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Jerusalem program canceled due to Middle East violence

By KATE NAGENGAST
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Notre Dame's study abroad program in Jerusalem, Israel — renowned for its involvement with both Israeli and Palestinian culture — has been cancelled this spring due to heightened violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Located at the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies at Tantur, on a hilltop road between Jerusalem and Bethlehem, the program typically accommodated about 15 students from Notre Dame and offered five to six courses per semester at three local institutions: Hebrew University, Bethlehem University and the Ratisbonne Institute. However, a committee of both students and faculty who have a solid understanding of the current situation in Israel, announced its cancellation today.

"We keep returning to the dilemma: if we would have to sequester the students in Tantur, our program of wide-ranging access to both cultures and all three religions would be severely curtailed," said Father David Burrell, director of the Jerusalem program, in a letter that described the reasons for the program's cancellation to prospective attendees.

Students who planned to participate in the Jerusalem program were offered two alternatives: participation in another Mediterranean program in Athens, Greece this spring, and inclusion in the applicant pool for spring 2002 in Jerusalem.

"It's just too unpredictable at this time," said Megan Sweeney, a senior in the College of Science who participated in the Jerusalem program last spring. "The tension is so high that even if there wasn't physical violence it wouldn't be a good place to be."

Susan Sheridan, on leave from her position as a professor in Notre Dame's anthropology department, has been conducting research in Jerusalem for the past six years, and living there as the annual professor at the WF Albright Institute of Archaeological Research since May. She was also a strong supporter of the program's cancellation this spring.

"This is a very stressful situation, and I feared for both the physical and emotional safety of the students," said Sheridan. "My concern was that the learning experiences gained by this excellent program would be overwhelmed by the pain, turmoil, and at times, terror that the current situation brings."

"The program is really secondary to what goes on over there in general. It's a shame that the students can't go, but it's a much bigger shame for the people of the country. The emphasis shouldn't be on the Notre Dame students, but the people actually living in Israel and their fears," Sweeney said.

Nathaniel Marx, a 2000 Notre Dame graduate who studied at Tantur during the spring of 1999, has understood those fears first-hand since

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Students (top photo) studying abroad in Jerusalem last year saw various sites including the overlook of the Kidron Valley near Jerusalem. A young boy (bottom photo) dresses in costume to celebrate Purim, a four-day Jewish holiday. Because of the increasing violence between the Israelis and Palestinians, students will not be able to attend the Jerusalem program for the Spring semester.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Gore aims to separate from Clinton

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

When Clinton campaigned in 1992, he became a sparkle in the media's eye. But after the Monica Lewinsky scandal, people questioned if Gore will be a fallen star from Clinton's once glowing administration.

During the impeachment trial, Gore gradually distanced himself from Clinton. They were rarely ever seen together at even major political events.

South Bend Tribune political



Gore

writer Jack Colwell said Gore has worked "very hard" to sufficiently distance himself from Clinton.

"He set out to do that at the Democratic National Convention and has taken the gamble that the distancing will separate him from Clinton's personal problems and give him the best chance to win," said Colwell.

However, Gore's attempts could be in vain for a certain segment of voters who Colwell said will never be convinced that Gore is a viable candidate independent of Clinton.

"Some voters, of course, will link him with Clinton's problems, no matter how he seeks to distance himself during the campaign," said

Colwell.

Government professor David Leege said this challenge comes from highly partisan Republicans who want to make character the main argument against Gore's campaign.

"They will not let it die," said Leege.

"I think the vice president sent several signals that he was his own man," said Leege.

He said Gore has separated himself and is not interested in doing what many past candidates have done by using the coattails of the incumbent president to enter into the executive office.

"Instead of asking for the support of the president, he has run his own

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Sophomore class plans new event

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Last year, Student Activities cancelled Notre Dame's Sophomore Sibs weekend citing low participation and various economic factors. This year, the student senate formed the Sophomore Signature Event Committee to create a new tradition for sophomores.

"We have had weekly meetings to decide on a new event and have planned a Sophomore Class Ball, like high

school prom revisited or high school prom part II," said sophomore class president Brian Moscona.

Moscona said the Ball will be held March 31 at the Century Center.

"There is a beautiful room overlooking the St. Joe River. We will have a dinner for everyone who attends and then a formal dance," Moscona said.

Moscona said the class is tentatively planning a Spirit Week, which will include a service project, leading up to the

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INSIDE COLUMN

Nickname, anyone?

I've decided to start calling myself the "Sexiest Man on Campus." I have done nothing to earn this nickname and if you look at my headshot next to this column, you will see its entirely not true. But that doesn't matter. Because I think that I am the "Sexiest Man on Campus," everyone should start calling me by this name.

Hopefully every one who just read that paragraph laughed out loud. It is pretty obvious that I am not the "Sexiest Man on Campus" and have done nothing to earn this title.

Now, how many of you think "Mike's Outrageous Bunch" is a good name for the Notre Dame student section at basketball games? What has the student section done to earn this nickname? Nothing.

Sure, the students were pretty loud last year and did a great job supporting the team, but they were far from a "MOB." On top of that, the nickname was not something Notre Dame earned but a nickname the student government bestowed on the student section. Sorry to break this to everyone, but you don't get to pick your nickname.

Nobody outside of Notre Dame calls the student section the MOB. ESPN won't start its television broadcasts panning over the student section and saying "Welcome to South Bend, Ind. for a critical Big East match-up. The MOB is jumping tonight and this game should be a great one."

They will, however, call the Duke students the "Cameron Craziess" when they broadcast from Durham because the Duke students earned their nickname. The Duke student government didn't have some vote campaign to pick a nickname.

The Duke students showed up at every game screaming and yelling and intimidating the other team. Overtime, this crazy atmosphere earned the Duke students their nickname.

Ever heard of the AFROS? Probably not. That was the nickname that the Notre Dame wide receivers gave themselves in the early and mid '90s. Standing for "America's Finest Receivers on Saturday," the name never really caught on. There were two problems with this nickname: first of all, they weren't the finest receivers on Saturday and second nobody can adopt their own nickname and expect it to stick.

Maybe someday the Notre Dame student section will earn a nickname for its spirit. But so far the only possible nicknames it has earned is "Bastard Children" or "Waterboys." So dump the "MOB." Show up at the games. Scream your lungs out. Stand behind this team in victory and defeat and someday the Notre Dame student section will earn a nickname.

And as far as calling me the "Sexiest Man on Campus," if any of you ladies out there actually believe it, my phone number is on the Viewpoint page.

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

Wednesday

◆ **Karaoke:** "Say what? Karaoke," hosted by ND Leprechaun Mike Brown; and includes a performance by Troop ND. Open Karaoke after the show, 7:30 p.m., New Dalloways Clubhouse, Saint Mary's.

Thursday

◆ **Concert:** Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. with pre-concert discussion of program music beginning at 7:15 p.m., free admission, Washington Hall.

Friday

◆ **Republican Rally:** "Republican Rally at the Airport," speeches by senators John McCain, T.C. Watts and Rep. Lindsay Graham; bus leaving main circle at 12:45, free to students.

Saturday

◆ **Octoberfest 2000:** Featuring the Hank Haller Band, 8 p.m., DANK Haus, 2651 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor, call (616) 926-6652 for more information.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports.

Paper files lawsuit against Indiana University

BLOOMINGTON

The Indianapolis Star filed a lawsuit Thursday with the Marion County Superior Court against Indiana University to inspect and copy its "investigatory findings" surrounding the disciplinary action against and eventual firing of former basketball coach Bob Knight.

The official complaint filed by The Star claims IU violated Indiana's Access to Public Records Act. This act gives individuals and agencies the opportunity to review and copy public documents.

According to The Star's complaint "IU waived its APRA exemptions when it publicly disclosed significant portions of the 'investigatory findings' through its dissemination of IU's 'Summary Report of the Trustee

Review Regarding Neil Reed Allegations Concerning The Conduct of Coach Bob Knight' and made subsequent public statements about these 'investigatory proceedings.'"

Susan Dillman, director of IU media relations, said IU plans to vigorously defend the lawsuit.

"IU followed the law in all respects," she said. "If you look at the Public Access laws, the opinion is consistent with IU's actions."

Tim Franklin, editor in chief of The Indianapolis Star, said the newspaper filed the lawsuit after asking the University for the documents and filing a request with the Indiana Public Access counselor.

"We've tried every way imaginable short of a lawsuit," Franklin said. "This has been a very controversial issue in the state and readers are very interested. It's part of our public responsibility."

When IU first looked into Knight's actions last spring and again this fall, Franklin said IU provided the media with detailed information about its findings.



BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Students declared ineligible for aid

Nearly 7,000 students nationwide were denied financial aid this year because of past drug convictions, according to the National Department of Education. Under the 1998 Higher Education Act, which took affect this school year, students convicted of illegal drug offenses were be denied financial aid. Question 28 on the FAFSA, or the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, asks if the student has ever been convicted of an illegal drug offense. All students are required to answer Question 28 under the Higher Education Act. Less than 1 percent of Boston University financial aid applicants either didn't answer the question or answered yes, said Office of Financial Assistance Director Ryan Williams. Only about a dozen students were denied financial aid at BU because of Question 28, according to Williams. "It really hasn't been much of an issue," Williams said. Nearly 300,000 students nationwide have still not answered the question.

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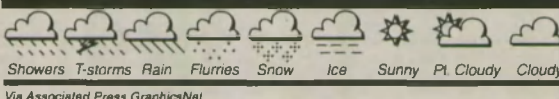
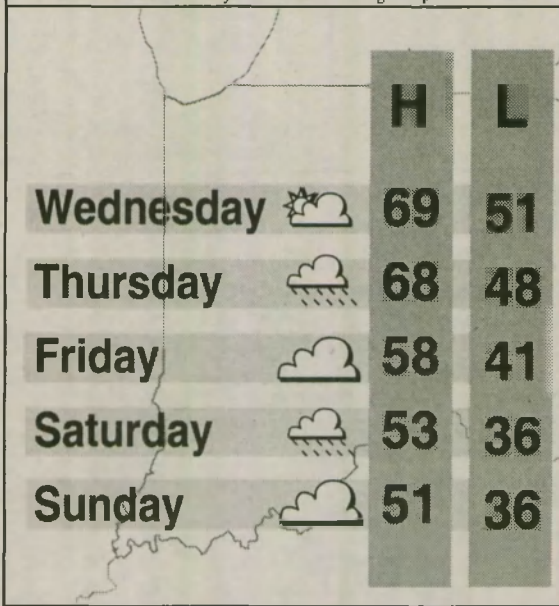
Alum gives millions to help women

An anonymous alumnus donated \$26.5 million to the University of Southern California for the purpose of improving the status of women in science and engineering, the university announced Friday. As the Daily Trojan reported, a variety of social factors appear to discourage women from entering careers in science and engineering. Of the more than 170 faculty members in the School of Engineering, only two are women. The university plans to use the funds to bring about greater gender equality in the sciences and engineering by recruiting female faculty more aggressively, providing extra research assistants and establishing scholarships for undergraduate, graduate and post graduate female students, Vice Provost Joseph Hellige said. The university also intends to encourage women at every step of their education in hopes that more women will enter the male-dominated world of the sciences and engineering. Eleven percent of USC's science professors and 6 percent of the engineering faculty are female, according to the Los Angeles Times.

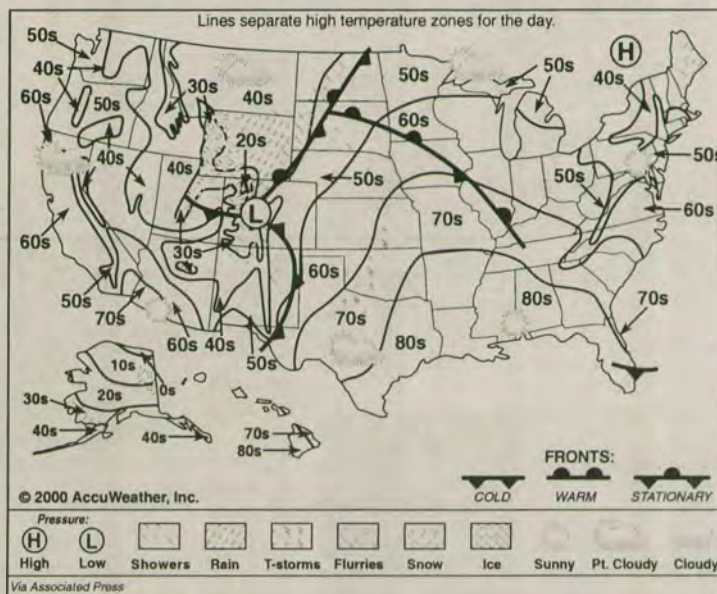
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Baltimore	59	39	Memphis	83	58	Sacramento	61	48
Boston	45	42	Milwaukee	64	42	St. Louis	67	43
Chicago	71	57	New York	56	44	Tampa	82	61
Houston	83	70	Philadelphia	59	40	Washington DC	75	54

NEWS ANALYSIS

Fighting escalates between Israelis and Palestinians

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

Palestinian children hurl rocks at Israeli soldiers who retaliate with gunshots while markets are scattered with troops who monitor every movement and apartment buildings lay shattered after bombings. This Holy Land is in the midst of warfare.

In the mid-1940s, Palestinians were displaced from their homeland in Jerusalem when the Jews claimed the Holy Land and

formed Israel after the Second World War.

"Israel still controls the territory that belongs by right and international law to the Palestinians," said David Burrell, a Holy Cross priest and theology professor who has spent the last two years in Jerusalem.

"It's wrong to render a group of people homeless," said Asma Afsaruddin, professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies.

"The Palestinians have a right to their own homeland — that was an injustice," Some Israelis, including Shoshana,

who wants to be called by only her first name, a bible and Hebrew teacher at Temple Beth-el, believe the Israelis rightfully own the land.

"Yes, [the Palestinians] lived there and us Jews bought the land. We did not steal it from anyone," said Shoshana.

Basil Hirzalla, a Notre Dame premed student from Jordan questions this. "If they paid for it, what would we be fighting for? If there was a clear cut agreement, why has this [dispute] gone on for ages?"

Palestinians still have not lost hope. "It's our land, they came in they raped the women and kicked everyone out," said Hirzalla. "If you had a chance to get your house back, you'd fight for it."

Tension and fighting have recently escalated between Palestinians and Israelis. "The so-called visit of Ariel Sharon [the right-wing Israeli opposition leader] to Temple Mount was a cheap political maneuver by their political party. This man provoked this conflict by going over there the way he did. The Israelis are loathed to admit it," said Burrell.

Israelis agree that Jerusalem is their right as Abraham's people. "This land was promised to Abraham and to all our fathers. Jews lived in Israel through all the years, we never abandoned the land," said Shoshana. In 1967, Israeli leader Mostie Dayan had recognized how holy the sight was to Muslims and had given effective control of the Temple Mount to Muslim

religious authority. Sharon's armed visit provoked tensions and fears to surface.

