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Professor: Gender differences not as big as studies claim



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Anne Fausto-Sterling pointed to intentionally flawed research and manipulated data to the common scientific perception of gender differences.

By LINDSAY FRANK
News Writer

Scientific research is too often used to classify people in terms of gender, race and sexuality for political reasons, said Anne Fausto-Sterling, a professor of biology and women's studies at Brown University.

"Biological accounts of body differences are always political," she said.

According to Fausto-Sterling, dividing people into groups for things like census reports in order to map group differences is pointless.

"For almost any trait there are more variations within a group than between groups," she said.

Fausto-Sterling cited examples of scientific studies in the 1900s whose data was manipulated to provide reasons for differences between the sexes and races. One such study involved research on the corpus callosum, a portion of the brain that is difficult to study unless it is completely removed from the rest of the brain.

Despite the fact that its removal alters its composition, these scientists subdivided it and took measurements of the posterior part and used these measurements as answers to racial and gender differences.

"Once freed from the body and domesticated in the lab the corpus callosum serves various masters. Then they thought it held the key to racial differences and now it is applied to gender," she said.

Other research at this time claimed that so-called internal secretions took on both female and masculine characteristics and was used to suggest that women's desire to vote came from

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Ivers: Church is racist, sexist

By ALLISON MAIMONA
News Writer

Notre Dame is a potentially volatile environment according to comments made Tuesday by Father Michael Ivers, a pastor of St. Agatha Church in Chicago.

"The Catholic Church is a racist institution. The Catholic Church is a sexist institution and people can't be afraid to tell the truth," said Ivers.

Speaking on the "Call to be Church After Church in the African-American Community," Ivers addressed the issue of diversity in the Catholic church.

"[The] problem [is] not with Catholic social teaching, but Catholic social practice," Ivers said. He noted that at the conference itself, there had been no African-American presenters. The definition of a Catholic is universal, and the underrepresentation of minorities

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BOG reacts to election, debates structure



KRISTINE KAIL/The Observer

Senior class president Anne Pangilinan speaks about constitution proposals in response to last week's election controversy

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

As a direct result of the controversy still circling around the recent Saint Mary's student body presidential elections, amendments and the proposal of a new oversight committee for the Saint Mary's constitution were the orders at Tuesday's Board of Governance meeting.

The new committee, as proposed by student body vice president Angie Little, would include representatives from each of the class boards, the Elections Committee, the Residence Hall Association and the Student Academic Council and would be chaired by the executive vice president.

"This committee would not be making the amendments," Little said. "They would be presenting [the amendments] to BOG to vote on them."

Student body president-elect Crissie Renner, also this year's elections commissioner, voiced a concern that echoed those of the student body in the week since the election.

"There needs to be an outlet for the student body to voice their complaints," Renner said.

BOG will vote on the addition of this new committee at next week's meeting, just in time for the class board elections. The board will also rule on the proposed constitutional amendments at this meeting.

"These are [only] clarifications [of existing policies]," executive secretary Bridget Heffernan said.

Among the amendments is the addition of a policy detailing the proper procedures in the event that an election results in a tie.

The amendment to be discussed appendix now reads: "In the situation that a tie occurs in the run-off election [an equal number of raw votes for both tickets], the raw votes from the primary election and the run-off election will be added. The votes for 'abstain,' all original tickets and discarded ballots will be counted. The winner is determined by the ticket with the highest number of raw votes."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Blessed are we

It was not my best weekend.

I had to go out East to attend my much beloved grandmother's funeral. She died suddenly, only two and a half months after my grandfather.

When I returned to school on Tuesday, I picked up The Observer and saw that Father Richard McCormick had died as well.

And somewhere in the middle, while reading for a theology class, I ran across the words "Blessed are they who mourn."

I didn't feel very blessed. I felt angry at God. When I left for my grandmother's funeral, I felt like someone had ripped my heart out of my chest and jumped on it for half an hour or so, and I just wanted not to HAVE a heart anymore so it would stop hurting. My grandmother was an amazing woman. I am her namesake, and she is my role model. She taught me how to be a woman, a Catholic, a feminist, a person. I feel an incredible emptiness and desolation when I think about this sudden hole in my life.

I'm sure that Richard McCormick's family and friends feel the same way. I feel that my life is poorer without him in it. I first met Father McCormick when I was assigned to write a news analysis on the cloning of Dolly the sheep. I was still a fairly green reporter, but I knew it wasn't going to be a run-of-the-mill interview when I asked McCormick if cloning was a good thing.

"God knows the world doesn't need six Dick McCormicks running around," he replied. Then he mused to himself more than me, "Although — maybe Newsweek could call them, then."

I interviewed him a few more times back when I covered most of the religion and ethics news for The Observer. He was always one of my toughest interviews, poking logical holes in my questions, anticipating my responses, generally running circles around me. I both dreaded these interviews — because I knew my head would be spinning — and eagerly anticipated them, because there was no one more interesting on campus to talk to. McCormick was unfailingly generous with his time, willing to give me long interviews on the smallest subjects, despite being a very busy man and a very sought-after interviewee.

Later on, I read some of his work in my theology classes, and he came to speak in some of those classes. I never had him for class, but I came to respect his academic prowess. And he never lost sight of his calling as a priest, a calling that was apparent in every statement he made.

It seems a terrible waste to have these two wonderful people die. Like Job, I want to demand answers from God. Somehow, I don't think the answers will be forthcoming.

But the Gospel says, "Blessed are they who mourn."

If the love we have for one another is a pale shadow of the love God has for us, maybe we should feel blessed that we loved these people enough to feel such powerful sorrow.

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

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THIS WEEK IN MICHIANA

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| ♦ Comedy: Tim Cavanagh, Funny Bone Comedy Club, South Bend, 8 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. | ♦ Theatre: "Damn Yankees," Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, 7:30 p.m. | ♦ Music: Martina McBride, Star Plaza Theatre, Merrillville, 8 p.m. | ♦ Dance: Saint Mary's Dance Workshop, O'Laughlin Auditorium, 8 p.m. |
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| | | ♦ Film: "The Insider," Snite Museum, 9:45 p.m. | |

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Sit-in ends as Penn withdraws from FLA

PHILADELPHIA University of Pennsylvania President Judith Rodin reached a tentative agreement with the anti-sweatshop group that had occupied her office for the past eight days by agreeing to withdraw Penn from the Fair Labor Association.

According to a joint statement released Monday night by Penn Students Against Sweatshops — formerly known as United Students Against Sweatshops — and Rodin, the president will submit a letter of withdrawal to the FLA while examining the efficacy of joining another organization to monitor Penn-logo apparel.

"The important thing is that we find a solution in the best interest of Penn," Rodin said Monday night.

Rodin will meet with PSAS Tuesday to discuss the final details



of the agreement. The group will remain in College Hall, continuing with the two-day hunger fast, which it began Monday at noon, until the agreement is finished.

"Having a tentative agreement is definitely good news," College senior and PSAS leader Miriam Joffe-Block said last night. "[But] there's a lot of work we still need to get done."

The agreement also states that the Ad Hoc Committee on Sweatshop Labor — formed last January to create a code of conduct for Penn — will now evaluate the various monitoring organizations and present

Rodin with a recommendation by February 29.

The committee, which includes three PSAS students among its membership, will meet today, chairman Howard Kunreuther said. The students launched the highly publicized sit-in last Monday, demanding that Penn pull out of the FLA and join the alternate monitoring organization the Worker Rights Consortium. PSAS has repeatedly argued that the WRC is more effective in securing workers' rights because it is run by human rights organizations, rather than the companies it is supposed to monitor.

The number of students sleeping in College Hall rose to about 30 by the end of last week, as PSAS held rallies and vigils in support of its cause and covered the campus in protest signs and banners.

Activists over take Michigan tower

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

A spokesman for Rev. Al Sharpton of the National Action Network met with members of the Students of Color Coalition (SCC) and interim Vice President for Student Affairs E. Royster Harper to express Sharpton's support for the SCC and its takeover of the Michigamua meeting space on the seventh floor of the University of Michigan Union tower. Tiahmo Rauf, Midwest regional director for the National Action Network, said Sharpton is scheduled to arrive on campus Saturday evening and stay in Ann Arbor through Sunday. "That the former President of the United States is a member of Michigamua is an insult," Rauf said, referring to former President Gerald Ford, a University alumnus. SCC members, who have occupied the tower since Feb. 6, contend Michigamua is a racist and elitist student organization that uses Native American artifacts and traditions to degrade the culture. Rauf, who explained that his trip to campus Monday was a part of a "fact finding mission" to look into Michigamua's history and practices, said Sharpton will lead a team of journalists from CNN, as well as ABC's 20/20 and Nightline to the Michigamua meeting.

Egg doner ad causes controversy

STANFORD, Calif.

In the wake of a Stanford Daily ad that appeared numerous times over the past few weeks, a national controversy has arisen, attracting the attention of news media such as CNN and MSNBC, along with many others. The advertisement, which was sponsored by a Christian-affiliated organization named Families 2000, offered \$100,000 for a caucasian donor of "proven college level athletic ability." This sum of money marks the largest-known offer made for an egg-donation, exceeding the \$50,000 egg donor ad posted at several upper-tier universities, including Stanford, in the last academic year. A typical egg donor receives around \$4,000 compensation for the procedure. Using the phrase "Give the Gift of Love and Life," the full-page advertisement offers to pay the sum of money either directly to the donor or to the charity of her choice. In response to this milestone event in the evolving age of reproductive technology, some members of the Stanford community have been voicing their concerns over the large sums couples are willing to pay to have "a superior child," said professor of bioethics William Hurlbut.

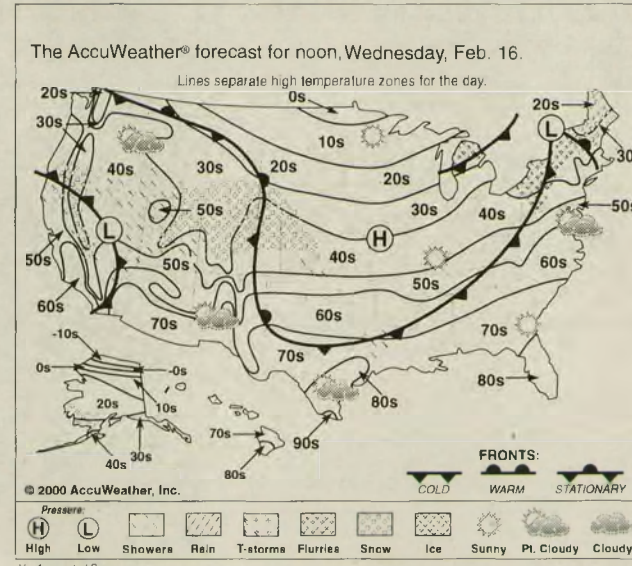
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Robinson: U.S. in debt to African-Americans for slavery

♦ Author's premise compares the injustices of slavery to the Holocaust of WWII

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Associate News Editor

After profiting from the enslavement of black people for nearly 350 years, the U.S. government owes reparations to black people, said Randall Robinson, author of "The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks," in lecture at Saint Mary's Monday night.

"There are economic gaps that have existed between blacks and whites since the Emancipation Proclamation," said Robinson, who called slavery one of the great crimes ever committed against humanity. He cited other nations, such as Germany, who have offered apologies to people victimized by their government. Since the Luxembourg Agreement of 1952, Germany has compensated Jewish people for their treatment during World War II, Robinson said.

"We have urged other countries to do what the U.S. has not done," he said. "No coun-

try can have biracialism and biculturalism until it is courageous enough to come to terms with itself. We cannot bury the past."

Robinson said he believes that the two major consequences slavery has imposed on African-Americans have been psychic and economic.

In the psychic aspect, black people have had their history erased by whites, he said. "Blacks may be the only people who do not have a sight line to their history," he said. "We know nothing about Africa in its glorious antiquity. But that was done on purpose, to cut people off from their own history."

The U.S. has not acknowledged blacks' presence in American history, and this is evident in Washington, D.C., said Robinson. "My daughter and I were walking on the Mall in Washington and we counted only six black people among the thousands who were there on a summer day," said Robinson. "There were only six blacks there because there is nothing there that has anything to do with them."

"You walk up the Mall and see the Holocaust museum, which is there, and rightly so, to commemorate what was done to the Jewish people during World War II, and you see the sight where a museum

will be built honoring native Americans," he said. "But no where will you find a monument, brick, or word that commemorates the American Holocaust that ran for 346 years."

Robinson added that although it was slaves who helped build the U.S. Capitol building, there is no acknowledgement of their work.

"The only black in the Capitol is a small bust of Martin Luther King," said Robinson. "No Douglas, no

Truth, no Tubmann. No blacks at all. So much of Washington was built by slaves who were never paid, nor remembered. America did all it could to bury that past."

Economic ramifications of slavery continue to impact black people today, said Robinson.

According to Robinson, blacks have lost \$80 to \$90 billion per generation as a result of slavery. In addition, the amount of unpaid wages attributed to slavery is esti-

mated at around \$1.4 trillion.

"It is no accident that one community is rich and another is poor," said Robinson. "However, what we must remember is that blacks are behind not because they did something wrong or inadequate but because of something [slavery] that was done to them a very long time ago."

Robinson does not recommend paying reparations in cash. Rather, he suggested using the money for funding for education programs and

economic development programs.

U.S. Representative John Conyers has collaborated with Robinson to work toward a commission to look into reparation payments and from this com-

mission, specific programs could be established to benefit blacks.

"When we talk about reparations, we're not talking about affirmative action or gifts, we're talking about what we are owed," said Robinson. "I suggest reparations when paid be need based."

His book has stirred contro-

versy and many have asked him, "I didn't own slaves, so why should I be held at fault?" said Robinson.

"Nobody living is personally culpable but the fact is that when the government commits great crimes against humanity, those crimes survive beyond the lives of those not living," he said.

The issue of using money for reparations is not what disturbs people, said Robinson.

"It's not the money that is the issue. We waste so much money on military toys," he said. "The issue is the disinclination of the country to talk about slavery."

"It is the most steadfast denial. Americans and even the black community runs from talking about slavery because the past is so painful and we don't want to have to confront it."

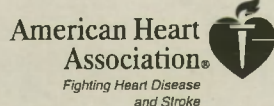
By coming to terms with slavery, America can become a stronger nation, said Robinson.

"A long time ago, America did an awful disservice and crime against humanity and it has to come to terms with this," he said. "It will make the U.S. a stronger country and close gaps between blacks and whites. We have to come to terms with the idea that you can't have a future if you fear looking at your past."

