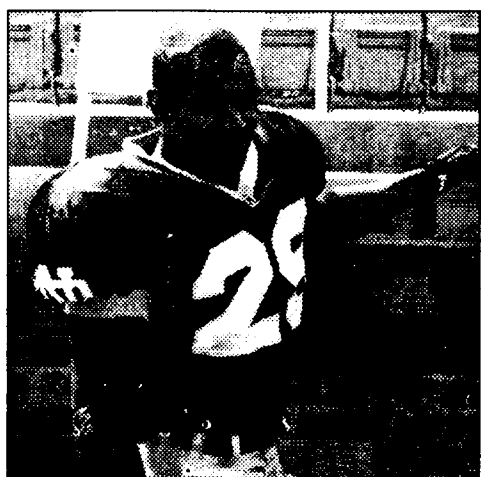


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## Tailback Rego leaves ND after 'problem'



Rego

By BRAD PRENDERGAST  
Editor-in-Chief

As the result of an unspecified "personal problem," freshman tailback Cooper Rego is no longer enrolled at the University.

Reports in recent weeks had indicated that Rego's status on the football team and at the University was in question, because of an off-the-field incident.

Reached last night at his

home in New York, Rego confirmed that he left the University "about a week ago."

"I have had some personal problems that I can't comment on," he said.

Rego declined to offer any other details surrounding his departure.

University administrators declined to comment on the nature of Rego's departure or on whether he had been asked to leave the University by the administration.

"That's something that I can't talk about," said Dennis Moore, director of Notre Dame Public Relations, "even whether or not it exists."

Patricia O'Hara, vice president for Student Affairs, cited a long-standing policy of her office in declining to comment.

"The Office of Student Affairs has never acknowledged the existence of disciplinary matters or the outcome of disciplinary matters," O'Hara said.

Head coach Bob Davie and running backs coach Desmond Robinson could not be reached for comment last night.

Rego was named to the Parade all-America team and the USA Today all-America second team during his senior year at St. Joseph High School in Montvale, N.J. He was also the Gatorade player of the year in New Jersey as a senior.

He did not play a game at tailback last fall.

## Science Web site to feature ND research

Special to The Observer

Science and engineering research at the University of Notre Dame will be featured Feb. 12-22 on the World Wide Web site of The Science Coalition.

Founded in 1995, The Science Coalition is an alliance of more than 400 organizations — including Notre Dame and 73 other leading universities — dedicated to sustaining the federal government's historic commitment to U.S. leadership in science and engineering research.

Notre Dame's highlights include four recent research breakthroughs — the discovery of the fossilized skeleton of what may be the largest Tyrannosaurus on record, the first evidence of a new sub-nuclear particle, the first demonstration of a transistorless approach to computing, and the discovery of the physical phenomenon at work in the ability of granular particles to hold their shape.

In addition, brief descriptions are provided of five centers of research excellence — the Vector Biology and Parasitology Program, the Center for Environmental Science and Technology, the Radiation Laboratory, the Structure Dynamics and Control/Earthquake Engineering Laboratory, and the Hank University of Notre Dame Environmental Research Center.

Numerous links are provided on the Web site for access to more information on the individual projects as well as the highlighted centers and labs and the University's research office.

## Wetherbee discusses Mir, space program



Capt. James Wetherbee, who has flown four space shuttle missions, his most recent as commander of the Atlantis, held a series of meetings yesterday on campus.

By FINN PRESSLY  
News Writer

Capt. James Wetherbee, space shuttle commander and Notre Dame graduate, returned to campus on Monday to meet with students, faculty, and administrators regarding his experiences with space exploration.

In his most recent flight, his fourth space shuttle mission, Wetherbee commanded the Atlantis to a successful docking with the beleaguered Russian space station, Mir.

In addition to his duties in space, Wetherbee is deputy director of the Johnson Space Center.

He has also addressed Congress in regards to the possible safety hazards that face American astronauts aboard Mir.

Though Russian aeronautic equipment is often criticized in the press, Wetherbee stated the Russians have plenty of experience in building spacecraft, and that the Mir space station is "well designed and sturdy." He pointed out that an inferior space station would have simply "come apart at the seams" following a collision such as the one that rocked Mir last June.

Wetherbee also discussed the progress of space exploration, and addressed two points that he felt would greatly help the space program.

The first involves the upcoming construction of the International Space Station. With a permanent foothold in space, scientists would be able to conduct much longer experiments. In addition, the added room would allow more research projects to be carried out simultaneously.

Second, Wetherbee expressed the need for a reduction in the cost of sending matter into space. At the present time, it costs approximately \$10,000 to send one pound of matter into low-level orbit. If the cost were lowered to \$2,000 per pound, it would allow many more research institutions and universities to send their experiments into space.

When asked about the recent announcement that John Glenn will return to space, Wetherbee expressed his optimism that Glenn will be able to withstand the rigors of space travel.

"He is in great shape for a 76-year-old man," he said, also adding that

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## One ticket to run for RHA Executive Board

By ARIANN BUTLER  
News Writer

Only one ticket has decided to run in the Saint Mary's Resident Hall Association elections on Wednesday.

The ticket consists of Gina Guerreso for president, Mary Blumreich for vice president, Kathy Rademacher for secretary, and Jennifer Appleton for treasurer.

According to Barbara Nolan, who is in charge of the elections, the Guerreso ticket will still need to attain 51 percent of the vote in order to be elected. If this is not achieved

then a run-off election will be required.

The ticket has been running its campaign under the acronym, "GRAB." The platform for the ticket includes creating more social events in the residence halls. Events would include weekend activities, sponsoring informal dances, investigating a change in weekend quiet hours and getting residence halls to work in conjunction with Dalloways.

The ticket also hopes to increase hall spirit by estab-

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## Looking for a good few college students ...



Brian Anderson, an official recruitment representative from the Peace Corps provided information about the national service organization in the concourse of the library yesterday.

The Observer/Jeff Hsu

## ■ INSIDE COLUMN

## Carpe Diem

I remember freshman year so clearly that I swear it happened yesterday. It was the time when everything stretched out in front of me — my whole life still waiting to happen. Or so I thought.

**Sarah Dylag**  
Wire Editor

It seemed, then, that each moment was not as significant as the whole picture of where I came from and where I might be headed. There were a million things that I wanted to do and a million years in which to do them all. College was going to last forever and I could easily waste time being afraid.

Then, I blinked.

Now, I'm staring Junior Parent's Weekend right in the face. I'm on the verge of ending half of my college career and I've been on a wild, whirling ride since freshman year. Things have constantly been changing.

Looking back now, I realize that things aren't as endless and everlasting as they sometimes seem. And fear is a stupid excuse we all use to avoid making the most of the present moment.

But the present moment is all you have.

The truth is, everything you are and everything you are going to be converges in this moment because tomorrow, or even in the next second, everything is going to change.

Life is not about waiting for things to happen. It's not something that happens to you. If there's something you want and you have the means to achieve it right now, then you should chase it, setting all fears and reservations aside. If you don't have the means, then you have to find them.

Sure, chasing what you want means putting your heart and hopes at risk. Sure, you may find yourself plagued by nagging doubts and fears. But at least you tried. At least you aren't still waiting for things to happen. And if all else fails, at least you can look to the wonderful things going on right now, no matter how small, and be thankful for them.

We are each active participants in this complicated thing called life. When the sun rises in a blur of orange and purple, we are the ones who open our eyes to see it. When we laugh with our friends and when we let them see us cry, we are the ones who drop our guard, open our hearts, and find something beautiful. That's why this moment — this second — contains all of the possibilities we can imagine, if we only summon up the courage within ourselves to act on them.

Right now.

I think Ernest Hemingway said it better than I ever could in his novel "For Whom the Bell Tolls." Hemingway wrote, "... but in the meantime, all the life you have is today, tonight, tomorrow, today, tonight, tomorrow over and over again (I hope) ... and so you had better take what time there is and be very thankful for it."

Life is about living right now. Whatever you're planning or thinking about — do it, say it, chase it and don't be afraid. Instead of worrying about what might happen or feeling sad about the things you can't do, live this moment for the happiness it can bring you. Right now, this moment is all that is real. And if you blink, you will certainly miss it.

*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

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## Gun shots break up charity event at UVA

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

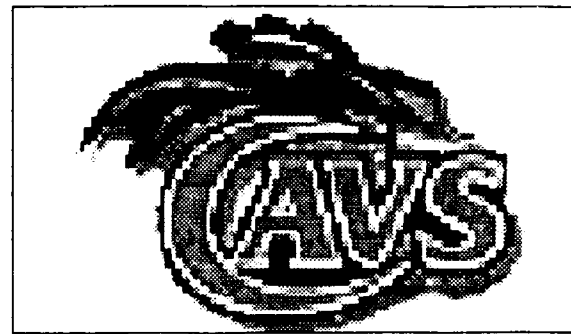
Two students were assaulted late Friday night when gun shots were heard outside of Beta Theta Pi fraternity house on Maury Avenue.

The incident occurred during a party at the Beta house, which had been rented for a charity event. Charlottesville police officials said they do not know why the shots were fired or what prompted the incident.

According to the city police report, "two shots from an undetermined direction," were heard when the police officers arrived on the scene. The report described the scene as chaos with people running from the house.

Paris Smothers, a first-year college student who was in the house, said she was uncertain of what was happening.

"There was chaos," Smothers said. "People heard a loud noise, which



some perceived to be gun shots."

"There was some confusion and some people were scared. [Inside the house] people were running around," she said. "Personally, I was under a table. I was trying to figure out what to do. I just wanted to be able to get home in one piece."

Charlottesville Police Sgt. Gary Pleasants said the police report stated that the "DJ cut the music off," making some people at the party angry.

Angry party attendees then proceeded to break the DJ's records,

Pleasants said.

Outside, shortly afterwards, shots were fired, though "no one knows who fired the shots," he said.

He added that the police are sure the people who caused the problem were not University students.

But non-University students should not have been admitted in the first-place, according to Inter-Fraternity Council president Chris Jeffries.

"The house has to follow IFC policies and regulations when renting out their houses," he said.

Each group that wishes to rent out a house is required to sign a contract that states the standards of conducts, or general policies and regulations of the University, Jeffries said.

Beta vice president Ryan Jacoby said the event was not sponsored by the fraternity and was for charity.

"If you didn't [have a student ID] it was more expensive."

## ■ INDIANA UNIVERSITY

## Resolution examines pro-life funding

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

An IU Student Association resolution to fund pro-choice activities is the center of a controversy that might define IUSA's place in political expression on campus. The resolution calls for funding that would reimburse the Women's Student Association for money it spent on Roe vs. Wade anniversary events in January. IU Students for Life is opposing the resolution. In a letter encouraging IUSA representatives to vote against the resolution, IU Students for Life wrote, "We urge [IUSA] to remain neutral on abortion or begin allocating similar funds for pro-life activities." The funds would come from the Grass Roots Initiative Fund. IUSA Treasurer Jen Yocum, a senior, said GRIF is self-generated by IUSA through fundraising and is intended for activities, such as political rallies, that do not meet the guidelines for other funding. "People are debating whether or not we should fund public debate, but that was settled when GRIF was created," said senior Lucas McGregor, IUSA senator and WSA member.

## ■ COLORADO UNIVERSITY

## Toxins found on CU campus

BOULDER, Colo.

Discovering "unknowns" is the stuff of higher education. But "unknowns" on the CU campus has had another and much more sinister meaning. It refers to drums, bottles and other containers of suspected chemicals without labels identifying the contents. When CU's Environmental Health and Safety Division declared an amnesty on unknowns, about 700 such containers were "discovered." A mobile laboratory was brought in, and the contents were identified and shipped to disposal sites. The tab for the entire task came to about \$25,000. Before the amnesty, each of those containers would have had to have been picked up and shipped to a laboratory, and the cost would have been as high as \$1,500 per container — or as much as a million dollars total. The money would have come out of each department's budget.

## ■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

## 5 Day South Bend Forecast

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Tuesday	44	37
Wednesday	42	35
Thursday	47	33
Friday	46	33
Saturday	44	34



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## ■ UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

## USF to suspend two fraternities

TAMPA, Fla.

Two fraternities have been temporarily suspended from campus following a Feb. 1 altercation at the Campus Recreation Center. The Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Chi fraternities were deactivated Wednesday following a decision by Neil Cohen, assistant director for student activities. The organizations will lose the privileges granted to an organization registered with the Office of Student Activities until Aug. 7, the final day of the summer semester. "This is the university's way of saying we're not registering you anymore and we're not working with you," Cohen said. The fraternities have until Wednesday to appeal the decision, but the presidents from both groups were noncommittal about their plans Thursday evening. "The university has handed down the decision through Neil Cohen, and we're working through it," said Jeff Farrier, president for Lambda Chi Alpha. "I'll talk more on Sunday. I need to talk to everyone." Sigma Chi president Heath Golub said he is seeking the advice of all the people involved before taking further action.

## ■ UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-CHAMPAIGN

## Condom switch upsets student body

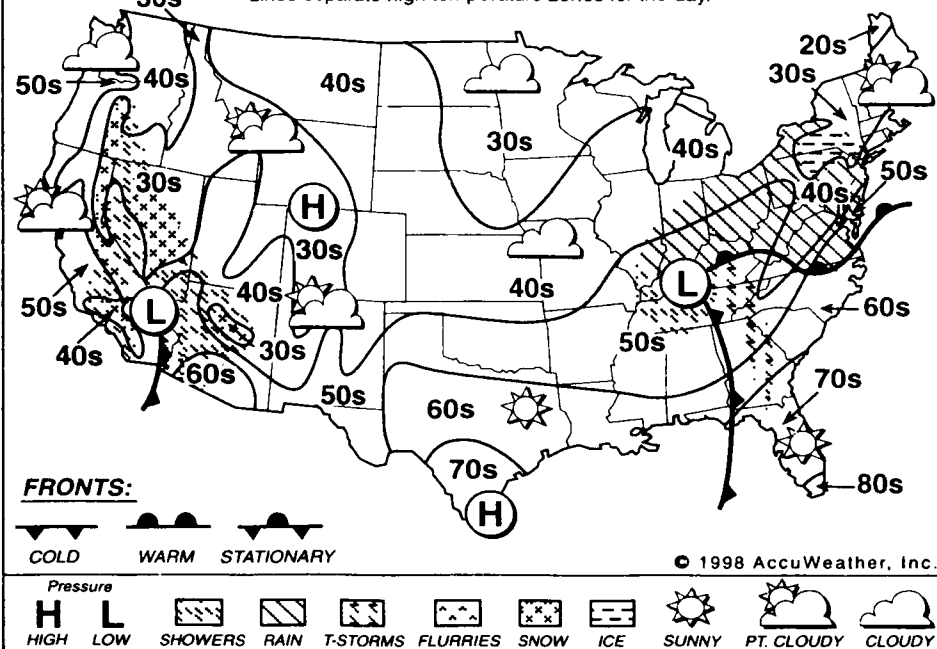
CHAMPAIGN, Ill.

Behind the clerk sitting at the desk at McKinley Health Center rests a brown box with greasy edges and several bags of defective condoms. Next to that box is another one, full of safe condoms which are offered to University students. Since McKinley made the brand switch from Sheik to Premium Blue condoms, some students have disapproved — so much so that they are returning the packs along with complaint forms. According to a McKinley student worker, students who obtain condoms from McKinley often inspect a few for leaks before using them. If they find any problems they will elect not to use them rather than putting their lives at risk. This is where the "defective" box comes in. All defective condoms must be placed in this box; later they are reported to McKinley's pharmacy.

## ■ NATIONAL WEATHER

## The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Atlanta	49	45	Denver	37	26	Orlando	74	65
Baltimore	40	34	Fargo	38	31	Phoenix	62	49
Boston	35	24	Honolulu	81	68	Reno	44	27
Columbus	45	40	Las Vegas	56	42	Seattle	52	38
Dallas	53	42	Memphis	54	48	Syracuse	38	26



## El Niño continues devastation

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. After a weekend break that included a little sunshine, a new El Niño-enhanced storm rolled ashore Monday with more rain for sodden California.

And as many as four more storms could strike Northern California this week.

"This year is definitely making a run and is on pace to certainly catch up with the wettest year in history, '82-'83," said James Bailey, assistant chief of the state Flood Operations Center.

"It would appear at this

time, if all the quantity of precipitation that is forecast comes through Sunday, it looks like it could be the second wettest week of the year," Bailey said.

In 1982-'83, when the El Niño phenomenon was first identified, California had twice its usual number of winter storms.

During an El Niño, warm water normally situated off Australia sloshes eastward to the west coast of South America, adding heat energy to weather systems. It was named for the Spanish words for baby Jesus because it usually hits South America

around Christmas.

California measures annual rainfall in a "water year" beginning Oct. 1, and most of the year's rain falls during the winter.

Bailey said eight state water-measuring stations north of Sacramento are already showing 185 percent of a normal year and by the end of the week they could surpass 200 percent.

This week's storms were predicted to be cold ones, producing snow at low elevations in the mountains and producing relatively little runoff.

## Students unhappy with spring break tour group

The Daily Northwestern (Northwestern)

EVANSTON, Ill.

When Abby Roesch planned her Spring Break for last year, she said she never considered that she would be forced to rough it in Cancun, Mexico.

"I ended up having to sleep on the beach for the first night and carry my luggage around with me," said Roesch, a junior.

