Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Avowed white supremacist Gary Lee Yarbrough, who admitted he was a "frontline Aryan warrior," was convicted yester-
day of assault for firing a gun at three FBI agents.

The U.S. District Court jury deliberated about five hours before returning the guilty verdict.

Yarbrough had testified he never intended to harm the agents when he fired a .45-caliber handgun in their direction on Oct. 18 and said he was trying to "get their atten-
tion" because the men failed to acknowl-
dge his shouts.

He was the last witness before the jury began deliberations. The jurors were urged by Yarbrough's attorney to ignore the defendant's character and views and decide only whether an assault took place.

"You're not trying to determine if he's a good guy or a bad guy," defense attorney James Kaufman said.

FBI agent Michael Johnstone tes-
tified Wednesday that Yarbrough shot directly at the officers, who were dressed in jeans and flannel shirts and were riding in a borrowed U.S. Forest Service pickup truck on Yarbrough's driveway.

Yarbrough, who has been linked to the June 18, 1984, slaying of Robert Mathews, the founder of an Aryan Nations splinter group called The Order, said he left the Ayran Nations several years ago and was an associate of the neo-Nazi group. He also said he served a prison sentence in Arizona for burglary and grand theft.

Yarbrough, apprehended Nov. 24 in Portland, has been linked to Christian, or Aryan Nations, Robert Mathews, the founder of an Aryan Nations splinter group called The Order.

Mathews died in December in a野生 Island, Wash., house fire.

Agents tried to arrest Yarbrough the day the shots were fired, but could not find him when they returned with an arrest warrant and search warrant.

However, the weapon used to kill talk show host Berg was found in Yarbrough's home.


J-Board bars public from next assembly

By MARK S. PANKOWSKI

News Staff

The March 12 Judicial Council meeting will be closed to students and The Observer, Judicial Coordi-
nator Tim McDowell announced at last night's council meeting.

According to McDowell, the Judi-
cial Council will discuss how hall rectors are handling the judicial functions of their respective halls.

He feels if both outside students and The Observer are excluded from the meeting, then hall commissioners will be able to discuss the issues in volved freely.

"I don't want (the hall commis-
sioners) afraid of telling the truth. I want honest things coming up," he said. "I don't have anything against The Observer, but I don't want (the hall commissioners) worrying about having misquoted." McDowell says hall rectors may be informed in the event of a deadlock of hall offenses of all their rights.

"If you commit a hall offense, you're supposed to have a choice be-
tween having your case heard by your hall's judicial board or your rector unless it is in a very sensitive case. I'm not sure if the rectors are telling students that they have a choice," McDowell said.

Mcdowell also plans to discuss how the hall judicial boards are operating. According to McDowell, "We have to find out how hall judicial boards are performing their role as working in isolation and the Uni-
versity. The only way to find out if our judicial boards are working effec-
tively is to find out what's actu-
ally happening." McDowell said right up last night's meeting was the apparent authority of some hall commissioners over re-
 sponsibilities as commissioners.

"Their seemed to be a lot of authority that McDowell said to the council members. "You seem to the board," page 3.
In Brief

Eleven states reported widespread influenza outbreaks last week, and more than 500 people died of flu or pneumonia, the national Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta said yesterday. The CDC said flu was widespread in Florida, Hawaii, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Another 17 states reported smaller outbreaks, for the week ending Feb. 16, the CDC said yesterday in its weekly report. This week's predominant influenza strain is what researchers call A-H3N2, or the Philippines flu, which typically strikes yearly and is all right. Forty-four states have reported it this fall and winter. *(AP)*

**Weather**

Think Spring! There is a 70 percent chance of thunderstorms today with a high in the upper 40s. A good chance of rain tonight with lows in the mid 40s. A 50 percent chance of rain tomorrow, with a high near 50. *(AP)*

**The Sophiemore Literary Festival** opens Sunday evening, with a reading by novelist and short-story writer Hortense Calisher in the Memorial Literary Auditorium at 8. She will be reading from her newest collection "Santosha, Hot" that is scheduled to be released this spring. Early seating is advised. *The Observer*

A square dance sponsored by the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's council for the retarded will be held tonight from 7:30 to 10 at Logan Center. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Logan Center is also starting a new tradition Saturday with Carnival Rec, a small carnival in the Logan Center gym for the benefit of retarded children. According to Logan Center Director Alexander Wilde, "It would be nice if we could let a kid on his honor, but it's sad we can't do it that way. That's why we have to have a lot of rules," says William Krell, a shift commander at Logan Center and a veteran with the department. "We do bend the rules a lot with that pass, and under certain circumstances we try to help students out as much as we can," says Krell. "Yeah, you're saying to yourself. These guys might act like Roy Slocum on the dance, but get one of them in a gate house and he becomes a modern-day troll. So it goes.*

Officers admit the chances of getting a car on campus varies with the person on duty, how many cars are allowed, who the offices on the scene are, and probably what side of the best the officer got out of. But examine for a moment what these dedicated men and women must tolerate: clueless tourists, demanding faculty, rowdies, and other tipsy students. On normal days, what happens when officers refuse to let student out "Some get furious and square their tires or push you out. If they do something at you," says Ken Cooper, a 2 year officer. Said another officer, "The athletes are the worst ones of all. They think they have some sort of special privilege because they play on a team around here." *(AP)*

Mark Worsceh Managing Editor

**Getting there is half the fun** if you can figure out the password

**Mark Worsceh Managing Editor**

Despite the fact that I can't place the game guard truly has become the great Doner drivers' pastime. In terms of size, the battle is a mismatch. More than 1,000 required cars form the backbone of the assault force, armed to the teeth with the latest excuses, the most modern ideas. And on the defense are two mere defenders of the pedestrian campus, veritable Cooters in a sea of Chevys. But all the Fords, Cherys and Hondas are no match for security's trump card: the little switch that raises the gate. If the gate isn't raised, even the most prestigious automobile can go down in flaming defeat, having to back up in embarrassing retreat.

