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On top of the world

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Fans rush the court after the Irish beat the No. 1 Connecticut Huskies 92-76 Monday afternoon at the Joyce Center. The No. 3 Irish ended the Huskies' 30-game winning streak and became the only undefeated team in women's college basketball. The game attracted the first sellout crowd for the women's team. Notre Dame's win should ensure an ascent to No. 1 in the national rankings when the newest polls come out early next week.

Crime, fire hit off-campus housing

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

Changed locks and straigtened door frames offer little proof of a series of break-ins and attempted burglaries at College Park. And visible signs of fire and smoke damage at Castle Point Apartments aren't as evident as a month ago.

But the two local apartment complexes, popular among off-campus Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, will have to deal with some concerns over safety following issues that arose while most students were away on vacation.

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College Park break-ins

Between Christmas and Jan. 13, two College Park apartments were robbed and about five others showed signs of attempted break-ins, according to building manager P.R. Gibson. The apartments were located within the same unit of the all-student Bulla Road complex.

Gibson said the robbed apartments exhibited no signs of forcible entry. He said computer and telephone equipment taken from one residence was valued at $200. A checkbook was taken from the other apartment.

"Now I think that whoever did this was just someone taking advantage of the fact that no one was home."

Megan Monserez
student

"This is the first time we've had something like this happen here. It's pretty unusual," Gibson said. "But I'm sure this was the work of teenagers."

College Park resident Megan Monserez agrees.

Monserez, a Mishawaka native, said she made weekly trips to her apartment to ensure its safety. On Saturday, Monserez returned to her apartment to find damages that "looked like someone had taken a crowbar to our door frame."

"I was scared, and I didn't go in immediately. The deadbolt had held, and I knew [burglars] hadn't gotten in, but I was worried because I had no concept of how long ago it had happened," said Monserez, a Notre Dame senior.

"Now I think that whoever did this was just someone taking advantage of the fact that no one was home," she said.

No formal security was provided for the apartments while most occupants were on vacation, but Gibson said he monitored the complex during Notre Dame and Saint Mary's month-long break. He acknowledged that he was probably out of town when the crimes took place.

Gibson said apartments that

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College will use Lilly grant for new center

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

A $12 million grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. will allow Saint Mary's to create an intercultural center unlike any center in existence in the United States.

The center, named the International Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership, will focus on understanding how cultures relate to one another and how to prepare women to lead in that kind of environment.

"One of our goals is that women of all cultures can step into leadership roles once they leave Saint Mary's," said Marilou Eldred, College president.

The five-year grant will be used to offer the College opportunities to study the relationships between cultures and increase the awareness of all cultures on the campus, said Mana Derakhshani, a French professor and a member of the committee that wrote the grant proposal.

"I think intercultural studies is something needed in higher education in general," Derakhshani said. "Given the fact that Saint Mary's is doing such an excellent job at developing women leaders, if we could add something to what we already do well, it could put Saint Mary's on the leading edge nationally in educating women and in education in general."

The College will bring in national and international fellows as part of the center. Both Eldred and Derakhshani expect that the fellows will offer classes and seminars in a wide variety of disciplines that will explore intercultural issues. In addition, summer seminars for members of the College and the community will be available as a result of the grant.

"What I'm hoping this grant will do is bring people to this campus — scholars, community leaders and students — who are interested in intercultural stud-

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INSIDE COLUMN

We're No. 1 — Start acting like it

Mike Connolly

Editor in Chief

With its 92-76 victory against UConn on Monday afternoon, the women's basketball team earned the right to call itself No. 1. When the new polls come out next week, Notre Dame's ascent to the top of the women's basketball world will be official and the sign at the top of Grace Hall will once again announce that Notre Dame is No. 1.

Now that the hard work of the women's basketball team has resulted in a No. 1 ranking, it is time that the students of Notre Dame show their appreciation for the women's basketball team.

Before Monday's sell-out game, the student support for women's basketball was pathetic at best. While there were several diehard fans who came to every game and cheered every Irish win, the student section was mostly empty.

This has to change. Notre Dame once again has a No. 1 team on campus and the students should show their appreciation. I would hope that Notre Dame students would have enough spirit to support all their teams regardless of record but I would be appalled if Notre Dame students don't come out and support an undefeated top-ranked team.

But this past fall proved that most Notre Dame students do not appreciate their athletic teams enough to walk across campus to cheer at home games.

The last time Grace Hall was adorned with the No. 1 sign was when the women's soccer team held the top ranking last fall. Despite their hard work, talent and exciting home victories against top teams like Nebraska and Santa Clara, the women's soccer team was practically ignored by the student body.

While the residents of South Bend recognized the high caliber of soccer at Alumni Field by showing up and cheering, the student body was noticeably absent along the sidelines. As proud representatives of this University, every athletic team deserves the respect and support of the student body. The women's soccer team especially deserved this support.

Led by Herman Trophy winner — the Heisman Trophy of women's soccer — Anne Makinen, the women's soccer team completed an undefeated season despite losing five starters to graduation from the 1999 team.

Not until the NCAA tournament rolled around did Notre Dame students finally come out and support the women's soccer team. Not until there were only a few home games left for the Irish seniors did the Notre Dame students finally show some support for them.

But still so many students never got to see Anne Makinen, Kelly Lindsey, Meotis Erikson and the rest of the Irish seniors play on Alumni Field. They never went out and thanked them for their hard work and dedication.

Don't let Ruth Riley, Kelly Siemon and Niele Ivey graduate without cheering their efforts. Make sure you let them know you appreciate their dedication to making Notre Dame the best. There are no excuses for not attending at least one of the last four home games.

The games are free, they are on campus, and you are almost guaranteed to see a win.

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

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THIS WEEK IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday

◆ **Event:** Exhibit of Emancipation Proclamation, 9 a.m., Northern Indiana Center for History.

◆ **Meeting:** South Bend Rotary Club meeting, Century Center, 12 p.m., South Bend.

Thursday

◆ **Event:** St. Joseph County Soil and Conservation Department tree sales, 9 a.m., Soil and Water Conservation District office, South Bend.

Friday

◆ **Movie:** "The Virgin Suicides," 7:30 a.m., Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum.

◆ **Meeting:** Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 9:30 a.m., Havican Hall, Saint Mary's.

Saturday

◆ **Event:** Bridal Expo 2001, 9:30 a.m., Joyce Center.

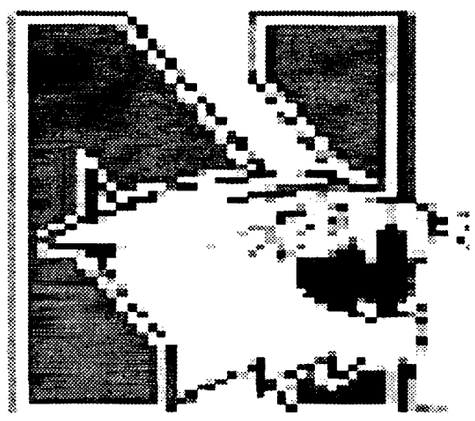
◆ **Event:** Children's Dispensary Fun and Learn, 9 a.m., Havican Hall, Saint Mary's.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Jackson calls for action in speech at Northwestern

EVANSTON, Ill.

At 9:55 a.m. Monday, about 10 students stood in an orderly line outside Northwestern University's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, sipping coffee and reading. Ten minutes later, more than 50 people were huddled around the two revolving doors, and that number had nearly tripled by 10:30 a.m., when employees opened the doors to Northwestern's second annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.



The program, which included musical performances and a keynote address by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, drew more than 1,400 students, faculty, staff and community members to Pick-Staiger and satellite locations around campus. The two-and-a-half hour celebration capped off a week of events honoring the civil rights leader.

In the program's keynote address, Jackson, the founder and president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and a friend of King's, delivered a vivid call to action filled with elaborate metaphors and political commentary.

"There's been such a prostituting of the dream," said Jackson, who encouraged the audience to reclaim King's dream and create "one big tent" of inclusion. "It's like soft drink without carbonation — it's lost its stuff. The King dream applied to everybody. While we focus a lot on black and white, the fundamental ethical issues here are not so much black and white as they are wrong and right."

Jackson spent much of his speech criticizing President-elect George W. Bush and the outcome of the presidential election. Calling Attorney General nominee John Ashcroft a "voter suppressor" and Inauguration Day "Coronation Day," he told the audience to continue challenging the status quo.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

King's alma mater celebrates his work

With his dream living on and his words still resonating across the nation, the birthday of Boston University's most distinguished alumnus, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was commemorated Monday in a ceremony at the George Sherman Union. The 16th annual event filled Metcalf Hall and featured a prayer service led by Marsh Chapel Dean Robert Thornburg and Reverend Hylanie Chan-Williams, as well as a video presentation of King's march on Washington in 1963, when he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. "I've prayed in many difficult situations, but never in one as moving as having just watched the speech we heard," Thornburg said. "That dream still lives in the hearts and minds of people." BU's celebration featured the university's Inner Strength Gospel Choir as well as a choir from the First Korean Church in Cambridge. Titled, "Transformation of Dr. King's Dream," the event took King, a 1955 School of Theology graduate, to a human level, reviving and modernizing his message for effectiveness in today's continuing social and racial struggle.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Students spar over affirmative action

As University of Michigan students took to the streets Monday to advocate affirmative action, there were clear divisions among the 200 participants in how the message supporting affirmative action should be presented. Shortly after students marched from the corner of South University and South Forest avenues to the Diag, where the rally began, the crowd parted as members of the Black Student Union and the Black Greek Association entered. They held green signs stating affirmative action was their issue and not an issue for the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action and Integration and Fight for Equality By Any Means Necessary. BSU members joined BAMN and the other organizations on the steps of the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library. BAMN member Ebonie Byndon said although BAMN has encountered problems with BSU members in the past, BSU members have never before charged into a BAMN event. BSU members said they feel BAMN is an outside force which does not truly reflect the concerns of the minority students of the university.

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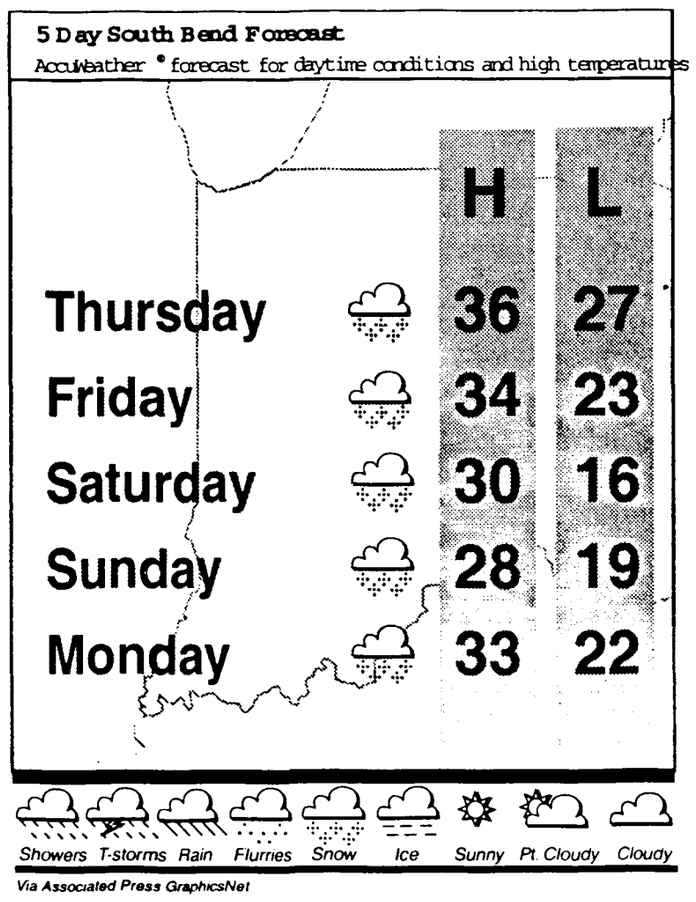

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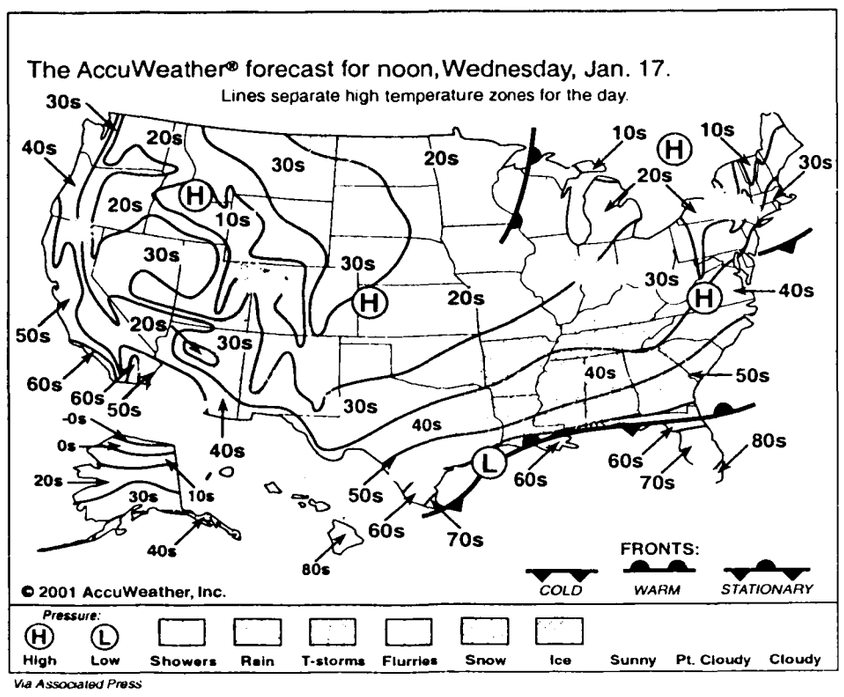

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Schmuhl book receives 'prime selection' acclaim

By LAURA BOST
News Writer

When the Chicago Tribune recognized Notre Dame professor Robert Schmuhl's book "Indecent Liberties," as a prime nonfiction selection for 2000, it was indicative of the book's widespread appeal.

Schmuhl

"I had no idea what the reaction might be to my book," said Schmuhl, an American Studies professor.

The book was the product of a compilation of a number of long essays written from the early 1990s through 1999. After giving throught to a variety of topics from different disciplines like sociology, political science and media studies, Schmuhl decided to create a book from the essays.

"I had been thinking about the larger theme for a while, and it was then just a matter of revising existing essays and writing a couple of new ones to give the book coherence," he said

"Indecent Liberties" reflects on the tendency of American society to liberally interpret their freedoms in politics, social movements, the arts and popular culture.

"I tried to identify a certain characteristic in American life and discuss it by looking at a number of different examples from both the past and present," Schmuhl said.

The book, published by the University of Notre Dame Press, examines the repercussions of construing the constitution to encompass "indecent liberties." Schmuhl argues in his book that the failure of society to exercise a median interpretation of American liberties may lead to the country's detriment.

Schmuhl attributed the success of the book to its widespread applicability to all of American society.

"It addresses the concerns being voiced today and explores them in a certain amount of detail that people find interesting," he said.

"Indecent Liberties" is just one of Schmuhl's nine books. He also has written columns and reviews for newspapers such as the Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, the Washington Post and USA Today.

His journal and magazine articles have appeared in Style, National Forum, Journalism Quarterly, Critical Studies in Mass Communications, the Review of Politics and Sports Illustrated.

Schmuhl is the director of the John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy at Notre Dame.

Community honors Parks with MLK-inspired award

By CECILIA OLECK
News Writer

While most students spent Monday registering for classes and buying books, Saint Mary's student Romona Parks had a different agenda.

She was honored by South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke and Mishawaka Mayor Robert Beutter with a Drum Major Award Monday morning at the Minority and Women Business Development Council's 11th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. community Service Appreciation Breakfast at the South Bend Century Center.

The award recognizes dedication to community service. Parks was among five other honorees.

Parks insists that there are others more deserving of the award, but her involvement speaks for itself. Modest about her success, Parks said,

"Humility is the key to success. That's something that I work towards daily and success just comes," Parks said.

Throughout high school, Parks was the president of a youth group called COP (Community Oriented Policing); the secretary of Nulites (National Urban League Incentives to Excel and Succeed), an urban league youth branch; and the Sergeant of Arms for 21st Century Scholars, a college based program. She was also active in basketball, cheerleading, marching band and student council.

Parks participated in a program called Upward Bound through Notre Dame. The organization provides preparation for high school students who are college bound through tours, scholarships, and the opportunity to take classes at Notre Dame.

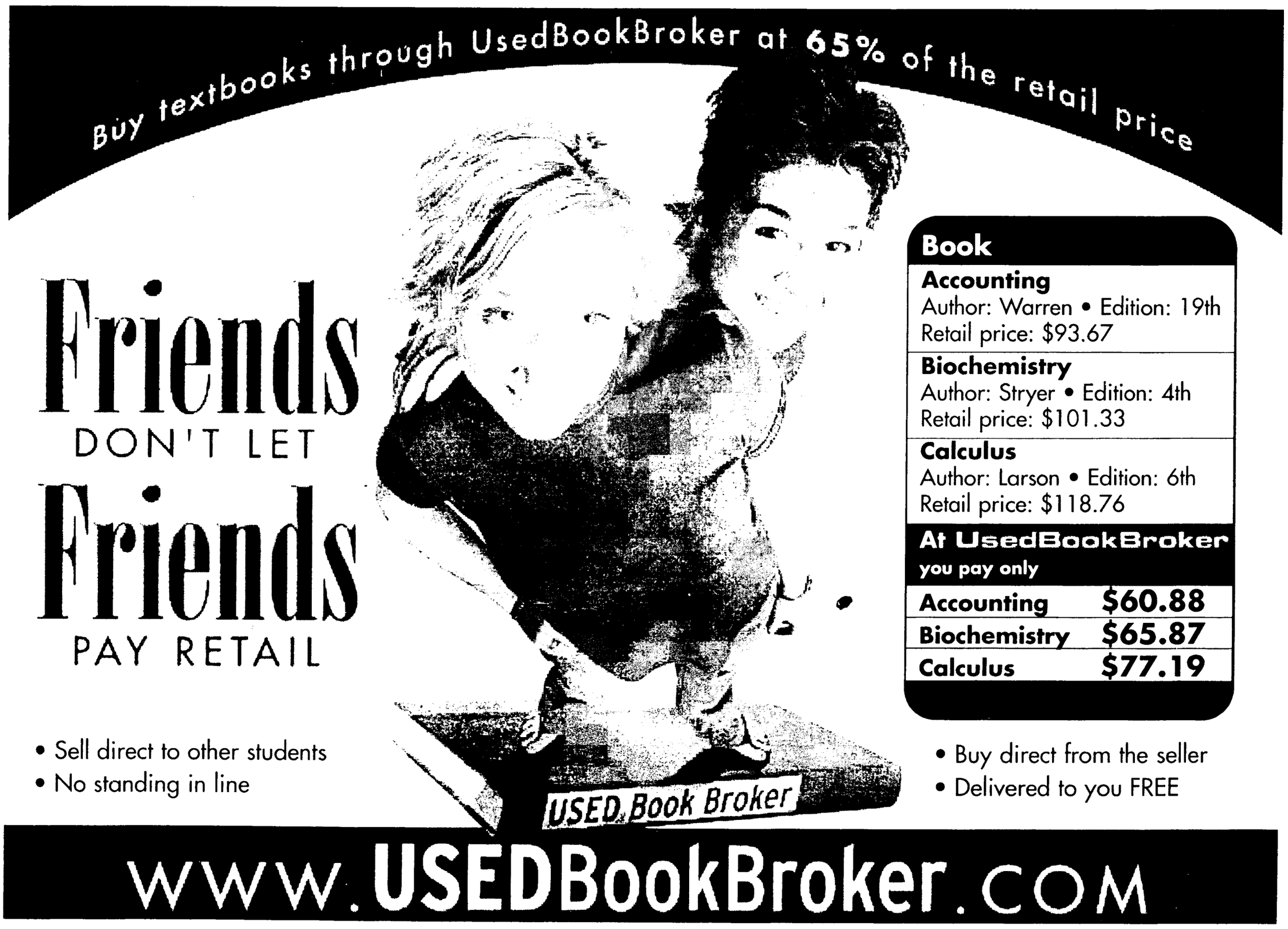
Parks, a first-year student, said she is maintaining a more low-key profile at Saint Mary's and focusing her attention on her nursing major.

She is, however, active in the Sisters of Nefertiti and a campus Bible study. Terri Johnson, Director of Multicultural Affairs commended Parks for her willingness to help with any activity the Multicultural Office needs help with.

"I just think this award couldn't have gone to a more deserving person," said Johnson. "She's a very positive representative of Saint Mary's and a wonderful role model."

Parks said that through her involvement in the South Bend community she has come to know many people who have influenced her life.

She counts Mayor Stephen Leucke, Assistant Mayor Lynn Coleman, and former Nulites president Verge Gillam as people who inspire her. Parks is a graduate of LaSalle High School in South Bend.



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ies," Derakhshani said.

In addition to seminars, the College has proposed an intercultural leadership residence as a part of the center. According to Derakhshani, this would involve dedicating a floor of one of the residence halls to a study in intercultural living.

"What the residence would be is basically an experiment in planned intercultural living," she said.

