

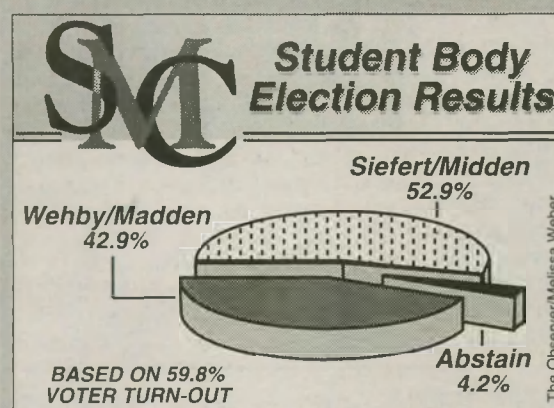
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■ SAINT MARY'S ELECTIONS

Siefert/Midden ticket wins



By COLLEEN McCARTHY
News Writer

The Saint Mary's College student body made its voice heard in Monday's election for the student government president and vice president and chose the ticket of Sarah Siefert and Nancy Midden.

Their platform included increasing the role of technology, working with the admissions office to increase enrollment and creating a club for varsity athletes.

After a close vote in Thursday's election in which Siefert and Midden prevailed by only one-tenth of a percent, the run-off election held Monday produced a final result.

The Siefert/Midden ticket won with 52.9 percent of the vote while the Katie Wehby and Kelly Madden ticket received 42.9 percent of the student vote. Choosing to abstain in the election were 4.2 percent of the voters. Total voter turn-out was 59.8 percent, increased significantly from the election on Thursday in which 49.1 percent of the student body came out to vote.

Janet Horvath, Saint Mary's election commissioner, was pleased with the results of the election.

"I think that all four women are a great asset to the college community and I have no doubt that Siefert and Midden will serve the college well. I also have no doubt that Katie (Wehby) and Kelly (Madden) will continue to provide contributions to the school," Horvath said.

The newly elected president and vice president were excited at the prospect of beginning their new positions.

"We are really excited about it. We're going to have so much fun and we are looking forward to working on our platform, too," Siefert said.

Madden, the former vice presidential candidate, congratulated the winning ticket.

"I congratulate the other ticket and wish them the best of luck," Madden said.

When asked whether she plans to pursue involvement in student government next year, Madden replied, "I hope to pursue RHA, senior board, and perhaps SAB."

Wehby was less sure of her plans.

"We're both glad the elections are over. I don't know what I'm going to pursue next year but I'm sure there will be options open to me," she said.

■ ELECTIONS '98

Roemer will run for fifth term



The Observer/Kevin Dalum



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Tim Roemer, left, announces his decision to run for a fifth term in the Indiana Third District of Congress. Above, two of his three children, ages three and four, gather to show support.

Incumbent touts work in D.C. as campaign begins

By LAURA PETELLE
Assistant News Editor

Tim Roemer, Democratic representative for the Indiana Third District, announced yesterday his intention to seek a fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"I am excited and delighted and honored to be here this morning," Roemer told his supporters and the press at a news conference at the St. Joseph County Democratic Headquarters.

"This is the best job because it is

an election to the people's house by the people of this great community," Roemer said. "We want to bring Indiana common sense to Washington, D.C. We want to bring integrity and respect to the nation's capital."

Roemer summarized his work since he was first elected to the House in 1990, citing the strong economy, reduction in welfare rolls, elimination of tobacco ads in South Bend and the new tax breaks for families with children.

"But [this election] is going to be about the future; it's going to be about a new millennium," Roemer said.

His platform includes a balanced budget focused on investing in the future of America's children, using the budget surplus to preserve Social Security, and the simplifica-

tion of the tax code.

Roemer's campaign will emphasize education reform; he serves on the House Education Committee and is focused on increasing the number of qualified teachers, reducing class size and ending social promotion. He also supports increased support for charter schools, helping more students attend college and improving worker training.

"We need new ways to solve old problems in America," Roemer emphasized.

Roemer — who earned master's and doctorate degrees in international affairs from Notre Dame — grew up in Mishawaka, attended Penn High School and is active in the South Bend community.

Roemer's wife, Sally, and their three children attended the press conference to show their support.

■ CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Council discusses raid of Bridget's

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Associate News Editor

The Campus Life Council debated the problem of underage drinking at Notre Dame, relative to Friday night's police raid on Bridget McGuire's Filling Station, at its meeting last night.

The debate began when Sister Carrine Etheridge, rector of Farley Hall, asked vice president for residence life Bill Kirk if the University in any way influenced the decision of the South Bend Police Department to raid the establishment.

"No pressure was brought to bear [by the University]," explained Kirk, who also had heard a rumor that his office was involved.

"The South Bend Police Department has asked for our help since then and has communicated with the Office of Residence Life concerning those students who were arrested. We will follow up on the list of arrests."

"But I, personally, was at the Keenan Revue that night," he joked. The debate centered around

whether or not the University policy will come down too harshly on those students that were caught on Friday.

"The students have to understand

standard at Notre Dame. "Alcohol is such a dominant factor in the social life here," said Matt Szabo, Morrissey Hall senator. "Students are now going to take [the drinking] to the dorm room where it is not as controlled."

"Basically, a student can break the law by drinking in a closed dorm room and it will get overlooked," he continued.

The rectors in attendance agreed that drinking often

gets ignored, but only if those that are doing it are doing so in moderation.

"We want people to be mature and responsible," said Sister Mary Ann Mueninghoff, rector of McGlinn Hall. "But sometime it comes to a point where we don't want to be

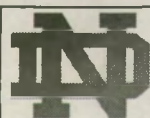
'THEY MADE A MISTAKE AND NOW THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY THE CONSEQUENCES.'

CAPT. RUSSELL PICKETT
FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO CLC



that they are violating the law," said Capt. Russell Pickett, chair of the department of naval science and faculty representative to the CLC. "We know that they are not bad people. We are not going to toss them because of this, but they made a mistake and now are going to have to pay the consequences of it."

Some students expressed concern that alcohol abuse was a double



CAMPAIGN TRAIL

This week, The Observer will print articles about all 9 tickets running for student body president and vice president.

► Peter Cesaro/Andrea Selak
Kevin Corrigan/Brian Doherty
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■ INSIDE COLUMN

I'm with stupid

There's some sort of saying along the lines of, "A person is smart, but the people are stupid." Which means that you are smart, and I am smart, and each person at Notre Dame is smart. We got into this school, after all.



Dan Cichalski
Assistant Managing Editor

But we are all stupid. We didn't think about the wind whipping down South Quad in January, and we foolishly think every August that "this is the year" the football team will win a national title.

And the people who didn't make it out the back door of Bridget's in time Friday night probably feel pretty stupid right now, too. It's probably because of El Niño.

Regardless, this phenomenon has been proven over and over throughout the world.

One person will go out and toss a baseball around, and another person might join that first person and have a catch. But when several people get together to play baseball, they become stupid and decide to stop the season in August claiming they need more money because the owners (stupid) are ripping the players off so they (the owners) can roll around in more money given to them by the stupid fans. (As an individual baseball fan, I am smart. I root for the Mets.)

Each individual editor at The Observer is smart. But the people who make up the paper's Editorial Board—and the other editors beneath them—are stupid. This often becomes apparent.

Alexander Graham Bell was a smart person and invented the telephone. But the people who talk on car phones while driving are stupid.

An engineer is usually a smart person. But the engineers who designed the runway at the Honolulu airport are pretty stupid. The runway there is used as the emergency landing area in the Pacific for the Space Shuttle. It's so long that commercial jets use less than half of it, but it's 80 feet too short for the shuttle. A trip wire had to be put at the end to prevent the spacecraft from plunging into the ocean, should it ever need to land there.

Two smart people, Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, wrote a fabulous screenplay for "Good Will Hunting," and will probably win the Oscar for it. But a mass of stupid people two weeks ago went out to see "Spice World," making a movie about five annoying British wannabes the second-biggest attraction at the box office, one spot ahead of "Good Will Hunting."

Sometimes a person can be so smart that he or she makes others look stupid. Take the person who invented a foam hat in the shape of Swiss cheese. Provided he or she got the patent rights, that person is rather smart. But every Packer fan who tailgates in the parking lots around Lambeau Field looks pretty stupid walking around with foam cheese in a shade of yellow not found in nature upon his or her head.

A weather person may be smart enough to use satellite images and radar to predict (well, they try) upcoming weather, and explain the effects of El Niño too. But then a bunch of stupid people will try to get a laugh by saying anything and everything is the result of El Niño's effects on the country. Pretty stupid, if you ask me.

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

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Man allegedly abuses 13 male students in 90 minutes

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.

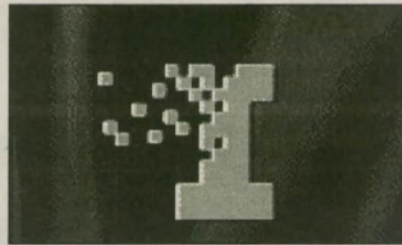
Over the course of 90 minutes early Friday morning, 13 University students were the victims of attempted sexual abuse while sleeping in their rooms, according to a Champaign police report.

The report said that 13 male residents of Bromley Hall, which is student housing certified by the university, were sexually abused by a man prowling the building between 2 and 3:30 a.m. Friday.

Each of the victims, who were all white males between the ages of 18 and 19, were asleep in their rooms with their doors unlocked when the suspect entered, the report said.

The report added that the suspect went into each of the rooms attempting to fondle and engage in oral sex with the victims.

Only two of the victims were actually fondled or touched by the suspect



before waking, while the other 11 victims woke up before any sexual activity could take place, the report said.

Champaign Police were not alerted of the incident until 14 hours after the suspect had invaded the last room.

Police Sergeant Eric McKee, the responding officer, said he believed the reason the incident was not reported immediately was because the victims themselves did not know the scope of the incident, unaware of the potential danger.

Marilyn Best, a victim advocate at

the Office of Women's Programs, added that often a stigma is attached to sexual crimes, preventing victims from reporting the incident immediately.

"Most victims of sexual assaults don't immediately report (the crime)," said Best.

Best said it is easier to come forward when there are numerous victims, but some residents were not aware of the capacity of the crime until the following day.

The suspect was described in the report as a 19-year-old white male, who is 5-feet-9-inches tall and weighs 140 pounds with black eyes and hair. The report added that the suspect had a "Caesar" haircut, which is popularly known as a George Clooney cut.

Because of the suspect's age, CPD is not ruling out that he is a University student or a Bromley resident.

■ UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Acquitted student may file civil suit

PHILADELPHIA, Penn.

After freshman Bill Sofield's acquittal on disorderly conduct and resisting arrest charges, his family is now mulling an option that has always been on the backburner—a civil suit against the University alleging that police were unnecessarily brutal when they arrested him. On Oct. 30, Sofield, 18, his older brother Richard and their friend Warnell "Yode" Owens were arrested for disorderly conduct outside the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house on Locust Walk. Owens allegedly assaulted several police officers before he was subdued forcibly, and Bill Sofield was charged with resisting arrest. In the course of the arrest, according to FIJI brothers who witnessed the incident, police unnecessarily beat Bill Sofield after he fled into the fraternity house. The Sofields never filed a formal complaint. But the Division of Public Safety has investigated those allegations. The 1 1/2-month probe concluded that the 15-20 officers who entered the FIJI house to arrest Sofield did not act improperly, because force was necessary in order to handcuff Sofield.

■ UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Forum held to discuss Ebonics

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

It is the ignorance of Ebonics instead of the language itself that has built an immense education barrier, Geneva Smitherman told a crowd of about 500 people Saturday at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The state's first official public forum on Ebonics was held to address widespread misconceptions regarding Ebonics and education. Smitherman, a professor at Michigan State University and the forum's keynote speaker, said the misunderstandings contribute significantly to the academic plight of black students across the nation and must be addressed. "In December of 1996, everybody and their mama had something to say about Ebonics, but yet few focused on the poor education rates of black students," she said. Smitherman pointed out that the popularity of the language is too great to ignore in the education system.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Tuesday		35	25
Wednesday		38	24
Thursday		39	24
Friday		40	28
Saturday		40	26

Shows: T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy
Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

■ BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Students aid in training monkeys

BOSTON, Mass.

As the training supervisor at Allston's Helping Hands, Sue Costas teaches Boston University work-study recipients to train Capuchin monkeys that work with quadriplegics across the country. But this is no monkey business. The monkeys scratch itches, change CDs and video cassettes, fetch dinner and provide companionship to people who have lost control of their limbs. "Companionship is the most important thing the monkeys can give to the quadriplegics," Costas says. "It's unconditional love." Nearly all of the trainers at Helping Hands are BU students who receive work-study grants. They make a two-year commitment to the organization, usually working 15 hours per week, including breaks and summer vacation. Once students pass through the one-month stage of cleaning up after them, they are allowed more exposure to the monkeys. "Students make a major commitment when they come here," Costas says. "The ones that do are pretty special." The use of Capuchin or "organ grinder" monkeys to aide quadriplegics was suggested by behaviorist B.F. Skinner.

■ PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Princeton to expand financial aid

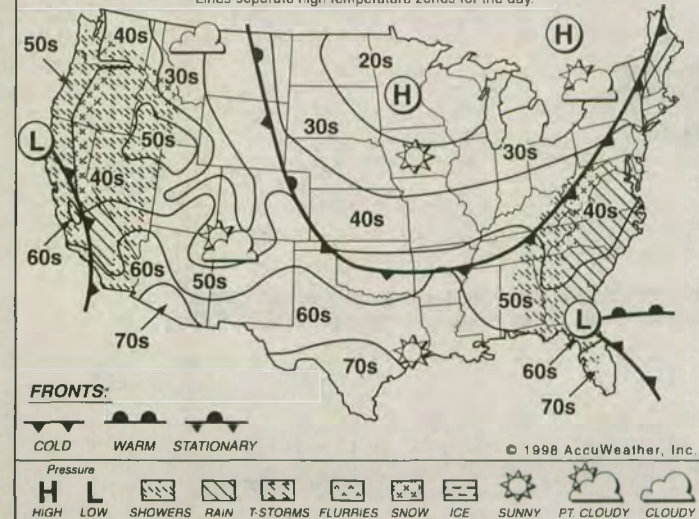
PRINCETON, N.J.

