photo

Packers prep for Super Bowl

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. The Green Bay Packers have fallen short of LeRoy Butler's preseason prediction of perfection, but they're right where they expected to be — heading to San Diego for a chance to repeat as champions.

"Three losses, it was very realistic," says strong safety Butler, whose prognostication last summer of a 19-0 season rankled coach Mike Holmgren, not to mention the NFL's other 29 teams.

Holmgren said one of those losses — against Indianapolis — will be used as a caveat this week in case the Packers start to feel too good about themselves following their domination of the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC championship.

The Packers are a confident, loose bunch. Quarterback Brett Favre set off a stink bomb in the locker room on Wednesday, welcoming a horde of reporters from Denver.

Favre initially denied he

was the culprit.

"OK, it was me," he quickly confessed. "Practical jokes are part of it. The media's been a little crowded this week so I felt like loosening them up and clearing them out."

"We're always doing practical jokes and having fun. That's what it's all about. No one likes a stiff. That's no fun for anyone."

There are no stiffs in the Packers' locker room, just a supremely confident bunch that almost sees the Super Bowl on Jan. 25 as a formality.

But in case the Packers start having a little too much fun, Holmgren has something that will cut the laughter in a hurry.

"All I have to do is point to the Indianapolis game, put that film in for a little while," he said. "Look at this. You're world champs, look at this. How good do you feel about this?"

Free safety Eugene Robinson said the Indianapolis debacle, while the low point of the season,

wasn't the turning point.

He said that occurred on Oct. 27, following the Packers' bye week, when Green Bay thumped New England 28-10 on a Monday night.

"Tyrone Williams knocked down two passes in the end zone after giving up a long play, and we went on a 99-yard scoring drive," Robinson said. "That was the benchmark of our season."

And what was the loss to the Colts then?

"A speed bump."

Cautious that the Super Bowl might be a speed trap, the Packers are implementing their game plan for the Broncos this week.

But they're also enjoying the journey as it winds down.

"The entire season was pressure-packed: 'Can we do it again? Are they prima donnas? Are they charlatans? They are going to fall off, you just wait, you just wait,'" Robinson said. "We had a lot to prove."

Holmgren said the Packers found it harder to enjoy this season because everyone tried to dethrone them.

"This didn't come easy," receiver Antonio Freeman said. "Repeating is much tougher because so much is expected of you. You're the big cat. Everyone is gunning for you."

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Guards

1, Michael Jordan, Chicago, 274,405. 2, Penny Hardaway, Orlando, 160,890. 3, Allen Iverson, Philadelphia, 102,912. 4, Tim Hardaway, Miami, 97,352. 5, Bob Sura, Cleveland, 72,991. 6, Reggie Miller, Indiana, 64,072. 7, Joe Dumars, Detroit, 44,513. 8, Damon Stoudamire, Toronto, 40,069. 9, Terrell Brandon, Milwaukee, 39,415. 10, Kendall Gill, New Jersey, 32,381.

Centers

1, Dikembe Mutombo, Atlanta, 156,486. 2, Patrick Ewing, New York, 151,852. 3, Alonzo Mourning, Miami, 92,838. 4, Luc Longley, Chicago, 37,035. 5, Vlade Divac, Charlotte, 35,706. 6, Rik Smits, Indiana, 35,480. 7, Brian Williams, Detroit, 30,420. 8, Rony Seikaly, Orlando, 25,623. 9, Travis Knight, Boston, 19,272. 10, George Muresan, Washington, 16,607.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Forwards

1, Karl Malone, Utah, 178,264. 2, Kevin Garnett, Minnesota, 168,319. 3, Tim Duncan, San Antonio, 160,496. 4, Charles Barkley, Houston, 137,014. 5, Vin Baker, Seattle, 116,778. 6, Tom Gugliotta, Minnesota, 77,510. 7, Sean Elliott, San Antonio, 73,256. 8, Rasheed Wallace, Portland, 49,169. 9, Detlef Schrempf, Seattle, 48,625. 10, Shareef Abdur-Rahim, Vancouver, 42,773.

Guards

1, Gary Payton, Seattle, 156,865. 2, Stephon Marbury, Minnesota, 107,010. 3, Eddie Jones, L.A. Lakers, 102,042. 4, Jason Kidd, Phoenix, 93,853. 5, Kobe Bryant, L.A. Lakers, 92,645. 6, John Stockton, Utah, 88,282. 7, Clyde Drexler, Houston, 79,640. 8, Nick Van Exel, L.A. Lakers, 73,689. 9, Avery Johnson, San Antonio, 73,355. 10, Mitch Richmond, Sacramento, 61,381.

Centers

1, David Robinson, San Antonio, 208,985. 2, Shaquille O'Neal, L.A. Lakers, 168,345. 3, Hakeem Olajuwon, Houston, 106,136. 4, Arvydas Sabonis, Portland, 45,493. 5, Sam Perkins, Seattle, 30,097. 6, Greg Ostertag, Utah, 17,333. 7, Lorenzen Wright, L.A. Clippers, 13,886. 8, Bryant Reeves, Vancouver, 13,299. 9, Shawn Bradley, Dallas, 10,750. 10, Erick Dampier, Golden State, 8,393.

■ NBA

Smith, Hawks pummel Dallas

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Steve Smith scored 29 points and Dikembe Mutombo added 21 points and 19 rebounds and the Atlanta Hawks pounded the Dallas Mavericks 108-82 Wednesday night for their fifth consecutive victory.

Smith, who scored 35 points in Atlanta's win over New York on Tuesday night, shot 7-of-9 from 3-point range and was 10-of-15 overall with six assists.

Michael Finley led the Mavericks with 25 points.