"So much of Washington was built by slaves who were never paid, nor remembered. America did all it could to bury that past."

Randall Robinson
author

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CORRECTION

♦ An article in Monday's Observer called student body vice presidential candidate Brian Clemency by the wrong first name.

♦ An article in Tuesday's Observer said Father Richard McCormick had written articles for Common-wealth Magazine. The magazine is named Commonweal.

The Observer regrets the error.

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Italian architect to give Burgee lecture

Special to the Observer

Noted Italian architect Pier Carlo Bontempi will deliver the University of Notre Dame School of Architecture's annual John Burgee Lecture at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Bond Hall.

The Lecture is free and open to the public and will be followed by the opening of Expo Roma, an exhibition by fourth-year architecture students of work done last year in Rome. The Rome program is the third year of studies for all Notre Dame architecture students.

Bontempi, whose talk is titled "Architettura Famiglia," specializes in urban and architectural work consisting of conservation, restoration and reconstruction

as well as new building of a traditional nature. He received the European Prize for Reconstruction in 1999 for his work on maintaining the regional architecture of Forno di Taro, the small town in which he was born.

A graduate of the University of Florence, Bontempi taught there from 1980-85. He also taught at the Ecole Speciale d'Architecture in Paris, the Staatliche Akademie der Bildenden Kunst in Stuttgart, Germany, the Prince of Wales Institute of Architecture, and in the Florence program of Syracuse University.

The John Burgee Lecture honors the renowned architect who is a 1956 Notre Dame alumnus and a University trustee.

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masculine substances in the body. Women who did not want to become homemakers were seen as refusing to live in accord with their bodies.

Fausto-Sterling also discussed how our culture contradicts itself by challenging categories on the one hand and reinforcing them on the other.

"We are still trying to locate gender in the body and in our evolution so the wish to do that is still the same [as in the 1900s], but now gender is moving unstoppably out of its two boxes. Using gender as a research tool represents a thinking which is lacking subtly which is uninteresting to study," she said.

She then went on to say that too often we define people as being either part of one group or the other such as male or female.

"The problem is using dualism to divide the world," she said.

Instead she suggested that we adopt a way of thinking called the Developmental Systems Theories which says

that one cannot study something without also studying the system that it is embedded into.

"We can never look for a single cause but must always examine the social-biological system. My model for studying what promotes physical group differences is based on the idea that external experiences become internalized. We don't know much about that interface but we know it's there," she said.

She talked about how the high incidence of hypertension in African Americans should be looked at from an environmental standpoint first and then from a genetic one.

"My hypothesis is that racism is a major contributor to hypertension. We should study life experiences and look at how racism is defined in terms of geographical regions, and the roles working conditions and daily stress play. The last thing to consider is genetic differences that affect the body's reaction to racism," she said.

The lecture, "Beyond Nature vs. Nurture: Gender, Race, Sexuality," was part of a series honoring distinguished women sponsored by the Provost's Office.

BOG

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The final proposed amendment made to an appendix states: "If a further tie occurs, a course of action is at the discretion of the Elections Committee."

"Consistency is important," said Nancy Midden, current student body president.

The submission of a petition, signed by over 400 Saint Mary's students, conveying their dissatisfaction with the election process, was also discussed in the meeting.

The three writers of the petition suggested restarting the elections, holding a series of open forums to clarify events and then holding a revote. They also asked for the creation of either some sort of review board that would maintain control

"The Executive Board has addressed the issue and will get back to the three authors of the petition."

Georgeanna Rosenbush
director of student activities

over the election process, or an electoral college, comprised of resident advisors from each dorm. The fact that RAs are not elected by popular vote, as are the members of the Executive Board, was brought to Midden's attention.

Christine Arzt, an RA who was present at the meeting, spoke in her group's defense. "Even though we are not elected, we go through a rigorous selection process. We touch the lives of every single member of the student body."

Midden stated that she felt she had answered the students' concerns listed in the petition in her letter that was mailed to the entire student body last Friday.

"We understand that students are concerned," Midden said. Senior class president Anne Pangilinan seconded Midden's opinion.

"As a representative, a lot of people have approached me as well," Pangilinan said. "They are pleased about the apology."

The petition was given to Midden on Friday, the same day the BOG letter went out to students.

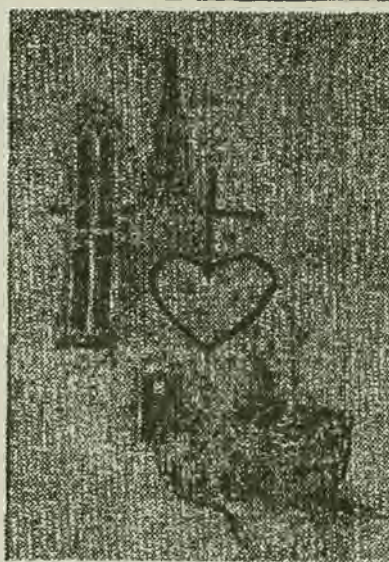
"The Executive Board has addressed the issue and will get back to the three authors of the petition," Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of student activities, said.

As for the class elections to be held next week, Renner stated that the response has been good.

"Currently there are four to five tickets for the Class of 2003, three for the Class of 2002, and two for 2001," Renner said. "BOG applications will be out tomorrow night."

Meet the Candidates Night is scheduled for Feb. 21, and the elections will be held on Feb. 23.

Other campus events discussed in the meeting included the inclusion of the Winter Carnival, planned for Feb. 24 to 27, to coincide with Little Sibs Weekend.



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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Cyanide spill threatens Eastern Europe

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia
Serbia warned on Tuesday of dangerous metal concentrations in an East European river already contaminated by a cyanide spill. The Agriculture Ministry said laboratory tests showed considerably increased iron and copper levels in the Tisza river, where the cyanide spill has wiped out virtually all life. The cyanide poured into streams from a containment dam at a gold mine near the Romanian town of Baia Mare Jan. 30. The World Health Organization earlier had expressed concern that lead also might have escaped into the water, posing potentially a far greater health threat. In Belgrade, Predrag Polic, head of the university's Chemistry faculty, said someone "may have abused the commotion around the cyanide spill to dump excessive lead quantities into the Tisza."

Russian troops prepare for 'decisive strike'

ALKHAZUROVO, Russia
Russian troops regrouped at the base of Chechnya's craggy, snow-covered mountains Tuesday in preparation for a final offensive on rebel fighters' last remaining strongholds, officials said. Although acting President Vladimir Putin said no target date had been set for the end of the conflict, several Russian officials claimed the upcoming offensive would finish off the rebels, who abandoned the capital two weeks ago. Most of the fighters who survived the flight from Grozny are believed to have gone to the south, and officials estimate there are as many as 8,000 rebels in the mountains. Russian jets and artillery on Tuesday bombed and shelled the strategic Argun Gorge that cuts through the mountains, but Russian troops were slow to move into the area.

House awards O'Connor, Schulz Congressional Gold Medals

WASHINGTON
The House voted Tuesday to award an ailing Cardinal John O'Connor the Congressional Gold Medal, the body's highest civilian honor. The longtime leader of the New York Archdiocese's 2.4 million Roman Catholics recently turned 80 and had surgery last fall to remove a brain tumor. He is expected to retire as soon as Pope John Paul II appoints a replacement. The House voted 413-1 to give the award to O'Connor. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, was the lone opponent. Paul said he has great respect for the cardinal but opposed the \$30,000 it would cost to mint the medal. Separately, the House voted 410-1 to give a Congressional Gold Medal to "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz, who died in his sleep Saturday. The 77-year-old cartoonist's last strip featuring Snoopy and the gang was published in Sunday's papers.

IRAN



Iranian students wave flags and hold portraits of reformists, president Mohammad Khatami and former mayor of Tehran Gholamhossein Karbaschi, at a Tuesday rally in Tehran. This week's parliamentary elections will determine the fate of Khatami's presidency.

Students rally for reform candidates

Associated Press

TEHRAN
In a rare show of public gaiety in Islamic Iran, thousands of young Iranians clasped hands and danced to Westernized music on Tuesday at an election rally for a reformist candidate.

Dancing in public places, even in sexually segregated groups as occurred Tuesday, is virtually unheard of in Iran. The event showed how many young Iranians yearn for public freedom in a country where nearly every aspect of life is dictated by Islamic laws.

Social freedoms form the bedrock of the campaign by reformist candidates in

Friday's elections for the 290-member parliament, or Majlis. Pitted against the reformists, who are backed by moderate President Mohammad Khatami, are conservatives who want to maintain the strict Islamic rule imposed after the 1979 Islamic revolution brought the clergy to power.

During Tuesday's election rally, a band began playing Farsi-language pop songs after a brief speech by Faezeh Hashemi, a female reformist candidate.

As the tempo got faster, about 5,000 young people — in separate groups of males and females — swayed to the music, held hands, raised their arms in the air and waved them to and fro.

Some conservative voters who turned up for the rally at the Shiroudi basketball arena in central Tehran were shocked by the singing and dancing.

"This is not proper according to our Islamic culture. It is un-Islamic for young girls and boys to be dancing together. I am afraid taboos will be broken if this liberal type of campaign continues," said Taqi Alizadeh, a hard-line supporter.

Fearing the music would invite a crackdown by police, who are under the control of hard-liners, the organizers of Tuesday's rally asked the musicians to leave after about 30 minutes. Although public concerts are not banned, dancing is.

If it were up to the reformists, Iranian women would be able to ride bicycles freely in the streets and venture outdoors without the obligatory head-to-toe covering, or hijab — activities conservatives condemn as un-Islamic.

Speaking to reporters after the rally, Hashemi said women "have to break this taboo and start riding bicycles in public."

Hashemi, the daughter of Iran's former president Hashemi Rafsanjani, even went so far as to say the Islamic hijab should not be obligatory.

"I personally like the hijab, but I don't see the logic in obliging people to wear the hijab. Women should decide whether or not to wear it," she said.

NORTHERN IRELAND

IRA breaks off disarmament talks

Associated Press

BELFAST
Stung by the British government's decision to suspend Northern Ireland's power-sharing agreement, the IRA broke off disarmament talks Tuesday, dealing a damaging blow to hopes of resurrecting Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic administration.

In a hard-line statement, the IRA also formally withdrew from the table its latest hint that it might someday disarm. The outlawed group accused the British government and the province's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, of pursuing "a military victory," something that "cannot and

will not happen."

The development underscored the failure of a 3-month-old deal brokered by American diplomat George Mitchell.

Mitchell had persuaded the Ulster Unionists to establish a four-party coalition alongside the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party. In exchange, the IRA was supposed to begin negotiating the gradual destruction of its hidden weapons stockpiles, a goal of the province's 1998 peace accord.

Instead, Britain suspended the 10-week-old administration's powers Friday after confirming that the IRA had made no commitments to the disarmament commission. The commission is charged with securing the IRA's total disarmament by May in line with the Good Friday accord.

The British and Irish governments still intend to hold separate talks Wednesday in London with Northern Ireland's key parties. But the odds against transferring powers back soon to the Belfast administration look greater than ever.

Tuesday's IRA statement came after an ill-tempered meeting between Sinn Fein leaders and Peter Mandelson, Britain's secretary of state for Northern Ireland, who took the decision to resume direct control of the province.

"It was a bad meeting, quite frankly," said Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, a reputed former IRA commander.

"And this Sinn Fein leadership has now no further room to move. We have seen the failure of politics."

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Professor: Pinochet instigated crisis

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

Former Chilean dictator, General Augusto Pinochet, was arrested in 1998 for "crimes of genocide and terrorism that include murder" and he is currently awaiting trial from countries seeking his extradition.

"Pinochet was very insecure and suspicious of people," said Carlos Huneeus, professor in the Kellogg Institute of Visiting Fellows and the Catholic University of Chile.

Pinochet can be given credit for modernizing the Chilean presidency, Huneeus explained. By creating a cabinet composed completely of army advisors, Pinochet reorganized the structure of the Chilean government, placing himself squarely at the top.

And though already supported of the majority of voters in 1978, Pinochet remained insecure, and eventually came to place an even greater dependence on military force.

Despite his heavy reliance on his military, Pinochet also placed many responsibilities with civilian political leaders.

"Pinochet relied more on politi-

cians that had their own positions, and who came to their position through the procedure, instead of him wanting them to be there," said Huneeus.

With the help of these supporters, Pinochet was able to create organizations and appoint more than 120 ministers within the government.

However, "he led in a very disorganized way," said Huneeus. "Without a crisis, and with the control of the army, there was no need for his political style."

Pinochet prioritized economic growth, but repressed the civilian population. Pinochet's theory was, "change the economy, and you change the majority of preferences," said Huneeus.

And prior to problems in 1988, Pinochet was able to successfully mobilize support. But eventually, the opposition grew stronger, and internal problems rose. Because he could not break the Chilean tradition of election to power, Pinochet was forced to continue with the formality of

allowing a democratic vote, and after two successful terms, Pinochet lost the election in 1988.

Critics usually concentrate on the specific weaknesses and failures of Pinochet for the ultimate fall of regime, but Huneeus believes that the lasting affects of Chile's long history of authoritarian rule should also be taken into account.

"Pinochet developed a strong and organized army, and depended on the army," said Huneeus. "With the army, he did not fear political question." When he lost the vote,

and subsequently, the support of the army, Pinochet fell, said Huneeus.

Pinochet will not stand trial, however, as "The High Court in London today ordered the release of a medical report that found former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet mentally unfit to stand trial, ruling that Britain's top law enforcement official erred in blocking it," according to The New York Times.

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Carlos Huneeus
visiting professor

Church

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therefore makes the Church less Catholic, said Ivers.

Ivers challenged the audience to remedy this problem by referring to a passage in the book of Luke, "Put out and lower into deep water and lower your necks with a catch." He explained that "Jesus didn't just sit there; he went out. The only way to minister with people, not to them, or for them, is to truly know them." The only way to do this is for people to go out with curiosity, imagination, and the intention of discovering human beings.

"We have to act like Peter; be honest," said Ivers.

Ivers articulated two issues he is specifically frustrated about: celibacy and women's ordination. Because there is no discussion about these controversial subjects, they have remained a major cause of controversy. Simply ignoring these issues will not make them go away, Ivers said.

Ivers encouraged each member of the audience to climb out of his or her comfort zone, and dive into deep water to address these issues. Having hosted many students on Urban Plunges, Summer Service Projects, and African-American Leadership Interns, Ivers said that while students at Notre Dame must learn how to swim (the freshmen swimming test), they are not required to complete a service project.

"[Don't be] content with normalcy, because Jesus tells us normalcy could be mediocrity," Ivers said in closing his presentation.