Officers with Notre Dame security take this immense responsibility in stride in all a day's work of stuff. But they know that every car they don't let on one more car they won't have to tow out of a fire lane or out of some rec center's parking spot. ticketing it first, of course. Who can blame them? Few things provoke as heated an argument as a student being dinged for a parking space.

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According to one officer, if you can't be honest, be creative.

Try keeping a spare crank in your car. Or large boxes in your trunk. Or if you say you're going to a party, they're picking up your date for a formal. Many sources indicate that girls, in general, have an easier time than the guys do. But don't crash the gate or go in on the wrong side. The security folks say that don't like to play Barry and Hutch, but they didn't order V-8s in those blue Chevys for nothing. Also, a new gate costs $41.

In sum, give it your best legitimate shot. But if you get on campus, avoid parking in front of dorms or in the middle of the quad. Security says it will begin ticketing with a vengeance if the problems continue. Or as one officer told me: "Just try something new, we're really going to start pounding the hell out of these students." Perhaps getting by the gate is only half the battle after all.

**LOGAN CENTER**

ND/SMC Council for the Retarded needs new volunteers this week for two major events:

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By MARTIN RODGERS

Icy sidewalks produced by weather are a problem for students, faculty


Just when everyone thought it was safe - and warm enough - to go to classes, the problem of icy sidewalks, a product of last week's classes, the problem of icy sidewalks, the problem of icy sidewalks, a product of last week's classes, the problem of icy sidewalks, a product of last week's classes, the problem of icy sidewalks, a product of last week's classes, the problem of icy sidewalks, a product of last week's classes, the problem of icy sidewalks, a product of last week's classes, the problem of icy sidewalks, a product of last week's classes, the problem of icy sidewalks, a product of last week's classes, the problem of icy sidewalks, a product of last week's classes, the problem of icy sidewalks, a product of last week's classes, the problem of icy sidewalks, a product of last week's classes, the problem of icy sidewalks, a product of last week's classes, the problem of icy sidewalks, a problem for students, faculty, staff, and maintenance alike.

"I tell today outside of Washington Hall on my way to class," said Laurie Chu, a Parley freshman. "It was embarrassing. I'm from Hawaii and this ice thing is a new, painful experience.

"Why don't they do something?" One week it snowed hard every day and they never plowed. It was slippery and the paths were so narrow. "It's embarrassing."

Chu said Physical Plant Director Don Dedrick is aware of the problem and the complaints it prompts. He assures his he and his crews will continue to "struggle against the forces of nature" this winter.

Dedrick says the primary problem is when the severity of the weather is continuous as it was last week. It was "very hard to keep up," he said.

He also said the extreme cold prevented sodium chloride from working. Sodium chloride is only effective when the temperature is between 20 and 25 degrees, he said. Dedrick added plow blades do not clean all the way down to the surface of the sidewalks and that they leave approximately four inches of snow on the ground which develops into ice.

Finally, Dedrick emphasized the task is a tough one. Not everyone has approximately eight miles of sidewalks - and that his crews are doing the best job they can. Much of the staff, for instance, worked approximately 16 hours a day last week.

The problem is similar at Saint Mary's. "Why don't they just pour water all over and let us (ice) skate to class?" said Megan Comstock, a Holy Cross sophomore. "I don't know how many times I've fallen. I'm going to kill myself one of these days."

A potential problem is if someone would injure himself and decides to sue. Notre Dame Counselor Philip Fascenda stated, however, he could not recall any such suit in recent years. Such a suit, said Fascenda, would have to be one of "personal injury due to negligence." He noted one could sue the University for anything, even a common head cold, but would not be likely to collect.

The city of South Bend similarly has had to deal with ice-covered sidewalks. The city is not accountable for cleaning the sidewalks, however, having delegated that responsibility to private property owners, said a representative of the South Bend streets department.

"I've tried every shoe, sneaker, and boot on the market to get me across campus safely," Fisher junior Skip Holts said of the frozen precipitation on the sidewalks. "I've come to the conclusion that I'm going to have to order a pair of Bat man boots from the Hall of Justice. JFW was great but would have been a lot better if I hadn't have to carry a chisel around to get my mom's heels out of the ice.

"You should have seen the guy I saw coming out of Dillon the other day. His head and feet decided to change places and then he was just laying there. He was one buttery cowboy."

THE OBSERVER
Farm aid deal terminates filibuster

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration reached an apparent agreement yesterday with filibustering farm-state senators who agreed to a package offering slight improvements in federal credit aid for farmers.

"I think we've got an agreement if the (Democratic) caucus agrees," said Sen. James Exon, D-Neb., a leader of the filibuster that had held up confirmation of Edwin Meese III as attorney general and a $7 billion highway bill.