It was the fourth straight loss for the Mavericks (6-31), who have lost 19 of 20 and own the third-worst record in the league.

Dallas fell behind 7-0, then pulled to 31-26 early in the second period before Smith went on one of his 3-point tears.

The Hawks took their biggest lead of the first half at 14 points — 47-33 — on Smith's fourth 3-point of the period. The Mavericks, however, cut the margin to 49-42 at the half with a 9-2 run keyed by Dennis Scott's five points.

Smith, the NBA's player of the week, shot 5-of-7 on 3s and had 17 points at halftime.

The Hawks built their lead in the third period and went ahead 63-48 on another 3 by Smith, this one from 40 feet with only 3 seconds left on the 24-second shot clock.

Indiana 100, Detroit 93

Reggie Miller scored 25 points, including a key 3-pointer with 26.4 seconds to play, as Indiana defeated Detroit 100-93 Wednesday night despite a season-high 26 turnovers.

Indiana overcame a season-high 37 points by Grant Hill, who matched his career-high with 15 field goals and attempted a career-high 29 shots.

Joe Dumars added 23 points for Detroit, one off his season-high.

The teams were tied at 85 before Rik Smits grabbed an offensive rebound and put in a hook shot. Chris Mullin, one of three Pacers with 16 points, followed with a 3-pointer for a 90-85 lead with 3:32 left.

Smits and Jackson chipped in with 16 points each for Indiana and Jackson had 11 assists.

The Pistons trailed 34-24 after a first quarter in which the Pacers shot 63 percent (12-of-19). Detroit responded to lead 51-49 at halftime on a jumper by Hill just before the buzzer and took its biggest lead of the night when it scored the first basket of the second half.

Toronto 109, Los Angeles 101

Damon Stoudamire tied his career high with 36 points Wednesday night to lead the Toronto Raptors to their sixth victory, 109-101 over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Stoudamire, who scored 22 points in the first half, took 31 shots before leaving to a standing ovation with about a minute to play. He iced the victory with a pair of 3-point shots in the final four minutes as the Raptors won at home for just the second time in their last 18 games.

Marcus Camby added 20 points, Doug Christie had 14 and John Wallace added 14 off the bench. Stoudamire also had 11 assists.

Lamond Murray had 23 points

and 10 rebounds for the Clippers, who lost their fourth in a row and fourth straight on the road. Rodney Rogers and Brent Barry added 16 points each and Maurice Taylor came off the bench to score 17.

The Raptors, who have averaged better than 50 percent shooting from the field over their last three games, shot 52.3 percent.

San Antonio 89, Washington 79

Tim Duncan had 28 points and 16 rebounds and David Robinson added 20 points and 14 rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs broke a four-game losing streak to the Washington Wizards with a 89-79 win Wednesday night.

The Wizards, who lost consecutive games at the MCI Center for the first time, were led by Chris Webber with 27 points and Juwan Howard with 21. Rod Strickland had 18 points and 12 assists for his team-leading 20th double-double.

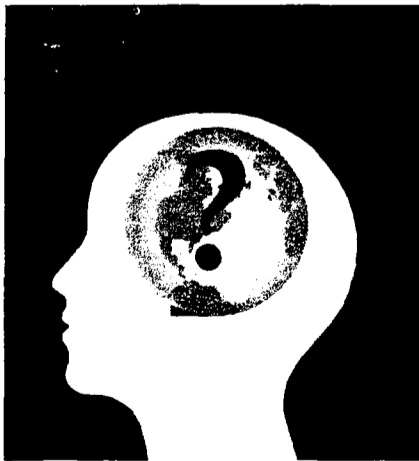
Trailing 62-59, San Antonio took the lead for good with a 7-1 run punctuated by Jaren Jackson's 3-pointer for a 66-63 lead with 2:12 left in the third.

The Wizards controlled the game early, jumping out to a 23-12 lead after a layup by Webber with 4:22 left in the first quarter.

Led by Duncan, the Spurs charged back, scoring six straight and 12 of the next 14 to take a 24-23 lead with 1:15 left in the quarter. They continued their surge for most of the second quarter, building their lead to as much as seven before heading into the lockerroom with a 52-49 lead.

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■ NHL

Detriot continues streak with win over Canucks

Associated Press

DETROIT Chris Osgood stopped 26 shots for his second straight shutout Wednesday night as the Detroit Red Wings took a five-game unbeaten streak into the NHL All-Star break with a 4-0 win over the Vancouver Canucks.

Kirk Maltby, Larry Murphy, Brendan Shanahan and Brent Gilchrist scored the Detroit goals and Steve Yzerman had three assists.

Osgood, who blanked Washington 2-0 in his last start Sunday, has four shutouts this season and 18 in his career.

Sean Burke started in the Vancouver net and gave up two goals on 14 shots before he was replaced by Arturs Irbe after Murphy's goal in the second period. Irbe also gave up two goals on 14 shots.

Maltby scored the only goal of the first period. Gilchrist tipped Yzerman's centering pass to the left slot, where

Maltby drilled it past Burke at 10:44.

A nice three-way passing play between Mathieu Dandenault, Martin Lapointe and Murphy gave Detroit a 2-0 lead 16:11 into the second period.

Dandenault was brought down by Brent Hedican as he broke in from the right side but managed to get a pass to Lapointe in the left corner. Lapointe immediately whipped a pass to the slot that Murphy put in for his fifth goal.

Shanahan scored his 20th goal on a power play 11:32 into the third when he slapped a shot from the left circle past Burke. Gilchrist added his first goal since Dec. 12 to finish the scoring with 2:58 to play.