Boldly expanding Princeton's commitment to provide financial aid to lower- and middle-income students, the Board of Trustees approved on Jan. 24 what it called "the most important changes in Princeton's financial aid policies in several decades." The trustees' passage of a plan to spend approximately an additional \$1.5 million in financial aid per class, beginning with the Class of 2002, was approved as part of the \$572 million operating budget for 1998-99. That budget also included the lowest increase in tuition—3.7 percent—in more than 30 years. The financial aid package is composed of three parts that will be phased in class-by-class over the next four years so that once the Class of 2005 arrives, the university expects to be spending \$6 million more per year on aid. It currently spends about \$24 million per year.

■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Aspen, Col.	34	16	Juneau	40	35	Orlando	72	62
Baltimore	47	32	Los Angeles	60	55	Palmyra, Penn.	46	30
Boston	47	34	Milwaukee	35	24	Reno	50	45
Cleveland	47	34	Nashville	52	41	St. Louis	44	32
Honolulu	79	62	New Orleans	61	47	Seattle	52	41



ELECTION '98

THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

This week: The Observer will spotlight the different pairings in the race for student body president and vice president.

■ MARK LEEN/SARAH GRUNOW

From blind date to running mate

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
News Writer

Mark Leen and Sarah Grunow share several things — a passion for singing and mint-chocolate-chip ice-cream, experience in some facet of student government, and a box on the ballot for the 1998 elections at Notre Dame.

Leen is running for president and Grunow for vice president in Monday's student government elections. Though they know each other from Student Senate meetings, their first encounter came when a mutual friend set them up on a blind date for a Walsh formal dance in their freshman year.

But the similarities end there.

Grunow has lived her whole life in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., a suburb of Detroit; Leen was born in Miami, Fla., raised in a suburb of Seattle, Wash., and now lives in Georgia. A government and economics major, Leen is talkative and extremely forthright with his opinions. Grunow, a mechanical engineer, is also outgoing but communicates less verbally and more through her actions and expressions.

Leen is the second of four children, his father a private defense attorney and his mother a full-time homemaker. He said one of his most vivid memories is driving cross-country en route to Georgia, stuck in a truck with no air conditioning during the middle of a heat wave and arguing with his brother Craig the entire way.

He said that he and Craig, a Columbia University law student, love to debate and discuss various issues.

"I really respect his opinion," said Leen. "I just don't tell him that."

He added, "I get in a lot of 3 a.m. discussions. I debated in high school, and like to discuss issues and politics. I also love to just talk with people."

Leen spent last semester studying in London, but he is back in Stanford Hall and has returned to the Liturgical Choir. Last year, he was heavily involved in Student Senate, but stepped back because he chose to go to London.

He is a big fan of science-fiction books and



The Observer/Katie Kroener

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SARAH GRUNOW

'SARAH IS EASY TO GET ALONG WITH ... DEDICATED ... AND GOOD AT WORKING WITH PEOPLE.'

MARK LEEN

movies, particularly the stand-by favorites Star Wars and Star Trek.

Candid about his ambitions, Leen said, "I love the Pacific Northwest. I'd love to be the U.S. Attorney for the western Washington district. I think I'm good at setting forth a point of view and defending it."

"I won't rule out politics. That's an understatement. I might like to be president of the United States. I wouldn't be honest if I didn't say that's occurred to me, even though it makes me look like an idiot. I believe helping people become what they

want to be is one of the noblest things a government can do."

"[Mark is] competitive and dedicated to what he believes in and willing to work for it even if it is unpopular," Grunow said.

THE RUNNING MATE

A Walsh Hall resident, Grunow is extremely active around campus. She is a member of the women's

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■ PETER CESARO/ANDREA SELAK

After class councils, duo sets sights higher



The Observer/Katie Kroener

Junior Pete Cesaro and sophomore Andrea Selak met through their involvement in student government. Cesaro led his sophomore class, and Selak is vice president of her class this year.

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
News Writer

Running mates Peter Cesaro and Andrea Selak met through their involvement in student government councils.

But they did not realize their shared ambitions until last summer, when Cesaro, last year's sophomore class president, helped pass the torch to the new officers for the class of 2000.

During that transition, he and Selak, the class vice president, found out they both coveted the leadership positions for which they are now running.

"Our ideas really gelled; a lot of our visions for the University go along so well together," Selak said. "It [winning this election] has been a goal of mine since I got here, and his, too."

Both Cesaro and Selak identify interactions with fellow students as a priority not only in their campaign's platforms but also in their lives

outside student government.

"Our slogan for the campaign is 'Putting students first.' We want to bring student government to the students," Cesaro said.

The duo plans to fulfill this slogan by focusing on attending hall council meetings, examining food quality in the dining halls, privatizing SafeRide and clarifying students' rights.

Privatizing SafeRide entails turning the service over to a professional limo company, which Cesaro believes will ensure reliability and a more fixed and frequent schedule of SafeRide runs.

Emphasizing that many students, including himself, do not have a car, Cesaro said that SafeRide needs to be there for the students.

PETER CESARO

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ANDREA SELAK

go out on Thursday nights, as well as in the evening on the last day of classes before exams begin. SafeRide should be there for the students," Cesaro said.

"It should be accessible for underclassmen also in case they want to go out for dinner or to a movie," he added, referring to the fact that SafeRide now only runs on weekends.

Cesaro, a junior, is Knott Hall's co-president and formerly served as Flanner Hall's freshman representative. Among other duties, his sophomore running mate Selak co-chairs the student government Social Concerns Committee, served as commissioner for the Junior Parents' Weekend luncheon and sits on the Council for International Business Development.

When they find free time, both Selak and Cesaro like to spend it with their friends.

"Another of my outlets is

see CESARO-SELAK/ page 6

Panel discusses AIDS from Catholic perspective



The Observer/Meg Kroener

A group of panelists discussed the responsibilities of the Catholic Church in ministering to and dealing with AIDS patients.

By ERIN LUM
News Writer

As the AIDS epidemic begins to find victims in every facet of society, and development of a cure in the near future seems improbable, members of the Catholic Church have taken various steps to provide care and prevention measures to those infected or affected by the disease.

In a panel discussion last night, a panel of six Catholics who work with AIDS infected persons spoke about their experiences incorporating their work with their faith.

One panelist, Sister Rose Firkus, has worked at AIDS ministries for nearly five years. Her job involves HIV testing and education, a job she finds personally rewarding.

"Before, I thought I wanted to work with children who are infected," she said. "I have come to understand that it is a greater call for me to be involved with those who are rejected by society. Children are never rejected, but many others are."

Part of Firkus' work involves educating people about how to protect themselves from contracting the HIV virus, which

can effectively be done through use of condoms. According to Firkus, a Franciscan nun, recommending the use of condoms does not come into conflict with her faith.

"We have to give people information so they can make decisions about life and so they can protect their life," Firkus said.

"The Catholic Church teaches us to respect life from beginning to end, and this is helping to preserve life."

Another panelist, Rob Ercoline, works as the director of Outreach Ministries at Little Flower Church. Part of his min-

istry involves helping secure needs like food, housing, and transportation to doctors for AIDS infected persons.

"Oftentimes people with AIDS are unable to work, and at Little Flower Church, we see the call of the parish to be a bridge between the poor and the non-poor," Ercoline said.

"Whether you say it or not, by doing these things you're telling them you care and opening up the opportunity for a personal connection."

While other panelists spoke of their work with people infected with AIDS, one panelist shared his personal experience of living with the disease. Greg Sanchez, who has AIDS and runs a support organization called Let's Make A Change, Inc. (LeMac), said support for those infected with the disease should extend beyond a Catholic response to AIDS, and rather be a universally human response to those with the disease.

"Isolation is not the key — society needs to speak compassion and love and help unsilenced people," Sanchez said.

"You have to realize that AIDS is not about who I am as a person or who anyone is as a person ... there are a lot of innocent victims in this thing."

Panelist Brother Steve Nanni, a minister to patients at the St. Joseph County Hospice agreed.

"We as a culture, society or church need to be more open to persons different than ourselves," Nanni said. "In my work, the degree to which I am

able to listen to a person is the degree to which I am able to provide healing to that person. I feel the need to affirm and validate the lives of persons, no matter who they are, because of my faith."

GREG SANCHEZ
DIRECTOR OF LEMAC

Last night's panel discussion, entitled "The Catholic Response to AIDS," was part of a week-long schedule of AIDS education activities leading up to this weekend's viewing of the AIDS quilt on campus.

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facilitators and we have to step in."

"There is a certain advantage for the rector to be able to go into any situation without having the kids in the room worry about the alcohol," Kirk agreed. "But in this situation, the Office of Residence Life has not heard any of the cases. These kids broke the law and now we expect them to be accountable for their actions."

While no action was taken,

Pickett, the chair of the alcohol committee, said that his committee was still investigating ways of addressing alcohol abuse on campus. "This bust had lousy timing," he joked. "Because it came when the committee isn't ready to present anything. But we are looking at different ways of using our resources available to help the problem."

In other CLC news:

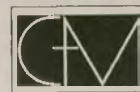
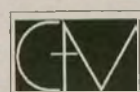
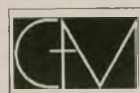
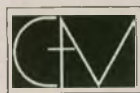
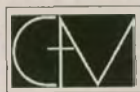
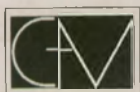
• Facilities Operations agreed as part of the dorm renovations to begin putting laundry facilities in men's dorms. "The bad news is that they will not be able to start until at least Christmas," said Kirk. "I expect us to have at least one dorm a year, but I am not sure about that."

Kirk cited time and money constraints as reasons that the construction of any facilities

will take so long.

• The diversity committee announced the possibility of having a "Learning to Talk about Race" retreat for student leaders in the spring. "This will give the leaders a chance to have this experience and bring it back to their groups," said Brandon Williams, Zahm Hall senator and committee chair. "Hopefully it will be really helpful and effective."

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Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 pm
Campus Ministry-Badin Hall
Campus Bible Study

Wednesday, February 4, 7:30-8:00pm
Keenan-Stanford Chapel
Contemporary Prayer

An Inter-denominational Prayer Service featuring the new Contemporary Choir.

Of special interest:

• **NOW! Sign up for the February 6-7 Freshmen Retreat for residents of Badin, Dillon, Lewis, Morrissey, Pasquerilla East, St. Ed's, Walsh and Zahm.** Please see your Rector or stop by Campus Ministry, 103 Hesburgh Library for application forms.

• **Welcome to our gay and lesbian students**

Campus Ministry welcomes any gay or lesbian undergraduates, or those discerning their sexual orientation, to come together for conversation, support and friendship. Call Kate Barrett @ 631-5242 or Alyssa at 634-1884. All conversations are completely confidential.

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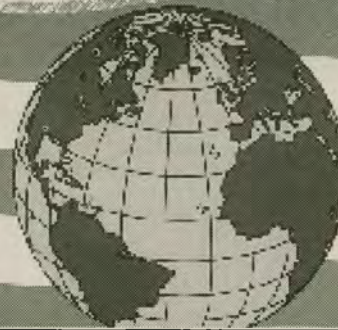
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AIDS deaths drop in 1997

CHICAGO, Ill.

AIDS deaths across the United States dropped a stunning 44 percent in the first half of last year, showing the power of new treatments to control the disease. Doctors have known almost since they began widely prescribing potent three-drug combinations two years ago that fewer people with AIDS were dying, but even the experts seem surprised by the scope of their success. "We can't see the end of the epidemic, but it's the beginning of a new era," said Dr. Kevin DeCock of the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. The latest evidence of this change came Monday when CDC officials presented new data at the Fifth Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. Deaths from AIDS peaked in 1994 and 1995, then nosed downward in 1996. Last year, that fall accelerated. "Treatment is having a marked, dramatic impact on AIDS mortality," said the CDC's Dr. Patricia Fleming. According to the CDC, 12,040 Americans died of AIDS in the first half of 1997, compared with 21,460 in the first half of 1996. The total nationwide figures for last year will not be tallied until July. However, they are already in for New York City, and they show an even more impressive change. Experts from the city Department of Health reported that AIDS deaths fell there 48 percent in 1997. This comes on top of a 29 percent decline in New York AIDS deaths in 1996.

Australia ready to cut ties to British monarchy

CANBERRA, Australia

Australia appears ready to cut its last links to the British monarchy, with most delegates at a constitutional convention saying they favor replacing Queen Elizabeth II as the nation's head of state. Prime Minister John Howard, a staunch monarchist, opened the two-week assembly Monday with a pledge to put any model for a republic to a national referendum by the end of 1999. That could allow an Australian head of state to open the summer Olympics in Sydney in 2000 and lead the nation into the new millennium, and its second century of independence. Australia has been independent since 1901, but like many other Commonwealth nations, it still recognizes Britain's queen as its head of state. Republicans want constitutional change so the nation can choose its own head of state, and opinion polls show more than half of Australians agree. What the convention must do now is sort out how the nation can become a republic without upsetting the system of checks and balances on power that most Australians favor. More than 150 delegates gathered Monday at the Old Parliament House — a venue ripe with reminders of Australia's links to Britain.

Albright fails to negotiate deal

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RIYADH, Saudi Arabia

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today said Saudi Arabia sees "eye to eye" with the U.S. position on inspecting Iraq's weapon sites, but apparently hasn't agreed to allow American warplanes to use Saudi air bases if U.S. military action is taken.

Reiterating Clinton administration demands that Iraq rid itself of chemical and biological weapons, Albright said Saudi Arabia and other countries in the region are in danger of attacks from Iraq.

But after talks with Saudi officials in a desert retreat, she sidestepped whether the Saudis had approved use of air bases here for American warplanes.

"If we had gotten a yes, she would have said so," said a senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Saudi leaders will weigh the issue of U.S. use of air bases here while Albright is in Bahrain Monday night before going to Egypt then home on Tuesday.