The tentative settlement came after a full day of meetings involving the Senate Republican leadership, Democratic and GOP farm-state senators and Agriculture Secretary John Block.

Participants said the improvements included written assurance that the administration will provide adequate money for both direct and guaranteed farm operating loans, money that would be used for spring planting. Such assurances have been given repeatedly and publicly by Agriculture Secretary John Block over the past several weeks.

Also agreed to was a softening of conditions farmers must meet to receive federal loan guarantees — specifically in the cash flow they must show after payment of loan obligations and living and operating expenses. That level was reduced from the 110 percent in the current administration program to 100 percent.

Another provision agreed to was an increase in levels of loan guarantees to farm banks. Rural lenders, many of them suffering from the worsening financial condition of their borrowers, had sought to minimize their risk through federal backing. The negotiations produced an agreement to raise the level of federal guarantee by 5 percent each year, up to a maximum of 90 percent.

Farmers, however, will have to negotiate in the future with the federal government to make sure they can get the support they need, said Dr. Albert Harl, who has been a member of the administration's cabinet for the past four years.

The changes extracted by the filibustering group will extend that aid to another 10,000 troubled farmers, Harl said.

"We only get money from SAGA for the people that keep the Fast. The final answer as to the amount of money that will be made lies in the number of people that keep the Fast for the five weeks of Lent," she said.

Sign-ups for the fast took place from Monday through Wednesday last week. Although sign-ups are over now, Gallagher commented, "It would have been nice if more people had signed up, but it's their own choice."

Proceeds from the Wednesday Lunch Fast, now a five-year tradition at Saint Mary's, have formerly gone to the Kumundhi Welfare Trust in Bangladesh, a women's craft cooperative. Locally, proceeds also have gone to the Justice and Peace Center in South Bend. Possible charities this year include Africa and various emergency relief centers.

Gallagher described the fast as a "conscience builder." Said Gallagher, "At Notre Dame, the Hunger Coalition holds a Wednesday Lunch Fast throughout the year. Over here people were beginning to forget why they were fasting." Gallagher says having the Fast during Lent is more "conscience-raising."

Iowa State University farm economist Neil Harl, who has been a leading analyst of the extent of farmers' current credit woes, said the administration's already announced credit relief program would have helped about 50,000 to 60,000 of the 240,000 producers nationwide in financial stress.

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Indiana University students calling for resignation of William Bennett

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana University students have sent a message to President Reagan calling for the resignation of U.S. Education Secretary William Bennett, a student organization announced yesterday.

The Indiana University Student Association approved a resolution calling for Bennett’s resignation in reaction to a statement the secretary made last week.

Bennett, was quoted as saying Reagan’s proposed financial aid cuts for higher education “may require of some student divestiture of certain

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bile divestiture, three weeks at the

beach divestiture.”

The students’ resolution urged

Reagan to “carefully select a strong

advocate of higher education to

serve as a replacement for Mr. Ben-

nett.”

“I don’t expect the resolution to

inflict any pain on Mr. Bennett,” Mrs.

Bennett went on to say.

Jury convicts pair of aiding aliens

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A federal jury con-

victed the director of a refugee shel-

ter of illegally transporting Salvadoran aliens, while another

member of the sanctuary movement

was found guilty of one of three

charges yesterday.

Attorneys for Jack Elder and

Stacey Lynn Merkt promised to ap-

peal the verdicts, reached after

about four hours of deliberation.

Elder, 41, who directs the Roman

Catholic Church-sponsored Casa

Oscar Romero shelter in San Benito,

near the Mexican border, said his

conviction on five charges would

not deter him from his activities.

“I am following the best traditions

of my faith and our country,” Elder

said.

Merkt, 30, was found guilty on

one count of conspiracy but not
cent of two counts of transporting

two Salvadoran aliens.

“I don’t know whether to cry or to

yell. I will persever,” Elder said.

Sanctuary activists say they are

helping refugees on the premise that

international and U.S. laws, includ-

ing the 1980 Refugee Act, grant legal

asylum to refugees who are facing

political persecution and violence.

Elder could be fined up to

$10,000 and sentenced to

30 years in prison. Merkt faces a maximum

five years in prison and a

$10,000 fine. U.S. district Judge FIlomeno Vela

set sentencing for March 27.

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The problem is obvious: nobody really knows what is responsible for what. Egos take precedence over rules. Our “leadership” has no direction. A policy of “we must do something, should a bad apple, speak no evil” just will not work. The people with the most potential power and influence are left in touch with the student body as a whole. The election process was merely a symptom of this dysar in general.

Despite the good intentions of many, our present leadership is inadequate. The IRA is a disaster. It is a very bad joke. Like any bad joke, it reflects as poorly upon the perpetrator as the victim. We have the people and ideas to make our community truly great, we only need a better structure for organizational and communication in this push.

The campus leadership must realize that in fighting and backbiting will get them, and us, nowhere. Goals and objectives must be set. Strategies and programs to achieve these goals must be evaluated and reviewed. Responsibilities must be assigned, and the various governmental bodies must be charged with the responsibility of making sure these directives are followed. Most importantly, they must remember that they represent the student body. Closed- door meetings and secret ballots are tools of dictatorship, not legislators. We have a right to know where a decision is going, and at what cost to our fair representation what elections are all about.
Pettifer's commentary riddled with feminism

Dear Editor,

Pettifer once again has indulged Observer readers with one of her pathetically misstated commentaries riddled with the belligerent feminism that has become her trademark. In her most recent article she has warrant to the extreme edges of the issues involved in their asking Pope John Paul II to speak at their commencement.