When Afsaruddin visited Jerusalem this past summer she felt tension between the watchful Israeli troops and the Palestinians in the marketplace. Later while at the Notre Dame Jerusalem center, In Tantur Ecumenical Institute, she was awoken by blaring sounds twice in one week.

"Israeli soldiers came in to the compound and talked loudly into their bull horns, looking for Palestinians in the area. You felt you were in the middle of a war ground," said Afsaruddin.

With the support of the United States, Israel has more means for defense. "[Israelis] are armed to the teeth. At worst, the Palestinians are throwing stones. [Palestinians] have been met by much harsher response," said Afsaruddin.

Shoshana disagrees and continues to say that the soldiers need to defend themselves when the public does not respect them. "I want you to stand there and let people throw stones at you. Just stand there and let it hit you. The soldiers need to defend themselves with what they have," said Shoshana.

"One of the worst things is that the Israeli Security Forces are not only using excess fire power against Palestinians, but also allowing Israeli settlers to indiscriminately kill Palestinian villagers," said Burrell.

With Palestinian and Israeli

forces at odds for the Holy Land, this tension might appear like a religious war, but it is not. To the Palestinians and the Israelis, they each are trying to recover or defend the same homeland. "Israel does not want to give any more land. It's a dilemma. If all the rocks ran out we would still run after the [Israeli soldiers]. It's about honor, about pride," said Hirzalla.

"This is not really a conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but really a deep, deep conflict within Israeli society itself with the majority who believe they must share land with Palestinians and those who think God gave them land to them and only them," said Burrell.

However, Burrell believes that these outbreaks are caused by other factors. In the present time, he believes that Sharon's visit escalated such tensions.

Though peace is still hopeful, both Israelis and Palestinians are massacred each day in the middle of warfare. "Everyone concerned in this wants peace and a normal life. Peace with justice, dignity and honor," said Afsaruddin. "Unless those issues are faced and resolved, peace is not going to be resolved." The land is not just a piece of dirt with a house; it's more than that. It's your past as a Palestinian, your roots that the Israelis deny.

"There has never been a Palestinian state until now. It's just a myth. It's just a wish," said Shoshana.



Student Workers Needed

To help assist other students using the temporary DART registration system at the Registration Center, G184 Hesburgh Library from November 8th through December 1st

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Gore

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campaign. That's different from the 1988 campaign when George H. W. Bush made considerable use of Ronald Reagan," said Leege.

Since Gore has chosen not to use Clinton in the campaign as frequently as past candidates, he has also lost some benefits that Clinton could have brought to the campaign.

Some of those benefits are critical swing vote categories.

"Particularly for African-Americans and women, Clinton has been a strong mobilizer," said Leege.

Although African-Americans as a group generally vote Democratic, Bush has attempted to appeal to African-Americans and other minority voters through political ads on television.

Women have become a key voter group in the 2000 presidential election.

Initially, Gore had the majority of the female vote, but Bush has been making more appeals to women in his campaign rallies by mentioning his wife, Laura, and his concern for the family and women.

In addition to Clinton's ability to draw women and African-Americans the economy has grown considerably under his administration.

"Gore has the difficult task of seeking to be linked with Clinton on the booming economy, not

linked to the president's personal woes," said Colwell.

Colwell said keeping the two aspects of Clinton's presidency has been hard for Gore because of constant references to Clinton's character.

"Of course the Bush campaign wants to prevent this [separation] with references to the Clinton-Gore administration and references to honesty," said Colwell.

Leege said Gore's nomination of Senator Joe Lieberman for vice president was an effective way to defend his own moral character. Lieberman, who has been vocal about his Jewish faith and desire to strengthen the United States' morals, was also vocal about Clinton's involvement with Monica Lewinsky.

"The Bush strategy was to try to attract the moral center," said Leege. "The Gore people followed a checkmate strategy. I thought it was a very effective selection of a vice presidential nomination. It was better than [Bush's selection]."

Colwell said Gore's nomination was strategic by asserting Gore's ticket is not connected to the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

"Lieberman, one of the first Democrats to harshly criticize Clinton's Monica madness and a senator known for concern for ethics, was no doubt selected in large measure because it would send a message that the Democratic ticket condones no such behavior and is concerned about ethics," said Leege.

However, people often point out that Lieberman did not vote for

Clinton's impeachment even after criticizing his actions. Leege said that it is possible that Lieberman could be against Clinton's action, but not convinced that they merited his impeachment.

"That doesn't mean that he exonerated Clinton from failures," said Leege. "A person could feel that it was guilty of reprehensible behavior but also felt that Clinton didn't do anything [for which he could be] convicted."

Gore has taken many steps to distance himself from Clinton, including choosing Lieberman as his running mate. However, Gore has also shown there are aspects of the Clinton administration that will help his campaign.

Although Gore has chosen not to draw on Clinton's persona, he has tried to draw on his accomplishments.

Colwell said it is still early to predict the success of Gore's strategies.

"It's one of those things that perhaps will not be known until after the election," said Colwell. "If Gore loses, he will forever be haunted by the thought that Clinton on the campaign trail could have enabled him to win. If Gore wins, most analysis probably will be that he was wise to distance himself and that he won on his own."

Ball

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dance.

"We are also hoping to give out awards to sophomores at the Ball to honor sophomores who excel in both academics and athletics," Mascona said.

Mascona said the committee reviewed other ideas including a "Sophomore Survivor" which would be a spin-off of the popular television show. He also said a sophomore class lock-in was considered.

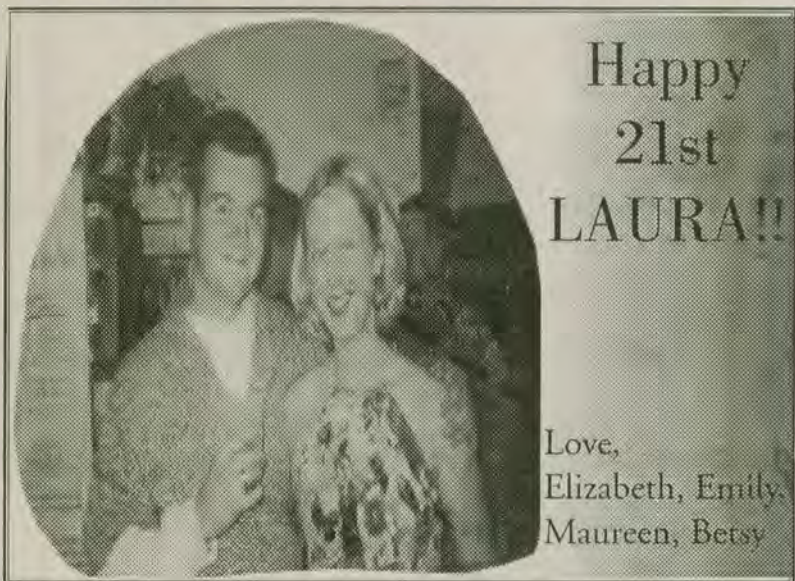
"We tried to think of an event that would get the most sophomore involved. We want to promote class unity and maximize the participation. Survivor wouldn't get that many people involved and we were afraid people would not want to participate in the lock-in,"

Mascona said.

Mascona said the Ball will be formal, where guys can wear tuxedos or a coat and tie. Girls can wear formal dresses comparable to prom dresses.

"We want to have an event that people will remember. We want to look back on their college years and say the Ball was one of their most memorable experiences."

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Currently 3 graduates of the Notre Dame and St. Mary's classes of 2000 are giving a year of service in East Africa. Others have made commitments for summer or other vacation times. Course credits have been arranged.

Learn how you can help and benefit by attending an information session Wednesday, November 1 at the CSC. Fr. Steve Newton, CSC, President and Chief Executive Officer will be present, as will others who have been involved.

See you there, with all the Saints!! **TODAY, November 1, 5 PM**
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Chemical Ship sinks near France:

An Italian cargo ship carrying 6,000 tons of chemicals sank Tuesday northwest of the Channel Islands, a day after it sent out distress signals as gale-force winds lashed France's Atlantic coast. Anti-pollution teams searched the water surrounding the "Ievoli Sun" for potential spills, maritime officials said. A helicopter had evacuated the 14 members of the crew on Monday.

Spaniards rally in Madrid:

Tens of thousands of Spaniards marched through downtown Madrid on Tuesday to shout their frustration over Basque separatist bombings and shootings blamed for 19 killings this year. Many of the estimated 250,000 marchers demanded punishment for the Basque separatist group ETA.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Charges dismissed in NJ shooting:

A judge on Tuesday threw out criminal charges against two state troopers whose 1998 shooting of three minority motorists on the New Jersey Turnpike led to the state's racial profiling controversy. Superior Court Judge Andrew J. Smithson said overzealous prosecutors had set up a "minitrial" before the grand jury and violated the troopers' constitutional rights. "There's no legal authority in the state of New Jersey to justify the state's action," Smithson said.

Senate passes Everglades project:

The Senate gave the go-ahead Tuesday for a \$7.8 billion project to help the Florida Everglades, one of the largest environmental restoration efforts undertaken by the government. The Senate passed by voice vote a measure that authorizes \$1.4 billion for 10 construction and four pilot projects that are expected to take three decades to complete.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Farmer is smothered in corn bin:

Rescuers worked in vain Tuesday to free a 70-year-old farm worker buried under about 8 feet of corn. Audley Quear was killed while checking a leak on a corn bin, co-workers said. Workers on the farm in Westfield, about 15 miles north of Indianapolis, called 911 early in the afternoon when they were unable to locate Quear. No one had seen the Cicero man for nearly 45 minutes when they found corn strewn on the ground near a 60,000-bushel-capacity bin, said Noblesville Fire Department spokesman Rick Russell.

TAIWAN



AFP Photo

Rescue workers carry a body bag from the wreckage of the Singapore Airlines Boeing 747 which crashed shortly after take-off from Taiwan's Chiang Kai Shek International Airport Tuesday.

At least 65 die in Singapore

Associated Press

TAIPEI

A Singapore Airlines jumbo jet speeding down a runway in darkness and rain slammed into an object before takeoff for Los Angeles and burst into flames Tuesday, scattering fiery wreckage across the tarmac. At least 65 people were killed and dozens more were injured, a Taiwanese official said.

It wasn't immediately clear what Flight SQ006 hit, but the collision wreaked havoc on the plane: Video footage showed the Boeing 747-400 spewing flames and

thick black smoke despite the heavy rain. Afterward, parts of the blue-and-white fuselage were badly charred, with a gaping hole in the roof of the forward section.

Airline spokesman Rick Clements said in Singapore that 47 U.S. citizens and 55 Taiwanese were among the passengers. A full breakdown of those aboard was not released.

"It felt like we bumped into something huge," said Doug Villerman, 33, of New Iberia, La., who was standing outside the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, wrapped in a hospital gown and smoking a ciga-

rette. "It looked like the front end just fell off. From there, it just started to fall apart. I ran to the escape hatch with the stewardess but we couldn't get it open. Two feet away from me, I saw flames.

"Everyone was just panicking," he said. "I tried to open the escape hatch on the top just a slit and saw a lot of smoke. The fumes were just incredible. But eventually we got it open. ... We were just all so scared it was going to blow up."

It was Singapore Airlines' first major accident in 28 years of operation, and it came in nasty

weather: A typhoon packing 90 mph winds was whirling off Taiwan's southern coast Tuesday, lashing the island with rain and prompting officials to set up disaster relief centers.

Taiwanese aviation official Billy K.C. Chang said that in addition to the 65 killed, 84 people were injured and 30 were unaccounted for.

The aborted takeoff occurred at 11:18 p.m. Minutes later, ambulances and rescue vehicles crowded the wet tarmac, lights flashing. Passengers were quickly rushed to the emergency room.

Market Watch 10/31

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WORLDCOM INC (WCOM)	-4.52	-1.12	23.75
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MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	-0.26	-0.18	68.88
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Reporter wounded in Gaza Strip

Associated Press

GAZA CITY

A correspondent for Cable News Network was shot in the back Tuesday while covering clashes between Israelis and Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

Ben Wedeman, 41, the CNN bureau chief in Cairo, was in stable condition after a bullet entered his back and came out his side, officials at the Shifa hospital in Gaza said.

Wedeman was covering the fighting at the Karni crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip when he

was hit.

According to the army, Wedeman was caught in the crossfire when Palestinians fired machine guns and anti-tank missiles at Israeli soldiers who returned fire.

"We were caught in a gun battle and it's hard to say what exactly the sources of fire were," Wedeman told reporters. There was "a large explosion near me so I decided it was time to leave, and it was in the process of getting off the ground to begin running away from the area that I got hit," he said.

Intense fighting at the crossing left

one Palestinian dead and another critically injured, hospital officials said in Gaza.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat visited Wedeman at the hospital in Gaza.

CNN reported that Wedeman was filming an Israeli bunker before he was shot. The Israeli army spokesman said Wedeman was hit while on the Palestinian side or somewhere in between the two sides. The army statement said Israeli soldiers do not target reporters.

CNN reported that Wedeman injuries were not life-threatening.

Saint Mary's students voice concerns over environment

By AMY GREENE
News Writer

Saint Mary's is becoming more earth-friendly.

In an effort to bring the College up to speed with other colleges and universities, the campus' Environmental Coalition is making efforts to ensure that proper recycling procedures are used at Saint Mary's.

"Right now we are lagging behind other colleges," said Melissa McClure, a member of the Environmental Coalition.

Aluminum and paper recycling is currently offered at the College, but the Environmental Coalition does not believe these services are enough.

"Last year the college purchased huge pop machines that distribute plastic bottles," McClure said. "Sure, it's nice to have the convenience of having bottle that can be resealed, but the plastic bottles should not be sold if there is no place to recycle them."

The lack of glass and plastic recycling receptacles on campus is of concern to the group, which advocates that these materials

should not be distributed on campus until arrangements are made to properly recycle them.

"Until plastic and glass receptacles are placed on campus, plastic and glass should not be distributed. Right now we are just contributing more to the already overflowing landfills," McClure said.

Some measures were taken last year to increase environ-

mental awareness on campus.

"There was a petition sent out last year of whether to increase recycling," said Teresa Lorenz, president of the Environmental Coalition, Teresa Lorenz. "Over 300 signatures were collected so we saw there was a definite interest."

Lorenz said both students and faculty showed support this year to increase environmental action. Paper and aluminum

receptacles are currently located in all the residence halls and some administration buildings, but Lorenz believes the college needs to expand by adopting glass and plastic recycling.

"As a Catholic college promoting Christian values, one would think there would be more environmental support," said Lorenz. "We need the support of the students and the college to provide momentum so we can increase our environmental action and progress," she added.

Lorenz will meet with the Board of Governance to discuss the issue further this week.

"Right now we are lagging behind other colleges."

Melissa McClure
member of Environmental Coalition

Jerusalem

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moving to Ramallah, a Palestinian town in the West Bank just North of Jerusalem. Marx returned to Israel in August to work as a public relations and program development volunteer with the Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees.

"Tantur is a very safe place and what little violence there has been over the past few years has been localized in very predictable places, but sadly I feel the situation is becoming much less predictable," said Marx. "Israeli tanks and helicopters [surround] Palestinian towns, ready to bombard civilians who have become frustrated with a peace process that has brought nothing but more settlements, more restrictions on movement, more house demolitions and more humiliation."