In the response session that followed, one student said, "We can empower ourselves to not feel so isolated, detached [and] unconnected." Also responding positively to Ivers speech, another student was "energized to know that good work is going on."

Ivers speech was part of the three-day conference Notre Dame hosted, "Reconciliation and Renewal in the Cities: Faith-Based Initiatives." The conference was part of the Department of Theology's Millenium Series, "Building the Civilization of Love: Imagining the Third Millenium."

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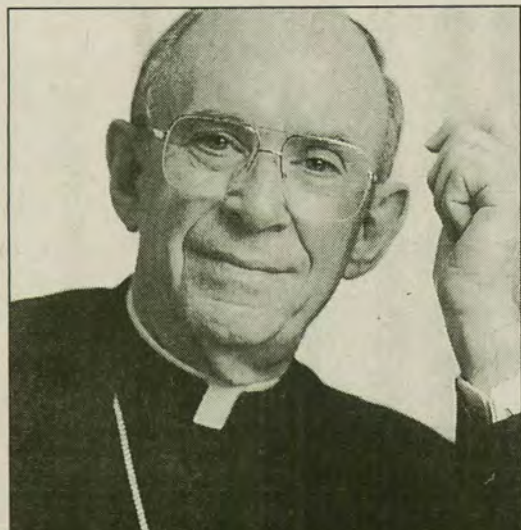
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AFGHANISTAN

Hijackers' families among captives

Associated Press

KABUL

While most passengers on the hijacked Afghan plane cowered in fear, dozens of others — many of them women and children — laughed, tossed aside their veils and received the choicest food and drink from their captors.

They were the relatives of the hijackers, according to some of the freed hostages who returned to Afghanistan. Seventy-three passengers returned home; 74 freed hostages stayed in Britain either seeking asylum or considering it.

Mohammed Shamsullah said the hijackers' goal was to seek asylum for themselves and their families. He said more than 30 of the people on the plane were relatives of the hijackers. Some passengers said as many as 40 were related.

The Ariana Airlines Boeing 727 was hijacked Feb. 6, shortly before arrival at the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif after a flight from Kabul. Nine men jumped out of their seats, brandishing guns and knives. The hijacking ended Feb. 10 in Britain after a standoff with British police at an airport outside London.

The hijackers — 13 men have been charged in a British court — beat one man with a stick and warned others to keep their heads between their

knees, the freed hostages said.

The hijackers appeared to relax after the aircraft landed in Britain.

"We didn't know what was happening because we never knew of a hijacking. I thought maybe it is something political or there was a problem with the plane," Shamsullah said.

His wife, Shahbibi, was making her first flight. She said she was terrified: "I just kept crying and praying from the Koran."

The first stop was in Uzbekistan. Shamsullah said the hijackers were nervous,

refusing to let small children leave their seats. Then the aircraft made an emergency stop in Kazakhstan.

"The second time when we

landed everyone was very afraid because there was something wrong with the plane," he said. "When it landed everyone said 'God is great.'"

After Kazakhstan, the plane stopped in Moscow and finally London, where the passengers were given food and drink.

The hijackers gave preferential treatment to their families, giving them food and water first and even handing out Pepsis — prized because they're so expensive in Afghanistan — to their children, Shamsullah said.

"They gave all the Pepsis to their children and we got what was left," he said. "In our country Pepsi is very sweet, because it costs too much money."

Another passenger, who identified himself only as Rokhai,

said there were 35 to 40 family members traveling with the hijackers. They sat throughout the aircraft, he said.

"They divided their people among us. Everyone was afraid, but their women and children were laughing, they threw off their burqa and showed their faces. I thought they are very bad," Shamsullah said.

Afghanistan is strictly Islamic, and men and women who are not related do not interact. Shamsullah said the hijackers talked freely with several women and children "and the women were very relaxed and not worried at all."

At the outset of the hijacking there were reports that 36 members of the same family were aboard the plane, including a woman who was to be married in Mazar-e-Sharif.

Shamsullah denied that there was a bride aboard. Rokhai agreed.

Only one of the 13 names given to the British court was found on the passenger list at the Ariana Airlines office in Kabul. An official there said the airline may have been given false names.

Shamsullah and Rokhai spoke to The Associated Press at the airport in Kabul on Tuesday before finally flying home to Mazar-e-Sharif.

Afghanistan's ruling Taliban have requested that the asylum seekers be returned, and promise they will not be punished. Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil has warned Britain that to grant asylum to people who are economic, not political refugees, would encourage hijackings.

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ISRAEL

German language offends survivors

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Germany's president came to Israel Tuesday speaking words of reconciliation, but the language he used to speak them — German — sparked controversy.

Johannes Rau, who assumed office last May, chose Israel as his first state visit. On Wednesday, he is also to be the first person to address the Israeli parliament, the Knesset, in German — touching a nerve in a land where once the mere idea of establishing ties with Germany set off bloody riots.

"It is the language in which we were persecuted and murdered and tortured and slandered and cursed," Dov Shilansky, a former Knesset speaker and a Holocaust survivor, said in a phone interview. "The very sound causes [Holocaust survivors] a trauma."

Rau was conscious of the burden any German state visitor bears, and was careful to recall German responsibility for the Holocaust — the mur-

der of 6 million Jews by the Nazis and their allies in German-occupied Europe from 1939-45.

"Soon there will no longer be witnesses of our history, which is fraught with unspeakable pain," he said at a state dinner given by Israeli President Ezer Weizman. "Therefore, it is important to pass on our knowledge and our experience to those who in the future will assume positions of responsibility in our two countries."

In each of his speeches, Rau emphasized strengthening the close ties the two nations have enjoyed since 1965, when they first exchanged ambassadors.

"I would like to invite Israel's youth to visit Germany to experience our present-day culture, to meet young Germans, to build friendships," he said.

As opposition leader in the 1950s, Menachem Begin led violent protests against accepting Holocaust reparations from the Germans — much less establishing ties. The music of Hitler favorite Richard Wagner was banned from public broadcast here until the late 1980s.

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Cigarette tax facing opponents

Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif.

First, Meathead vanquished the Marlboro Man in a cliffhanger finish. Now, in the best Hollywood tradition, comes the sequel.

Fourteen months after he persuaded California voters to raise cigarette taxes by 50 cents a pack to create new funds for early childhood development, actor-director Rob Reiner is back on the campaign trail. This time he's fighting Proposition 28, a March 7 ballot measure that would repeal the new taxes he championed.

"I never underestimate tobacco interests, what they will be willing to do, the lengths they will be willing to go to."

Rob Reiner
actor-director

"I never underestimate tobacco interests, what they will be willing to do, the lengths they will be willing to go to," said Reiner. "It's certainly unbelievably annoying that I'm having to do this, but I can't say I'm surprised."

His opponent is cigarette retailer Ned Roscoe, who says the taxes are bad fiscal and social policy.

"To take money from smokers and to waste it and to use it in a way that is actually bad for society — that's a bad thing to do. What you see here is the politics of division," said

Roscoe, vice chair of the Benicia-based chain Cigarettes Cheaper! that has 229 stores in California.

A recent Field Poll indicated the repeal effort has yet to catch on with voters. Twenty nine percent of those surveyed were in favor of Proposition 28, while 57 percent were against it and 14 percent were undecided. The poll, conducted between Feb. 2 and Feb. 6 among 1,186 registered voters,

had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.6 percentage points.

The tobacco taxes were created through Proposition 10, which narrowly passed in November 1998. They

generate an estimated \$700 million a year by raising state tobacco taxes, including a 50-cents-a-pack hike for cigarettes that brought total state cigarette taxes to 87 cents a pack.

The money goes to programs for children under five, with most of it going to locally appointed county commissions, based on birthrates. The first payments, totaling \$362 million, were distributed in October.

In the Proposition 10 fight, Reiner was up against a battalion of big-moneyed tobacco

interests. He had an enthusiastic campaign style and name recognition as Michael "Meathead" Stivic from TV's "All in the Family" and as a director whose credits include "When Harry Met Sally."

Reiner's forces spent \$10 million to Big Tobacco's \$30 million but squeaked out a victory by about 80,000 votes out of 8 million, a finish so tight it took days before victory was officially declared.

This time around, it's not clear what role, if any, the tobacco giants will play. Campaign finance reports filed so far don't indicate any major tobacco donations, but it is not unusual for money to flow in late in the campaign.

Roscoe says he's gotten no indication the big companies will help him.

Reiner says Roscoe is no small independent.

"This is a guy that's got 550 stores around the country," he says. "He can characterize himself anyway he wants to, but ultimately it's the tobacco interests that are trying to take this money away from children."

If the repeal effort does get a last-minute influx of cash, Reiner is prepared.

"In a way we're even fighting harder this time than last time. We won by such a thin margin last time I want to send a message to tobacco ... 'The voters of California really do care about young children. You should stop and go away and stop trying to fight us on this.'"

'Fugitive' trial points to neighbors

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

F. Lee Bailey, who won acquittal for Dr. Sam Sheppard at the doctor's second murder trial, testified Tuesday that two neighbors killed Marilyn Sheppard in the 1954 case that partly inspired "The Fugitive" TV series.

Bailey's version of the murder is at odds with the theory supported by the Sheppards' son, Sam Reese Sheppard, who has sued the state claiming his late father was wrongfully imprisoned for 10 years for his mother's death.

Bailey, the celebrity lawyer who also helped defend O. J.

Simpson, was the first witness. Sheppard's lawyers want him to show the doctor's first trial in 1954 was unfair because of a flood of negative news reports.

A few years after Bailey took the case, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the first trial's verdict in a landmark ruling against pretrial prejudice from adverse media publicity. Sheppard's acquittal came at a 1966 retrial.

The doctor told authorities repeatedly that a bushy-haired intruder at the family home on Lake Erie early on July 4, 1954, beat his wife to death in her bed.

Sheppard said he was knocked unconscious twice while trying to help his

wife.

Under cross-examination, Bailey said Sheppard told him privately he might have confronted two people.

Bailey testified that Spencer and Esther Houk, neighbors of the Sheppards, may be responsible for Mrs. Sheppard's beating death. Bailey said Mrs. Houk might have caught her husband and Mrs. Sheppard having sex.

Both Houks have been dead for years. After Sheppard's 1966 trial, Bailey's theory was presented to a grand jury, which decided against indicting the Houks.

Sam Reese Sheppard thinks a window washer for the family, Richard Eberling, was the murderer. Eberling was convicted in 1989 of

killing an elderly widow; he died in prison.

Bailey also conceded that Sheppard did not recognize Eberling as the killer when Eberling testified at Sheppard's 1966 retrial.

"That did not happen," Bailey said.

Prosecutor Steve Dever said during an argument without the jury present that Bailey's testimony is important because it showed Sheppard changed his story about the killing.

However Bailey said Sheppard was consistent.

"I think the bushy-haired man got a life of his own," Bailey said.

"That was one feature of the assailant that Sam could remember."

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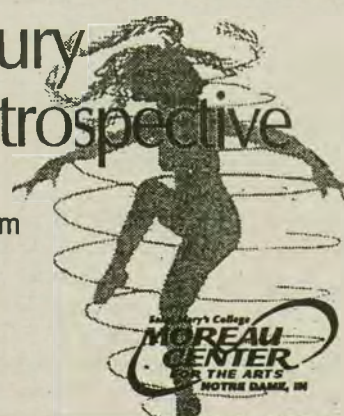
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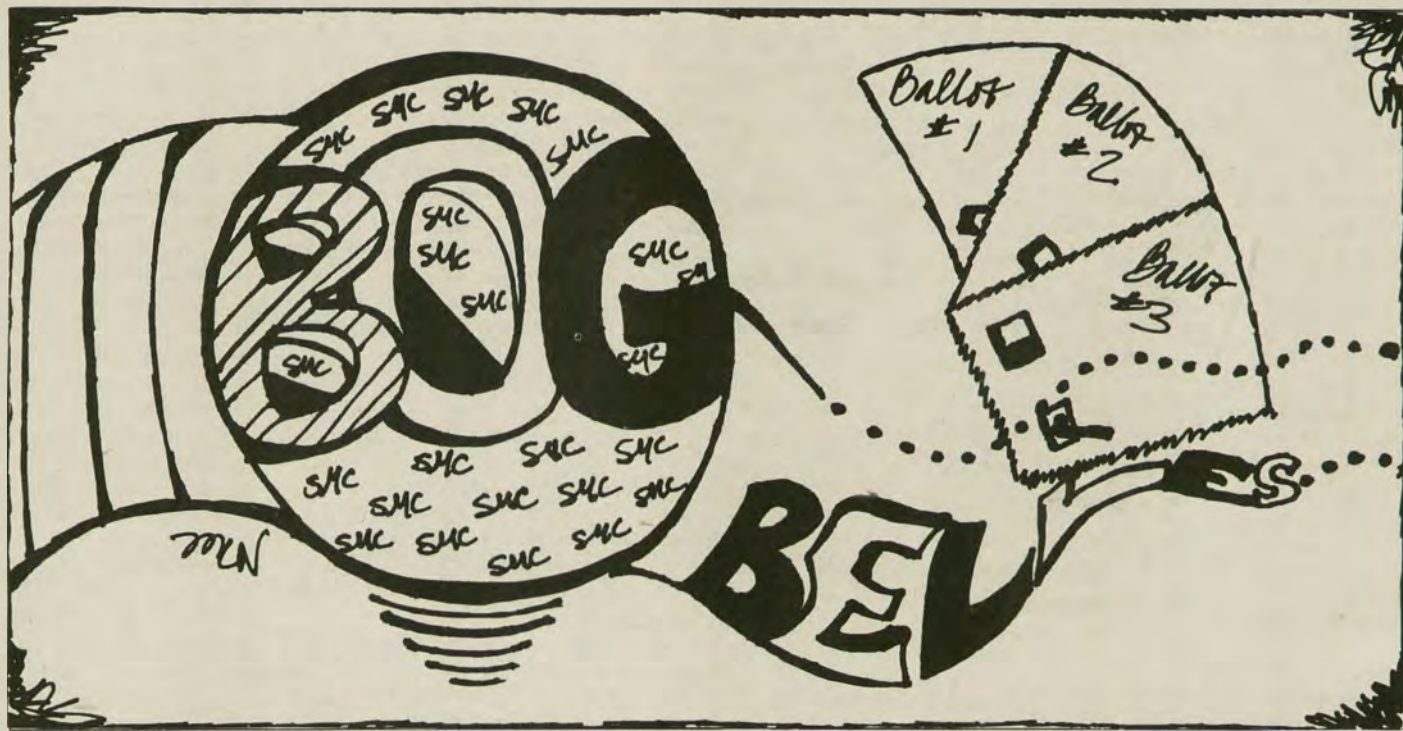
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Belles' student government on the ball

Note to the incoming Notre Dame student body president and vice president: When it comes to election procedures, the on-going discontent at Saint Mary's should, I trust, keep you from following their lead. But as for the true spirit of student government, Notre Dame could certainly learn a lesson from Saint Mary's.