This residence area which will be up and running in the 2002-2003 school year at the earliest, would involve a planned mix of students from different cultures. A resident director would be chosen specifically for the floor and part of her job would be the facilitation of discussion between the women living on the floor.

"One of the best things we'll do for students with this center is to enhance the dialogues about all cultures," Eldred said.

The grant will also allow the College to send students and faculty abroad to investigate intercultural questions and step into the community of South Bend to understand those issues. Derakhshani hopes that involvement in the community will include issues of health care, the arts and community planning.

"Contact with community members is going to be very fruitful," she said. "It's going to help prepare students to be leaders in a world that is becoming more and more intercultural."

The faculty will be electing an advisory committee today that will, as part of their responsibility, look for a director for the Center. Eldred hopes that the director will be hired and in place by this summer.

Break-ins

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sustained damages will have the locks changed or receive new door frames. Tuesday night, all but one of the repairs had been done.

The crimes apparently haven't eroded College Park residents' feelings of safety.

"I don't feel like intruders are going to try to break in and hurt me," said Monserez's roommate, Darcie Zwilling, also a Notre Dame senior. "This is still a place I consider to be safe."

Fire at Castle Point

It wasn't crime — but rather a freak accident — that factored into recent security concerns at Castle Point Apartments.

A Dec. 18 fire at the complex, located along Cleveland Road, resulted in no injuries but forced occupants of one building to evacuate, according to South Bend fire officials.

The fire and smoke and water damage associated with it was contained to the Coachmans Trail section of Castle Point, said Chief Timm Schabbel of the Clay Township Fire Department.

Several fire departments, including Notre Dame, were called in to battle the blaze, which broke out in the early evening.

Officials said maintenance workers attempting to thaw a frozen first-floor pipe with a torch are responsible for the fire. They said a bird's nest located between between a wall likely ignited, and the fire spread to the building's second floor and then to the attic.

It was unclear Tuesday if any of the occupants of the evacuated units were Notre Dame or Saint Mary's students. Contacted Tuesday, representatives at Castle Point were unavailable for comment.

Knott room floods in 'crime-free' break

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

It wasn't just students returning from break that came pouring into Knott Hall on Sunday.

One room in the North Quad residence hall remains waterlogged and inaccessible following flooding that resulted from a cracked pipe.

Damage from the burst pipe, located above the hall's first-floor weight room, was discovered on Sunday, Knott rector Brother Jerome Meyer said. The damage was limited to the weight room.

A new pipe was installed on Monday, and as of Tuesday afternoon, Meyer said "things are under control."

The weight room, which is still being cleaned by maintenance personnel, will be available for use by the end of the week, according to Meyer.

Despite the closing of the weight room and other problems associated with the flooding, Knott resident Kevin Hagerty said the situation hasn't been a major inconvenience. On Sunday Hagerty and residents in his second-floor section of Knott were prohibited from using the showers in the area of the building located directly above the weight room.

"It wasn't a problem using showers in another section," Hagerty said. "It was really no big deal."

Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security/Police, said the plumbing problems weren't unique to Knott Hall. Over winter break, Rakow received several complaints concerning frozen pipes.

In general, the problems were limited to administrative offices, with incidents of pipe freezing occurring in Grace and Flanner halls and the Main Building, according to Rakow.

As of Tuesday, Rakow reported only one other incident — a vandalized vending machine in the LaFortune Student Center in late-December — brought to his office's attention.

Rakow downplayed other safety concerns, characterizing much of winter vacation on campus as uneventful and crime-free.

Ghnaim: new terms could end war

◆ Author claims Palestinians want better peace plan, not fighting

By ANNE-MARIE MATTINGLY
News Editor

Attempts at Middle East peace have failed not because the Palestinians want war, but because they have not yet been offered acceptable peace terms, said Noah Salameh Ghnaim, director and founder of the Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation in Palestine Tuesday.

"As Palestinians we do not fight just for fighting," he said. "We are, from the beginning, looking for justice and peace."

Ghnaim, who was born in a refugee camp near Bethlehem and spent 15 years as a political prisoner beginning in 1967, explained that Palestinians have resorted to violence because such tactics are the only way to capture the attention of the rest of the world.

After the Palestinian community declared its existence in 1965, Ghnaim said the group was ignored by the international community until it began using shock tactics such as kidnapping airplanes to attract attention.

Under President Bill Clinton's current proposal, 26 percent of the land comprising historical Palestine would be returned to the Palestinians, but Israelis are demanding control of all major cities, the area's air space and borders, and the Dead Sea, said Ghnaim.

"There is no access, even, between [the areas Palestine would control]," he said. "That is the offer of Clinton."

In addition, the agreement would require the Palestinians to pledge that they would not raise any new demands in the future. Ghnaim argued that this is peace without justice because the proposed agreement fails to recognize the Palestinians' humanity or equality with the Israelis.

He cited Israeli limitations on Palestinian use of water and numerous border checkpoints that prevent Palestinians from travelling to their jobs in Israel as among factors contributing to the tension between the two groups.

"I'm eager to have peace with the Israelis — but I don't think we need a piece of paper. We need a just peace with equal rights to our partners," said Ghnaim. "[We] must treat each other equally before we can begin to negotiate. I think peace is to respect people, to sit together, to speak as equal people."

Ghnaim, who has been involved with negotiations between the groups for 40 years, said he has never felt that respect from his Israeli counterparts. In addition to fostering mutual respect, the world also needs to stop rushing the peace process, Ghnaim said.

The Israelis must consider the needs of the Palestinians as soon as their own when proposing solutions, added Ghnaim, who feels that an appropriate agreement cannot be reached before Clinton leaves the White House.

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Noah Salameh Ghnaim
director, founder of Center for Palestine Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation

Ghnaim is a 1994 alumnus of the Kroc institute and currently lives in Hebron, where directs the Bandar Ben Sultan Center for Peace and Regional Studies at Hebron University. He is also studying for a PhD in conflict resolution at George Mason University in Virginia.

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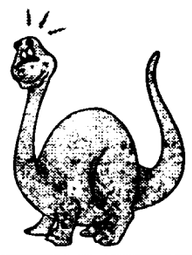

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Kuwait rejects female voting: The country's highest court rejected a case Tuesday in which activists had pleaded for women to have the right to vote and run for office in this oil-rich state. "The court has decided to reject the case," said Judge Abdullah al-Issa, president of the Constitutional Court. He offered no immediate explanation.

Norway okays whale exports: Norway, the only country that conducts commercial whale hunts, said Tuesday that it was lifting its ban on the export of whale meat and products. "We think the time is right for this. This is the last step in normalizing the whale hunt," Fisheries Minister Otto Gregussen said of the decision, which delighted whalers and disgusted conservationists.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Plane disappears over Cape Cod: Poor visibility on Tuesday delayed a search for a small plane that zigzagged across Cape Cod at low altitude and clipped power lines before disappearing from radar. The pilot, who suffered from leukemia, was believed to have been alone in the single-engine Piper 22, authorities said. The pilot apparently became disoriented, the Coast Guard said in a statement Tuesday. The plane took off from Norwood Airport south of Boston on Monday afternoon. The weather was very foggy and police said the pilot had been told not to take off.

Fire destroys Georgia church: A roaring fire destroyed a church that had stood for more than a century. The cause of the blaze that broke out Monday at the Sugar Hill First Baptist Church had not been determined and investigators were unable to inspect the wreckage Tuesday.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Coyote attacks dog: Anderson Mayor J. Mark Lawler is warning Madison County residents about the threat posed by coyotes following a vicious attack on his beloved family dog. Monroe, a Schnauzer-poodle mix, was left bloody and battered following a coyote attack Thursday near the family's Anderson home. Lawler, his wife, Dori, and their children weren't sure if Monroe would survive the weekend. But Monday, their veterinarian informed them that the canine was on the mend. "I would have never anticipated us having a coyote problem here," he said.

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EL SALVADOR

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An aerial view over the village of Tepecoyo shows destruction from Saturday's 7.6-magnitude earthquake. More than 2,000 were injured, and tens of thousands of homes were affected by the tremor.

Death toll rises into hundreds

Associated Press

SANTA TECLA

The earthquake death toll rose above 600 Monday as rescuers' hopes faded of pulling more survivors from landslides that swept through villages and cities across El Salvador.

As information came in from the countryside, where hundreds of communities remained isolated, the government said 609 bodies had been counted in El Salvador. At least six people died in neighboring Guatemala, and hundreds of people were still believed to be buried.

The vast majority of those killed were here in Santa Tecla, where a mountain of rock and earth came tumbling down on the Las Colinas neighborhood, three miles west of the capital, San Salvador.

Salvadoran police said 2,412 people were injured and more than 45,000 houses were damaged or destroyed in Saturday's magnitude-7.6 quake.

Rescuers said the chances of finding survivors were dwindling as more time passed and the ground, convulsed from the landslides, settled.

Residents of Las Colinas complained that the government allowed land owners over the years to clear trees from the hillside, alleging that the lack of ground cover left those below vulnerable to landslides.

The quake loosened that hillside, burying the middle-class neighborhood at its base and bringing down some of the mansions above.

Although the largest number of deaths appeared to be in Las Colinas, the quake caused 185 landslides across El Salvador, burying coffee workers and blocking roads.

The numbers varied and the death toll was expected to rise. The emergency committee for the Santa Tecla region said 436 were dead here alone. It said 366 remained missing — hundreds less than the figure given Saturday by the Red Cross.

Police said nearly 18,000 people had been evacuated from dangerous areas. Many were living with relatives or in shelters. Others who still had homes lacked basic services. Water service was cut to as many as half of the country's 6 million people, the Pan-American Health Organization said.

Aftershocks continued to rock the country Monday, frightening residents and knocking more debris onto highways.

CUBA

Czech prisoners to be tried as spies

Associated Press

HAVANA

Two Czech citizens — including a former finance minister — will be tried for allegedly acting as agents for anti-communist Cuban-American exiles, the government said Tuesday.

The Czechs "will be placed at the disposition of the courts, which will decide the appropriate measures to be taken," said a statement in the Communist Party daily Granma. It was Cuba's first public statement on the pair.

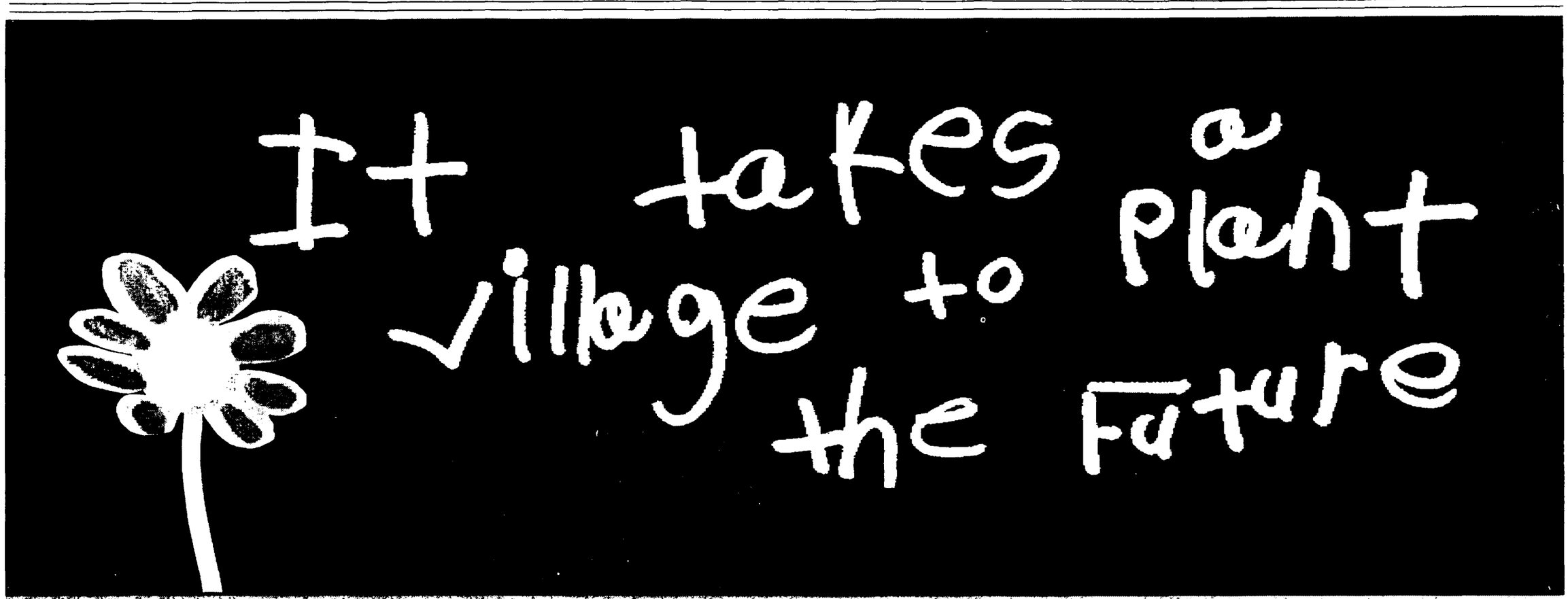
The two Czechs are former Finance Minister Ivan Pilip, now a member of parliament, and Jan Bubenik, a member of a Czech pro-democracy foundation. Cuban immigration officials detained them Friday in Ciego de Avila, 185 miles southeast of Havana.

The men were arrested after meeting with two Cuban government opponents. The dissidents were questioned and released, but the Czechs were transferred to Havana, where they remain in jail.

Granma said the two are accused of violating immigration laws because their activities were not consistent with their tourist visas. They were "following instructions from people in the Cuban-American mafia in the United States, and came dedicated to maintaining subversive contacts with members of the counterrevolutionary groups in this country," it said.

The pair arrived on Jan. 8 from Cancun, Mexico, after previously traveling to New York, New Jersey and Miami, the newspaper said.

"The visit had nothing to do with tourism and their real purpose was to contact counterrevolutionary elements, give them instructions and provide them with resources," Granma said.



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Nestle takes bite of pet food world

◆ Company spends $10 billion to form Nestle Purina Pet Care

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Nestle S.A.'s $10 billion purchase of Ralston Purina Co. would create a pet food empire that dominates both the cat and dog food market, with popular brands such as Alpo, Purina, Friskies and Meow Mix.

"We were interested in continuing to grow our business," said Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, Nestle's CEO. "We were strong in our wet business, the cat business. We looked at the market and saw there was a higher growth in the dry business."

That includes premium food and treats, the segment of the industry growing fastest and Ralston's strength, said John McMillin, an analyst at Prudential Securities in New York.

Nestle, based in Switzerland, holds a 32 percent share of the U.S. cat food market, while St. Louis-based Ralston has a 26 percent share.

It's the same situation across the aisle in dog food, where Nestle is adding Ralston's 28 percent share of the dog food market to the 10 percent it already has.

"It seems like a brilliant acquisition," said Jack A. Nickerson, a business professor at Washington University in St. Louis. "Instead of running two different operations, they can simply do one."

Shares of Ralston were up $6.88, or 27 percent, to close at $31.50 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Brabeck-Letmathe said he expects the sale, which requires shareholder and regulatory approval, will close no later than the end of 2001.

The Nestle-Ralston combination could concern federal regulators, especially in the cat food business, analysts said, which might force it to sell off some smaller brands.

But Nickerson said if Ralston and Nestle can narrowly define the pet food market, regulators are likely to approve the deal.

For example, he said, they could argue there are separate markets for wet and dry dog and cat foods and that their share of any one segment will not change.

"The best thing for them to do is put forth the narrowest market definition that would be acceptable," Nickerson said.

Brabeck-Letmathe said he expects the deal to enhance competition in the North American pet food market.

"I think the one who is going to win is the consumer, because he will have increased choice, more innovation, and even more quality products on the market," Brabeck-Letmathe said.

Analysts said Nestle should have little trouble convincing shareholders to approve the deal. Nestle will pay $33.50 in cash per Ralston share, a 36 percent premium above the company's Friday closing price of $24.63 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Nestle will also assume $1.2 billion in debt, though this will be partially offset by gains of $900 million from existing financial investments, the companies said.

"Ralston shareholders have nothing to bark about,"McMillin said. "The price is a good one. Ralston shareholders are being rewarded better than a pampered pet."

Nestle will retain a presence in St. Louis, merging its Friskies pet food business in the U.S. with Ralston to form Nestle Purina Pet Care, the merged companies' North American operation. Ralston president Patrick McGinnis will head the unit.

Nationwide, dog-food sales grew by about 4 percent last year, while cat food volume grew by roughly 5 percent.

Officials of both companies said the deal should help Ralston's Purina products in Europe. Last year, Ralston sales were $2.25 billion in the U.S., but just $450 million internationally.

"It gives Ralston an important advantage in distribution in Europe,"Nickerson said. "I think there are huge expansion opportunities through the merger."

The Nestle Group's current pet food business has annual sales of about $3.7 billion.

Clinton adds to land-saving monuments

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Trying to seal a legacy in environmental protection during his final week in office, President Clinton is creating at least six new national monuments, providing new safeguards on more than 1 million acres of federal land in the West, the White House said Tuesday.

Clinton

The monuments, in Montana, California, Arizona, New Mexico and Idaho, include a 150-foot pillar of sandstone called Pompeys Pillar near Billings, Mont., where explorer William Clark carved his name in 1805 during his historic westward trek with Meriwether Lewis.

The president is to make the announcement today in the East Room of the White House, where President Jefferson and Lewis laid out maps and planned the expedition. Clinton also is to sign a bill Wednesday that would posthumously promote Clark from Army lieutenant to captain.

"These actions commemorate and preserve a vital chapter in our nation's history," Elliot Diringer, a White House spokesman. "They honor the explorers who led the way west and protect for future generations some of the extraordinary lands they crossed."

The other new monuments are: Upper Missouri River Breaks along the Missouri River in central Montana; Carrizo Plain in central California; Sonoran Desert in south-central Arizona; Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks in north-central New Mexico; and Minidoka in south-central Idaho, which includes portions of a World War II-era Japanese-American internment camp.

Designating these areas as national monuments afford them greater protections from commercial uses. The new protections are expected to include bans or restrictions on such activities as vehicle use, mining and oil drilling.

During his presidency, Clinton has already created 11 new national monuments and expanded two others. Those actions set new protections on 4.6 million acres of federal land. The new monuments established on Wednesday would raise that total to at least 5.6 million acres.

President-elect Bush and Republicans from the West have objected to Clinton's earlier monument designations. They have said the monument designations are not needed to protect the remote areas and could harm the economy in rural areas.

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CONGO

Bodyguard kills Congolese president in coup attempt

Associated Press

KINSHASA

President Laurent Kabila, the onetime rebel who seized power and then fought to rule over this vast and troubled nation, died Tuesday after being shot at his Kinshasa residence, Kabila's U.S. spokesman said.

The shooting occurred during an attempted coup to topple Kabila's government, which has been battling a number of rebel movements for more than two years, officials in Kinshasa said.

"He's died," said John Aycoth, a lobbyist and public relations consultant who acts as Kabila's spokesman in the United States.

Aycoth, speaking by telephone from Durham, N.C., said he had spoken to top level Congolese officials in Kinshasa, who had confirmed Kabila's death. He said the Congolese government would make an announcement on what had happened at 6 a.m. Wednesday Congo time (Tuesday midnight EST).

French and Belgian foreign ministry officials quoted local sources as saying they believed he died of his injuries.

"From three sources I have that Kabila has most likely been shot to death," Belgian Foreign Affairs Minister Louis Michel said in Brussels following a crisis meeting with the Cabinet.

Earlier, his spokesman, Koen Vervaeke, said, "From two sources of whom we are 100 percent certain, we can confirm that Kabila has died. He has probably been shot by one of his guards."

French Foreign Ministry officials had also said that Kabila was dead, but gave no further details.

Belgium is Congo's former colonial ruler and retains close ties with the nation, formerly named Zaire.

Asked about the report, Congolese Interior Minister Gaetan Kakudji said: "The Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs can say what he wants but I will make my announcement tomorrow."

A member of Kabila's security entourage said on condition of anonymity that the bodyguard had shot the president in the back and right leg during a coup attempt. Kabila was alive and was being treated by doctors, he said without elaborating.

Intelligence officers in Rwanda also said they had unconfirmed reports that Kabila was killed in the intense shooting Tuesday afternoon at the presidential palace, which lasted a half-hour. Rwanda supports rebels fighting to topple the Congolese strongman.

The Congolese government would not elaborate publicly on their president's condition, or even whether he'd been shot.

"President Kabila is alive and everything is OK," said Congolese Gen. Francois Olenga.

The conflicting reports came hours after witnesses described gunfire around the home of Kabila, who has been fighting multiple rebel armies for more than two years. It was unclear who was responsible for the shooting.

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> **Kin-Kiey Mulumba**
> **rebel movement spokesman**

A presidential helicopter landed at Kinshasa's main hospital, a government official who witnessed the event said, adding there were unconfirmed reports that the aircraft was carrying Kabila's son, Joseph Kabila, who had apparently been injured. The younger Kabila is the head of Congo's military.

Presidential aide Eddy Kapend went on national television shortly after the gunfire ended to appeal for calm, but he made no mention of the incident.

The bleary-eyed Kapend ordered that all airports and borders be closed, appealing to the armed forces and civil society leaders to help maintain order.

"The Congolese people need your serenity and your discipline," he said.

Later, an 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew was announced by Kakudji as having being ordered by Kabila himself.

Kakudji also put all fighting units in Kinshasa on alert until further notice.

