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VIEWPOINT: Myths about hunger problem

Gorbachev: 1st time ever in U.S.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, setting foot for the first time on American soil Monday, said he hopes to hear "new words" about prospects for cutting long-range strategic weapons at his White House summit this week with President Reagan.

The Reagan administration rolled out the red carpet for Gorbachev and his wife Raisa, and in a welcoming statement the Soviet leader wished "peace and well being to all Americans.

"At the center of our discussions with the president of the United States will be the pivotal questions of Soviet-American relations, questions of reducing strategic offensive arms," Gorbachev said.

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In Brief

An accident on Juniper Road Monday was reported by students who said they saw an ambulance arriving to aid a person apparently hit by a car there. Students said the victim appeared to be a pedestrian. It was not known whether the victim is a student. Notre Dame Security declined to release information Monday night regarding the incident, but said it will issue a statement today. -The Observer

An IU prof will meet Gorbachev Wednesday at the State Department. University professor, Soviet history scholar Robert Byrnes, will be among nearly 200 scientists, economists and researchers who will gather to hear the visiting Soviet leader at Byrnes and his wife, Eleanor, say they weren't expecting an invitation to the luncheon, which will come during a break in Gorbachev's summit talks with President Reagan. Byrnes and his wife both speak fluent Russian and hope to get to chat briefly with Gorbachev. -Associated Press

Reducing the federal budget by $30 billion in a compromise plan represents "a substantial step in the right direction," Rep. Jim Jontz said Monday. The deficit compromise reached in late November by House, Senate and Reagan administration representatives calls for $9 billion in new revenues during the 1988 fiscal year, $5 billion in defense spending cuts, a $4 billion reduction in entitlement programs such as Medicare and other savings from spending cuts and sale of some government assets, Jontz said. "I would say it is no painless as possible for the a large group of us," said Jontz. "There shouldn't be anyone who is nixed too hard." -Associated Press

Two bulls attacked and killed a Greene County man at his dairy farm in Bloomfield, Ind., authorities said. County police said Marvin Quimby, 56, apparently was trying to break up a fight between two bulls when they attacked him Sunday morning. Quimby's body was found by his father. Quimby was pronounced dead at the scene. -Associated Press

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But now after having repeated those lines as much as a sinner can, I must confess that I didn't get the point once he wrote, "Let's go Irish!" What do they want us to do? Go Irish forever...

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Indiana's Moscow holds own version of 'glasnost'

Associated Press

MOSCOW, Ind. - Although they live halfway around the world from the Kremlin, the 75 or so residents of Moscow, Ind., have their own brand of glasnost, the Soviet Union's new openness.

The folks in this Rush County hamlet are proud of their town, especially this week as Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev meets with President Reagan. On a gray December morning, Moscow looks like the set of a black and white movie. The only color in the scene comes from the U.S. flag on the post in front of Ruthie Squaiding's house and the bright red Coca-Cola machine in front of Earl Price's defunct store.

"That's the last business in town - that little Coke machine," Price said.

In the spirit of glasnost, however, Price sets the record straight. There's a Pepsi machine outside Jim Lawless' house. "We've got an old saying here in Moscow," said Price. "Moscow isn't the end of the world, but you can sure see it from here."

Some enchanted evening

Notre Dame students found themselves entranced by hypnotist Gary Conrad Monday night in Washington Hall. These students are 'drinking' during one segment of his act. Conrad will be holding seminars today and tomorrow.

U.S. summit readies for treaty

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The brewing fight on Capitol Hill to end a bloodier struggle over medium-range missile ban that President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev are set to sign may be only a warm-up for a bloodier struggle over a treaty to slash long-range missile arsenals.

Many of the same issues are in both accords, but magnified in a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) because it involves more radical changes in the American nuclear arsenal.

The weapons that would be scrapped by START are much more important to the defense of the United States and allies in Western Europe and Asia than the rockets due for dismantling under an Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) pact.