Jason McFarley

The Bottom Line

I must give credit where credit is due. The Belles are on the ball. In implementing change and addressing key concerns, they leave Notre Dame student leaders in the dust. And the view from back here isn't encouraging.

Consider Saint Mary's stance on race relations. The women continue to move forward in their strategy to increase the diversity of their campus. Their latest advance comes in the form of a new Student Diversity Board. The board, approved last week by Saint Mary's Board of Governance, seeks to develop among Saint Mary's students a working knowledge and understanding of the cultures of their minority and international peers.

While the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs at Notre Dame serves a similar purpose to the Notre Dame community, it differs from the Student Diversity Board in one principal manner — OMSA wasn't student-initiated.

Saint Mary's student activities director Georgeanna Rosenbush recently told The Observer, "I believe that the new [diversity] board established at this proposed level of student government will have an impact on the student and campus culture as a whole over time."

It will. Especially if it stays committed to its educational intent. Presently, plans are underway for publications to be put out by the board and students can expect such opportunities as dra-

matic productions and speaker series.

Score one, Belles.

But that's just one matter that Saint Mary's student government tackles.

Remember the panel that convened on their campus two weeks ago? It was comprised of lesbian alumnae who spoke frankly of their homosexuality with current Saint Mary's students. Those very same students subsequently wrote letters and offered insight to The Observer, on the whole expressing how stimulating open discussion can be.

Open discussion, huh? What a concept, not to mention something strikingly absent from the Notre Dame campus.

It bears repeating that University officials' "keep it in the closet" attitude toward sexual orientation may survive in the United States military as "don't ask, don't tell." But it undoubtedly has no place in an academic setting where communication should be at its least encumbered. It bears repeating that where adult leaders fail to cultivate such an environment, Notre Dame student leaders should thrive.

Doing so, of course, means fostering sincere dialogue about critical student interests: race and sex, but also other such overlooked matters like women's issues. As much as we like to say that diversity and tolerance are more than talk, we must concede that candid forums provide exceptional platforms on which to come to value each others' differences — or at least accept them.

Don't tell that to those who equate acceptance with endorsement, though. According to their line of thought, conversations about race, homosexuality and gender are dangerous signs of furthering some sort of radical agenda. But let's be clear here. Students can share in such discourse without promoting any activist social designs.

Actually getting students involved, I suppose, is another affair. Yet Saint Mary's student leaders seem to have lit-

tle trouble prompting campus-wide participation.

I hate to bring up that nasty election again, but there's a moral to the story. Yes, the final balloting decision marked a lacking end to an otherwise intriguing contest. But look what it has done for Saint Mary's. An experienced leader has already stepped down from the Board of Governance as a direct result of the questionable election procedures. Students are making daily appeals for either a revote or the resignation of the declared victors. And three Saint Mary's women have circulated a petition and collected student signatures.

Even if students' confidence in the BOG is a bit rattled at the moment, can we really say anything less about the leadership at Notre Dame? Can we honestly dispute Saint Mary's efforts when an impressive portion of its students remain earnestly involved in and informed of student government functions?

And think, mustn't Notre Dame student governors be much more willing to garner the input of the men and women they represent in order to accomplish the same feats as Saint Mary's?

The bottom line here: As the heads of Notre Dame student government, the newly-elected student body president/vice president would do well to at once find inclusive, engaging means to confront under-served issues while increasing total student involvement in campus politics.

Following Saint Mary's example is a fine place to begin.

Jason McFarley is a freshman in the First Year of Studies. His column appears every other Wednesday.

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SCOTT ADAMS

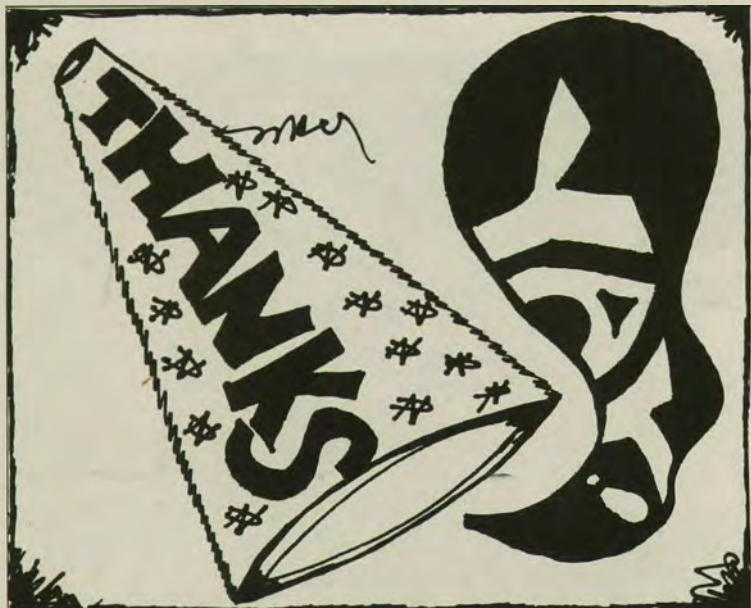
QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Many a man owes his success to his first wife and his second wife to his success."

Jim Backus
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Coach D applauds student enthusiasm, encourages respect

WOW! I cannot thank you enough for all the support you have given our team this year. The energy and enthusiasm that you demonstrated at the UConn game was unbelievable. Without your support, we could not have beaten the defending national champions. We were dog-tired at the end of the game, and you all gave us the energy to fight through fatigue and come away with a big-time win at the Joyce Center.

The Joyce Center was truly rocking. It was like a dream for me. When I took this job, I had hoped that there would be days like Saturday. I never imagined it would come in my first year on the job. I have asked you to come out and support our team, and you have.

One thing that I would like to ask you is this: As you show your support for our program, please continue to do so in a classy manner that represents this fine University. I love it when you all go nuts and create terrific chants.

However, some of the chants and displays on Saturday were out of character for Notre Dame. Anything that is vulgar or is a personal slur has no place in the Joyce Center. We need to make sure we avoid that kind of activity in the future. We can get the same effect by being a wild and crazy M.O.B.!

Again, thanks for your tremendous support! I hope to see you all at our Providence game on Wednesday, Feb. 23!

Go Irish!

"Coach D"

Men's Basketball Coach
February 15, 2000

Eating disorders hit men, too

We, the male members of the Hall Presidents' Council, would like to encourage all male undergraduates to complete an Eating Concerns Survey that will be sent to you shortly by the University Counseling Center.

Eating concerns are often seen as only "a women's issue," but that is not the case. Many men have eating disorders and problems with body image. Additionally, there may be situations in which a female friend is having problems but you do not know how to act or to help. Your responses to the survey will be kept anonymous, and the results will help the University develop better resources for students on campus. Thank you.

Michael Morales
Drew Olejnik
Knott Hall
Dan Brosmer
Brian Rigney
Paul Sepe
Morrissey Hall
Ryan Hodge
Joe Ribando
Zahn Hall
Bob Le Blanc
Carroll Hall
Aaron Osland
Keenan Hall
Matt Alles
O'Neill Hall

Geoffrey Rahie
Brian McCabe
Dillon Hall
Lawrence Burdett
Sorin Hall
Nicholas Pacelli
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Anthony J. Polcari
Fisher Hall
Christopher Clement
Keough Hall
Tim Greene
Judson Penton
St. Ed's Hall

February 15, 2000

UConn chants were not that bad

I sent the following message to David Haugh regarding his column in Tuesday's South Bend Tribune:

You might tell Frank Morock to look at the TV replay of the 1987 Notre Dame-Duke basketball game at Cameron Indoor Stadium. The Blue Devil mascot wore a large headband that read "Buckwheat" and the Duke students chanted "Buckwheat" every time that David Rivers touched the ball. There was no racist outrage from the media and no apology from Duke.

At the 1989 Notre Dame-Miami football game in the Orange Bowl, the Miami students in the upper deck urinated on the Notre Dame fans in

the lower deck. After the game, cars with Notre Dame decals were vandalized in the parking lots. I was there. I was president of the Notre Dame Club in Palm Beach. Again, there was no outrage from the media and no apology from Miami.

I have dozens of other examples from the past 30 years when Notre Dame has been the target of far worse incidents than the UConn game chant. Get off of your high horse and get a life!

Bill Fenton

Class of 1974

February 15, 2000

Stolen bouquet sours V-Day

St. Valentine's Day is marked by love and giving — at least that's what I was always taught. In today's day and age, flowers and candies are the usual gifts that guys and even ladies, send their sweethearts, their mothers and others that are important to them.

Never would I have believed that a group of individuals in the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community would have been so cold-hearted on such a day.

One week earlier, I went to a local South Bend flower shop that I have been going to since freshman year. I've had them send flowers to my mom back at home, my sister here on campus, and this year, to my girlfriend of 10 months and her three roommates.

When I walked my girlfriend back to McGlinn Hall I was expecting roses to have already been delivered. Well, there were no flowers to be found. I then called the florist to ask them if they knew of my delivery or if they could give me any information.

I could tell that they were very busy, but they were helpful in answering my questions. They called me back after checking on my order and discovered that they had made a mistake.

Instead of delivering the flowers to McGlinn



Hall they delivered them to McCandless Hall at Saint Mary's. The florist apologized for the mistake and I was understanding, especially since it was Valentine's Day and because they were obviously more than busy.

When the florist went back to McCandless Hall, however, to pick up the flowers and take them to McGlinn, the flowers had been separated from their bouquet and taken by whoever wanted them.

Even though the flowers were clearly marked "McGlinn Hall, Notre Dame" and included a card wishing my girlfriend Happy Valentine's Day (our first Valentine's Day together), residents of McCandless Hall destroyed them.

Theft, meanness — I don't know what to call it, but whatever it is, it's not right. Why would someone take apart a bouquet that was obviously a heartfelt gift just for their own pleasure? I know this is not the end of the world, but I feel that if anyone else had this done to them, they would be just as upset.

Michael Fairchild

Senior

Alumni Hall

February 15, 2000

Show degrades women, marriage

Last night, FOX hosted the most watched wedding since Charles and Diana. The show, "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire," paraded 50 single women ranging in age from 19 to 43 in beauty pageant form across a nationwide stage. Instead of a sparkling rhinestone studded crown, the prize was a middle-aged millionaire holding a three-karat diamond ring in a Pumpkin Carriage-style box. The Cinderella motif was a valiant attempt to romanticize this pathetic display of superficial degradation.

Contestant No. 1 was asked what she would do if she was at a party and one of her husband's friends hit on her. The question is ridiculous. Other questions followed this format, asking about ex-boyfriends and strip clubs. It's nice to know that this man isn't interested in the brains that lie beneath the beauty of these 10 women. These women didn't just parade around in swim suits and answer asinine questions, they openly admitted to the public that they are interested in abandoning their chances for romance and courtship to marry for money.

The contest began with 50 women representing 25 states and 8 countries. These are women with wonderful careers or college students on their way to successful futures. There was an environmental engineer, an ER nurse and, of course, a professional model thrown in there. These women could have lived successful lives without a multimillionaire to pay the bills. They participated in this event to grasp their opportunity to live on "easy street." There is no other explanation.

These women were interested in one thing, bringing home a rich husband. It's a superficial way to enter the so-called sacred institution of marriage.

Winning a millionaire husband on a TV show completely degrades the sacrament of marriage. The entire idea of marriage is the unification of two people out of love and trust. How can two people take vows which state "I pledge you my love and devotion" when they just met?

Marriage involves an eternal commitment to "love, honour and cherish." The only things these people love, honour and cherish are money and companionship. These aren't the basis for a marriage. This marriage involved a contest, a prenuptial agreement, and an exchange of empty vows.

The judge began the ceremony with "Dearly beloved," but the only love on that stage was shared by Mr. Multimillionaire and his 80 family and friends. A person can't pledge a lifetime to someone when they don't even know their last name. No little girl dreams of her future husband saying "I, Rick, take thee ... what's your name again?"

It was so appropriate for the new husband and wife to dance their first dance to Savage Garden's "I Knew I Loved You Before I Met You."

Alisa Schmitt

Freshman

McCandless Hall

February 15, 2000

HEALTH COLUMN

Eating Disorders Survey 2000

Editor's Note: In conjunction with the University Counseling Center, Scene presents a series of five columns this week that highlight eating concerns in recognition of Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

This week, all undergraduate Notre Dame men and women 18 years and older and not studying abroad will receive the Eating Concerns Survey 2000 from the University Counseling Center.

**Rita J. Donley
and Dominic O.
Vachon**

*University
Counseling
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The survey will assess the need on this campus for programs and services that address eating problems. We plan to do this by measuring how many students are struggling with their own eating concerns as well as determine how others eating behaviors impact significant others in their lives (e.g. roommates, boyfriends/girlfriends, teammates, etc.).

The Counseling Center has found that individuals tend to distort this issue. Some people believe that no problem exists while others fear there is an epidemic. In 1988 a survey was distributed requesting information from all Notre Dame undergraduate women about their own eating behaviors. Some of the results of this study are included in this article.

It is time to ask for input from the student body again so we can gain an accurate picture of how this issue impacts the day to day lives of all students. We are purposely sending the survey to all male students this time because we know this issue impacts their lives as well. Research studies suggest that for every ten women who struggle with their eating, one man is struggling with his eating as well. In addition, men have concerns about some of their friends' eating problems.

Participation is completely voluntary. Responses on the survey are anonymous and the surveys are not coded in any way. The more surveys that are returned, the more accurate the results will be. In addition, this survey, unlike the one in 1988, assesses the impact of eating concerns on significant others.

Surveys should be returned to the laboratory for social research through campus mail as soon as possible. A return campus mail envelope is enclosed with the survey for your convenience. If completing the survey creates concerns for you, please feel free to contact the Counseling Center for assistance at 631-7336.

This problem is not unique to Notre Dame. The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives have designated Feb. 12-19, 2000, as "National Eating Disorders Awareness Week." Programs are being conducted throughout the country to promote public awareness about this issue. We have provided a number of programs and services over the years, but gaining your input is especially important this year. Your responses will allow us to address what services and resources need to be offered in the future.