**New Jersey 4,
New York Rangers 1**

Bob Carpenter and Bobby Holik scored in a 1:31 first-period span and the New Jersey Devils sent rookie goaltender Dan Cloutier to the bench in beating the New York

Rangers 4-1 on Wednesday night.

Denis Pederson and Steve Thomas also scored for the Devils, who tallied on three of their first 14 shots against Cloutier in building a 3-0 lead early in the second-period.

Alexei Kovalev scored for the Rangers, who had three shots in the opening period. Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur faced 19 shots in winning his league-high 27th game, although he got help in the opening moments when Niklas Sundstrom banged a shot off the post.

Cloutier, who had a 1.38 goals against average, opened the door for New Jersey by giving up a goal to Carpenter on an unscreened shot from the blue line at 6:35.

Holik's team-high 19th goal developed after Devils defenseman Lyle Odelein knocked down Wayne Gretzky in center ice. A shot from the left point by defenseman Brad Bombardir hit off the skate of a defenseman and went to

Holik, who beat Cloutier with a shot from between the circles.

A penalty by Kovalev in the neutral zone gave the Devils a power play 41 seconds into the second period and Pederson converted 30 seconds later on a cross ice pass by Patrik Elias.

Mike Richter replaced Cloutier after the goal and did not give up a goal on seven shots. Thomas scored into an empty net with 2:16 to play.

**New York Islanders 7,
Tampa Bay 1**

Zigmund Palffy and Robert Reichel scored two goals apiece as the New York Islanders snapped an 11-game winless streak with a 7-1 win Wednesday night over the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Palffy added two assists and goaltender Wade Flaherty stopped 21 shots for New York. Last Saturday, Islanders general manager Mike Milbury had alerted coach Rick Bowness that his job was in jeopardy if the team continued to slide.

The club is 1-1-1 since Milbury's warning. New York snapped a 10-game losing streak with a 1-1 tie Monday night against Detroit.

First-period goals by Bryan Smolinski, Dane Jackson and Kenny Jonsson helped New York equal its best single-game production during the lengthy skid that saw the Islanders score just once seven times.

Reichel scored on a second-

period penalty shot at 16:18 after referee Mark Faucette ruled Lightning rookie goaltender Zac Bierk accidentally threw his stick during a break-away.

Mikael Renberg scored Tampa Bay's goal at 2:59 of the third period.

The Lightning have lost six straight and are winless in their last seven (0-6-1).

A stiff neck sidelined Tampa Bay right wing Dino Ciccarelli. The NHL's ninth all-time leading goal scorer (597) has 11 goals this season.

**Philadelphia 3,
Montreal 3 (OT)**

Petr Svoboda had a goal and assisted on Philadelphia's two others as the Flyers and the Montreal Canadiens skated to a 3-3 tie Wednesday night.

Brian Savage and Martin Rucinsky each had a goal and an assist for Montreal, while Vincent Damphousse added two assists as the Canadiens remained unbeaten in their last eight road games (6-0-2).

Montreal remained winless in its last six games against the Flyers (0-3-3), and hasn't won in Philadelphia since Oct. 25, 1992 (0-8-2).

Savage tied the game 3-3 exactly one minute after Svoboda had given the Flyers the lead in the third period.

Savage's slapshot from the top of the right faceoff circle trickled in off Flyers goalie Garth Snow at 11:52.

Pens' Nedved cleared to play

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH An arbitrator ruled Wednesday that holdout center Petr Nedved can return to the NHL this season without clearing waivers.

But before Nedved can return, the Pittsburgh Penguins must first sign him to a contract. The two were \$900,000 apart in their most recent negotiations.

Penguins co-owner Roger Marino said the ruling could speed up the protracted negotiations with Nedved, who, at 26, should be in the prime of his career.

"That's great news," Marino said in Boston, where the

Penguins played Wednesday night. "We like Petr very much, and this is great news for us."

The NHL and the Players Association each pleaded their case in a conference call Tuesday.

The league ruled in late December that Nedved, whose rights belong to the Penguins, violated its labor agreement by playing four games last fall for Novy Jicin, a low-level Czech team.

The union argued that the games shouldn't count because he did not have a professional contract.

If the ruling had gone against Nedved, he likely would not have played in the NHL this sea-

son. The Penguins almost certainly would not have risked losing him to waivers.

Nedved turned down a \$14 million, five-year offer from the Penguins before the season began.

Marino said he also is optimistic that All-Star right wing Jaromir Jagr will reach terms on a multi-year contract extension, perhaps as early as this weekend.

Jagr and the Penguins were close to reaching a \$53 million, seven-year contract last month when Paul Kariya and Eric Lindros each signed deals worth more than \$8 million a season. Jagr then decided he didn't want to agree to so long a deal.

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■ COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Irish 12th in Sears Cup

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame stands tied for 12th in the latest standings featuring final fall sports standings in the Sears Directors' Cup all-sports competition.

Thanks to the Irish women's soccer team reaching the national semifinals, the men's cross country team finishing 12th at the NCAA championship and the volleyball team reaching the NCAA regional semifinals, Notre Dame currently has 110 points, as does Pepperdine.

Stanford (290 points) leads the competition thanks to 1997

NCAA titles in women's volleyball and men's cross country, while North Carolina (260 points) is second after winning the NCAA women's soccer and field hockey titles.

The current standings include results from NCAA competition in women's volleyball, men's water polo, field hockey, I-A and I-AA football, men's and women's cross country and men's and women's soccer.

In the four previous years in which the Sears Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th in 1995-96 and 14th in 1996-97.