Eliminating all U.S. medium-range rockets will still leave 4,000 U.S. weapons in Europe. But a 50 percent reduction in strategic arms - the goal set by Reagan and Gorbachev - would make a vastly more substantial cut in American armaments.

Hard choices would have to be made by the Pentagon on which weapons to keep and which to scrap in order to stay under prescribed ceilings.

By contrast, the impact of the missile ban Reagan and Gorbachev are signing Tuesday afternoon is slight.

cause of differences over the U.S. Star Wars missile defense plan. While there are signs of a lessening of Soviet objections to Star Wars, American officials say there is a lot of negotiating ahead before the two leaders could sign a strategic weapons treaty at another summit in Moscow next year.

"On behalf of the people and the government of the Soviet Union, I wish to assure all Americans that we sincerely want better relations between our peoples and countries," Gorbachev said.

Secretary of State George Shultz, who greeted the Soviet leader and then went to tea with him at the Soviet Embassy in the White House, told Gorbachev, "We are ready." The Soviet leader replied, "We are ready, too."

Shultz then planned a meeting Monday night with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to make last-minute preparations for the face-to-face meetings between Reagan and Gorbachev.

A half-hour after Gorbachev's arrival, the treaty brought from Geneva by Maynard Gillman and Alexei Obukhov, the U.S. and Soviet negotiators, were taped finishing touches on the accord over the weekend.

It was to be inspected by chief U.S. negotiator Max Kampelman and other U.S. officials, sent to the National Security Council to be checked, and was to be printed later Monday at the State Department.

Accompanied by his wife, Raiza, Gorbachev arrived from London to suburban Andrews Air Force Base. A formal welcoming ceremony led by Reagan will be held on the White House South Lawn.
Writing a wrong
Junior Theresa DeGerolamo gets involved in a worthy cause by looking into Amnesty International's letter-writing program. Coordinator Celeste Kolton was sig-

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during the food fight earlier in the semester. Laurie Bink, stu-
dent body vice president, said she would bring a proposal to the senate next week calling for a resolution to recommend some portion of a meal, such as dessert, be eliminated to cover the damages.
Bink said John Goldrick, as-
sociate vice president for residence life, “said that whatever (the senate does) is fine as long as we come up with a resolution.” “I think the ad-

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Myths about hunger hinder true progress

One of the great things about eating in a college dining hall is that your parents have no say in what you put in your stomach. Think of all the times your father forced you to swallow the sweet potatoes he put on your plate. Remember when Mom used to say, "Don't waste your food because there are children starving in Africa?" You always wanted to respond, "Good, then can we send them my chicken liver and spinach casserole?" That kind of answer seemed appropriate because, at age seven, the answer seemed simple—give them our food. It was a little preferable to the aforementioned cassersole. As you've grown older, you may have discovered that the cause of hunger lie so deeply embedded in society that no one can solve the problem. Well, it just goes to show how inadequate a college education can be. The problem has solutions.

Elizabeth Durkin
guest column

This column does not intend to lecture about the ethics involved in feeding your neighbor. If you choose to believe that the poor should help themselves, that is fine with me. I merely aim to prevent Notre Dame from graduating students who think we can end hunger. It is time to expose the myths.

MYTH: Everyone knows that there is not enough food to feed the world.

FACT: We have enough food. Experts have shown that we can harness the resources of this planet to supply every human being with the proper diet. In addition, we can continue doing this for future generations.

MYTH: The population explosion has caused people to go hungry.

FACT: Food shortages contribute to the population problem. Families do not go hungry because they have too many children. They have too many children because they want more children. If people want more children, who cares if they are healthy or not? Poor parents need children to bring income in the family. When parents can feel secure that their first few children have enough nutrition to live past the age of five, that will contribute to a decline in birth rates.

MYTH: We do not have the knowledge to solve the hunger problem.

FACT: We know how to end hunger. The resources, know-how, technology, and money are available to end hunger as a basic issue. We merely need to rearrange the use of these tools, in order to stop people from dying.