In Moscow, a Russian news agency reported today that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is ready to receive the chief U.N. weapons inspector and name up to eight presidential sites for inspection. A spokesman for President Boris Yeltsin said Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov called Yeltsin to tell him of Saddam's offer, ITAR-Tass reported.

But hours later, Iraq denied there was any agreement.

Albright said Primakov discussed a similar proposal with her in Madrid when they met last week, but she was skeptical of the offer and it fell far short of U.S. demand for unconditional inspections, said the U.S. official.

Twice declaring herself still "skeptical" of Hussein's intentions, Albright said today that it was up to Richard Butler, chairman of the U.N. commission on inspections, to decide "whether he sees any reason" to go to Baghdad.

President Clinton, meanwhile,



AFP Photo

A woman walks with her children in front of a sign praising Iraqi president Saddam Hussein yesterday in Baghdad.

called Yeltsin to discuss "the serious situation concerning Iraq's noncompliance" with U.N. mandates, a White House official said. "President Clinton stressed the need for unity among Security Council members." Clinton agreed with Yeltsin on the desirability of a diplomatic solution "but said Saddam's continued defiance and refusal to allow adequate (U.N.) inspections were unacceptable," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Albright conferred with Saudi officials after a two-hour, five-course luncheon in a royal tent 60 miles from the Saudi capital.

Saudi officials said in a statement they agree with "the necessity of total and unconditional compliance by the Iraqi government" in permitting unfettered inspections. If diplomacy fails it "would lead to grave consequences whose responsibility would lie exclusively on the Iraq government," the statement said.

Texas denies Tucker's clemency plea

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas

A state board unanimously rejected Karla Faye Tucker's bid for clemency Monday, leaving only the Supreme Court and the governor with the power to halt the pickax killer's scheduled execution on Tuesday.

Despite pleas of mercy, including from Pope John Paul II, the gruesome nature of her crime left the Board of Pardons and Paroles with no qualms, the chairman said. They turned down Ms. Tucker 16-0, with two members abstaining.

"There is no question as to their vote. There is no question as to how they feel," said chairman Victor Rodriguez. "I, myself, have absolutely no quarrel with the decision to deny Ms. Tucker's request on all fronts."

Ms. Tucker, 38, a former teen-age prostitute who found religion in prison, would be the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War. Her execution is scheduled for Tuesday at 6 p.m. CST.

In her appeal before the Supreme Court, Ms. Tucker's attorneys contend the commutation process is flawed and unconstitutional in part because of the consistent lack of favorable rulings.

All 76 requests since 1993 have been rejected, including 16 last year when the state executed a record 37 convicted killers.

"Texas has no mercy," said David Botsford, Ms. Tucker's lawyer. "The clemency process in this state is a farce."

He added that Ms. Tucker was still hopeful that the Supreme Court would hear

her appeal. "She's upbeat," he said.

Rodriguez said neither her gender nor her newfound religion played a role in the board's decision. The board also rejected her request for a 60- or 90-day reprieve to allow courts time to consider her challenge to the state's clemency process.

Botsford said Ms. Tucker made a videotape in prison Saturday night, asking Gov. George W. Bush for a one-time, 30-day stay of execution — the only action a Texas governor may take independently in death penalty cases.

Bush said he won't make a decision until after the Supreme Court has ruled.

Ms. Tucker was sentenced to die for bludgeoning a man and woman to death with a companion in 1983. The last woman executed in

Texas was Chipita Rodriguez, who was hanged in 1863. The last woman executed in the United States was Velma Barfield in North Carolina in 1984.

Preparations for her execution continued Monday, with Ms. Tucker being flown from the female death row at a prison in Gatesville to Huntsville, 175 miles away, where executions are carried out.

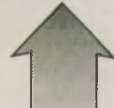
"Her mood was calm and upbeat," prison spokesman David Nunnelee said.

Ms. Tucker has admitted accompanying a partner, Daniel Garrett, to the Houston apartment of Jerry Lynn Dean, 27, to steal Dean's motorcycle.

After Garrett, then 37, started beating Dean with a hammer, Ms. Tucker, then 23, grabbed a 3-foot-long pickax and plunged it into him.

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Cesaro-Selak

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running," Selak said, "and I also like to cook."

Said Cesaro, "I like to hang out with my friends and maybe go to CJ's to get a hamburger with them sometimes."

Being involved in theater when she was younger, Selak also enjoys going to plays. "I love going to Chicago and any theatrical performances there or on campus," Selak said.

Although her time is limited by holding leadership positions and the typical work of a student, Selak said she likes to attempt to "keep up on what's going on in the world."

Also, Cesaro enjoys going to pep rallies, something that spawned his idea of hav-

ing pep rallies for away football games.

A self-admitted basketball fan, Cesaro also played soccer and lacrosse for Flanner Hall earlier in his college career.

"I do also like to golf," Cesaro admitted, "but I haven't been able to get out and play golf yet."

Summing up his use of spare time, Cesaro said, "I believe in working hard and playing hard. Sometimes."

As a double major in government and American studies, Selak plans to focus her career on politics.

"I plan on being in politics and possibly going to law school," Selak said. "I definitely want to participate in politics though and public service."

Cesaro has a double major in finance and computer applications. In addition to reading Business Week, Cesaro also finds time to read Sports Illustrated every week.

Currently, Cesaro has narrowed his plans for after graduation to three options, which include entering the workforce, going to law school or volunteering for a year.

"I am a business student, so I have thought about getting a job — which my parents would like," Cesaro said.

Community service also plays a major part in Cesaro's life with his volunteer work as a reading tutor at the Monroe Center for Housing Projects.

This commitment to service is not something Cesaro wants to leave behind in the future.

"I would like to focus on community service in whatever I do," he said.

"I also want a family when I get older and would like to be able to provide for them what my family has provided for me."

Blair voices praise for Clinton

Associated Press

LONDON

Prime Minister Tony Blair, declaring "politics shouldn't be run at the level of a gossip column," praised President Clinton on Monday for focusing on broader issues during the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

Preparing for his first official visit to Washington since winning a landslide victory in May, Blair said there is "sometimes an interest bordering on an obsession" with politicians' personal lives that distracts leaders from important global issues.

"I am proud to call Bill Clinton a friend," the prime minister, who flies to Washington on Wednesday for a four-day visit, told U.S. correspondents during a pre-trip briefing.

Clinton vehemently denies allegations that he had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky while she was a White House intern and then urged her to lie about it.

Asked why he felt Clinton was still drawing record high ratings in public opinion polls, Blair said: "Because I think the public in the end is more canny than sometimes the media give them credit for."

"They believe that the president is right to focus on these big-picture issues. They no doubt heard the State of the Union address and have seen the strength of the economy," he said. "They see the president articulating their concerns on schools and living standards and how they can create a better America."

The prime minister also praised Clinton for encouraging Northern Ireland peacemaking, which is striving to end decades of sectarian violence.

"He has been absolutely solid as a rock on this matter, all the way throughout, and it has been of considerable assistance in trying to put pressure on everyone to come together," Blair said. "There is no excuse for anybody in any set of circumstances to go back to violence."

Leen-Grunow

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choir, acted in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" with Pasquerilla East last fall, and competes on the Notre Dame sailing team. Amid these activities, she serves as student government-senate liaison; when she manages to find some free time, she likes to sit back and read, especially children's literature and mysteries.

"I love musicals, especially 'The Sound of Music,'" said Grunow. "Adventures in Babysitting" is also a favorite. "That's the kind of thing that would happen to me."

Her only sibling, younger sister Annie, is a freshman at the University of Michigan.

Grunow's father sells radio airtime, and her mother is the head proofreader at the Bozelle Association.

"Eventually, I want to go to law school and be a patent lawyer. I've also thought about being a senator. I love Washington," said Grunow. "One of my friends said last night that I have an Arts and Letters personality and an engineering mind."

"[Sarah is] easy to get along with, outgoing, dedicated to what she sets out to do, and good at working with people," Leen said.

The pair is experienced in student government and Student Senate — Leen was a Student Senator last year, representing one of the four districts on campus.

While in office, he worked on the Senate Budget Committee, served as chairman of the Ethics Committee, was the

Campus Life Council representative, and was involved in the Constitutional Review Committee.

He got started by working on student council in high school, as well as working on a committee which helped run the school's curriculum.

In high school, Grunow participated in a statewide student Congress, something which piqued her interest in politics. She is now acting as the liaison between student government and Student Senate, a position often dubbed "the loop of student government."

"What I really had been thinking about was that there was a lot of apathy in student government, and I want to see students feel more connected," said Leen.

"I want to make this a university where students feel the administration is responsive, and have money going back to

students in a more effective way. In terms of experience, we are the best people for the job. We realize our limitations and have a good outlook," he said.

"As far as experience," said Grunow, "Mark helped write the constitution, and I'm the only person on campus who has been involved in both the Student Senate and student government."

If elected, the two plan to cut down the student government budget and return more money to students, use the offices of president and vice president "as constitutionally intended," build a consensus so that concerns and reservations are considered before going to the University, get lighting on God Quad as a safety issue, work on extending SafeRide and establishing a campus shuttle, and possibly establish a satellite Grab-n-Go in LaFortune so that people on very tight schedules can eat.

FBI suspects 'Army of God' in clinic bombing

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.

The FBI said Monday it is investigating letters claiming the fatal bombing at a Birmingham abortion clinic was orchestrated by the "Army of God," the same group that said it bombed an abortion clinic and gay nightclub in Atlanta last year.

FBI spokesman Craig Dahle said the letters signed by the "Army of God" are handwritten with block print — similar to ones sent after the Atlanta bombings.

Dahle would not say who the letters were sent to or how the FBI obtained them. He said it is "too soon to say anything now about the authenticity of the letters."

The Army of God is a name that has been circulating since the 1980s as a force for radical anti-abortion actions, including circulating a manual that contains information on how to make bombs.

It's not clear who makes up the organization, although various anti-abortion activists have either been linked to it or claimed to be part of it over the years.

Kathy Spillar, national coordinator for the Feminist Majority Foundation, said the letters from the Army of God "must be taken very seriously." She said the letters after the Atlanta clinic bombing warned that "the next facility targeted may not be empty. Clearly that is what happened in Birmingham."

Workers preparing to reopen the New Woman All Women Health Care clinic said it was the "safest clinic in the U.S." after the bombing on Thursday.

"We will be seeing patients on Thursday this week," said owner Diane Derzis.

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Prof, mystery writer discusses double role

By DAVID FREDDOSO
News Writer

Many students at Notre Dame know Professor Ralph McNerny as a senior member of the philosophy department. But few are probably aware of his prolific career as a fiction and mystery writer.

Last night, McNerny, the author of the Father Dowling Mysteries, lectured at Knights of Columbus Hall on his career as an author.

McNerny arrived at Notre Dame as a philosopher with a wife and six children. Money was tight, and he had bought a house that he could not quite afford. And so to supplement his income, he turned to fiction writing.

The key to writing, McNerny said, is "doing it, and not just thinking about doing it." And so he made a resolution in January of 1964 for the whole rest of the year to spend four hours writing each day.

McNerny, like all professors in those days, had to teach a full six days a week, and in addition to his professional duties he made it a high priority to spend time with his family. As a result, he spent the late hours of each night laboring at his typewriter.

"One of the advantages of starting the way that I did is that I'm disciplined now," he said. "I write every day: I don't have good days and bad days — they all seem the same."

In one year, he turned out 60 short stories, which he sent under pseudonyms to various magazines, such as Redbook and Good Housekeeping. Almost all of his works were rejected, but eventually he got the formula down right. His first very successful novel, "The Priest," was published in 1973. As he explained, it was inspired by Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter "Humani Vitae."

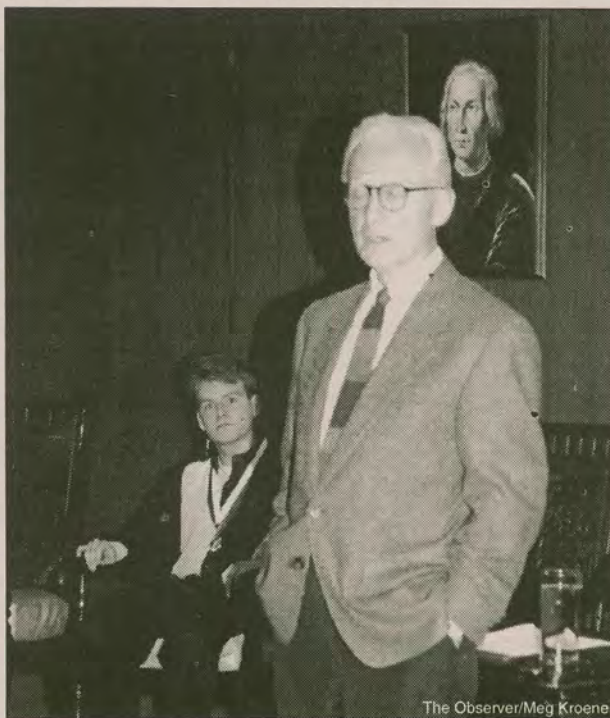
"All hell broke loose in the world after the Pope invigorated the stance of the Catholic Church on artificial contraception and abortion, and 'The Priest' was motivated by those concerns," he said.

Later on he turned to mystery writing, which, as he explained, provided a much greater degree of creativity and freedom.

"Most writers are always worrying about their reputation," he said. "But mystery writers just seem to be at that stage where they're just having fun and they love to do it."

In addition, he said, the genre allows for a greater quantity of output.

"If you come out with a novel every two years, that is considered very fast," he said. "But when you write mystery, none of that matters anymore. You can publish as many as you



Philosophy professor and fiction writer Ralph McNerny last night described both the criticisms and praise he has received from his colleagues throughout his career.

name.

At first, McNerny used pseudonyms in writing mystery in order to protect his professional reputation as a philosopher. In his early years in academia, he said, "If people thought that you were writing mysteries, they might have thought that you weren't serious or that you weren't doing your professorial work," he said.

But today he has no shame about his second career.

"Most of my colleagues are amused that I write fiction," he said.

Professor McNerny recently began a new series of mysteries set on Notre Dame's campus. "I'm trying to give some sense of the lore of Notre Dame along with a mystery plot," he said.