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Fugitives from the law

Monica Fatum
features staff writer

Not all dorm residents pay room and board.
There is a group of fugitives from da luc who do not attend class but are the loyal companions of those who do. This group comes in all shapes and sizes both familiar and bizarre.
Cupu the cat spent seven months as a resident of Holy Cross Hall at Saint Mary's. She was not allowed to leave the room because cats are strictly forbidden to live in dorms.
The worst part of Cupu's life at Saint Mary's was the fear of being discovered. The room door had to be shut quickly so escape was not possible. Cupu left school at spring break last year, the fear of discovery was too much.
Blanch thrives on the people at the aquarium in a diet similar to that of many student's - she eats most meals.
Saint Mary's is an aquarium on a diet. Most fish are not even a legal one on the Notre Dame campus. Nevertheless, dead dorm pets and their owners are certainly worth a chuckle or two.
She has attempted escape but has never made it beyond her room.
Ig the iguana is a complacent aquarium dweller. Ig's happiness in South Bend is strange because he enjoys nothing more than heat. A pleasant evening consists of closeness to a hot radiator.
Blanch is an endearing pet. Ig's happiness in South Bend is strange because he was bought on impulse.
Ralph is a friendly creature. He is a facts and fiction in the dorms of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. They rely on kindness, mercy and the closed mouths of their neighbors.

Correction

Because of an editing error songs by Pat Walker were incor-
rectly identified in the review of "Ain't Misbehaving." The proper titles are "Fat and Greasy" and "You're Feet's Too Big.

Certain pets may be legal

Monica Fatum
features staff writer

Whoever said that the best dorm pet is a dead dorm pet? It could have been the Office of Student Affairs.
They contend that "for safety and health reasons, pets or animals of any kind are not to be kept on campus or brought onto the campus."
But does the phrase "of any kind" include dead pets? If not, then former pet owners out there are safe and many have stories to tell.
Two weeks ago, the day started out like any other for Oedipus, Wally, and The Beaver. Little did they three battle-scarred piranhas know it was to be their last. As the threesome was tossed in a plastic bowl, Wally and The Beaver were in hot water.
They were in hot water.
The largest piranhas on campus would never again fight over a goldfish.
Ig, the owner of the dead fish, mourned the loss of his pets.
"Have you ever seen a piranha chase a goldfish and munch the hell out of it? What an emotional release," reminisced the distraught former owner. "Maybe I'm just a little psychotic," he said.
In any case, the threesome was painstakingly wrapped in a copy of The Observer and tenderly tossed into the nearest trash can. After all, dead fish do Stink.
So some owners strive for more dignified burial services. A crowd of students dressed in black, gathered at a wake to lament the loss of Gladius, a hamster who resembled the squirrel. Mourned the loss of his pets.
Fred graces his room with his hamster who resembles the squirrel. Fred's life after death can be an improvement for some pets. Fred, a stuffed squirrel who resembles the squirrel on the Phone Directory - tail and all - has served as companion to his owner for almost eight years.
Currently Fred graces his owner's desk and helps him out with homework occasionally.
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Irish folk music and story
the seats of
a harmless tarantula
playing his skills in playing the piano from
8 to 9.

Strangers meeting Darby will say,
"he's hilarious. You can't train a dog
to be a comedian, because there's
to be a funny bone in its entire body.
People need funny bones more
than dogs do. If they wish to be
educed they should learn to enjoy
and partake in the human comedy
because it's the only answer to the
abundance of the universe.

The way to defeat evil is to laugh
at it. Clowns in the circus, getting
dumped on by daisies— the scent of
the petals catch fire, their cars blow
up, their houses burn down - are
directed to look at it as a testament
to their sweetness is comic. The races
that have been put on the racetrack in
the last word because they pass down
humor as part of their folk wisdom.
Darby O'Rielly sits in the dog
way as a co artist, soliciting bites
of pizza from the students leaving
food sales. He looks as mischievous
as a street renegade. He has the ways
of Charlie Chaplin playing the little
tramp, with a dignity that keeps him
respectful. Maybe he's laughing at me
as a dim-witted human being, incapable of seeing through his
little schemes, yet remaining tolerant
me because he thinks I'm limited. I
wouldn't like to underestimate him.

Some pet owners claim that they
have dogs that weigh smiles, forget
ning nature has provided them with
tails instead of a get. Some people
seem unaware that a sense of
humor is proof that the soul of man
is immortal. It was the gift that God
gave man to help him endure after
the loss of Eden. Some of us in this
age of anxiety let our funny bones
die instead of getting the use
out of them to keep us happy.

Darby has the art of playing life
humorously, and makes me laugh
at every opportunity. I hope some
people approach him, tell him I think
he's very smart. He's a very private
animal. I'm grateful
these days.
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Morgan, 5-10 senior forward Mary Lou O'Brien, who averages 6.7 ppg. and 6.3 rpg., and, most likely, 6-2 freshman forward Lorilei Watts who hurt the Irish in their last meeting by scoring 9 points and pulling down 15 boards.
"Tracy Manuel and Lorile Watts have been playing really well for them," said the fifth-year Irish mentor. "They are both very strong inside players. In fact, it was DePaul's inside game which beat us. We got very few offensive rebounds at the critical moments. Those two played very well."