Roesch arranged the trip through Surf and Sun Travel, one of many companies that provide travel packages to popular destinations. When Roesch arrived in Cancun, she found that she had been bumped from her hotel reservations and the company was unable to place her anywhere for the first night of her trip.

Junior Courtney Relihan experienced similar difficulties with Surf and Sun Travel during last year's spring break. Relihan said the company was irresponsible and inaccurate from the start, confusing both billing and ticketing information.

"They were an awful, awful company," she said. "I felt that the company from the beginning wasn't very up front about anything."

Relihan received her plane tickets the morning of her departure, and the plane arrived in Cancun four hours late. The company had overbooked the hotel and Relihan spent the first evening of her vacation traveling among hotels looking for vacancies. Finally, she and her 25 companions were given cots in the lobby of the hotel she had originally booked. Surf and Sun Travel promised them upgrades in compensation, but never followed through, she said.

However, Shawn Andreas, president of Surf and Sun Travel, said that the company had no dishonest intentions. He said that Surf and Sun is "the largest tour operator in Cancun," sending 20,000 students to the resort town this March.

Andreas said that the problems Northwestern students encountered last year were due in part to timing. NU's spring

break fell on the busiest week of spring travel and coincided with the Roman Catholic religion's Holy Week, which many Mexicans celebrate. The timing made making hotel reservations difficult, but Andreas did not deny that the company was at fault.

"I'm not trying to pass the blame to the hotels," he said. "It's our contract and our responsibility."

Andreas added that the company makes every effort to compensate travelers whose plans are changed. Those students bumped from hotels are moved to properties of equal or greater value, he said, and Surf and Sun offers vouchers for free, additional travel.

This year's official Associated Student Government spring break trip to the Bahamas was also scheduled by way of a company package deal, said Roxanne Ong, ASG vice president of student services. The package, which is being offered by Student Break Express for \$499, includes round-trip airfare, accommodations, and special discounts and offers on entertainment and dining.

Ong said the committee involved in planning the trip has been thorough and cautious in dealing with the company. Since fall quarter, the committee has researched all aspects of the package, double checking arrangements with contacts in the Bahamas and with the Better Business Bureau. Ong said that Student Break Express's enthusiasm in working with ASG has also assured her of the company's viability.

"(Student Break Express) was extremely eager to work with us," she said. "It makes us more confident to work with someone who's constantly following up."

While Ong said she feels certain of the company's reliability, she urged students to avoid package deals whenever possible and to plan trips themselves.

"It really hones your survival skills," she said. "Going through a company is just a cheap luxury. And sometimes you get screwed over and that's not right."

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### Meeting for Notre Dame Lesbian and Gay Students Group

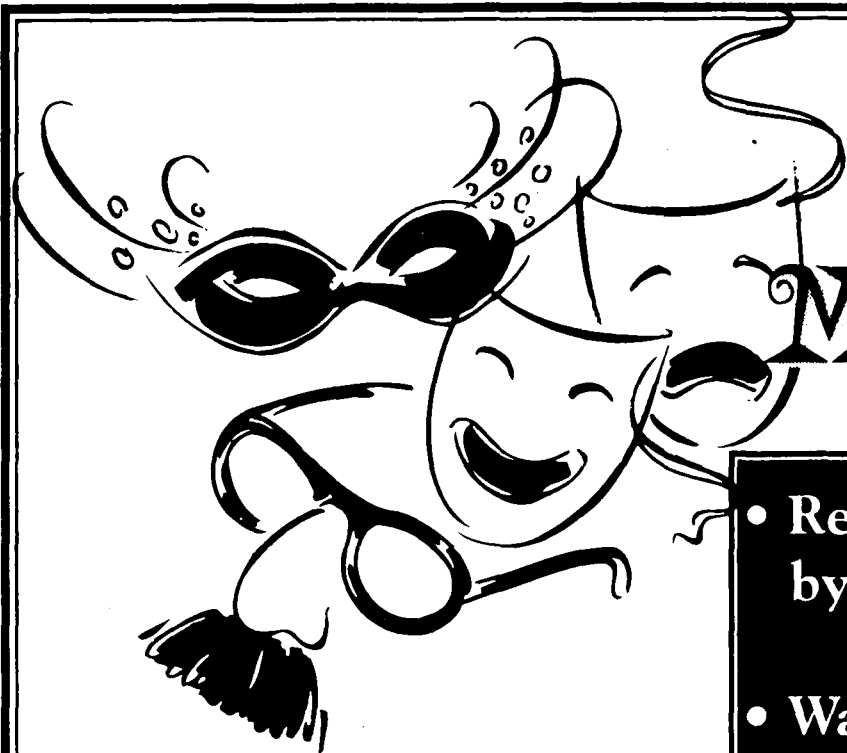
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## Space

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Glenn's excellent physical condition will protect his body from the cardiovascular stress caused by space flight.

Wetherbee received a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from Notre Dame in 1974. He served as a naval aviator from 1975 until 1984, when he was selected for the

astronaut candidate program. He expects his next mission will be in conjunction with the construction of the International Space Station.

One of Wetherbee's goals in coming to Notre Dame was to emphasize to students the critical importance of the material that they will learn here.

"The things that [students] are learning, they will use all throughout their future," said Wetherbee.

## Election

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lishing hall mascots and colors and hosting an inter-hall festival which would include a week-long competition between the five halls. In addition, the ticket hopes to increase attendance at sporting events with free food and raffles as well as having hall events during Saint Mary's pride day.

Their platform also includes: establishing an RHA newsletter, a big sister program which would pair upper class women with first year students, and a first year survival session. The ticket hopes to implement these changes as

well as keeping other traditions such as the all school formal, little sibs weekend and involvement in residence hall conferences.

"We have a lot of new ideas that we'd like to implement if elected as well as keeping up with the traditional ones. We invite the residents to come forward to us with positive and negative feedback because that's who we represent," said Gina Guerresio, regarding the goal of the ticket if elected to the RHA offices.

The RHA elections will be held on Wednesday on the McCandless side of the dining hall. The reason for the change in location of voting is the dining hall-sponsored winter Olympics festivities.

## Judges seek scientific advice

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is cautiously endorsing a movement among judges to appoint neutral experts to help them sort through contentious scientific evidence, but he advises against overdoing the practice.

A few judges, daunted by cases hinging on highly technical scientific issues and sometimes clouded by dubious expert testimony, have named independent experts to help separate solid evidence from junk.

Breyer on Monday told a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that he welcomes the organization's offer of a pilot program to help federal judges find neutral experts.

However, in a news conference after his speech, Breyer cautioned against making too much of his comments on outside scientific help.

"That isn't a cure-all, and it can't be used widely," he said.

The AAAS program will begin as soon as the organization finishes securing a foundation grant to pay for it. It will run for five years.

Deborah Runkle, a senior program associate who will run the project, said she expects it will be used in 12 to 20 cases.

"Judges will probably use this in cases that are out of the ordinary, where they don't think the normal means of getting scientific expertise is helpful," she said.

Runkle said the program will find experts by contacting scientific organizations and universities, searching computer databases and tapping into "the old-boy network."

"We will be flexible," she said.

Judges have struggled with decisions on what information to let into cases involving scientific disputes — and what to throw out — since the Supreme Court's so-called Daubert decision in 1993.

That ruling gave judges wider latitude in sorting through evidence of varying scientific validity.

As Breyer put it Monday, judges have a legal responsibility to act as gatekeepers, "not to resolve the scientific matter but to keep unsound, unhelpful, unreliable information away from the jury."

Breyer noted that the Supreme Court has long relied on "amicus curiae" briefs, which allow professional organizations and others to offer written opinions and facts.

## ■ SIERRA LEONE

## Fighting plagues African country

Associated Press

CONAKRY, Guinea

There were six of them when they forced their way through terrified, jostling crowds toward a packed boat at Freetown's port.

But as the small wooden craft pulled away from the artillery and gunfire tearing at Sierra Leone's capital, Adame Kamara looked at her children huddled around her and suddenly realized one was missing.

Ten-year-old Fatima was somewhere back on shore in the crowd, lost in the chaotic exodus.

"I don't know where she is," Kamara said a few days later,

standing among a hundred or so other refugees in the crowded yard of Sierra Leone's embassy in Conakry, the capital of neighboring Guinea. "I don't know how I'll find her."

Kamara is just one among the tens of thousands of Sierra Leoneans who have fled their homes since fighting broke out on Feb. 5, when a Nigerian-led West African intervention force attacked to drive out the country's ruling junta.

Within 10 days, the intervention force had largely succeeded. The city is under their control and ousted President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah, forced from power in a bloody May coup, is preparing to return.

Freetown now faces roaming vigilante gangs, widespread hunger and the threat of disease spread by exposed and rotting corpses.

Relief agencies said Monday that the emphasis must shift toward helping residents get food and medical help, while holding at bay angry crowds bent on settling scores with the junta. A mass effort is also needed to clean up the city and bury the war dead.

The toll of the fighting is still being added up. At least 118 people were killed, most of them civilians. At least 700 more were injured and large parts of the city were left in ruins.

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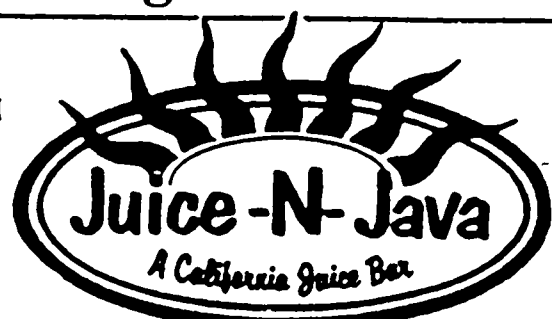
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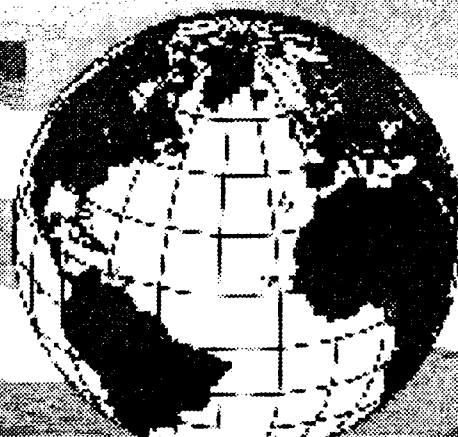
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## ■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Barge collision severely injures workers

NEW ORLEANS

A barge smashed into an offshore oil platform in stormy weather in the Gulf of Mexico Monday, starting fires on both and injuring five workers, the Coast Guard said. The blaze was quickly extinguished on the barge, but fire continued to burn on the platform. The injured workers were ferried to hospitals in Louisiana. The barge, being pushed by a tug, hit the platform about 1:45 p.m., 15 miles south of the mouth of the Mississippi River off Southwest Pass. The fire on the platform forced all six crewmen to evacuate — two on a commercial helicopter that was on the platform and four in an escape capsule which they launched into the Gulf. The capsule was picked up quickly by a passing boat and all aboard were uninjured. Nine workers were on the tug and barge; three suffered smoke inhalation in putting out the fire. The two other injuries were a broken hand and a broken leg. It was not immediately known whether those workers were on the barge or platform.

### Polish Gypsies seek WWII compensation

WARSAW, Poland

About 2,000 Gypsies who were persecuted by the Nazis during World War II will seek compensation from Germany, the leader of Poland's Gypsies said Monday. Roman Kwiatkowski said he gave a list with the first 137 names to the German ambassador in Warsaw, the PAP news agency reported. It was unclear when the rest of the names would be presented. Gypsy victims of the Holocaust around Europe are trying to obtain compensation from Germany. But it is proving difficult because many were unregistered in their native lands, or unregistered by the Nazis. There are some 30,000 Gypsies, who prefer to be called Roma, living in Poland. Like Jews, Gypsies were rounded up, brutalized, interned, deported, and killed by Nazi Germany. Between 200,000 and a half-million were killed.

### Sinn Fein to continue talks

DUBLIN, Ireland

British and Irish leaders anguished Monday over whether to eject the IRA-allied party from Northern Ireland's peace talks after two killings blamed on the Irish Republican Army. Britain's Northern Ireland secretary urged that Sinn Fein be barred from the talks as punishment. Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams appeared furious after a daylong debate with the two governments and the talks' chairman, former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, behind closed doors at Dublin Castle. "We're trying to make this thing work," Adams told reporters. Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, Mo Mowlam, presented a one-page paper Monday calling for Sinn Fein to be expelled. The talks, which began in June 1996 and are supposed to conclude by May, are seeking to find a way to govern Northern Ireland acceptable to both its pro-British Protestant majority and Catholic minority.

**U.S. markets were closed yesterday in celebration of Presidents Day.**

## Jet crash leaves hundreds dead

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAIPEI, Taiwan

A China Airlines jet trying to land in fog crashed into a country neighborhood Monday, ripping the roofs off houses before skidding into a rice paddy and erupting in flames. Authorities said all 196 aboard and nine people on the ground were killed.

Firefighters went house to house in the blackened neighborhood, putting out the flames licking doors and windows and searching for survivors. Searchlights illuminated a life raft from the Airbus A-300, wrapped around a broken tree stump. Seats from the plane were scattered in the dirt, one with a body trapped beneath it.

China Airlines said the dead included the governor of Taiwan's Central Bank and other key financial officials; Taiwanese families returning from vacations in Bali; and four Americans. Victims on the ground included a 2-month-old baby.

Witnesses said the airliner hit hundreds of yards short of the runway at Chiang Kai-shek airport, 25 miles west of Taipei. It tore through the second floors of homes strung along a highway before sliding to a stop in flames.

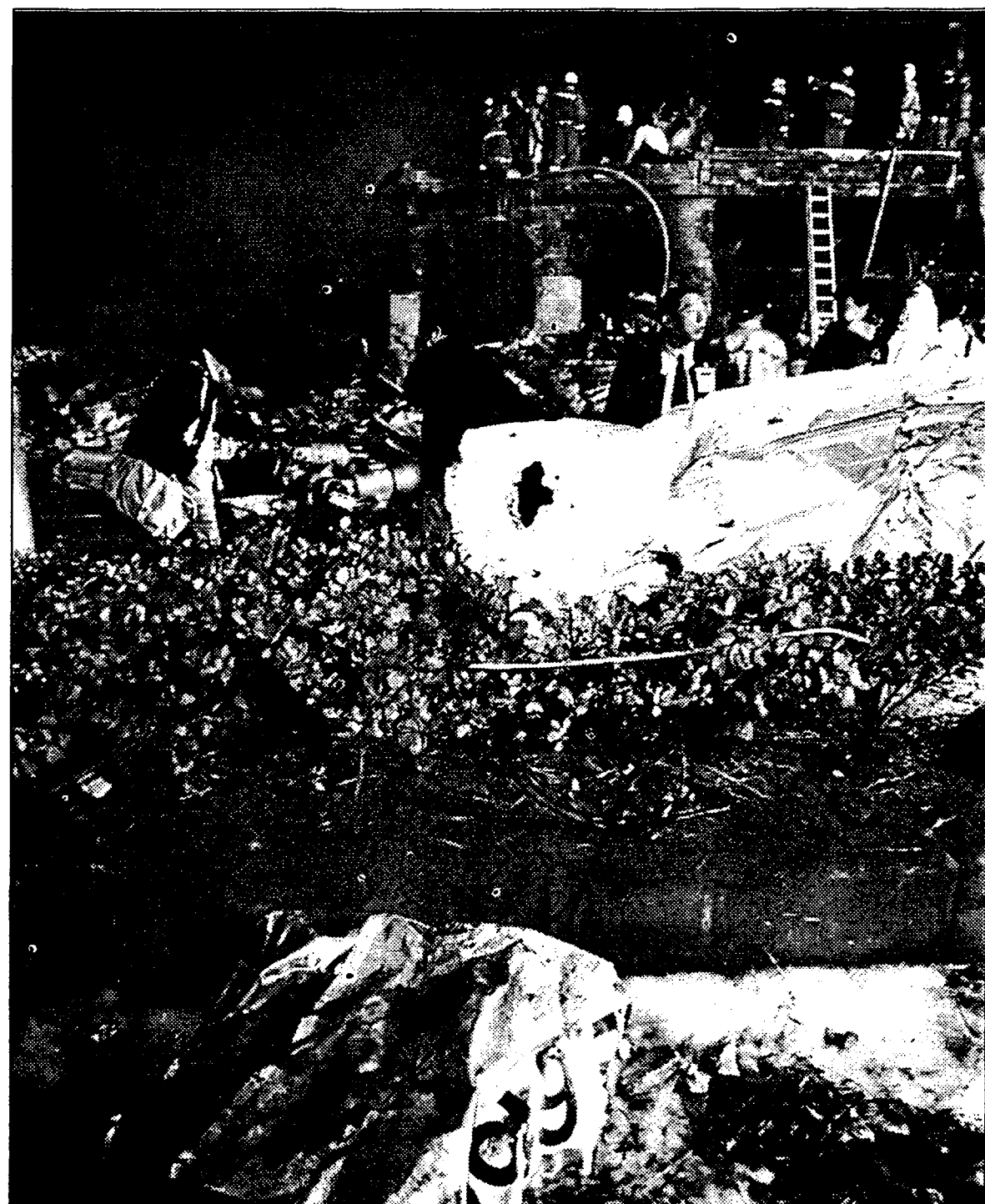
"I heard a blast, and was scared to death. Parts of the house started to fall down," said Chen Ah-mei, who had to crawl out of the ruins of her home on her hands and knees. She and her husband were being treated at a hospital.