The first book of this series, "On This Rockne," was published last year. The plot centers on an actual novel which Knute Rockne wrote entitled "The Four Winners." The solution of the murder mystery, he said, centers around the question of

"how somebody who did so many things as well as Rockne could write such a bad book."

The next book in this series, "The Lack of the Irish," is due within the next few weeks.

PHILIPPINES

Rescuers discover wreckage; reports of survivors conflict

Associated Press

CLAVERIA
Rescuers found the wreckage of a passenger plane Tuesday spread out over in a mountain in the southern Philippines, but there were conflicting reports on whether any of 104 people aboard had survived.

Airline officials said at least 15 survivors were spotted near the wreckage of the jet, but helicopter pilots flying over the

area said they saw no signs of human life.

The search for the twin-engine Cebu Pacific Air DC-9 aircraft started Monday morning shortly after it failed to land as scheduled in the southern Philippine city of Cagayan de Oro.

The plane's wreckage was found on Mount Sumagaya, 28 miles northeast of the plane's destination, rescue workers said. A local religious group

and an army detachment reported hearing an explosion near the 7,260-foot mountain about the time the plane disappeared.

A local mayor said villagers had been able to rescue 15 people and found 30 bodies. "Cebu Pacific has confirmed visual contact with 15 survivors," the airline said in a statement.

The whereabouts of the survivors, however, were not immediately clear.

Searchers and an Associated Press reporter in helicopters over the site saw no further signs of life, and strong winds forced the helicopters to withdraw.

Col. Jacinto Ligot, commander of the rescue effort, said he had ordered army troops and paramedics to climb the mountain to the crash site.

"We did not see any big portion of the plane and we assume that it exploded. We saw debris but we did not see any moving human beings or any people around," he said.

Parts of the plane appeared to have slipped down the mountain into thick groves of trees below.

Air transportation officials said Tuesday the airplane was making a visual, not instrument, landing approach when it disappeared.

The plane had made an unscheduled stop at another airport and therefore was not on its normal flight path.

The plane's route took it over high mountains and deep ravines, with thick clouds covering some slopes. The plane was carrying 99 passengers, including five children, and five crew when it disappeared. The passengers were said to include one Japanese, one Austrian and a Canadian; there were no immediate reports of any Americans aboard.



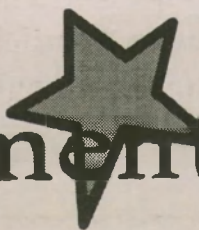
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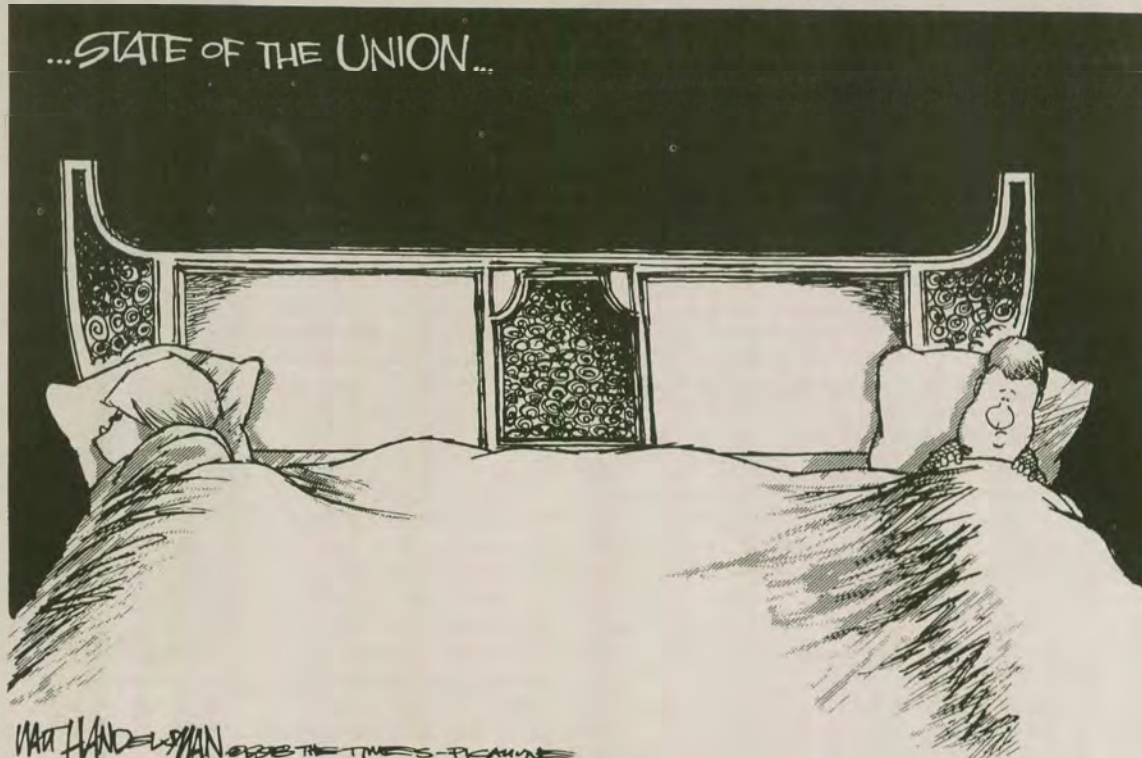
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Open Letter to Mr. Wadsworth

Picture this ... a police officer is brought in by the University of Notre Dame and its athletic department to stand, arms crossed, in front of the student section to do one job. His primary job on this particular night is not to stop our students from throwing objects on the court; it is not to control our students from rushing on the floor after a huge victory (we have our gracious ushers to do that); it is not to control Monk's overflowing emotions; it is however, to stop a few creative basketball fans from flashing occasional signs promoting our ESPN coverage.

I, along with a number of my fellow peers, have a few problems with this. To begin with, this upstanding patrolman never once "flew" into the other sections to tear down numerous other banners. I caught him even throwing aside a few of my fellow loyalists to yank down a sign that read, "Sports Center Next." If that is not pathetic, I'm not sure what is. In fact, it is embarrassing, and I hope that while ESPN was focusing on one of these ingenious signs, it was ripped from the hands of the cheering fan. Such a scene shown in front of a national television audience would prove just how infantile this University has become.

I was told by the athletic department that it is contacted daily by fans complaining of the actions of our student body. A direct result of such negative feedback was the elimination of the announcing of the starting lineups at football games. For similar reasons, the University administrators have gone out

on a limb to have our esteemed band do their dirty work for them and drown out the students' chants during the announcing of the starting lineups at basketball games. Well, I will tell this athletic department right now, forget it! Stop wasting your time! We are going to yell "sucks" every game until we graduate. I may even come back for a few games in the future and yell it again. In addition, we are going to continue to create signs game after game. If the authorities tear one down, then there is going to be another right behind it. This is our Notre Dame.

Earlier in the season, I, along with a dozen or so of our most ardent basketball fans, wrote a letter to athletic director Michael Wadsworth demanding an explanation for why the student seats at the floor level were eliminated, thus discontinuing a tradition of allowing us, the paying student body, to be "as close as possible to our bench and the game action." "Unfortunately," the response letter said, "the students sitting in these seats have gone well beyond the bounds of good sportsmanship. The taunts, insults, and profane language hurled at opposing players and officials is simply something we do not want to have happen at our games."

In the meantime, ushers with whom we have spoken have said that our behavior was within limits, especially at the National Invitational Tournament last year against Michigan at the Joyce Center. Bill Scholl, assistant director of the athletic department,

answered further in the letter, "Contrary to the opinion stated in your letter, the type of behavior that has been exhibited from these seats in past years not only has offended all who hear it but also, we have been told by opposing coaches, has helped motivate the visiting team." Well, Mr. Scholl, ask Mr. Bergan of Syracuse what he thinks of our chanting student body. Also, Mr. Wadsworth and Mr. Scholl, have either of you been to a basketball game at Duke or the University of Cincinnati? These two schools and numerous others are known for creating a crazy and exciting environment for their games. And you know what: it does not diminish the reputation of their respective institutions at all. In fact, unfortunately, the last time I looked, Duke was near the top of the college ranking with Harvard, Yale, and Princeton by its side. For us, being stuck at the edge of top 20 schools is another issue altogether.

Mr. Garrity and company are on their way to big things, and we plan to be right behind them. We have been knocked too many times as a student body about our spirit, support, and excitement. Now that we are out there cheering loudly and boisterously, all that you can do is think of ways to bring it to a screeching halt.

Jared Birnbaum

Junior

Jim Herbe

Sophomore

Siegfried Hall

January 23, 1998

More to 'genetic' than you think

Ken Filchak is right to point out that it would be very odd for an informed person to say "heritable does not mean genetic" since that is precisely what it does mean.

There are reasons why Dr. Jeffrey Satinover might have been misunderstood on this point, however, so let's be fair. Heritability is a measure of that portion of the phenotypic variance in a population correlated with genetic variance in the same population. Phenotypic variance in human beings is also correlated with two other parameters, measures of shared and non-shared environmental variance. There are good statistical packages for assigning meaningful values to that portion of phenotypic variance correlated with, or dare I say, caused by, the genetic variance in a particular population. However, this approach does NOT involve identification of the underlying genetic and epigenetic causal mechanisms leading to the development of a specific phenotype.

Maybe that's what Dr. Satinover said, or meant to say. On the other hand, it is also possible, since physicians trained as psychoanalysts and not associated with a teaching medical school rarely have any instruction in research statistics, while those of Dr. Satinover's generation had little or no training in molecular genetics, that Dr. Satinover is himself quite confused about the issue.

Thus we return to a new perennial question at Notre Dame, how can the director of the Maritain Center both boldly and proudly state, "I know nothing whatsoever of any contemporary science," and pretend to enlighten the campus on scientific issues?

A. Edward Manier

Professor

Philosophy & History and Philosophy of Science

January 30, 1998

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GARRY TRUDEAU



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It has just been discovered that research causes cancer in lab rats."

— Anonymous

■ ALL ABOUT YOU

Of Osco and Valentine's Day

Pay attention. This is a crash course in Valentine's Day gift giving. You probably have gone through your whole life believing flowers and candy were actually good gifts. But you were wrong. Here is a list of the typical Valentine gifts and what they really mean to both the giver and the recipient.

Obviously, the most traditional gift is a dozen roses. But this present has no meaning unless you are brave enough to stray from red roses and buy something else, anything else, even a

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weed, but this rarely happens. This present takes no personal thought. It states, "I did what everyone else does. I know you are allergic, but the flower shop on the corner was having a special. That's why they are all wilted."

Another typical present are the chocolates in a heart-shaped box. Now, most people tend to think this is a great gift because you can give it to a man or woman. But really this is a great gift for no one.

to hate you, or your significant other to break up with you, purchase this item. If your intent is to stay together, get in the car right now and head to a department store, Hallmark store or Disney store and buy an animal you know he or she would like (minus satin hearts).

And of course we can't forget the gift of lingerie or boxers that usually are given with a speech something like, "I really like you for your mind but would not mind seeing you in this for a few minutes and then if you don't like it you can take it off." That's all that needs to be said on these particular items. You can figure out their purpose.

Admittedly, Valentine's Day tends to be a little overrated.

However, it is a time to remember your loved ones. You don't have to buy an expensive gift. (Although jewelry will never be turned down.) Just put a little thought into it and remember that taste is individualistic.

If you can't think of what to get him, try to pick up on his subtle hints. Yes, roses are nice, but his roommates will make fun of him for the rest of the year. Maybe your boyfriend has secretly been wanting a gun rack to go on the back of his pickup. Or maybe he wanted an Elvis on velvet. Whatever it is, he has been wishing for it. Don't let him down.

And guys, maybe your girlfriend would rather you suck it up and watch "Beaches" or "Steel Magnolias" with her just once instead of that oh so lovely lingerie you were planning on buying

■ SHADES OF GRAY

Spirit of Inclusion Has Failed

When Notre Dame released its "Spirit of Inclusion" statement last semester, it sparked a so-called dialogue on the issue of homosexuality. But the University's treatment of this issue has been, at best, irresponsible.

A respected faculty member has urged us to treat homosexuality as a disorder. "Experts" have been welcomed to discuss curing homosexuality and to discredit theories about its origins. Of his own views, the last of these experts admits, "This is speculation. There are no studies being done."

Notre Dame, traditionally characterized by academic excellence, has become a venue for "speculation." In the last several months, our school's "spirit" has been one of alienation, not inclusion.

By now we should know the notion that gay people are a hostile political party is false. What is true is that homosexuals come from all walks of life — rich, poor, black, white, male, female, young, old, even Catholic.

Gay people are entitled to respect by virtue of their humanity. To make "respect" contingent on whether homosexuality is "chosen" or not is insulting. Perhaps the day

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will come when we'll love our neighbors as ourselves, regardless of the results of genetic testing.

CHANGING FACE OF AIDS

This weekend, the AIDS Memorial Quilt will come to the Stepan Center. Organizers hope the event will raise awareness of the disease and "personalize the issue."

AIDS has an increasingly younger face. In the United States, two youths are infected with HIV every hour, and of those infected, 60 percent are black or Hispanic.

And AIDS increasingly targets women. While the rate of infection among men is on the decline, the Center for Disease Control reported the HIV infection rate among women increased by 3 percent in the first half of 1996.

Still, things are looking better for AIDS patients. Doctors have learned to use drugs in combinations to leave almost no trace of the virus in many patients. As a result, the number of AIDS deaths decreased by 19 percent in 1996.

But combination drug therapy is not a cure. Last August, the New England Journal of Medicine reported an increase in unsafe sex due to the mistaken belief that new drug treatments can prevent contracting the AIDS virus. John Bartlett, director of Duke University's adult infectious disease clinic, says, "There are people out there having unsafe sex because they think they can be rescued by a three-drug therapy, and they won't be."

To make matters worse, combination drug therapy carries an almost \$15,000 per year price tag, making it inaccessible to those most at risk. Poor AIDS patients must find a way to pay for treatment despite recent cuts in Medicaid and the closure of tuberculosis and STD clinics in poor areas.