MYTH: My neighbor is a cheat.

FACT: One cannot generalize about the work of all hunger agencies. Although these two objections have some truth to them, it is not fair to categorize all hunger organizations in this fashion. A large number of the groups working to end hunger do not even go by that name. It is not on the government projects that will help produce food or raise families out of poverty. In addition, many groups have no connections with the governments of the countries they help; they work only through the people.

MYTH: One person cannot do anything to help the hungry.

FACT: Yes, one person can help end hunger. Each and every one of us has the ability to help stop hunger, without having to make it a lifelong career. Here at Notre Dame and St. Mary's, the availability of such a program to address the problem. Groups like Notre Dame's and St. Mary's World Hunger Coalition, Overseas Development Network, the Shelter for the Homeless, as well as many other groups serve at soup kitchens all address the issues of poverty and hunger. Committees for The Great Hunger Cleanup, a community involvement hunger relief event which takes place next spring, are looking for new and still need members. If you cannot devote enough time to committee work, this one day project is a good way to make a small, meaningful effort. As a college student working with Notre Dame's Mary's Great Hunger Cleanup, you can participate in an activity that will, in conjunction with a host of similar small efforts, contribute to the drive to end hunger. More importantly, the Cleanup makes a statement that DDSM2 students do see beyond the confines of their campus to the suffering in their community and their world.

Elizabeth Durkin is a senior communications major and chairperson of the Great Hunger Cleanup.

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Code burdens honest student

Dear Editor:

I am very sorry to learn that Notre Dame is about to adopt an honor system. Such a system, if it works, may well provide a more efficient mechanism for suppressing cheating, but it imposes an unwarranted burden on the honest student who becomes aware of a cheating incident.

Advocates of honor systems argue that all adults bear a responsibility to help police their environment, but they forget that we have built into our adult world a number of protections of the individual conscience. One of these is the honor system, built into an honor system. For instance, we never require spouses to testify against each other, we never exact as great a penalty for failure to report a crime as for the crime itself, we have no penalty at all for failing to report a minor crime, and our prosecutors and juries tend to be extremely lenient on those who have not been caught.

MYTH: The United States does not have a hunger problem.

FACT: Americans die of malnutrition, too. Hunger is an issue in the U.S. that grows greater every day. America's "new poor," the white male unemployed, experience hunger they never dreamed they would have to face. America's "old poor" fall deeper into poverty.

MYTH: Contributing to charitable hunger organizations does no good, because the money goes to food hand-outs that only treat the results of hunger, not the cause, or to corrupt government officials.

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I hate Christmas. It reeks. Saying this usually elicits cries of "Scrooge!" or "Grinch!" but I say it anyway. I mean it too. Christmas ranks just below hernia surgery on my fun-things-to-do-list. It wasn't always this way though. No.

Kris Murphy

Altered

Christmas used to be my favorite day of the year. When I was a kid I marked the twenty-fifth of each month on my calendar and counted the months till Christmas day every time I reached that date.

When I finally came to the realization that my whole family went to midnight Mass together and then we went home to open presents all night. Everyone was in a good mood, the tree smelled great and all those cool Christmas specials like "Frosty Gets Frostbite" and "Bob Hope's Christmas in Cleveland" were on television.

Somehow between then and now something went wrong, and I think I know when it started. That was when my family got a fake Christmas tree. I remember the day it happened:

Twelve Year Old Me: "But Mom, that box is kind of small. How did you fit the whole tree in there?"

Mom: "I've raised an idiot for a son. Why me God? It's a fake tree you twit!"

Twelve Year Old Me: "But Mom, it's not even plastic! How did you fit the whole tree in there?"

Mom: "I did it because last year the cat ate some of the pine needles and threw up in your Grandma's lap. Remember?"