"It happened so fast — noise and fire," said an elderly farmer who ran to the scene as soon as he saw the flames. He identified himself only as Chen.

The fiery impact scattered charred bodies and body parts along the road and throughout the sparsely populated area, home to fish farms, small factories and warehouses. The smell of jet fuel and burning rubber lingered hours after the crash. Only the tail of the broken, burned jet was recognizable.

Authorities sealed off the neighborhood, leaving families of passengers to congregate at hospitals and the airport. Relatives broke into tears and fell into one another's arms as the extent of the disaster hit them; one woman collapsed to the floor.

"They all went to Bali on a trip, and



AFP Photo

Inspectors search through debris of China Airlines flight 676, which crashed into a row of houses just outside Taipei's international airport yesterday. All 196 passengers and crew are believed dead.

they are all dead," said a woman whose four children were on the flight.

Rescue workers on the scene said they had given up looking for survivors, but the deputy director-general of Taiwan's Civil Aeronautics Administration, Chang Kuo-cheng, said he still hoped to find survivors among the 182 passengers and 14 crew members.

Airport officials said two flight data recorders were recovered and were being analyzed to help determine the cause of the crash.

The twin-engine Airbus went down

while attempting to land on a second approach at the airport's northern runway, the Taipei-based China Airlines reported.

Heavy fog was reported around the airport throughout the afternoon and evening, and a light rain was falling at the time of the crash.

The plane had been asked to make the second approach due to poor visibility, said Hamilton Liu, a China Airlines spokesman. Earlier, the Civil Aeronautics Administration had said the visibility was reported to be adequate.

## States raise standards for teachers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Virginia's governor, James Gilmore, meant to shock his audience this month when he reported that as many as one-third of would-be teachers in the state flunked a national test of basic reading, writing and mathematics.

If it was bad news for Virginia, it was worse for the nation. Virginia has the country's highest cutoff score for the Praxis I, used in 20 states to screen teacher college candidates and beginning teachers. Scarcely more than half the students who took the test nationwide would have made the Virginia cut.

"Virginia students would be doing much better than the national average," said Charlotte Solomon, in

charge of the Praxis examinations for the Educational Testing Service, a private company that supplies the tests to states. "It begs the question of whether it's good enough."

Around the country, state education officials are asking whether tests of general knowledge and of specific subjects are rigorous enough to ensure that able people become teachers. The issue has risen in importance because of widespread efforts to raise standards for what children should know and be able to do.

For some states, it means setting standards for the first time.

Last October in New Hampshire, the board of education voted to adopt Praxis I starting this fall after years of opening the

profession to anyone with a college teaching degree who could find work. Democratic Gov. Jeanne Shaheen vetoed legislation that would have required the tests for teachers who already have jobs.

Some 35 states use Praxis I or more advanced tests in the Praxis series used to certify graduates for general knowledge, professional skills and subject knowledge. Some states have their own tests.

Explanations vary on why scores are low, but poor pay tops the list. "It clearly holds back who it is that's entering," said Gordon Ambach, executive director of the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Teaching has become less attractive for women and minorities since barriers to other, more lucrative and prestigious jobs have been

lowered.

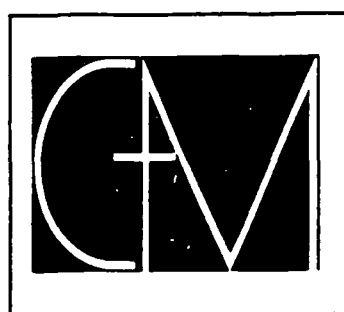
Education officials also point out that not everyone with low test scores goes on to teach or even get an education degree.

In Pennsylvania, education officials are beginning to raise the bar for a number of tests. Among those being examined is a 120-question, general knowledge test for beginning teachers that covers social studies, math, literature and the arts, and science.

"We have a relatively high pass rate, but as we look at the exams and we look at the cut scores, we're not convinced that it is a meaningful exercise," said Michael Poliakoff, a deputy secretary of education.

Nearly 91 percent of would-be teachers who took the general knowledge test last fall passed it.

# ✚ Campus Ministry This Week ✚



Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 pm, Campus Ministry-Badin Office

## Campus Bible Study

Finishing the study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians.



Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 - 8:00 pm, Stanford-Keenan Chapel

## Taize Prayer



Friday, February 20, LaFortune Ballroom

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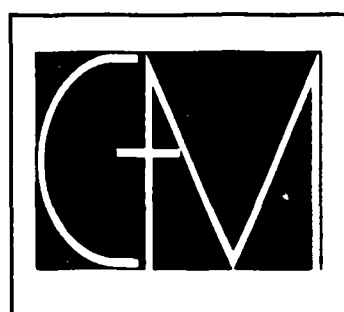
## An Art Exhibit

The artwork of Belinda Bryant and Alan Easter will be on exhibit at "Blak Koffee House."



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## Sophomore Class Retreat



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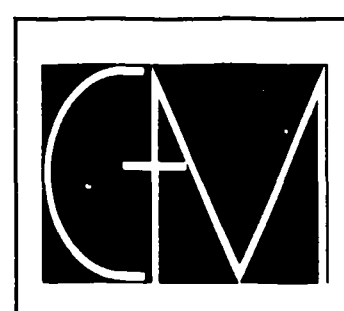
## Hispanic First Year Students Retreat



Sunday, February 22, 4:00-6:30 pm, Alumni Hall Social Room

## LTR: Learning To Talk About Race

(Feb. 27-28 Retreat Pre-Retreat Plunge)



Monday, February 23, 5:05 pm, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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# President prepares for conflict in Iraq

Associated Press

WASHINGTON  
Creeping closer to conflict with Iraq, White House advisers met Monday to plan a series of public events designed to brace the American public for risky military strikes against Saddam Hussein.

President Clinton, returning from a President's Day respite at Camp David, begins a week of chest pounding by addressing American military leaders and personnel Tuesday at the Pentagon. The next day, the president's foreign policy team will conduct a town hall meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

"We will be increasing the pace of the dialogue both with the American people and the international community so they will understand our determination to see that Iraq complies with United Nations Security Council resolutions," spokesman P.J. Crowley said.

Clinton was not expected to break new ground in Tuesday's address, but aides said it offered him the best opportunity yet to fully explain the objectives and risks of military action. Advisers have privately complained that the media has paid little attention to the potential conflict, focusing instead on allegations that Clinton had an affair with a White House intern and tried to cover it up.

Aides said the president's speech would highlight:

•The global danger posed by Saddam's suspected production of biological, chemical and nuclear weapons.

•Clinton's resolve to "diminish and reduce" Saddam's arsenal through air strikes, if necessary. He has previously vowed to eliminate the weapons, a goal advisers say cannot be achieved by air.

•His foremost desire to solve the matter diplomatically and put U.N. weapons inspectors back on the job of ferreting out Saddam's weapons.

•The risks to U.S. military personnel and Iraqi civilians in the event of air strikes. Military leaders have said in recent days that U.S. casualties should be expected. Clinton is expected to echo the words of National Security Adviser Sandy Berger: "There is no cost-free, risk-free option."

In hopes of preparing Americans for conflict, aides discussed a number of options Monday, including a prime-time address. Such a high-profile presidential statement is not expected this week, aides said.

Berger, who will join Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen in Ohio, also plans to conduct a round of interviews with Middle East and European journalists.

# Trial of midshipman wraps-up

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas  
Jurors began deliberating Monday whether former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora was a sociopath who killed a teen-age romantic rival or a helpless bystander manipulated into confessing.

Defense attorney John Linebarger told jurors in his closing argument that Ms. Zamora's then-fiance, David Graham, was responsible for the killing of 16-year-old Adrienne Jones. Linebarger described Graham, a former Air Force Academy cadet, as a "macho G.I. Joe" who dominated Ms. Zamora and persuaded her to take the blame.

"There is no evidence to sug-

gest that Miss Jones was hit over the head with anything but the butt of a gun (that) we know was in the hands of David Graham, not Diane Zamora," Linebarger said. "She didn't help. She didn't

**'SHE DIDN'T HELP. SHE DIDN'T ASSIST. IT WAS DAVID GRAHAM.**

DEFENSE ATTORNEY JOHN LINEBARGER

assist. It was David Graham."

Ms. Zamora and Graham are accused of killing Miss Jones, of Mansfield, in December 1995, because the girl had a one-time fling with Graham. They were

seniors in high school at the time. Both graduated with honors and earned prestigious spots in military academies the next year.

They were arrested in September 1996 when Ms. Zamora's academy roommates reported she had admitted to the killing.

If convicted of capital murder, Ms. Zamora, 20, would automatically receive a life sentence because prosecutors opted not to seek the death penalty. She would be eligible for parole in 40 years.

State District Judge Joe Drago sent jurors to a hotel after six hours of deliberation and told them to return at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

■ INDIA

# Voters scarce because of riots

Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India  
Frustrated by a series of failed governments, barely half the eligible voters turned out Monday to choose a new Parliament in elections marred by at least 22 deaths.

Another 70 people were injured by land mines, in fights between rival political groups or in ambushes by rebels trying to disrupt the vote, held three years ahead of schedule. Still, Monday's violence was not unusual in a democracy that endures despite sharp differences among its people.

Chief Election Commissioner M.S. Gill called the balloting "largely a peaceful exercise" given its scale: 222 seats of the 545-member lower house of Parliament — the Lok Sabha — were being decided in the first of six days of balloting staggered by region.

About 250 million people were eligible to vote

Monday. Elections officials estimated turnout at 50 percent.

After votes are counted in March, the party or coalition that wins a majority of seats nationwide will designate a prime minister.

Nearly 5,000 candidates representing scores of parties are vying for 543 parliament seats, with the other two filled by appointment.

The Congress Party, which has governed India for all but five years since independence, has been battered by accusations it is corrupt and out of touch.

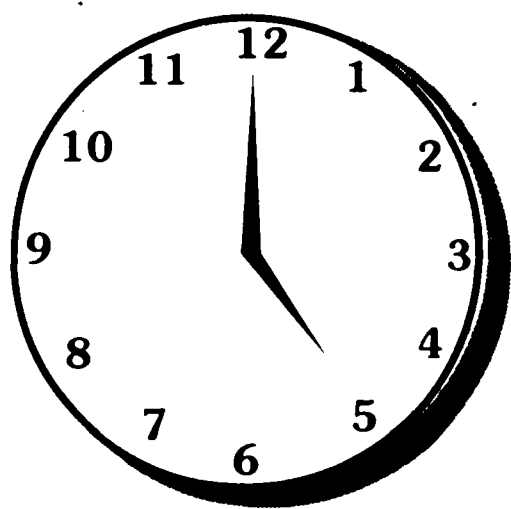
The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party was expected to win the most seats — but not the majority needed to govern alone, which would leave India with another fragmented government.

The outgoing United Front, a coalition of 14 parties that governed for 17 months until it resigned in December, was expected to fare badly after some of its parties splintered.



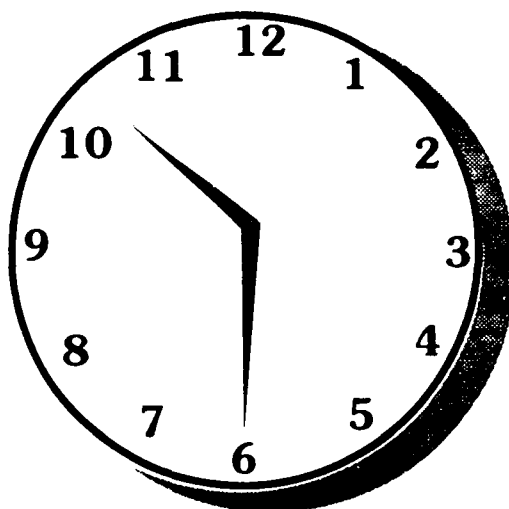
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### ■ ALL ABOUT YOU

## Can We All Just Get Along?

This is college, right? I have to ask because I really feel like we are all back in junior high again. Instead of complaining about the opposite sex at slumber parties or by passing notes, we are just using The Observer.

## Bridget Rzezutko

Lately, reading this paper makes me feel like I am baby-sitting. I have to fight myself not to give time outs or threaten to take away dessert if everyone doesn't try to be nice.

Why are people actually offended by ignorant stereotypes? Why are columnists male-bashing? And why is anyone actually taking the Keenan Revue seriously? Obviously, all of these issues have already been brought up before. But since this is my column and I have space to fill up and childish behavior to reprimand, let's discuss our behavior.

Even though I am not a male, I too was a little insulted by the Inside Column stereotyping Notre Dame males. I took the author's remarks as attacks on my guy friends, and by offending my friends, she offended me. But you know what? I read the column, was a little irritated, put it down and tried to forget about it. That wasn't possible, however, since every day there have been more attacks and counterattacks regarding the issue. The whole thing sounded more like a personal problem for the author than reality for anyone else here. Hey guys, does it really matter what this woman thinks? I am not asking anyone not to care, because of course any attack or labeling is going to sting a little bit. But it shouldn't make this much of an impact. The way I see it, if you aren't like her idea of a Notre Dame male, you have one of two options. One — prove her wrong. Call that girl in your psych class that you stare at when you think she's not looking. Since you watch her more than the clock, you know it must be love. Or, second option — laugh it off. If you know yourself and

you know you aren't like that, then that is all that really matters. If anything, feel sorry that she is so harsh on her fellow peers. I do. Granted, not everyone I have met in my years here has been perfect, but neither am I. I know lots of guys who do play video games all day; some that, in my opinion, really are too attached to their roommates, and those with rooms that could definitely use Molly Maid. But I also know that my room is messy — trashed, actually. I myself am a little obsessed with Frogger and NASCAR Racing, so much so that my male friends have to pry me away from the Play Station, not the other way around.

I guess the actual question is: Why is anyone even bothered by this? All that matters is if someone is a good person or not, and how you feel when you are with them. If someone thinks I am stupid because I go to Saint Mary's, or that a guy sucks because he lives in Zahm, or that that girl is fat so she must be from BP, then all these people are doing you a favor. You don't want to hang out with or date someone who is that closed-minded and judgmental. Not everyone fits the stereotype. The author of the Inside Column can sit and pout about how the males here are lacking depth. In her experience it may be true. But in mine, and most others, it isn't.

If that guy won't pry himself away from Mario Go-Kart to talk to you, then either throw yourself in front of the TV until he realizes you even exist, or get over him. Find new friends. There are lots of great guys here who would meet you halfway. Girls, too. Get your own life and then what everyone else does won't matter to you. Stop judging everyone else and be a little more accepting of everyone's differences.

Can't we all just get along?

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### ■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Real Moral Solutions

In Friday's Viewpoint, Laura Antkowiak and the College Republicans condemned Bill Clinton out of concern for the morality of our country. Let me say that I, like the majority of this campus, also worry about the morality of our society. I think that this controversy could be an opportunity to open dialogue and refocus our commitment to a more moral society. Let me offer a proposal to enhance our country's moral framework:

1. Forget the idea of politicians as moral leaders. Yes, that's right, dismiss this idea entirely as something that simply isn't true and one we never believed anyway. Politicians have always been morally corrupt. Thomas Jefferson, a father of our country, was rumored to have slept with his slaves. Warren Harding was criticized for fathering an illegitimate child. Everyone knows about Kennedy's sexual escapades. Was our country really less moral while these men held office? I don't think our leaders have any bearing on how individuals conduct their private lives. Politicians' lack of morality spans across the political spectrum. Newt Gingrich delivered divorce papers to his first wife's hospital bed while she was dying of cancer. Do any of us really look to politicians for role models? I don't think any of us turned to Reagan's sex life while developing our own. The way we develop our opinions on morality is through those closest to us, like our peers and parents, not the guys in Washington.

2. Strengthen our commitment to real role models. This is something easy to say but extremely hard to do. There are no concrete results when discussing role models; we can't say that 'x' many role models will result in 'x' number of good people. However, building strength in our religious leaders and parents is the only way to bring about a moral society. If we really worry about the crumbling of our country's morality, let us start with the foundation.

3. Look to other countries as examples. Laura worries how other nations will look upon us. The truth is most of them just don't care. If you don't believe me, glance at the Feb. 9 issue of Time Magazine, page 21. The reason for the media circus is our general prudishness as a society. Most countries think it's ridiculous that we are so hung up on sex. The way to improving moral conduct is not by fingering certain people and condemning them. Laura points out people like the New York cabbie who don't care about the issue. I think that is a sign of how strong our country really is. Other places in the world, like Iraq, must live in fear of tyrants that kill without reason. While I can reject Clinton's decision to sleep with other women on a personal level, I can also be relatively happy that it is the worst thing our nation has to worry about from its leaders.

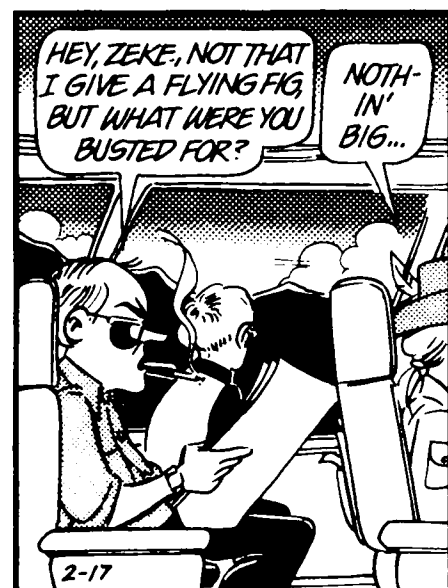
It is relatively easy to pass judgement on other people. It is a much harder task to find real solutions to a problem. College Republicans, I agree that our country can use a "moral overhaul." Let us come together on our goal to see it become reality.