Amid the confusion of the shooting, Kinshasa residents hurried home and many streets were quickly deserted. Truckloads of armed soldiers patrolled the streets in Congo's capital city.

Large numbers of troops in armored vehicles and on foot blocked off roads near Kabila's hilltop residence, not far from downtown Kinshasa. The presidential residence, known as the Marble Palace, is usually heavily guarded by troops and a North Korean-made tank.

Kabila has been fighting a civil war since August 1998, when rebel forces backed by his former allies, Rwanda and Uganda, turned against him. In the war's early stages, the rebels reached the outskirts of Kinshasa before being turned back by Kabila's army, which is now supported by Angola, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

Speaking from Brussels, Kin-Kiey Mulumba, a spokesman for one of the main rebel movements, insisted Kabila was dead.

"It was a palace coup. Soldiers from Kabila's escort fired at him. He took bullets directly. Immediately, the doctors took him to the main hospital, but he died."

Mulumba said the shooting proved that the Congolese people wanted a change, but denied that rebels had anything to do with it.

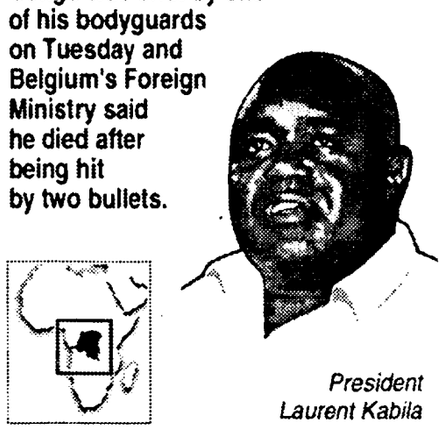
"Something big happened in our country this afternoon. People want change," he said.

Kabila came to power in May 1997 following a Uganda- and Rwanda-sponsored rebellion against former dictator Mobutu Sese Seko, who ruled the nation then called Zaire.

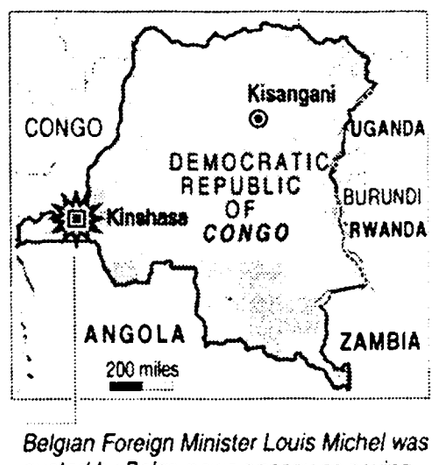
The world community initially welcomed Kabila, who many hoped would be a vast improvement over Mobutu's decades-long rule, which left his nation desperately broke and with an infrastructure that barely functioned.

PRESIDENT KABILA SHOT TO DEATH

President Laurent Kabila of the Democratic Republic of the Congo was shot by one of his bodyguards on Tuesday and Belgium's Foreign Ministry said he died after being hit by two bullets.



President Laurent Kabila



Belgian Foreign Minister Louis Michel was quoted by Belga news agency as saying Kabila was apparently shot by one of his bodyguards in the presence of army generals ha had dismissed

Chronology

1998

August Burundi, Rwandan and Ugandan backed rebels take up arms against Kabila, making major gains. Zimbabwe, Namibia and Angola send troops to help Kabila

September Chad sends troops to northern Congo in support of Kabila

1999

May Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania call for ceasefire after a summit in Tanzania. Chad pulls its troops out of Congo. Rwanda proclaims unilateral ceasefire. Uganda pulls its forces out of eastern towns

Augst Draft peace agreement signed in Lusaka, Zambia by rebels and six African nations involved in the war. U.N. deploys 90 personnel

December Harare ceasefire agreement calls for humanitarian corridors, release of hostages and prisoner exchanges

2000

February U.N. authorises a 5,500 member force with personnel from 24 nations. U.N. mandate expiring on October 15

August Parties to Lusaka agreement meet in Namibia. No progress made due to reluctance of Kabila to accept U.N. deployment and former Botswana President Sir Ketumile Masire as neutral facilitator

2001

January Kabila shot to death by one of his bodyguards

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AP

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Estrada seeks a public 'calm' in post-impeachment choas

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MANILA

President Joseph Estrada appealed for calm Wednesday amid worries of possible violence in the aftermath of the developments that threw his controversial impeachment trial into chaos.

Noisy demonstrations erupted in Manila and at least three other Philippine cities in the early morning hours after the Senate voted 11-10 to stop prosecutors from examining bank records they say would prove the president grew rich off corruption during 18 months in office.

Prosecutors in the trial that began Dec. 7 said the vote amounted to acquittal for Estrada and called the proceedings a "sham." Some were in tears as they said they were resigning, leaving the future of the proceedings uncertain.

A wide array of opposition groups vowed to pressure Estrada with non-stop rallies and strikes. The trial has split the country, with the poor masses forming the backbone of the president's support even though the economy and the peso have taken a beating since the scandal broke.

In a sign of how financial markets would view the developments, the peso opened Wednesday at a record low 55.50 to the U.S. dollar from Tuesday's close of 52.780.

Traffic was being detoured around potential hotspots in Manila as a gray, misty dawn broke over the sprawling capital of 12 million people. Radio reports said Estrada supporters had formed a protective ring around his residence.

"I appeal to our countrymen to keep calm," Estrada said in a statement in which he prayed for strength and guidance. "Let us pray that we may be spared further violence, injuries and death that have stricken our country in recent times."

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Joseph Estrada
Philippine president

Three weeks ago, a series of bomb blasts in metropolitan Manila killed over 20 people. The police and military blamed Muslim separatists, but others suspected that the attacks were politically motivated.

Estrada expressed gratitude over the Senate vote.

"I thank the good lord for giving us this initial favorable vote. This is the first major vote in the many more major votes to be cast in the impeachment trial," Estrada said.

But it was unclear if the country's first-ever impeachment trial would resume as scheduled Wednesday afternoon.

The 11-10 Senate vote keeps prosecutors away from what they say would be the most damaging evidence yet that Estrada has grown rich off corruption in office.

Senate President Aquilino Pimentel and Senate Secretary Lutgardo Barbo angrily resigned in protest, followed by the entire team of House prosecutors.

"We will tender our irrevocable letter of resignation as prosecutors," Rep. Sergio Apostol said. "To us, prosecuting is already a sham. The impeachment court is already tainted with bias."

As news of the vote hit the streets, car horns and fireworks erupted in various parts of Manila. Several protesters built a bonfire in a major street and gathered to bash cans, yell and make other noise.

Thousands more protesters, including former President Corazon Aquino, senators, students and opposition groups, held a candlelight vigil at a shrine dedicated to the 1986 popular uprisings that ousted the late dictator President Ferdinand Marcos.

Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin, who led anti-Marcos protests in the 1980s, accused pro-Estrada senators of "immorality" and said he feared violence.

"I am so afraid that because of this immorality ..., we might not be able to stop bloodshed," Sin told the vigil. "We know in our heart that the president is guilty."

Protesters also rallied in the cities of Cebu, Bacolod and Davao.

Rep. Joker Arroyo, a congressmen who was serving as a prosecutor, said the bank records the senators kept sealed would have shown Estrada amassed $63.5 million in illicit money under four aliases.

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Company rolls out new toilet paper idea

Associated Press

DALLAS

Seeking to wipe out potty discomfort, Kimberly-Clark Corp. is plunging into the market with a new product, moistened toilet paper on a roll.

The maker of Kleenex, Huggies and Kotex believes its latest creation could be the biggest advancement in toilet paper in a century since someone thought to sell tissue on a roll.

The Irving-based company said Tuesday that it plans to spend $40 million marketing Fresh Rollwipes under the Cottonelle brand name, one of its biggest product introductions ever. Company officials say annual sales could hit $150 million within a year and $500 million in six years.

The product will be introduced in early summer in the Northeast and Southeast, the company said.

For several years, Kimberly-Clark has sold flushable moistened toilet paper that comes in a tub - similar to baby wipes, except that the fibers break apart in water, like ordinary tissue. In fact, the rapid growth of the wet-paper market persuaded company officials to see if they could refine the product.

The company surveyed 2,000 consumers and found that 63 percent of them occasionally used something wet — often a baby wipe or regular toilet paper sprinkled with water — after going to the toilet. About a quarter did it daily.

To make moistened toilet paper a big seller, company officials figured they had to put it on a roll, in tiny perforated squares like conventional toilet paper.

Beginning with prototypes in 1997, company engineers developed a plastic dispenser that attaches to the toilet-roll holder in most bathrooms. The moistened toilet paper can be unrolled from the top of the device, leaving room below for a roll of regular toilet paper.

Now the company has to persuade people to buy it — at $8.99 for a dispenser and four rolls, $3.99 for a 4-pack refill.

"Using a moist product cleans and freshens better than dry toilet paper alone," said Peggy Nabbefeldt, a Kimberly-Clark marketing director.

"They have to realize this should be a normal part of a universal task."

But the advertising must also be, well, subtle.

"There's only so much people want to hear about with a product like this," Nabbefeldt added.

After top-secret tests in consumers' homes, company officials believe they've got a hit on their hands. Some of the testers didn't want to give up the dispensers, said Linda Bartelt, president of the company's wet wipes sector. Bartelt said she's been using the product herself for a year and a half and can't imagine life without it.

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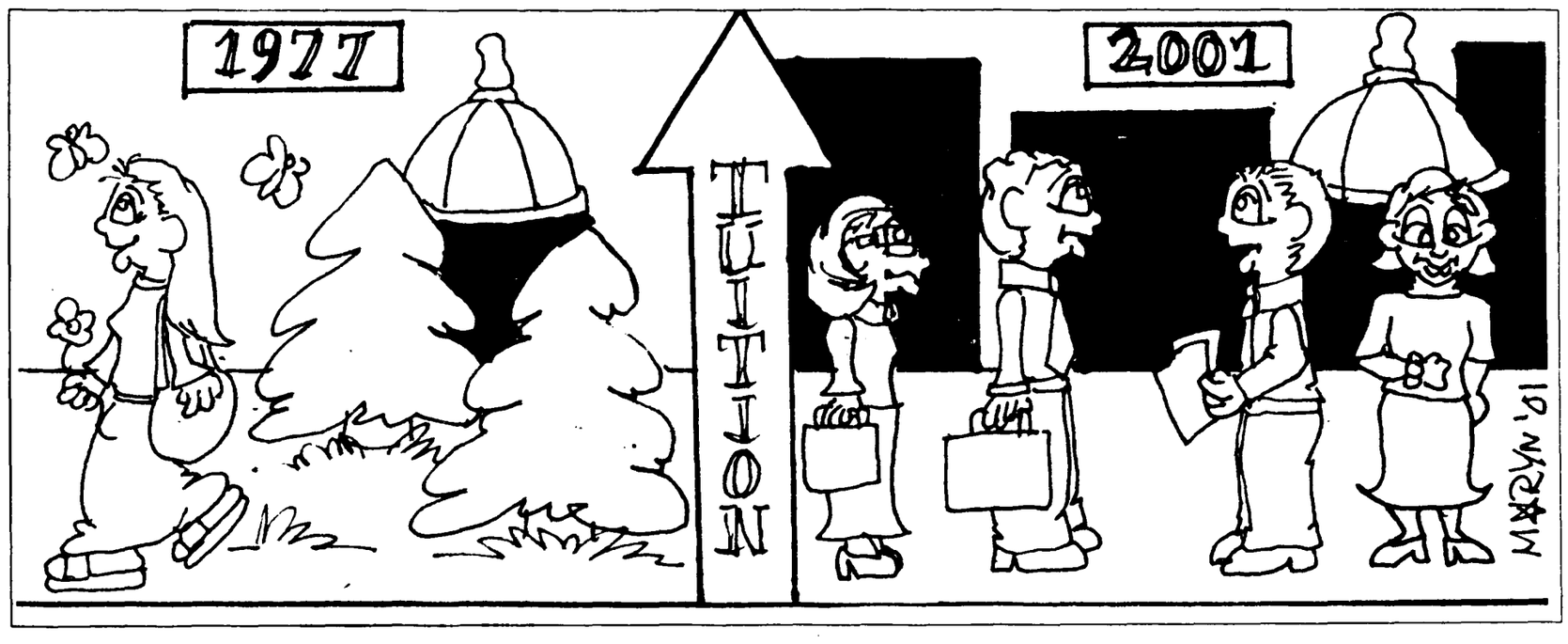

High tuition reflects University's shift in emphasis

Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

Every Christmas I get a personal, first-name invitation to join the Sorin Society. If I pay $1,000, benefits include "regional meetings" and the President's Newsletter. For $3,000 I could join the Founder's Circle and receive a video, an "ombudsman service" for tickets to non-athletic events and other comparable perks. I have not been able to join, but every year I feel a rush of self-esteem. This is recognition that I am a somebody, worthy to be a player in the University's inner circle.

One reason I would like to join is to ask the movers and shakers one question: With unprecedented sums cascading into the University's coffers, why does tuition keep rising beyond the inflation rate?

The Endowment in 2000 rose from $2.03 billion to $3.14 billion. Generations raised more than $1 billion, the Fiesta Bowl grossed $13.5 million. And so on. Undergrad tuition, room and board for 2000-01 is $29,100, an increase of 5.2 percent, in accord with the Trustees' mandate limiting increases to about 5 percent. While this is the smallest percentage increase in two decades, it is almost twice the rise in the consumer price index from1999 to 2000.

This is a symbolic issue. If tuition, room and board were frozen, that would not greatly benefit present students. On the other hand, a freeze would not cripple the University. The increase this year was $1,440. Notre Dame has 10,800 undergrad and grad students. If the charge had been frozen, the lost revenue would have been about $15.5 million. But some of that would have been "lost" anyway through scholarships, etc.

Increasingly, colleges, like used car lots, discount their "sticker price" through aid packages. But why should that process begin with a sticker price that rises every year above the inflation rate? And could not our fundraisers, the best in the nation, raise funds targeted to offset a freeze or even a rollback in tuition?

Our leaders act in what they see as the best interest of Notre Dame. These comments are directed at policies not persons. But the rise in tuition beyond the inflation rate reflects a change in priorities over the past two decades. Notre Dame here is a follower, not a leader.

In the nation generally, until the late '70s, tuition increased at or below the inflation rate. In 1978, in response to pressure from universities, Congress relaxed the income restrictions on federally guaranteed student loans. As Fortune magazine warned, "Anything that makes it easier to pay tuition bills will also make it easier to raise tuition charges." Since 1980, according to the College Board, median family income, adjusted for inflation, rose 20 percent while tuition at private four-year universities rose by 118 percent.

The universities lobbied Congress for funding for student loans. But as loan availability went up, so did tuition beyond the inflation rate, with those universities financing their research and other expansion projects on the backs of the borrowing students. Notre Dame was far from the worst offender. But after proclaiming itself a National Catholic Research University in 1978, Notre Dame did play this shabby game. In 1978-79, when the Endowment was only $114 million, Notre Dame's undergrad tuition, room and board was $5,180. Today, adjusted for inflation, that total would be $13,468. In 2000-01, the charge is $29,100, more than double, in real money, what it was in 1978-79.

Notre Dame makes a strong effort to provide financial aid. Last year University scholarships went to 35 percent of the students, up from 23 percent five years ago; the average such scholarship increased 50 percent over those five years. But the primary form of financial aid remains the student loan. The loan burden can be oppressive for students, distorting their career and family choices.

The historical mission of Notre Dame had been the provision of affordable education in the Catholic tradition to undergrads with research and grad programs in a complementary role. The relentless increase of tuition over the past two decades reflects a shift in emphasis to the pursuit of money and prestige as a Research University. A freeze or rollback in tuition could symbolize a redirection of that shift. Research is important, especially in the sciences. But Notre Dame ought not to have a regular faculty which teaches less and less to students who pay more and more.

In the pursuit of prestige and money, the undergrad mission is devalued. Members of our family were Notre Dame undergrads every year from 1977 to 2000 in various majors. Our experience, admittedly subjective but supported by others, is that, in the variety of available courses, class size, quality of teaching, and the recognition of students as persons, the undergrad experience at Notre Dame has deteriorated since 1977. And our leaders are not even close to finishing the "binge building" which has converted the formerly pastoral Notre Dame into a cramped, urban-style research campus.

If I joined the Sorin Society perhaps I could raise these questions. Maybe there's financial aid to enable guys like me to join. Maybe I could get a federal loan ...

Prof. Rice is on the Law School faculty. His column normally appears every other Tuesday.

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SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There are obviously two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live."

James T. Adams
Historian

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame spirit helps in cancer fight

I ask that when all of us make our first stop at the Grotto for the new year we include a prayer for Scott and his family.

Happy New Year.

Jennifer Laiber
Public Relations and Information
January 16, 2001

Many times a day, I lay down thinking of what I would be doing right now if I haven't been diagnosed with leukemia. Then I think of what I have gained by this illness. All the wonderful people that I have met, at the hospital as well as my trip to the University of Notre Dame, that have significantly affected me. All the people that have sent me letters, e-mails and gifts, of their prayers and their acknowledgements of my trip to Notre Dame. All these people, as well as the people that I have met, have all made me feel more positive inside than ever before.

My love for the University of Notre Dame has grown more and more especially since my trip because of the inspiration it has given me. Notre Dame is a very special place.

Out of all the letters, e-mails and gifts that people have sent me, I have had some pretty nice things said and some pretty nice things were given to me. I appreciate each and every word written in those letters and e-mails because they are words coming from the heart. People have shared their stories with me of survival of cancer and how they know I will survive too. I believe now more than ever because of the letters, e-mails and gifts that I will get through this because I have all your prayers and all of you behind me.

Many letters were sent to me, about 350 e-mails and about 100 cards. Out of all of those letters, many mementoes were sent to me that I couldn't believe were given up for me. For example, a man sent me two medals blessed by the Pope and two brothers sent me three autographed pictures. With the first and second pictures they just had their first names but no address or phone number, but the last picture had three pages of why their names weren't given previously and why they thought these players could relate to me. Joe Montana, Rocky Bleier and Chris Zorich, were the three pictures.

The cards sent to me were often heart warming and very motivational. The letters and Notre Dame are two of the biggest things that help me to keep fighting. All the individuals that have sent me their prayers and mementoes, I thank you for all the support that you have given me and I know that one day I will go to the University of Notre Dame and this illness will just be a thing of the past.

Every night I thank God for all the nice people that have sent me their prayers. I also thank God for all the nice people I have met at Notre Dame like Joey Getherall, Shane Walton, Coach Bob Davie, Father Edward Malloy, Rudy Ruettiger, the entire football team and Jennifer Laiber. These people in some way have made my wish an on-going process and have affected my life in a positive way. These people as well as the whole ND family, in some way made me feel like I was a special kid. I thank these people and many other people that I have met at Notre Dame and my recent trip to the ND vs. USC game. You all have made me feel great inside and all the well wishers have played a big part in that too. Fortunately, the Notre Dame family has so many members with warm hearts. My family: Carmen, Henry, Eric and myself would like to wish everybody Happy Holidays and gratitude for your support. GO IRISH!

Scott Delgadillo
San Diego, Cal.
December 2, 2000

Congress should put its money where its mouth is

Every time politicians talk about national priorities, we hear about how education should be our country's number one concern. Our nation's economy needs a highly educated workforce, they tell us, if we are going to be able to compete in the new global economy. A college education, they warn us, is now a necessary ticket to a middle-class and decent paying job. And a strong democracy, they sometimes point out, depends on well-educated and informed citizens.

Unfortunately, many of those who talk the loudest in Washington often do the least. Despite all the rhetoric about the importance of education, the federal government has failed to allocate the funding that millions of young people and their families need to make higher education affordable.

The bottom line is that the cost of a college education is soaring and students and their families are going deeper and deeper into debt to pay for that education. Twenty-five years ago, the maximum federally funded Pell Grant (which was designed to be the main portion of student aid) covered more than 80 percent of the average cost of attending a public four-year college, and about 40 percent of the cost of attending a private college. Today, the maximum Pell Grant covers only 39 percent of the average cost of attending a four-year public college, and only 15 percent of the cost of attending a private college.

In fact, the average Pell Grant, adjusted for inflation, has not increased at all in 10 years. Federal student aid, which 20 years ago was a grants-based system, is now a loan-based system. Pell Grants today account for only 10.7 percent of all student aid, while federal students loans comprise 51.4 percent. The end result of this policy is that students graduating with four-year degrees bear an average debt of $19,000, not including what their parents owe. Students finishing graduate school are even deeper in debt.

It strikes me as extremely unfair to young Americans and contrary to the best interests of our country, that millions of them are beginning their careers so deeply in debt. Among other things, it forces many new graduates to take jobs that earn them enough to pay off their loans, rather than pursuing the careers that would satisfy them and serve society. It is impossible to calculate how many excellent teachers, childcare workers, nurses, law enforcement officers and other professionals we have lost as a result of the federal government's failure to adequately fund financial aid programs.

Accordingly, when the new Congress convenes in January, I will be proposing substantial increases in the federal support for higher education, including: doubling the funding for Pell Grants, from $7.6 billion to $15 billion; doubling total federal spending on aid to post-secondary students from $13 to $26 billion; substantially increasing funding to cancel the education debts of graduates who enter public service including teaching, social work, childcare, law enforcement, etc.