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JOCK STRIP

The real winners and losers in sports for 1997

By JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sports Writer

As sports history turns another page into 1998, we must look back at 1997 and recognize those who shaped the year — for better or for worse. To that end, I would like to issue the First Annual Coppolella Sports Awards (FACSA). These awards are based on the way I saw things this year and apply to national, collegiate, and local sports:

Most Annoying World Champions: Green Bay Packers
I Should Have Resigned/Been Fired Before the Season Began: Barry Switzer
I Should Not Have Tried To Kill PJ Carlesimo: Latrell Sprewell (to be presented by last year's winner, Rod Strickland)
I Should Quit Everything Else But Basketball, Especially Movies: Shaquille O'Neal
Best Dressed: Dennis Rodman
Most Selfish Athlete: Allen Iverson

Money And Fame, Now!: Scottie Pippen
Most Overrated Athlete: Shawn Kemp
Most Overpaid Athlete: Albert Belle
We Should Move To North Carolina/Tennessee: Montreal Expos
We Should Not Have Moved to North Carolina/Tennessee (tie): Carolina Hurricanes/Tennessee Oilers
I Should Have Stayed Retired: Mike Keenan
It's All About The Benjamins (tie): Paul Kariya/Sergei Fedorov
One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest: Dominick Hasek
Most Intense Pro Boxer (runner-up to previous award): Mike Tyson
Most Annoying College Football Player: Peyton Manning
Most Undeserving College National Champion: Nebraska Cornhuskers
Most Overrated College Football Team: uh ... never mind

Honor Code College Football Team of the Year: Penn State Nittany Lions
Most Unexpected National Championship: Arizona Wildcats
Let The Freak Show Begin: Marv Albert
Notre Dame Team of the Year (tie): Women's Soccer/Women's Basketball
Notre Dame Coach of the Year (tie): Muffet McGraw/Paul Manieri
Notre Dame Player of the Year (tie): Pat Garrity/Kate Sobrero
Notre Dame Student Athlete of the Year: Steve Noble
Notre Dame Most Underappreciated Athlete: Ron Powlus
Notre Dame Alumnus In The News: Eddie DeBartolo, Jr.
Notre Dame Alumnus Who Took The Most Heat: Rick Mirer
Notre Dame Alumnus Who Rose To The Occasion: Craig Counsell

W. B-ball

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Despite the win, McGraw felt the performance left much to be desired.

"I thought mentally that we did not play well. The

turnovers really hurt us later on. We didn't play a smart basketball game and we're a very smart team, and that's surprising, but it's something that we can fix very easily."

Notre Dame was led by Riley, who had her third consecutive double-double with 29 points and 12 rebounds. Riley, recent-

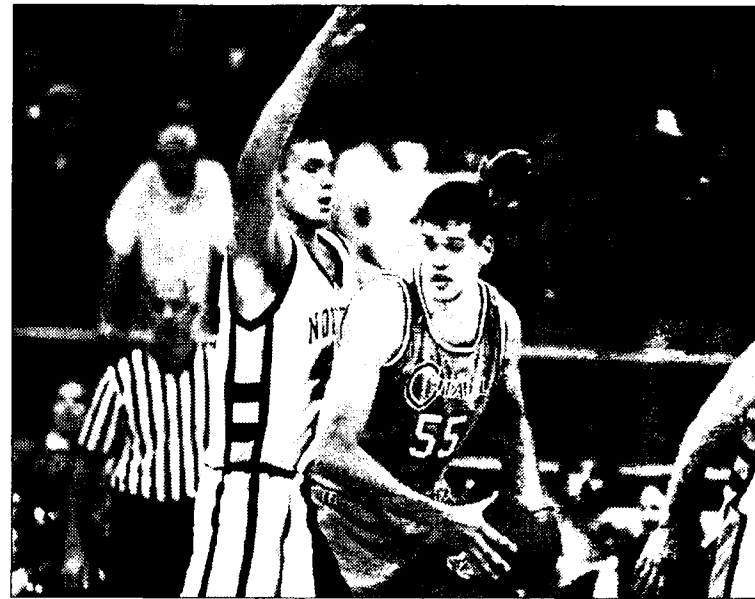
ly named Big East co-rookie of the week for her performances over the semester break, went 11 of 14 from the field and 5 for 7 from the free-throw line.

"Knowing the people who left last year and how great they were, I really didn't expect I'd come in and do this well," Riley said. "I'm really happy with it."

Riley was paced by Peirick, who also had a career high with 23 points. Ivey and McMillen chipped in with 17 and nine points to round out the Irish cast. For West Virginia, Burbridge had 18 points to lead five players in double figures. The Mountaineers were nearly perfect from the line, shooting 20 for 21. The WVU defense also had an above average night, grabbing 33 rebounds and 13 steals.

McGraw believed that West Virginia was among the best teams in the conference that the team had faced so far. "I think Miami was the most talented team that we beat, and Georgetown was talented also, but West Virginia's a better basketball team." With the loss, the Mountaineers fall to 7-7 on season and 3-4 in the conference.

The Irish, now 11-4 on the season and 5-2 in Big East play, will travel eastward to face Boston College and Syracuse in a two-game conference road trip.



The Observer/John Dailey

Junior Phil Hickey will center the Irish as they take to the court tonight.