I did remember. Grandma had a bad temper, and she was also very athletic. The combination of those two qualities caused her to drop-kick our cat across the living room where it landed on my Uncle Kurt who was drunk out of his mind on Mom's special brandy and rum Christmas punch. We never did get the blood off the carpet. Now that I think of it maybe that's when Christmas turned into a bad scene for me. The sight of our family cat chewing on poor old drunk Uncle Kurt's face was just too much for my eleven-year-old mind to take.

Grandma took me in the kitchen and tried to comfort me with hot tea, and it was working until Uncle Kurt's wife Santa ran through the kitchen chasing the cat with the baseball bat she'd given me for Christmas. My mind snapped at that moment, and I insisted on watching every single lame New Year's special six nights later. I spent the next year in intensive psycholinguistic counseling.

That's only part of the reason I hate Christmas though. The thing I probably hate the most is the incredible commercialization of the whole thing. In my home town of Dayton, Ohio. one of the big appliance stores has a Christmas in July Sale. It's so horrible to hear this guy on the radio wheeling and yelling about how his Santa Claus and how his prices are unbeatable and how you should buy now because, "We're crazy here at Rex appliances. Crazy! When it's gone it's all gone. No payments till next year! Bring the kids to meet Rudolph!"

After the Christmas in July Sale things are relatively quiet again until Halloween when all hells breaks loose. Christmas trees, tinsel, ornaments, giant plastic Santas, Christmas carols in elevators and exhortations to buy! Buy! Buy! rule the next two months. One of the things that really sickens me is the continued efforts by companies and major corporation heads predicting a good or bad Christmas solely on the terms of how much American consumers cough up for gifts. Shouldn't Christmas mean something more to most of us than money, money, money? As Woody Allen once said "If Jesus ever came back and saw the true spirit of Christmas it'd never stop throwing up."

As far as the commercialization of Christmas I think I saw the pinnacle of it when I was in Chicago this weekend. On most of the train stops there was a poster of a relatively hot looking woman in white fur and red lipstick. The poster said "Special Christmas Edition of Penthouse now on sale."

Now be assured that I'm no enemy of a little tasteful erotica, but the first time someone says to me, "Have a little bit of Christmas!"

Oh, and another thing! If I hear "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" one more time, just one more time. I'm going to join the ranks of all those folks who are fed up and de­ pressed at Christmas time and kill themselves. I'll grab ahold of a string of Christmas lights and jump in a bowl of hot wax.

It may seem that I'm being a bit harsh but if you'd seen your uncle mauled by a Christmas­ crazed cat and if you'd heard that song about the hit-and-run reindeer 35,000 times you'd be sick of the whole Christmas thing too. I'm sure there's someone, somewhere keeping the true spirit of Christmas alive but I don't have the vaguest idea of what it is by now but I haven't met them yet. No. this year I'm not sending any gifts. I'm not trimming any trees and I'm not going to check out this month's Penthouse. Instead I'm going to watch the Grinch over and over and feed the cat pine needles.

By: DANE GALDEN

What ND women wear

W ith everyone on campus taking surveys about sex, drugs and the grading system, some industrious Notre Dame students have undertaken a survey of equal importance and greater interest: how do Notre Dame women dress? A survey of 60 women attempted to rate women's attitudes towards fashion and accessories. This response earned them three points on the scale.

Other questions revealed that 21.4 percent often wear baggy pants, 92.8 percent, on the other hand, responded that they are open to wearing new fashions and accessories. This response earned them three points on the scale.

This survey seems to affirm the overall said that they spend nine dollars or more (three points) and 49.2 percent said that they do sometimes (earning two points.) As for purchasing new fashion accessories on impulse, 32.8 percent said that they spend between five and eight dollars per month doing this (two points) and 49.2 percent said that they spend nine dollars or more (three points.)

Only 46.7 percent of those surveyed actually defined themselves as conservative, earning one point on the scale for this response. 92.8 percent, on the other hand, responded that they are open to wearing new fashions and accessories. This response earned them three points on the scale.
Andryska gets medical OK

Associated Press

Our Dame quarterback Trey Andryska, out with a broken collarbone since Oct. 6, has been cleared to lift weights and throw a football and may start a contact practice next weekend, Irish coach Lou Holtz said Monday.