Can the federal government afford to give students and families more financial help to pay for college? The answer is clearly "yes." At a time when the current federal budget surplus is over $200 billion and when very large surpluses are anticipated in coming years, we now have a unique opportunity to make certain that college education becomes affordable for every American family.

In order to do that however, we have got to get our priorities right. Do we — as President-Elect Bush and the Republican leadership propose — provide hundreds of billions of dollars in tax cuts to the wealthiest 2 percent of the population? Do we continue to spend $300 billion a year on the military despite the end of the Cold War? Or, instead, do we make certain that every family in this country, regardless of income, can send their children to college without going deeply into debt? The answer is clear: education in this country must become a major national priority and not something we just pay lip service to. That means the federal government must accept its responsibility to adequately fund it.

Currently, we are providing only $13 billion a year on aid to post-secondary students and contribute less than 15 percent of the operating costs of our nation's colleges and universities. If we can afford to give the Pentagon a $22 billion increase in its budget — as we did this year — surely we can afford to increase student aid for higher education by $13 billion. If we can afford to spend $125 billion on corporate welfare each year, surely we can afford to increase Pell Grants by $7.4 billion.

Will we be successful in significantly increasing federal aid to college students and higher education? Will we be able to end the absurd situation of millions of young Americans beginning their careers oppressively in debt? The answer depends totally upon the willingness of the citizens of this country, especially college students, to demand a fundamental change in national priorities and to be actively involved in the political process.

Currently, members of Congress are assaulted every day by well-paid lobbyists representing multi-national corporations and the wealthy who demand tax breaks and favors for the powerful special interests in our country that need it the least. On the other hand, I and my Congressional colleagues hear almost nothing from college and graduate students and their parents who incur tens of thousands of dollars in educational debt.

We can change this situation, but only if students play a leadership in that process. Hold campus rallies, arrange for meetings with your member of Congress, march on Washington. Working together, we can change our national priorities, and make college affordable for all.

Representative Bernie Sanders
Independent, Vermont
January 13, 2001

Visions of sunny beaches and crashir

In search of spring break fun, Scene explores the sunny state of California fr

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Scene Writer

Editor's note: This week Scene is featuring popular spring break destinations.

The Viper Room is most certainly the place to be in California. With the hottest celebrities pulsing to the latest dance music and mingling around the bar, the Viper Room is the coolest place in town. When you are in California, don't miss the Viper Room.

This is assuming that you either are Brittany Spears or are currently dating the pop idol. For those of you who aren't members of 'NSYNC, staring in the latest WB show or tearing up the modeling runways in Paris, you will be lucky if the Viper Room lets you sift through its garbage.

But fear not. You, the common scum that you are, can still have a good time in California on your spring break.

Both San Francisco and Los Angeles feature plenty of attractions that will admit you regardless of how many Golden Globe nominations you have or have not received.

Los Angeles

Just because Puff Daddy won't let you join his posse, it doesn't mean you can't find a place to party in L.A. Head to Pier Avenue in Hermosa Beach and you will find enough bars to satisfy even the thirstiest spring breaker.

Aloha Sharkeez is among the best on Pier Avenue. Sharkeez serves Mexican food and has tables set up where you can eat and enjoy many sporting events on several big-screen televisions.

Early in the evening the atmosphere is a mixture between a loud sports bar and a laid-back dance club.

After 10 p.m., however, Sharkeez changes over into a over-crowded dance club stuffed with people and blasting the latest top 40s music. The tables are put away, the televisions start showing a looped video of surfers, and the music gets even louder.

When Sharkeez first changes over to a dance club, the crowd is mostly people in their early 30s. After midnight, however, people in their early 20s fill the dance floor. The atmosphere becomes more and more wild as the evening wears on.

Unfortunately, after midnight, Sharkeez is also incredibly crowded. Getting to the bar is nearly impossible. This is a real shame because Sharkeez features many exotic drinks and the bartenders are almost as entertaining as the music.

Sharkeez specializes in giant fishbowls filled with whatever tropical drink you desire. Complete with glowsticks, umbrellas and many long straws, the fishbowls are perfect for sharing with a large group of people.

The only problem with Sharkeez is the prices. Bottled beers are $4 and mixed drinks can cost between $6 and $9. If you plan on drinking at Sharkeez, expect to spend a lot of money.

For those who don't drink, however, there is no cover charge, so you can party all night long without spending a dime.

Sharkeez's changing atmosphere makes it a great place to start your evening, party all night and leave when they play the final song. For those who like to bar hop, however, go to Sharkeez first, order a fishbowl, soak up the atmosphere and then move on.

Right next door to Sharkeez is Patrick Malloy's, an Irish pub whose line rivals Sharkeez in length as the night wears on.

If crowded dance floors aren't your cup of tea, there are several other bars just a few doors down with no lines at the bars and plenty of room on the dance floor to bust a move.

If you are suddenly seized by the munchies, visit Fat Face Fenner's Falloon for great seafood and an elevated deck where you can watch people walk by on Pier Avenue. Fenner's features table service and a full bar for people who prefer a quieter drinking atmosphere.

There is plenty to do in Los Angeles during the day time as well. You can lie out in the sun on Hermosa Beach or you can head to downtown L.A. in search of rock divas and movie stars.

Mann's Chinese Theatre at 6925 Hollywood Boulevard is home to many of the top movie premieres. Although you may not be famous enough to be invited to the premier, you can still see where famous people have stood.

Just across the street from the theatre is the Walk of Fame. From Sean Connery and Charlie Chaplin to Tony Danza and John Travolta, almost every top star in the history of Hollywood is memorialized in the sidewalk.

If you are hungry from all that stargazing, don't miss Pink's. For just a couple of bucks at this hot dog stand, you can get a heart attack on a plate.

Pink's features two huge hot dogs covered in chili, cheese and everything else to clog your arteries — all wrapped in a flour tortilla.

If you really want your heart to hate you, make sure you get some fries as well.

After bloating yourself on processed beef, drive down Rodeo Drive and look at all the cars you will never be able to afford and the clothes that cost more than the car you are driving.

If you are feeling adventurous, walk into one of the stores and watch the salespeople curse you with their eyes for even pretending that you can afford the clothes on the rack.

If you are young at heart, Disneyland is the place for you. While not nearly as large as Disneyworld in Orlando, Disneyland can still fill a day with plenty of excitement.

Thanks to a new system called Fastpass, you can spend more of your time riding the rides and less time standing in line. When you get to the park, go straight to one of the big rides with long lines like Space Mountain. Rather than standing in line, go to one of the Fastpass machines and get a ticket.

The ticket will give you a time to come back later in the day in order to skip the line.

So rather than waiting for two hours to ride, you get to go right to the front of the line and wait only about ten minutes.

Fastpass makes the entire Disneyland experience more enjoyable.

This spring will also be the first time to enjoy Disneyland's newest attraction – California Land.

With a big wooden rollercoaster and a "Hollywood

The winding skyline of San Francisco can be seen through th point.

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Aloha Sharkeez is a popular Los Angeles dance club, offering Mexican food in a sports bar-like atmosphere by day, and serving exotic drinks by night.

Mann's Chinese Theatre on Hollywood B now attracts celebrity-seeking tourists.

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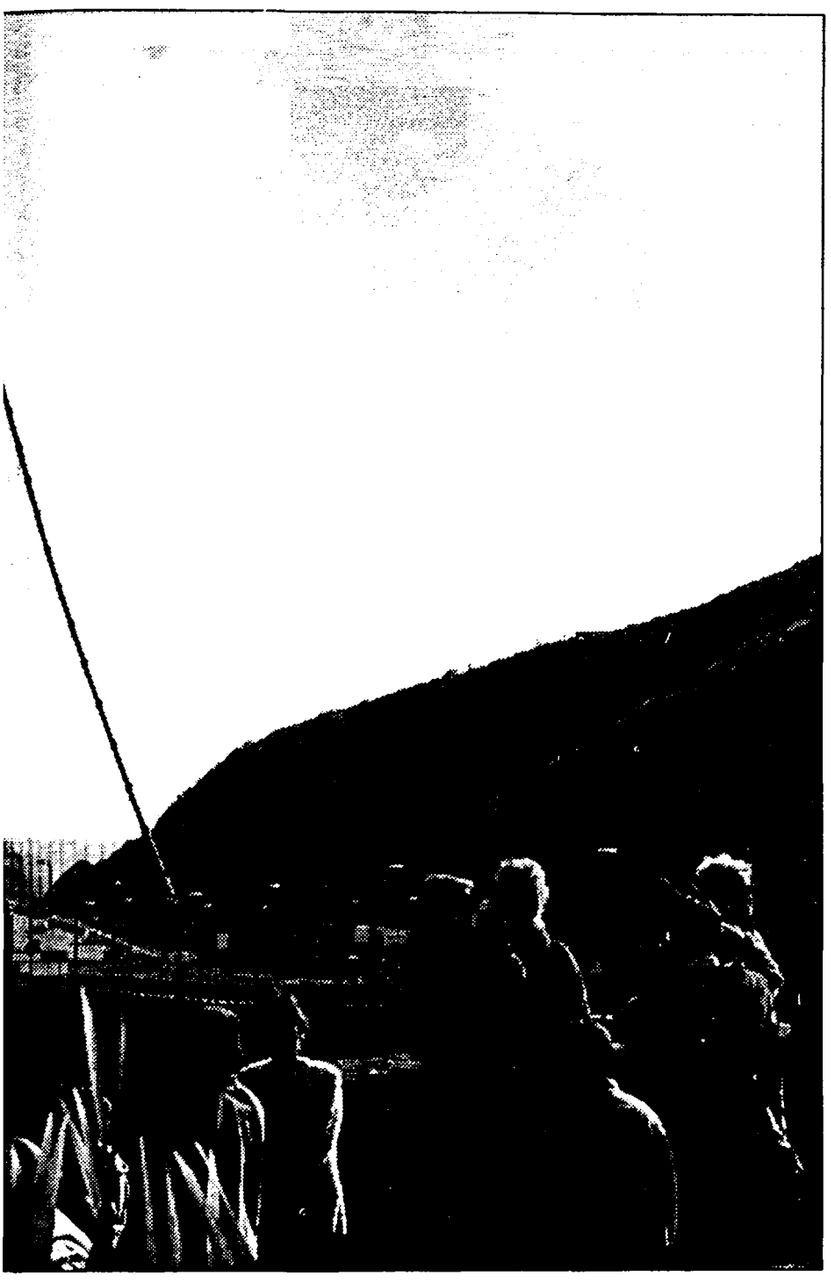
rom Los Angeles' celebrity hangouts to the winding streets of San Francisco



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he famous Golden Gate Bridge from a scenic overlook

Pictures Backlot," Disneyland will have even more to enjoy this March.

San Francisco

If the sandy beaches and celebrities of Los Angeles aren't your idea of a perfect spring break, San Francisco may be the place for you. In stark contrast to the beaches outside L.A., San Francisco crashes into the Pacific Ocean with rocky cliffs and bigger waves.

Santa Monica is just a 30 minute drive south of the city along Route 1 where you can watch the surfers challenge the crashing waves.

Even if surfing isn't your thing, a drive along Route 1 is not to be missed. The road snakes along the cliffs and offers an incredible view of the Pacific.

A car is practically a must in San Francisco if you want to see all the sights.

In addition to the beauty of Route 1, a drive across the Golden Gate Bridge should be part of every visitor's itinerary.

While the actual drive across the bridge is nothing spectacular (it's just a bridge... it's big and orange but still just a bridge), the view from the opposite side looking back to San Francisco is breath-taking.

Just after you cross the bridge, there is a scenic overlook where you can look back at the city. All the landmarks in San Francisco are visible and the big, orange bridge creates a striking photo opportunity.

Across the road from the scenic overlook, there is a road that scales the mountain and offers a view of the Pacific on one side and the San Francisco Bay on the other.

After seeing San Francisco's attractions from a distance, it's time to head down into the city.

Pier 39, also known as Fisherman's Wharf, is the biggest attraction along the water front.

With trendy restaurants and a plethora of gift shops, Fisherman's Wharf is the definition of a tourist trap.

Unlike most trashy tourist traps, however, Fisherman's Wharf is a lot of fun.

There are plenty of street performers to keep you entertained. As one juggler announced to his audience, "Yes, I do in fact make my living by passing around my hat."

From jugglers and fortune tellers to dancing robotmen and freaks who will pose for photos with you, Fisherman's Wharf has plenty of people who will gladly accept your spare change.

The biggest attraction at Pier 39, however, is the ferry to Alcatraz Island. The famous maximum security prison can only be reached by ferry and reservations are required.

Check out www.blueandgoldfleet.com/az.htm for rates and availability.

You can try just walking up and hoping to find an open ferry time, but that is highly unlikely. Without a reservation you probably won't get anywhere near "The Rock."

Tours of Alcatraz are self-guided, using headphones and a tape player that you can rent on the island. Allow about three hours to take the ferry, tour the prison, snap some pictures and ride the ferry back.

A visit to Alcatraz will cost about $20 but it is worth every penny. The stories of prison life, attempted escapes, and famous criminals are fascinating.

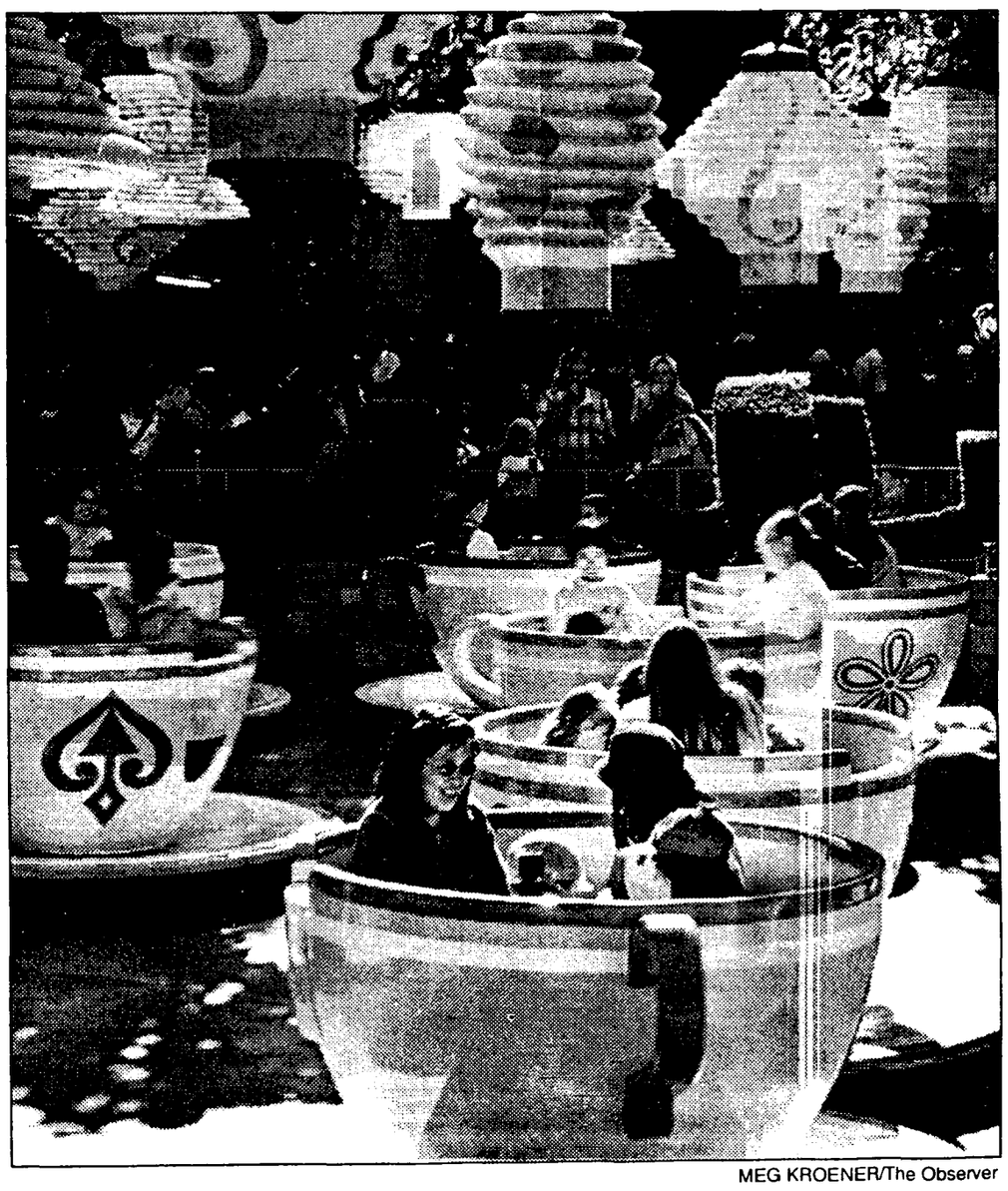
Several park rangers stationed around the prison are also available for presentations throughout the day.

They can debunk many of the myths about Alcatraz perpetuated by movies about the prison.

For example, the tunnels under Alcatraz that are so important for Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage in "The Rock" don't even exist.

The sunny beaches and glamourous streets of Los Angeles and San Francisco may be frequented by celebrities and those who hunt for them.

But even if "Entertainment Tonight" doesn't want to do a feature story on your love life and "Total Request Live" isn't playing your hits, you can still have fun on your spring break in California.



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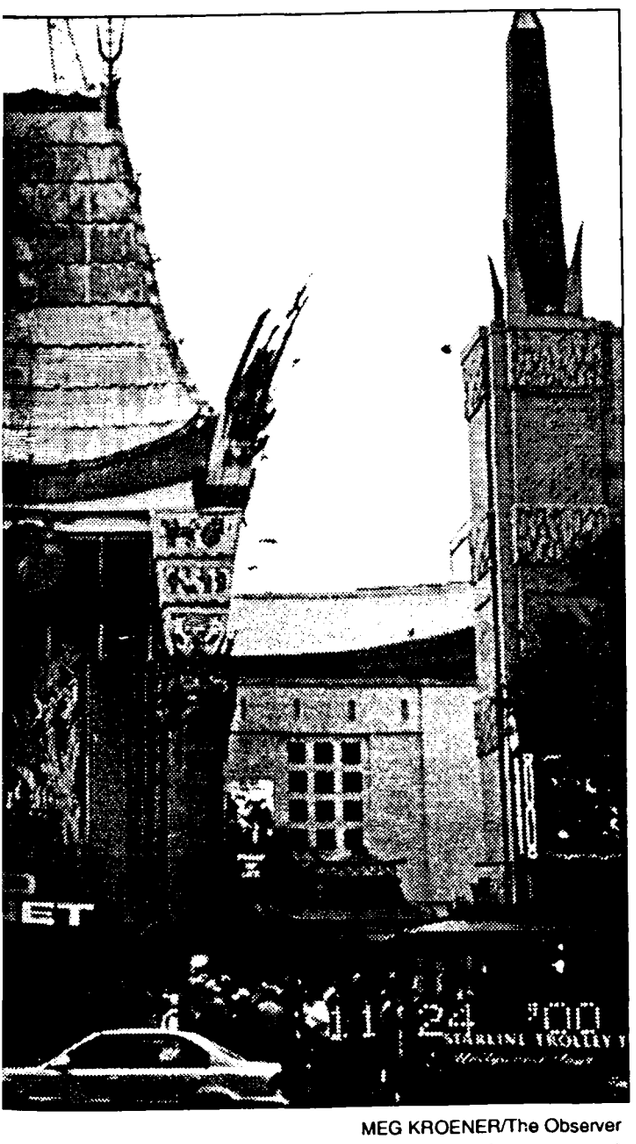
Visitors of all ages to Los Angeles' Disneyland swirl round in the popular "Mad Hatter's Teacups" attraction.



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Tourists flock to San Francisco's water front Fisherman's Wharf for its restuarants, gift shops, and street performers.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bench play contributes as Irish end losing streak

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

It took a sprained ankle by David Graves to get Notre Dame's bench more playing time, but Notre Dame's 74-58 Joyce Center victory over Pittsburgh may be a sign of things to come.

Junior forward Harold Swanagan returned to the starting spot he held a year ago and did more than hold his own in the post with classmates Troy Murphy and Ryan Humphrey.

He held court, snatching a game-high 10 rebounds to go with his seven points in 22 minutes of play.

"He's been great since we've been back from Christmas," Irish coach Mike Brey said of Swanagan. "He sets such a tone for us with toughness, dirty work and little things. Guys could be in their comfort zone a little bit, expecting certain minutes. That may change. It's funny how an injury leads you into something, or you find something because of an injury."

It was Swanagan's defensive dirty work that most helped get the Irish guard up, the area it most needed to improve. Behind his and his teammates' efforts, Notre Dame (10-5, 2-2 Big East) held the Panthers (10-6, 2-3) scoreless for the first five-and-a-half minutes of play.

The Irish were red hot offensively, but they already knew they could score.

"We have a lot of scorers on our team," senior point guard Martin Ingelsby said. "For us to be a good team, we have to do it on the defensive end."

Defense has been the big question mark. Unlike at times in road losses to Kentucky and Seton Hall, the Irish were the ones diving for loose balls and keeping their opponent from getting off second-chance shots.

Even Graves, playing on a sprained ankle and coming off a road slump, was on the floor lunging for the ball. He managed 25 minutes of play, putting up 12 points and five rebounds.