M. B-ball

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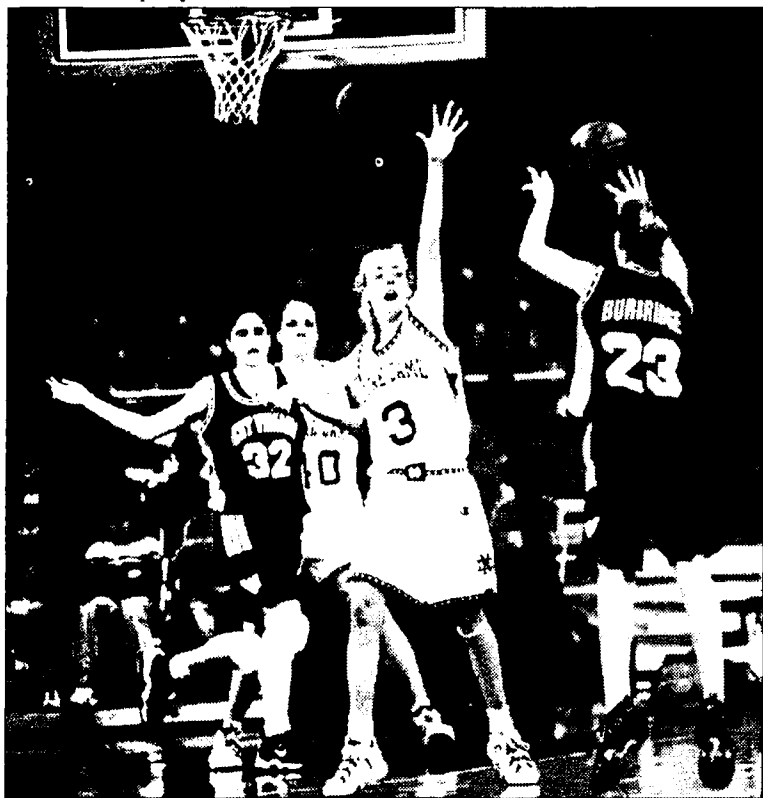
performances of the season in a 91-76 route of Rutgers on Sunday. Garrity was his normal self with 32 points, but it was his supporting cast that made the difference against the Scarlet Knights.

Center Phil Hickey matched a career-high with 16 points, and Keith Friel (12 points on four three-pointers) and Antoni Wyche (11) proved to be a

lethal one-two punch at shooting guard.

"For us to be successful, it is imperative that those guys step up for us in critical situations," said coach John MacLeod. "We cannot afford to put all the pressure on Pat. It is important that guys like Phil Hickey, Antoni Wyche, Keith Friel, and Martin Ingelsby step up and help him out."

Given the magnitude of tonight's contest and Notre Dame's recent track record in big games, the Irish will need all the help they can get.



The Observer/John Dailey

Mollie Peirick's three-point play sparked an Irish run that gave them a seven-point halftime lead.

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2	4:15-5:15	Hi Intensity	Gym 2	M/W	\$20
3	5:25-6:25	STEP	Gym 1	M/W	\$25
4	5:25-6:25	Lo Impact	Gym 2	M/W	\$20
5	3:45-4:45	STEP	Gym 1	T/Th	\$25
6	3:45-4:45	Hi Intensity	Gym 2	T/Th	\$20
7	5:30-6:30	STEP	Gym 1	T/Th	\$25
8	5:30-6:15	Flex & Tone	Gym 2	T/Th	\$20

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10	12:15-12:45	STEP	301	M/W/F	\$25
11	4:15-5:15	STEP	301	M/W/F	\$35
12	5:25-6:25	STEP	301	M/W	\$25
13	7:45-8:30 am	STEP	301	T/Th	\$25
14	12:15-12:45	Flex & Tone	301	T/Th	\$25
15	3:45-4:45	AeroStep	301	T/Th	\$25
16	5:30-6:30	STEP	301	T/Th	\$25
17	5:20-6:05	Hi Intensity	301	F	\$12
18	4:40-5:30	STEP	301	Su	\$12
19	5:35-5:55	All Abs	301	Su	\$12
20	6:05-6:55	Hi Intensity	301	Su	\$12

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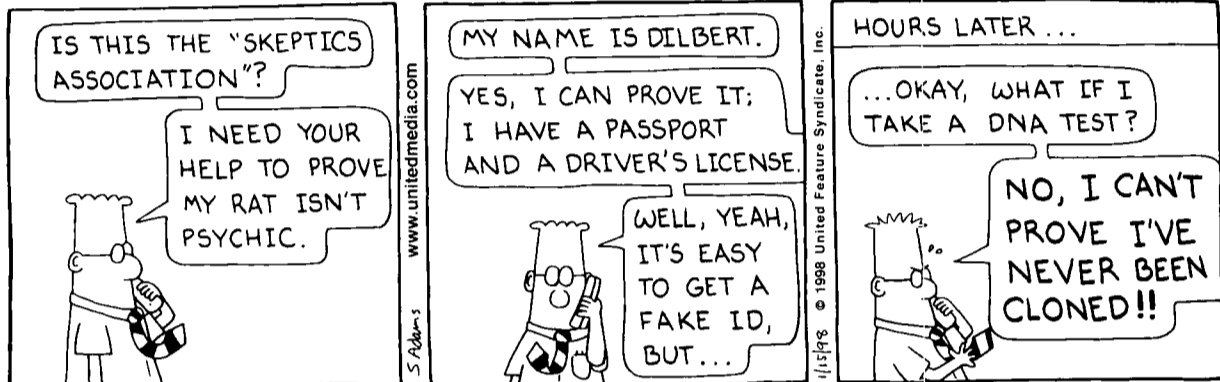
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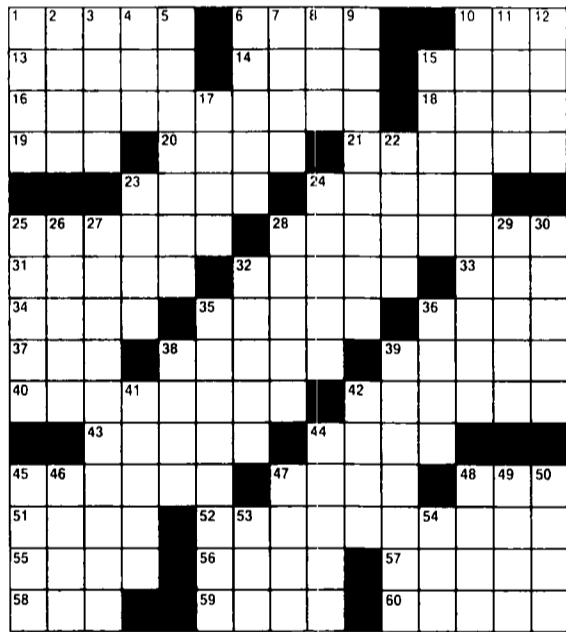
ACROSS