"Lately, Tantur seems to be the perfect place to see what is happening here," he said. "But I won't deny for a moment that it is a very scary thing to see."

Marie Cable, a senior in the College of Arts and Letters who studied in Jerusalem last spring agreed. "It's a fairly volatile place and in terms of what I see right now, the program is probably better off not happening," she said. "But I can hardly imagine what I would feel if I was supposed to go and had been denied. It was probably the best thing I've done with my life."

Burrell said he understood the students' disappointment.

"I feel terrible about it, but we have to bow to reality and sometimes it's good for American's to know we can't fix everything," he said.

The Jerusalem program did, however, provide a unique perspective on the conflict. While attending classes at three local institutions, Notre Dame students studied with Palestinian, Israeli and Arab students, and lived with scholars of countless faiths to dis-

cuss modern issues at Tantur.

"The Tantur program provides a rich study in the culture and history of a complex region of the world, important in shaping the course of human evolution, the development of complex civilizations and the philosophies of three major faith traditions," said Sheridan. "By placing Notre Dame students in classes at [three local universities] participants learn this area from a variety of perspectives."

"No matter how many times you can read it in a book, when you see people experiencing these things it changes everything," said Cable. "It's a whole new way to experience international relations and government, religion and philosophy... you name it. It's alive there and it has been for thousands of years."

Even students like Cable and Sweeney — who have had phenomenal experiences through the Jerusalem program — saw the need for its cancellation this spring.

"We took counsel of students who have been there the past two years, as well as many people on the ground [in Israel currently]," said Burrell. "I was especially gratified by the good judgement shown by our students, and the care and concern they have exhibited for their friends there."

SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS, OR SCHOOL OF ASSASSINS?

A group from Notre Dame will be travelling to the School of the Americas at Ft. Benning, GA the weekend of **November 17-19** to attend a vigil and protest in honor of the thousands who have been tortured, murdered and "disappeared" at the hands of SOA graduates. Information sessions for the trip will be held on:

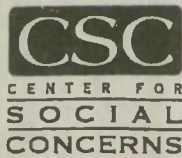
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Sikkink: Catholic schools foster healthy environment

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

Catholic schools foster an environment that makes parents more likely to get politically and

socially involved in the community, according to a recent study by David Sikkink, assistant professor of sociology in the University.

"The Catholic school [parents] are the ones that are extremely

active in the community," said Sikkink.

Sikkink said that this attitude is due to differences in the outlooks on society by various churches. He said the tradition of Catholic

social teaching and a universal focus, however, promotes more activism among parents of children in Catholic schools. Sikkink said the parish structure of the Catholic Church is also effective for creating a community-based commitment to participation. He contrasted the parish structure with the more organizational structure of other groups within communities, religious or political. The parish structure "creates avenues for Catholic parents to mobilize beyond their school and into the community," said Sikkink.

"They generate a lot of parental involvement," said Sikkink.

Some parochial schools, however, do not promote community involvement. From research of different types of public and private schools, Sikkink found that while Catholic schools set up a model for community involvement, many Fundamentalist schools have a more isolationist mindset.

"They are more likely to wrap their school and church and families in a bundle and to be somewhat suspicious of the world," said Sikkink.

While Sikkink's most recent research focuses on the effects of schools on parents' involvement,

he said he is conducting another study on the correlation between schools and student involvement in the community. So far, he said he has found the same theory that students in Catholic schools are more active.

"This is institutionalized in the Catholic schools," said Sikkink.

Sikkink said that the Notre Dame student body provides a strong example based on the number of students who are active around the community or politically involved.

"I think they are much more service-oriented here," he said.

Sikkink conducted this study as part of his dissertation after he began to notice trends among parental activism and the schools their children attended.

"I've always been interested in issues of religion, politics and education," said Sikkink, also a fellow in Notre Dame's Program on the Social Organization of Schools.

Saturday, he will discuss his studies in a lecture titled "Are Private Schools Privatizing? Schooling Organization and Civic Participation" in the Hesburgh Center auditorium. The lecture is part of the fourth annual Notre Dame Institute for Educational Initiatives conference.

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
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Observer endorses Al Gore in 2000

The 2000 presidential election offers major candidates with slightly differing plans to reform similar issues. While neither front-running candidate, Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush, offers a perfect solution for America, The Observer urges its readers to elect Gore as the 43rd president of the United States.

In the long term, Gore's campaign promises will be better for America. Although Bush's broad tax cuts and government cut backs may improve America in the short term and help the economy today, Gore's smaller tax cut and plans to pay down the national debt will aid America more in the long run.

The spending of the government surplus is one of the most important issues in this campaign. Both candidates believe the surplus will exist for many years. Unfortunately, the only people certain of this surplus are the two candidates.

Bush proposes that most of the surplus be used for a broad tax cut. Gore plans to reduce the national debt with the surplus and still give Americans a small tax cut.

While Bush's tax cut will give America immediate benefits, paying down the debt will result in benefits in the future. The benefits of a broad tax cut today could haunt America down the road; good economic times will not last forever.

Gore's plan to reduce the national debt in times of plenty to guard against problems when the economy takes a downturn is the best plan for the future of America.

The interest accrued on the national debt drains Social Security which many Americans will turn to for retirement. Social Security, however, does not exist to provide Americans with a retirement fund. It is instead a safety net designed

to protect seniors from abject poverty.

Gore's plan will continue the safety net of Social Security and encourage Americans to invest wisely for their retirement. Pulling money out of the

Social Security system to be invested individually in particular higher yield investment plans, as proposed by Bush, only encourages Americans to rely on

the government for their retirement and could threaten the safety net that Social Security can provide in the next 20 years.

While Gore's less risky approach to reforming Social Security is appropriate, his plans to improve public schools may not go far enough. Schools must be held accountable for poor performances, but Gore's plan does not implement specific standards or consequences for failing schools.

Schools must be evaluated on their ability to educate students and provide an effective learning environment. Neither standardized testing nor pulling money from the public schools to give to private schools will solve these problems. The failure of the public school system is a more complicated problem than either candidate is willing to admit. Only an effective partnership among the government, parents, teachers and students can improve the quality of American education.

The rising cost of higher education must be addressed by the next president. Gore will expand President Bill Clinton's plan and grant each family a \$10,000 tax credit if they have students enrolled in college. Gore would be wise to adopt Bush's financial aid plan for lower income families as well. College should become more affordable for all families regardless of income.

While both Gore and Bush appear to be adamant supporters of campaign finance reform, the electorate should urge whoever is elected to pursue this

promise vigorously. Neither Bush nor Gore have set forth clear plans for campaign finance reform.

Gore's record of campaign finance violations could lead voters to believe that he may not be serious about his desire to reform campaign finance. America's increasing support of third party candidate Ralph Nader is proof that Americans, particularly those in Generations X and Y, are becoming increasingly disillusioned with the corruption in American politics.

Establishing a bi-partisan plan to take the corruption out of Washington will be an issue that the 43rd president must address; campaign finance reform is the place to start. Gore would be well-advised to make this a priority entering his presidential term.

While a candidate's position on the issues is important, his ability to implement legislation and push for reform are equally important.

As a senator and vice president, he has a wealth of hands-on experience in dealing with policy issues and creating effective programs. Bush's limited experience as Texas governor has not prepared him to make the critical decisions necessary for the executive office.

Gore's experience, however, must be tempered with honesty. He should learn from the mistakes of his predecessor and understand that his propensity for exaggeration undermines the credibility essential for leadership.

The close nature of the presidential race shows that Americans believe both Republicans and Democrats have intelligent ideas for America. Gore should adopt a bi-partisan approach to politics to forge compromises and get things done with a likely Republican congress. By avoiding partisan gridlock, Gore can implement policies to ensure a strong future for America.

The Observer editorial board supports Al Gore for president by a 5-4 vote. The dissenting votes were split evenly between Bush and Nader.

The Observer Editorial

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Irish inspire hope for Scott

I am writing on behalf of the article written by Bob Davie in your Oct. 24, issue regarding Scott Delgadillo and his fight against leukemia.

I have the great honor and pleasure of knowing this fine young man and his family as I am one of his nurses at San Diego Children's Hospital. Scott has truly been an inspiration to me as well as to the numerous other young children who are afflicted with cancer at the hospital. His attitude and outlook on beating cancer are among nothing I have ever seen in my eight years of pediatric oncology nursing. He truly is a

remarkable young man and I know his trip to Notre Dame this past September was amazing for him.

I, like Scott, am a huge fan of Notre Dame football and we both talk about the games at the hospital whenever I see him. Upon his return from South Bend, he could not stop talking about his experiences there and how it changed him as well as touched him dearly. I had the privilege of seeing the tape when he spoke at the pep rally and it truly brought me to tears. I want to say thank you to the University as a whole for treating Scott and his family

like royalty and especially to Bob Davie and the entire Notre Dame football team/program. I have been watching ND football for years and I would have to say that there truly is something special about Notre Dame. Hopefully Scott will be in the stands rooting the team on to victory when they come out to LA to play USC. I will be there and will be very proud to show my support for such a wonderful school, football program and coach!

Meredeth McNamara
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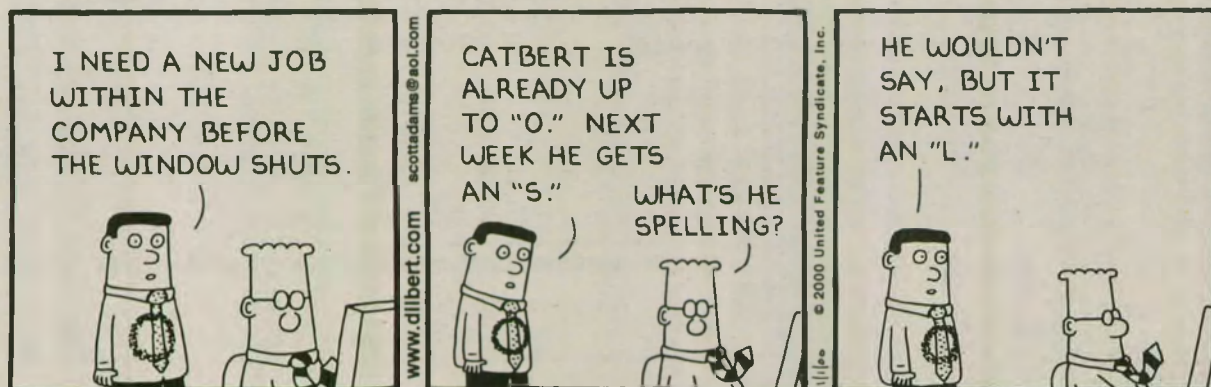
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Politics are about as exciting as war and quite as dangerous. In war you can only be killed once, but in politics many times."

Winston Churchill
former British Prime Minister



Commercial campaigning

Well, it's that time of year again. Frightening-looking people everywhere go from house to house, knocking on people's doors and demanding that those within give them something. No, I'm not talking about Halloween and cute kids in costumes asking for candy. I'm talking about election season and scary politicians in suits asking for votes.

This was the first election I ever voted in. (I say "was" because I already voted over fall break, like a good girl.) I have to say, I was very unimpressed. I voted in my home state, Oregon, which means that I didn't know about or have an actual opinion on anything on my ballot other than the presidential election, which I really only marginally had an opinion on. Everything else I just asked my dad about. It wasn't that independent and democratic a moment for me.

I also got my wisdom teeth out over break. I could say what you expect me to say, which is that voting was more painful than getting my teeth out, but that would be lying. Nothing I've ever done has been as painful as getting my teeth out. I spent three days lying on the couch after that, and I only got up on day four because I had to come back here.

Those three days on the couch were, according to the grand plan I worked out before going home, supposed to be spent doing lots of homework. When I woke up after my surgery, however, I realized that I had been a very naive college student, and that I wasn't really going to get anything done within the next three days or possibly ever again.

So I spent that time well. I watched TV for about eight hours a day. We got cable recently, which really just meant that it took longer for me to resign myself to the fact that the only things on were talk shows and soap operas. And political commercials. Hundreds and hundreds of political commercials from which I learned the following.

There are four types of political commercials: those for a person, those against a person, those for a ballot measure and those against a ballot measure. Political commercials for a person are apparently required to use children. There are always several shots of the person decisively signing something with a large pen as positive words about them flash across the screen. Sometimes the person is signing something while surrounded by kids.

Then there will be a shot or two of some hard-working, middle class people who, by the look of serious concentration and integrity on their faces, clearly show their support for the candidate. They may be surrounded by children. Finally, there is a ten second soundbyte from the candidate, who is wearing down-to-earth, comfortable clothes and looking very concerned about all the people they have paid to be in their commercial. They say something like, "I like you, vote for me," and the commercial ends.

Second, there are anti-people commercials. These are always a risky political move, because you don't want the voter to think you are a big meanie for saying nasty things about your opponent. Usually this kind of commercial ends up sounding a lot like a doctor on TV announcing a death to a family. The person in the commercial looks very solemn and a little sad, and one almost expects to hear them say something like, "I'm very sorry and I wish I didn't have to be the one to tell you, Mr. Voter, but my opponent is a scumbag."

This year, in my state, there weren't many commercials for ballot measures. I guess their makers decided they were all either good enough to stand on their own or they decided the measure wasn't really the sort of thing they wanted to talk about in public, like our Measure 9 which was yet another attempt by some wackos to require everyone to hate gay people. I never saw any commercials for that. I guess it took all the sneaky jerks' courage to write the thing — they didn't want to have to publicly acknowledge it, too.

Enough bitterness. Commercials against measures generally involve a lot of kids, too. But these are unhappy kids. They involve old people, too, and they are also unhappy. Basically these commercials try to imply that the measure will legalize raping and murdering children in public schools and beating old people in nursing homes.

Having read my guide to political commercials, you should now be able to tell what type of commercial you are being subjected to, even if you mute the television. This will, of course, make you a better informed voter when you fill out your ballot in the next couple weeks. Yes, this guide is all you really need, besides your parents' e-mails telling you exactly how to vote, of course.

Marlayna Soenneker is a sophomore psychology major. Her column appears every other Wednesday.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

**Marlayna
Soenneker**

*Here we go
again*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Service gains respect for ND in the community

I am Dennis Sterosky, class of '62, past president of the Notre Dame Club of New Mexico, community service coordinator for the club and a practicing CPA for the last 25 years in Albuquerque, New Mexico. At the request of Brother Mathias Barrett (Brothers of the Good Shepherd), some ND alumni and I helped establish Barrett House for homeless women and children in Albuquerque. Our goal is to represent the University of Notre Dame and its ideals in the Southwest.

The leadership of the Club has been concerned with contributing to the community where we live and building contacts between the Southwest and its culture and the University of Notre Dame. Notre Dame professes to be the premier Catholic university in the nation. It is my belief that words alone are not enough but actions actually convey the message and the mission of the University of Notre Dame. There is no place on the campus or within the alumni setup that portrays this better than the Summer Service Projects.