In 1988, we asked ourselves: "Does Notre Dame have more women struggling with eating disorders than other colleges and universities?" Christine Conway, Ph.D., Anne-Green Emrich, Ph.D., and Mary Racker, Ph.D. reported the results in The University of Notre Dame Eating Disorder Survey, January 1989.

In terms of eating concerns, we were similar to other private, selective colleges and universities. The survey addressed five issues: (1) the extent of eating problems among Notre Dame undergraduate women; (2) the age of onset of eating problems; (3) the extent to which women with eating problems seek treatment; (4) the relationship between eating disorders

and other familial problems; and (5) the behavior patterns which are symptomatic of an eating disorder.

Of the 2,229 women surveyed, 975 responded. This 44 percent return rate differs from typically cited surveys in that the entire population of undergraduate women at Notre Dame was sampled. The results of the survey should be interpreted with knowledge that the conclusions were based on respondents' self-reports. Also, diagnostic criteria developed for use in clinical interviews were applied to questionnaire data. Both of these procedures could have resulted in an inaccurate estimate of the presence of eating disorders in the Notre Dame community.

The study found seven percent of the sample were diagnosable as bulimic, while 0.6 percent were diagnosable as anorexic. Nine percent had all but one symptom of bulimia and four percent had all but one symptom of anorexia. Thus, 20 percent of the sample had either a diagnosable eating disorder or a serious eating problem. With the above-mentioned cautions, this would generalize to approximately 450 women at Notre Dame having serious eating disorders.

Results of the study also indicated that 46 percent of the respondents had some symptoms of an eating disorder and 34 percent were considered normal. While comparison with other studies is problematic, these results are generally consistent with other studies of college women with a slightly higher incidence of bulimia in the Notre Dame respondents.

The majority of women exhibited symptoms of these problems prior to entering Notre Dame.

However, more serious symptoms (such as self-induced vomiting and laxative abuse) seem to develop during college. The results suggest the progressive development of eating disorders in which weight control begins with strict dieting and culminates in purging and laxative abuse.

Relatively few of the women surveyed who reported eating problems had sought treatment either at the University Counseling Center or elsewhere. Eighty-seven percent of those with serious eating disorders and 95 percent of those with some symptoms had not sought professional help. The responses suggested that women either felt that their problem was not serious enough to warrant help or were embarrassed to have others find out about their eating problem.

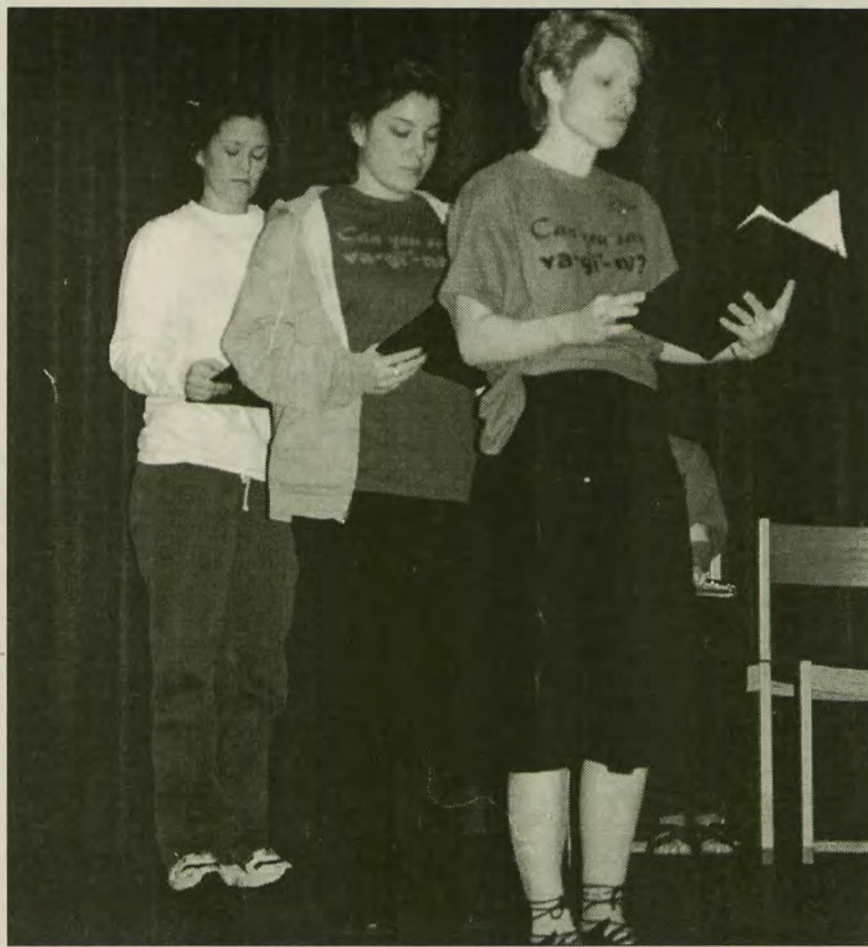
Female students with eating disorders did not report a higher incidence of alcohol or drug problems than those with some eating symptoms or those considered to be normal eaters. A higher incidence of family problems with food and a higher incidence of forced sexual contact was found among students with eating problems than with the other two groups. One behavioral component of eating disorders seems to be obsessive thinking about food. In a student population, the preoccupation with food may impede academic concentration and interfere with social functioning.

What will the new survey tell us? Hopefully, much more than the 1988 survey did. We will learn about men's concerns with their own eating. We will be able to compare how women responded in 1988 to undergraduate women in 2000. We will be able to see how much others struggles with eating impact the lives of their friends, roommates, teammates and significant others. We will be able to evaluate what we do and how we do it. This has to be a cooperative effort.

If we do not hear from you, we do not know the best ways to respond. Please take 20 minutes and complete the survey as soon as possible. We thank you for your assistance with this project.

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THEATER PREVIEW



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Actors from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame perform "The Vagina Monologues."

SMC presents 'Vagina' play

By NELLIE WILLIAMS

Scene Writer

Eve Ensler wants you to see, hear and feel that women's bodies are sacred. She wants you to know that women's bodies are a part of their selves.

"The Vagina Monologues," performed tonight at Saint Mary's, is not to be taken lightly. The show, which is based on Ensler's Obie Award-winning show containing collective interviews with more than 200 women, includes compassion and brutality.

Sara Salazar, president of Feminist Collective and CARE (Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination) at Saint Mary's, first learned about the "Monologues" through the Internet. A college initiative has been sent out to campuses all around the world to get involved with "V-Day," the 'V' standing for vagina, anti-violence and victory.

V-Day, designated to carry out "The Vagina Monologues," was started on Feb. 14, 1998, in New York, launched as a movement to embrace womanhood and end violence against women. Last year, V-Day was celebrated in London with actresses Melanie Griffith, Kate Winslet and Cate Blanchette performing. There are more than 150 colleges and universities performing "The Vagina Monologues" this year.

Salazar, who started planning this event in December, said it is a very worthwhile production.

"We want this to give more awareness to women," she said. "Some women feel really disconnected with their bodies."

Actresses in the production include several young women from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, a

professor and a sister.

Catherine Pittman, psychology professor at Saint Mary's and director of the "Monologues," is very pleased the College has been so supportive.

"Our college has been very supportive," she said. "It's part of the 'Love Every Body' week."

Pittman feels it is very important for women to claim their bodies and talk about their experiences.

"Only when we can open ourselves in this way to taking hold of the language, and using it, transforming it, can we begin to ground ourselves in our own experiences. Otherwise we will simply be the object's to other's experiences," she said.

"I'm hoping it will capture people's attention," said Pittman. "We're trying to say, women's bodies are sacred and we want to celebrate them. We want people to use these words [vagina] — they're what are used. You have nothing until you use them."

Following the production, there will be breakout sessions, where people can discuss what they have heard and how they are feeling.

"We want [people] to see and feel more comfortable with their [bodies]," Pittman said.

Students in the production feel this is a great opportunity.

"There is mis-education given to women in society," said Megan Bodary. "We should feel comfortable talking about our bodies — they are ours."

Jaimie Newcomb is excited to see how people react to the monologues.

"I think there will be lots of strong mixed reactions," she said.

Pittman said these monologues have even helped the women acting them out.

"It has opened up dialogue between people. There are personal things that we've shared and talked about. I hope this spreads beyond us to other people."

All proceeds for the show will be given to the Sex Offense Services (SOS).

WelKOM to West Quad's Welsh Family Hall

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By JACQUELINE OSTROWSKI
Scene Writer

A prime location paired with developing traditions in athletics and service make Welsh Family Hall an ideal home for its 257 residents. Though Welsh Family is one of Notre Dame's newest residence halls, the women of Welsh have already established what they hope will become annual traditions.

Residents seem to agree that one of their dorm's strengths is athletics. "Varsity sports are encouraged here," said senior Kerrie Johnson. Even those "Whirlwinds" who do not participate in sports notice the supportive atmosphere toward athletic activity. Welsh Family is home to many varsity sports members, including three basketball players. However, the athletic edge to Welsh goes beyond varsity sports and extends to dorm competition.

The women captured the women's flag football championship this year, and earlier this month, Welsh Family, along with Keough, triumphed in the Late Night Olympics. The dorm's basketball team also hopes to continue a strong season.

"We're very strong, athletically," said Sister Adrienne Piennette, who serves as rector of Welsh Family. "It's a tradition that may continue."

Piennette's hesitancy to confirm that athletic strength is a definite "Whirlwind" trait reflects the fact that Welsh Family is still creating its own campus identity. In fact, Piennette commented that many people have confused Welsh Family with Walsh Hall because of the similar dorm names. Having existed for only three years, the residence

hall has tough competition from other well-known dorms that boast years of opportunities to make their names known.

Still, Welsh has taken promising steps toward increasing dorm awareness. The women have already created a signature event that has received considerable campus support. The Welsh Family Feud, hosted and created by Welsh residents, is a game show similar to the popular television program. This year, the Family Feud will be held March 25 at Reckers. The night before the event, Welsh will host a hall dance.

The women of Welsh also hope to begin a tradition of service. Last year, Welsh Family sent two buses to Chicago filled with walkers for the Walkathon for Juvenile Diabetes and raised \$3,000. In the future, they anticipate the event will grow and include both walkers and sponsors from all parts of campus.

Other perks to Welsh life include the amenities of a new dorm. "Physically, it's a nice dorm," said senior resident advisor Kristin Gerber, noting Welsh's spacious lounges and brand-new facilities.

Those who live in other, less-superior dorms will notice the luxury of life on the West Quad. In comparison to some of Notre Dame's older dorms, Welsh really shines. Its numerous lounges add to its list of assets. "It's very conducive to community living [to have] section lounges on every floor," said Johnson.

Another of Welsh's finer qualities is that it lies within close distance of many important campus buildings. "One of the best things about Welsh is its location," said sophomore Rachel Willcox. "We're close to DeBartolo, the bookstore and the dining hall."

Welsh residents also know they have the support of Robert and Kathleen Welsh, the couple for whom the hall is named. Alumni of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, respectively, the Welshes come to every home football game and make an effort to stop by the dorm and talk with residents. They also contribute in



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Chelsie Venechuk (left) and Maureen Rogers shoot some stick in a Welsh lounge. The novelty of the dorm allows them the advantage of such youthful activities.

other ways, such as purchasing T-shirts for residents and sending gifts of recognition for the championship flag football team.

Even though their hall is young when compared with dorms such as Sorin or Morrissey, Welsh Family residents have plenty to brag about. If anything, their

"youthful" age serves as an advantage as the women pursue new traditions and activities. As they make themselves comfortable in their dorm lounge, the newly christened "Family" room, the "Whirlwinds" are surely contemplating the many virtues of living in Welsh Family Hall.

'Roos of Keough Hall have lots o' fun

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By COURTNEY KERRIGAN
Scene Writer

Many have passed it on the way to the bookstore. It's one of the four almost identical "new dorms" on campus that everyone simultaneously hates and envies because they don't get to live there. It's air-conditioned, the rooms are huge in comparison to typical Notre Dame dorm rooms and there are fewer problems with heaters and plumbing than the older dorms, such as Badin, experience.

The 'Roos (short for Kangaroos) of Marilyn Keough Hall are in their fourth year of existence, but they have already established traditions that are known around campus, such as the Chariot Race and The White Wedding. It is the home of Ivan Kartelo, a freshman member the basketball team, Father Mark Poorman, vice president of student affairs and Brian O'Donoghue and John Micek, candidates on separate tickets for student body president and vice president, respectively, and many other athletes and big guys on campus.

Keough is well-known, however, not only for its fun and games, but also for its dedication to hospitality and community service. Rector Father Tom Doyle



MARY CALASH/The Observer

A bunch of Keough 'Roos play a game of cards and hang out. Though one of Notre Dame's newest dorms, Keough has already established itself as a popular dorm.

said: "We have a real sense of tradition, and in our three-and-a-half short years we have developed a sense of community unique to Keough Hall."

Just two years ago, Keough won the interhall sports trophy. Mass at Keough

is always full — people living off-campus attend, as well as many girls and other non-residents because of the music and the welcoming attitudes. Father Doyle encourages this and is very proud of it. He is also a Notre Dame man, having

graduated in the '80s. He was student body president and a walk-on for the football team his freshman year. He has elevated the spirit of Keough Hall to one equaling that of the older, more established dorms.

Two of the most famous Keough events are the Chariot Race, which takes place in the fall, and the White Wedding, which took place Saturday night. The White Wedding is actually a mock wedding; Keough Hall residents vote on who will be married, and the whole ordeal is really just a parody of the entire wedding ceremony, a great excuse for an SYR and a party.

This year it was especially romantic because one of the resident advisors, senior Brian Bausano, proposed to his girlfriend (who accepted), and all toasts following the ceremony were made for the happy couple rather than the mock bride and groom.

The Chariot Race is another fun activity, a great reason to hang out outside, have a barbecue and have some good old fashioned chariot-racing fun. All sections of Keough construct chariots and any dorm on campus can enter the race. It's a great time with some great looking guys — check it out next fall, girls.

Marilyn Keough Hall is an all-around great dorm. Chris Clement, hall vice president, said he loves Keough because "it's got a great community, the sports teams are very good, the Masses are well-attended by girls and even guys off campus and we hope to make our Chariot Race and White Wedding huge events on campus."

NBA

Raptors keep winning streak alive

Associated Press

Vince Carter scored 29 points and Tracy McGrady had 18, including 14 in the third quarter, as the Toronto Raptors won their seventh straight home game with a 91-70 win over the New York Knicks on Tuesday night.

Doug Christie, the Raptors starting point guard for the past three weeks, had 11 assists in the first quarter and 13 overall.