When first-year DePaul coach Jim Izard wants help from the bench, he usually gets it from 6-0 freshman center Janice Streit (11.9 ppg., 5.5 rpg) and 5-5 junior guard Awanda Mitchell.

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Junior sprinter
Nobles sparks indoor track team
By MIKE SZYMANSKI
sportswriter
As the members of the Notre Dame men's track team aim toward the climax of the indoor season, the IC4As, they are looking for runners, such as Robert Nobles, to improve their solid performances.
Nobles, a 6-4 junior from Baton Rouge, La., qualified with a 1:11.01 in the 600-yard run for the IC4As last week at the Central Collegiate Championships.
"Noble's turning point came at the Indiana Intercollegiate Meet where he overcame his lack of conf­dence," according to Irish coach Ed Kelly. "He ran well in three events showing competitive tough­ness."
After a mediocre freshman year, and ineligibility sophomore year, Nobles worked hard over the summer and came into indoor season in fine shape. He then continued to improve.
"He made the internal commit­ment to be good, to do everything that it takes," Irish head coach Joe Piane said.
Despite his marked improvement, Kelly said he feels that Nobles must perform well at the IC4As to prove to himself that he can run with the best runners.

Overall, Piane said he likes what he has seen this indoor season. James Patterson has broken school records in the long jump and the triple jump, while Lloyd Constable has qualified for the NCAA championships in the high jump. Chris Matteo has pole vaulted 15-4, and Joel Autry and Gary LeKender have improved in the triple jump.

Mich Van Eyken, Van Peary and Nobles have led the Irish sprinting core in qualifying for the IC4As while fellow sprinter Dan Shannon is still running with a slight injury.

The middle-distance crew, led by John Michels and Jeff Van Wie has been very impressive. The two-mile relay of Paul Dovar, Nick Sparks, Robert DiStanislao and Nick Malvey, which qualified with 7:44 at the CCC's, will be one of the few all-Irish relays at the IC4As.

Piane looks for his cross-country runners to perform well on the track. Tim Cannon, although injured, placed second at the Intercollegiate two-mile run. Dan Garrett and Mike Collins, who are showing well according to Piane. Bill Courteen has been running his best ever, with two personal bests. Mike is still going to be a real challenge.

"Although the indoor season is still young for the runners, we have definitely made the IC4As a point to build toward and to peak at. Good weather over the past month has helped to improve the training of the Belles to outdoors, where times naturally are faster.

With runners such as Nobles, the Irish may be headed toward a high peak, indeed.

Saint Mary's basketball upset in home game
By PAM CUSICK
sportswriter
Playing its final home game of the season, the Saint Mary's basketball team had hoped for something other than the upset that Purdue University-Calumet handed it by a 67-44 margin last night at the Angela Athletic Facility.
The Belles had just rebounded from a loss to Valparaiso University Wednesday night, 65-50. They now look forward to tomorrow afternoon's showdown with the University of Michigan-DeARBORN for an opportunity to improve its current 4-13 season record.
The Lady Lakers of Purdue moved to an early lead on the impressive performance of freshman forward LeeAnn De Young last night. The 6-0 forward dominated play on both ends of the court, and Purdue went on establishing the Belles on their way to inserting its fierce defense and inside play to build a 16-21 halftime advantage.
The Belles were plagued by poor shooting from the field, hitting only 16 of their 62 shots for a percentage of .258, and they could not rally against the Lady Lakers.
"Purdue intimidated us offensively and defensively," said Kelly, "they gained control of the game from the beginning and we had no spur to cut into the margin," commented a disappointed head coach Marvin Wood after the game. "It was, percentagewise, our worst shooting game of the season."
The top scorer was junior forward Beth Kuecher with 16 points, while senior guard Teresa McCannis, and senior forward Elaine Sues each contributed seven points to complete the Belles scoring performance. Kuecher, McCannis and Sues committed three fouls each.
The Lady Lakers of Purdue were not the only threat to the Saint Mary's basketball team's record this weekend. Valparaiso appears to be a threat to steal another victory away Wednes­day night.
"The Crusaders" are a big, strong team. Their 2-21 zone press got the ball inside," said Wood. "Defensively, they played well and had good balance throughout the game, shooting 17-18 from the field."
In fact, Belles travel to Debeerhsh, Mich., tomorrow afternoon to take on the University of Michigan-DeARBORN to try to shake off the 1-11 parent losing ways that have plagued them recently. Game time is 2 p.m. (CT).
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national championship, however, we have to prove it to ourselves and to the nation in the NCAA tourney this weekend.

Tonight’s match with the Spartans should not provide the Irish with too great a challenge. Michigan State’s individual fencers have all fallen upon hard luck, so far as we have recorded a winning percentage better than 50-50. At the ap- pointment of a new head coach this season, has sidetracked a usually potent program.

“This team is not as competitive as other Michigan State Mains of the past,” said DeCicco. “We should be able to fence all of our fencers and give our board, six and sixth men a shot at monogramming for the second.

Tomorrow, however, is a different story. The tournament will involve 14 different dual matches, six of which will include the Irish.

Opening the action at 9 a.m. on the center strip, the Irish will be facing Chicago. Against the Maroons, the Irish are 37-8 lifetime.