Over ten years ago, I had the opportunity to speak with the director of the Center of Social Concerns, Father Don McNeill. CSC and I heard about the Summer Service Projects. Our alumni club decided to participate here in Albuquerque. The first student spent his summer working with the Brothers at the Good Shepherd Center. We have had a student working at the Good Shepherd Center for the past ten years.

For five years, our Club, which is a "C" club (150-349 grads in the area), has been able to provide projects for four individuals each year. They have worked at Barrett House, Dismas House, Healthcare for the Homeless, Good Shepherd Center and Industries for the Blind. They have left a wonderful impression of Notre Dame on our community.

Our club's main fundraiser, a golf outing, provides the funds for the SSP projects. The impact of this service is universally recognized throughout Albuquerque and the surrounding communities. Many of our chief supporters and fund-raisers are not connected with Notre Dame but admire the program and admire what the young people do. This past year, over a quarter of our sponsors came from a client of my office, a Notre Dame person at heart, but a graduate of the University of San Francisco.

When I think of Notre Dame, there are few things that inspire me at the University more than the Center for Social Concerns. I have had the

pleasure over the last 10-plus years of working with Father Don McNeill and Sue Cunningham of the Center. Both my wife and I believe that the ideals that are spoken of so often at Notre Dame, are best represented in Albuquerque, on campus, and throughout the United States by what the Center for Social Concerns has done under the leadership of Father Don McNeill. Sure, I am proud of the football team and many other things that Notre Dame does, but the true mission of Notre Dame is represented by the Center for Social Concerns.

It was through Don McNeill's good graces and a wonderful benefactor in New Mexico that we were also able to establish a service project connected with ACCION, a micro-lender, with its establishments in New York, Chicago, San Antonio, Albuquerque, and San Diego. This provides meaningful community service internships to business students.

I take pride in discussing the role of the students with my business associates in our community. I have learned that the Summer Service Program doesn't stop when the student graduates. Students may go into post-grad service roles like Jesuit Volunteers, Holy Cross Associates or the Alliance for Catholic Education, and then go into the business world and continue to work to find ways to incorporate the social aspects of their community with the Christian message that Notre Dame embodies.

I have indicated what the CSC means to me personally. It is one building that I migrate to when I come back to campus. For the Club here in Albuquerque, it is a rallying point, a draw for the broadest participation of our members. We are many miles from the University and sometimes feel out of the main stream. But when it comes to our Summer Service Projects, it brings Notre Dame people together at all levels.

Notre Dame's CSC and the resulting Summer Service Projects have done a great job of representing the true image of Notre Dame in our community. When the name Notre Dame comes up in conversation, it is not only the football program that is talked about but the impact Notre Dame students have had over the last several years within the larger community.

Dennis Sterosky
Class of '62
Oct. 31, 2000

Have credit card, will shop online — the pros

Amazon, CDNOW and Barnes & Noble compete for music, literature fans

By KATE STEER
Scene Writer

With the explosion of Internet services, online shopping has become wildly popular and widespread. Today people can shop for virtually anything without leaving home, from groceries to clothing to entertainment to cars.

Perhaps the most popular genre of online shopping is music and video shopping. There are countless sites devoted to bands, actors and movies, and most of them feed into any one of the numerous related shopping sites.

One of the first sites for CD buyers was www.amazon.com. Amazon.com began as a relatively small service, selling only music, videos and books. Now the site is a hub of Internet commerce, selling practically everything imaginable.

Following on the heels of Amazon.com's success, www.CDNow.com developed a music-centered site offering the newest releases and marketing itself to a younger crowd.

Bookstore giant Barnes & Noble has established a site — www.barnesandnoble.com — for book-lovers to not only browse the books available in the store, but to purchase online. Since most of the retail stores have expanded to include video and music sales, the web site also offers these items.

With the popularity and success of each of these sites, the question arises for eager shoppers: which one of these three sites is the best one to use?

Merchandise

CDNOW specializes in music, but also offers video, DVD, laser discs, apparel and Custom CDs. Custom CDs are priced slightly higher than regular CDs, and contain tracks that the buyer selects.

Amazon is most well-known for their music and video selections, but the site also markets a huge range of other items. The categories of merchandise include electronics, kitchenware, camera and

photo, toys, software, computer and video games, tools and hardware, lawn and patio, and new cars.

Barnes & Noble offers the items available in the retail stores, including books, music and video, and has expanded selections to include college textbooks, out-of-print books, software, prints and posters and magazine subscriptions.

Searchability

CDNOW's search categories include artist name, album name, song name, record label, video name, actor and director. The search is easy to use and produces relevant results.

The site also offers a browse option, allowing customers to select a category of music, a movie genre or a letter of the alphabet to browse. Music is not

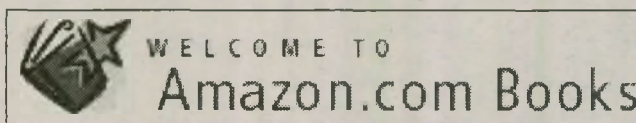


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always easy to classify, however, so the browse option is less useful.

Amazon's search format is similar to that of CDNOW. Customers can search or browse using any of the categories of merchandise available.

Along with the results of a search come recommendations in a section titled "Customers who bought this title also bought..." This feature is helpful for those new to a type of music, or those who are die-hard fans of a certain genre.

Barnes & Noble offers a search of each category on the main page. On the books page, the search is by keyword, author or title, and the music and movie pages function similarly.

Purchasing

To make a purchase on CDNOW, it is necessary to register with the site. This includes providing a credit card number. Prices of CDs are comparable to popular media stores. Shipping and handling charges for CDs are \$2.99 for the first CD and \$0.99 for each additional. State tax is added in Florida, California, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. For example, Madonna's "Music" CD is listed at \$13.28. With shipping and handling, a customer would pay \$16.27.

Amazon's system is similar, requiring registry and a password to purchase. CDs are priced similarly to those on CDNOW, but shipping and handling is less — a sure bonus.

The same CD on Amazon is also \$13.28,



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but shipping and handling only adds \$1.99.

Overall, because CD prices are almost always the same, Amazon is a better deal than CDNOW because of the higher shipping charge.

Barnes & Noble's CDs are slightly more expensive. Here Madonna's "Music" costs \$16.49. Shipping and handling for orders containing music and/or movies only is \$1.99 per order plus \$0.99 per item.

Sales tax is applicable in Tennessee, New Jersey, New York and Virginia. The total cost for this CD is \$19.47 — meaning that CDs and shipping rates are more expensive at Barnes and Noble than at any of the other three sites.

Other Services

Each of these sites offers additional services such as discounts and recommendations.

On CDNOW's site, there is a discount of up to 30 percent for any item listed on the Top 100 list. CDNOW also sends out emails to registered users containing discount codes to enter on the next purchase. The site offers additional mailing lists for Music News, Sales and New Releases — keeping shoppers updated and connected.

Amazon features a Recommendation Center in which there are lists such as top albums from a given year and top albums in category. The homepage showcases new releases and top sellers, which are offered at a discount



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rate.

Amazon also provides a customer rating system, sample CD tracks to preview, a bargain section, and pre-ordering services for upcoming releases.

Barnes & Noble's amenities are similar to Amazon's, but not as extensive. Customers can read reviews of albums and offer their own comments, but sample tracks aren't available. Biographies of artists are listed with selections, and a bargain section is available.

The Winner

Overall, the best deal for your time and money is Amazon.com. With the cheapest additional charges and competitive prices, a user-friendly design and great selection, this site offers the user the most perks and benefits.

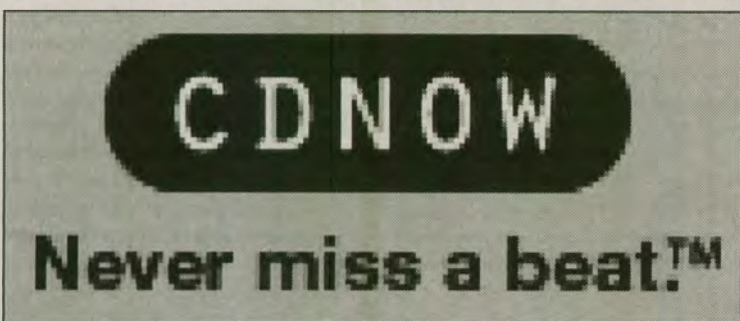


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T-shirts proclaim school devotion, unite student body

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students seem to have a love affair with the 100% cotton T-shirt. We wear them everywhere, using them as a status symbol, telling the world who we are and where we've been. This isn't a fleeting or momentary obsession.

At the beginning of every school year we go in droves to the bookstore to purchase an overpriced symbol of unity, commonly known as "The Shirt." We wear shirts bearing the image and logo of our great university on and off campus, and never tire of them. We know who we are and are proud of it.

But it's not only Notre Dame shirts we desire. We wear shirts announcing our hometowns, states, and even our high school mascots — anything we want to exhibit to the world. We use T-shirts as a way to express our interests and activities, what sports we play or like to watch, the clubs we've joined, and in support of our respective classes, even our majors.



Jacqueline Browder

Assistant
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And all-hail to the annual CBLD shirt. Their marketing department should be awarded a gold medal of some sort. Do you really think that so many students would even have a long distance calling plan had it not been for the oh-so-attainable free tee waiting for you after you've signed your life away on the dotted line? I don't. I know I'm in it for the shirt.

It's an epidemic. We love the idea of being associated with something so easily. Want people to know that you love Dave Matthews? Show up to class in a T-shirt bearing the name of his latest live album. New York Yankees fan? Take a run around the lakes in your 2000 World Series Champions T-shirt. Think Key West Florida is the greatest place on earth? You get the idea. It's that simple.

And then there's the ever-important dance T-shirt. I'll be quite honest. Obtaining and wearing a shirt bearing the name of a dorm of the opposite sex is a small yet important victory for any student. We love them. We wear them with pride to Rolf's and the dining halls, even to class.

I'll admit it. When a dance date shows up at my door to pick me up with a T-shirt in one hand and a couple of flowers in the other (this, by the way, is an ideal) I'm elated. When the T-shirt is missing,

there's always a slight twinge of disappointment (although, it's something that I get over as quickly as you can say CBLD).

And, of course, who can forget the infamous, door-to-door bootleg T-shirt? These are the shirts that are a little dangerous, rather catchy and almost always humorous. Students make a fortune off of them, selling shirts with the eloquent "Michigan Sucks" logo and the always amusing encouragement to "Drink Like A Champion Today," selling them to anyone with a few extra dollars lying around. (If they could find a way to Flex them, the possibilities could be endless.)

I could go on and on. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students love T-shirts. It's a right of passage to buy "The Shirt" and any other shirt that comes our way. These shirts serve an important purpose for us, proclaiming proudly — and cheaply — who we are and what we do with our free time. As long as people are willing to print them, we'll buy them, love them and wear them with pride.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

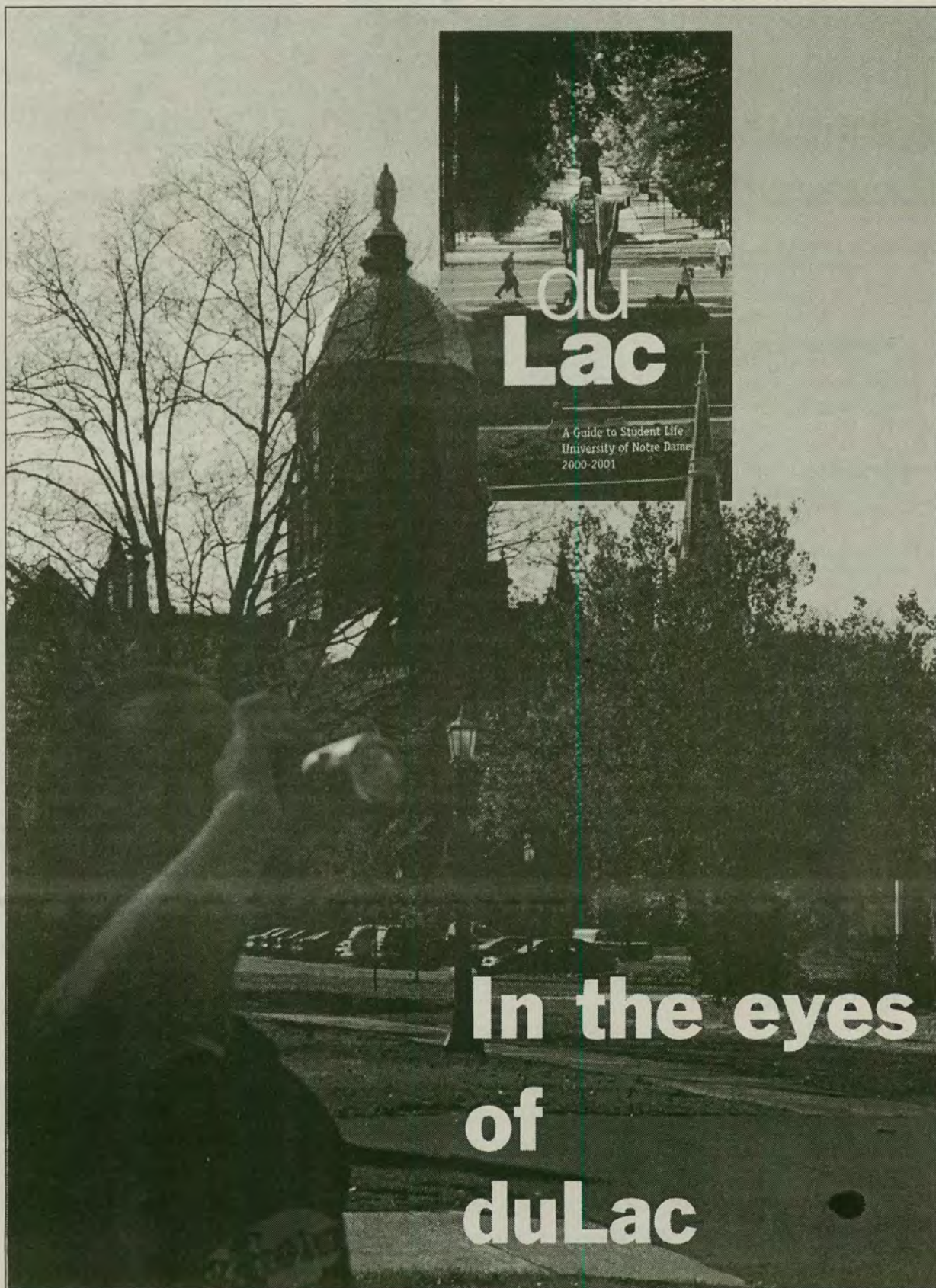
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Drinking under the Dome

After the Finnigan's bust and Board of Trustees studying the alcohol policy, The Observer looks at drinking laws at Notre Dame.



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"You take Campus View. You take Turtle Creek. You take Notre Dame Apartments. There's a lot of alcohol being consumed."

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South Bend Police

University begins long-term study of alcohol policy

story by

ERIN LARUFFA

Scott Krueger should be a senior at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this year.

But he never made it through his freshman year.

Krueger died of alcohol poisoning after a night of binge drinking at his fraternity house in 1997.