McGrady, wearing a brace on his right arm after bruising it during Saturday's All-Star dunk contest, dominated in the third by scoring 10 straight points at one point.

Carter, the slam-dunk champion, dominated the first quarter by scoring 15 points as the Raptors outscored the Knicks 32-16.

The Raptors led by as many as 18 in the first half, but the Knicks went on a 29-13 run, with Houston scoring 13 points, to pull to 47-45 before the Raptors ended the quarter with a 6-0 run.

Toronto opened a 23-point lead in the third quarter as the Raptors held New York to just eight points.

McGrady single-handedly outscored New York 14-8 in the third. His 10 straight points included two slam-dunks, a fade-away 16-foot jump shot, two free throws and a lay-up.

Hawks 103, Nets 86

Dikembe Mutombo had 21 points, 13 rebounds and 11 blocked shots for his third career triple-double as the Atlanta Hawks beat the New Jersey Nets.

Mutombo blocked Kendall

Gill's lay-up with 4:27 remaining to register his first triple-double with the Hawks.

Mutombo, a three-time NBA defensive player of the year, had 10 points, seven rebounds and five blocks in the first half alone.

Alan Henderson added 21 points and Jim Jackson had 20 for Atlanta, which has won seven of its last 10 games.

Stephon Marbury led the Nets, who lost for the eighth time in their last 10 games, with 27 points. Following a 3-for-14 shooting performance in the first half, Marbury scored 15 points in the third quarter.

Cavaliers 92, Spurs 81

Lamond Murray scored 27 points, rookie Andre Miller had 20 and the Cleveland Cavaliers began the second half with a shocking win over the San Antonio Spurs.

The Cavs, coming off an injury-filled 19-30 start to the season, snapped a four-game losing streak by out-hustling the defending NBA champions.

Shawn Kemp had 14 points in 28 foul-plagued minutes and Mark Bryant had 10 rebounds for the Cavs, who started a hobbling Brevin Knight at point guard and were without Bob Sura.

Tim Duncan scored 21 points and David Robinson had 20 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out with 55 seconds left.

The Spurs were flat from the start and had one of their poorest offensive games of the season. San Antonio shot just 39 percent and got little help from its bench.

Miller's 3-pointer with 3:35 left was the biggest shot of the game. Alone on the right wing, Miller initially hesitated before

knocking down the 3 to give the Cavs an 88-76 lead.

Miller and Murray put the Cavs in position to win, combining for 14 points in the third quarter when Cleveland outscored San Antonio 27-15 to take control.

Heat 107, Clippers 88

Jamal Mashburn scored 26 points to lead the Miami Heat to a 107-88 victory over the reeling Clippers on Tuesday night, handing Los Angeles its seventh straight loss and 17th defeat in 18 games.

The Heat, winners of six of seven overall and a season-best six straight at home, got 20 points, 13 rebounds and eight blocks from Alonzo Mourning.

The Clippers, who lost 13 straight on the road, were without rookie Lamar Odom, who stayed in Los Angeles nursing a sore right shoulder and tendinitis in his left knee. He played in the All-Star rookie game last weekend.

Eric Piatkowski, who took Odom's spot, led the Clippers with 15 points. Eric Murdock added 13.

Charles Jones' lay-up cut Miami's lead to 41-37, but the Heat reeled off an 18-7 run to lead 59-44 at halftime.

Voshon Leonard, who scored 15, had two 3-pointers and a lay-up during the spurt, and Mashburn scored 16 points on 6-of-8 shooting by halftime. He finished 9-of-14, including 4-of-6 on 3-pointers, and grabbed eight rebounds.

Mashburn hit two 3-pointers and Anthony Carter fed P.J. Brown for a fast-break dunk to cap a 14-5 run early in the third quarter to give Miami a 73-52 lead with 5:31 left. Carter had eight assists.

NHL

Oates, Simon give Capitals 2-1 edge

Associated Press

Adam Oates and Chris Simon each had a goal and an assist in the second period Tuesday night as the Washington Capitals won their franchise-record ninth straight at home, 2-1 over the Colorado Avalanche.

Oates' 10th goal broke a tie as time ran out in the second period.

Washington, which has not lost a game at MCI Center since a 1-0 defeat to Montreal on Dec. 13, is 14-2-2 in 18 games. The Capitals are unbeaten in 12 home games (10-0-2), one shy of the team record set in 1992-93.

Richard Hejduk scored for the Avalanche, who lost their third straight road game.

Olaf Kolzig made 31 saves as the Capitals improved to 17-4-6 at home.

The Avalanche, 1-6-1 in eight road games, were 3-0-1 in their last four against Washington. The Capitals last win over Colorado was March 6, 1997.

After failing to convert two first-period man-advantages, the Capitals were successful on two straight.

Simon broke a scoreless tie 7:32 into the second, scoring his team-high 18th goal on the Capitals' 20th shot. He settled Oates' centering pass with his right skate, then flicked the puck past Roy from the edge of the left circle.

With the Avalanche on a power play, Hejduk tied it by batting in Adam Deadmarsh's rebound at 11:13 for his 26th

goal.

Oates restored the lead with time running out in the second and Colorado's Alexei Gusarov off for tripping. Simon, at the right post, sent a sweeping pass back to Oates between the circles. Oates weaved a shot through traffic with 0.1 remaining in the period.

Senators 5, Hurricanes 1

Vinnie Prospal scored two goals to help the Ottawa Senators extend their home winning streak to four games with a victory over the Carolina Hurricanes.

Shawn McEachern, Daniel Alfredsson and Marian Hossa also scored for Ottawa before 16,610 fans at Corel Centre. Ottawa closed within four points of first-place Toronto in the Northeast Division.

Nolan Pratt had Carolina's only goal.

The Senators have won only three of eight games and are winless in five road contests, but improved to 15-8-5-2 at home.

The Hurricanes had won seven of 10 after snapping a five-game losing streak, including winning three straight road contests.

McEachern opened the scoring with 5:08 remaining in the first period, beating goalie Mark Fitzpatrick to a rebound and scoring while falling.

Prospal leaned around Hurricanes defenseman Sean Hill in the slot and beat Fitzpatrick with 23 seconds left in the period.

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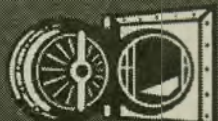
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Judge releases Lewis from jail

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Associated Press

ATLANTA

A judge granted Ray Lewis a \$1 million bond Monday, saying the Baltimore Ravens linebacker could stay at his home in Maryland while awaiting trial on murder charges.

Defense attorney Max Richardson said he would try to get Lewis out of jail later Monday night or early Tuesday.

Various NFL figures, including team owner Art Modell, testified for Lewis at the day-long hearing, calling him "dependable" and a "good citizen."

The 24-year-old Ravens star and two companions are charged with murder in two stabbing deaths during a brawl at a post-Super Bowl party on Jan. 31.

Lewis did not speak at the hearing, but shook hands with his lawyers before he left the courtroom.

He has been held without bail since his arrest the day of the slayings.

One of his two codefendants turned himself in Monday; the other is at large.

Superior Court Judge Doris Downs said she found no evidence that Lewis, who had no prior felony conviction,

poses a significant threat to flee the charges or to intimidate any witnesses.

The bond requires Lewis to stay in Maryland unless he is traveling to Georgia for events related to the case. She required that \$200,000 of the bail be in cash and said Lewis cannot use alcohol or drugs of any kind while he is out.

She also said Lewis must be home every night before 9 p.m.

All parties in the case are under a gag order.

Modell testified that Lewis impressed him by spending some of his signing bonus money to buy his mother a house after he was the Ravens' No. 1 draft pick in 1996.

"He's a good citizen for the Baltimore Ravens," Modell said, citing Lewis' willingness to visit hospitals and do other charity work. "There's no question in my mind that he would be dependable and live up to his obligations, no matter what it is."

Both sides emphasized to Downs that they were not interested in arguing Lewis' guilt or innocence during the bond hearing. But the issue led to several sharp exchanges between prosecutor Clinton Rucker and Lewis' mother, Sunseria Keith, and great-uncle, the Rev. Clinton Stancil.

Keith said she knew her son didn't kill anyone "because I gave him life. I raised him."

Modell drew laughter from the packed courtroom when, pressed by Rucker on whether his team was better with Lewis than without

him, said, "We'd be a better team with Johnny Unitas if he were still available."

"I'm worried about Ray Lewis, the person. I'm not worried about my football team," Modell said.

Ed Garland, another Lewis attorney, asked Modell whether Lewis would suffer serious financial harm if he were unable to play out the remaining years of the four-year, \$26 million contract extension he signed in 1998.

"I hate to even predict that, but he'd lose his job," Modell said.

Meanwhile, Atlanta police said Joseph Sweeting, 34, of Miami surrendered to authorities Monday morning. The third suspect, Reginald "A.J." Oakley, 31, of Baltimore, remained at large.

At the hearing, prosecutors stressed that Lewis, who played college football at Miami, was much closer to Sweeting than he admitted to police.

They showed a picture of Sweeting with his arm around Lewis to each witness.

Lewis, Sweeting and Oakley were indicted Friday in the deaths of Richard Lollar, 24, and Jacinth Baker, 21, who were stabbed during the fight outside an Atlanta nightclub.

Lewis' lawyers say he tried to break up the fight, did not see the crime and was at least 60 feet away when Lollar and Baker, both of Decatur, Ga., were stabbed.

Police say Lewis drove away in a limousine and later was uncooperative with investigators, providing misleading statements.



Lewis

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Tigers' hiring changes satisfy commissioner

Associated Press

DETROIT

The Detroit Tigers escaped punishment for not considering minority candidates when they hired a manager, with commissioner Bud Selig saying Tuesday he was "delighted" with new efforts the team pledged to undertake.

Selig told teams last April that they must consider minority candidates, but the Tigers didn't interview any last fall before hiring Phil Garner.

The NAACP asked Selig to punish the team and the commissioner said he would investigate. Under baseball's new constitution, Selig has the power to fine teams \$2 million.

Detroit said Tuesday it created a five-member community advisory board to work on minority employment and contracting issues, as well as on public relations.

"We expect the board to recommend a number of tangible steps our club can take to honor the distinguished history of African-American baseball in this community and to foster the love of baseball by our young people," Tigers president John McHale said in a statement.

Selig said the move satisfies his concerns about Detroit's hiring practices.

"I am delighted with the cooperation of [owner] Mike Ilitch, John McHale and the Detroit Tigers," Selig said in a statement. "This is a very progressive and sensitive series of programs. The Tigers have

recognized the problem and addressed it. That, I believe, is more important than taking disciplinary action."

Baseball spokesman Rich Levin confirmed that the Tigers will not be disciplined.

Larry Parrish was fired as manager on Oct. 14 and Detroit replaced him with Garner, citing the former Milwaukee manager's "burning desire to win."

General manager Randy Smith said Garner was the only person interviewed for the job.

The Brewers fired him in August in the midst of a seventh straight losing season.

NAACP president Kweisi Mfume called the hiring "essentially a slap in the face" to minorities such as Atlanta Braves coach Don Baylor, San Diego Padres coach Davey Lopes, Philadelphia Phillies coach Hal McRae and New York Yankees coach Willie Randolph.

The NAACP could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Named to Detroit's advisory board were Tom Goss, Michigan's former athletic director; S. Martin Taylor, member of the Michigan board of regents and former director of the state's unemployment insurance agency; Carmen Munoz, chairwoman of Munoz Machine Products; Jim Stapleton, chairman of the Detroit Urban League; and Nate Ford, a board member of the NAACP's Detroit chapter.

"The board will review with Tigers' executives the club's hiring patterns and recruiting efforts," the Tigers said.

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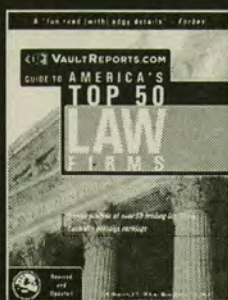
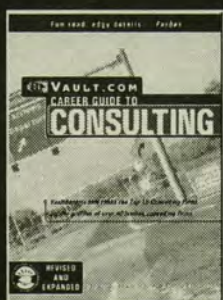
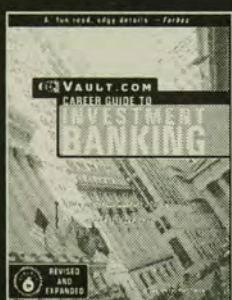
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Griffey trade cannot solve Reds' pitching woes

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Ken Griffey Jr. trade gave the Cincinnati Reds a superstar and surge of interest as spring training approached.

So far, so good. Now, who's going to pitch?

The trade that reunited Junior with his hometown also subtracted from an already shaky starting rotation. The Seattle Mariners got right-hander Brett Tomko as part of the 4-for-1 deal.

When Griffey shows up along with the other position players next week in Sarasota, Fla., all the attention is going to be on the center fielder.

A more important chore starts in Sarasota this week, when the Reds begin weeding through 37 pitchers to figure out who's in the rotation.

Griffey may get the headlines, but it will be the pitching that either gets the Reds to the playoffs or causes them miss out once again.

And right now, there are at least as many questions about the pitching as there are pitchers in camp — 37, after they signed Osvaldo Fernandez to a minor league deal Tuesday.

"That's not enough," general manager Jim Bowden said. "You don't get enough pitching. We've all talked about it. Pitching is going to separate how far you go."

Last season, the Reds made it to the doorstep of the playoffs, losing a wild card tiebreaker to the New York Mets.

They made it that far because their bullpen led the majors with a 3.36 ERA and Ron Villone and Steve Parris joined the rotation during the season and had career years.

The Reds also got a boost down the stretch from Juan Guzman, acquired in a July

31 trade with Baltimore. Guzman left as a free agent after the season.

The bullpen is intact, though not without questions. Can Scott Williamson repeat the success that made him the NL Rookie of the Year in 1999?

Will Danny Graves and the rest of the youngsters be able to come through again?

"We don't have a lot of depth in our pitching," manager Jack McKeon said. "It was evident last year when we went out and got Guzman to give us a last-minute shot."

"We have to be concerned. With the experience they got last year, can our young pitchers continue at the same pace? Or once again, do we have one slip or fall off for a year?"

There's little margin for error in the rotation, which was full of questions even before the Griffey trade.

Left-hander Denny Neagle hopes to be free of the shoulder weakness that wiped out much of his 1999 season.

Pete Harnisch, the Reds' top starter last season, chose not to have surgery on his troublesome shoulder over the winter.

Instead, he did strengthening exercises hoping to eliminate the pain that limited him much of the season.

If those two guys aren't healthy, the Reds are sunk.