"I saw him a couple days ago, and he was barely able to walk," Murphy said of Graves. "It's amazing what he was able to do today. He put up a heck of an effort. He's a great player."

Pittsburgh star Ricardo Greer didn't cope as well, also playing on a sprained ankle. The Irish limited his productivity to 11 points, well below his average of 16.5, and pressed him into five turnovers.

"Greer didn't play well tonight. His ankle's really bothering him," Panthers coach Ben Howland said. "I think he's had six practices since Dec. 16, and you can't play your best basketball without practicing. He's really playing on heart and courage. For us to have a chance to win, Ricardo's got to play."

Pittsburgh was shooting at a hoop smaller than the ball, judging from its 21 percent shooting touch in the first half. Without some mercy from the Irish or divine help, the Panthers had no hope of heading into halftime in contention.

Instead of some Irish aid, the Panthers stood by while the Irish went on a 12-2 rampage to close the half. Swanagan started the onslaught with a bucket in the lane. The Irish held off the Panthers' attack with defensive rebounds by Matt Carroll, Murphy and Ivan Kartelo along with a block by Jere Macura.

The Irish followed through at their own end with an up-close basket and follow-up free throw by Murphy, a near 3-pointer by Ingelsby and a made 3 by Carroll.

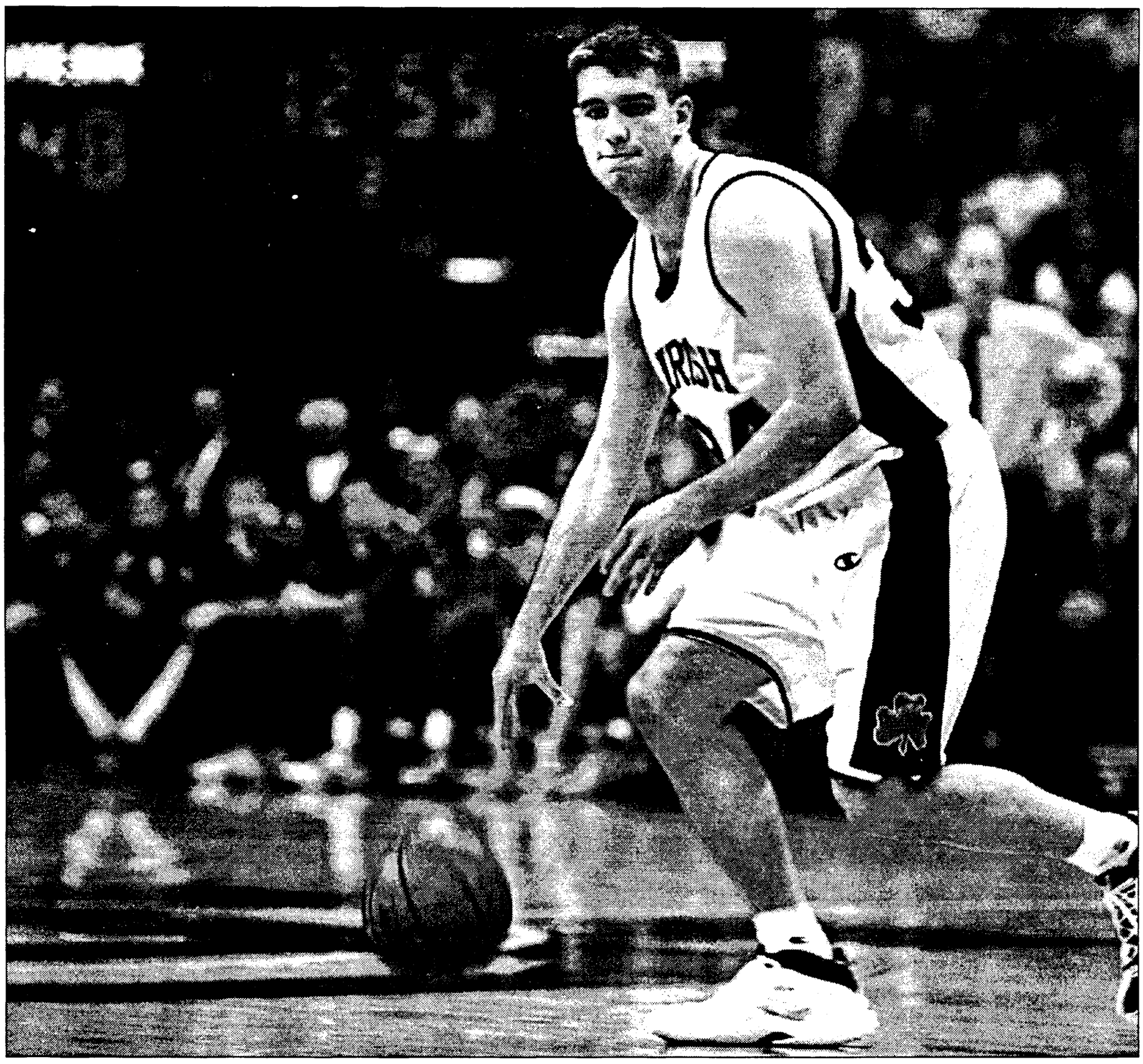
"Those second shots coming off the rim, the loose balls rolling down the lane, we have not gotten those," Brey said. "It's something we addressed. "My main focus in the locker room was the dirty work."

The Irish did the dirty work all game long, giving a sustained effort that's been lacking at times this season. Five guys pulled down at least five boards, and the team tallied 11 blocks, four by Murphy and three by Humphrey.

In the second half, the Irish stopped a Panthers run that brought them to within 10 points midway through the period. They managed to get the stop they needed, forcing Donatas Zavackas into his fourth foul then silencing Pittsburgh with a 15-foot jump shot by Humphrey.

Down the stretch, Graves nailed two free throws and dropped in a jumper and a shot from behind the arc to cement the win.

"We need to get some wins if we want to get to the NCAA Tournament," Swanagan said, "and that's what we want to do."



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Forward David Graves dribbles upcourt during Tuesday night's 74-58 Notre Dame victory over Big East rival Pittsburgh. Graves scored 12 points and had five rebounds while playing 25 minutes on a sprained ankle.

Notes

◆Last night's win was the first game of a three-game home stretch which continues Sunday at noon against West Virginia and Tuesday against Syracuse.

◆Murphy led the Irish in scoring with 23, while Ingelsby had one of his biggest nights of the season with 13 points.

◆Macura, Kartelo and reserves Charles Thomas and Tom Timmermans all made appearances for the first time in several games.

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PERSONAL

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

Jen — Ticklish? My baby, I miss u in my arms.

I need my satellite back!!!

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Timmy and N-Dawg hit the final 4, St. Louis'll never know what hit them.

Never, ever, work for Sam Ash music...

Credit card debt.. if only I could have another four weeks of overtime.

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My friends, this is the way it is, baby.

Donna calls him Dave... he comes out with a baseball bat.

And christene tells ya all about it.

Hey, ND might win more games than the Bulls this season!

Jack and Jill went up the hill to catch a pail of water.

Jack came down and broke his crown..

Hey Jane!....HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY! (slightly belated)

Christina, we miss you. Rock DC, but don't forget about your girls

I'm ready for Thursday, Molly. But South Bend might not be.

Welcome back Christina! did you miss my messages?

Thanks for the present - I'm a little scared of it though. 4 weeks in a mailbox can't be good

I miss my roommate.

Nata—— how's the business coming?

T - miss Maine yet?

Abe Lincoln in Hawaii - not a real world special. it's february in the pq

and cassady's vest is on the wall. what would your mom say?

emmaus, judea? too bad we all don't have such cool nicknames

lavalle - nice. realy nice. you better be sending flowers. roses, even.

lizards and beagles in the room

one could do worse than be a swinger of birches.

but ah don't want...your life peace outside. i'm a warrior

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles look to get over .500 mark

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Saint Mary's basketball is hungry for a win tonight, after a stale 3-4 run over the holiday break. Dropping games to Goshen, Hope College, Calvin College and Alma College, tonight's meeting with Olivet has the Belles ready for a win.

Tonight the Belles will hit the road take on the Comets of Olivet in Michigan. Both teams are tied for fifth place in the MIAA, with records of 1-3. However, Olivet's overall record of 9-5 tops Saint Mary's record of 7-7.

The real story is not in the teams' records, but their history. Last year the Belles and the Comets battled to remain out of the last place position in MIAA rankings.

Saint Mary's faced Olivet three times last season. The last meeting was in the MIAA playoffs. The Belles defeated the Comets and claimed the No. 7 spot, forcing the Comets into eighth.

"It's a big rivalry between the two teams," Smith said. "There may be a revenge factor playing [Wednesday]."

The Belles and the Comets will face off for the first time this year in "The Cage," a nickname for the small, dark Olivet gym. The game promises to be aggressive.

"We know that we have to come out strong," Smith said. "[Olivet] is a very physical team."

The Belles started break with a 59-77 loss to Goshen and finished with a 51-75 loss to Hope College Saturday, the Belles' vacation play was not as rewarding as they wanted it to be.

"Everyone has put in a lot of effort," head coach Suzanne Smith said. "But we need the reinforcement of a big win."

Saint Mary's took on league leader Hope Saturday, dropping the game 51-75. Hope came into the game with a 3-0 league record and a 12-1 record overall, good enough to place the Flying Dutch in the top 20 Division III women's teams in the nation.

"Although the women were not satisfied with the game, they were happy with what they did," Smith said. "They played hard and it was never a blowout."

The team came into the Hope game following their worst loss of the season against another MIAA leader, Calvin. They lost the game 52-35.

Like Hope, the Calvin Knights came into the game with an undefeated conference record. The Belles did not rise to the challenge, shooting only 18 percent from the field.

Saint Mary's had taken on Alma College four days earlier on Jan. 6.

The Belles hung with Scots, losing by only 5 points, 57-62. Alma currently holds the No. 2 spot in MIAA rankings, with only a single defeat.

Coming into the Alma game, the Belles were coming off of three wins against league competition Albion and non-conference teams Rose-Hulman and Anderson.

The Belles defeated the Albion Britons 61-52 in a conference match.

"We played very well against Albion, it being the first conference game of the year," Smith said.

"Anderson and Rose-Hulman were unbelievable wins."

The Dec. 16 game against Rose-Hulman ended with a lay-up by Julie Norman to bring Saint Mary's to 67-66 victory over Rose-Hulman.

Anderson was another tight win. The Belles took that game only 59-56.

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5	12:15-12:45	Flex n'Tone (ends 5/17)	T/Th	$26
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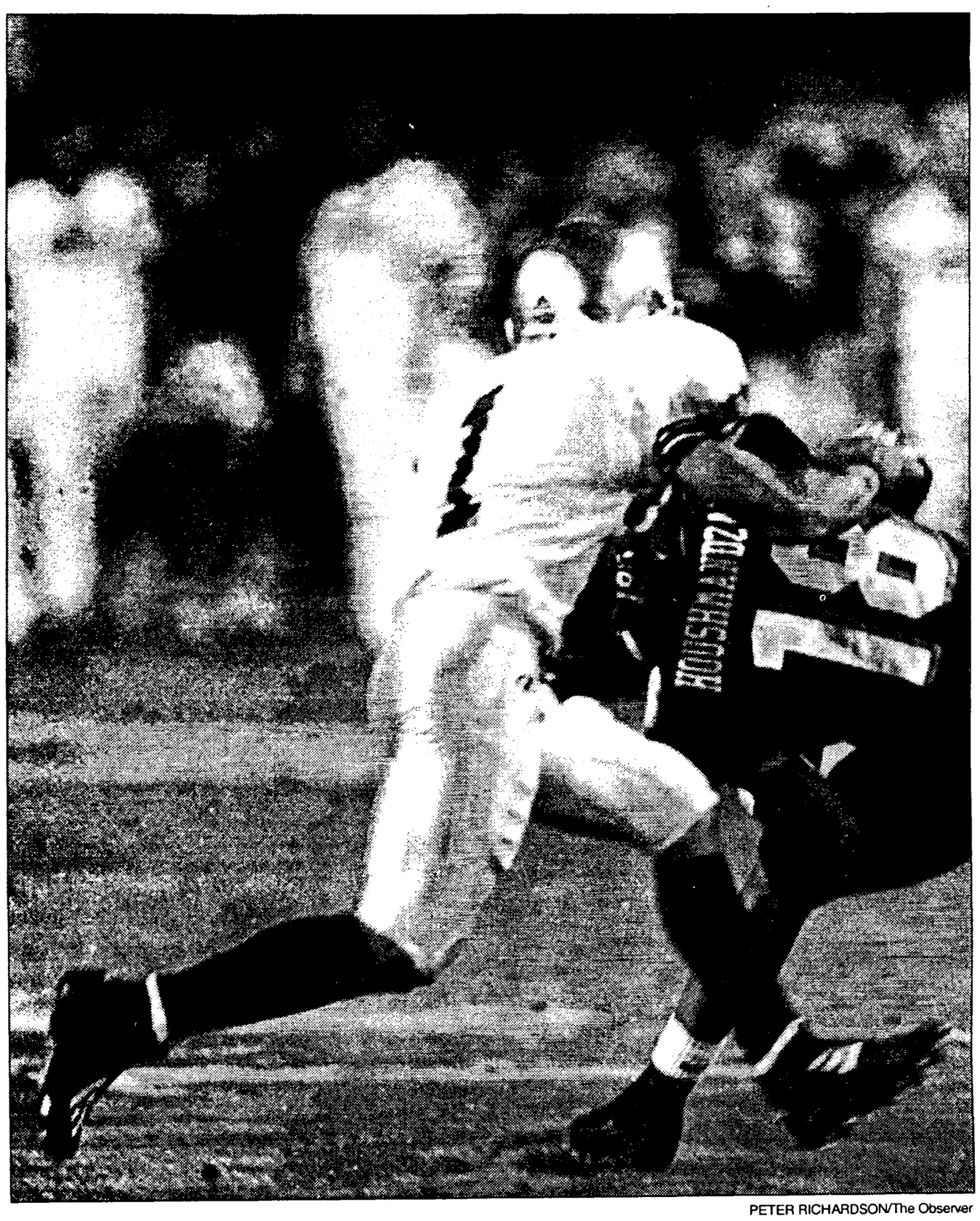

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Cornerback brock Williams tackles Beaver wide receiver T.J. Houshmanzedah during the Fiesta Bowl. Following the game, Williams spoke about his interest in joing the NFL next season.

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his thought.

"I mean, I want to come back for next year," Williams said, "and have a good, good season."

On numerous occasions, Davie mentioned Williams as a key returning player for the 2001 squad. At a press conference on Nov. 21, Davie spoke as if he fully expected Williams to return next season.

"The secondary is all back [in 2001] except for Tony Driver," Davie said at the time.

As of now, Williams has not filed to be in the draft, according to Carparelli. In fact, unlike players with a remaining year of eligibility at other schools, Williams may not have to officially declare his intention. All underclassmen had to declare their intentions by Jan. 12.

Because football players at Notre Dame are not "redshirted," like at other schools, they must complete an application requesting a fifth year. Because of that rule, Williams — and the other seniors who have an extra year of eligibility — is technically considered a senior who has not officially been granted a fifth year of eligibility.

The University's decision as to which seniors will return for a fifth year has not been finalized, according to assistant athletic director and sports information director John Heisler.

"With the semester starting, any of those people that are interested in that are just going to begin the process of filling out the paperwork and submitting that to the faculty board," Heisler said. "It's gotten a little bit more involved in the last few years. In the past, they essentially had to write a letter that explained what their intention was. Now there's a more specific form that's been created that asks them to detail both where they are academically and what they plan to be doing academically. They also ask them in detail why it is they missed a season and why they want to come back."

Said Carparelli: "It's a unique situation. We're trying to get an answer from the NFL as to whether he even needs to declare or if he does, whether he's bound to stick to that. He hasn't been in contact with an agent of any sort which certainly eliminates that boundary."

After Williams spoke to him in the weeks prior to the Fiesta Bowl, Carparelli gathered the paper work from the NFL and gave it to Williams, who had to send the form by Jan. 5. The NFL officials received the form before the deadline and contacted Williams last week with their projection.

"For the most part it's up to Brock to do all this," Carparelli said. "It's his life and his career. He's been in contact with us every step of the way and asking our advice."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish drop out of Top 25 with loss to Wildcats

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

LEXINGTON, Kent.

It was a long Christmas break for the Notre Dame men's basketball team, which dropped out of the Top 25 this week after losing three of its last four games.

"We're on our last breath here," All-American Troy Murphy said Saturday after Notre Dame fell to Kentucky. "The red lights are flashing. We've got to get it together."

The latest Irish loss came at the hands of a quickly rising Kentucky Wildcats squad in an 82-71 defeat before a raucous Rupp Arena crowd of 23,018 fans.

Early in Saturday's match-up, Notre Dame (9-5) appeared undaunted by the smoke and fireworks display set off to introduce the Kentucky starters.

The Irish came close to silencing the Lexington crowd by taking a 14-4 lead over the 9-5 Wildcats. They did so behind six Ryan Humphrey rebounds, fade-away shots by All-American Troy Murphy and Mr. Consistent —Matt Carroll — and a bang-in bucket by Lexington native David Graves. That was the last quiet moment for the Kentucky fans.

"We got comfortable with the situation being up 14-4," Murphy said, "and it backfired on us."

The Irish began to unravel, turning the ball over six times in less than three minutes, and the Wildcats went on a 13-0 run, spreading the scoring among six players.

"Playing against a team of Notre Dame's caliber and Troy Murphy coming in," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said, "you've got to raise your level of play and I thought we did that."

Notre Dame bounced back to edge the Wildcats by three following consecutive 3-pointers by Graves. The junior small forward, playing in his hometown against a team he revered before Kentucky snubbed him in the recruiting process, would only make one more basket the rest of the game.

Kentucky found the key to stopping the Irish — stopping Troy Murphy. Stick-skinny Tayshaun Prince did just that, limiting Murphy to 14 points — 10 below his season average — and forcing him into four fouls while Prince scored a game-high 19 points and pulled down eight rebounds.

"Tayshaun really made Troy work to get his shots," Smith said. "Him [Murphy] getting in foul trouble really helped us."

Prince kicked off a 12-0 run for Kentucky by blocking one of Murphy's shots. The Wildcats clung to a 33-24 lead and never trailed again, pulling off their sixth straight victory and seventh straight over the Irish.

Notre Dame did its best to climb back into the contest, but couldn't follow through as a different Wildcat answered every comeback attempt.

"Every time you got the ball in the post," Humphrey said, "there were two or three guys on you. We've just got to become tougher. We've got to box out and rebound as a team."

The Irish closed to within five on a Murphy bucket in the lane with less than two minutes to play, but Carroll fouled guard Keith Bogans, who nailed both free throws. Down the stretch, Notre Dame had to foul in attempts to regain possession, and Kentucky was a perfect 10-for-10 from the charity stripe in the final 3:07.

Nine Kentucky players logged more than 16 minutes of playing time in the contest, while no one outside the starting lineup did so for Notre Dame. Putting up heavy duty minutes on the court has become routine for the Irish, as point guard Martin Ingelsby fell 19 seconds short of playing his fourth straight 40-minute game, while Graves, Carroll and Murphy were all in the game more than 35 minutes once again.

"Some of the guys coming off the bench aren't as good at the ball-handling against athletic speed and ball-pressure," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said.

Notre Dame needs to find a way to use its bench as Kentucky delivered the knock-out punch with its depth. The Irish starters average 33 minutes of playing time per game, and getting wins with only six or seven players contributing is a difficult task, especially in the physical Big East Conference.

Brey tried to give Ingelsby a bit of a breather from holding the reins by having Carroll or Graves bring the ball downcourt while Ingelsby slid to a shooting guard spot. Yet the senior captain was still in the game nearly every second of regulation, and his "substitutes" also saw little of the bench.

Aside from the depth issue, nothing seemed to go right for the Irish, who couldn't get shots to fall or balls to spin in their direction.

"That's the way it's been all year," Graves said. "It's just been one stop, one rebound, and it seems like we can't get it."

No one fix-it will cure the Irish woes, as a new problem crops up each game.