The tragedy caused MIT to re-examine its alcohol policy and drew attention to the heavy drinking that occurs on campuses nationwide.

Currently, Notre Dame's Board of Trustees is examining the University's own alcohol policy, although it is unclear yet whether any changes will be made.

At its spring meeting, the Board of Trustees suggested that student government present a report on the alcohol policy, which student leaders agreed to do, said Jay Smith, student government chief of staff. Instead of the traditional formal report, he said, the Trustees felt a discussion would be more effective.

"We believe that this was progress," Smith said. "In giving up a formal report,

we were able to talk about issues they were already talking about and give them student perspective."

"The discussion was based on them getting a fuller understanding of what students think of the policy," said Susan Roberts,

student government's academic delegate. "It was a very open discussion between the Board of Trustees and the students."

Smith and Roberts, along with

Michael Heinz, made a three-part presentation to two Board of Trustees committees — Student Affairs and Social Values.

Student government has

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student government

the opportunity to address the Board of Trustees twice a year, Smith said. Although they usually present to the Student Affairs committee only, this year they also presented to the Social Values committee.

After the presentation, Trustee committee members did not indicate when and if they would be making a decision on any changes.

"It appeared to us that the response was overwhelmingly positive," Smith said.

Committee members did question the trio following their presentation, but neither committee indicated that the Board was considering changing the policy altogether, according to Roberts.

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◆ Students say du Lac condones drinking on campus

By JASON McFARLEY
In Focus Writer

While officials seemingly look the other way when it comes to student alcohol consumption, policies in place at the University call on undergraduates to drink responsibly.

That's according to some Notre Dame students, who said the University's official alcohol policy, as stated in the student handbook, duLac, seems to condone drinking — if only temperate — among students.

"Obviously, college students are going to drink; it's going to occur at any school. And the University recognizes that," said Meaghan Donovan, a Pasquerilla East Hall sophomore.

Off-campus senior Erin Flynn agrees.

"It's good that the University rec-

IN OUR EYES

Open the bars to all

You are old enough to vote. You are old enough to die for your country. You are old enough to be killed by your country if you commit a capital offense. But if you are 18 years old and in Indiana, you are not allowed to enter a dance club that serves alcohol even if you have no desire to drink. Does anyone else see a problem with this?

I am not advocating changing the drinking age in this column. People with more wisdom than I have determined that 21 is an appropriate age to begin drinking legally.

But where is the wisdom in barring adults from social arenas presuming that they will commit a crime (underage drinking) if they are allowed to enter. An "18 to enter, 21 to drink" law for dance clubs, pool halls and sports bars just makes sense.

As a 20-year-old student, the only off-campus dance club I can go to legally is Irish Connection. But getting shot, stabbed or offered crack is not my idea of a good time on Saturday night.

When my 21-year-old friends head off to Heartland or Coach's, I am left behind. I don't even necessarily want to go to a bar to drink. Just being off-campus in a social environment would be fine. Many states other than Indiana have "18 to enter, 21 to drink" laws, there is no reason why this law wouldn't work in Indiana as well.

Over Fall Break, my friends and I went to a pool hall/bar in North Carolina. We listened to the music, shot some pool and generally had a good time. We didn't drink and we still had a good time. Unfortunately, this opportunity doesn't exist back in beautiful South Bend.

Troy Murphy said he wasn't drinking at Finnigan's when he was cited for being a "minor in a tavern." Since it was just two days before the start of official basketball practice, I am going to assume Murphy was telling the truth.

Therefore, Murphy was not breaking any drinking laws when he was cited but instead he was cited for dancing, talking and hanging in an unapproved location. Doesn't the South Bend Police have better things to do than arrest students for dancing, talking and hanging out in unapproved locations?

I would love it if I had options on Saturday night that went beyond watching a movie in my room, packing into a drunken on-campus party or walking over to Turtle Creek for excessive drinking. South Bend needs a place where all adults can gather in a safe, adult environment.

I want a place where I can go with my friends both of legal drinking age and underage where I can watch the big game on television, maybe shoot some pool or dance to whatever the latest songs the DJ is spinning.

I need adult social options. Trust me to make legal drinking decisions. If I drink underage, arrest me. But don't arrest me for being 20 years old and looking for an adult social environment.



Mike Connolly

Editor in Chief

ND, local police, collaborate to address off- campus drinking

By TIM LOGAN
In Focus Editor

At 1:15 on the morning of Friday, Oct. 13, Finnigan's Irish Pub was hopping, with music blaring and the dance floor crowded.

A quarter-hour later, the music had stopped, the lights were on, and 147 underage students who had been celebrating the start of Fall Break were thinking about their court dates.

The bar, notorious for serving minors, was raided by Indiana State Excise Police and officers from the South Bend Police Department. It was the third time in three years that a prominent underage bar has been so raided, and it again raised questions of Notre Dame's involvement in fighting underage drinking off-campus.

The University was not directly involved in the bust, school officials say. But they did know about underage drinking at Finnigan's and had discussed the bar in their ongoing dialogue with local law enforcement about student safety off campus.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that something was going on at Finnigan's," said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life. "Finnigan's has been a concern for a lot of folks for a long time."

A matter of safety

For obvious reasons, Notre Dame has been involved in discussion with local authorities for years. They meet regularly to talk about issues like football weekend traffic, neighborhood concerns and student safety. And with student safety comes student drinking.

Both administrators and local police acknowledge that drinking off-campus can put students at risk. Walking home late at night from off-campus houses, bars and apartment complexes is sometimes a risky endeavor. Students walking home drunk, according to Kirk, take an even bigger risk.

"They are the best victims of crime," he said.

On November 10, 1997, a student was shot while returning from an off-campus bar early one Sunday morning. There have also been numerous incidents of intoxicated students and visitors to campus being hit by cars late at night.

"The safety issue is a priority. I don't think students out there realize this," said Capt. John Williams of the South Bend Police.

"Everybody has this attitude out there that it can't happen to them. Well, it can."

So the University and local law enforcement discuss student safety concerns. But those discussions do not mean that Notre Dame can get a bar raided, according to Kirk. School officials can, and do, bring underage drinking to the attention of police, however.

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Troopers from the Indiana State Excise Police cite students at the Oct. 13 meander for being in the bar. Finnigan's has long been notorious for admitting

Indiana Alcohol Laws

The following are class C misdemeanors:

- ♦ Furnishing alcohol to a minor
- ♦ Minor possessing alcohol
- ♦ Minor in a tavern
- ♦ Furnishing false ID

Class C misdemeanors carry a maximum penalty of up to 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine. Minor in a tavern can also include suspension of driver's license.

Notre Dame's role

"We can't [call a raid]. We don't have that ability or authority," he said. "Like anyone else in the community, we can tell them what's going on if we have a complaint."

Bar raids, such as the ones at Finnigan's, and at Bridget McGuire's and Irish Connection in 1998, are planned and carried out by the Indiana State Excise Police, not local authorities.

The Excise Police are a part of the Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Commission, which licenses and regulates permits to make or sell alcohol across the state.

The Excise Police had likely received complaints about the Finnigan's, Williams said, and decided to raid the bar. The state agency then asked the local police for assistance, which South Bend gave, and the bust was carried out.

Smaller raids are handled by the local authorities.

The South Bend Police will investigate, and break up, parties in private residences, such as Turtle Creek's annual Rally in the Alley, or the house and block parties that regular-

ly spring up on weekends, if they receive complaints from neighbors, according to Williams.

"When we get a complaint, we send someone out to investigate," he said. "We don't do those things on impulse."

And generally, off-campus events are monitored not by the University, but by local police, according to Kirk.

"They tell us about most of the things," he said. "I don't know about most of the things that go on."

But there are some exceptions.

The University steps in

In September, senior Brian Jochum was planning the Budweiser Big House Olympics, a party centered around drinking competitions between students who had spent time abroad in different countries. Kirk was informed of the party, and he contacted Jochum, to inform him of the potential consequences in line with duLac. Jochum canceled the party.

There are other stories like this and many instances of students being sanctioned by Residence Life for off-campus alcohol violations — it is Notre Dame's policy to hold students who violate local laws accountable. But Kirk said concern for student safety is at the root of them all.

"The first concern for me is our student's safety," he said. "I think that some people think there's some big conspiracy. That's just not the case."

Understanding the problem

To help understand student drinking, both off campus and on, Notre Dame is conducting a wide-ranging study of student attitudes about alcohol use.

Student Affairs officials will hold focus groups with people from all sides of the drinking issue. One meeting they've already held was with local bar owners, and it was a good dialogue, according to Kirk.

"They're business people. The vast

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id of Finnigan's Irish Pub on E. Wayne St., where 147 minors were charged with a Class C misde-
people under 21.

majority of them are good, decent folks," he said. He also noted the Indiana law prohibiting minors from entering a bar, and pointed out that violating it is not good for business.

"They will lose their license," he said.

Nevertheless, some local bars continue to serve minors, catering to the large

college student market in South Bend. Excise police have now raided three since January, 1998, and each time another bar has filled the underage void.

This has some people looking for other options.

"You shut one down, and another one springs up," Fisher Hall senator Dan Barabas said.

"Everyone knows that, so that's why we're looking at alternatives."

Barabas chairs the Campus Life Council's Task Force on Off-Campus Bars, a committee formed by the CLC to study the issue of off-campus drinking. The group, which is comprised of students, rectors and administrators, does not

BUSTED!!! 3 years...3 major bar raids

The Place	The Date	The Result
Bridget McGuire's	01.30.1998	165 cited
Irish Connection	11.13.1998	94 cited
Finnigan's Irish Pub	10.13.2000	147 cited

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Students

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ognizes that there will be alcohol use by students," she said.

In fact, policies adopted by the University in 1984 not only recognize the probability of on-campus drinking but also lay out specific rules for it.

DuLac, for example, makes students responsible for compliance with Indiana criminal laws pertaining to alcohol possession and use. The handbook clearly states that "the University does not condone any violations of the criminal law, including underage drinking."

Indiana law stipulates that anyone under 21 is underage.

But Notre Dame officials only enforce these laws in individual residence hall rooms if excessive noise or other such disturbances call undue attention to the rooms, duLac states.

Students said that makes the policy somewhat more tolerable.

"[The policy] gives us a chance to be college students," said Sorin Hall freshman Pat Hallahan. "People know they can drink here if they want to."

Hallahan noted that the alcohol policy, while laxly enforced, doesn't promote student drinking. He said in a college setting where students are already very likely to drink, the University's alcohol policy doesn't prompt higher incidents of consumption.

The policy also raises questions about unequal enforcement and application of the rules. That's a concern many students share.

"Unfortunately, the policy isn't enforced equally," said Flynn, a former Pangborn Hall resident. "Male dorms have more liberal policies," she said, pointing out that alcohol abuse among on-campus men is commonly more accepted than that among their female counterparts.

"On the whole, guys get away with a lot more," Donovan added.

Hallahan, however, said if there is a gender bias in the way

the University applies its alcohol policy, it's for the protection of female students. He said with women and alcohol use, the issue of safety, especially as it relates to sexual assault, arises.

In recent months, the student alcohol use has been a campus-wide concern. In September, the Notre Dame student government opted to make the issue the subject of its annual Board of Trustees report.

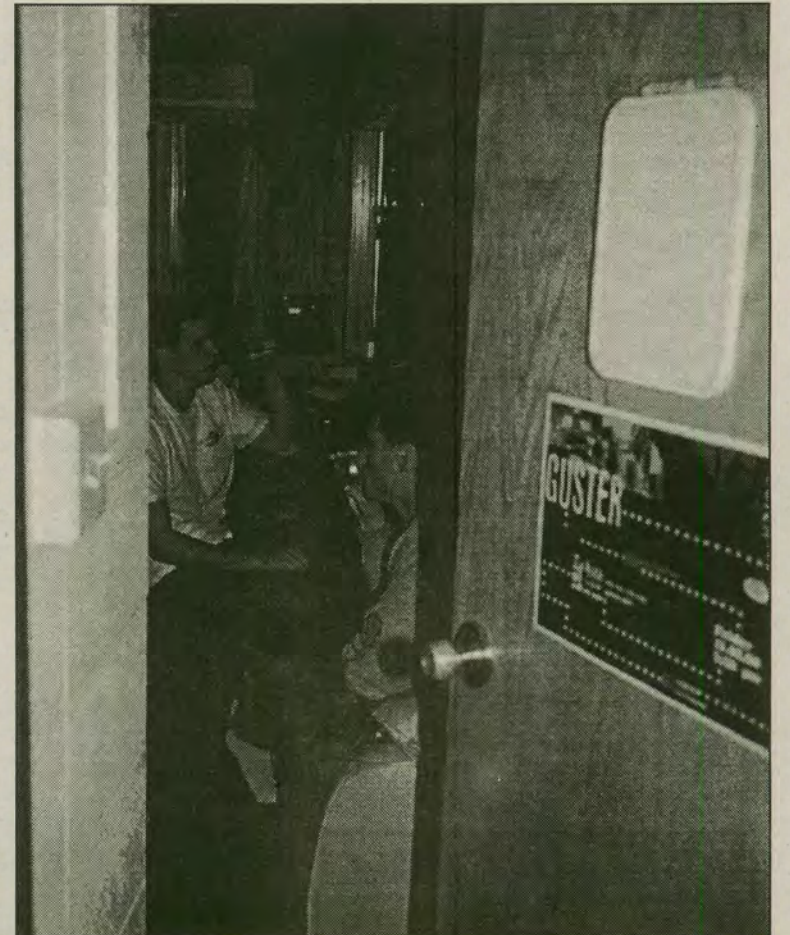
Recently, University administrators have also expressed interest in the topic. One matter that's plagued them is why off-campus parties and bars attract many undergraduate students.

"I think of my dorm as the place where I live, study and work," Donovan said. "I'd rather go somewhere else and party."

"Let's face it," Hallahan said. "Even with as much freedom as we have here, going off campus seems to put us out of the University's hands."

Flynn said it's important that officials recognize that students go off campus as much to socialize as to drink. While more University social space would benefit students, it wouldn't necessarily keep them from seeking the change of scenery that off-campus partying represents, she said.

"Maybe it would be helpful for



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Students for the most part like the University's current alcohol policy, which generally permits drinking in dorm rooms. Off-campus drinking has been a concern of administrators.

Trustees

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Now, the Board is "probably digesting" the information from the presentation and planning to discuss the issue at its February meeting, said Dennis Moore, the University's director of Public Relations and Information.

What is for certain is that the Board will be looking at alcohol issues further.

The Office of Student Affairs, along with the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education (OADE), are currently assembling focus groups consisting of students, rectors, faculty, staff and community members, according to Gina Firth, director of OADE.

The two offices hope to complete listen sessions with over 30 focus groups and compile a report to present to the Board of Trustees at its meeting in May.

"This is an opportunity for us to listen and hear from a wide array of folks for whom this is an issue," said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life.

An early part of this listening came during the Trustees' meeting with student government. The three students gave the Board an overview of

alcohol-related problems at Notre Dame, according to Smith. This included binge drinking and policies in du Lac, as well as statistics from the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education.