On Feb. 9, in Detroit, the Irish faced Chicago again and topped them, 24-3. At 9:30 a.m., the Irish will face the Purdue Boilermakers. Once again, as in the Chicago match, DeCicco said that he had difficulties. Against the Boiliers, the Irish had scored twice in 29 outings. Last year, Notre Dame beat Purdue, 25-3.

As the Irish fence into the noon hour, the action will pick up with Northwestern, Wisconsin, Illinois and Wayne State providing four straight, solid challenges to the unbeaten Irish.

Earlier in the year, the Irish travelled to Wayne, Mich., where they met and downed the defending national champions, Wayne State, in their second dual meet by a 19-11 mark. We were scheduled with Illinois on Jan- uary 26 in Columbus, Ohio; was cancelled because of a blizzard.

Of the four major challenges, Northwestern proved to be the week’s if any can be considered as such. It was a do-or-die, nevertheless, in hope of the scheduling of the Wildcats before the others will gradually build up his squad to a point at which they can perhaps have the three best teams in the Midwest.

“They (the Wildcats) are good in full and excellent in epee,” said DeCicco. “Against Northwestern, I’m hoping that we can really get serious.” Wisconsin, Illinois and Wayne State are also equal in strength.

Throughout their history, the Irish have winning records against all of their opponents. Against the Wildcats, they are 19-4. Against the Badgers, 34-10, and against the Illini, they are 29-12 Against the Tarans, they are 24-14.

Meeting a major collegiate team always is a challenge for the Irish when one considers that the Irish fence without any scholarships. Nevertheless, the highly regarded Irish will be the lone forward to proving themselves this weekend at the odd-on favorite to win this their third national championship in seven years.

Last year, after winning the Great Lakes Championship and going into the NCAA tournament as the top seeded team from the Midwest, the Irish stalled in the finals and wound up with a third place finish.

“I’m looking this weekend for our nine starters who will be going to the Great Lakes Championships (March 2 at Notre Dame:” said DeCicco. “If we sweep the six meets, then we could begin talking national championship. Even if we lose one or two, we would still be a good team.”

According to Scherpe, the Irish in the foil will be junior captain Mike VanderVelden and senior captain Andy Quaroni. Quaroni (27-12), defending national foil champion Charles Higgs-Cothard (24-1), and the incoming junior Charles Higgs-Coulthard.

In the saber, the Irish will go with senior captain Mike Janis (26-3) and juniors Don Johnson (18-5) and John Edwards (14-4). Junior Tony Consoli (10-4) may not be available for action as he is suffering from a pulled stomach muscle.

In the epee, senior captain Andy Quaroni (27-5) will anchor the Irish squad. Juniors Christian Scherpe (25-5) and Mike Contigiani (8-2) add depth as the Irish hope to get at, among others, Etienne Blanchi, a Wayne State senior who won the national championship in the epee last year. He always plays tough against the Irish. In their earlier meeting he was 5-0.

Fencing alongside the men will be the women’s squad. At 9-4, the Irish are likely to have some soft competition and emerge as a true contender for the NCAA tournament to be chosen from the Midwest.

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“In order for us to go there (the NCAAs) we’re going to have to keep an Ohio State or a Northwestern,” said DeCicco.

As with the men, the women should be able to overcome the Spartan challenge tonight, Against Michigan State, they are 7-0.

Tomorrow, the women will face some of the toughest competition in the Midwest. K eying the success for the Irish will be a concerted effort on the part of DeCicco’s four fencers.

According to DeCicco, freshman Melanie Sullivan (51-1-2) should put up a good battle to qualify for the NCAA tournament. Sullivan is 12-0 this year and has a win over a future All-American. Situation will depend on how manyfencers are in each weight class. Sullivan may win the 14-2. Against Wisconsin they are 2-6.

“Molly Sullivan will certainly be one of the individuals in these nationals,” said DeCicco. “Sanet Sullivan, Vittoria Quaroni, and Cindy Weeks will be another.”

In tomorrow’s action the Irish will be facing four teams against which they have winning records: Northwestern (6-3), Illinois (1-0), Purdue (2-0-1), and against Wisconsin and Wayne State, however, they have realized less success. Against Wayne State they have only one win against 14 losses. Against Wisconsin they are 2-6 last year, though, they played the best team in the NCAA tournament reasonably well. They lost their first match (8-4) on touches there.

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team,” said DeCicco. “When they chose to come to Notre Dame, I was thrilled.

This far into the season, Scherpe has compiled a 25-5 record and combines with senior Andy Quaroni to form possibly the most devastating one-two epee punch in the country.

Scherpe was born in Krefeld,West Germany,” where he grew up fencing in an nation internationally recognized as a fencing power. He compiled an impressive record fencing for two years at State-Northridge. His outstanding personal record of 57-9 earned him All-American honors both as a freshman and a sophomore. Last year he finished third individually and in the nation in the epee division.

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Pizza Hut Delivers a Deal.  
For our friends at Notre Dame.
By JEFF BLUMB  
Assistant Sports Editor

Tim Kempston goes up for the offensive rebound and comes back with a shot. But before he can go back up with a shot, he is fouled. And because Notre Dame is in the bonus, Kempston goes to the free throw line and reads himself to shoot.