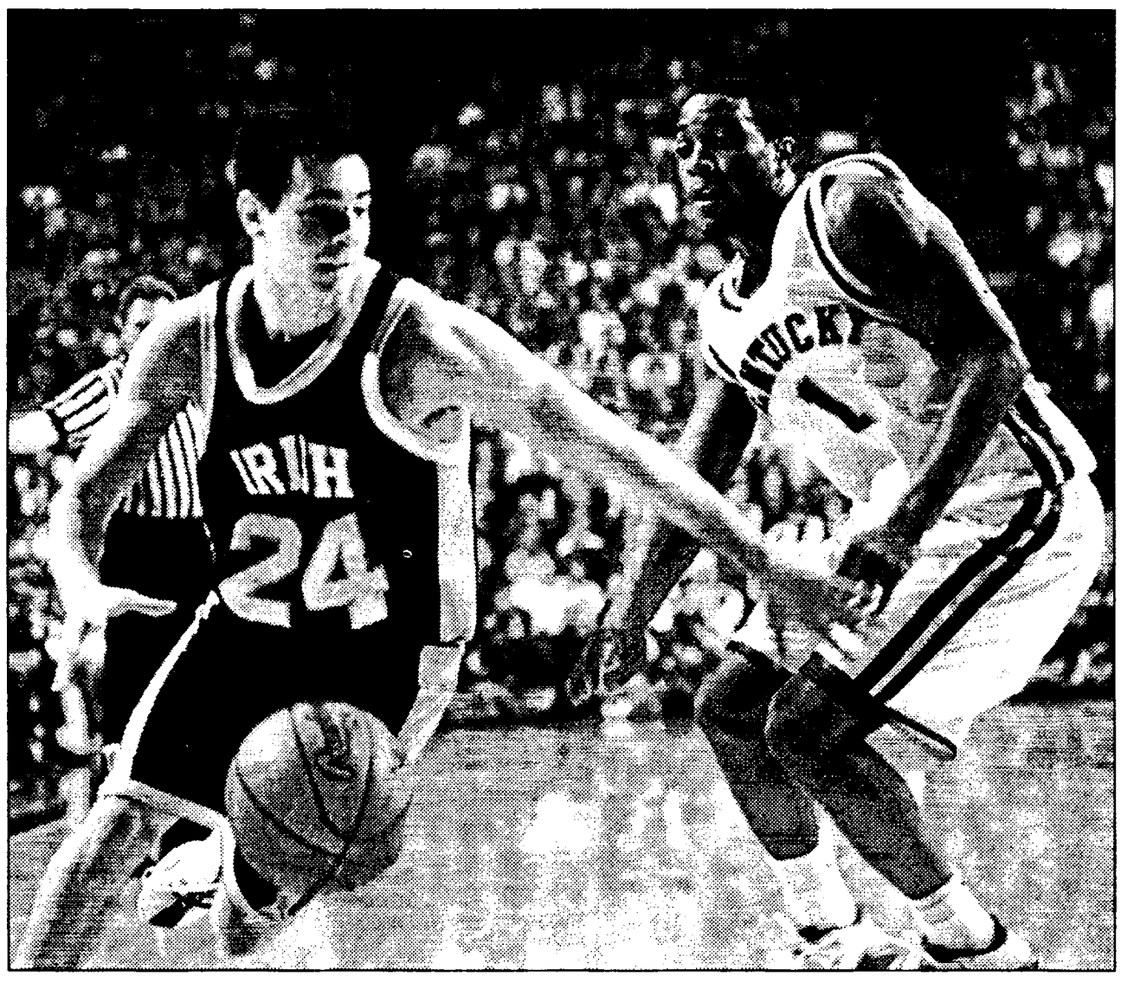
The Irish outrebounded their foes in recent losses to Kentucky, Seton Hall and Syracuse. Against Seton Hall, Murphy pulled down 20 rebounds while Humphrey added 15, with each guy easily outrebounding the top two rebounders for the Pirates combined. But dominating the boards didn't do it for the Irish.

"For us to take the next step," Brey said, "we're going to have to get the defensive rebound when it's a two-point game.

Neither did looking to Murphy. He became just the seventh Big East player to score 20 points and grab 20 rebounds in a single game against Seton Hall, yet the Irish lost by two. He scored beneath his average against Syracuse and Kentucky while the Irish came home defeated. In a home win over Rutgers, he drilled in 37 points, and it was barely enough to win.

"It's hard," Murphy said Saturday. "It's just tough."

A shooting slump hurt Notre Dame against Kentucky and Seton Hall, as the Irish shot a combined 36 percent in the two games, with Humphrey and Graves having the toughest times. But who knows if a higher percentage from the field would have helped, since the Irish hit 50 percent of their shots against the Syracuse Orangemen and still lost.



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Senior guard Martin Ingelsby dribbles past a Kentucky defender in the Irish loss to the Wildcats Saturday. Ingelsby played all but 19 seconds of the game.

At Syracuse, Notre Dame had more trouble from the foul line, where it hit just one of 10 attempts in the first half.

On the road against the Pirates, an Ingelsby charge in the final minutes knocked the Irish out of contention, while a lack of defense has plagued the Irish other times.

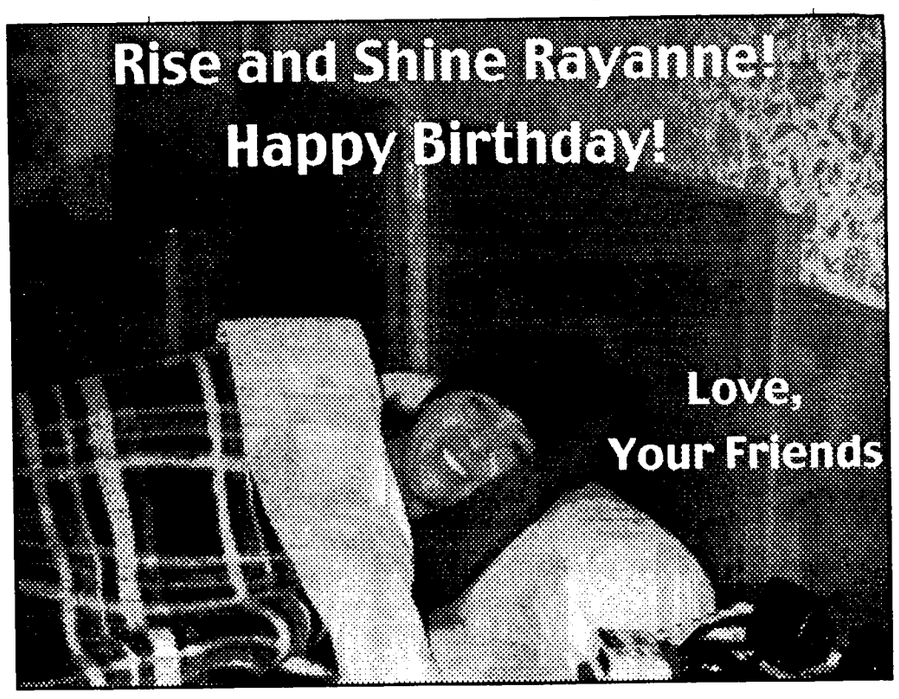
A good move for Brey would be to have his best defender, Carroll, guard the most dangerous opponent to make use of his talents.

This team is more talented than its 9-5 record lets on. Back in November, as the Irish drilled a ranked Cincinnati team and shot 73 percent from 3-point land against Loyola, the Irish looked unstoppable, as if just half of their team would be good enough to top quality opponents.

Unfortunately, that's what they've been trying to do — win while using just the starting lineup while occasionally tossing Harold Swanagan and Torrian Jones into the mix.

Something has to give for a squad so highly touted in the preseason it peaked at No. 10 in the polls in early December.

"We need to stop concentrating on what other teams are doing and start concentrating on what we're doing," Graves said. "We need to start worrying about playing instead of being tentative ... This team doesn't give up. We're not going to panic."



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Injured hand can't break Siemon's spirit

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

About five minutes into the post game press conference following Notre Dame's stunning 92-76 upset of Connecticut on Monday, senior forward Kelley Siemon strolled in with a Hawaiian lei around her neck, tripped on her way to her seat, and began taking questions.

Just another example of the quirky senior stealing the show once again.

While Ruth Riley was the dominant force in the victory with 29 points and 12 rebounds, it was Siemon who provided the inspiration.

The Notre Dame media guide lists facts about each player, including a section titled "Nobody knows how much I ... "

Siemon's response: "hate to lose."

After playing 33 minutes two days after breaking a bone in her hand against Virginia Tech, Siemon's secret is out.

As if playing at home in front of a sellout crowd against the No. 1 team in the nation didn't provide enough inspiration, the Irish — who had planned on playing each starter the entire 40 minutes — faced the challenge of going to battle without the Big East leader in defensive rebounding.

Rather than adding to the pressure, the Irish only saw the possible loss as another challenge to overcome.

"My first comment when I first heard about it was, 'Notre Dame's probably going to play a lot better than they originally would,'" said Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma. "From an emotional standpoint I think they certainly took advantage of it."

Then Siemon met with Dr. Jack Mahon — the same doctor that diagnosed Irish quarterback Arnaz Battle with his season-ending wrist injury after the Nebraska game — on Monday morning.

The surprising diagnosis revealed that Siemon, who was originally thought to require surgery on Tuesday morning, was not as seriously injured as first thought. She was fit with a special padded brace emblazoned with the Adidas logo, and was allowed to suit up.

"Last night I came out and tried to shoot a little bit and really couldn't use the guide hand at all. Our trainers did a really good job," Siemon said. "They put some stuff over my hand to absorb any contact."

The sight of Siemon in uniform and warming up before the game, rather than cheering the team on from the bench proved inspirational.

"I talked to her before the game and she had so much confidence in herself and the team," said senior point guard Niele Ivey.

"I'm never going to forget what she said, 'If this is what I have to do for the team to win the championship, then I'm going to do it.'"

Siemon's impact, however, was far more than just her presence on the court. She single-handedly held her own underneath the boards.

Less than three minutes into the game, Siemon made a lay-up to put the Irish up 6-3. Minutes later, she took a pass from Riley, scored off the glass, and collected a foul in the process. Siemon made the free throw, scoring her fifth point of the game and proving that it takes more than a broken bone to stop the daughter of former NFL player Jeff Siemon.

At the half, Siemon had sparked Notre Dame to a 40-31 lead with nine points and five rebounds.

"Once the game started, I really didn't notice it at all," said Siemon.

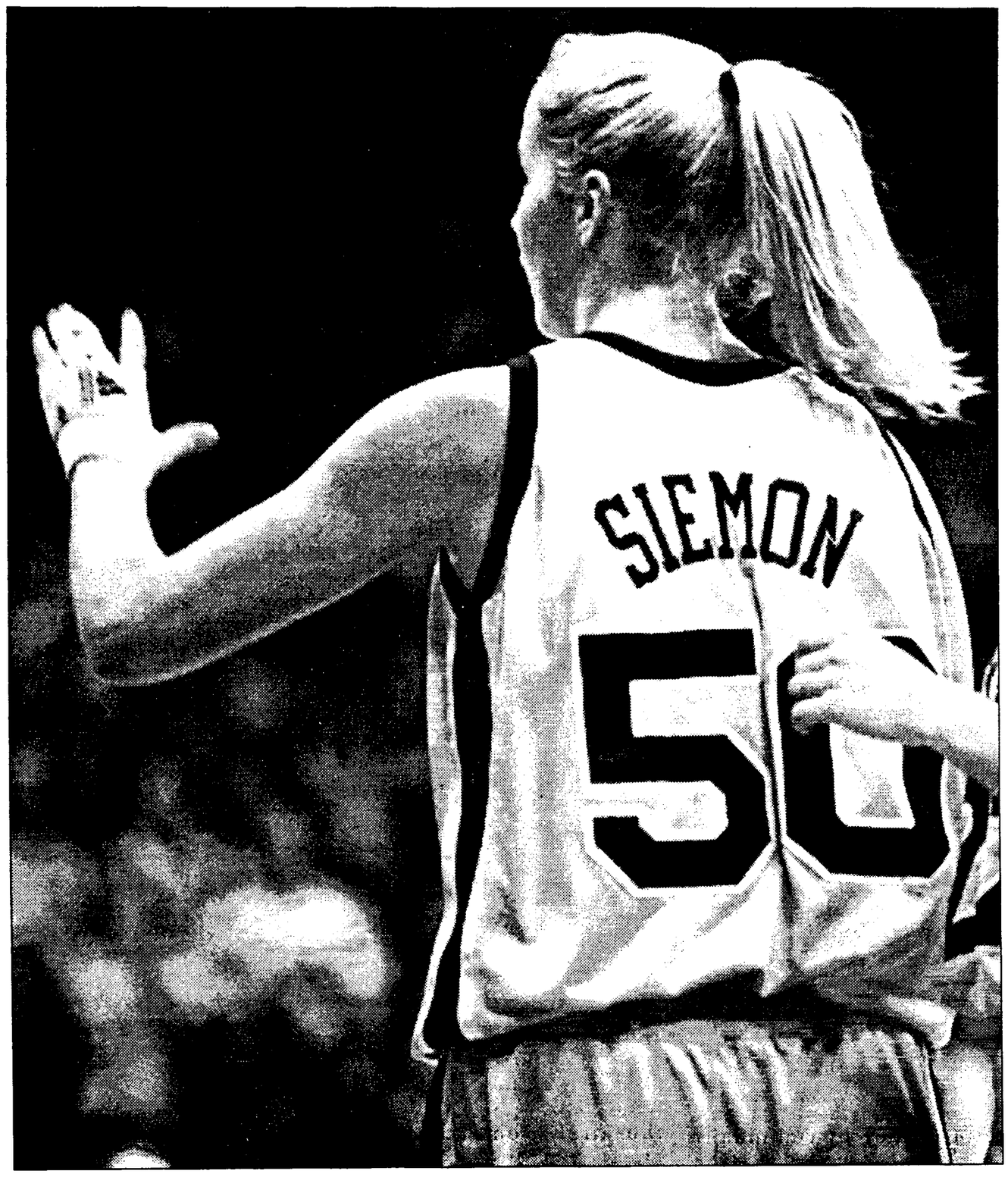
She added more of the same in the second half, scoring six consecutive points in a 90 second span to put the Irish up 56-46. She added three rebounds and finished the game with a more than respectable 15 points and eight boards.

Siemon's scoring total could have been much higher if not for a woeful 3 for 16 performance from the free-throw line.

"It's a mental thing with me," she said after the game. "I make them in practice, its something I need to get over."

She was then asked if her injured hand contributed to her struggles at the foul line. Siemon laughed, looked the reporter straight in the face, and said, "Definitely."

In a so-far magical season, Siemon's perseverance made Monday's win just a little more special.



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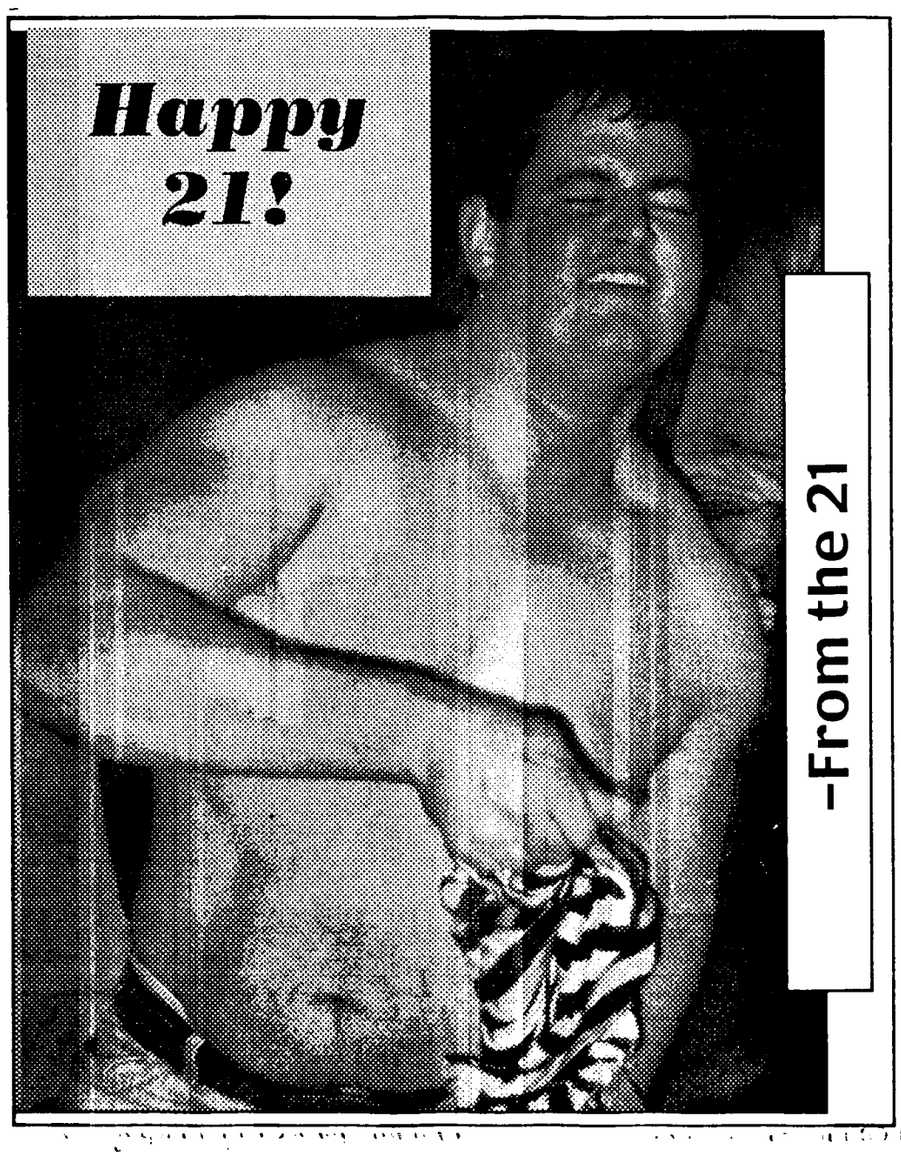
Kelley Siemon raises her broken hand during Monday's win against the Huskies. Despite breaking a bone in her hand in Saturday's game against Virginia Tech, Siemon scored 15 points.



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pions.

"It would be different if we played as hard as we could, as good as we could and they still beat us the way they did," Connecticut guard Sue Bird said. "It wasn't Connecticut basketball. I can tell you that."

Here's another obvious observation: Forget Bird, Abrosimova, and Shea Ralph. Riley outplayed all three preseason All-Americans and proved she may be the best player in the conference, if not the country.

Whereas the Irish center fouled out with seven minutes left in last year's 77-59 loss to the Huskies, Riley logged 39 minutes and 41 seconds on Monday before leaving the court amid a chorus of cheers. Although she suffered an ankle injury in the second half of Saturday's win over Virginia Tech, Riley played through the pain against Connecticut. She scored 29 points on 8-of-11 from the field and 13-of-13 from the line, grabbed 12 rebounds, blocked five shots and dished out four assists in front of several WNBA scouts.

"I don't think I've ever seen anybody dominate a game from start to finish at both ends of the floor like that," McGraw said. "That's an All-American, Player of the Year kind of line."

In years past, Connecticut (13-1 on the season) was able to faze Riley by continually attacking her on both ends of the floor. The Huskies also would implement a full-court pressure defense, which resulted in easy baskets when the Irish succumbed and committed turnovers.

Not on Monday.

"Before, you could get into [Riley's] head a little bit, get physical with her and she would get frustrated," Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma said. "She plays with a lot more confidence now."

Riley's improved aggressiveness and mental toughness forced the Huskies to rely on their outside shooting. For all but a few possessions, the Irish played a 2-3 zone, a defensive strategy that yielded pro-Notre Dame results. Connecticut made only 11 of 33 three-pointers and connected on 29-of-79 total field goals.

And Niele Ivey handled the pressure with relative ease. The 5-foot-8 point guard controlled the tempo and made smart decisions in transition. In addition to her 10 assists, Ivey also scored 14 points — including a perfect three for three from behind the three-point arc.

"They've gotten better [against the pressure]," Auriemma said. "And our pressure's not as good as it used to be. It's not anywhere near where it used to be."

Another reason that Connecticut's trapping, full-court defense proved less effective was because of their opponents' 3-point shooting. Ivey, Alicia Ratay (2-for-4 on threes for 10 points) and Jeneka Joyce (2-for-4 on threes for 8 points) helped the Irish shoot 75 percent from on 3-pointers. Joyce, the first woman off the bench, played 16 minutes. She was the only non-starter to play more than 20 seconds.

When asked if Notre Dame deserves the top ranking, Auriemma offered a quick response.

"I think so," he said. "Absolutely, absolutely. There's no question about that."

The Huskies cut the lead to 68-56 on a Diana Taurasi three-pointer with just under eight minutes left. On the ensuing possession, Taurasi fouled Kelley Siemon, who missed both free throws. But as she had just a minute before, Riley rebounded Siemon's miss and scored on a lay-up. Notre Dame led by at least nine the rest of the way.

About the only negative for the Irish came from free throw woes. They shot 54.8 percent (26-46) from the line, with Siemon connecting on just 3 of 16. But even when Siemon missed ten straight free throws during the final eight minutes, Riley grabbed three offensive rebounds to maintain possession.

To make the day complete, senior guard Imani Dunbar, who entered the game for the first time with 19.5 seconds left, nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer.

"From the opening tip, Notre Dame was better," Auriemma said. "I thought they were better in absolutely every single area."

And he shared that with his coaching counterpart. Around 5:15 on Monday afternoon, just over an hour after the game, Auriemma embraced McGraw as she headed out the exit next to the men's basketball office.

"You guys were great," Auriemma told McGraw. "You guys were great tonight."

No one could disagree.

LIZ LANG/The Observer

Forward Svetlana Abrosimova stares in disappointment as the Irish end the Huskies' 30-game winning steak.

Irish finally take down a No. 1 team

Noah Amstadter

Assistant Sports Editor

Finally, the Irish have slain the dragon.

In early September the campus was invaded by a sea of red supporting the then No. 1-ranked Nebraska football team. Though they tried, the Irish fell to No. 1 in overtime.

Nearly three months later, Notre Dame was No. 1 — in the standings — as they took on powerhouse North Carolina in the NCAA women's soccer semifinals in San Jose. Again, the best proved to be too much for the Irish as the Tar Heels put in two late-game goals for the "upset."

So here come the Lady Huskies, waltzing into the Joyce Center for Monday's game undefeated and beating their opponents by an average of more than 32 points per game.

Another "almost perfect?"