- 1 Radio station supply
- 6 Dismay
- 10 Louis who was guillotined
- 13 Flu ward sound
- 14 "You said it!"
- 15 Regular Cosmo feature
- 16 Betraying, briefly
- 18 Lhasa (dog)
- 19 Colony member
- 20 Strove (for)
- 21 Told (on)
- 23 Advance
- 24 Antigun lobbyist Brady
- 25 Congress-woman Waters
- 28 Respectful

- 31 Commencement
- 32 Wizards
- 33 Prevent
- 34 Four on a four, e.g.
- 35 Tint
- 36 Coffee
- 37 Nationality suffix
- 38 Flapjack places, for short
- 39 Punished, perhaps
- 40 Like some pizzas
- 42 Punish, perhaps
- 43 Speak monotonously
- 44 Soothing instrument
- 45 Knee/ankle connector
- 47 Glow
- 48 "Look here!"

DOWN

- 1 Arp art
- 2 What a model might become
- 3 Barricade, with "in"
- 4 Inner ear
- 5 In the black, like a dry cleaner?
- 6 Sent, in a way
- 7 Within
- 8 Form of Buddhism
- 9 Carrier or lves
- 10 Start playing, briefly
- 11 Tight gripper
- 12 Lacoste
- 15 Mideast nation
- 17 "— kleine Nachtmusik"
- 22 God shown with a burning torch
- 23 "Fairy tales"
- 24 Utah lilies
- 25 Two-wheeler
- 26 Liqueur flavor



Puzzle by Kiran S. Kedlaya

- 27 Two-wheeler, briefly
- 28 "Lord of the Flies" leader
- 29 Object of contemplation?
- 30 Business
- 32 Bullwinkle, for one
- 35 Waters off Hong Kong
- 36 Green shade
- 38 Pop star, say
- 39 Wine orders
- 41 Bluenose
- 42 Lighting specialist, informally?
- 44 Crescents
- 45 Betting game
- 46 Tolstoy hero
- 47 Prefix with culture
- 48 "Yikes!"
- 49 Son, usually
- 50 Farm team
- 53 "— a Joke, Son" (1947 flick)
- 54 Big inits. in credit reporting

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



YOUR HOROSCOPE

Aries:Your competitors are no match for you. Recognizing this, they are unlikely to compete today. You exhale viable ideas and strategies with each breath.

Taurus:Turn inward from a cruel world and find ways to beautify yourself or enhance your home. Buy yourself a gift today. Throwing a little money around makes you feel better, even if it doesn't solve a problem.

Gemini:This is a good day to socialize with others like yourself. You see your image reflected positively by people who like and understand you. A long term relationship could develop from the initiative you take today.

Cancer:This could be a favorable day for moneymaking activities. The broader your perspective, the better your chances for success. Hiding behind your opinions is no substitute for understanding the heart of the matter.

Leo:The spotlight is on you today. Your public goes wild with applause over your beauty, your accomplishments, and your potential. Do not disappoint those who have such high expectations for you.

Virgo:A smoothly running project hits an unseen obstacle. A quick look at the details should tell you exactly what has gone wrong. Make sure your people skills are sharpened and ready to use. 1/15/98 Libra:Friends and acquaintances are able to help you today.

Temper someone else's extravagant ideas with your good judgment. This is one of those days when the sum is much greater than its parts.

Scorpio:Employers or judges may seem profoundly unfair in their demands and decisions, but you are powerless today. Do your best with what remains to you. If you are the good soldier or model employee, there's nothing to worry about.

Sagittarius:This is a favorable day to plan a trip. Even if you have to lower your standards to match your budget, your expectations are high. You are adaptable enough to have fun with whatever comes your way today.

Capricorn:Secret dealings violate your sense of ethics, but they might be the only way to get the job done. Wear your poker face until it starts to hurt. Leave yourself an easy way out just in case it all comes apart.

Aquarius:Submerge your ego today and put your back into a team effort. The solo hotshot is only going to ruin things for everyone. A project takes on a life of its own as it nears completion. 1/15/98

Pisces:This is a favorable time to turn your life around. If you begin a routine today, there is a better chance you will stay with it. Organize your desk, start a diet, or address a medical condition that you have been avoiding.

■ OF INTEREST

The Center for Social Concerns will offer a migrant farm worker seminar over Spring Break 1998. The seminar offers an alternative break opportunity, one credit in theology, and an opportunity to work in the fields with migrant workers and examine related issues. Informational meeting today at 7 p.m. and Wed., January 21, at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the CSC.

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish plateau with win over Mountaineers

Big East rival defeated with exceptional play of Riley and Peirick

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

It may not have been as pretty as other recent games, but for any Fighting Irish fan, it was still a win.

Despite a strong challenge by the visiting team, Notre Dame's women's basketball team managed to extend their winning streak to eight games by defeating conference rival West Virginia 86-78.