Brian Monberg  
Junior, Carroll Hall  
February 13, 1998

### ■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU

### ■ QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Yes, Ma'am, I am. And you are ugly. But in the morning, I will be sober. You, however, will still be ugly."

—Winston Churchill, when told at a state dinner that he was intoxicated.



## ■ SHADES OF GRAY

# Bombing Saddam Will Not Work

Once again, the United States is preparing for possible military action in the Persian Gulf, and once again, the question is what to do with Iraq and its weapons of mass destruction. As far as bad guys go, Saddam Hussein's credentials are impeccable. Next to us, he's the biggest bully in the Middle East — a thorn in the side of Kuwait, the Kurds, and U.N. weapons inspection teams.

President Clinton has stated our objective is to "substantially reduce or delay" Iraq's capacity to deliver weapons of mass destruction. But even if this were feasible, it's hard to imagine that Saddam's weapons programs pose such a threat that the lives of Iraqi civilians are expendable. There's a lot our stealth bombers, fighters, refuelers and U.S. troops can do. Unfortunately, one thing they can't do is create peace.

## BIG GUNS WON'T WORK

Curiously, the United Nations, for whom the bombs would fall, is urging the U.S. to exercise restraint and seek a diplomatic solution. Saudi Arabia, one of our closest Persian Gulf War allies, has said it won't allow attacks to be staged from its soil, and support from other U.N. nations is sparse. Encouragement from Britain, Canada, Australia and Poland is, as an editorial in the Seattle Times put it, "hardly the cumulative wrath of an outraged world."

The only thing everyone can agree on is that bombing Iraq will be of little use. A senior State Department official was quoted in the New York Times: "In reality, I think the best we can do is reduce [Saddam Hussein's] stock of weapons, at least for a while, and give him some second thoughts about using them against any of his neighbors."

Military officials are left wondering if it's worth risking the lives of American pilots (not to mention innocent Iraqis) for a "temporary annoyance to the Iraqi leader."

## THE END GAME

Some Republicans, including Sen. John McCain of Arizona, have criticized Clinton's policy toward Iraq as too timid. They say that the administration's goals and means are inadequate and are calling for an "end game" strategy — a plan to remove Saddam Hussein from power. But the "end game" proposition is the worst of our alternatives.

The Los Angeles Times reported

Sunday that the FBI recently conducted a secret investigation of CIA officials on charges of attempting to murder Saddam Hussein. The Times said that the Iraqi army crushed a covert action program in August 1996, and another

program designed to attract and recruit Iraqi officers to plan a military coup had been destroyed two months earlier.

Thus far, Hussein has executed at least 100 military officers who have cooperated with American and British intelligence agencies, and intelligence analysts doubt that a new plan to oust Saddam Hussein would succeed.

## EASE SANCTIONS TO MAKE PEACE

Few people think air strikes will make Saddam Hussein more willing to cooperate with United Nations inspectors.

Brent Scowcroft, the U.S. National Security Advisory during the Gulf War, warns in *The Independent*, "We bombed him heavily in 1991, more heavily than we can now; and he didn't change his mind about anything."

Even fewer people have talked about America's own weapons of mass destruction — the economic sanctions in place against Iraq, which are at the heart of this diplomatic struggle. Iraq has no incentive to cooperate

with weapons inspectors unless there is a prospect that its economic isolation will end.

Air strikes will have limited strategic utility. Sure, at stake in the short term is the credibility of U.S. threats, but in the long term, credibility can only come through responsibility. That the United States is determined not to lift the sanctions as long as Saddam Hussein remains in power is a sign that we haven't learned from history (think Cuba). Like Fidel Castro, Saddam Hussein isn't going anywhere.

I agree with Patrick Cockburn, who writes, "An end to the embargo and the isolation of Iraq should be discussed at the same time as a final accounting of Iraq's non-conventional weapons: in the same negotiations."

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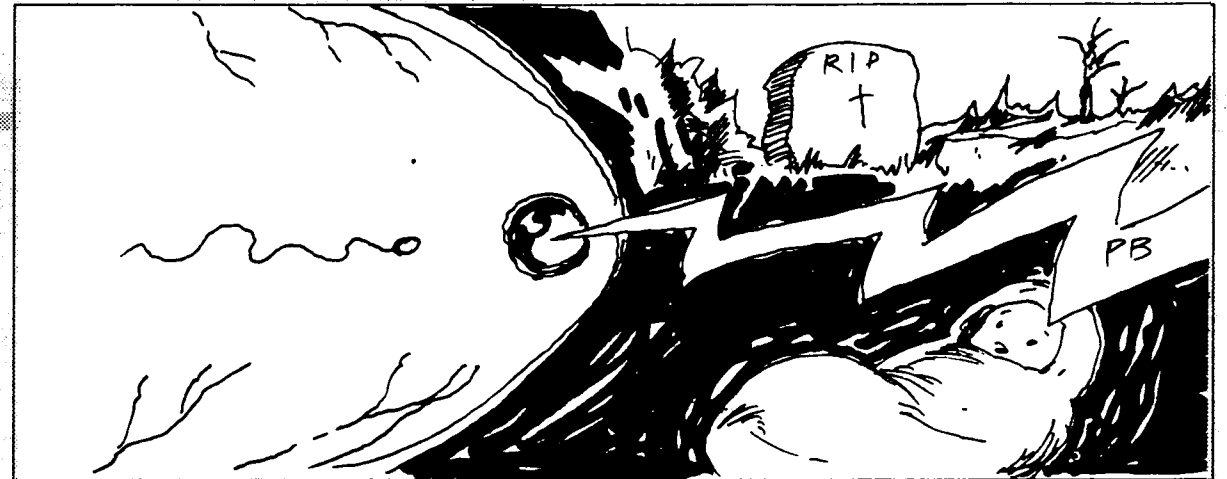
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**Isaac Ruiz**



## ■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# 'Liberal' Not Necessarily 'Pro-Choice'



## We Must Defend Rights of Mother and Child

As I read the recent letter to the editor entitled "Calling all Liberals to Show Hearts," I found that many of the ideas expressed by the author identified acceptable and even necessary responses of Christians to many of the social problems occurring today. I agree with the author that Christians who recognize Christ's presence in all members of society regardless of socioeconomic status or race should, as the author stated, "believe in helping people."

However, I was profoundly discouraged by the author's inclusion of the acceptance of abortion as a criteria for those who want to live out the gospel of Christ. The author, who rightfully equates embracing Christianity with helping others, contradicts his own stance by advocating a "choice" that in fact hurts women and their unborn children. Christians are called upon to help others because we recognize the great gift of life that God has given to each of us and want to protect it at every stage. The author is inadvertently weakening his call to enhance the lives of some of society's most vulnerable members (namely those on welfare, victims of discrimination, and immigrants) by ignoring the plight of two other categories of vulnerable persons deserving of respect — the unborn child and the mother faced with a crisis pregnancy.

As Christians, we are called upon to include these two categories of individuals within the scope of our concern. Advocating that women should have the option to abort their unborn children even when we are aware that this choice often subjects them to both short and long term health, emotional, psychological, and spiritual consequences is not an act of concern. Christians are called upon to reach out to women who, as the author states, "do not want, are not ready, or cannot afford to have a baby." Chances are that the attitude of the abortion-minded woman toward the child inside her stems from her conviction that she does not have the support she needs to give that child life. As Christians, we need to give her that support, not champion her "right" to abort that child as a victory for liberal social thinking. It's time liberals realize that concern for humanity must include concern for the abortion-minded woman and her unborn child.

Samantha Snyder  
Junior, Howard Hall  
February 13, 1998

## Not a Choice, It's a Matter of Responsibility

[In reference to a letter to the editor on Friday, Feb. 13.] Mr. Glynn seems to be somewhat ignorant on the subject of contraception. A condom and the pill don't work quite the same way. A condom merely prevents fertilization, the pill results in the destruction of an already fertilized egg. There is no moral difference between killing an embryo/fetus right after fertilization or in the eighth month of pregnancy. The pill is just as morally wrong as partial birth abortion. The issue is not the amount of time since conception, but whether a human life is being taken.

Mr. Glynn believes that a woman has the right to choose what to do with her body. That's true — up to a point. That point is the moment when another human life becomes present in that body. She then has a responsibility to that life, just as parents do to post-birth children and just as children do to elderly parents. Does Mr. Glynn defend a pregnant woman's right to use crack, or a mother's right to use her body to abuse her toddler?

If a woman believes so firmly in her right to choose what she does with her body, then she ought to begin exercising that right by being extremely careful about whom she chooses to allow into that body. No one (except in the case of rape) forces a woman to become pregnant. No one even forces her to raise the baby. Adoption has always been an option. Pro-choice advocates should abandon their right-to-choose argument and tell it like it is. Let's face it, this isn't really a question of choice. It's a question of accepting responsibility and at least being willing to carry the baby to term.

I don't know if you publish opinions from non-students, but I really felt the need to write. I'm a Notre Dame parent who reads *The Observer* online.

Helen Reilly  
February 13, 1998

# The Good, the Bad, & the

## ■ ACCENT ASKS...

### What was the best or worst Valentine's Day gift you've ever received?



"It was a tiny box I got from a guy in eighth grade. When I opened it my mom came in the room and to both our surprise it was lingerie. It was when he asked me to try it on when I got really offended."

*Carolyn Bush  
Freshman, Cavanaugh*

"I got a fish once. I had to take care of it the whole semester. It was terrible. I ended up giving it to a freshman girl."

*Joe Hand  
Junior, Dillon*



"The greatest gift was my Tufts hat. I'll never take it off."

*Jen Green  
Sophomore, Breen-Phillips*

"I got a vibrating Mr. Potato Head last week, and it was the best gift a guy could get."

*Mike Morales  
Sophomore, Knott*



"In the second grade Brent Zylka gave me gerbils for Valentine's Day. Their names were Salt and Pepper. I love the gerbils, but as for Brent, one day while climbing trees he saw my underwear and it was over."

*Amanda Kostner  
Senior, Lyons*

## To buy or n

By ROSS RAMUNNO  
Accent Writer

Well kids, you just experienced that hallowed day when you should have demonstrated your true feelings for that special someone in your life. No, I'm not talking about when you get really drunk at Corby's and hit on that girl from your philosophy class. I'm talking about Valentine's Day.

Ah, yes, Valentine's Day. This past weekend was a great source of anticipation, stress and dread for every male biped with the ability to use simple tools (including chimpanzees). I understand why this day



worried many of you, but you shouldn't have had to worry any longer. If you followed the helpful tips and guidelines I am about to reveal, then you probably didn't screw it up.

Why would you ever need this help? A few short years ago I might have asked the same question. You just get a few flowers, tell her she's great, and everything works out, right? No — listen to my cautionary tale of woe.

For some reason, a completely rational, intelligent and sentient being can make some pretty stupid decisions.

Three short years ago I was struck by one of those momentary lapses of reason that leaves you scratching your head and wondering how anyone would ever allow you to operate heavy machinery. I sometimes suspect that it was just my true bonehead nature shining through, but for the purposes of this story, let's just assume that I generally function in the manner of a normal human being.

Let me start by saying, "You should have just gotten her flowers." I know that this may seem a little mundane, but it is also safe. There is no possible way you can screw this gift up. I think this holiday might have been started by some guy who had the vision to say, "Hey, we need a holiday that the ladies will love and that there's no chance for us to screw up." Unfortunately, what this man failed to realize is that, as a rule, we men don't even need an opportunity to screw something up — we just find a way.

For example, look at the guys on campus who sat around on the evening before Valentine's Day, beat their heads against their microbiology texts and tried (usually unsuccessfully) to come up with that one gift that would really impress her. This is where things get dangerous. If you found yourself in this position, the only reasonable solution should have been to go to bed, get up early the next morning and buy her some flowers and candy. The worst possible solution would have been a midnight Meijer run.

But, if you did go ahead and make that midnight trip to Meijer, I hope



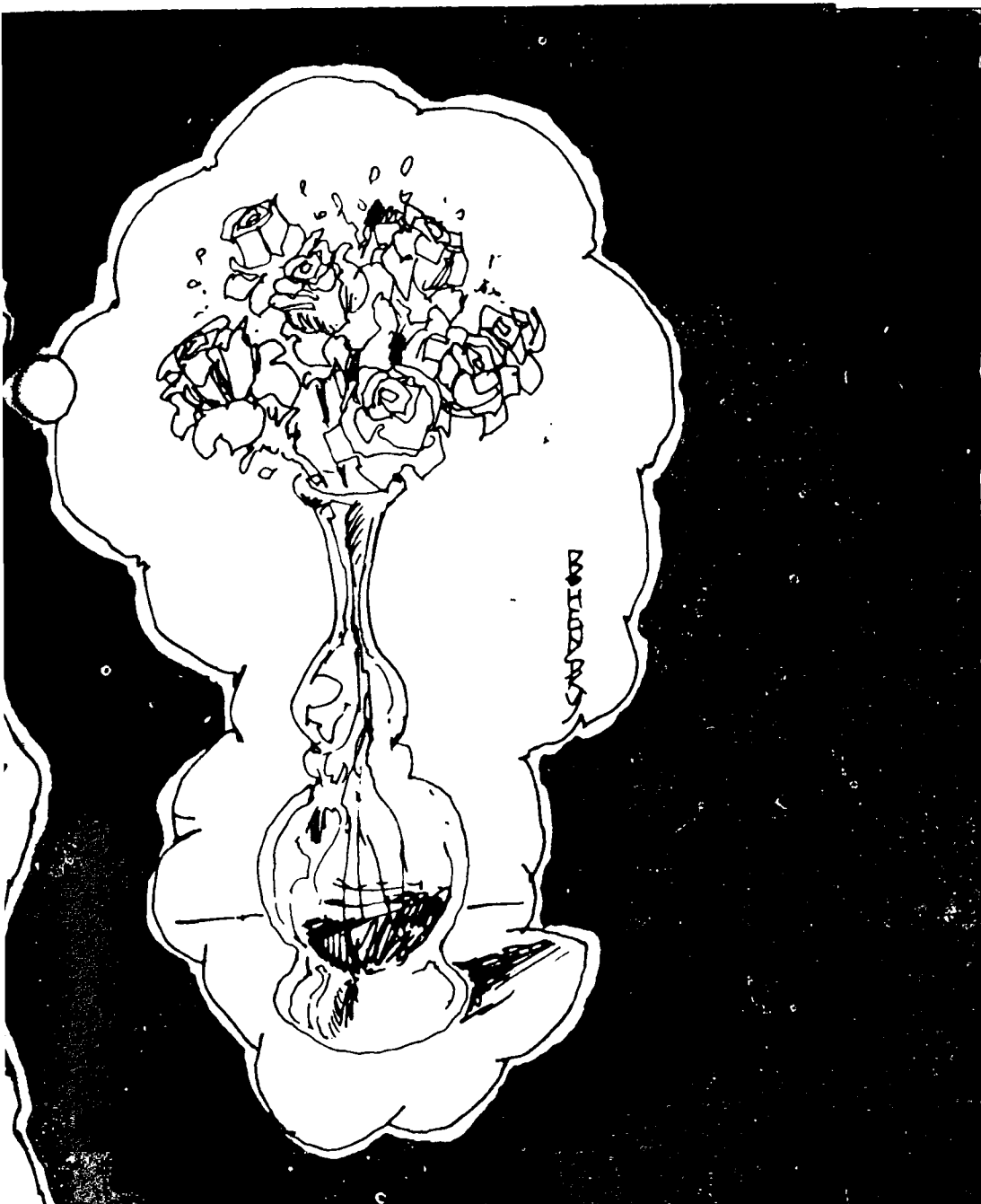
# Ugly of Valentine's Day

## not to buy?

you didn't even think about turning your head in any other direction than the floral department. If you did, you probably walked out of there with a \$5 gift from the automotive aisle. How do I know this? Because it happened to me. I am a victim of my own inability to finish a simple task without completely losing focus on what I originally set out to accomplish.

I know that right now a few of you are laughing and thinking that this was a ludicrous idea. It would be unusual and maybe even wacky to do something like this for Valentine's Day. Banish all such thought from your head immediately. As I, and surely some of you found this weekend, an ice scraper is not the way to a lady's heart.

Once you pull off something like this, you begin to believe purchasing



car accessories for a romantic holiday is acceptable behavior. You may be able to pull off something like this once or twice, but if you continue to act this way you will become a member of what we veterans like to call "The Boys' Club." And if you become a member of this organization you will spend your next Valentine's Day exchanging gifts with your friend Steve who lives down the hall.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the concept of the Boys' Club, let me explain. It means that you spend your weekends, as well as your weekdays, with the boys. You eat with the boys, you drink with the boys, you possibly even go out to dinner and a movie with the boys.

Does anyone see the pattern here? That's right, a distinct lack of activities with anyone who is not one of the boys. Not that there is anything wrong with spending some time with the boys, but once your name is mentioned with respect to possible canonization in "The Boys' Church," you begin to suspect that something is amiss.

Thus, I hope all of you confused, frustrated souls out there have acted in accord with my words of wisdom, and if not, that you will take them to heart. All of them (well, most of them) are true.

I also hope that you appreciate what I've done for you, because I feel that by helping a few guys out I might have just taken one for the team. In fact, at this very moment there are probably a large number of ladies on this campus who have just added this jerk who bought an ice scraper for Valentine's Day to their list of "guys who deserve lifetime achievement awards for the Boys' Club."