Regardless of the demographics or potential treatments, the keys to stopping the epidemic remain the same — personal responsibility and compassion.

FULL CIRCLE

The AIDS Memorial Quilt also serves as a reminder of just how far ignorance and hate will take us. Who can forget Pat Buchanan's judgment about AIDS: "Homosexuals have declared war on nature, and now nature is exacting an awful retribution."

In those days, says creator of the AIDS quilt Clive Jones, "there was just terrible fear, misinformation, hateful prejudice. People died quickly, often alone, abandoned by friends and families." This University's "Spirit of Inclusion" statement promised a meaningful discussion about different types of discrimination. Instead, our school has entertained a one-sided discussion about homosexuality. We can all agree that homophobia remains an obstacle to true dialogue, at least with regard to AIDS safety and prevention. In matters of life and death, Notre Dame should close the doors of the Hesburgh Library auditorium to mere "speculation."

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Their response will be, "Oh really, you shouldn't have!" And really, you shouldn't have. This present screams "I spent \$2.99 on you at Osco!" If you want to give your significant other chocolate, at least get Godiva and not a Walgreen's imitation. Better yet, buy him or her the kind of candy he or she actually likes, even if it is just a bag of Sour Patch Kids.

One thing to keep in mind — some people, I won't point at a gender — might infer this as a "So you think I am fat and eat a lot of candy?" present, and you really don't want to have that conversation, do you? So on second thought, steer clear of candy altogether.

Another gift that is given is a stuffed animal, which for some reason is usually a member of the ape family, holding a satin heart that says either "I love you" or "Hot stuff." This is just bad. Very bad, actually. If you want your crush

from that classy Frederick's of Hollywood. You don't ever have to admit you saw the movie, or that you actually cried. You can always tell your buddies you two watched a marathon of "Jaws." No one will be the wiser.

But whatever it is you end up doing, make it special.

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The Romance of

■ Accent Asks ...

What are your best road-trip memories?



"We were coming back to school from Dallas, when we stopped late at a truck stop. It had a carnival-like appearance and this kiddie ride that was a clown in the back seat of a car. When we walked by, the clown said, 'Hey, hey, hey, come ride Bozo,' and then giggled creepy. We thought it was on a sensor so we kept walking by it. It didn't say it again."

Meghan McCurdy
Freshman, Badin

"We took an RV up to Michigan for the football game. It was a great time except one of our freshmen, C.J., broke a couple of the bathroom rules and then got sick."

Jim Bergin
Junior, Knott



"We were going to an ultimate frisbee tournament in Chicago. It was early in the morning, and when we woke up the girl driving informed us that we had not only missed our exit, we missed our state; we were in Kenosha, Wisconsin."

Caroline Pozorski
Sophomore, Pasquerilla West

"Two years ago coming back for second semester, my friend Julie Lasso gave me a ride back to school from Washington, D.C. It was 10 below zero and snowing hard. She insisted that all the windows be rolled down and that we listen to 'Fiddler on the Roof' on full volume the whole trip."

Kevin O'Scannlain
Law Student, St. Edward's



"I was going down to the shore, Jersey, with my friends. We were at a pit stop and then some guys started following us. We tried to get away, but they caught up and mooned us."

Mary Beth McLaughlin
Freshman, Farley

Tips for road



By BRIDGET RZEZUTKO
Accent Writer

Pack up your bags.

We are going on a road-trip.

Destination: somewhere warm, sunny and fun. In other words, anywhere but South Spring is almost here, well, sort of anyway, and spring break is just around the corner.

The great thing about road-trips is the freedom to go anywhere you want. Have come visit and play bingo with them? Or doesn't your cousin Fred want you to see?

Well, sure, all roads will surely lead to their houses, but in light of the South E consider heading to a different school for the weekend.

But wherever your intended destination may be, there are obvious necessities and First of all, choose your roadside companions with care. Thelma and Louise m and Tommy Boy and Richard worked through their problems by the end of the t space, so make sure your partners in crime takes baths and brush their teeth. If her. This is no time to be polite. After a few hours of smelling the garlic he or she face anyway. You might as well have the pre-trip talk.

Another important factor is you must pack well. Not too much, not too little. It use your head. If you are heading toward the beach, do you really need your sn bathing suit, sunscreen and that's it. Leave your beach pail at home.

No road-trip can even be fathomed without a good supply of music. You have to game get a little old, you can rely on your collection of Yanni to get the trip swingi will make do.

Make sure you allot time for bathroom breaks. Not everyone hears nature's c Besides, so many gas station restrooms are kept spotlessly clean that it's a tough c When you see signs for the largest Indian trading post in the next three states, are definitely Kodak moments. Mom would want a picture of you next to the world

Also, do remember your loved ones who were unable to make the road trip jou advertising for over 40 miles "the hugest outdoor flea market to have ever occ always wanted a raccoon cap? And your aunt, she would love a bottle of home could meet there. You could form lifelong bonds and be invited back every year for

Deciding whether to spend the night somewhere or drive straight through is a t buckle down at a Motel 6. But they will leave a light on for you if you do. However plenty of caffeine or candy for sugar buzzes, such as Mountain Dew and Pixie stick

Someone should always stay up with the driver in order to keep him/her awake for the crabby side effects of no sleep the next day, but they get to sit there, try to dow into darkness. You can always bring along a tape recorder and tape your from that are endless.

Ahhh, finally your destination is in sight, and you can finally get out of that tin son. And when the next person asks, "Are we there yet?" you can finally answer "

If this is a spring break road-trip, we all know what the first plan usually is. R unpacking, and eating. People tend to overeat on vacation because of all the nev tend to have less money, they tend to forget to eat, or find nourishment elsewhe postcard starting with "Greetings from (fill in the blank)" or "Somebody I know w

One last thing. On every road trip, remember to keep an eye out for Elvis. This is

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corner, so it's time to hit that open road.
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the newest editions to his stamp collection?
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ip. But not everyone is so lucky. A car can be a confined, cramped
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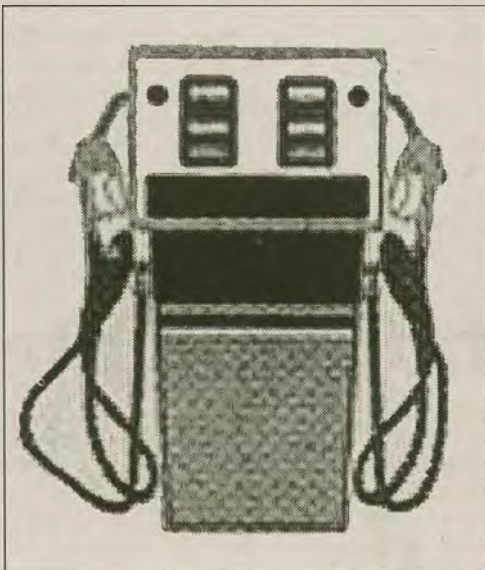
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how he is usually spotted. Check Burger King.

■ ACCENT SPEAKS

*'... These two
lanes will take
us anywhere ...'*

By MARY MARGARET NUSSBAUM
Associate Accent Editor



A few summers ago I worked in a gourmet deli. But it was more than a deli; it was a temple to cheese. Every possible stripe of cheese — Emmentaler, Brie, Gorgonzola, and Sage White Cheddar — was proudly displayed for the pilgrims who came with a religious fervor and keenly sharpened olfactory senses. They came looking for the perfect dry Parmesan with which to seduce their spinach linguine, for some European pizzazz in an all-too-suburban existence.

What these snooty, down-with-Velveeta patrons did not know was that the cheese castle where I worked was born of a very All-American romance. A decade earlier, Bob, the store's owner, founder and chief lover of cheese, had left behind the conventions of his desk job, mortgage and slow commute as the dean of admissions at the University of Wisconsin and taken to the road. Bob had been called.

The smooth asphalt laced with thin white lines that curl around our fine land had beckoned him. So he left. I never really got the details of his sojourn while sharing a pastrami on rye, but this I know: Bob was on the road for a year. He marked up an old highway map with various asterisks and numbers showing the way to every cheese lover's paradise. I imagine him driving his VW bus slowly, patiently, his eyes reborn with every new sight. He crisscrossed all 50 states and probably sang too many old Dead songs as the day eased into night and into another roadside campground. He had his fingers on the pulse of the cheese movement in America — the trends in import and export and the best way to arrange sidewalk cafe furniture. And the journey, in turn, quickened his pulse.

Bob was called by something that is at the very heart of America. He was called by the open road, by the promises that are only fulfilled when the windows are down, the radio is blasting and the wind is louder still. Sure, he wanted a little adventure, a tousling of the hair and the freedom and stories that come from the road. He got all of this, a fine future in cheese, and that slippery salvation that only comes to true pilgrims.

On old road maps, the two-lane highways are blue. They are that in-between shade of blue, a little like a noonday sky, but also like lonesome sea. These paths are the best way to travel. They welcome speed and are perfect for meandering. The blue highways bypass McDonald's and take you to the finest (albeit slowest) feasts America has to offer.

Over Christmas Break I broke bread with two dear friends at the Luna restaurant an hour north of Taos, N.M., on the fringe of the San Luis Valley. We had happened upon the haunt by chance (this is a rule all good road-trippers know: follow chance). We slid on down into the state and made our way to a hot springs on the top of a mesa where we soaked until we were thoroughly pruned and laughed until we were slap-happy-weepy. We remembered a road-trip taken not so very long ago.

When we were 15 and without the sweetness of a permit, let alone the bold, big license that said the road was ours, we took our first trip. Convincing our parents that we were being escorted to an Indigo Girls concert by older (and presumably more mature) senior men, we hatched a plan. We borrowed the family suburban and, armed with a dozen brilliant mixtapes, and some cool-looking shades, we took to the road. We were, in our own adolescent way, summoned by the same spirits which called to Bob, and to Jack Kerouac, and to Bruce Springsteen, and to the pilgrims who traveled the Oregon Trail, and the hitchhikers and hobos whose home is not an address, but an idea. We were called to the road. We felt brave and alive, alive, alive and very glad to be children of the West, children of the open road.

Road-tripping is a dance (a two-step in Texas, a hustle in the East), that Americans should know well and practice often. The road calls like a silver key to a juicy diary, like the first step of a deep, red wine. It pulls you in with the stories of the people you will meet, all the various junctions of faces and places that make our geography. It calls to our need to run, to fly, and to the fierce urgency of this moment, these days.

Springsteen explains it best in "Thunder Road" when he sings, "All the redemption I can offer, girl/ Is beneath this dirty hood/ With a chance to make it good somehow/ Hey what else can we do now?/ Except roll down the window/ And let the wind blow/ Back your hair/ Well the night's busting open/ These two lanes will take us anywhere/ We got one last chance to make it real/ To trade in these wings on some wheels/ Climb in back/ Heaven's waiting down on the tracks."

■ NBA

Collins joins land of unemployed

Associated Press

DETROIT

Doug Collins was fond of saying, "If I'm the problem, I can be removed." On Monday, the Detroit Pistons gave him no argument.

They fired their coach after he failed to get his team above .500 this season and alienated many of his players with his overbearing style.

He was replaced by assistant Alvin Gentry, whose first game was Monday night at Washington.

"That pushes you to attain that level," Pistons president Tom Wilson said Monday from the team hotel in Washington. "It worked for a long time, and at some point it becomes more difficult to do, and we felt it was getting to that point."

This is Gentry's second stint as an interim coach. He led the Miami Heat to a 15-21 record after taking over for Kevin Loughery in February 1995.

The Pistons said Collins was informed of his dismissal by team owner William Davidson on Sunday night. Rick Sund was given Collins' job of director of basketball operations.

Detroit's 21-24 start can be attributed to a number of factors: New players have been slow to mesh; injuries have weakened the lineup; and Grant Hill has been unable to carry the team down the stretch in tight games.

"This year we've struggled and had some chemistry problems," Wilson said. "We had to

decide whether we were going to improve as things go on, or allow them to fester. We felt it was best to do something now and move forward."

The Detroit players also reportedly had tired of Collins and his intense approach. Some said they had begun to tune him out. Collins was aware of the problems, but he was apparently unable to change.

After his team has lost to lowly Vancouver for the second time, Collins said: "We're shooting 42 percent. Don't we have to make some shots? I'll take the heat. Put the gun to my head, and shoot."

There had been reports that Collins angered Davidson and Wilson when he renegotiated his contract over the summer. His contract was reduced from three years to one, with Collins getting all the money up front.

Still, Wilson said, it was a "very difficult" call.

"We had great success our first two years and probably overachieved, based on what our goals were," he said.

Collins, who took the Pistons to 100 wins in his first two seasons, learned of his removal while in Washington. He reportedly left for the office of his agent, Tom Langel, in Philadelphia.

He is the second NBA coach to be fired this season, following Jim Clemons in Dallas.

Collins was hired as coach in April 1995, after the Pistons went 28-54 under Don Chaney. He produced consecutive win-

ning seasons for the first time in five years, including a 54-28 record last season. But the Pistons were knocked out of the playoffs in the first round each year.