="If I miss the shot," comes the call from ACC Public Address Announcer JOHN JACK Lloyd, "Tim Kempston shooting one and ..."

="The bonus," the student section finishes the sentence in chorus.

Most students, though, know very little about Lloyd, the man behind the microphone at Notre Dame basketball games for the last 21 years. Following part-time work as a radio play-by-play announcer of high school football and basketball games, Lloyd started doing public address for Notre Dame Basketball in 1964, the year John Dew became head coach of the Irish. The two had become acquainted in 1951, when Dew was a Notre Dame assistant coach and Lloyd was allowed to do some traveling with the team because his father was a good friend of John Howard, head coach at the time.

When Dew returned to the University to assume head coaching responsibilities, he asked Lloyd to be the announcer at home games, which then were held at the now-gone Notre Dame Fieldhouse. The Irish moved over to the brand-new Athletic and Convocation Center in 1968, and Lloyd moved with them.

A 1958 Notre Dame graduate, Lloyd has had his moments in 21 years of announcing the names of some of college basketball's finest players.

="You don't change a mistake once you've made it," says Lloyd. "My best face pas at all time, and I think of it when we had the first round of the NCAA Midwest Regional here. Al McGuire was here with Marquette and his son Alie was playing for him."

="That's a story in itself.

Allie had come out of the game and later reported back to the announcer's booth. It was back into the game, I said. 'Returning to the Marquette line-up, Al McGraw.' I didn't realize that I had said it, and I heard the section full of Marquette students booing and yelling and wondered what was going on. Alie McGraw, the son from South Bend came up and told me I didn't realize it until he told me."

At the same time, Lloyd has also had a lot of fun with names.

="The name that was the most fun to work on," he says, "was probably Orlando Woolridge because it could be drugged out. It started out as simply Orlando Woolridge and then over a period of time I started drugging it out. As he got to his senior year, I was really drugging it out."

="I also had a lot of fun with Kelly Tripucka's name. People always thought it was Kelly who Tripucka's name, because it sounded like I was getting sick to my stomach when I said it."

="I've done other people's names in different ways," continues Lloyd, "I'll look at a name and say, 'In time something I can do,' and then something normally happens, and it's spontaneous at the time it happens."

The first round of the thing was one of those spontaneous type things and it happened in his junior year. All of a sudden, and I don't know what prompted me to do it, but just hit one to put in a 'He's' in front of every-thing I said for him, and it caught on."

The names of present Notre Dame players presents a problem for Lloyd - they aren't any fun.

="The honest truth is," he says, "it's more than likely I'll forget to say any names to do things with, I guess, if any of them, it would be Burrell. There's not a lot of things you can do with it, but it's a two-syllable name and the last syllable is soft, so I just drop my inflection."

="But I have a feeling that, really we don't have anybody right now that has a name you can really play with."

="It's interesting, and for probably 14 or 15 years, this is something I've been trying to do," Lloyd continues. "And this year is the first year that they've ever done it, picking up the bonus. I have no idea how the students picked that up."

="I can't recall which game it was, but I did 'Owens' and said the 'bonus,' and as I said it I heard the students do it. I thought, 'I've been trying to think of some-thing for David Rivers, and I'm sure that by the time he's a senior some-thing will happen.'"

A first for Lloyd came about this year. The students have become involved in something that he does. Finishing the sentence for him whenever he announces that a player is shooting the one and-one.

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="The bonus," he says, "is in its final stage, and I'm sure the students are involved in something that he does, because they've ever done it, picking up the bonus."

="It's spontaneous at the time it happens."

="In addition, it's a release from the things that I do all day long. You know, you go to work and you're under pressure all day at work. It's a relaxation, and everybody has different forms of relaxation. I guess this is mine."

="It may be true that Lloyd enjoys being around young people."

But it is probably more true that young people enjoy being around Lloyd. His unique way of announcing not only makes the game more exciting, but also makes a Notre Dame basketball game more than just a basketball game.

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Yesterday's Solution

The Far Side

Gary Larson
Sports

Notre Dame and BYU meet with NCAA tourney at stake

By CHUCK FREEBY
Sportswriter

It has been said that every Catholic dream of going to Notre Dame. It has also been said that every Mormon yearns to go to Brigham Young University. Tomorrow, one Catholic, Digger Phelps, and one Mormon, LaDel Anderson, will be trying to make another dream come true.

Making the NCAA tournament. Unfortunately, only one will make progress in achieving that goal tomorrow, as BYU and Notre Dame square off on the basketball court of the Athletic and Convocation Center. The game is listed as a sellout, and WNDU-TV will telecast the clash, with a tip-off set for 2 p.m.

Notre Dame enters the contest with a 16-7 record, following an impressive road win over Fordham Wednesday night, which gave the Irish their seventh win in their last nine outings. BYU comes in with a 15-10 mark after knocking off Air Force last Saturday to win their eighth contest in their last 11 tries.

Both teams finishing the season strong, Phelps said he realizes the importance of Saturday's contest to both squads.

"They're similar to us in a lot of ways, and they have a good shot at the NCAA, too," Phelps said. "As far as we're concerned, this is a home game for us, and we've got to come in here and win it for us to get our 17th win. We've got three home games left, and we need to win all of them."

Pfeifer knows that winning those games will not be an easy task, as BYU comes in with a potent offense which averages 75 points an outing. Spearheading the Cougar attack is 6-foot forward Timo Saarainen, a former Finnish Olympian who averages 23.3 ppg. For BYU, senior guard Andrea Haverkamp leads the team in scoring with 16.4 ppg.