So keep in mind the dangers inherent in your own reasoning. Remember that if you waited until the last minute and grabbed a spur-of-the-moment gift, you have, without a doubt, screwed it up. Don't feel bad; there's nothing you can do about it. But don't lose all heart, there is hope for you if you descend to the depths of The Boys' Club. If you accept your flawed nature and make a conscious effort, you can turn yourself around. Believe me, this year I tried. I think Steve was pleasantly surprised with his Valentine's Day high-speed modem upgrade.

### ■ ACCENT SPEAKS

## The top 20 reasons why Valentine's Day is memorable at Notre Dame



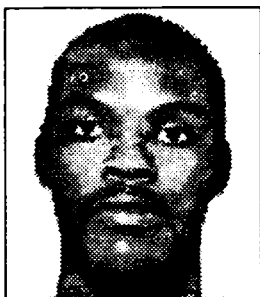
1. The realization that it was not a nightmare: you really were here in South Bend instead of on a deserted beach with sunshine.
2. Roommates can provide an intimate setting of 3 or more.
3. You could always save money by treating your date to slices of delicious pizza at The Huddle instead of a pricey meal at Tippecanoe.
4. You could become the object of a squirrel's affection and drop out of school.
5. You can pick your date up from Saint Mary's in the luxurious United Limo.
6. South Dining Hall offers a great opportunity for romantic, candlelit, home-cooked dinners.
7. You could receive gift certificates to the Beacon Bowl, enabling you to cross it off of your wish list.
8. Parietals. They will either make your date nice and short, much to your relief, or make you cherish that short time together. But either way, by 2 a.m., it's over.
9. Bridget's is closed, so your date can't splurge on a romantic penny pitcher. He or she will have to go all out and purchase Natty Light.
10. Cold, rainy weather assures an evening stuck in the dorms, once again.
11. You and your date can make a special trip to the Gorch Games Room for couples' night.
12. You could get an ice scraper as a gift.
13. Subscriptions to The Observer are readily available.
14. You could send flowers to yourself and get away with it by telling everyone they are from someone from home. Just be sure to hide your credit card bill.
15. A romantic workout at The Rock is always an option.
16. All Valentine's candy is now on clearance. Go ahead, pig out.
17. Meijer's is right down the road and open 24 hours, ready for your last minute purchase for that significant other.
18. If Pamela Anderson or Leonardo DiCaprio denies you, you can always flip through the dog book to find a new love interest.
19. You can give your significant other some antibacterial soap to wash their hands after they use the restroom.
20. Drunken hook-ups at SYR's.

■ NBA

# Sprewell's hearing draws to a close

Associated Press

NEW YORK  
Latrell Sprewell's arbitration hearing concluded Monday with 7 1/2 hours of closing arguments, most of which focused on the player's grievance against the NBA for suspending him for one year.



Sprewell

Arbitrator John Feerick can issue his decision at any time within the next 30 days. Sprewell is hoping to be readmitted to the NBA immediately.

"On behalf on the players association and our 400 players, I think everyone is pleased that the hearing is behind us and that Latrell has finally had an opportunity to a fair hearing before a neutral arbitrator," union director Billy Hunter said. "We look forward to receiving a decision and to Latrell resuming his career as soon as possible."

Union attorney Jeffrey Kessler spent almost three hours making his closing argument at the Manhattan law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

Attorney Frank Rothman, representing the NBA, took about two hours to state his case. Attorney Robert Shiblehut of the Golden State Warriors finished in about 20 minutes.

The union and the league then gave rebuttal arguments for about 45 minutes apiece before the hearing adjourned.

Sprewell was in attendance; as he has been for all nine days of the hearing, and more than a dozen attorneys were there.

"We remain hopeful," said his agent, Arn Tellem.

Feerick has given no indication of how long he will take to issue a ruling. Before the hearing began, he turned down a

motion for an expedited decision.

A total of 21 witnesses testified over four days in Portland, Ore., during the final week of January and four more days in New York during the first week of February.

The transcript from the hearing runs almost 3,000 pages. Given the time Feerick will need to review the it, no decision is expected for at least a few days.

Sprewell has already missed 35 games, making his suspension the longest in NBA history.

He has filed two grievances, one against the Warriors for terminating the remaining three years of his four-year, \$32 million contract, the other against the league for imposing a one-year suspension after Sprewell attacked coach P.J. Carlesimo at practice Dec. 1.

According to a person familiar with Sprewell's argument, his attorneys made a case that he was the first player to be penalized by both the league and the team for a serious transgression. His side also argued that the collective bargaining agreement clearly states that a penalty in a case like this may be issued by either a team or the league, but not both.

Sprewell's side also argued that the one-year suspension was too harsh compared with previous penalties issued by the league. They also brought up cases of player-coach clashes in other sports in which penalties were issued by either the team or the league, but not both.

The NBA argued that the penalty was not excessive, given the nature of the attack. The league's security department interviewed 23 witnesses in two days and determined that Sprewell got into a fight with Carlesimo at practice and choked the coach, then returned some 20 minutes later and punched him.

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Tar Heels still ranked at the top

Associated Press

North Carolina, Duke, Arizona and Kansas held the top four spots in the AP college basketball poll Monday, continuing to separate themselves as the possible No. 1 seeds for the NCAA tournament.

The Tar Heels (26-1) were again the runaway No. 1 choice with 68 first-place votes and 1,748 points, 108 more than Duke (23-2). Arizona (22-3) had the other two No. 1 votes and 1,605 points, while Kansas (27-3) had 1,587 points.

This was the seventh poll this season, including the preseason rankings, where those four teams held the top four spots in some order.

Purdue (22-4), which beat Indiana and Illinois last week, moved up three spots to fifth and had 1,379 points.

Utah, Connecticut and Kentucky — all of whom lost one game last week — each dropped one spot to sixth, seventh and eighth, while Princeton moved up one place to ninth.

Stanford, which rebounded from losing three of four games with road wins over UCLA and Southern California last week, moved up four places to round out the Top Ten, the biggest jump of the week in the rankings.

New Mexico again led the Second Ten and was followed by UCLA, South Carolina, Michigan State, Mississippi, Arkansas, Cincinnati, Massachusetts, Texas Christian and West Virginia.

The last five were Syracuse, Michigan, Illinois, George Washington and Maryland.

Illinois (18-8), the only newcomer to the rankings, entered following the loss to Purdue that snapped a seven-game winning streak.

The Illini were ranked for seven weeks last season, including the last five in a row, reaching as high as No. 15.

Illinois is the sixth Big Ten team to be ranked this season, a total second only to the Atlantic Coast Conference's seven.

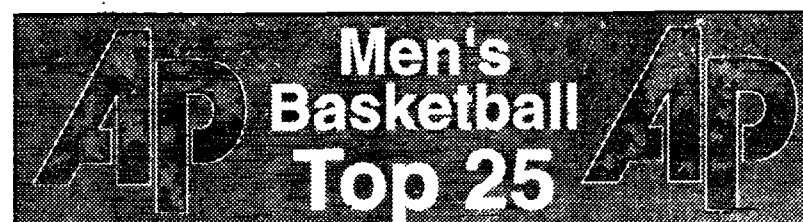
The ACC teams were North Carolina, Duke, Maryland, Florida State, Clemson, Wake Forest and Georgia Tech. The Big Ten teams were Purdue, Indiana, Michigan, Michigan State, Illinois and Iowa.

Three leagues — the Southeastern Conference, the Atlantic 10 and the Western Athletic Conference — have each had five teams ranked.

Rhode Island (18-6) fell out of the rankings from No. 25 following a split of last week's games, a win over George Washington and a loss to Temple.

The Rams had been ranked for six straight weeks, fell out for one week, then re-entered last week.

The biggest drop of the week was George Washington's fall from 17th to No. 24 following



TEAM	RECORD	POINTS	PREVIOUS
1. No Carolina (68)	24-1	1748	2
2. Duke	21-2	1624	1
3. Arizona (2)	21-3	1608	4
4. Kansas	26-3	1589	3
5. Utah	20-1	1437	5
6. Connecticut	21-3	1368	7
7. Kentucky	21-3	1300	8
8. Purdue	20-4	1230	10
9. UCLA	18-4	1147	6
10. Princeton	18-1	1077	11
11. New Mexico	18-3	1024	12
12. Arkansas	20-3	999	14
13. Michigan State	17-4	907	16
14. Stanford	19-3	894	9
15. So Carolina	17-4	748	13
16. West Virginia	19-4	572	15
17. G Washington	20-3	519	22
18. Mississippi	15-5	486	17
19. Cincinnati	17-5	385	20
20. Massachusetts	17-6	362	23
21. Michigan	17-7	298	18
22. Texas Christian	20-4	256	-
23. Syracuse	17-5	245	19
24. Maryland	14-7	239	25
25. Rhode Island	17-5	176	-

**Others receiving votes:** Xavier 128, Indiana 100, Illinois 63, St Johns 54, Iowa 20, St Louis 19, Murray St 18, Oklahoma St 16, Tennessee 16, Detroit 13, Oklahoma 11, Florida St 10, Coll of Charltn 9, Illinois St 9, temple 8, Miami 5, Colorado St 3, Utah St 3, Illinois-Chicago 2, Arizona St 1, Ball St 1, Hawaii 1, NC-Charlotte 1, Santa Clara 1.

losses to Rhode Island and Dayton. The Colonials (20-5) had won 15 of 16 before last week's losses.

Arkansas (20-5), which dropped four spots from a season-high No. 12, also lost twice last week, dropping road games to Georgia and Tennessee.

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~math 262

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■ NBA

# Rodman benched and fined

Associated Press

CHICAGO  
Dennis Rodman was a no-show for a second straight practice Monday, the third time in less than a month the renegade rebounder has missed a workout with the Chicago Bulls.

The indiscretions have led to a spot on the bench for the start of Sunday's game and a fine.

"We're not going to wrestle and tussle with this because it's not something major. It's not anything that's causing us to lose," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said Monday at the team's suburban Deerfield practice complex.

"It's not something that is going to cause disruption. What we want is a team that goes into the playoffs in full health, and we can still accomplish that."

Jackson said Rodman was healthy, but the coach wouldn't reveal his latest excuse for missing practice.

When Rodman didn't show Monday, the Bulls called and found him at home. Rodman's reasoning for being AWOL was not sufficient and he will be fined an undisclosed amount, Jackson said.

The coach said he had not decided whether Rodman would play Tuesday night against the Indiana Pacers, a showdown for the best record in the East.

"That depends on how Dennis responds," Jackson said. Rodman, recently sporting a leopard-spot hairdo to go with his various body piercings and tattoos, missed a Sunday morning shootaround and then didn't start as the Bulls beat the Detroit

Pistons 99-90 later that afternoon.

Rodman told Jackson he lost the keys to his pickup truck and didn't have a way to get to Sunday's practice.

Jackson sent Rodman home before a game in New Jersey on Jan. 23 when the six-time rebounding champion missed the morning shootaround after being out late the night before.

Jackson said he didn't know if Rodman's absence Monday was related to Sunday's incident. Rodman played just 21 minutes against the Pistons, going scoreless with eight rebounds.

He had been averaging 15.2 rebounds a game in 35 minutes.

"I always say if you're not going to play, no sense me coming to the game," Rodman said as left the United Center on Sunday.

Rodman has been mostly on his best behavior this season with an incentive-laden contract heavy on number of games played. Last season he was suspended 14 games, 11 for kicking a court-side cameraman.

Jackson said Rodman's latest troubles would not disrupt the Bulls, who have had a turmoil-filled season that may be their last together.

Earlier, Scottie Pippen said he wanted to be traded and would never play for the Bulls again. He's since softened his stance, but last week said he didn't expect to be back in Chicago.

There has also been a clamor over whether Jackson and Michael Jordan will be back next season.

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Kansas clinches tie for Big 12 title

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo.  
Eric Chenoweth had 15 points as No. 4 Kansas clinched a tie for the Big 12 title with an 81-72 victory over Colorado on Monday night.

Foul-plagued Raef LaFrentz finished with 13 points, and Billy Thomas had 16 for the Jayhawks (28-3, 12-1 Big 12), who beat Colorado for the 18th straight time and improved to 7-0 since LaFrentz returned from a broken right hand.

Kenny Price had 23 points and Charlie Melvin added 17 to lead Colorado (12-11, 6-7). The Buffaloes haven't beaten Kansas since Feb. 20, 1991.

Kansas led by five points when LaFrentz committed his fourth foul and was forced to the bench with 16:38 remaining. The Jayhawks built as much as a 13-point lead without their star center before Colorado made a late run.

Trailing 75-64 with 2:10 left, Colorado pulled within six on Price's fifth 3-pointer and two free throws by Marlon Hughes. But the Buffs missed three straight shots and Kansas hit six free throws to clinch the win.

The Jayhawks clinched a share of their second straight conference title and their seventh in eight years.

After scoring 12 points in the first half, LaFrentz sat out for 13 minutes after committing his fourth foul with Kansas leading

46-41.

Chenoweth, a freshman who saw increased playing time in the nine games LaFrentz missed, scored nine points while LaFrentz was on the bench as Kansas outscored Colorado 28-23 without their star center.

Colorado, beaten by 49 points at Kansas on Jan. 7, kept the game close in the first half behind 13 points from Price, whose 3-pointer pulled the Buffs to 36-33 at halftime.

**Xavier 96**  
**George Washington 86**

Gary Lumpkin scored a career-high 31 points as Xavier got the best of a physical game with No. 24 George Washington and rallied from a 10-point deficit to a 96-86 victory Monday night.

Xavier (17-6, 9-4 Atlantic 10) steadied its wobbly season by hitting 45-of-63 from the foul line — the 45 free throws made tied the school record — and pulling it out in the second half with four players limited by fouls.

Lumpkin hit 16 of Xavier's final 25 points to give George Washington (20-6, 9-4) its first three-game losing streak of the season. The Colonials fell into a second-place tie with Xavier in the Atlantic 10 West, a half-game behind Dayton. The top two teams in each division get first-round tournament byes.

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## ■ NBA

# Malone leads Jazz to fifth straight win

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY  
Karl Malone had 23 points and 11 rebounds as the Utah Jazz won their fifth straight game, 96-90 over the Charlotte Hornets Monday night.

The Jazz announced during the second quarter that they had acquired center Rony Seikaly from the Orlando Magic for Greg Foster, Chris Morris and a 1998 first-round draft pick.

Fans at the Delta Center roared with approval.

Utah survived a big fourth quarter by Glen Rice, who scored 15 of his 30 points in the final 3:04. Rice hit three 3-pointers in less than two minutes and cut Utah's lead to 89-86 with 1:06 to play.

Utah never gave up the lead, hitting seven free throws in the final minute to seal the win.

Jeff Hornacek had 19 for Utah and Adam Keefe had 12 points and 12 rebounds.

David Wesley scored 18 of his 24 in the first half, while Anthony Mason had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The trade left the Jazz with 10 players in uniform.

Rookie William Cunningham, a 6-foot-11 center playing his first game in the Delta Center after signing a 10-day contract on Saturday, started in Foster's place.

Even with its lack of depth, the Jazz bench outscored Charlotte's 31-7. Howard Easley scored 11 points for Utah and Bryon Russell added 10.

Utah made a 7-2 run in 1:15 midway through the fourth

quarter, to take an 82-71 lead with 4:06 to play.

Keefe had eight points and 10 rebounds in the first half as the Jazz took a 43-39 half-time lead.

Wesley was a one-man show for the Hornets in the first half.

He scored 18 of Charlotte's 39 points on 8-for-12 shooting, while the rest of the Hornets were 8-for-22 from the field.

The Hornets made a 7-0 run early in the third quarter to cut Utah's lead to 51-48.

The Jazz made five turnovers in the final six minutes of the third and entered the fourth quarter up just 65-59.

With the win, the Jazz have beaten all eight Central Division teams at home this year. Utah is 16-4 overall against the Eastern Conference.

## ■ NBA

# Stoudamire becomes a Blazer

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore.  
It's official. Damon Stoudamire is a Portland Trail Blazer.

The former Wilson High School star had to wait until just before a 2 p.m. PST deadline Monday for the Toronto Raptors to confirm the Friday deal that sent him, Walt Williams and Carlos Rogers to Portland in exchange for Kenny Anderson, Gary Trent and Alvin Williams.

The deal was sweetened Monday when Portland added a second-round draft choice was thrown in. The Trail Blazers had already included first-round picks in both this year's and the 1999 drafts.

Stoudamire, Toronto's star player and team captain, was greeted by a near-capacity crowd of 21,140 fans on Sunday, but many of them booed when it was announced before the game his hometown would have to wait to see him in action.

The trade was held up Sunday over results of the physical exams taken by Williams and Trent.

"There was a minor concern with Williams' right knee," said Toronto spokesman Matt Akler, referring to magnetic resonance imaging tests that Toronto had done on Alvin Williams and Trent.

"The doctors think Williams may need arthroscopic surgery, so to give further insurance, Portland is adding a second-round draft pick this year."

There was no word from the Blazers Monday on how the problem was resolved, but the team planned to have Stoudamire and its two new forwards in uniform Tuesday at home against the Golden State Warriors.

While Stoudamire suits up for Portland, Toronto will be without Anderson, who said before the trade that he would not report if he were traded to the Raptors. Anderson has until Tuesday to report.