Hardly.

Not only did the Irish beat the Huskies 92-76, they embarrased the defending national champions.

"I guess we're just trying to hold the fort down for Irish sports," said junior forward Ericka Haney after the game.

The Irish are rarely mentioned in the same breath as schools such as Connecticut, Tennessee or even Georgia when it comes to rounding up the elite teams of the women's game.

The Irish were the New York Giants of women's basketball, and on Monday Ruth Riley was their Kerry Collins.

Beyond her game-high 29 points, Riley's interior defense destroyed Connecticut's inside game.

"I thought her presence defensively was almost more important than it was offensively," said Huskies coach Geno Auriemma. "I thought her presence in the lane made us a jump-shooting team."

And not a very good jump-shooting team at that.

Riley's effect on the game goes beyond her line in the box score.

It was Riley who before the tip-off was all smiles, feeding encouraging words to her perhaps nervous teammates, including senior Kelley Siemon, who was playing with a broken hand.

That was Riley too drawing a double team inside and feeding the ball to a wide open Siemon, Haney or Jeneka Joyce under the basket.

Then there she was again on the floor sacrificing her body as she wrestled for the ball.

This was the same woman that left Saturday's game against Virginia Tech in the fourth quarter with a turned ankle.

But it wasn't Riley's Willis Reed performance that provided the inspiration for the team, it was Siemon's.

Just 24 hours before tip-off, the team's starting power forward was facing the possibility that the broken hand would end her Irish career.

After she got the doctor's okay, Siemon came out and played one of her best games of the season. With nine first-half points and five rebounds, the senior quite literally single-handedly dominated the boards.

Then there was Niele Ivey, who won't be satisfied until she leads her team to hometown St. Louis, host city of the 2001 Final Four.

Haney ignited the sell-out crowd late in the game, moving her arms in a "raise the roof" motion in the closing minutes and slapping chests with Joyce in celebration.

Joyce, playing more than token minutes for the first time since fracturing her ankle against Georgia over Thanksgiving, hit two key 3-pointers as well, providing a long range option when the Huskies effectively guarded Ratay.

As the final seconds ran down, senior Imani Dunbar brought the ball downcourt. She took a shot from behind the arc. Nothing but net.

"They were just standing back. I figured I might as well put the nail in the coffin, you know," said Dunbar.

The perfect finish on the perfect day.

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Irish came up short on talent, but not on class

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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TEMPE, Ariz.

Notre Dame never had a chance.

Oh, sure the Irish fooled people into believing they could win a BCS game over Oregon State with a smaller, younger, slower lineup than the Beavers.

Davie

After all, Notre Dame won its last seven regular-season games and had tradition on its side, having won three National Championships since Oregon State last appeared in a major bowl game — the 1965 Rose Bowl.

With five minutes left in the first half of the Fiesta Bowl, the Irish only trailed 6-0.

They had stopped the Beavers five yards short of the end zone with Notre Dame's best play of the game — a diving tackle by safety Ron Israel around tailback Patrick McCall's knees, throwing him for a 3-yard loss.

"We all thought we could get back into the game," Notre Dame captain and tight end Dan O'Leary said.

But Notre Dame's pretense of being as skilled as Oregon State was a farce.

Against Oregon State, Notre Dame was out-matched in every category.

"It's pretty obvious we got whipped," Irish coach Bob Davie said. "We got outcoached. We got outplayed."

The Beavers were fast enough to try out for the next Olympic track and field team, or at least to escape from the police if their on-field conduct is any indication of how they behave off the field. The Beavers had enough speed to demolish freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio before he had time to blink, or even wink.

"We've got to get a lot faster," Irish tailback Tony Fisher said.

Notre Dame's offense sputtered, gaining just 17 yards on the ground. Oregon State's "ain't too proud to brag" tailback Ken Simonton had more carries — 18 — than the Irish did yards.

Wide receiver Chad Johnson caught two touchdown passes, although he was so arrogant he dropped the ball two yards short of the goal line on the first touchdown.

Lucky for him and lucky for the Beavers, the officials didn't notice.

After the first half, the Irish had no defense to speak of, giving up a total of 41 points.

For its part, Oregon State's defensive unit throttled the Irish, holding them to a field goal until the final minutes of regulation.

Even Notre Dame's special unit, one of the nation's best all season long, was outdone. Terrell Roberts returned a punt 45 yards for a touchdown, the first return for a touchdown against the Irish all year.

Unfortunately, one big loss overshadowed nine wins.

The team that everyone said didn't have enough talent to survive its rugged regular-season schedule managed a 9-2 record.

They won despite losing starting quarterback Arnaz Battle and senior captain Grant Irons in the second game of the season.

Yet the wins came from oversized hearts, not excessive talent, and that became obvious in the Fiesta Bowl. The Irish have ability, but their youth left them ill prepared for prime-time.

They hid the lack of future NFL stars on their roster all season by avoiding the mistakes, turnovers and penalties that cost them dearly against the Beavers.

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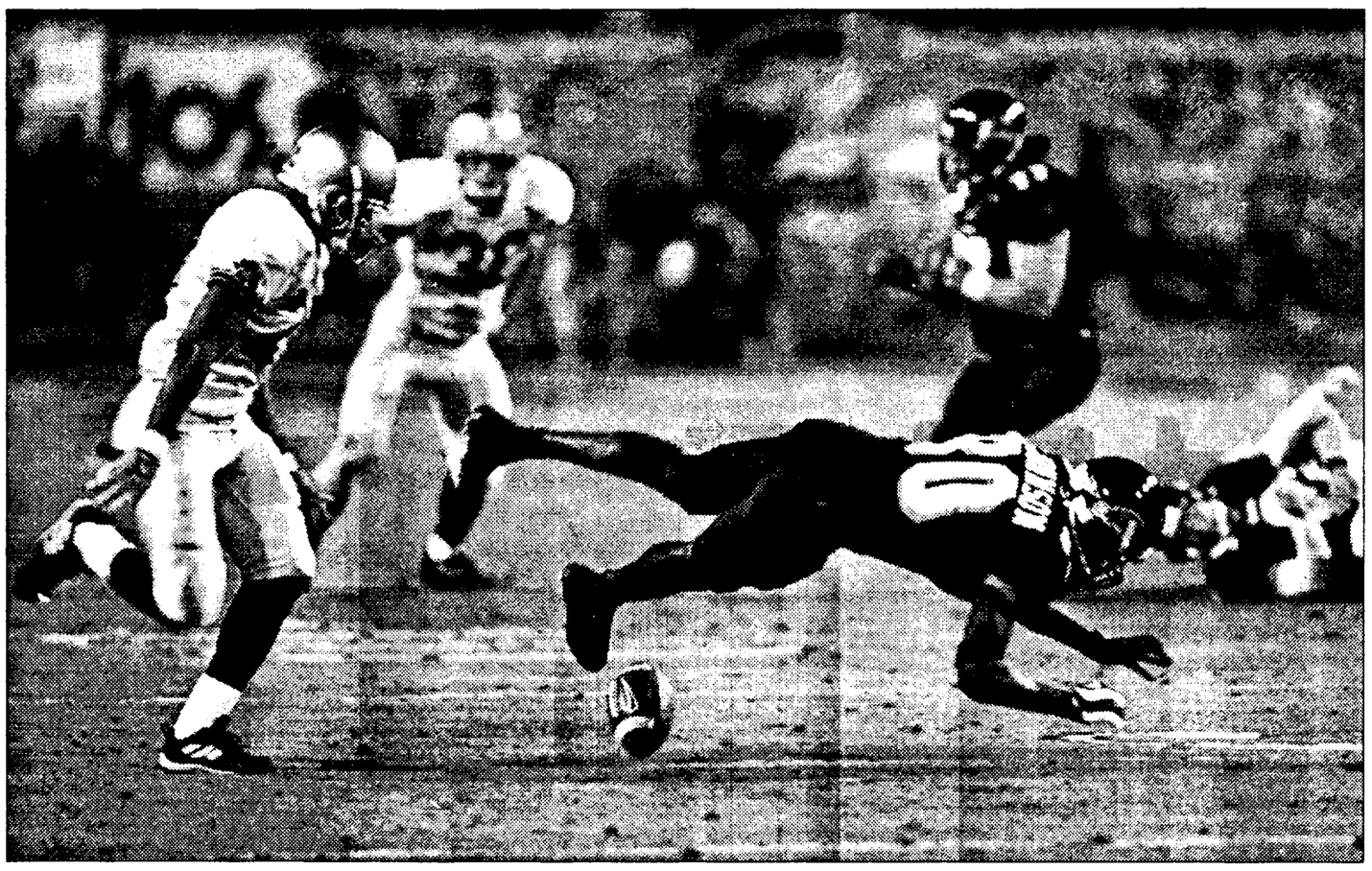
Against Oregon State, Notre Dame lost in everything that mattered on the football field, but won in everything that's important in life.

If class, good sportsmanship and intelligence had affected the outcome, the Irish would have fared better.

Oregon State was whistled for a school-record 18 penalties, including several for unsportsmanlike conduct and personal fouls.

Irish tailback Julius Jones came away with the sportsmanship award — taunting the Irish and trash talking didn't win the Beavers' any congeniality awards.

As far as brains, Notre Dame boasts the highest graduation rate of any team ranked in the final BCS poll at 82 percent, far better than that of the junior college receptor Oregon State, and this year's team had its highest grade point average ever at 2.67.



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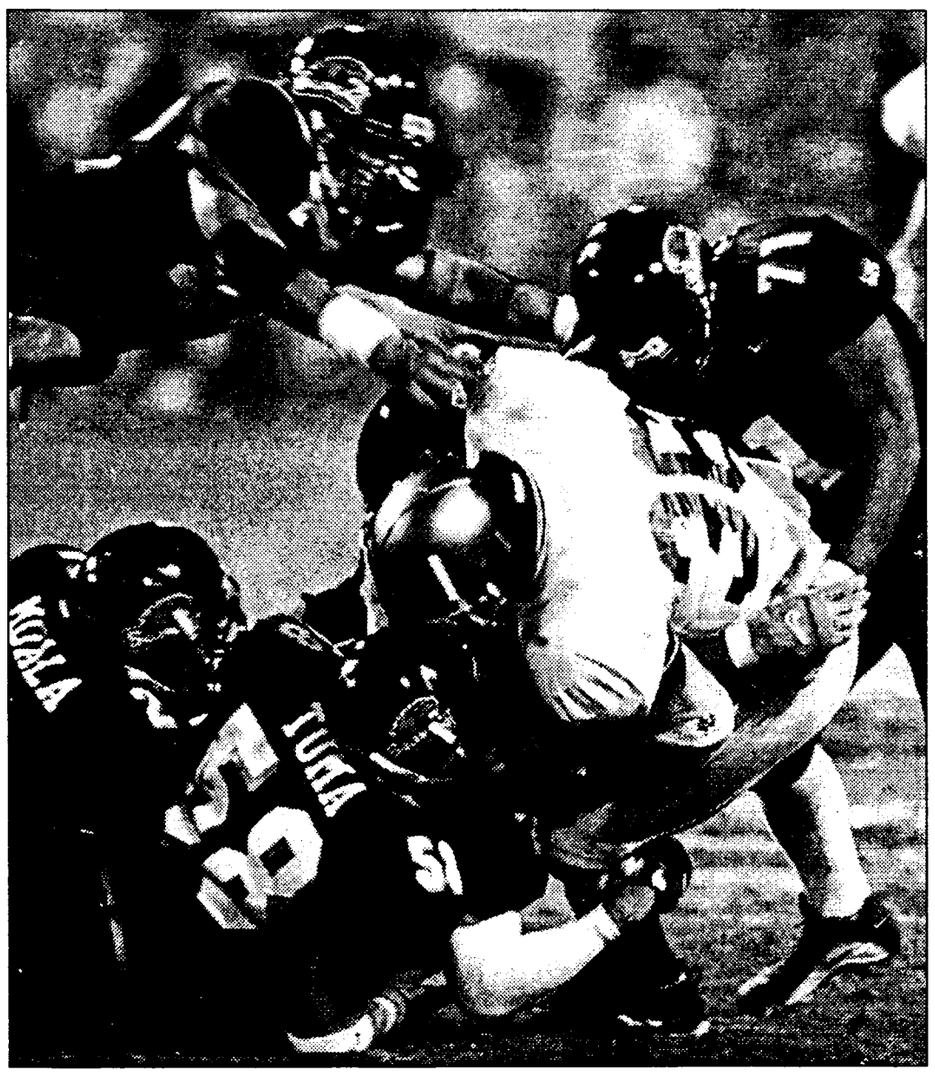
Beaver quarterback Jonathan Smith looks on as wide receiver Chad Johnson misses a rare pass. Smith completed 17 of 25 pass attempts, gaining 319 yards in the air.

FIESTA SIESTA

Oregon State's dream to cap its two-year program turnaround with a win in a Bowl Championship Series game became a nightmare for Notre Dame as the Beavers took control from the start, crushing the Irish 40-6. Scoring four touchdowns in the third quarter, the Beavers found no competition from the Irish, who only found the end zone once.



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It took a slew of defenders to take down No. 36 Tom Lopienski on his only carry of the game. The junior rushed for zero net yards.

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Beaver corner back Keith Heyward-Johnson intercepts a pass by Irish quarterback Matt LoVecchio. The freshman threw for two interceptions, losing for the first time in his career as a starter.

Quarterbacks, fans and big plays mark season highlights

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Season-ending musings while reflecting on Cornhusker Red, what exactly the real Rudy said (at the Air Force luncheon), the afro atop Big Ced's (Hilliard) head, Bob Davie rising from the coaching dead, and Oregon State players acting like they were at Club Med.

Here are one man's most memorable scenes from the past four months. Too bad only the top 10 moments could make the final list.

◆ Nebraska Fans — Sept. 9 — The night before, honorary alum Dick Vitale addressed the pep rally crowd and told the players to "play hard for 40 minutes." Oops, baby — Wrong sport. Seventeen hours later, even the most loyal and optimistic Irish fan had to be disappointed upon viewing college football's version of the Red Scare. As for the game? The Irish competed for 58 minutes and 27 seconds of regulation. Then Bob Davie decided Notre Dame haters needed extra time to mock the seemingly neutral site atmosphere.

◆ Day after Nebraska — Sept. 10 — Arnaz Battle made the navicular bone the most talked about body part in college football. Said a distraught Davie: "You've all seen how we've evolved as a football team and how much work has gone into this offense. This is a tremendous blow."

After a spring, summer and fall installing a Battle-tested offense, the coaches had six days to prepare for Purdue. Lost in the day's events was Grant Irons' season-ending shoulder injury. In retrospect, it's probably best this campus has another year with maybe the nicest student-athlete in the country.

◆ Cancer kids — Sept. 15 — By far, the season's highlight. I regret missing the pep rally where Scott Delgadillo spoke. Fortunately, earlier that day, I met with another teenage cancer survivor at the weekly football luncheon. John Clary, an amazing, articulate 15-year old, made the trip from New York to South Bend with his father. The Clarys shared a story of how Davie and the Irish football program made a memorable impact on their 1998 visit to campus. If only all athletes, coaches and celebrities understood their impact on society.

◆ Godsey vs. Purdue — Sept. 16 — We trusted in Godsey for good reason. With the help of Nick Setta, who made us again question why Jim Sanson kicked (attempted?) field goals last year, the former tight end led the Irish in Joe Montana-fashion. Who would have imagined that in a month, Godsey would be as forgotten as the state of Montana? At least he basked in the glory for one unforgettable afternoon.

◆ Godsey post-MSU — Sept. 23 — A 6-foot-7, 250-pound Notre Dame quarterback can not hide from the media after a game. But that's what the hero-turned-goat attempted to do. Godsey pulled his suit jacket over his eyes and darted for the team bus after a 4-for-20 passing performance. Anyone with an ounce of compassion had to feel bad for Godsey. Notre Dame Nation caught its first glimpse of Matt LoVecchio. Two wins, two losses, two months until Davie's predicted firing.

◆ Earl block — Oct. 28 — No-brainer. This game featured the most boring three quarters imaginable but also the most unexpected finish in recent memory. The player with two first names leapt to block Dave Adams field goal and returned to the ground as an instant Irish legend. How many times have you heard of the "13-million dollar block?" Add one to your previous total.

◆ Getherall at BC pep rally — Nov. 10 — Everyone thinks Joey Getherall is tough because he gets pummeled. That's true.

But how many 21-year old males would cry in front of over 10,000 people when speaking about his collegiate experiences? There haven't been that many tears shed on campus since Matt Doherty's post-game sobbing ritual. Getherall will be missed dearly in 2001.

◆ ND players picking up grass after BC win — Nov. 11 — Not the most original idea but it began the first "November to Remember" in Davie's tenure. A year earlier, Boston College's Chris Hovan tore up a piece of grass and paraded around the Stadium. In 2000, Hovan's high school teammate Dan O'Leary returned the favor. In 50 years, a proud O'Leary will certainly tell his grandchildren the story of his last game in Notre Dame Stadium.

◆ Davie after USC — Nov. 25 — The farewell tour ended with a coach refusing to comment on his imminent departure. A victorious Davie answered every question like he had just won the lottery. By mid-December, he had. We're "stuck" with "Bullet Bob" for another five years. At least that's how the contract reads. If the Fiesta Bowl foreshadows the rest of the 2001 campaign, start preparing lists of possible replacements.

◆ The cornerbacks' Fiesta Bowl performance — Jan. 1, 2001 — Sorry, Cliff. You don't get any of the $13 million for the Oscar-worthy acting performance for your supporting role in the made-for-ABC tragedy.

Neither does your fellow cornerback. But Williams receives an alternate prize (a mention here) for his post-Fiesta Bowl tirade. "I've never been a part of something like that," Williams said. "This is the worst loss I've been a part of. It's hard, man. I don't want to criticize anyone but overall we need a lot of work. To lose like that, man, is surprising. I don't know how that happened. It makes you think."

One final note: (Those fortunate enough to attend the pep rally in Tempe would understand.)

Although topics changed and subplots varied, one thing remained the same from the assault of the Aggies to the bashing by the Beavers:

How 'bout that band?!

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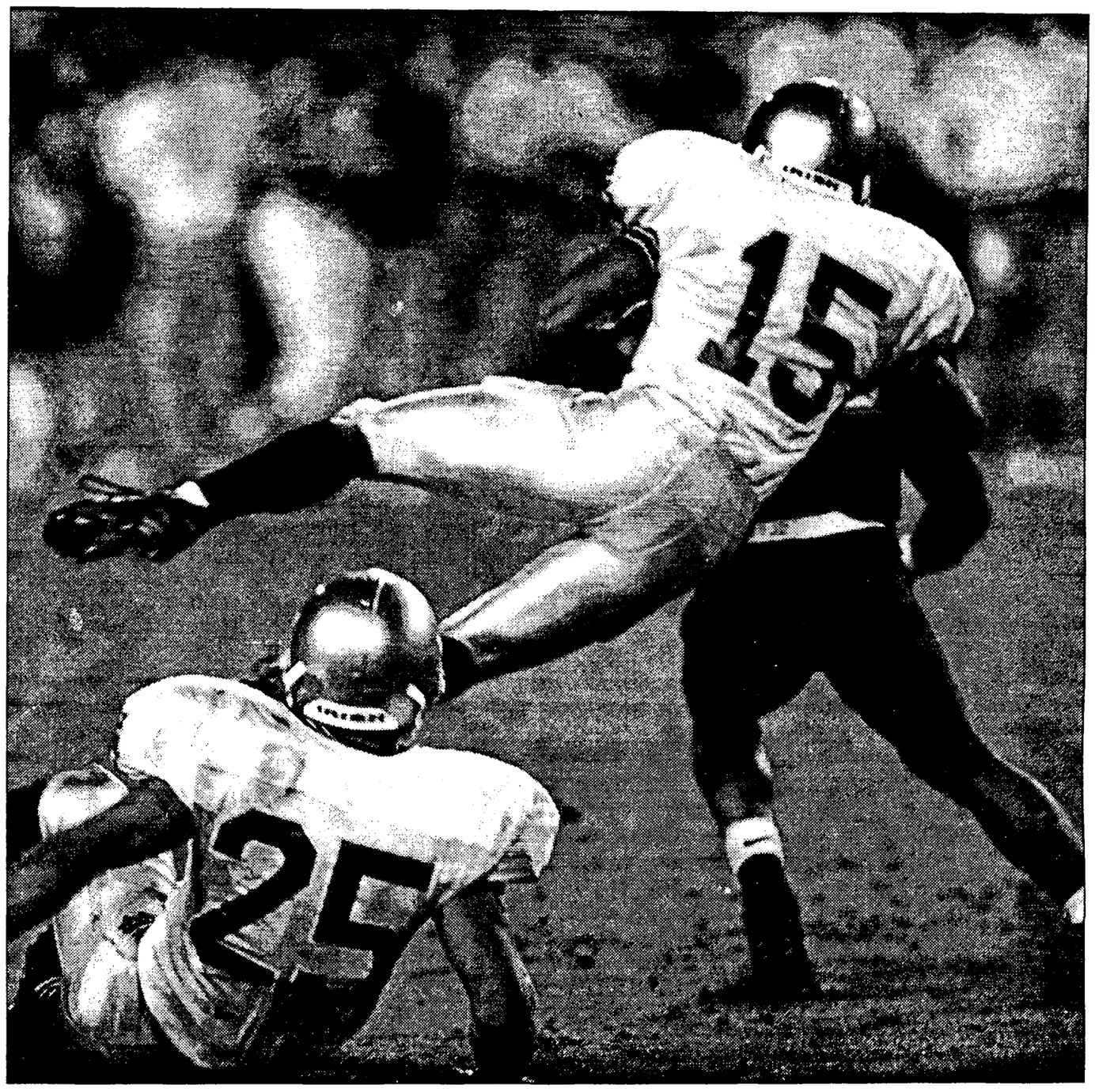

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Irish cornerback Clifford Jefferson makes a takle as teammate Tony Driver looks on. Jefferson made three tackles in the game.