His status for the Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl game against Texas A&M will be determined by his progress in the next three weeks.

"I'm happy that Trey has come along well enough to start throwing again," Holtz said.

"Right now, all signs are that he can play in the Cotton Bowl. We just have to wait and see how things go for him.

Andryska broke his left collarbone Oct. 10 in a 30-22 loss at Pittsburgh. The shoulder was X-rayed Dec. 1 and indicated enough healing to permit him to begin throwing December 3, said Notre Dame trainer Jim McLaughlin.

"He has been doing a lot of running to stay in shape, and the strength work is going through the next steps."

SMC swims to 12th at Invite

By MOLLY MCNEILL
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's swim team held own in the first annual National Catholic Invitational last weekend held at Roll's Aquatics.

The invitational attracted 15 of the top teams in the country, all of which will be in a higher division than Saint Mary's. Despite the odds, the Belles made a favorable showing, placing 12th out of the 15 teams, and qualifying a relay team for the Nationals.

The 400 medley team consisting of Claire Drueley, Megan Ragon, Toni Capat and Toni Olszewski qualified for the Nationals by seven seconds.

The 400 medley will join the 200 medley team and the 200 freestyle, who qualified at an earlier meet, at the Nationals in Orlando, Florida March 5-9. The Belles look to do well in the meet as well. Karen Cavenagh, head coach of the Belles in the diving competition, finished in eighth place overall.

The Belles will use the next few weeks to prepare for their next invitational at the University of Indianapolis in January.

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Men’s volleyball opens with setback in Canada

As semester break nears, the club sport schedule for the Irish remains light. This week, one club makes its way into this column for the first time this season, while another appears for the first time in the history of Club Corner. The Men’s Volleyball Club opened its campaign in Canada over Thanksgiving, and the recently-formed Equestrian Club began its program with competition at Purdue.

At the University of Guelph in Canada, the Irish spikers suffered an early-season setback, finishing eighth in an eight-team field. The Men’s Volleyball Club opened its campaign with competition at Purdue. The fourth-ranked team in the United States, won the title in a predominantly Canadian field.

Notre Dame opened the tourney with a 11-15, 5-15, 10-15 loss to Guelph. After that, the squad fell to Wilfrid Laurier 9-15, 15-13, 9-15, 9-15, and to Queen’s 10-15, 8-15, 16-14, 16-16. Irish mentor Bill Anderson thought the squad played well at times, but realized the spikers suffered an early-season setback, finishing eighth in an eight-team field.

For the Irish remains light, thinking inexperience will hurt us until the latter part of the season. "We had the talent to play with the other teams," Club President Koola Chun said, "but we didn’t have the mental toughness to stay together in tough situations so, we made some key errors."

The Irish will be back in action Jan. 19 as they host Hope College.

Sabre

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finish supported the sabre team’s overall match victory. The epee division saw juniors Todd Griffie (6-1) and Ted Fay (5-0) pave the way for the Irish. Seniors Doug Dodinski (3-1) and Chris Brender (3-2) rounded out the scoring.

Notre Dame men’s fencing coach Mike DeCicco begins his 27th season with a 505-40 meet record with the men’s team, and has 599 total wins including seven years coaching the women’s squad. The men’s team now has a 78-meet winning streak dating back to February 1984 when the Irish dropped a 37-17 decision to Northwestern.

The Irish women’s 42-straight victories date back to the end of the 1985 season.

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Irish ready to face 3-1 Boston U. in home opener

By BRIAN O'GARA
Assistant Sports Editor

Coming off an impressive 69-54 victory over Louisville on Saturday, the Notre Dame basketball team faces the Terriers of Boston University at 7:30 tonight in the first game of the regular season home opener.