"General manager Glen

Grunwald is giving him another day," Akler said. "We'll decide then. He faces possible suspension."

Raptors general manager Glen Grunwald has not ruled out making another deal to move Anderson before Thursday's trade deadline. Anderson's agent, David Falk, is trying to broker deals with New York, Orlando and Boston, ESPN reported Sunday night.

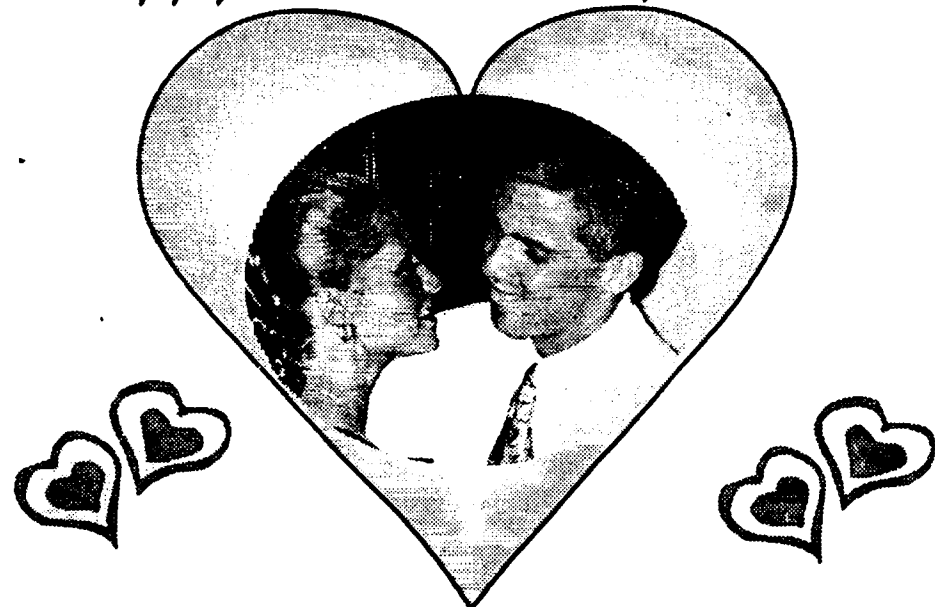
"We've looked at a lot of things, but I can't tell you if anything is going to happen," Grunwald said.

The Raptors could fine or suspend Anderson for failing to report by the 48-hour post-trade deadline, but Grunwald did not indicate if he planned to do this.

"I spoke to him (Saturday) and told him about the situation here and he had very little to say at that time," Grunwald said.

"I explained to him how much we liked him as a player and how much we'd like him to be part of our future here."

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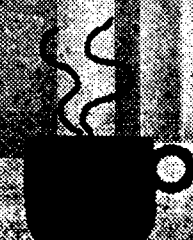
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# Swim

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maybe even get second. The top six teams will all be bunched together, but we can push past and do better than the other teams. Some of the Notre Dame records have been around entirely too long and I think the majority, if not all, of the records are going down; we've already broken quite a few and this will be our first 'shave and taper' meet."

The Irish won 10 of 11 individual events, losing only the 200-breaststroke and the 400-medley and 400-freestyle relays.

Notre Dame individual winners were Wes Richardson 1000-freestyle, Rob Fetter 200-freestyle, Russell Preston 50-freestyle, Ray Fitzpatrick 200-

individual medley, James Scott-Browne 200-butterfly, John Steffan 100-freestyle, Scott Zumbach 200-backstroke, Ryan Verlin 500-freestyle and Herb Huesman one-meter dive.

Notre Dame dominated the 200-freestyle, placing the top four finishers (Fetter, Ron Royer, Scott Koziar and Steffan) nearly two seconds ahead of the closest UWM swimmer.

This Wednesday through Saturday, the team will head to Pittsburgh to compete in the four-day Big East Championships.

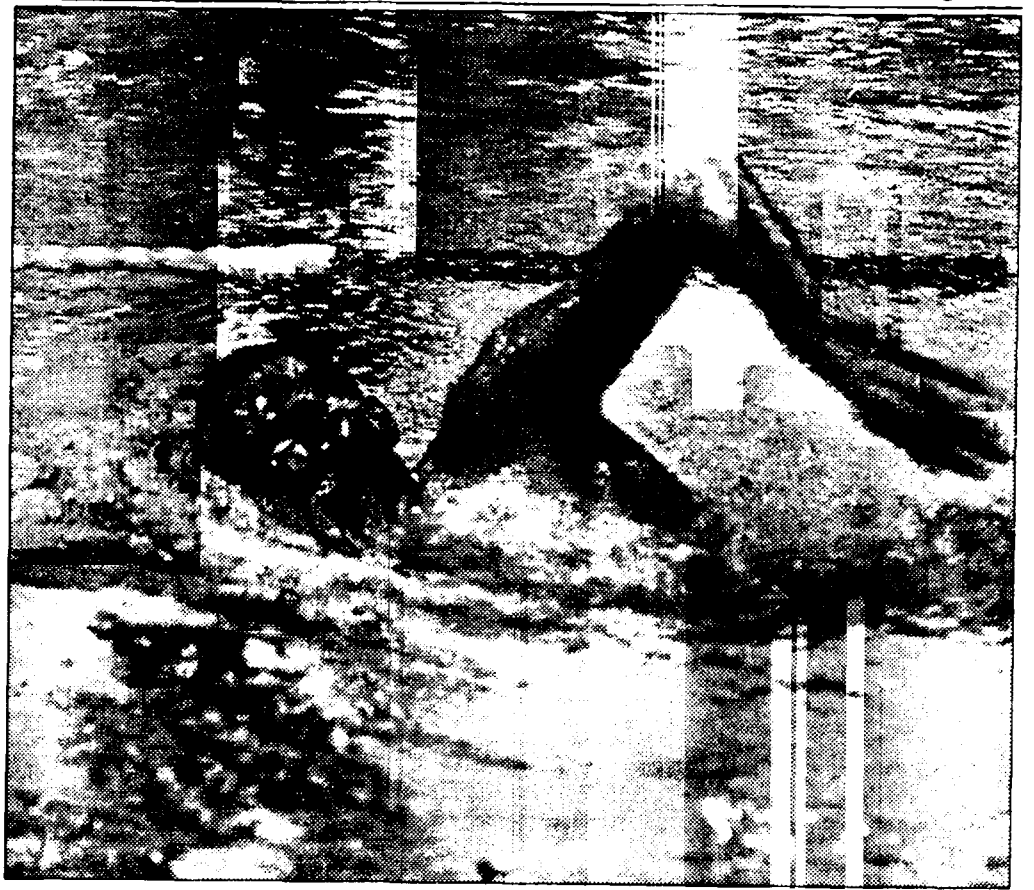
The Irish have finished seventh in the past two seasons, but are confident that they will do better this year and hopefully finish among the top three. To do well, the Irish will rely heavily on seniors Cardwell, Brian Najarian, Royer, and Slade Stolz for leadership and point scoring.

Others on the Irish team who must perform are Herb Huesman, Ray Fitzpatrick, James Scott-Browne, and Scott Zumbach.

When this year's seniors arrived as freshmen, they finished 5-9 but have improved their record each year.

"This year has really had a sense of closure, especially during the twilight of my career," Cardwell said. "We have a really talented class of freshmen, and only four seniors, but I am looking forward to passing on the torch and seeing what the team can do with an entirely new class of freshmen."

Notre Dame swimming has already recorded one of its best seasons in history and the team now heads into Pittsburgh with a great opportunity to earn its best Big East finish and put an exclamation point on the end of the season.



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## ■ TRACK AND FIELD

## West jumps to eighth best in nation

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field team will carry strong momentum into the Big East Championships this coming weekend, following on the heels of strong performances at the Butler Invitational and Central Collegiate Championships.

Many of the athletes did not compete at either of these two meets in an attempt to rest up for the strain of running multiple events against top competition in the Big East meet, which has been the team's primary goal since day one of the 1998 season. Those who did compete, however, showed their true colors with some breakthrough performances.

Sophomore Marshaun West jumped 25-1 1/4 in the Central Collegiate Championships in Ann Arbor, Mich., which is tied for the eighth-best jump in the country this year. This puts him in strong position to contend for one of 15 berths in the NCAA Indoor Championships in March. West's jump is the second-best indoor jump in school history, ranking just behind a 1985 jump by James Patterson.

"I'm not the one who did it," said West. "God did it for me."

Also in the CCC in Ann Arbor, Chris Cochran was timed at 6.42 seconds in the 55-meter dash and Kevin Reher ran 7.66 in the 55-meter hurdles, both returning from slight injuries the week before. Junior Bobby Brown ran 48.6 in the 400-meter dash, followed by freshman Terry Wray in 49.5. Wray also ran 22.5 in the 200-meter dash.

Notre Dame placed seventh out of 13 teams in the CCC, despite sending no distance

runners to the meet, missing Mike Brown in the pole vault due to a hamstring injury, and with top sprinters Errol Williams and Danny Payton competing in the Butler Invitational instead. "These races were great preparation for the Big East, so I'm very excited," said head coach Joe Piane. "We actually had some kids perform very well at Ann Arbor, but there was no way we were going to do well as a team because of all the people that we didn't bring."

Field events coach Scott Winsor was pleased with the meet as a whole, although he noted that the absences of Brown (ranked 12th in the nation in the pole vault) and triple jumper Adrian Erby were sorely felt.

"The throwers didn't have the day that we wanted them to, but they traditionally come up very well at the Big East, so I'm not concerned," said Winsor. "We had some performances that we really needed — Marshaun West in the long jump. Brown will jump next week whether he's ready or not and hopefully, his hamstring will be okay. Knowing Mike Brown, he will be ready."

Sprinters and hurdlers coach John Millar accompanied Williams, Payton, Berit Junker, and Carri Lenz to the Butler Invitational on Saturday in Indianapolis. Williams led the Fighting Irish with a time of 7.83 in the 60-meter hurdles, which converts to being very close to his school record time of 7.29 in the 55-meter hurdles. He was the No. 1 collegian and third overall. Payton won his heat of the 400-meter dash in 49.06.

## Irish

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players wearing the Blue and Gold fouled out in less than 20 minutes of play. At the Hartford Civic Center, Garrity scored 15 points in just 19 minutes of play but the men in black and white whistled him for five fouls during that span.

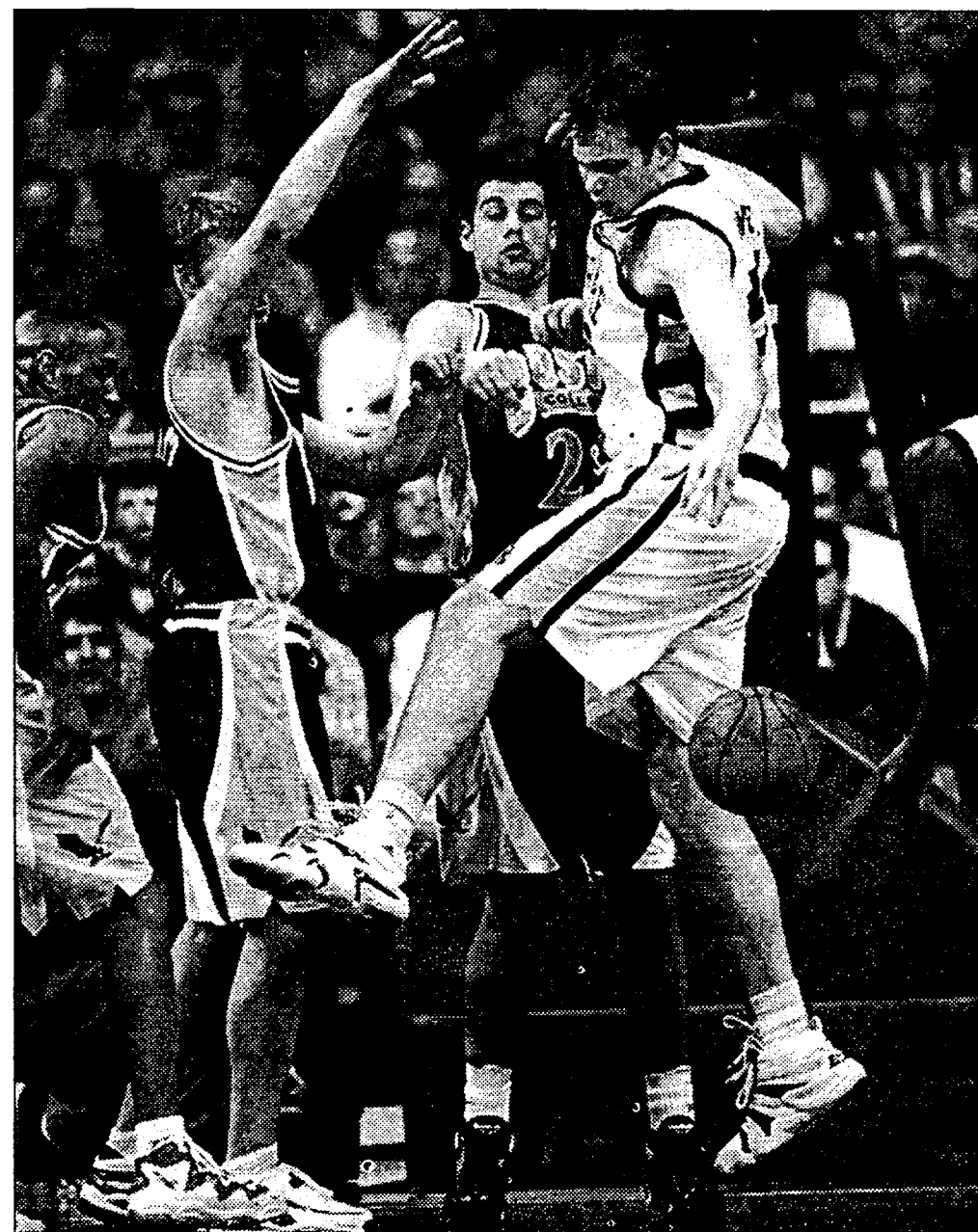
Notre Dame's other post players did not have much more success as Phil Hickey fouled out in 17 minutes and Rasmussen in 20. Tonight, the already depleted Irish can hardly afford to lose anyone.

"In the last game we went in there and started off kind of slow and not getting back on defense," Rasmussen said. "We were kind of playing soft and this time we just want to attack them right from the game."

"They know that both Pat and Phil are very important to our scoring and they just wanted to go at them right away," Rasmussen continued. "They just attacked us right away so this game we just want to try to not push and foul as much."

Despite the imposing numbers put up by the Huskies and being forced to play without Friel, the team remains confident.

"Everybody has confidence that we can go into this stretch and win all the games," Rasmussen said. "We just have to play our game."



The Observer/John Daily  
Junior Phil Hickey must perform in the lane in order for Notre Dame to relieve some scoring pressure from senior Pat Garrity.

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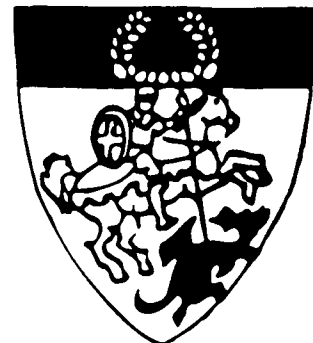


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## ■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

## No. 15 Irish remain undefeated

By TIM CASEY  
Sports Writer

The women's tennis team proved it deserves to be mentioned as one of the best in the nation with an impressive 5-4 victory over No. 12 Tennessee. The 15th-ranked Irish improved their record to 5-0.

The third doubles team, consisting of Kelly Olson and Kelly Zalinski, provided the victory margin with a 9-8 tiebreaker win over Tennessee's Whitney Dill and Erin Lowery. Zalinski also won at No. 5 singles with a convincing 6-0, 6-1 win over Megan Russell. Freshman Michelle

Dasso also won twice, at No. 3 singles 6-3, 6-4 over Dill and at second doubles with Marisa Velasco.

At the top spot, junior Jennifer Hall scored an impressive victory over Manisha Malhotra, 7-6, 6-4.

Notre Dame beat Ohio State on Friday 7-2. The Irish won No. 3 through No. 6 singles and swept all three doubles.