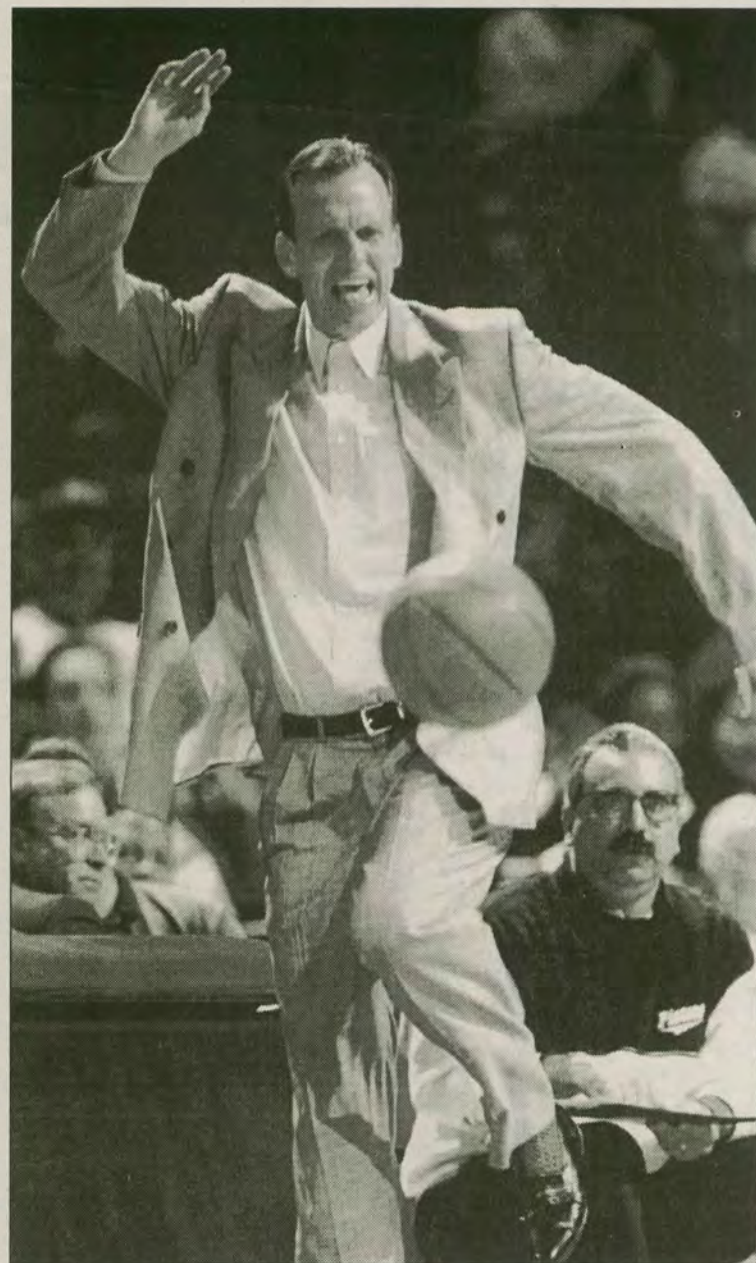
Collins, who starred for eight seasons with the Philadelphia 76ers, began his NBA coaching career with the Chicago Bulls in 1986. But he wore out his welcome there, too.

After leading a young Michael Jordan and the Bulls into the playoffs three straight seasons, Collins was replaced by Phil Jackson.

"I know there wasn't too much happening from Doug's perspective or from the rapport he's had with his players," Jordan said Monday from Denver, where the Bulls were to play the Nuggets. "I am sure there were a lot of people expecting a move like that, if it happened. It catches me by surprise."

This is the first time the Pistons have fired a coach during the season since Dick Vitale was removed 12 games into the 1979-80 season. Vitale, after a 4-8 start, was replaced by Richie Adubato, who went 12-58 the rest of the way.

Scotty Robertson coached the Pistons the next three seasons until Chuck Daly was hired to start the 1983-84 season. Daly lasted nine seasons and won two NBA championships. Ron Rothstein, Chaney and Collins followed since Daly stepped down after the 1991-92 campaign.



KRT Photo

Detroit coach Doug Collins received his walking papers yesterday as a result of a sluggish first half of the season by the Pistons.

Bird among eight nominated for Hall of Fame

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.

There was little doubt Larry Bird would be in the Basketball Hall of Fame as soon as he was eligible.

The first step was taken Monday when Bird, who retired after the 1991-92 season, was among eight players and three coaches to be nominated for possible enshrinement.

Bird, the former national college player of the year at Indiana State, a three-time NBA MVP and a member of the league's 50th anniversary all-time team, was one of four first-

time nominees among the players, but the only one who made it in his first year of eligibility, five years after retirement.

Other first-time nominees were former college and NBA stars Adrian Dantley and Chet Walker and Marques Haynes, who entertained millions as the ballhandling wizard of the Harlem Globetrotters.

Nominated again as players were: Larry Costello, an NBA all-star in half of his 12 seasons; Artis Gilmore, one of the stars who played in both the ABA and NBA; Gus Johnson, considered one of the best power forwards

in NBA history; and Sidney Moncrief, the guard credited with making the Milwaukee Bucks one of the best NBA teams of the '80s.

The coaches nominated were Alex Hannum, one of two coaches to win titles in both the ABA and NBA, John Thompson, who has led Georgetown to one national championship and three Final Fours, and Tex Winter, an assistant coach with the Chicago Bulls for their five NBA titles and a long-time college coach.

It's almost impossible to say Bird's name without mentioning

Magic Johnson, whose eligibility was pushed back when he made a comeback and retired after the 1995-96 season. The two are credited with helping vault basketball into one of the world's most popular sports.

Bird's 1978-79 Indiana State team went 33-1, the lone loss to Johnson and Michigan State in the national championship game, still one of the most watched college games ever.

Bird led the Boston Celtics to three NBA titles (1981, 1984, 1986) and their rivalry with Johnson's Lakers dominated the league and lifted it to unprece-

dent levels of popularity and revenues. Bird, in his first year as coach of the Indiana Pacers, will coach the East team in the NBA All-Star game.

The nominees, selected by a screening committee, will need at least 18 votes from the 24-member Honors Committee for election. Further nominees will be forthcoming in the women's, veterans and international categories.

The newest class for enshrinement will be announced June 29, with the induction ceremonies to be held in October.

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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. St. Jude worker of miracles pray for us. St. Jude helper of the hopeless pray for us.

Nikole is a rogue, from you know who.

andrea jordan cannot speak.

yay!!

just kidding. we love you champ.

Mel, we hope you get your well filled.

—Champ and the Wine-O

heather cole—

check the lost and found today. it's late but it's in there! when are we gonna do dinner?

—coll

don antonio—
at long last! we shall finally be together. and what an appropriate day, my love.

I am counting the days...
—colleen

To the ladies of the love shack, you are cootessa...and Leanne too

and now she is sitting here and watching me, i'm so nervous, what am I going to write!! I can't handle the stress!!!!!!

todavia quiero taco bell.

nature's first green is gold it's hardest hue to hold....
as dawn goes to day
nothing gold can stay

two for me, none for you.

twix rock.

the don has done it, and no better opportunity could have presented itself... now it is time to find a sweat lady to melt "the ice man of notre dame"'s heart. will she make the trip to the bend?

i've been thinking about you, so how can you sleep these people arn't your frineds they're paid to kiss your feet they don't know who you are and why should I care when i'm not there?

eat your heart out, fred.

NOODLE,
You don't have to be a lion to be gorgeous; you just have to be YOU! Happy 22nd from me and Stallone. Love, Mern

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Duke holds on to top spot

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Duke and North Carolina held the top two spots in The Associated Press' college basketball poll Monday, setting up a No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup this week.
The Blue Devils (20-1), who stayed in the No. 1 spot for the third straight week, will play at North Carolina (22-1) on Thursday night in the 14th meeting of the poll's top two teams since 1980.
The last 1-2 matchup was Kentucky's win over No. 1 Massachusetts in the 1996 Final Four. The last regular-season matchup was between Duke and North Carolina on Feb. 3, 1994, an 89-78 victory for the second-ranked Tar Heels.
Duke received 54 first-place votes and 1,734 points from the national media panel, 41 more than North Carolina, which was No. 1 on 16 ballots.
The end of Stanford and Utah's perfect seasons last week caused a shake-up in the rest of the Top Ten.
Kansas moved up two places to third, the same jump Arizona made to fourth.
Utah, which had won its first 18 games until losing at New Mexico on Sunday, dropped from third to fifth. Both UCLA and Connecticut moved up two places to sixth and seventh, while Kentucky, which lost at home to Florida on Sunday, dropped one spot to eighth.
Stanford, which started the season 18-0, lost home games to Arizona and Arizona State last week, and fell from fourth to ninth. Purdue again rounded out the Top Ten.
For the third straight week, Princeton led the Second Ten and was followed by New Mexico, South Carolina, Arkansas, West Virginia,

Michigan State, Mississippi, Michigan, Syracuse and Cincinnati.
The last five teams were Xavier, George Washington, Massachusetts, Iowa and Maryland.
Both George Washington and Massachusetts made their first appearance in the rankings this season, replacing fellow Atlantic 10 member Rhode Island, and Indiana.
George Washington (18-3) entered the Top 25 having won its last five games and 13 of 14, the only loss by 31 points at Massachusetts.
The Minutemen (16-5) have won 10 straight games, including a 17-point win at Rhode Island last week.
Both Massachusetts and George Washington were ranked in the preseason poll and for the first two weeks of last season.
Rhode Island (14-5), which had been ranked 21st, had lost three of four before beating Fordham on Sunday. The Rams, who were 21st in the preseason poll, had been ranked for all but three weeks this season, reaching as high as No. 20.
Indiana (15-6) returned to the rankings last week at No. 25 and fell out after splitting games last week with Michigan State and Minnesota.
The week's biggest jump was Michigan State's rise from 22nd to No. 16. The Spartans were ranked for the first time this season last week and followed it with wins over Indiana and Northwestern to stay in first place in the Big Ten.
Both Stanford and Mississippi fell five spots but the biggest drop was Iowa's fall from No. 16 to 24th. The Hawkeyes (15-6) were 10th just two weeks ago, but have lost four straight, including games last week to Penn State and Michigan.

MEN'S BASKETBALL TOP 25

TEAM	RECORD	POINTS	PREVIOUS
1. Duke (54)	20-1	1734	1
2. No Carolina (16)	22-1	1693	2
3. Kansas	24-3	1571	5
4. Arizona	19-3	1569	6
5. Utah	18-1	1397	3
6. UCLA	17-3	1327	8
7. Connecticut	19-3	1257	9
8. Kentucky	19-3	1241	7
9. Stanford	18-2	1190	4
10. Purdue	19-4	1184	10
11. Princeton	16-1	1051	11
12. New Mexico	16-3	938	14
13. So Carolina	16-3	929	13
14. Arkansas	18-3	868	15
15. West Virginia	18-3	647	17
16. Michigan St	15-4	597	22
17. Mississippi	14-4	549	12
18. Michigan	16-6	525	19
19. Syracuse	17-4	504	20
20. Cincinnati	16-4	476	18
21. Xavier	14-5	237	24
22. G Washington	18-3	220	--
23. Massachusetts	16-5	217	--
24. Iowa	15-6	193	16
25. Maryland	13-7	142	23

Others receiving votes: Texas Christian 122, Rhode Island 117, Indiana 98, Ball St 26, Florida St 24, Illinois 19, Ill-Chicago 11, St Louis 10, Washington 10, Oklahoma 9, Hawaii 8, Tennessee 8, Clemson 5, Coll of Charleston 4, Colorado St 4.

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■ NFL



The Green Bay Packers organization insists that speculation concerning coach Mike Holmgren's future did not affect the team's performance in the Super Bowl.

Holmgren's future still uncertain

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

Bob Harlan, president of the Green Bay Packers, says talk of coach Mike Holmgren's possible departure didn't affect the team's preparation or play at the Super Bowl.

He wasn't prepared to say if Holmgren's future won't harm the Packers' fortunes in free agency, however.

"That's really a question for Ron Wolf to answer," Harlan said Monday.

Wolf, the Packers' general manager, wasn't available for comment. He left Monday for the scouting combine in Indianapolis, where Holmgren is expected to join him later in the week. Harlan said Holmgren, who was rumored last week to be a candidate for both coach and general manager in Seattle, will be back in Green Bay in 1998, but there are no guarantees after that.

"Mike's got two years left on

his contract. If the opportunity comes to run his own program, he'd like to talk about that. That's really why he's not extending his contract here," Harlan said in an interview from Green Bay. "We'll see what happens in the future."

Free agency begins next week and players might be less inclined to sign with Green Bay knowing Holmgren could be leaving soon. Whatever their effect on the future, Harlan said he didn't think the rumors surrounding the Seahawks' interest in Holmgren had a detrimental effect on the Packers at the Super Bowl, where they were stunned 31-24 by the Denver Broncos.

"Mike told me he got tired of answering the questions, but I don't think it hurt the team," Harlan said.

The Seahawks never sought permission from Harlan to speak with Holmgren, and on Friday, Seahawks president Bob Whitsitt said "it was never there," when

asked about the team's interest in Holmgren.

That puzzled Holmgren, who is 73-36 in six seasons in Green Bay. His agent, Bob LaMonte, said Holmgren was miffed because Packers officials had told him that the Seahawks would call him last week. The Packers are annoyed over the entire affair.

"I'd like to know where the rumors started about Mike," Harlan said. "They were dragged out before the Super Bowl and nobody had any source for them."

■ SMC SWIMMING

Belles break even over the weekend

By VICTORIA BUTCKO
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's swim team added a win and a loss to its record this Saturday as the team swam against DePauw and Centre.

The team's loss came against DePauw, 157-73, but the ladies proved that they were still strong with a win against Centre, 104-99.

"The girls all swam very well," said Saint Mary's head coach Jini Cook. "We had some lifetime best times. The captains picked the line up going into the match, and the girls just had a lot of fun because there was no pressure."

"We're all really excited about the conference meet coming up in two weeks, and on the same note, somewhat glad to start winding down for the end of the season."

The 200-medley-relay team of junior Tara Thomas, sophomore co-captain Michelle Samreta, senior co-captain Allison Smith, and senior Ann Yanda beat both DePauw and Centre with its best time yet this season.

Other highlights include Tara Thomas' domination in the 50

freestyle against both opponents, and a first and second place win captured by Samreta and freshman Olivia Smith in the 200-individual. First and second place wins were also captured by freshman Wendy Neumann and freshman Olivia Smith in the 100-breaststroke against both DePauw and Centre. Thomas also took first in the 100-freestyle against Centre and second against DePauw.

Sophomore co-captain Michelle Samreta had a very positive outlook on the team's performance and for upcoming matches as well.

"Both teams were pretty good, but we swam well," said Samreta. "We're pretty broken down and tired, but I think we're still doing a good job. We're going to train hard for our upcoming conference meet, and we plan on finishing out the season really well."

"Considering that we swam all events, we did very well overall," said teammate Olivia Smith.