"If we're going to win this division, we've got to have Harnisch and Neagle win 15 games," Bowden said.

The rotation was tottering last season until Villone went from the bullpen into the rotation for the first time in his career and went a career-best 9-7 with a 4.23 ERA. Parris also had a career year, going 11-4 with a 3.50 ERA following his May 3 call-up from the minors.

The fifth starter? It could be Mark Portugal.

The 37-year-old right-hander went 7-12 with a 5.51 ERA for Boston last season, lost his final four decisions and was released.

"If he has medical problems, the only way you find

out is to pitch him in the spring," McKeon said. "If he's healthy, he might be a guy who could be a sleeper because he does know how to pitch."

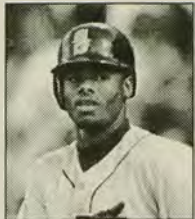
Regardless of who makes the rotation, McKeon is pushing for a quick start.

The Reds went 9-12 last

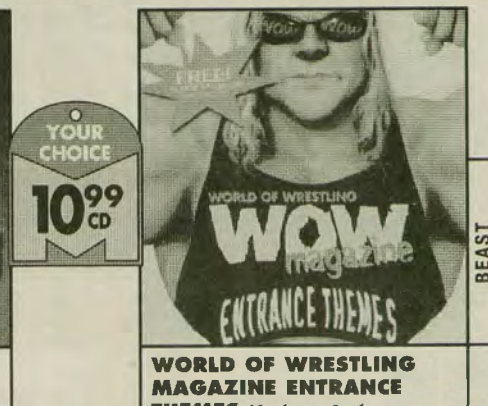
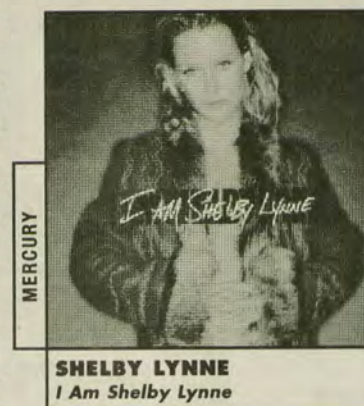
April, their only month with a losing record, in large part because of the rotation's struggles.

The 37 pitchers and seven catchers are scheduled to report in Sarasota on Wednesday, take physicals on Thursday, and have their first workout on Friday.

"When you talk about our pitching staff, the key is getting ready so we can have a decent start," McKeon said. "Last year our starters were in trouble with Neagle, Pete and [Steve] Avery not being 100 percent. Hopefully all of our guys are 100 percent this year."



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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Dolan buys Jacobs' Indians

Associated Press

CLEVELAND
Larry Dolan, who grew up hoping he would someday play for the Cleveland Indians, officially owns the team.

Dolan's \$323 million purchase from Richard Jacobs was completed on Tuesday when the deal closed.

"We are extremely excited that this day has arrived," Dolan said in a statement. "It is a dream come true for me and my family. Ownership of this franchise is a great honor and comes with an incredible sense of responsibility. Cleveland has the best baseball fans in America."

Dolan, 69, a managing part-

ner of a small law firm in suburban Chardon, was vacationing in California and unavailable for comment. The team said Dolan will hold a news conference when he returns at the end of the month.

The Indians' sale was approved last week by the team's public shareholders, who will receive \$22.66 per share of stock.

The final sale figure — \$3 million more than previously estimated — is a record for a baseball team, topping the \$311 million paid by the Fox division of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. for the Los Angeles Dodgers in March 1998.

After his purchase was approved by major league owners last month, Dolan said he wasn't planning any major changes to a team which has won five straight AL Central titles and made it to the World Series twice since 1995.

"The old axiom, 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it,' applies here," he said.

Jacobs and his late brother, David, bought the Indians for about \$45 million in 1986. The team, still without a Series title since 1948, endured five straight losing seasons through 1993 before turning it around when it moved into Jacobs Field in 1994. The Indians have sold out every home game since early in the 1995 season.

Because of a previous agreement, Cleveland's ballpark will keep the name Jacobs Field at least through the 2006 season.

NFL

Prosecutors want death for Carruth

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Prosecutors made it official Tuesday: They want the death penalty for Rae Carruth.

With Carruth and his mother in court, the prosecution said special circumstances warrant the death penalty for the former Carolina Panthers player.

However, Assistant District Attorney Gentry Caudill would not say what those circumstances were.

From the outset of the case, the prosecution has said it would seek the death penalty in the murder of Carruth's girlfriend. But the request was finally put before Judge Shirley Fulton on Tuesday.

Carruth did not speak during the brief hearing.

His lawyer, David Rudolf, said Carruth is doing well, given the situation.

"He has faith and he knows he's innocent," he said. "And he has faith that the system will work."

Rudolf asked the judge to encourage prosecutors to begin turning over evidence, such as witness statements and telephone records.

"We have not gotten anything, not a single piece of paper," he said outside the courthouse. "It's important that discovery rolls ahead so we can start working on the

case."

Caudill said the district attorney's office will provide the material as quickly as possible. The judge scheduled a hearing for April 3 to review progress.

Carruth and three co-defendants are charged with first-degree murder in the drive-by shooting in November.

Cherica Adams, 24, was shot four times in her car while driving on Nov. 16. Soon afterward, she gave birth to son Chancellor, 10 weeks premature. Adams died Dec. 14.

A similar hearing was held Tuesday for two of the other three defendants.

Stanley Abraham, 19, and Michael Kennedy, 24, appeared briefly before the judge. The death penalty will be sought against them as well.

The hearing for the other defendant, Van Brett Watkins, will be held later this month because one of his lawyers was involved in another murder case Tuesday.

All four are being held in the county jail without bail.

Last week, Carruth reiterated that he did not kill Adams. He said he was on the phone and miles away from the murder scene.

Prosecutors and another defendant have said Carruth was talking with one of three other murder suspects from his nearby car when Adams was shot.

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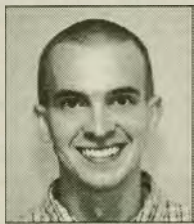
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College basketball fans get pumped for March

It's the middle of February which means we're only a month away from the middle of March, and you know what that means?

We're only weeks away from the greatest time of year — the time when basketball rules over the rest of the sporting world and you start to care about every game. It doesn't matter if



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it's Florida International squaring off against Louisiana-Lafayette for the Sun Belt Conference crown and an invitation to dance, or Michigan State and Ohio State, already in the postseason, but battling for pride and seedings.

What time is it?

Game time, prime time, NCAA tournament time. Or, more simply put, it's just madness. March Madness. If you looked back in last year's Observer archives, you might find a story sounding suspiciously familiar to this one written by (you guessed it) me.

So why, besides drawing a blank on what I wanted to write about for the second year in a row, would I once again go about hyping up the tournament to end all tournaments a month before it starts?

Well, because it is the tournament to end all tournaments, when Dick Vitale goes nuts over "Dipsy-do dunkaroos!" thrown down by "diaper dandies" and the CBS voice-over guy says "Sponsored by Pennzoil" in his unique voice.

There are so many games going on at once in the first two rounds they'll sometimes split the screen into two for a "Live Look-In" at Arizona-Santa Clara where somehow Santa Clara is still out in front even though the clock has wound below 10 minutes. You sit on your couch or La-Z-Boy and watch the never-ending stream of scores flash across the bottom of your screen, like a stockbroker on Wall Street watching the market. Only you probably yell louder, especially when you picked seven out of the eight games in the East Regional wrong.

Everyone has their surefire picks, their upset picks, and their "I didn't know anything about either team

so I just guessed" picks. So, in that spirit, I'll make a few picks of my own concerning Notre Dame and some of the teams they've battled this year. Even though the qualifying teams haven't even been named yet, I'm not going to let that stop me. Feel free to laugh when most of these are proven wrong.

First of all, Arizona, who the Irish fell to in the preseason NIT, 76-60, currently stands fourth in the country. I haven't seen this team play much, except through the window at an airport bar, but since they've overcome the previously mentioned Santa Clara/early round jinx of the early '90s, they've been a force in the tournament each year. Send them to at least to the Elite Eight, maybe farther.

I don't like No. 10 Indiana to do much besides win a first-round game because I never really like Indiana to do much. I know, real scientific procedure here.

Syracuse never got the respect I felt they deserved, only reaching the four spot despite being the lone undefeated team left when they were 19-0, less than two weeks ago. However, they did play a weak non-conference schedule and accumulated back-to-back losses to Seton Hall and Louisville last week, dropping them to ninth in the polls. I look for them to win two and make it to the Sweet 16, but the run for the Orangemen will stop there.

UConn is the defending national champion, but, as Notre Dame showed for the second time this season on Saturday, the Huskies are not the juggernaut of a year ago. Champions don't go down easily, but that mentality only goes so far. The Huskies, like conference rival Syracuse, will go to the round of 16 before ending the title streak at one.

Finally, the one team we all care about and the one pick I'm pretty sure of, the Irish. At 15-10, Notre Dame is in a tough spot right now. They still have five conference games ahead of them, none of which is easy. However, before the St. John's game, I told my roommate that if they won that day, the Irish would be in that final group of 64 come March. They did, and I believe they will. It's just a little more exciting now.

How do I love this time of year? Let me count the ways.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ratay earns Big East honors

♦ Freshman garners fifth award

Special to The Observer

For the second consecutive week and fifth time this season, Notre Dame freshman Alicia Ratay has been named the Big East Rookie of the Week.

The 5-foot-11 guard from Lake Zurich, Ill., shares the award this week with Trish Juline of Villanova.

Ratay averaged 24.0 points and 7.0 rebounds in Notre Dame's 2-0 week as the Irish posted wins over Pittsburgh and St. John's. She was 11-of-17 from three-point range in the two games, shooting 64.7 percent, and had a 57.1 percent overall shooting percent, going 16-27.

Ratay, who has scored 20-plus points five times this season and led the Irish in scoring on 10 occasions, recorded her first career double-double as she scored 28 points (her second highest point total of the season) and grabbed a personal best 12 rebounds against St. John's.

Against Pittsburgh, she scored 20 points in the victory.

Overall, Notre Dame is 21-2 and 12-0 in the Big East.

The Irish own the nation's longest winning streak having won a record 17 straight games.



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Alicia Ratay defends a shot in Notre Dame's win over BC. Ratay led the Irish in wins over Pitt and St. John's last week.

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TRACK

Belles break seven school records

By MOLLY McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

While trying to "take it easy," the Saint Mary's indoor track team managed to break school records routinely.

The Belles competed in two meets so far and have broken seven records for indoor track and field.

"We started a little earlier with our interval work and our field work," head coach Larry Szczechowski said. "It's really paid off."

Saint Mary's typically uses the indoor season as a way to prepare for the outdoor season, which begins in March. It also gives the team an opportunity to evaluate where it stands competitively.

itively.

In its first meet at Lewis University on Feb. 5, the team finished seventh out of 10 teams. Although they brought a sparse team to the meet, four records were shattered.

Sophomore Erica Burkett broke the record in the 200-m hurdles with a time of 32.63 seconds. She also took the indoor triple jump record with a jump of 33-feet, 6.5 inches.

Freshman Lauren Brown set a new record in the shot-put and sophomore Kara Harms in the 20-pound weight throw.

"The women are having fun and improving on what they are doing," Szczechowski said. "They can see themselves getting better."

The Belles competed at the

University of Chicago on Saturday against top Division III teams, including Ohio Northern University, North Central College and Wisconsin Whitewater.

Although no team scores were recorded, more records were set. Burkett set the record for the 55-meter hurdles. Brown reset her shot-put record, and Harms set a new mark in the 20-pound throw.

The Belles travel to Huntington College next Saturday for their last indoor meet. The outdoor season begins on March 25 at Goshen College and MIAA Conference competition begins on April 1 at Hope College.

"When [indoor season] is over, we'll seriously get back to work," Szczechowski said. "We'll have more than a month to prepare."

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kettle black, my friend.

Yeah, and it must have been the "communication arts" majors who started the chants during the game. Communication arts? I think that's something the football players at Ball State major in.

Finally, I think calling the pre-game pep rally a "hate rally" is just a little bit of an overreaction.

I'm sure the other harmless signs and comments would never happen at Indiana, Purdue or Duke — esteemed institutions who do no wrong according to Haugh. If he really wanted to get dirt on those schools' fans I'm pretty sure athletic public relations directors and sports information directors aren't the people to call. Ten years from now, I don't think Notre Dame sports information director John Heisler will be very quick to tell reporters how students used to chant "bastard children" at Khalid El-Amin back in 2000. Of course they are going to try to make the program and fans look as clean as possible. And I would never consider a program with Bobby Knight as a head coach to have a respectable moral standard.

As far as the people who claim that people chanted "Does Allah like Bastard children?" that is too long and therefore pretty much impossible to chant.

Another letter I received was from a woman who had given up hope on Notre Dame as a whole based on the 20 people who decided to create an offensive chant. She had never been to Notre Dame but apparently has now decided to find a new team to support because of the students' behavior at the game. Never mind the countless students who dedicate themselves to volunteering for programs like ACE, Holy Cross Associates, Appalachia Seminar or Urban Plunge. They don't count. It must be those 20 students who establish the moral fabric of this campus. Nice try, but I'm not going to be that ignorant. I am a Notre Dame student. Don't judge me based on what 20 people do at a school of 10,000 students. I'm not a statistics major, but I think that is .2 percent of the campus.

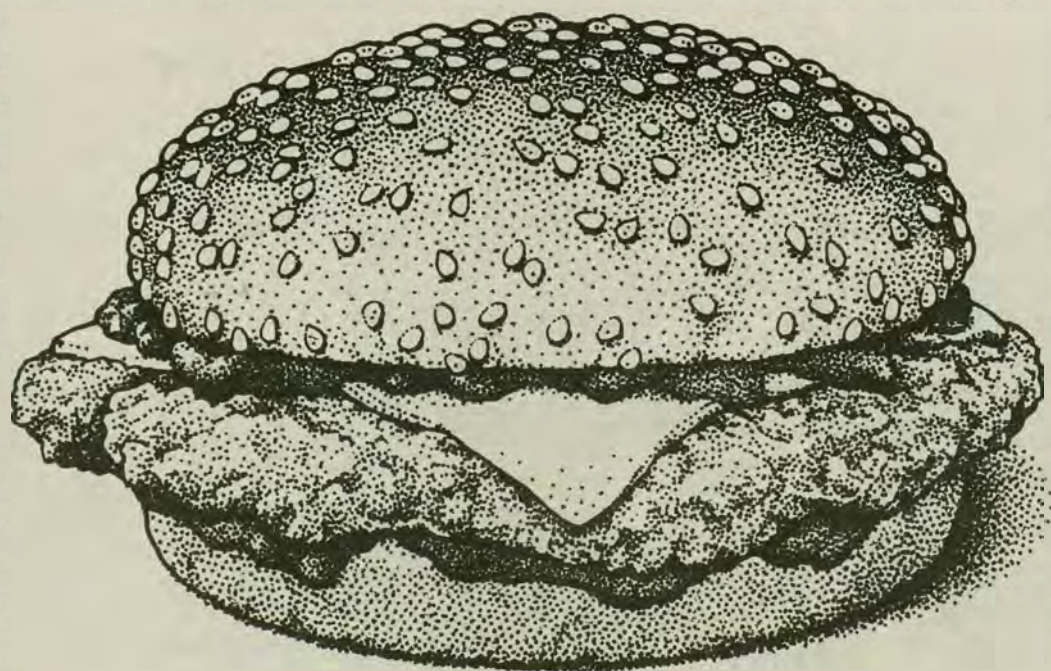
It's a shame that people can be so unreasonable.