After Notre Dame scored its first basket just six seconds into the game, the next few points didn't come easy for the team. West Virginia used a more aggressive style of defense than its Big East counterparts, in which it was able to take advantage of some sloppy Irish passing. Five minutes into the contest, the two teams were knotted at six points apiece.

After Notre Dame used up a 20-second timeout, senior guard Mollie Peirick took advantage of a steal by converting an easy layup. However, the Mountaineers answered with a three-pointer, a shot the visitors depended on for the rest of the game.

However, while Notre Dame was unable to answer from the perimeter, freshman phenom Ruth Riley managed to help the Irish hold their lead. By concentrating on the perimeter, Riley was left wide open, where she proceeded to keep battling for the rebounds. Even when the Mountaineers tried to cluster around her, the 6'5" center still managed to get her shots off. By the end of the first half, Riley had tied her career high with 19 points.

"I thought it took a superhuman effort from Ruth to win the game for us," McGraw remarked. "We almost shot ourselves out of it tonight, but we could have probably given it to Ruth a little more

than we did."

After the lead see-sawed back and forth, Peirick converted a three-point play to give the Irish a two point lead. The play sparked a short 5-0 rally to give the team a 39-32 lead at the end of the half.

While Riley's performance in the paint gave the Irish the lead, the Mountaineers' perimeter shooting kept them in the game. In the first half, the visitors went 6 for 15 from three-point range, with junior guard Rebecca Burnbridge accounting for four of the completions. The Irish, on the other hand, went a dismal 0-9 from beyond the arc.

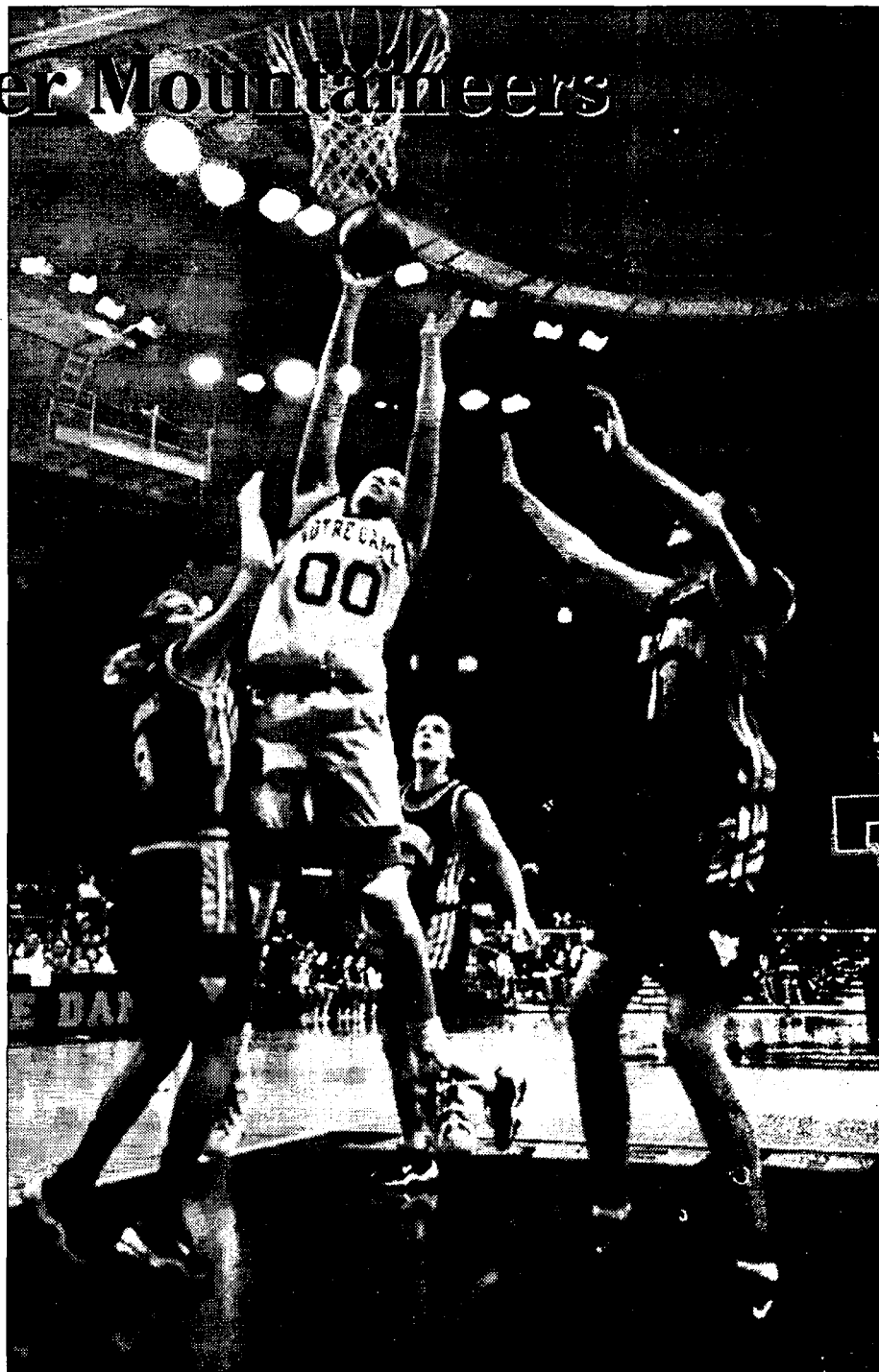
"It's an example of a lot of youth on the floor," McGraw remarked on the turnovers in the first half. "The problem was that it was contagious to the upper-classmen."