The Belles look ahead to their upcoming conference meet with a big final at Hope College, the second week in February.

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■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Netters kick off season with style

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

The women's tennis team started off its season in fine fashion this past weekend with wins against Drake University and Purdue University at the Drake Tennis Center in Iowa.

On Friday, the Irish shut out Drake, 7-0. The Irish lost only 21 total games in all six singles matches and swept the doubles. Three players who normally do not play in the matches looked especially strong. Senior Darcie Sweet had a decisive 6-2, 6-2 victory over Drake's Aleksa Huns, while freshman Kim Guy and junior Courtney Haskell pulled out a 8-6 victory at third doubles.

"Darcie, Courtney, and Kim played very well," said coach Jay Louderback. "We have a deep singles lineup, and it's nice to know that we can count on contributions from everyone."

Saturday's match was a little more challenging, but the Irish continued their hot streak from the previous day. Purdue was ranked fifth in the Midwest region going into the match.

Junior Jennifer Hall scored an impressive 6-2, 6-1 win over Purdue's Mary Beth Maggart at first singles. Maggart played in the NCAA singles tournament last year and was named the Big Ten Sportswoman of the Year for 1996-97.

"That was a great win for

Jennifer against an accomplished veteran like Maggart," said Louderback.

No. 3 singles pitted two of the top freshmen in the Midwest — Notre Dame's Michelle Dasso and Purdue's Erika Quebe. Dasso, who won the Rolex Midwest regional earlier in the year, continued her winning with a dominating 6-0, 6-1 victory over last year's Indiana high school girls champion.

Senior Tiffany Gates avenged a three-set loss last year to Shannon Taheny with a close 7-6, 7-5 win at No. 4 singles.

At No. 5 singles, sophomore Kelly Zalinski scored a 6-0, 6-3 victory, and senior captain Kelly Olson won at No. 6, 7-5, 6-4.

"We have a strong singles lineup but our doubles have always been a little weaker," said Louderback. "This year, however, our doubles seem to be better than usual. In the fall, we played some tough matches which helped us build some valuable experience."

"The doubles are going to be the key to a successful season, and judging by this weekend's performance, we should be in good shape."

Dasso and Hall travel to the Rolex national indoors this week to compete with the best 32 women's players in the country. The women return to action on Feb. 13-15 to take on Ohio State, Tennessee, and Boston College at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

First Loss

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However, the Irish fell bankrupt again in doubles after Danny Rothschild and Matt Daly lost 7-5 to Marc Silva and Doug Bohaboy. Sachire and Matt Horsley, coming off a wrist injury, were the only Irish profitable in doubles. The two defeated Ryan Tarpley and Derrick Nguyen easily, 8-0.

"I don't feel we could have played better," 6-foot-6 Sachire said of his doubles win. "We put the ball in their court. We asked them to beat us, and they couldn't."

However, in every other instance, the Irish were the team on the court without the answers.

The Wildcats captured four of the singles victories, including the top three positions.

Sachire, playing at the No. 1 spot, lost his first match of the season to Northwestern's Witt, 6-4, 6-4. Although Sachire defeated his rival last season in straight sets, the Northwestern powerhouse approached the net with verve to break down Sachire's game.

"He played really solid and put the pressure on," Sachire said. "I really wanted to beat him. I didn't expect him to take me out of the game like that."

Actually, nobody did, not even his coach.

"I was surprised," Bayliss said. "He was really pumped up, but I think he needed to play with more perspective and poise."

Although Pietrowski has improved since last week, composure was also missing in his singles competition. With forehand and volley problems, the senior lost a hard fought match to Silva, 7-6, 6-3.

"I played pretty well," Pietrowski said. "I certainly wasn't sulking, but there are some things I need to iron out."



The Irish return to action on Feb. 11 when they host Kentucky at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Patterson and Eric Enloe also showed signs of wrinkling in their matches. Patterson folded against Bohaboy, 2-6, 6-1, 3-6, while Enloe suffered a close 6-7, 3-6 loss to Northwestern's Tarpley.

The only bright spots of the afternoon were owed to Rothschild's solid 6-2, 6-3 stomping of Bengtsson and Andy Warford's 6-1, 6-4 crushing of Brad Erickson.

Unfortunately for the Irish, the wins were inconsequential as the Notre Dame's record was blemished at 3-1.

"Sometimes it's hard to neutralize all of that power," Bayliss said of the victors. "They dictated the play."

However rattling the loss, the Irish managed to walk away with their confidence unshaken.

"It's a very long season," Pietrowski said. "We'll keep on improving, and we'll be fine. Now is not the time to panic."

By Feb. 11, the Irish hope to be cool and collected for their home match against Kentucky.

An era will soon end in *The Observer Sports Department*

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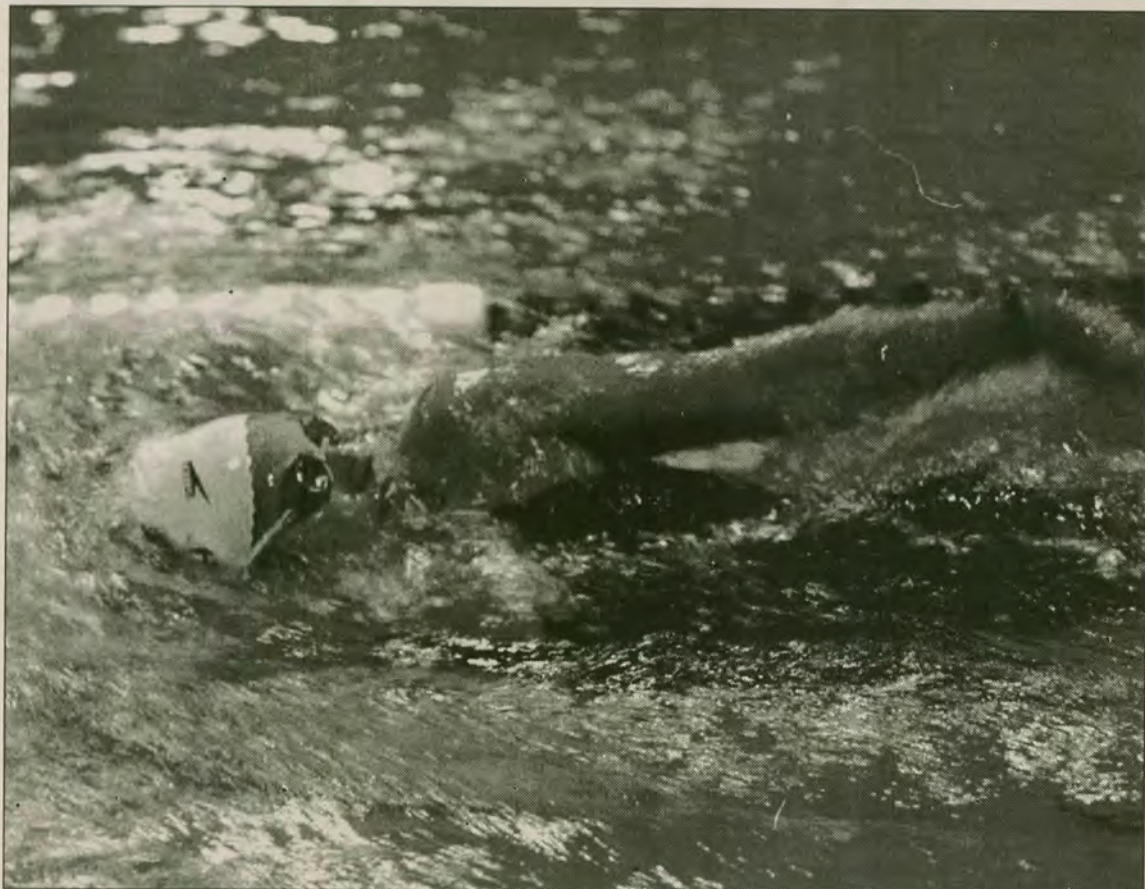
DOING IT

You wouldn't expect downhill skiing to be the most popular sport on the prairies of northern Indiana. But, coming off a second-place finish at Sioux St. Marie last month, the **Women's Ski Club** is gaining momentum. Led by sophomore standout Nikki Douillet and a crop of superb freshmen, the team hopes to win their division and compete in regionals.

The skiers work hard for their success. Forced to train on their own except for an annual holiday ski trip to Colorado, these dedicated women spend most winter weekends competing away from campus. Their intense dedication makes club president Jessica Irvine and captain Bridi Grant very optimistic for the future.

—Jason Matthew Malartsik (Interview by Patrick C. Paquette)

■ WOMEN'S SWIMMING



The Notre Dame women's swimming team fell for the first time this season to Michigan on Saturday. The loss came on the heels of a dominating victory over Bowling Green on Friday.

Wolverines end Irish win streak

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team experienced defeat for the first time this season. Following a dominating victory over Bowling Green on Friday, the 24th-ranked Irish traveled up to Michigan where they were outswam by a talented Wolverine team.

At Bowling Green, the Irish broke out to an early lead before coasting to victory, 155-88. The Irish took first in nine of the 13 events while improving their dual-meet record to 7-0 on the year. Alison Newell was a double winner, swimming to victory in the 200 and 500 freestyle with times of 1:54.70 and 5:07.21, respectively.

"The meet gave us a chance to swim events that aren't necessarily our best," commented freshman Carrie Nixon, who swam the 100 butterfly instead of her usual sprint freestyle.

After an easy win on Friday, the Irish traveled up to

Michigan and put their undefeated dual-meet record on the line when they went up against the fifth-ranked Wolverines — a team that placed ahead of the Irish at the Rainbow and Notre Dame Invitationals.

The Irish could only manage six victories in the 16-event meet and fell to the Wolverines, 166-124. Senior captain Linda Gallo once again made her presence known and provided leadership for the Irish as she raced to two first place finishes. Gallo claimed the 1000 freestyle (10:04.67) and the 500 free (4:57.01). She also placed second in the 200 freestyle in 1:49.03.

Rhiana Saunders, Notre Dame's most consistent diver, captured first in the one-meter competition with 243.98 points.

Alison Newell's time of 2:03.97 was good enough for first in the 200 butterfly, while the 400 freestyle relay team (Courtney South, Brenda Reilly, Kristen Van Saun and Newell) also placed first.

"I don't think we're at Michigan's level yet," com-

mented Shannon Suddarth, a winner in the 400 individual medley.

"I think we really didn't have a chance to win going into the first relay," added Nixon, whose best finish was second in the 50 freestyle. "However I think we could have swam them a lot closer."

This weekend's split in the two away meets capped off the team's dual meet season. After finishing 7-1, the Irish will now spend the next two weeks training for the Big East championships where they will defend their title later this month at Pittsburgh.

■ MEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame takes care of business

By ADAM ROYER
Sports Writer

The smell of chlorine is incredibly strong. It's so strong it hurts to breathe, so they breathe through their mouths. The swimmers take their blocks.

And the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team begins to dominate.

Last Friday saw the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team emasculating the University of Buffalo and Bowling Green University in Bowling Green, Ohio. The Irish finished ahead of Bowling Green by an extraordinary 119 points (180-61), winning every event. They faired equally well against Buffalo, defeating them 134-97.

Scott Zumbach was in typical good form, performing superbly in the 200 individual medley (1:53:84) and butterfly (51:35), finishing first in each. Zumbach's sophomore teammate Herb Huesman, who set a ND one-meter diving record last week, won both the one-meter

and three-meter diving events, scoring an impressive 277.75 and 243.90 points, respectively.

Despite winning both diving events, Huesman thinks he can do better and wants to improve week-to-week, which could cause a lot of adjustments in the diving record books.

The Irish dealt with Cleveland State on Saturday no more mercifully. The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team beat Cleveland State by a score of 143-94, marking the sixth straight win for the Irish since their narrow loss to TCU in November.

Scott Zumbach again smoked his competition, winning both the 200 individual medley (1:54:20) and the 200 butterfly (1:52:84). In the 50 freestyle, freshman Russell Preston captured first with a time of 21.91, followed by Mike Doyle (21.93) and Vince Kuna (21.98). Ray Fitzpatrick took first in the 100 freestyle (47.69), with Preston (47.78) and Ron Royer in hot pursuit.

■ SPORTS BRIEFS

Shorin-Ryu Karate—This semester-long course meets in Rockne Room 219 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m., starting Jan. 29. You must register in advance at RecSports and the fee is \$18. A demonstration will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27, in Rockne Room 219. Call 1-8237.

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■ SMC BASKETBALL

Belles pummel Lady Pilots

By JANICE WEIERS
Sports Writer

The well is primed. The Saint Mary's basketball team's nine-game winning drought ended last night with a 86-63 win over Bethel College.

The win was an important one, but not solely because of the recent losses. Bethel is a long-term rival of the Belles and this was the final time the seniors would play against the Lady Pilots. Coach David Roeder said, "This game was about as important as D-Day, Gettysburg ..."

The fans were loud. The

other team's coach was loud. And the team was ready to start off a new month the right way. "This was the last time we would play them. We had to get them, especially on home court," said senior Darcy Nikes, one of three seniors on the team.

The win was well-deserved, but hard-earned. "We had a tough month [January]," said Nikes after the game. "Nine games. Seven of them were ranked teams. I don't know if people realize we have a tough schedule."

The Belles were serious from the tip-off. Saint Mary's

dominated the floor from the first shot by senior Brenda Hoban. The three-point field goal ignited the spirits of the Belles and the crowd, not to mention the leader of the pack. Roeder said, "I think we came out with a lot of emotion, made plays, concentrated, challenged them on defense ... and just kept knocking down the shots."

The top scorers for the Belles were Hoban with 21, Nikes with 19 and Julie McGill with 16. Teri Totzke and Melinda Striegel led the Lady Pilots with 16 each. McGill also grabbed 10 boards in the effort.

Roeder was very pleased overall with the performance of his players. "We're proud of how we played," he said. "Darcy is one of the best players to ever play here," he said. "She and McGill both."

Both teams wore blue and white, but it wasn't confusing as to which team had possession. Nine chances out of 10, the Belles were in control. Leading 49-31 at halftime, the Belles had not lost any steam when they emerged from the locker room.