The second part involved student perspective — interpretation of the alcohol policy by different student-led focus groups, and varying interpretations of the policy.

Another important aspect of student perspective involves resident assistants (RAs) and "whether or not they're there for assistance or for punishment" in relation to student alcohol use, according to Smith.

"We want them to be a resource for students," he said.

Rectors, and the consistency with which they enforce alcohol rules, was also brought up.

The student perspective section of the presentation also incorporated concerns of off-

campus students. Many of these people do not know the ramifications — both with the law and with the University — for something such as throwing a party,

according to Smith.

Another aspect of student perspective the group presented was the difference in drinking habits at different ages. In other words, Smith said, the reasons why stu-

dents drink are different for freshmen and seniors because social circumstances change as students progress through their time at Notre Dame.

One perception, Smith said, is that upperclassmen drink less than underclassmen. He added that there are many freshmen who do not drink at all, but then begin to drink as sophomores.

The final section of the three-part presentation included a plan of action, or what representatives of student government think needs improvement.

First, they believe that

consistency has to be improved. The students told the Board of Trustees that certain areas of the policy had to be clarified in order for the policy to be more consistently enforced. Such clarification, he added, would be most beneficial if the clarification policy involved input from students, RAs, rectors, administrators, professors and the Trustees.

Smith explained that members of student government involved in the preparing the presentation felt the current policy is good but needs to be clarified.

As an example of this, Smith pointed out that some dorms require students to fill out a form to have a party, while other dorms do not have such a requirement. Another area that is unclear involves what

constitutes making drinking public, he said.

The second part of the action plan involves increasing education.

Currently, PILLARS has a program for first-year students to discuss alcohol use, but no such program exists for older students.

Director of Alcohol and Drug Education Gina Firth

praised the efforts of PILLARS at educating freshmen, but added that more education is necessary.

"We need to continue extending our efforts," Firth said.

In this vein, presenters told the Board that education should not be reserved for freshmen, according to Smith.

Instead, it should be ongoing "as the individual develops," he said. The students recommended that rectors and RAs meet with small groups of students to talk about alcohol issues.

However, as Smith pointed out, off-campus students do not have rectors or RAs to turn to. Those students need to be educated about their new legal obligations and their obligations as Notre Dame students, and therefore, the three suggested that there be a mandatory meeting for students who want to move off campus. Such a meeting could also cover security, financial issues and resources at Notre Dame that students can turn to for help.

Thirdly, the action plan included discussion of facilities for non-alcohol related events. Smith explained that LaFortune does not have adequate entertainment for average Notre Dame students on the weekend.

"[Alcohol] education alone is not enough," Firth said, adding that lack of space for non-alcohol related events probably contributes to some heavy drinking among Notre Dame students.

"We have some major space concerns," she said. While praising Student Activities for their efforts, Firth added that there are "social limitations" due to lack of social space.

Last year, a Student Senate survey indicated that students want something such as a movie theater or bowling alley in the student center. But, he noted, that would require a new building. And some people said that no matter what programs are offered, college students will still drink.

"Even with ideas like increased social space, there's not much the University can do to keep us here," said freshman Pat Hallahan.

Nevertheless, presenters recommended that the Trustees follow the Senate's recommendations in this area.

Funding for non-alcohol related events was also part of the presentation.

Smith pointed out that such events currently have low turnout because it is difficult "to compete with Rally in the Ally, Lafayette." Until Student Activities can afford bigger productions, said Smith, non-alcohol events may take a back seat.

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EXPLORING
CAMPUS ISSUES

Pros and cons of buying and selling on the Internet

Online auctions on Ebay, Priceline can bring surprises or disappointment

By LAURA KELLY
Assistant Scene Editor

It is a universal truth about college students that we always seem to be short on cash. We have no problem spending it — it's making it and keeping it that we struggle with. Our mailboxes are flooded with new credit card applications every day. When opened along with pitifully small bank statements or other credit card bills, a brand new Visa credit line can suddenly seem like a brilliant idea.

But what does this handful of credit cards mean for a college student, other than years of debt and a poor credit rating? When combined with 24-hour Internet access and a strong need to procrastinate, it can only translate into one thing — online shopping.

As the first generation to grow up with the Internet, we have experienced the marvels of having information at our fingertips and on our computer screen within seconds. The Internet has made papers easier to write, kept hometown friends and family in touch, and provided hours of enjoyable procrastination.

But as more and more companies go online to promote their products, buying and selling goods on the Internet is one more way to spend money and valuable time.

Besides the usual clothes, books and CDs available for purchase online, more net-surfers

are using the Internet to plan trips and find great deals on travel plans. Priceline.com is one of the earliest and best-known discount travel sites. At this site, you can name your own price on anything from airline tickets to rental cars to hotel rooms, and Priceline will search to match what you're willing to spend.

At first sight, it seems like a brilliant idea — you've scrounged up some extra money, and there must be some airline out there willing to fly you to Cancun for \$60. And indeed, you may be one of the

lucky customers that Priceline boasts about. But experience shows otherwise.

The annoying thing about Priceline is that you must enter in all of your personal information, including your credit card number, before the site will find you a deal. This means you are locked into making the purchase if Priceline can find you the service you want at the price you name.

For all those dreaming up exotic spring break plans in the middle of February, Priceline does not

provide any way to search for discount prices without an obligation to buy what you find.

Priceline does provide some interesting options, such as the opportunity to name your

own price for long distance service. But besides travel accommodations, the other services provided are not too useful for the average college student, such as deals on home financing and new cars.

Unfortunately, two of the services that would be extremely useful — discounts on groceries and gas — will no longer be offered. In this way, Priceline is designed for those with specific needs, and doesn't cater to those who want to shop around for the best bargains.

For those who are looking to make money rather

than spend it, the phenomenon of Ebay.com is the place to go — "the world's first, biggest and best person-to-person online trading community." Like a virtual garage sale, Ebay allows you to dump all your old junk on someone else.

After registering on the site, you merely provide information on the item you want to sell and then sit back to watch your own online auction. You can also search for anything to buy yourself.

Simply type in what you're looking to find or browse the provided categories. Ebay will provide you with a huge list of all the items that meet your request.

You can then peruse pictures and descriptions of the items — everything from antiques and collectibles to computers and cars. Then you can bid whatever you're willing to spend on the items, and hope no one outbids you before the item's bidding deadline ends.

Ebay.com is the perfect source for obscure gifts or wild dorm room decorations. As Ebay's mission statement declares, "We help people trade practically anything on earth."

Unfortunately, some Ebay traders have taken this a little too literally in the past. Among the bizarre items and hoaxes that have been put up for auction in the past are 500 pounds of marijuana, an unborn baby, a human kidney, a missile, and Ebay.com itself. The site has quickly moved to prevent such prank bids, and otherwise offers only legitimate goods and products.

As a whole the prices on Ebay are reasonable, and the ability to name your own price and then buy with the click of a mouse is hard to pass up. The searching and bidding can become addictive, though — if you find yourself cursing at your screen at 4:30 a.m. because some punk outbid you on a vintage Monkees album, you may need to seek help.

Overall, though, both Priceline and Ebay provide a unique and intriguing auction format. The Web sites are large and complete, but clear and easy to navigate, with detailed tutorials explaining procedures to first-time visitors.

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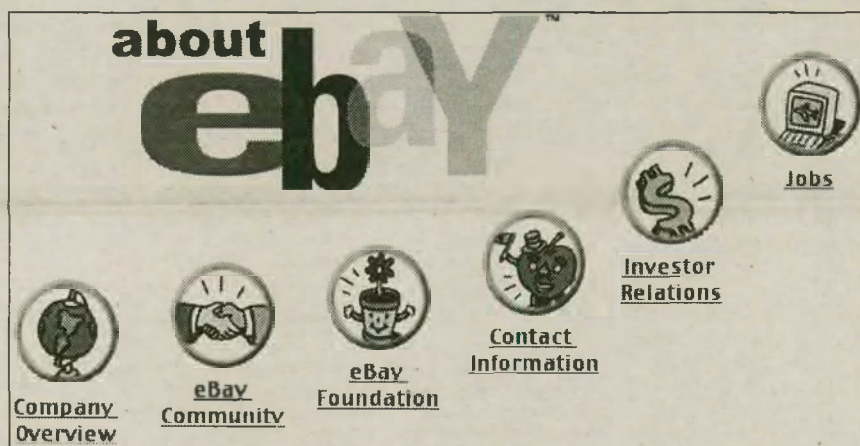


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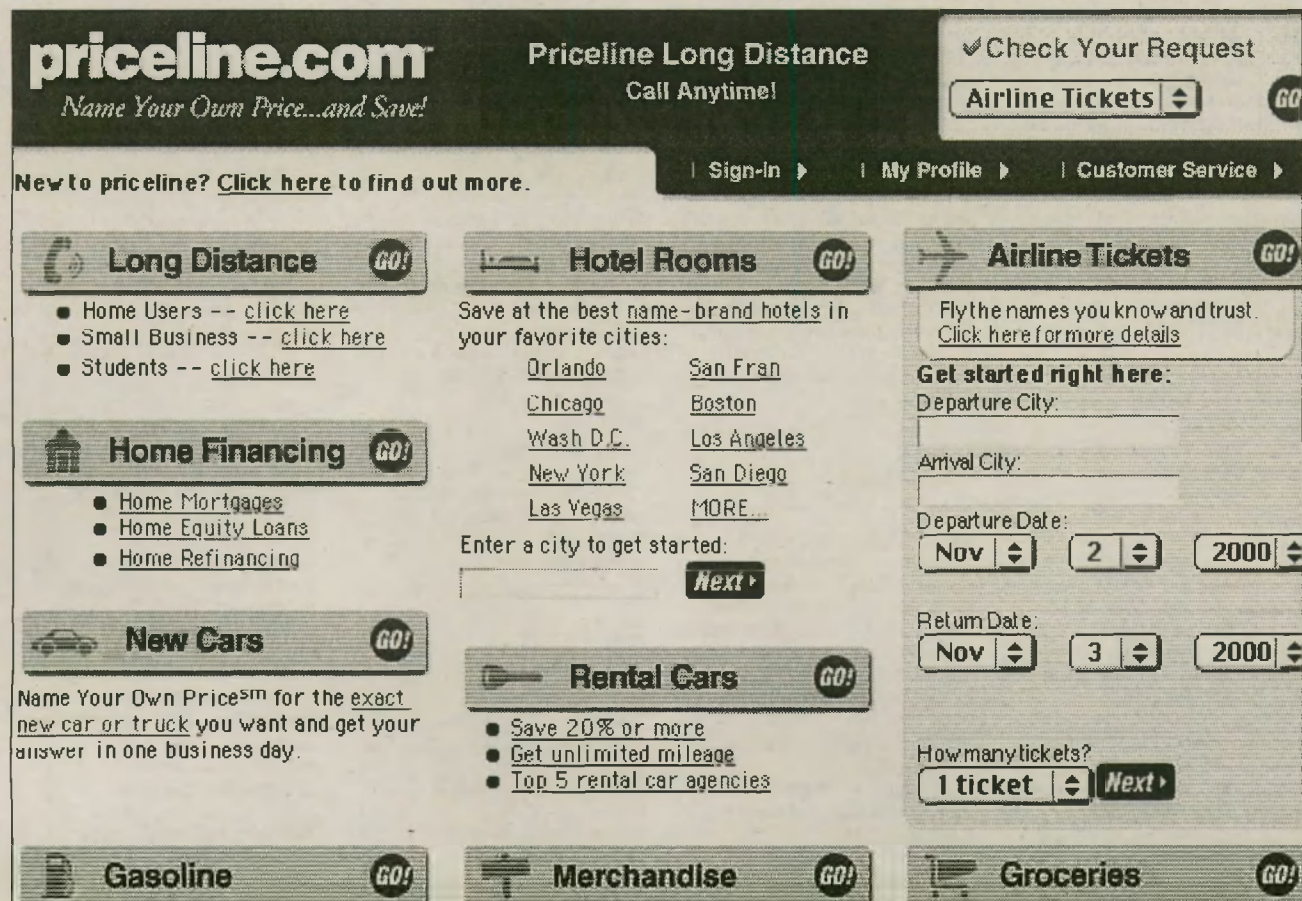


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NBA

Stojakovic, Webber each score 23 to give Kings 100-81 win

Associated Press

CHICAGO
Sacramento didn't need Jason Williams on Tuesday night as Predrag Stojakovic and Chris Webber each scored 23 points, giving the Kings a 100-81 victory over the Chicago Bulls.

Williams, the point guard with the spectacular passes and playground-style game, is suspended for the first five games of the season for failing to comply with his drug treatment plan. But Webber and Stojakovic easily filled the void.

Stojakovic was 10-of-13 from the field, and had three steals and eight rebounds. Webber also had eight boards, as well as a game-high seven assists. He also blocked three shots.

Bobby Jackson added 14 points for Sacramento.

Ron Mercer, lured to Chicago when the big-name free agents turned up their noses at the Bulls' money, overcame a slow start and scored 19. He missed his first five shots and was just 1-of-7 in the first half, but he settled down in the second, scoring six in the first two minutes of the third quarter.

Elton Brand had 16 points, while Khalid El-Amin added 11 and Fred Hoiberg had 10.

But the highlight of the night for the Bulls was rookie Marcus Fizer. The forward scored 16 points on 7-of-13 shooting, including the play of the game at the end of the first half.