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And to cap their second winning season, the up and coming Beavers would have had a hard time picking a better opponent to trounce 40-9 than Notre Dame, a school grounded in tradition and a team with a long history of football success.

"When you step on the field you respect the name Notre Dame, but you can't go and get into all the tradition," senior linebacker Darnell Robinson said. "You just have to play well."

Playing well was no problem for the Beavers. Although they struggled in the first half, scoring only 12 points on many scoring attempts and racking up 84 of an eventual 174 penalty yards, Erickson's No. 6 team made up for it in the third quarter with four touchdowns in a little more than seven minutes.

The Irish defense buckled under the pressure and could not contain the Beavers' scoring machine.

Led by quarterback Jonathan Smith, the Beavers ran all over the Irish, amassing 127 yards on the ground to Notre Dame's 17.

And the Irish weren't much better in the air. Freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio, solid as a rock in the regular season with a 7-0 record, faltered for the first time, allowing the Beavers to pick off two passes, fumbling once and getting sacked five times.

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Irish head coach

"Once we got behind our quarterback had a little trouble," Irish head coach Bob Davie said. "He got discombobulated."

His team members were quick to share in the blame for the Irish's disappointing finish.

"Matt was pretty calm tonight," tight end Dan O'Leary said. "There were a couple unfortunate situations. But I think he was as calm and collected as he's ever been. We thought we could come back [after the first half]. We needed a rhythm and we couldn't find it."

Notre Dame's flat performance came after a turnaround regular season in which Davie led his crew to a 9-2 record, with last minute losses to then No. 1 Nebraska and Michigan State.

Davie was disappointed with the negative light cast on an otherwise successful season.

"It's pretty obvious we got whipped," Davie said, not making any excuses for his team's performance. "We were outcoached and outplayed. We got our butts kicked."

Despite the heartbreaking loss, Davie kept the game in perspective.

"I am embarrassed by the way we played, but I will never be embarrassed by this football team," Davie said.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Auriemma blasts team for perfomance against Irish

By TIM CASEY
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A normally animated Geno Auriemma sat on a metal chair, hands placed on his knees and fingers interlocked, for a few minutes in the middle of the second half. He stared straight ahead and refused to call timeout, despite his team's obvious difficulties.

"To be honest with you, before the game, during the timeouts in the first half, and at halftime and in the timeouts in the second half, it [talking with his players] didn't change anything we were doing on the court," Auriemma said. "So rather than giving them something else that wasn't going to affect the game, I figured they had a better idea so let's see if it works."

It didn't.

From Niele Ivey's steal and subsequent layup for the first basket of the game to Imani Dunbar's three-pointer at the end, the heralded Huskies seemed more confused than confident.

How aggravated was Connecticut's head coach?

He sarcastically questioned his team's toughness.

"We have more guys that spend more time in the training room [during practice] than on the court working on their game," Auriemma said.

Auriemma then criticized his best player.

Shea Ralph, the 1999 Big East Player of the Year and first-team All-American played only 20 minutes, including just six in the second half. She committed zero fouls on the afternoon and suffered no injuries but after an ineffective performance (2 points and 2 assists), Auriemma decided to bench his team's star with 14:05 remaining. Ralph never returned.

"Nothing was working for her this afternoon," Auriemma said. "There was no point in just running around out there for no reason."

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> **Connecticut head coach**

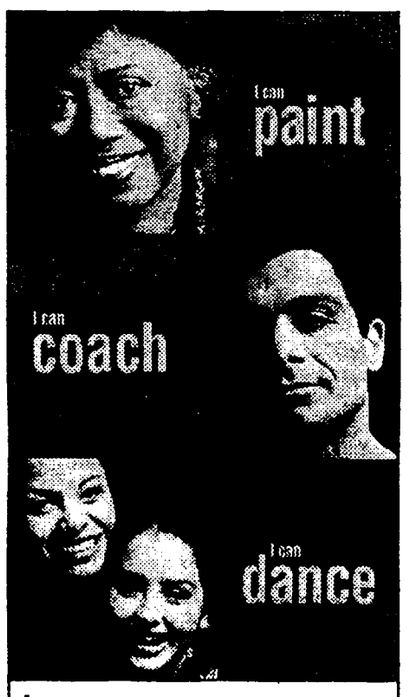
Connecticut entered the contest on a 30-game winning streak. Before Monday, the Huskies had outscored their opponents by an average of 36 points per game. Even following the loss, Connecticut remains tops in the nation in scoring (91.1 points) and scoring margin (32.4 points), third in field goal percentage (51.6 percent) and seventh in rebounding margin (9.4 boards).

The duo of Svetlana Abrosimova (20 points and 14 rebounds) and Sue Bird (17 points and 6 assissts) paced the Huskies. But fellow starters Ralph, Swin Cash (2-for-7 from the field for 7 points) and Kelly Schumacher (2 points and 3 rebounds in only 13 minutes) all struggled.

"I think our team is surprised when teams actually play really, really good against us," Auriemma said. "That's how immature some of our players are. They would rather phone ahead and say 'By the way, here we come and we would like the score to be 52-30 at halftime so could you please go along with that?' And when it doesn't go like that, we're not quite sure how to deal with it this year. That's the crux of what we're going through right now."

The Irish are experiencing far different circumstances. Yet a mid-January win does not guarantee future success in the postseason. The two teams do not meet again in the regular season but may play in the Big East final on Connecticut's home floor. Round Three may come in the NCAA tournament.

But for now, the Irish can stake claim as the conference's top team.



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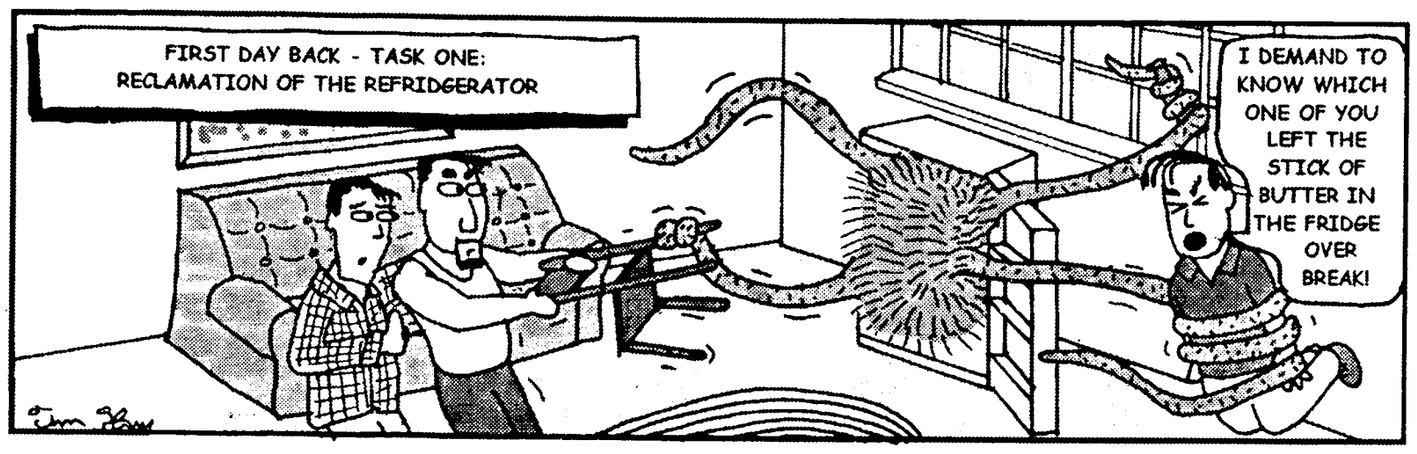

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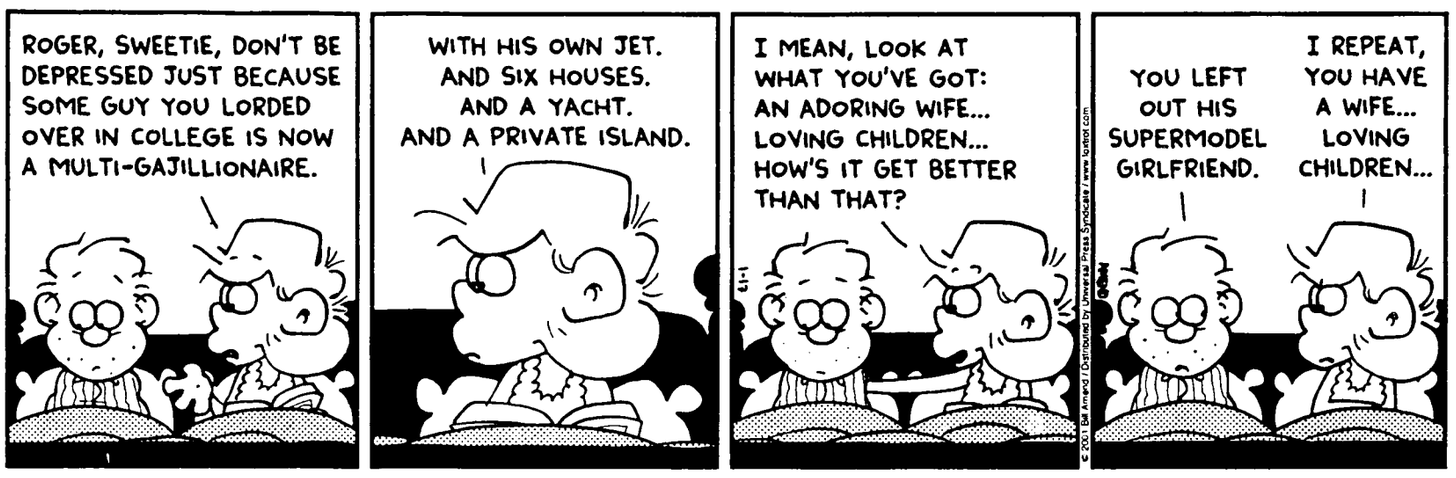

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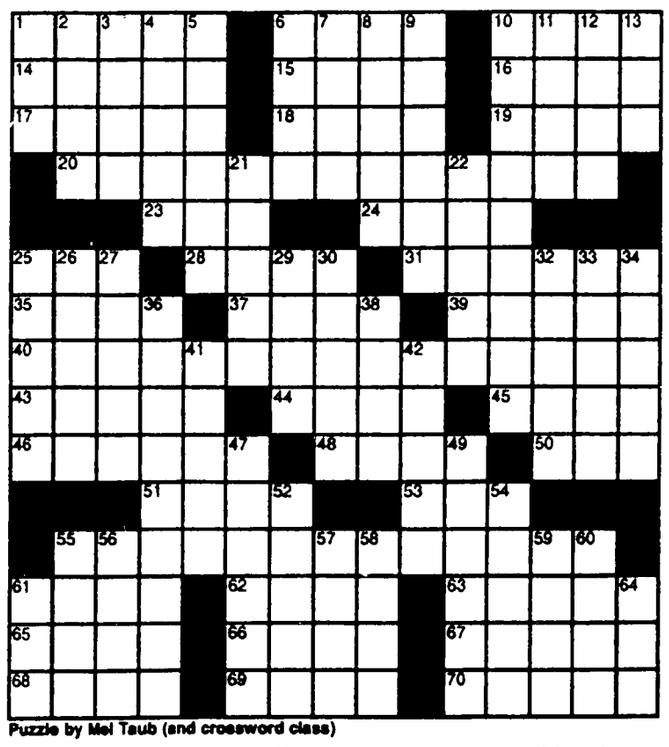

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can get down to business if you put your mind to it. Financial gains can be made if you don't waste time. Remember that the early bird catches the worm. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will have to control your emotions if you wish to keep your personal life harmonious. Your tendency to be stubborn and refuse to see your mate's concerns will lead to a stalemate. ✪✪

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look into moneymaking investments that will not require too much attention or time on your part. Check out ways of helping youngsters. Physical activities will be exhilarating. ✪✪✪

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your involvement in organized events will be trying if you are pressured to contribute more than you can afford. Don't let others talk you into things that you really don't want to do. ✪✪✪

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't count on any help from loved ones or roommates. Your ability to do your job well will lead to positive changes and a higher income. Personal moves will not be favorable at this time. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may be tempted to take off today. Don't be afraid to talk about your personal dilemmas with a trusted friend. You will solve your problem if you observe other people's motives. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Changes in your financial situation will be upsetting. Take some time to do things for yourself. You need time to reflect on the past as well as relationships. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Jealousy may stand in the way of a really good relationship. You must try to be compassionate and understanding when dealing with your mate. This is not the time to disagree. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be careful not to divulge information about your private life. You will be able to sign important documents and make financial gains if you keep your personal problems under control. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a long hard look at yourself. Don't be afraid to make changes. Your motives should be reevaluated. You may have been pointing your finger at the wrong person. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can expect problems with family members today. You will do well if you get involved in real estate or property investments. Contracts can be signed and agreements formulated. ✪✪✪

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Travel will be your best bet as long as you don't allow others to take you for granted. You will be emotional when discussing your personal life. Try to keep your true feeling to yourself. ✪✪✪✪

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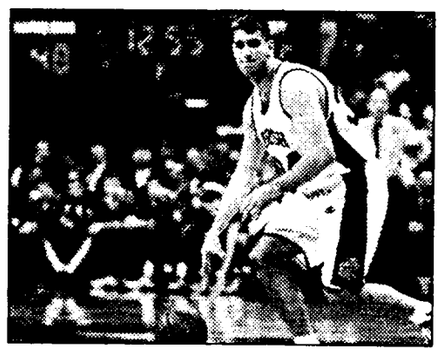

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Toppling a powerhouse

Irish beat No. 1 Huskies for first time

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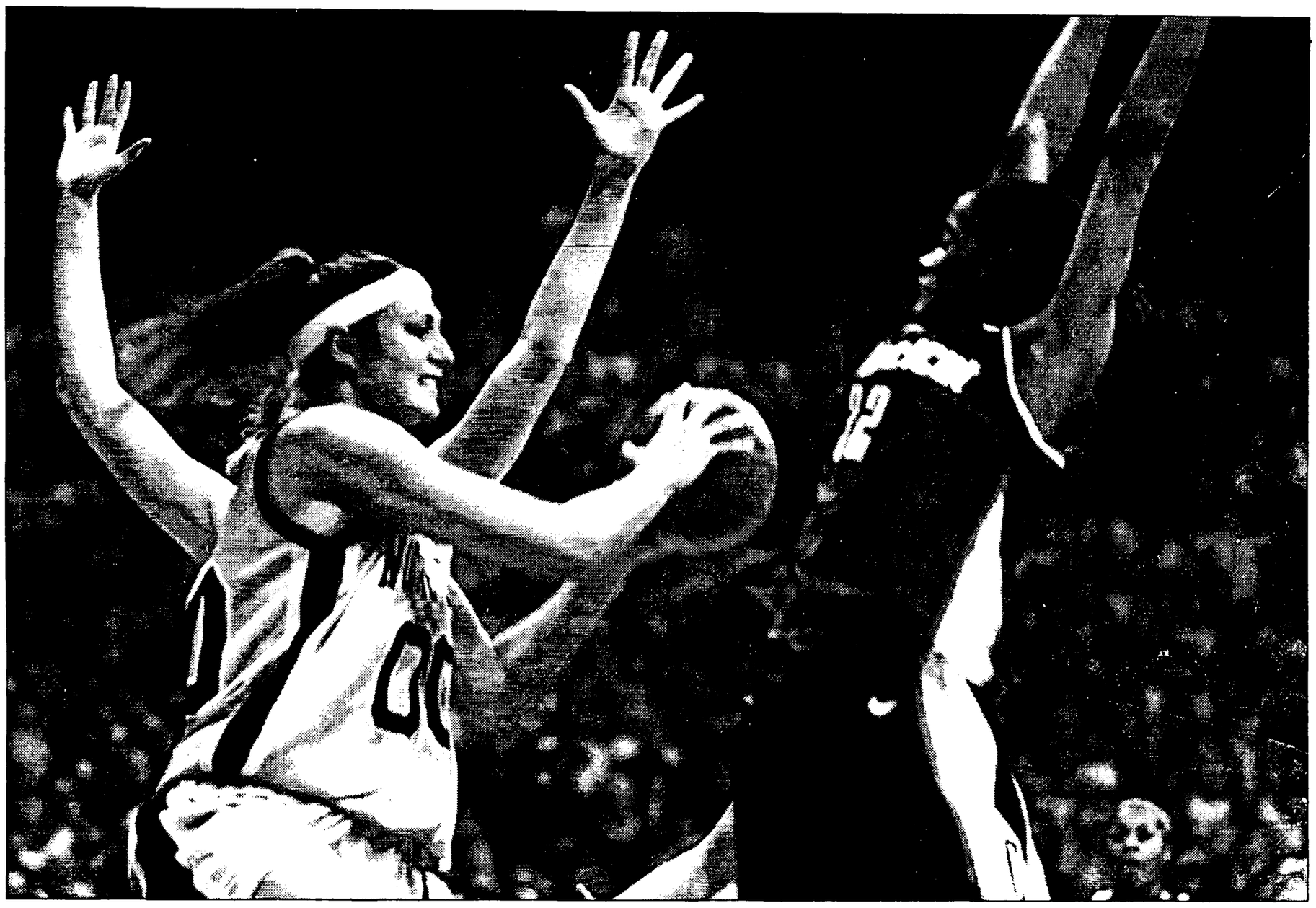

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Irish senior ruth Riley looks for an open player Monday in No. 3 Notre Dame's upset over No. 1 UConn. Leading her team in its first win over the Huskies in school history, Riley netted 29 points and brought down 12 rebounds.

She had a dream.

It did not stem from hundreds of years of racial inequality, a denial of basic Constitutional rights or living in a hypocritical America.

Rather, Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw's aspiration arose from over a decade of Connecticut-induced distress.

No need to wonder "what if" anymore.

Because on Monday, for the first time in school history, the No. 3 Irish beat the No. 1 Huskies 92-76 before a raucous, sold-out home crowd. With the victory, Notre Dame (17-0) remains the only undefeated team in the country and will most likely ascend to their first-ever top ranking when the Associated Press and USA TODAY/ESPN polls are released Monday.

"To come out and see the Joyce Center full has been my dream forever since I've been here," McGraw said. "It's one of those moments in my life that I'll always remember."

So will the 11,418 spectators.

For one afternoon, promotional gimmicks like Anthony Travel's "Ants in Your Pants" and "Beach Day" were not required to provide entertainment. Instead of watching the usual domination of an inferior opponent, the first sold-out crowd in Irish history witnessed a Ruth Riley-led squad upstage the nation's premier program in nearly all facets of the game.

The Irish led the entire game, shot 61.5 percent (29-of-51) from the floor, and all five starters scored in double figures. Svetlana Abrosimova's 3-pointer got the Huskies to within three points early in the second half. But they never again sustained a period of offensive consistency, as the Irish avenged 11 previous losses to the defending national cham-

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FOOTBALL

Beavers take big bite out of Irish, 40-9

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Soaring highs and plummeting lows were the directions two teams took in the Bowl Championship Series' New Years Day Fiesta Bowl, although the results were not what one would have expected a few years ago.

Two years ago, when the Oregon State Beavers were just completing their 28th-consecutive losing season, no one would have expected them to be able to rise to the top of the football rankings with a successful trip to a BCS bowl. No one, except head coach Dennis Erickson and his band of boasting and brash players.

"This team has always played with confidence," Erickson said. "We have confidence in each other. Good teams have that."

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Williams explores NFL draft

By TIM CASEY
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Brock Williams may have played his last game at Notre Dame.

Williams

The Irish cornerback mailed a form to the National Football League offices a few days after the Irish loss in the Fiesta Bowl requesting to see where the league projected him to be selected in the upcoming draft. According to Notre Dame football administrator Nick Carparelli, an NFL official called Williams and coach Bob Davie last week and projected Williams to be selected in the third or fourth round.

"I don't know how reliable those predictions are," Carparelli said. "Certainly if they are not reliable, a kid could get hurt in the long run."

When reached on Tuesday, Williams refused to comment on his future plans. Williams sat out the entire 1999 season for disciplinary reasons so he is eligible to apply for a fifth year.

Following the Fiesta Bowl, Williams confided that he had contacted Carparelli a few weeks earlier.

"The coaches will probably be shocked at what I'm saying but that's the way I'm feeling," Williams said. "I'll let them know."

Just minutes earlier, Williams said he "went from decided to undecided" regarding his decision to return for a

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Today, 7:30 p.m.

Men's Swimming
at Bill Ritter Invitational
Friday-Saturday

vs. Ohio State
Thursday and Friday,
7:05 p.m.

Track and Field
vs. Ball State, Western Michigan
Friday, 6 p.m.

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at Seton Hall
Sunday, 12 p.m.