The court continued to be slightly lopsided in action throughout the second half as well. The Belles scored 37 points in the second half to keep the lead and earn the victory.

Saint Mary's will host Franklin College this Sunday at 2 p.m. Saint Mary's was the victorious team last year, but the match-up is expected to be a good one.



The Observer/Kristy Sutorius
Saint Mary's had little trouble with Bethel last night, racing to an easy 86-63 victory.

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that [Big East Tournament] bye.

On Saturday, the Irish got back into the win column with a 91-35 thrashing of conference foe Seton Hall. The 56-point margin of victory was the second-largest in the school history, just beating a 109-60 rout of Providence one week earlier.

Junior Sheila McMillen led three Irish players in double figures with a career-high 24 points. Freshman Ruth Riley finished with 14 points and six rebounds, while sophomore Julie Henderson offered up a season-high 11 points off the bench. During a 10-minute span in the second half, Notre Dame went on a 26-0 run to pull even further away. The Pirates, whose two-game winning streak skidded to a halt with the loss, shot a dismal 19.3 percent for the game and scored just 13 second half points.

"We got running, and I think

the transition game is where we scored most of our points," McGraw said about the game. "I think they were trying to key on Ruth a little bit too; they were crowding around her somewhat."

The two teams met earlier in the season at the Joyce Center on Jan. 8, with the Irish prevailing 75-47. In that contest, Riley led the Irish with 19 points and 11 rebounds, setting up her first career double-double. Senior Mollie Peirick tied a Notre Dame school record as she hit six three-pointers, giving her 18 points for the game.

The Hurricanes were held to 30 percent shooting for the game, including a 8-for-25 stretch in the second half. The Irish went 47.3 percent from the field for the game.

Lately, it has been the Notre Dame bench that has risen to the occasion. Against Seton Hall, junior Diana Braendly scored nine points, including a key three-pointer in the first half, while senior Kari Hutchinson picked up a game-high seven rebounds.

The Irish and Hurricanes are set to tip off tonight at 7 p.m.



The Observer/John Daily

Notre Dame, led by guard Danielle Green, will have to maintain its level of defensive intensity tonight when it takes on Miami.



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

The competition will get tougher for Irish fencers when they take on top-ranked Penn State this weekend.

Victory

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squad's third man.

The women's foil team also counted on its top two to turn in quality finishes.

"By far, Myriah Brown (16-0) and Sara Walsh (19-1) are our top fencers," said Auriol. "But this squad needs more work. We cannot beat teams

with just two fencers."

Perhaps the strongest squad on the team is the women's epee, led by captain Anne Hoos and Magda Krol. Both posted fine records, teaming for a 36-3 record, but as coach Auriol commented, "You always expect them to go undefeated."

The team now stands undefeated, ranked third in the NCAA polls.

Next up for the Irish is this

weekend's home tournament, where the undefeated status will be tested against top-ranked Penn State. Despite the importance of facing the top-ranked Penn State squad, the Irish will also go up against perennial regional rivals Cleveland State, Northwestern, Ohio State, and Wayne State.

"We won't take any team for granted, we'll fence intense all season," said Auriol.

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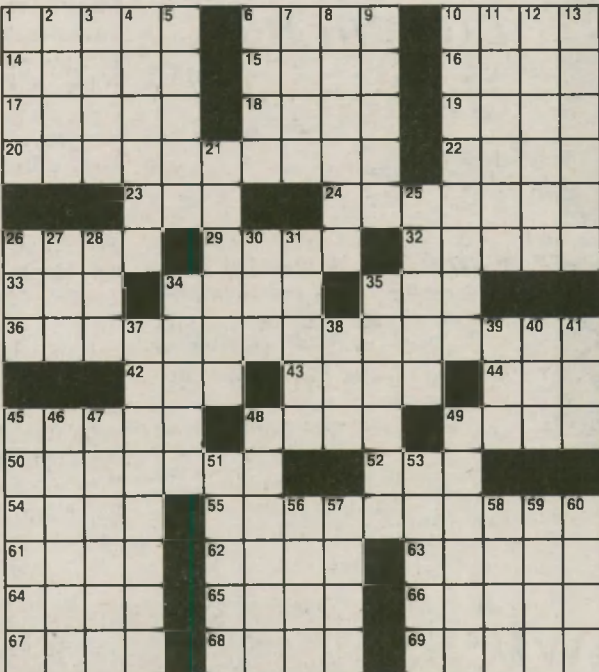


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 - 17 Raise
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 - 66 Diet guru Jenny
 - 67 Hang onto
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 - 2 Utah national park
 - 3 Garfield's foil
 - 4 Racing org.
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 - 6 Honolulu-based detective
 - 7 Survive
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 - 21 "I'm me, villain!"
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Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS

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Aries: Expect to meet up with some competition today. You are close to finishing what you have to do, and sharing may be a nicety that does not concern you. Others are likely to cooperate if you explain yourself.

Taurus: The Moon pays a visit to Taurus' house, bringing you special gifts. Your natural charm and grace make you the center of attention today. It is almost too easy to command the respect you deserve.

Gemini: Small frustrations slow you down just enough to make a difference. A minor delay spreads major ripples throughout your day. You may need to cut it a little closer to the deadline.

Cancer: Be sure to include a few friends in today's plans. Organize a dinner party, or perhaps treat everyone to a good meal at a restaurant. Business and pleasure mix well at this time.

Leo: Keep your tongue inside your head and your fists out of other people's personal space. This is not the day to lose your cool. Inappropriate responses are not easily forgiven.

Virgo: Your level of concentration is exceptional today. Apply your skills to the unpleasant tasks first. Once you have all the old business out of the way, the things you enjoy doing will be even better.

Libra: You hear or see evidence that leads you to believe someone is taking advantage of you. Your views on sharing may undergo a change today. Let others pull their own weight for awhile.

Scorpio: Avoid conflict today. You could spend just as much effort forging an alliance as you could picking a fight. Cooperation and teamwork will be the engines that drive your success.

Sagittarius: Avoid investment schemes and other shortcuts. Today's temptations are more about the promise than the delivery. Your usual course, if not the most glamorous, is still the best.

Capricorn: Concentration and creativity are running strong today. You are most attractive to others, but you may be too busy to notice or care. This is a good time to let your feelings out in your chosen medium of expression.

Aquarius: You may encounter problems with family members or co-workers today. Try to respect the opinions of others no matter how bizarre they might seem. Third party interruptions are a welcome relief.

Pisces: In the absence of a translator, you are forced to learn a new means of communication. Language is the key to another culture or another way of thinking. Poetry transcends boundaries today.

■ OF INTEREST

Assessing the Quality of Democracy: This work session today features Miguel Gutierrez Saxe and Jorge Vargas Cullell. It begins at 12:30 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. **Jeffrey Bergstrand** will speak today on "Regionalization vs. Multilateralism in augmenting world trade and economic cooperation" in room C-103 at the Institute for International Peace Studies. The lecture begins at 4:15 p.m.

■ MENU

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■ MEN'S TENNIS

Wildcats hand Irish first loss of season

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

When the Notre Dame's men's tennis team (3-0) headed to No. 21 Northwestern undefeated Sunday, it was hoping to make a strong statement. Instead, it could only utter a sigh of disappointment after the 2-5 loss.

"We had high hopes going in," said Irish sophomore Ryan Sachire. "We just didn't execute as a team. They beat us straight up."

Northwestern, now 3-0, rolled in on a wave of confidence after terminating Clemson Friday. Self-assurance carried through the

weekend for them as they took down the No. 23 Irish.

The Wildcats began clawing their way to victory immediately in the doubles, earning the first match point.

Although the renowned duo of Jakub Pietrowski and Brian Patterson put up a tough fight, Alex Witt and Martin Bengtsson endured. The Northwestern pair came back from a 3-6 deficit to win 9-8.

"I was disappointed that we didn't control the No. 1 doubles," coach Bob Bayliss said. "I usually feel we can take care of business against any team."

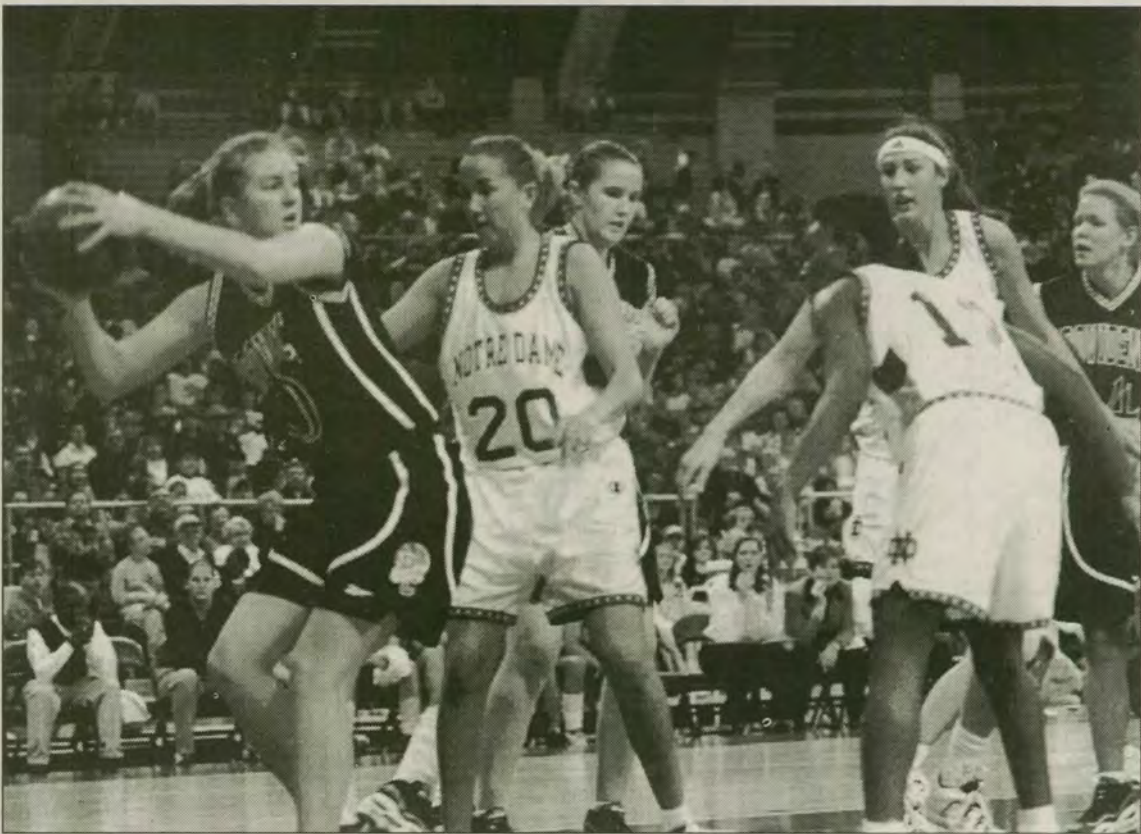
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The Observer/Kevin Dalum

After a solid start, the Irish took a step backward on Sunday.

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



The Observer/John Daily

Tonight at Miami, guard Sheila McMillen and the Irish hope to build on Saturday's 99-43 rout of Seton Hall.

Irish try to keep momentum

*Hurricanes present next challenge*By BILL HART
Sports Writer

The Fighting Irish women's basketball team hopes to keep its momentum on the road as it travels to the warmer climate of Florida to face off against Miami in a Big East conference showdown.

The Hurricanes went 1-1 on the week, moving their record to 7-4 in the Big East and 12-7 overall. On Wednesday, Miami

suffered a 77-65 loss at Rutgers. Against the Scarlet Knights, the 'Canes were unable to overcome a 33-22 halftime deficit and a 48-31 RU second-half lead.

Junior Kym Hope and senior Octavia Blue combined for 31 points in that game, while sophomore Shannon Drury added 14 points. On Saturday, Miami rebounded with an 81-74 win at Georgetown. Against the Hoyas, UM shot .615 (16-26) from the field in the second half to post the come-from-behind win.

Hope scored 27 points and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds for her league-leading eighth double-double, while Blue netted 27 points as well. Blue and Hope are the heart

and soul of the Hurricane offense, as they are the second and third leading scorers in the Big East with 19.9 and 17.9 points per game respectively. Hope is also the conference leader in overall rebounding, averaging 9.9 boards a game.

"We need to get on a roll, but we can't even look that far ahead yet," head coach Muffet McGraw. "We just have too much to do before that. Tuesday's going to be a huge game, especially since we're at Miami."

"We only won by one point last year, and they're very tough at home," she said. "We really can't afford to lose again, because we really need to get

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■ FENCING

Fencers remain flawless

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

Having already faced and defeated many of the toughest teams the NCAA has to offer this season, the Notre Dame fencing team faced more of the same last Sunday when it traveled to Massachusetts.

The team continued its domination of the competition this past weekend with dual meet wins against Boston College, NYU, Duke, MIT, and North Carolina. The wins against the league's weaker competition gives the men's and women's teams undefeated records of 16-0 and 15-0, respectively.

The men's sabre squad has dominated all season, and this tournament was no exception. Led by captain Luke LaValle with a perfect 12-0 mark, the squad posted a collective 36-9 record.

Adding to the squad's success was the play of Andrzej Bednarski and Steve McQuade.

"Andrzej was a bit inconsistent last week, but he, and the team came together this week," commented head coach Yves Auriol.

The biggest problem thus far for the Irish has been the performance of the men's foilists. That was not the case this weekend, as the top three fencers — Chaz Hayes, Stephane Auriol, and John Tejada — finished with records of 11-0, 12-2, and 11-3, respectively.

"Chaz's fencing has been consistent throughout," said Auriol. "The key was the three guys fencing at their level."

The usual unpredictability of the foil squad was instead experienced by the men's epee team this weekend.

Squad leaders Carl Jackson and Brian Stone led them, and Dominic Guarnaschelli turned last weekend's below .500 performance into a respectable 7-5 finish this week as the

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The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Both the men's and women's fencing teams remained undefeated this past weekend with convincing wins against Boston College, NYU, Duke, MIT, and North Carolina.

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