With about 2 seconds left, he

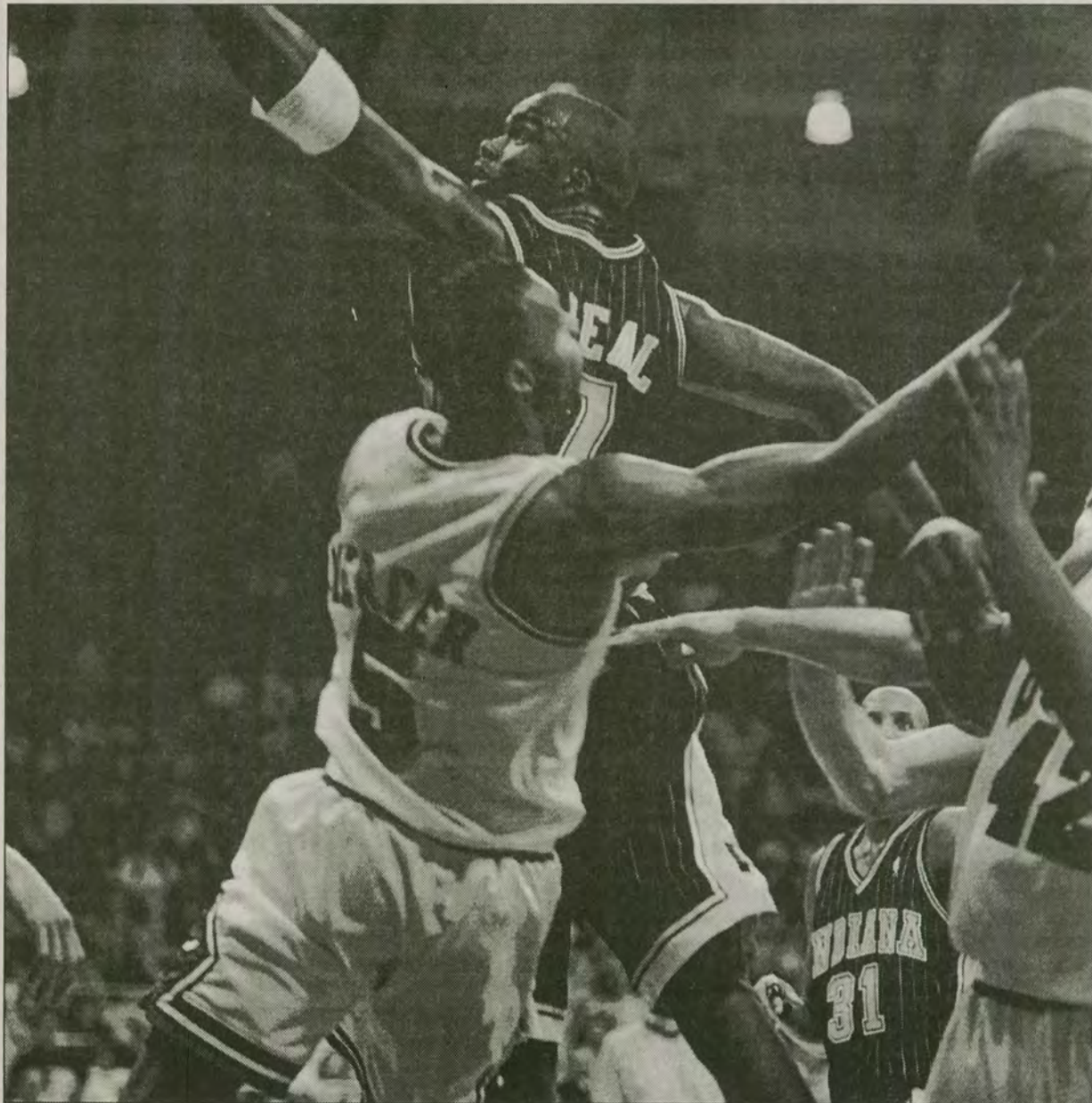
stole the ball from Lawrence Funderburke, crossed the halfcourt line, pulled up and, with the crowd yelling "Shoot!" let the ball fly. The 34-footer went in, drawing a huge roar from the crowd and pulling the Bulls within 46-42 at the half.

Just how good was his game? In Scottie Pippen's debut with the Bulls in 1987, he was 4-of-7 with one rebound for 10 points. He also had four turnovers. Horace Grant scored just three points on 1-of-4 shooting in that same Nov. 7, 1987, game.

With an average age of 22.8 years, the Bulls are the youngest team in the NBA, and they looked it in flashes. They managed to hang with the Kings until the last five minutes of the third quarter, when Stojakovic scored nine points during a 17-9 run that gave Sacramento a 69-61 lead.

The Bulls didn't manage a field goal until Mercer's layup with 6:56 left in the fourth quarter, and they got sloppy with missed shots and turnovers. Whenever they did manage to score, the Kings had an answer.

The Bulls finished with 20 turnovers, and Sacramento converted them into 27 points.



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The Bulls, shown here in a game against the Pacers held earlier this year in the Joyce Center, fell to Sacramento 100-81 Tuesday.

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MLB

Baseball owners negotiate contracts

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Baseball owners approved a new TV deal with Fox and also gave OK to a contract with the new umpires union Tuesday, but deferred a vote on the proposed sale of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Commissioner Bud Selig spent a good portion of the three-hour meeting giving owners a state-of-the-industry talk. Selig said there was no discussion of the collective bargaining agreement that expires in exactly one year, which could lead to baseball's ninth work stoppage since 1972.

"We have some real problems to solve in the industry, but I have said for many years we had eight work stoppages in my baseball career and we need to find different ways to solve those problems, and I mean that. So we will get to that later," Selig said.

"I think everybody understands what the problems are and now we have to find the solutions."

Fox, a division of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. and the majority owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers, agreed Sept. 27 to a \$2.5 billion, six-year contract that gives it rights to the playoffs, World Series, All-Star game and a game-of-the-week package through 2006.

The deal is about a 50 percent increase from the previous five-year contracts, in which Fox

and NBC split television rights. It was approved with one abstention.

Following six months of negotiations, the new umpires' union agreed Aug. 31 to a five-year labor contract calling for retroactive raises of 10.2 percent to 14.9 percent this year.

Owner approved that deal unanimously Tuesday.

Approval of the Blue Jays' sale was deferred but Selig said he sees no problem and expects it to move forward. The delay was not related to Toronto signing Carlos Delgado to a \$68 million, four-year deal right before the World Series, a spokesman for the commissioner's office said.

"It's an excellent group. I have every confidence we will move expeditiously on this but there was some material we needed to redo," Selig said.

Rogers Communications Inc. agreed Sept. 1 to pay \$112 million to buy 80 percent of the Blue Jays from Interbrew SA, which became the team's controlling owner in 1995, when it purchased Labatt Brewing Co.

Interbrew would retain a 20 percent interest. The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, which has owned 10 percent, would sell its shares.

Selig said the day after the Delgado deal was announced that "it raised more than my eyebrow." Asked then if he was concerned the contract was agreed to by an ownership group that had not yet been

approved, Selig responded: "Let's just say that is an interesting situation."

He said Tuesday more information was also needed to the gauge the low TV ratings for the Subway Series. He did not want to blame the 22 percent drop in ratings from 1999 on baseball's deepening disparity between small and large markets.

"There are some people who will tell you that at least from an anecdotal standpoint, that's true. But I can't tell you that today," Selig said.

The Yankees, with the largest payroll at \$113 million, and the Mets, with the fifth-biggest at \$89 million, are members of baseball's "haves," and their exciting five-game series was a turn off to most of the rest of the country.

The Series received a 12.4 rating, the lowest ever for baseball's championship, down 12 percent from the previous low, a 14.1 for the Yankees' sweep of San Diego two years ago.

"I was there to see three games myself, and it was a terrific Series from the standpoint competitive games and so forth," Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo said.

"There was great excitement in the City of New York. Unfortunately it appears some of the other parts of the country weren't quite as interested. Chicago and Los Angeles, by way of example. I think that kind of goes with the territory in a Subway Series," he added.

NBA

Vancouver will set money loss record

Associated Press

VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Grizzlies will "set a record" for losing money this year, and new owner Michael Heisley said he can't tolerate that kind of cash drain too much longer.

"We're going to lose a lot of money, there's no question about that," Heisley said Tuesday

before the Grizzlies opened their sixth NBA season against the Seattle SuperSonics.

"I think I will set a record," the Chicago billionaire said when asked how much money the team will lose in his first year of ownership. "It's a lot more than you think it is."

It is estimated the Grizzlies lost \$25 million last year, and the team could lose twice that amount this season.

Heisley paid \$160 million to buy the Grizzlies from Seattle businessman John McCaw last year. Heisley has a history of buying underperforming companies and

turning them into profitable operations, but said he will reconsider owning the Grizzlies if the financial losses continue.

"I'm not going to sit here and eat double-digit millions of dollars for a long period of

time. I'll

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that,"

Heisley

said. "If

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are idiots. More than anything I can almost think of in my business career, I would like to make this a success.

But when I get to the point where facts are staring me in the face, and I'm not going to be able to do it, then I'm going to have to face up to that."

Heisley did not say how long he's willing to suffer financial losses.

"The situation has nothing to do with how many millions or how much time," he said.

"It becomes a question of when you get to the point where you say 'I can't make it, it's not going to turn round.'"

"We're going to lose a lot of money, there's no question about that."

Michael Heisley
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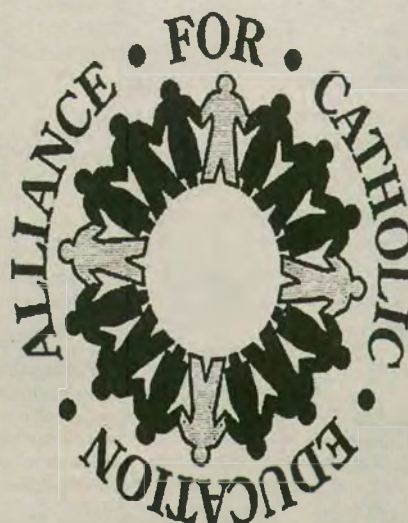
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MLB

Valentine, Phillips sign three-year contracts

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Bobby Valentine and Steve Phillips insist they have learned to work together.

Putting stock in a detente reached during a season that saw the New York Mets reach the World Series for the first time since 1986, the team agreed to three-year contracts with both manager Valentine and GM Phillips.

"What's happening here is a sign of some stability," Valentine, the only manager to take the Mets to the postseason in consecutive years, said Tuesday. "It's a lot of weight off my mind. We're going forward absolutely together, absolutely on the same page. Steve and I are going to demonstrate that this is a team effort."

"We're going to put forth an effort that will rival those who locked hands and climbed mountains to plant flags during wars."

Valentine had been under contract until midnight Tuesday. The Reds reportedly were denied permission to talk with him during the playoffs, and there are three other managerial jobs open.

Phillips and Valentine have had a rocky relationship.

It might have bottomed out in June 1999, when Phillips fired three of Valentine's coaches. All of the current coaches' contracts are up now.

"The one thing we've both had to deal with is forgiveness," Phillips said. "There have been times either one of

us has felt offended by the other, by something said or something done. We've probably both held on to some things longer than we should have."

Division is nothing new for Mets management.

The team's co-owners, Fred Wilpon and Nelson Doubleday, hardly speak. Wilpon wants a new ballpark, while Doubleday prefers that Shea Stadium be refurbished.

Neither Wilpon nor Doubleday was at Tuesday's news conference to announce the signings. Phillips said they were at the major league owners' meeting in Chicago.

A turning point for Phillips and Valentine seemed to be the fallout from a speech Valentine made in April at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

A Penn student, who later apologized for making some things up, posted on the Internet critical comments about the Mets attributed to Valentine. Phillips canceled a scouting trip to fly to Pittsburgh, where the Mets were playing.

"He let some stuff out. I let some stuff out," Valentine said of their talk about what Phillips called "Whartongate."

"When you do that, it's always easier to go forward."

Said Phillips: "I think we had a cleansing. That made it a much smoother ride...."

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MLB

Piniella signs three-year contract extension with Mariners

Associated Press

SEATTLE
When Lou Piniella finished his last regular-season home game against the Texas Rangers, the Seattle Mariners manager went into the bathroom and cried.



Piniella

"It might have been my last game here," Piniella said Tuesday. "It was very emotional."

Piniella figures to be at Safeco Field many more times, agreeing Tuesday to a three-year contract with the Mariners.

"We had a very successful season in Seattle, and we're looking

forward to building on that," Piniella said. "I've been in Seattle for eight years, and there's a lot of loyalty there."

Last week, the Mariners offered a new contract worth about \$6.5 million to \$7 million over three years, according to several reports. Piniella reportedly earned \$1.3 million last season and terms of the new deal were not immediately available.

"As he demonstrated again this year, Lou is one of the most talented managers in the game," Seattle general manager Pat Gillick said. "There was never any doubt in our mind that Lou was coming back because I think this is where his loyalty was and where he wants to be."

Mariners chief executive officer Howard Lincoln called signing the fiery Piniella "our top priority."

Under Piniella, the Mariners

have been to the playoffs three times in six seasons. They won a franchise-best 91 games this year and beat the Chicago White Sox in their AL division series before losing in six games to the New York Yankees in the league championship series.

Piniella received permission this week to talk with the Cincinnati Reds, the team he managed to a World Series title in 1990. Media reports had Piniella going to Cincinnati if the Reds could match the Mariners' offer.

However, Piniella said Cincinnati never made a final offer, and he made the decision to return to Seattle without knowing what the Reds might do.

"They've told my agent that I was their number one choice and they were trying to put a package together," Piniella said. "But as I told Howard, it could have

been zero and it could've been \$10 million. I don't know. It never got that far."

Piniella said he thought Cincinnati was "a great baseball town" and voiced his support for Reds general manager Jim Bowden.

"There's a lot of good things about the Reds organization, and I wish them the best of luck," Piniella said. "I'm just happy to get this situation done. I had to make a decision."

Piniella and Gillick said their next priority would be signing All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez, who became a free agent Monday and will likely break baseball's record for average salary, a mark currently held by Toronto's Carlos Delgado at \$17 million.

"We've got to get Alex signed," Piniella said. "Everything else will be handled as the winter goes on, but that's the first thing we have to do."

Piniella, whose tenure in Seattle was occasionally marked with outbursts on and off the field, praised Seattle's fans, his staff and Safeco Field, the

Mariners' new ballpark, and said he looked forward to the next three years.

"When you talk about Seattle now, our organization, it's in the top ten and probably closer to the top five or six of all the organizations in baseball, especially with the fan support that we get and the ballpark," said Piniella, who previously managed the Yankees and Reds. "I've enjoyed it there, and we love the town. You're not going to find a nicer city to work in."

The only drawback, Piniella said, was the lengthy flight between Seattle and his home in Tampa, Fla. He credited his wife of 33 years, Anita, with having the patience to deal with the time away from home.

"It's harder for her than for anybody else. She's the one who makes it work," Piniella said. "She's a special lady and I'm very happy to have her as my wife."

And how did Sweet Lou plan to celebrate his new contract?

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Now a giant poster of Murphy hangs on the wall in LaFortune's Huddle Mart, just one more assurance that the 6-foot-10 junior does not escape unrecognized.

Wherever Murphy goes on campus, people notice. Heads turn when he enters a room. Students stop talking when he passes on the quad.

"The more games you win, the more people realize who you are," teammate and friend David Graves said. "The better he's gotten as a player, obviously, the more people recognize him."

The spotlight shines brightest on Murphy on home football weekends. He attracts hordes of followers, so many that attending the games themselves has become all but impossible, and Murphy's learned to avoid the dining hall following games.

"There's no going into the dining hall after a football game — it's just a circus," Murphy said. "It's hard to hide when you're ducking through the door."

The realization that he's not just an average college student hit Murphy with hurricane force last month, when the 20-year-old was caught inside Finnigan's Irish Pub Oct. 13.

Of the 147 minors cited in the bar, four — Murphy, teammates Tom Timmermans and Jere Macura and football player Jerome Sapp — had their names in the papers. Murphy's presence became the lead story on ESPN.com.

"It was a bad decision and it was a mistake," Murphy said of going to the bar.

When police entered the bar, Murphy knew instinctively that the raid would become big news.

So he called his mom in Arizona from inside Finnigan's to tell her before she had a chance to read it in the newspaper.

Murphy, who doesn't drink, also asked the police to give him a breathalyzer test. The officers told him the test wasn't necessary. The problem was not whether Murphy was drinking or not; the problem was that he was a minor in a tavern.

Although police said the drinking was not an issue, TV stations, newspapers and Internet sites across the nation reported that Murphy had been caught drinking and carrying false identification at Finnigan's. Only the latter was true.