Game in Brigham.

Women take on DePaul at ACC

By MARTY BURNS
Sportswriter

The Notre Dame women's basketball team got a much-deserved respite yesterday after its pasting of New Mexico State Saturday evening at the ACC. It will be homegrown today though, as Mary DeItslansoi's conference-leading Irish, as they prepare for a Saturday showdown with Brigham Young University at 2 p.m. at the ACC.

The 14-0 Irish, who are now 7-1 in the conference, have been playing their best ball of the season lately, as they have racked up victories in nine of their last 11 matches. DePaul, on the other hand, is coming off a 94-76 victory over DePaul Wednesday to Detroit which left them at 17-7 on the season, and 5-5 in the conference.

This game may, indeed, turn out to be a serious challenge for the Irish, since it was the Blue Demons who handed the Irish their only loss of the season, a 72-64 drubbing in Chicago on Jan. 27.

The memory of that game will motivate our players," said DeItslansoi. "We have to remember it, and guard against making the same mistakes. They (the Blue Demons) are pretty much the same team, and they're going to come in here, sky-high to beat Notre Dame."

In that game at Chicago, the Irish led by five points at halftime, despite shooting a woeful 36 percent from the field. DePaul, which shot an even worse 2 percent in the half, turned things around in the second stanza, hitting 58 percent of its shots and outrebounding Notre Dame, 20-13.

Among the stars of that contest was 5-5 DePaul guard Sally Anderson, who scored 24 points, and 5-10 junior center Michelle Manel, who grabbed 13 rebounds to complement her 16 points.

Notre Dame can find consolation, perhaps, in noting that it is not the only team to have trouble containing those two DePaul standouts. Anderson, a sophomore, is averaging 19.9 ppg. for the Blue Demons, while Manel contributes a 19.4 ppg. scoring average to go with her 8.9 rebounds-per-game clip.

"Sally Anderson was a big factor in the first game," said DeItslansoi. "She is a very effective player from outside. We are going to have to play better defense on her."

A week before, the DePaul starting five is 5-10 freshman guard Andrea Haverkamp, 5-9 junior guard DeAnn Anderson, 5-6 senior guard Sandi Wager, 5-11 junior guard Kristi Wilkerson and 6-2 senior forward Timo Saarainen, a member of his country's year-round Finnish Olympic team, who has averaged 23.5 points per game. However, Phelps said he has no special plans to combat the Helsinki hot shot.

"We'll just play our game," contends Phelps, who was impressed with his team's defensive showing against BYU last Wednesday, our defense helped put us in our offensive situations, and that's where we got our scoring balance," Saarainen isn't the only offensive weapon in the BYU arsenal, as guard Scott Snelson also has proven to be a scoring threat. Saarainen has averaged a shade over 10 points a game, but may miss tomorrow's contest with a dislocated right kneecap. Should Snelson not be ready to go, see MEN, page 10

The big weekend

Fencers put unblemished record on the line at ACC

By MICHAEL J. CHMIEL
Sportswriter

For the first time this year, the Notre Dame fencing team will bring its talented and undaunted attack home to compete before a friendly audience this weekend, as the Irish will play host to seven Midwestern foes in the ACC Fieldhouse.

Tonight, the Irish will make up a postponed dual meet with the Michigan State Spartans at 7 p.m. Tomorrow, the unbeaten Irish will have their 16-0 record challenged as they play host to four Big Ten teams and the defending national champions beginning at 9 a.m.

"I'd pay to see this action," said Irish head coach Mike DeCicco. "Basketball can't compare with the importance of this weekend's fencing. It's like facing Georgetown, St. John's, and DePaul on the same day."

After fencing on the road since the season began in early January, the North Dome of the ACC will be a welcome sight for the Irish. Considering the intense competition thru which the Irish have had to face in their travels and the unfriendly surroundings of some nine different states, the Irish have been extremely sound and have been exemplifying national championship form. This weekend, though, the Irish must prove themselves against the likes of Wayne State, Illinois, Wisconsin and Northwestern.

"We have had a better season than I would have expected," said DeCicco. "In order to come away and say that we have a shot at see FENCERS, page 12

Scherpe gives the Irish experience in epee division

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The Notre Dame men's fencing team has enjoyed great success this season and appears to be headed toward a national championship. One of the reasons for the team's prominence has been the outstanding performance of junior epeeist Christian Scherpe.

Scherpe, along with junior epeeist Alex Gomez, transferred to Notre Dame after attending Cal State-Northridge for two years.

"I was here as an exchange student for one year (in 1981) and if I would have gone back to Germany, I would have gone back to the eleventh grade," said Scherpe, a native of West Germany.

"I would have taken me three years to get my diploma, but I already had it in California."

I applied to Cal-Northridge, and they took me. I would have been graduating from high school now (in West Germany), but now I'm graduating from college next year."

After Cal State-Northridge finished eighth in the NCAA tournament last year, the school was forced to disband its fencing program. A faculty member at his former school knew Irish head coach Mike DeCicco and recommended that Scherpe apply to Notre Dame. Scherpe and Gomez both applied to Notre Dame and were accepted, much to the delight of DeCicco.

"Scherpe has been a welcome addition to an already good epee