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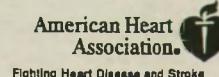
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Baseball

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American shortstop Brant Ust to the Detroit Tigers in the '99 draft and senior designated hitter Jeff Wagner, they return starters at every other position. This year Mainieri also can rely on the experience of six seniors.

"Last year, we really bit the bullet and had five freshmen in our starting lineup," Mainieri said. "By the regional championship, we had freshmen making up most of our everyday lineup. Now ... there's another year of experience."

Despite the wealth of experience, at least one freshman will be in the starting lineup when the Irish take the field in the Service Academies Classic on Feb. 24.

Freshman outfielder Brian Stavisky, a high school All-American selected in the 12th round of the '99 draft by the Montreal Expos, looks to set an early impression on opponents from the start of his career.

"Brian is, quite simply, one of those guys that come to college," Mainieri said, "and we're just very fortunate he came to college. I think if he had made it more clear that he would have gone into pro baseball, I think he would have been drafted in the second, third or fourth round."

Stavisky has already raised eyebrows in the Big East. Baseball America's college previews named him conference freshman of the year and the overall conference player with best raw.

The preseason awards were given with good reason. Over his four-year high school career at Port Allegany, he set school records in batting average, home runs, hits, RBIs, runs and

walks.

"He's a very powerful guy," Mainieri said. "But not like a lot of power hitters where it's a home run or nothing. He's a very good hitter who can reach the opposite field very well. He's going to be a real force for our team."

Another force for the Irish will be Nussbaum, a local product who worked his way up from walk-on status with a remarkable junior season. After appearing only 11 games over his freshman and sophomore years, he burst onto the scene with a .314 average in 204 at bats, playing in 59 of 61 games.

"During the course of last year, Matt was right in the middle of every rally we had," Mainieri said about Nussbaum. "He was always doing something. Those are the kind of players that endear themselves to a coach, and I just kept putting him there, and he kept doing well. And now, he's captain of the team."

Despite the new responsibility, Nussbaum doesn't feel the burden of additional pressure.

"We've got such a great balanced lineup among the position players that it's hard to feel pressure," he said. "The other guys probably feel the same way. And [at a] time somebody's down, there'll be eight other

guys in the lineup and a bunch on the bench ready to pick up the slack for us."

Heilman will lead the Irish on the mound. The junior was named a pre-season first-team All-American and listed as one of the top three pro pitching prospects in the nation by Baseball America. Last season, he compiled an 11-2 record with a 3.14 ERA, with three saves and 118 strikeouts over 109 innings.

"Aaron is one of those guys that clearly will be able to handle the expectations," Mainieri said. "He's a level headed young man that doesn't really get carried away from himself at all. He's a real competitor when he gets on the mound, and that's where his focus is."

Slightly overshadowed by Heilman is senior right-hander Scott Cavey, who pitched to a 6-1 record in 11 starts despite an injury-shortened season.

"He's a guy we're really counting on to pitch well," Mainieri said about Cavey. "If he can give us that, I think Heilman and Cavey give us an outstanding 1-2 combination. The key for us is going to be the 3-4-5 pitchers and middle relief. I think we've got a lot of guys who are capable of doing well out there, it's a matter of going out there and doing it."

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for-14 against the Eagles, scoring the final six points of the game to earn the win. The one-point win is not the first the Wildcats have pulled a major conference upset this season. The Wildcats handed Rutgers a 66-65 loss in January, making them a force to be reckoned with.

Despite their wins, the Wildcats are stuck in the fifth spot in the Big East standings, but are looking to move up with another upset.

McGraw is confident with her squad's ability to play its type of ball game instead of letting the Wildcats set the pace.

"I think we're playing with a lot of confidence and we certainly expected to be at least where we are right now if not a little bit better off. We've seen tremendous improvement," said McGraw. "I think we know how good we can play. [Villanova] is just another challenge for us. We're looking to March. We're taking these games as experience and trying to prepare for the Big East tournament. We want to win the regular season so every game is critical for us."

Notre Dame's matchup with Villanova begins the toughest week of the season for the Irish.

"We've got a big week coming up," said McGraw. "This is the toughest week in the season for us. We're on the road for two big games."

After playing the Wildcats, the Irish are back on the road when they meet Rutgers in New Jersey Saturday.

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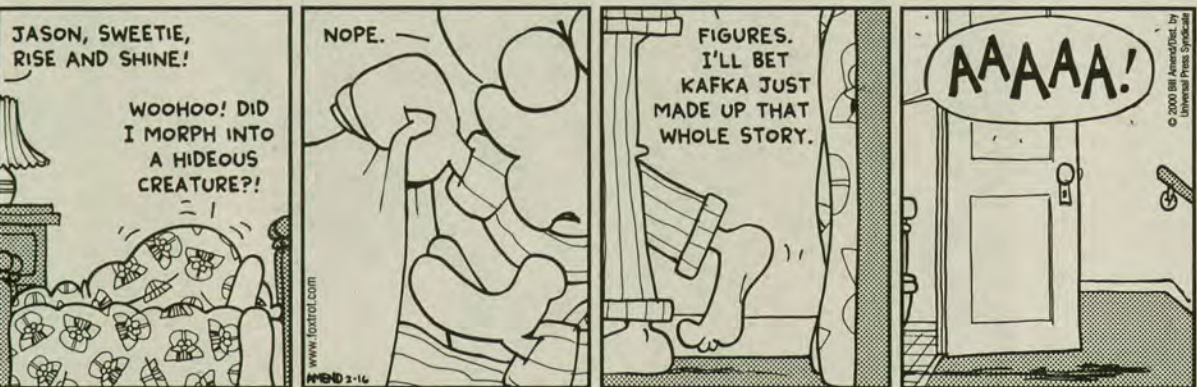
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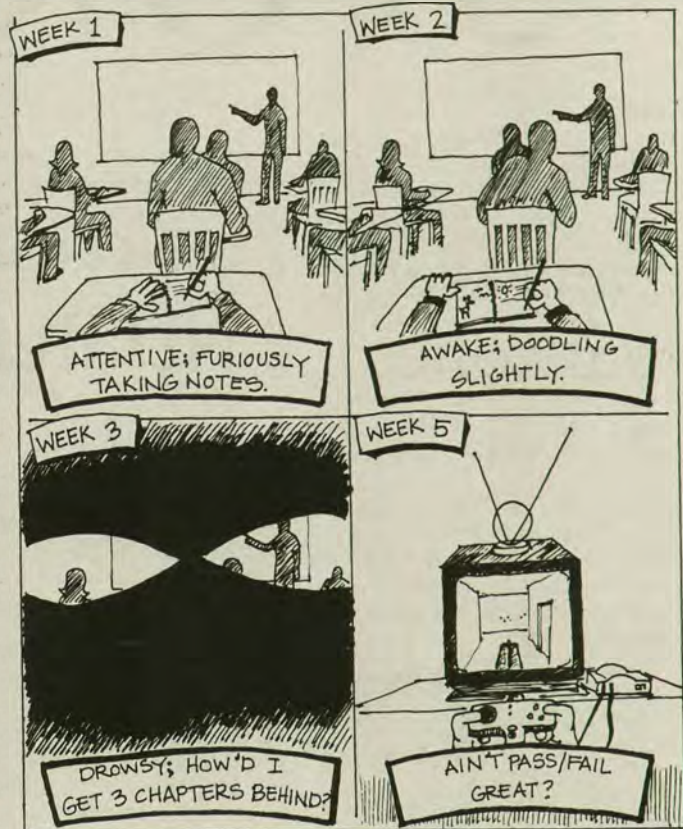
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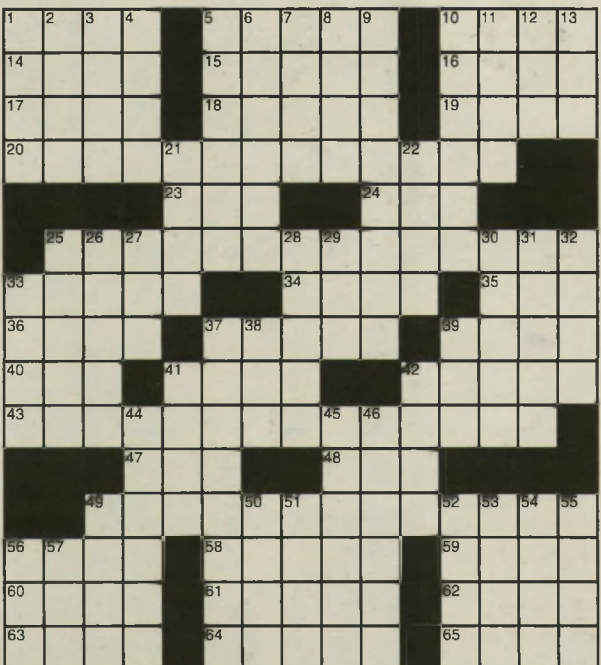
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Making big strides
The Saint Mary's indoor track
and field team broke seven
school records in two
February meets.
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Fans aren't only ones out of line

Over the past few days, I have read with interest letters, e-mails and columns that surfaced in regard to Saturday's "bastard children" chant at the Connecticut game.

I'll be the first to admit the chant was wrong from a moral standpoint and my column that appeared in The

Observer on Feb. 14 didn't intend to justify it. It simply stated that Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun needs to stop worrying about chants and foul calls and be more concerned with coaching his team. That is what he is paid for. Not to be a Connecticut spokesperson.

One of the columns that caught my eye and the attention of students on campus was David Haugh's commentary that appeared in Tuesday's South Bend Tribune.

Apparently Haugh is so knowledgeable on the topic that he knows when coach Matt Doherty intends to write a letter to the students and what it is going to say. He must have received our faxed copy of it by accident because no letter from Coach D appeared in The Observer on Tuesday as Haugh predicted. And if you read it in today's edition of The Observer, you'll see that he didn't "fire it" over. In fact, it wasn't very fiery at all.

My favorite part of Haugh's column was when he went on to say "imagine how many kids under 10 heard [the chant]. Imagine how many parents had to turn to their kids and explain what that horrible, slang word for illegitimate child meant."

Well Mr. Haugh, now that you just wrote a column that appeared on the cover of the sports section of a "family newspaper" and included the chant verbatim, you exposed it to many more children under 10 than were present at the Joyce Center Saturday. That is the pot calling the

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Brian Kessler

sports editor

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ND defends undefeated Big East record

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

When Muffet McGraw thinks about the Villanova Wildcats, one word comes to her mind: dangerous.

"This game is extremely dangerous because of their style of play," said the Irish head coach. "We really need to come out and execute and play good defense because they run a lot of great offenses."

A quiet team in the first half of the season, the Wildcats began to show their muscle Saturday when they upset the No. 18 Boston College Eagles 60-59 at home to improve their record to 14-8 on the season. With the Big East tournament just around the corner, the Wildcats are looking for a repeat performance against the No. 5 Irish tonight.

"It's always a struggle playing Villanova," said McGraw. "They play the slow-down game so we've really got to be focused. We're a very impatient team — we like to run and score 90 points and they'd like to win 59-50."

The slow-down game is what hurt the Eagles and is just what the Irish want to avoid.

While McGraw will expect solid performances from all her players, all eyes will be focused on the matchup between first-year players Alicia Ratay and Trish Juhline.

Both shooting guards, Notre Dame's Ratay and Villanova's Juhline shared the limelight this week, each earning the Big East co-rookie of the week award.

The honor is Ratay's fifth of the season and comes after top performances during Irish wins over Pittsburgh and St. John's last week. Ratay's 20-point outing helped the Irish salvage a win against the Panthers, while her 28 points against St. John's led the team to a 97-54 victory.

But the 21-2 Irish will need more than Ratay to keep their 17-game winning streak alive.

Wildcat Brandi Barnes directs a tough inside game. The 6-foot-3 center shot 10-

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Irish center Ruth Riley shoots over a St. John's defender in Notre Dame's conference win Saturday. The Irish travel to Villanova to take on the Wildcats tonight.

BASEBALL

Irish benefit from new indoor facilities

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With snow covering most of Eck Field, one would hardly think that the Notre Dame baseball season is less than two weeks away.

Some teams, including top-ranked Stanford and Florida State, began their seasons last weekend. The inclement weather of northern Indiana, however, prevents the 20th-ranked Irish from getting an early start.

"It's a long winter being cooped up inside," junior pitcher

and co-captain Aaron Heilman said. "I think hopefully we can use that to our advantage. I think when two weeks roll around, we'll be ready to go."

In an attempt to prepare the Irish for the season more quickly, a new permanent indoor practice facility was built. The facility allows the Irish to practice even in inclement weather, which, as any Irish player will say, is more the norm than the exception.

"This time of year is always the worst time for the Notre Dame baseball program,"

senior co-captain Matt Nussbaum said. "Because we're so ready to get out there and play. With this beautiful new facility, we've got a chance to get some good practice in indoors. But even with a facility like this, after a while you really get itching to get out there."

In addition to multiple batting cages, the facility also features regulation clay pitchers mounds. By using clay instead of molded plastic, the pitching staff should be able to adjust more quickly to playing outside.

"It's been a dream of mine since I walked onto campus

five-and-a-half years ago," head coach Paul Mainieri said. "Obviously, we feel tremendously blessed to have our current baseball field. Now, to have an indoor facility like this just really completes this."

Under the leadership co-captains Nussbaum, Heilman and second baseman Jeff Perconte, the Irish will attempt to build on their success from last year's 43-18 season. The Irish also set a Big East record with 20 conference victories in 1999.

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Saturday, 3 p.m.