Within hours of the bust, Murphy reported to Coach

Brey's office, ready to face the consequences of his actions.

"Troy was in my office at 8 a.m. and took it like a man," Brey said. "I think Troy's disappointed in himself, and he accepts full responsibility for the situation as do Jere and Tom."

The next day, when practice began, media attention focused on Finnigan's rather than on the team.

While Murphy ate breakfast with the team, he saw a freeze frame of himself and Timmermans as the lead story on the local morning newscast. At the same time, his mom was reading about the Finnigan's fiasco in the newspaper in Arizona and his dad read about it from his New Jersey home.

"That's the kind of attention that this team doesn't need," Murphy said. "I'm supposed to be one of the leaders on the team and a captain, and it's something that a captain doesn't do."

While Murphy owns up to his mistake, the extent of the national media attention surprised him.

"It was a wakeup call," Murphy said. "I came back to school to do things that college kids do and be a college kid. I was doing things that college kids do, and it kind of opened my eyes that I can't do that kind of thing anymore."

"I just have to recognize that things athletes do around campus are recognized," Murphy added.

Not all actions gain equal attention, however.

Rarely does one see a story about how Murphy signed a bag full of hats for his dorm rector, how he rushed off after classes one recent day to speak to a grade school assembly or how he's stayed laid back and grounded despite the swarm of fans.

"One thing I really respect about Troy," said friend and teammate Matt Carroll, "is that no matter how much attention he gets from the media and fans and little kids asking for autographs, he really hasn't changed at all."

Murphy's maintained the goofy streak that led him to bleach his hair blonde this summer, but he's also matured.

As a kid, he used to run away from home when his parents scolded him, usually for not



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

All-American basketball player Troy Murphy, pictured above at an April press conference announcing his decision to stay in college rather than enter the NBA draft, has become at ease with media attention during his three years at Notre Dame.

cleaning his room.

"He was always a good boy, but he had the terrible habit that if he was told to clean his room, he would pile it up instead of clean it up," his mom, Christine Murphy, said. "When we told him to clean it up, he would be independent, walk down the driveway and hide behind the boulder that was on our front lawn."

After an hour or two, Murphy decided not to run away after all and trekked the 200 feet back to his house. It's a good thing he grew out of that phase, since hiding is no longer an option.

So many hassles — from the former Little League coach in New Jersey who leaves a nasty phone message after Notre Dame lost to Rutgers to the constant rumors about Murphy jumping to the NBA.

Is playing basketball for Notre Dame worth all the headaches?

Murphy doesn't hesitate for a second.

With a nod and a grin, Murphy says, "It's worth it."

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Despite the contributions of the tri-captains the defensive leader in the game for the Irish was sophomore midfielder Andreas Forstner. Forstner — one of only two Irish players to start each game this season — was named Big East Defensive

Player of the Week earlier in the day.

In Notre Dame's 2-0 victory over West Virginia in the team's final Big East conference, Forstner anchored a strong Irish backline that allowed the Mountaineers only five shots the entire game.

Forstner and the Irish line shined again Tuesday night, allowing only 8 shots to the Jaguars. IUPUI senior forward

Thies Hermann — who had scored 31 points this season coming into the game — was limited to only four shots, taking all four Jaguar shots on goal.

While the Irish take down the nets until spring practice, the Jaguars continue their season on Saturday as they compete in the Mid-Continental Conference Tournament in Macomb, Ill.



Sophomore Erich Braun, shown above, kicks past an IUPUI player in the Irish double-overtime tie.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Casey cleared from charges of assault

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. Penn State quarterback Rashard Casey was cleared Tuesday of a charge he beat an off-duty police officer unconscious outside a New Jersey bar.

Casey and Desmond Miller were charged in May with aggravated assault on Patrick Fitzsimmons as the officer left a bar in Hoboken, N.J.

Ed DeFazio, deputy first assistant prosecutor for Hudson County, N.J., said the grand jury did not find probable cause to return an indictment against Casey, but returned an assault charge against Miller.

A message left for Miller's lawyer, Alfonso Robinson III, was not immediately returned Tuesday night.

The grand jury's action ends the case against Casey, although the quarterback could be called as a witness against Miller, DeFazio said.

Last week, several newspapers reported that Casey had been indicted by the grand jury. Prosecutors said at the time they could not comment until the grand jury had completed its business.

Casey's lawyer, Dennis McAlevy, said he had not yet

been able to tell his client the news because Casey was at practice.

"He never hit anybody," McAlevy said. "There's no question in my mind that the chief of police of Hoboken knew that, and he's the reason that this happened."

Chief Carmen LaBruno was "somewhat surprised" at the grand jury, but said "I must respect that decision."

LaBruno said three eyewitnesses said they saw Casey hit the officer, who is not yet ready to return to duty.

McAlevy praised the grand jury.

"They looked at five days of testimony and rewarded my faith in Rashard, and Joe Paterno's faith in Rashard," McAlevy said, referring to the Penn State coach.

McAlevy said they will fight a lawsuit against Casey by Fitzsimmons, who seeks an unspecified amount of money as compensation for "severe and painful injuries."

Police said Casey punched Fitzsimmons, and that Casey and Miller kicked Fitzsimmons repeatedly in the head after he left a bar on May 14. Police said the men were angry that Fitzsimmons, who is white, left the bar with a black woman.

Vick to sit out against No. 3 Miami

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va.

An injured ankle is expected to keep Michael Vick on the sideline for the start of

second-ranked Virginia Tech's showdown with No. 3 Miami on Saturday.

Coach Frank Beamer said

Tuesday that he planned to start Dave Meyer at quarterback against the Hurricanes "and that's how we're going to practice this week."

But Beamer didn't rule out the possibility that Vick, the Hokies' marquee player, would at least see some playing time.

"My mindset right now is Dave Meyer will be our starting quarterback in the game against Miami," he said. "Then after that, let's see what else happens."

Vick sprained his right ankle against Pittsburgh last weekend and did not practice Tuesday. Meyer, a fifth-year senior, replaced Vick late in the second half and was 7 of 13 to lead the Hokies' 37-34

comeback over the Panthers.

Though Meyer got the win, there's little question the Hokies would rather have Vick against the Hurricanes, who are expected to present Virginia Tech's greatest challenge of the season.

The winner of the game will likely claim the Big East title and have a shot at the national championship.

"Our backs are against the wall. That's the way it's been the last few ball games and that's the way it is this week," Beamer said. "We're going to Miami to play a really great football team."

Beamer said it was important for the team to have direction and not get caught up in "what ifs."

"I don't want to 'what if.' I think what's important for our football team is to say, 'OK, this is what we've got. Now let's go play,'" he said. "Everybody is going to say, 'Who's going to play? Who's not going to play.' To me, that's not the issue. ... The issue is whoever's going to be in there is going to play their very hardest, their very best."

Vick, who's not putting any weight on his ankle and is using crutches to walk, gave himself a Wednesday deadline to determine whether he'd start Saturday. He said he thinks he'll have to prac-

tice by then to be ready to start. A special brace that Vick could wear on the field was expected to arrive by Wednesday.

Beamer said Meyer did very well last week despite not having much playing time. He said Meyer would be an even better quarterback if he just got more chances with the first team.

"He's tall, he's athletic. He can throw the football. He's smart," Beamer said. "I think it's obvious he's not quite as quick as Michael. He doesn't throw the ball quite as quick. His release is not like Michael's and he probably doesn't throw quite as far as Michael."

Meyer said he's prepared to start if need be.

"I'm ready," he said. "From week to week, I prepare to start whether I'm the backup or the starter."

Hokies starting flanker Andre Davis also is listed as questionable for Saturday.

Regardless of who starts at quarterback, the Hokies are preparing for a fierce battle against the Hurricanes.

"Either way, it's going to be a war," senior tailback Andre Kendrick said. "Of course this is Mike's team, but if he's not able to play, we have Dave. Dave has proven he can get the job done."



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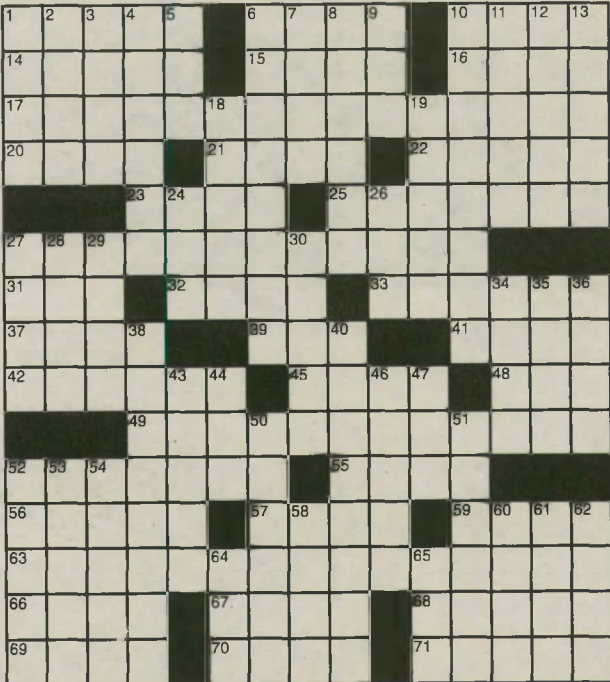


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Raft material
 - 6 José's home
 - 10 Fill in time on stage
 - 14 It has a floor but no ceiling
 - 15 Canned
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 - 17 O'Toole film playing in Sydney?
 - 20 Vindictive Greek goddess
 - 21 Comme ci, comme ça
 - 22 High times?
 - 23 Villainous
 - 25 Moral anguish
 - 27 Mercer tune sung in Sydney?
 - 31 Guadalajara gold
 - 32 Dollface
 - 33 Forever, poetically
 - 37 Attack deterrent
 - 39 Monsoonal
 - 41 Radio feature
 - 42 Newly
 - 45 Burn slightly
 - 48 Prefix with athlete
 - 49 Donahue film showing in Sydney?
 - 52 Improvisational composition
 - 55 Site of the Piazza del Popolo
 - 56 Faith of 5 1/2 million Americans
- DOWN**
- 1 Not just one
 - 2 Sign of old age
 - 3 Lascivious look
 - 4 Antipasto staple
 - 5 "Gimme ___!" (start of an Iowa State cheer)
 - 6 Vatican dogma
 - 7 X or Y or Z
 - 8 Lady of a 6-Across
 - 9 Web site clutter
 - 10 Skedaddled
 - 11 Hard wear?
 - 12 Comportments
 - 13 Analyze syntactically
 - 18 Siouan language
 - 19 Not fulfilled
 - 24 Period's place
 - 26 Christmas ___
 - 57 "Jabberwocky," for one
 - 59 "Have mercy on me!," e.g.
 - 63 Stravinsky ballet performed in Sydney?
 - 66 Campbell's soup instruction
 - 67 Grainy pasta
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 - 69 Listening devices
 - 70 Hearing in open court
 - 71 Turn back

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- 30 Put up
- 34 Singer Coolidge
- 35 Drug cop
- 36 Nobelist Wiesel
- 38 Wheeled servers
- 40 In place of that
- 43 Mystic
- 44 Best seller
- 46 Bouquet
- 47 Dashboard abbr.
- 50 Table linens
- 51 ThinkPad, for one
- 52 Church offering
- 53 Actor Milo
- 54 Understandable
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BASKETBALL

Murphy masters living beneath microscope

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The phone rings steadily off the hook in Troy Murphy's dorm room.

Murphy barely has time to replace the receiver between calls during the lone hour of the day spent in his room.

He talks to his dad and several friends, but the majority of the calls come from folks more interested in his value as a basketball player than as a person. There is a voice-mail from a Chicago Tribune reporter, a call from Irish coach Mike Brey, two calls from Bernie Cafarelli in Notre Dame's Sports Information office trying to arrange a photo shoot.

The list goes on.

Finally, Murphy gives up on trying to accomplish anything in his room and goes to his sanctuary — the team locker room. Equipped with two computers, couches, a big-screen TV, a table and chairs, the newly renovated lounge area offers a quiet, distraction-free place to study.

As an All-American forward on a Notre Dame team in the midst of a revival, Murphy is one of the most sought-after basketball personalities in the NCAA this year. He knows that the attention goes along with the territory.

"You're the one who's given

the opportunity to play. You're the guy they're cheering for. You see some guy walking out on the street wearing your jersey," Murphy said. "It's pretty cool when it comes down to it, but if you get all that, a lot is expected of you."

At times, however, the publicity gets out of hand.

A few days earlier, a reporter called Murphy's room instead of following the prescribed route of going through Sports Information to arrange an interview. Murphy told the reporter he had the wrong room, granting him five minutes of respite before the phone rang again. It was an operator, who told Murphy his mother and uncle were on the phone. The story seemed a bit dubious, but Murphy said to put the call through.

"It was the same guy. He called and told the operator that he was my uncle, and that there had been a family emergency," Murphy said. "That's a little ridiculous."

The scrutiny wasn't always as

intense.

"It's changed a lot from my freshman year to now, the way people act towards me,"

Murphy said. "A lot of people don't talk to me as much anymore. You say hello, and they don't say anything. You said

hello to somebody every time you saw them freshman year, and now they don't talk to

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KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Troy Murphy, pictured above being mobbed by students after leading Notre Dame to a victory over Connecticut last season, is a fan favorite. He's grown used to signing autographs and posing for pictures.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish unable to edge over IUPUI in double-overtime tie



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Connor LaRose, shown above, moves the ball down the field to help the Irish in their scoreless tie against IUPUI.

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Halloween spooks may have been too much for the Irish offense as the Notre Dame men's soccer team played to a double-overtime scoreless tie Tuesday night against IUPUI in Indianapolis.

The Irish conclude their season with a 7-8-2 record, while the Jaguars finish at 8-8-2 on the year.

The Irish failed to score despite putting a season-high 28 shots on goal. The Irish took seven shots in the first half, nine in the second half, eight more in the first overtime and four in the second overtime.

Freshman midfielder Justin

Detter led the Irish in shots taken, taking seven shots in the game. Detter's classmate, defender Greg Martin, took five more shots for the Irish.

The Irish were kept in check by an impressive Jaguar defense. IUPUI goalkeeper Armando Femia saved 14 shots — seven total in the two overtime periods — to keep the Irish from taking the game. Femia, a junior who attended South Bend's Adams High School excelled against the Irish for the second year in a row.

In last year's Oct. 5, match-up between the two teams, Femia made nine saves while allowing the Irish only one goal on 25 shots. The Irish defense also excelled in that game, as graduated senior

Ryan Cox's second-half goal proved to be all the Irish needed in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory.

This year's tie marked the final career game for the six seniors in the Irish roster. Five of those six seniors were in the starting lineup Tuesday night — tri-captains Steve Maio, Dustin Pridmore and Connor LaRose, to go along with midfielders Griffin Howard and Reggie McKnight.

The tri-captains proved their mettle once again on defense, allowing the Jaguars only eight shots in the game. The defense was so strong that Notre Dame sophomore goalkeeper Cole Straub made only three saves in the contest — all in the second period.

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