Notre Dame started the second half slowly, with the Mountaineers forcing four straight turnovers. Finally, a layup by junior Sheila McMillen two minutes into the half broke the Irish drought. Sophomore Niele Ivey converted another three-point play to stretch the lead to 12 points before Notre Dame's perimeter shooting came around. Two consecutive three-pointers by Peirick capped a 16-4 run by the Irish in the first six minutes of the half.

However, the Mountaineers regained their confidence, and started a run of their own. After bringing the game to within 10 points, Ivey sank a three-pointer to keep the rally in check. But, with 6:44 remaining in the game, West Virginia had cut the lead to six points.

While the Mountaineers tried to hold on until the end of the game, Riley's dominance in the paint combined with some well-timed perimeter shooting proved to be too much for them. After two WVU freethrows cut the lead to four, another three-pointer by McMillen kept the Irish alive. Finally, two half-court passes to an open Riley clinched the game.

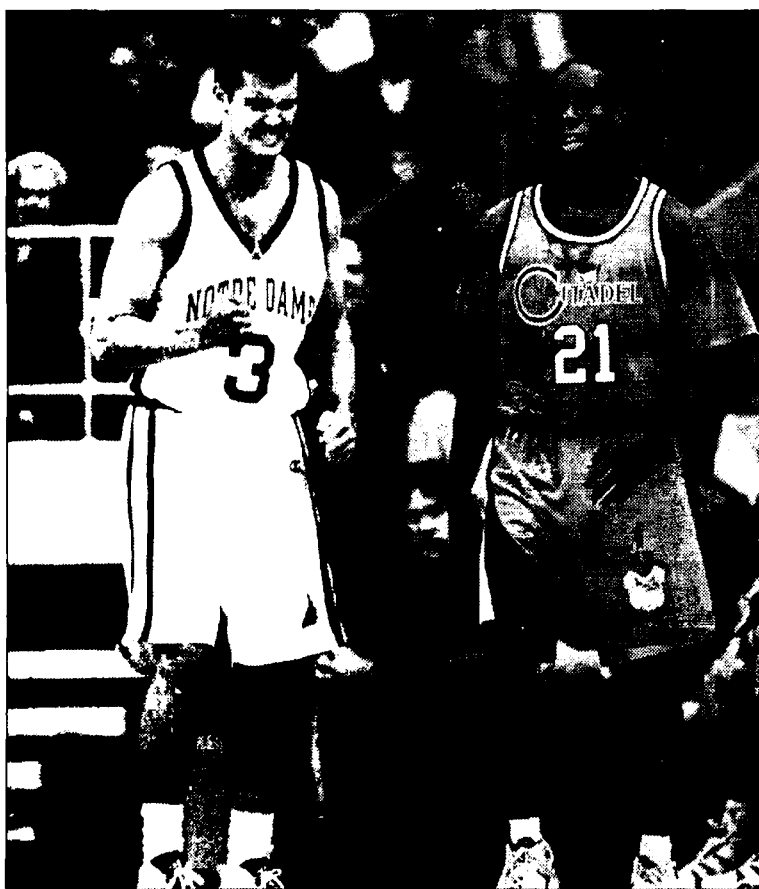
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The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Freshman center Ruth Riley led the Irish attack with exceptional play down low.

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL



The Observer/John Dailey

The Irish will look to Derek Manner to lead them against West Virginia.

Team to face Big East rival WV

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

It's never too early to start thinking about the postseason.

Although Notre Dame could certainly use a victory to stay within the thick of the race in the Big East Six, the team is also in desperate need of a win over a ranked team to remain in contention for either a NIT or NCAA berth.

So when the Irish take on the 20th-ranked West Virginia Mountaineers tonight in Morgantown, more will be riding on the outcome than the average league contest.

With a 0-3 mark against ranked teams this year, the team realizes that at some point in the season, it will need to put forth a strong showing against a top-notch team if it hopes to receive consideration from the tournament committees.

"That isn't something that we really focus on, but it probably is in the back of our minds," said senior forward Derek

Manner. "Our first priority is trying to win our conference games. We do realize that games against the best teams are important in the long run."

A year ago, the Mountaineers were one of the true surprises in college basketball, finishing the season 21-10 to earn a spot in the NIT. And with a 14-2 mark this season, West Virginia seems to have raised its game to another level.

"They are one of the top teams we will play this season," said senior forward Pat Garrity. "We know we need to be at our best when we go there since they are a good team and it's a tough place to play."

The Mountaineers are led by all-everything forward Damian Owens. A three year starter, the 6-foot-6, 215-pound forward has emerged as one of the league's top players in his senior season.

In 16 games, Owens has averaged a team-best 19.8 points per game on 57 percent shooting. The all-Big East candidate also pulls down 7.4

rebounds a contest while dishing out 3.3 assists a game.

"He has been tremendous for us this season," commented Mountaineer coach Gale Catlett. "He has been dominant at both ends of the floor, and as a senior, he has been a leader for the younger guys on the team."

Despite Owens' brilliance, West Virginia is by no means a one man team. Senior shooting guard Adrian Pledger has been a pleasant surprise the last two years after transferring from George Wallace State College prior to his junior season.

Pledger is considered one of the league's most dangerous pure shooters, putting up 14.7 points a game on 54 percent shooting. In addition, senior point guard Greg Jones (11.8 ppg) and forward Marcus Goree (9.3) have been consistent all year long for the Mountaineers.

Meanwhile, the Irish are coming off one of their best

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Men's Basketball
at West Virginia,
Tonight, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball
at Boston College,
January 17, 2 p.m.



Hockey,
at Bowling Green,
January 24, 7 p.m.

Swimming and Diving, at
Kalamazoo,
Tonight, 7 p.m.

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