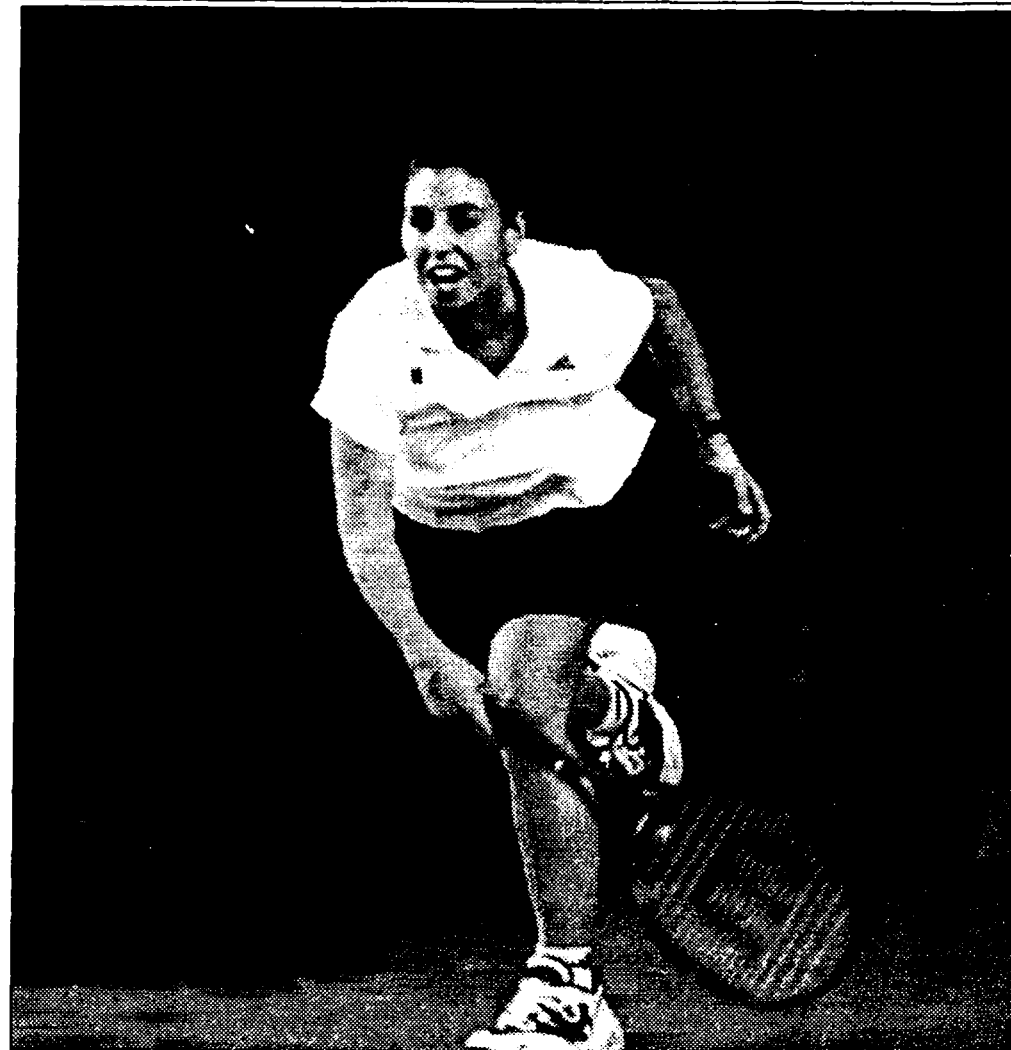
Olson pulled out a tight three set victory at sixth singles, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. Dasso, Tiffany Gates and Zalinski all won in straight sets at third, fourth and fifth singles respectively.

The closest matches of the day occurred at first and second sin-

gles. Hall suffered her first dual meet loss of the season with a 7-6, 3-6, 7-5 defeat by OSU's Kristy Dascoli. Velasco lost a tight three setter to Briana Harris at second singles, 7-6, 0-6, 7-6.

On Sunday, the Irish shut out Boston College 9-0. Senior reserve Darcie Sweet stepped into the lineup at sixth singles and scored a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory over BC's Kara Swanson.

Velasco, playing at the top spot, won 6-3, 6-2 over Cynthia Tow. In a freshman battle, Dasso proved superior with a straight set victory over Kiren Fernando 6-3, 6-4. Dasso had a perfect 6-0 record for the weekend.



The 15th-ranked Irish defeated the 12th-ranked Vols, 5-4. The Observer/John Daily

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■ OLYMPIC UPDATE

Seizinger leads German sweep of combined events

Associated Press

HAKUBA, Japan  
Katja Seizinger, racing through heavy snow, led a German sweep of the women's combined event Tuesday and won her second gold medal in two days.

Seizinger, who won the downhill Monday, became only the second woman in Olympic history to win three Alpine gold medals, joining slalom skier Vreni Schneider of Switzerland.

Seizinger, who also won the downhill at the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics, had two nearly flawless slalom runs Tuesday (Monday night, EST) to wrap up her combined event victory in an aggregate time of 2 minutes, 40.74 seconds.

Martina Ertl won the silver medal in 2:40.92 and Hilde Gerg gave Germany its first 1-2-3 finish in an Olympic Alpine event by finishing in 2:41.50.

A potential star of the future, 18-year-old Caroline Lalive of Steamboat Springs, Colo., finished seventh — the best result by an American woman in the combined event since Gretchen Fraser's silver medal in 1948.

The combined event was not held from 1952-84 at the Olympics, but was reinstated at the 1988 Calgary Games and has been contested ever since.

Lalive was in 14th place after the combined downhill, but moved up to seventh place after the first combined slalom run. Her aggregate time was 2:44.76.

"The hill was very much like Howelson Hill back in Steamboat Springs," Lalive said after the first slalom run, "and my coaches kept telling me to ski it just like I've skied that hill thousands of times."



**MEDALS TABLE**

1998 Nagano Winter Olympics

Monday, Feb. 16  
(After 40 events)

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Russia	8	4	1	13
Canada	4	4	1	9
Austria	2	3	6	11
Japan	3	1	3	7
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Belarus	0	0	1	1
Belgium	0	0	1	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1
Sweden	0	1	1	2

G-Gold, S-Silver, B-Bronze

■ ICE DANCING

Grishuk and Platov win gold again

Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan  
No sooner had blue-nailed, white-haired Pasha Grishuk dried the tears of joy streaming down her mascara-smudged face, when the sniping began.

"I think we had a better program overall," ice dancing silver medalist Anjelika Krylova said.

"I think there was some politics involved," added her partner, Oleg Ovsyannikov.

"For me, they don't bring the sport up," sniffed Natalia Dubova, who coaches the fourth-place finishers.

"They" are Russians Pasha Grishuk and Yevgeny Platov.

And together they soared above the carping and complaints Monday night, becoming the first couple ever to repeat as Olympic ice dancing champions. Their performance to "Memorial Requiem" earned two perfect marks and left Grishuk, the platinum blonde with the purple skates and the colorful past, all choked up.

"It was our dream to win this gold and, of course, to make history. So we made it and it is fabulous. I don't know what could be better," she said.

Well, it probably would be nice if everyone agreed that their 22nd straight victory, an incredible streak even for this sport, was worthy of the gold.

Fellow Russians Krylova and Ovsyannikov certainly didn't think so.

"I don't know what to say," said Krylova, who referred to Pasha by her old name, Oksana. "Oksana and Yevgeny were skating and we did not see them in action. The public liked us better. I think we had a better program overall."

Added her partner, "We are on the ice to do our job, and this is what we do. We just skate. As for what is happening outside the ice rink, we don't care."

Ah, but they do, or else they wouldn't challenge the placings. And they aren't even the biggest complainers.

"I always thought Torvill and Dean, they did so much for our sport," said Dubova, who coaches Canada's Shae-Lynn Bourne and Victor Kraatz. "I always ask myself what Grishuk and Platov have done. For me, they don't



KRT Photo

Russians Pasha Grishuk and Yevgeny Platov earned two perfect marks last night.

bring the sport up."

Grishuk, who'd like to skate professionally and attract some attention in Hollywood, thought Dubova was way off base.

"My feelings are really hurt," she said. "I think some people are not nice to me, because they want to beat me." But nobody does.

And on this night, no one else matched their speed, power or complex maneuvers.

Third place went to France's Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizerat, ahead

of Bourne and Kraatz, who were the bronze medalists in the last two world championships. The Canadians used their rollicking "Riverdance" routine to beat the French couple's passionate portrayal of "Romeo and Juliet" in the free dance, but they were too far behind to move up.

So, naturally, they griped.

"The Olympics is all about the survival of the fittest," Bourne said. "It's about true games and sports. That's not what it is in ice dancing right now. It's about off the ice."

■ WOMEN'S HOCKEY

U.S. and Canada set for finals rematch

Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan  
This is a grudge match eight years in the making. Time hasn't dulled it. Familiarity hasn't softened it.

If anything, the U.S. and Canadian women's hockey teams are more combative and competitive than ever as they play for the Olympic gold medal.

"We don't want to hear the American anthem. We don't want to see them hootin', hollerin' and saluting their fans," Canadian forward Lori Dupuis said. "We want to win the final for those reasons and for the gold medal."

"We've gone through a lot with this team," U.S. defenseman Tara Mounsey countered. "Of course that lingers in everybody's mind. You want a gold medal to erase that, leave it in history where it belongs."

It will be the fifth time since 1990 that the teams have fought for the title of best in the world — but the first time with an Olympic medal at stake.

In the previous meetings, Canada won cleanly until last April, when the fourth

Women's World Championship ended with a fluke goal in a questionably refereed overtime game.

The stakes rose with the attention given the Olympics. Canada won seven exhibition games leading up to the Winter Games and the United States won six. Each had 37 goals total in the series.

Everything seemed even until Saturday's ugly preliminary round game, the last chance the rivals had to size each other up — or perhaps cut each other down to size.

The United States won it 7-4 with a six-goal comeback in the final period. The teams also generated 48 minutes in penalties and a controversy over whether a U.S. player had made a snide remark about a Canadian's recently deceased father.

The United States, allowing that rude remarks were exchanged, denied the story and tried to put it aside.

"We're a very focused team and we didn't let that bother us one bit," Mounsey said. "We know what happened. It's their problem. Let them deal

with it. If they want to blow it out of proportion, blow it out of proportion. They're only going to affect themselves."

In anticipation of another nasty fight, the U.S. team worked on power plays and penalty killing in Monday's last practice.

"You've got to be prepared for a man-up or man-down situation. It seems like that's always been the way in the past world championships. It was who capitalized on the power plays," U.S. captain Cammi Granato said.

"It's going to be just like any other hockey game between us in that you're going to see a huge battle back and forth."

Once, the teams got along fairly well. Canada's Becky Kellar and Katie King of the United States were teammates in hockey and softball at Brown University. Canada defenseman Geraldine Heaney joined five U.S. players on a promotional tour for women's hockey equipment last summer.

But those days are gone. How far gone?



MEN ABOUT CAMPUS

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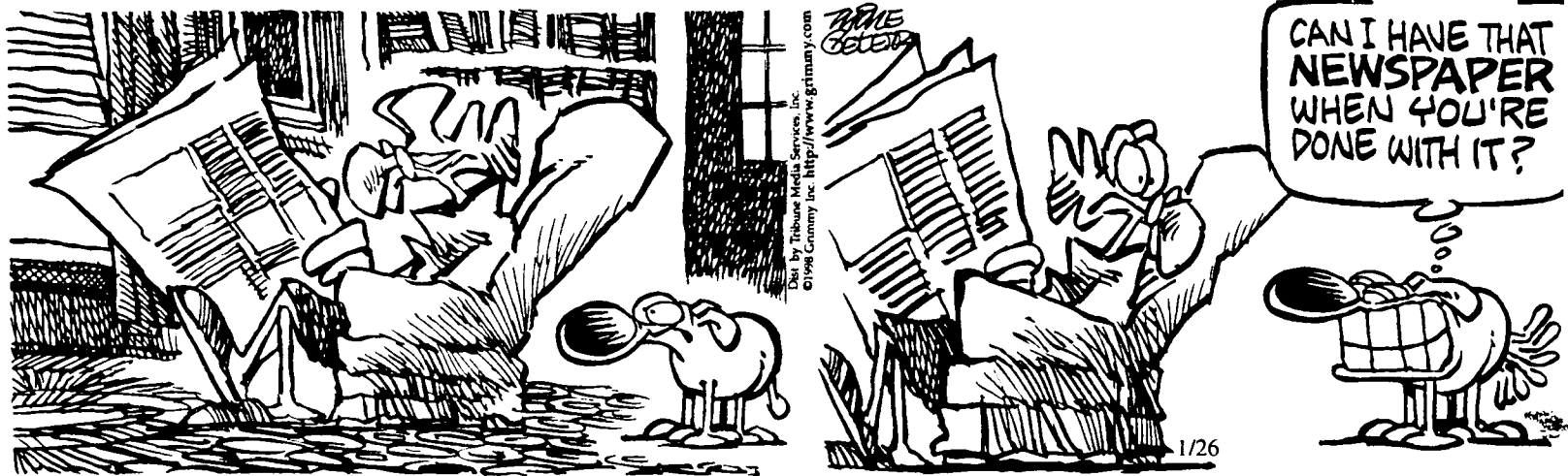
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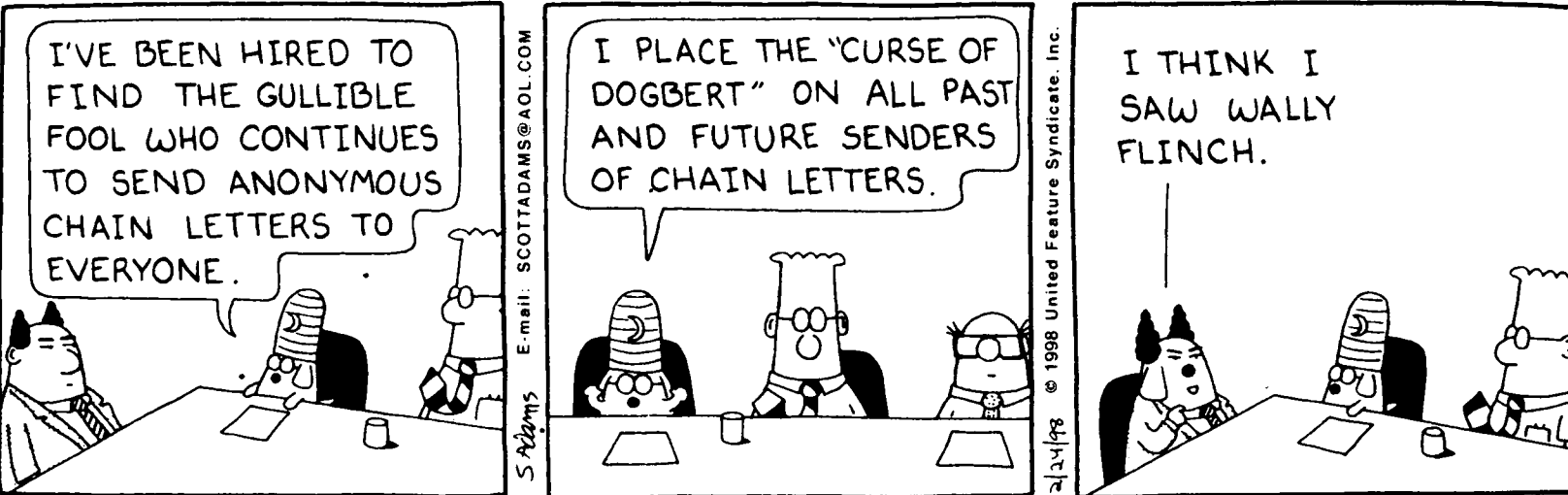
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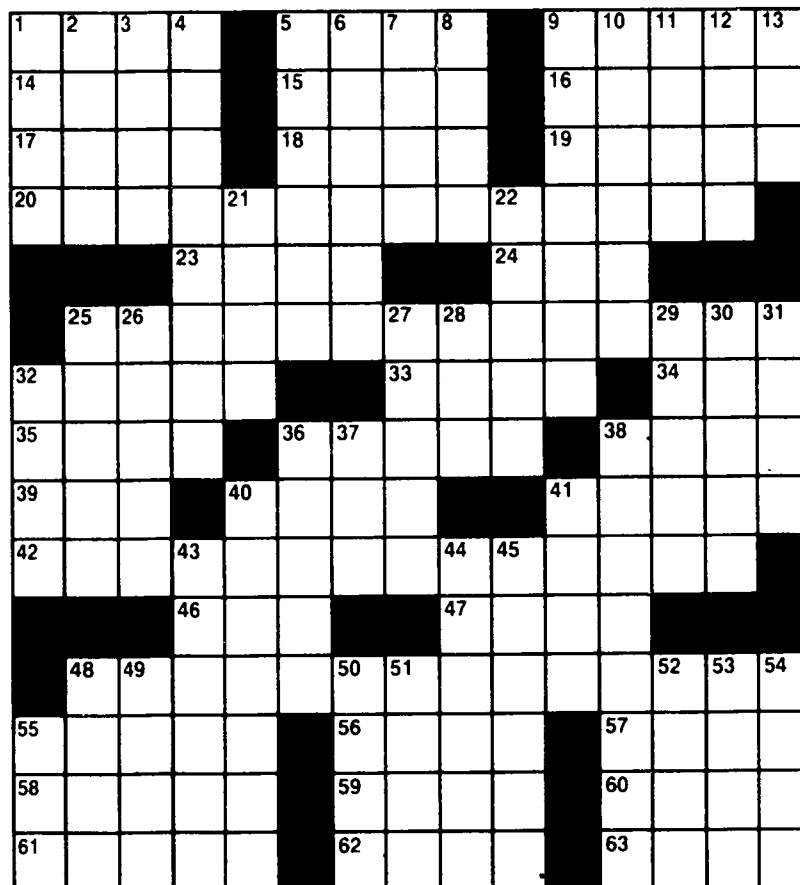


CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Struck, old-style
  - 5 Uneven hairdo
  - 9 Winery in Modesto, Calif.
  - 14 Yesterday's dinner today
  - 15 Smog
  - 16 To no — (futilely)
  - 17 Actor John, once married to Shirley Temple
  - 18 Appliance on a board
  - 19 Greene of "Bonanza"
  - 20 "The Lone Ranger" catch phrase
  - 23 Carryall
  - 24 "Eureka!"
  - 25 "The Honey-mooners" catch phrase
  - 32 Monte —
  - 33 Filleted fish
  - 34 One with filling work?: Abbr.
  - 35 Woodwind
  - 36 Ground grain
  - 38 Big elephant features
  - 39 Announcer Pardo
  - 40 Chimney duct
  - 41 "God bless" preceder
  - 42 "The Goldbergs" catch phrase
  - 46 Spanish gold
  - 47 Rebellious one, maybe
  - 48 "Star Trek" catch phrase
  - 55 In concealment
  - 56 Report cards' stats
  - 57 Pained look
  - 58 Writer Nin
  - 59 Needle case
  - 60 College in New Rochelle
  - 61 Whom Jason jilted
  - 62 Part to play
  - 63 Hatfields or McCoys, e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 — of Iran
  - 2 Travelers to Bethlehem
  - 3 " —, old chap!"
  - 4 Choke
  - 5 Many an Iranian
  - 6 Home of poet Langston Hughes
  - 7 Asia's Sea of —
  - 8 Trait carrier
  - 9 Lancelot's son
  - 10 Promise
  - 11 Zhivago's love
  - 12 Streaked
  - 13 Matador's cheer
  - 21 It borders Regent Street
  - 22 Charged
  - 25 Pork, to a Jew, e.g.
  - 26 Maine campus town

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SCTV BAAL SCREW  
ALOE EMMA CLARO  
SELL FOOT AARON  
HOLDYOURHORSES  
TURN PEP  
FAA METERED BAH  
ABRAM AIR ALIA  
MINDYOURMANNERS  
EDIE VAN INSET  
DEE CARSEAT SSE  
ORR ACRE  
BITEYOURTONGUE  
SANTA ARLO TASS  
OCTET TSAR EVES  
SHORE SAPS REDO



Puzzle by Robert Malinow

- 27 Willow
- 28 Circus cries
- 29 Popular potato
- 30 Modern "book"
- 31 Where an Edsel filled up, maybe
- 32 Wild West Show star
- 36 Despondency
- 37 — and Coke
- 38 Business-related
- 40 Where Taipei is
- 41 One of the Baldwins
- 43 Grinder
- 44 State capital on the Mississippi
- 45 Singer Smith
- 48 Rib, for one
- 49 "Heavens to Betsy!"
- 50 Elbe tributary
- 51 — no good
- 52 Cat's-paw
- 53 Cape Cod catch
- 54 Bear young, as sheep
- 55 Beaver's work

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■ OF INTEREST

**The Women's Resource Center** will be having a short meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in the elevator lounge of the second floor of LaFortune.  
**The Special Synod of America: A Magna Carta?** Father Robert S. Pelton, will speak on this topic today at 4:15 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

■ MENU

**North**  
Chicken Gumbo Soup  
French Dip Sandwich  
Steamed Carrots  
Chile Cheese Macaroni  
**South**  
Tomato Rice Bisque  
Turkey Grill Sandwich  
California Vegetables  
Cheeseburger Pie

**Saint Mary's**  
Beef Gyros  
Greek Sautéed Chicken  
Spinach Souffle  
Macaroni

## ■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Irish strive for consistency as season winds down

*Upcoming UConn game crucial for postseason hopes*

By JOE CAVATO  
Assistant Sports Editor

To say it's crunch time for the Notre Dame basketball team

may be a bit of an understatement.

After losing three of their last four, the Irish head into the final four games of the regular season knowing that if they will be doing any kind of dancing at all in March it will hinge on the outcome of the next several weeks.

"This is a very important stretch for us," freshman center

Hans Rasmussen said. "We feel that we are an NCAA Tournament team; we've had our down times and had our up times but we can pull it out."

The eighth-ranked Connecticut Huskies certainly provide Notre Dame an opportunity to prove itself as they will visit the Joyce Center fresh off a 92-67 thumping of Pittsburgh.

Tonight's contest starts a three game home-stand that head coach John MacLeod hopes will help reinvigorate his squad that currently stands at 12-10 overall and 6-8 in the Big East.

"The fans at home are great," Rasmussen said. "They're loud and take the other team out of the game, so having these three right in a row at home is really going to help us and the crowd gets us going."

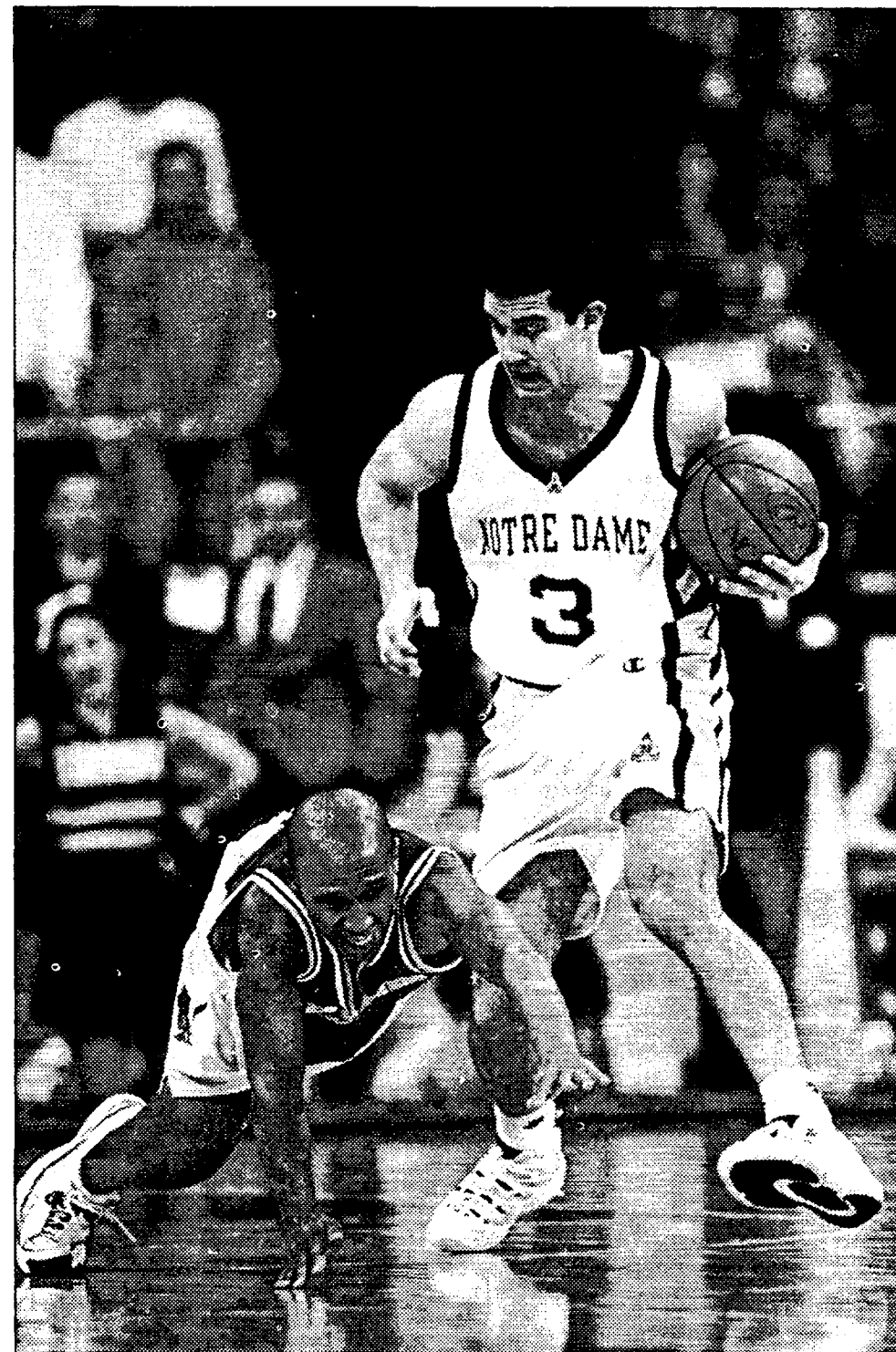
The Irish will need a lot more than good crowd support if they hope to upset the Huskies who are 22-4 and 11-3 in the Big East. Connecticut has lost away games to St. John's, Miami and West Virginia. Conversely, Notre Dame defeated St. John's and West Virginia on the road but they will again be without the services of the most accurate three-point shooter in the conference in the person of Keith Friel.

"We just need to play our game," Rasmussen said. "We need to worry about what we're going to do not what they are going to do to us."

Huskies Richard Hamilton and Khalid El-Amin may give the Irish something to worry about.

Hamilton will keep Notre Dame's defense busy as he did in his squad's 84-58 win over the Blue and Gold in early January. Hamilton poses one of the few threats to Pat Garrity's bid for back-to-back Big East player of the year honors.

The junior guard/forward's



The Observer/Meg Kroener

Senior Derek Manner must try to aid the other big men with the defensive assignment of Connecticut's Richard Hamilton.

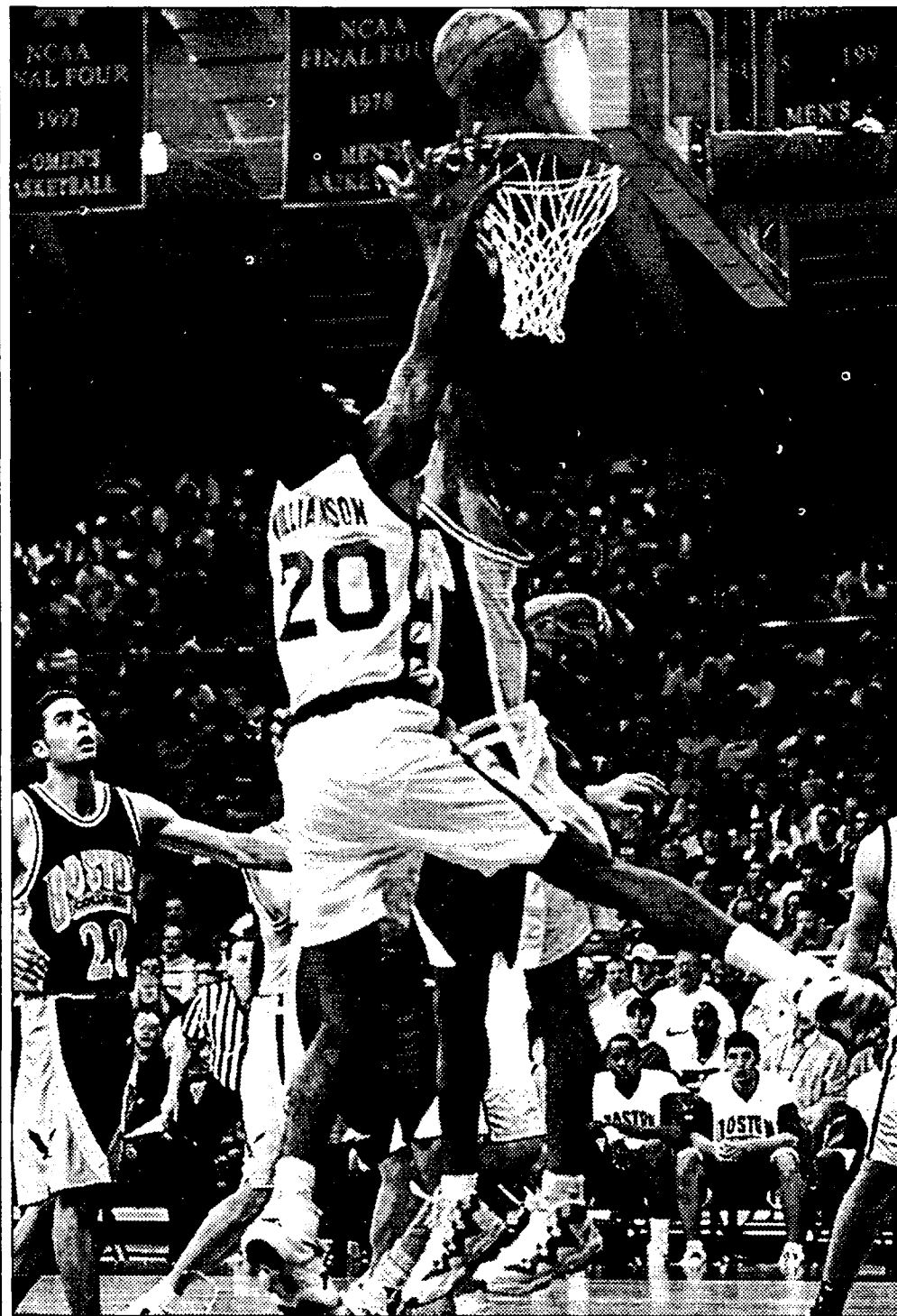
22.1 points per game ranks just behind Garrity's 22.8. Hamilton will extend the defense as his 45 percent shooting from behind the arc is just second in the conference to Friel's.

Freshman sensation Khalid El-Amin averages 13.9 points and 4.3 assists per game as he

controls the floor for the Huskies. Junior forward Kevin Freeman gets things done for his squad in the post as he chips in 11 points and 7.3 rebounds per outing.

In the 26 point loss to the Huskies earlier this year, three

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In tonight's contest against the Huskies, the Irish will have to rely on reserves like Leviticus Williamson.

## ■ MEN'S SWIMMING

## Season ends with win streak intact

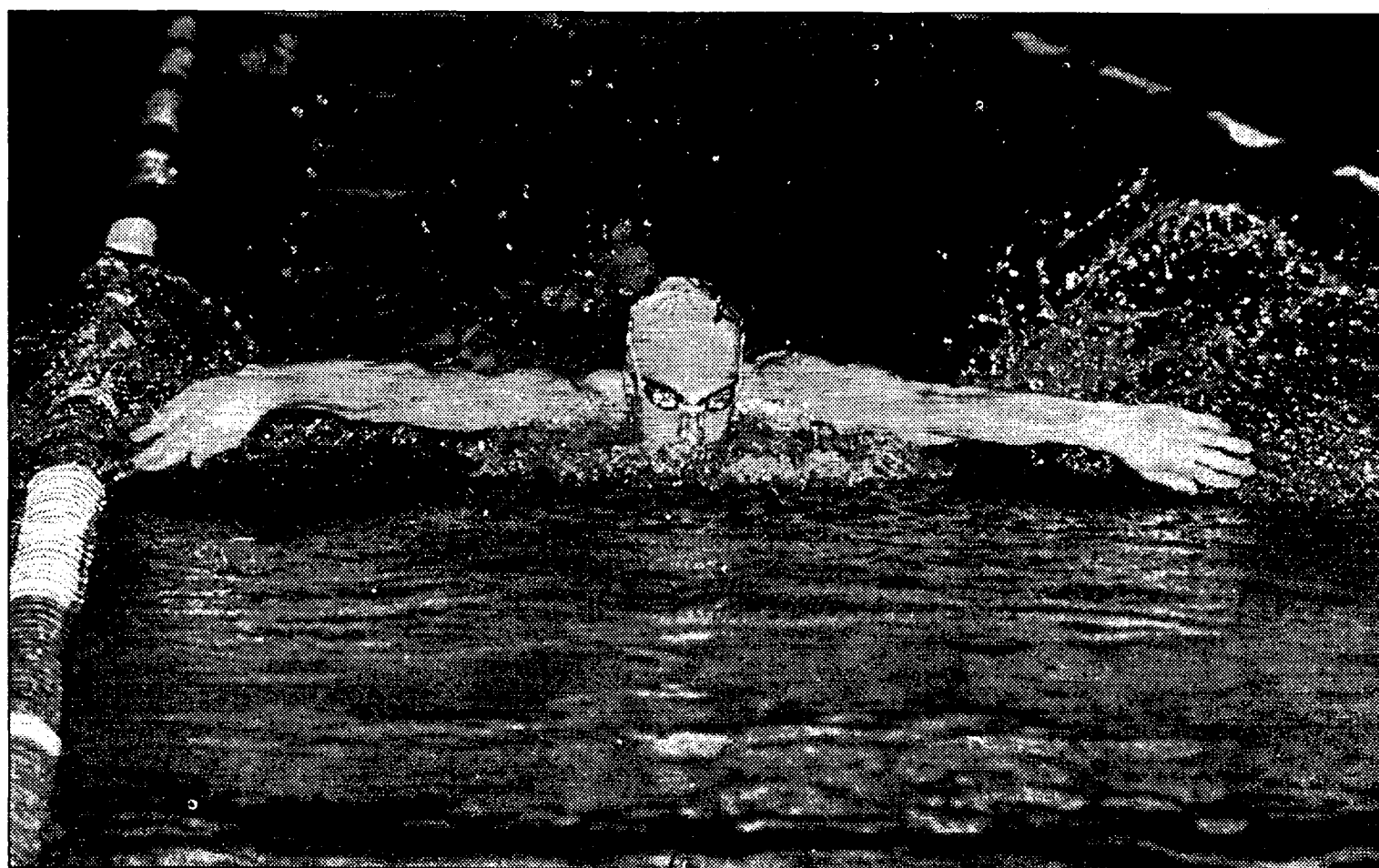
By MATT YUNG  
Sports Writer

The men's swimming and diving team fittingly concluded its regular season on Valentine's Day, recording a 131-105 victory over Wisconsin-Milwaukee to finish 11-1.

The win completed an eight meet win-streak with the team's last loss occurring over three months ago to Texas Christian. The win also gave the team the third most victories in school history and the most since the 1992-1993 season when they went 11-2.

"We did really well," senior captain Steven Cardwell said about the season.

"The neat thing was that we beat everyone soundly that beat us last year, none of our meets were really in question, we're doing the right things in and out of the pool ... from the beginning of the year our goal has been to finish third in the Big East Championships. First may be a little unrealistic, but we could



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

The men's swimming and diving team defeated Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 131-105, to finish the season 11-1.

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