The Irish jumped into the No. 13 slot in this week's Associated Press poll, after being unranked in previous polls. They return to the Joyce ACC, traditionally an unfriendly place for opponents to visit, after facing two Top 20 teams on the road in four days.

"We're happy to be back at home," said Irish head coach Digger Phelps. "It's nice to be back here after the very difficult away games last week against Indiana and Louisville. We've got Boston and Prairie View A&M on Thursday before another tough away game at DePaul."

Though the opponent may not appear as formidable as Indiana or Louisville, Phelps has reason for concern with the recent play of the Terriers, who led Boston in last winter's ECAC North Atlantic Conference. Boston head coach Mike Jarvis' team also owns a 2-0 record against Indiana State, where Phelps also played.

Pacing the Terrier attack so far this season has been 6'4" forward Larry Jones, normally a slow starter, who contributed 15.8 points per contest as well. Freshman Russell Jarvis, the coach's nephew, entered the starting lineup in the season's second game and has already made his presence felt.

With Irving in foul trouble against Massachusetts, Jarvis scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half. Junior point guards Tony DaCosta (10 assists last season) and Jeff Timberlake (12) return to give the Terriers' experience in the backcourt.

Coach Jarvis is in his third year at the helm for Boston. His 1977-81 teams led by Terriers' head coach. The Irish won that contest, the first meeting between the two schools, 89-63.

The last time Notre Dame faced Boston, Ewing's present coach, Rick Pitino, was the Terriers' head coach. The Irish won that contest, the first meeting between the two schools.
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Campus

11:30 a.m.: Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Father John Lahey will celebrate the mass. Sacred Heart Church.
4:30 p.m.: Biological Sciences Seminar, "Genes Affecting Drosophila Vision." Joseph O’Toole will be speaking. Room 283, Auditorium, Galvin Life Science Center. Coffee at 4:15 p.m.
5 p.m.: Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Father Thomas Gaughan will celebrate the mass. Sacred Heart Church.

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Wrestlers do 'respectable job' at Las Vegas Invite

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Sports Writer

Even though the Notre Dame wrestling team accomplished its goal of placing in the top 18 in last weekend's Las Vegas Invitational, the Irish were far from satisfied.

Notre Dame finished 10th out of 46 teams participating in the two-day event, but just four more points would have put the Irish in eighth place. Individuals placing for Notre Dame included 142-pound senior Ron Wisniewski, who placed fifth, and 118-pound sophomore Andy Radenbaugh (fifth) and 177-pound junior Chris Geneser (sixth).

"They worked harder than we did," said Irish coach Fran McCann. "Muffet McGraw of the Phoenix. "They out hustled us, they beat us on the boards. They took the game more seriously than we did. They played with a lot of desire, we didn't." "Sandy Botham, who was named to the All-Class team, led the Irish with 20 points, shooting 4 of 11 from the floor, and pulled down 11 rebounds. The close game was a tough way to break an eight-game winning streak dating back to last season. "It was really a letdown for all of us," McGraw said. "We knew we should have won the game. "The Irish bounced back on the second day of the Phoenix Classic with a consolation game victory over the Cougars of BYU, 61-49, and again the desire to win made the difference, according to McGraw. "We wanted to win more than BYU did," she said. "We learned a good lesson from the Wisconsin-Green Bay game. We played a lot harder."

The Irish pulled out to a lead early and managed to keep the Cougars at bay throughout the game. Notre Dame again had a hot first half, shooting 19 of 29 (.680). Karen Robinson led the Irish with 20 points, and Heidi Buneck added 16. Botham also tallied 16 points and led the way with 11 rebounds. "Sandy Botham played really well," said McGraw. "He kept us in the first game. Heidi Buneck had some foul trouble, but did well in limited playing time. Mary Gavin (13 assists) had a good game against BYU."

Despite the loss, several positives came out of the trip to Green Bay. "We shot the ball well," said McGraw. "We were better than 50 percent in both games. Our press is working well, too. "The fast break worked against BYU. We had opportunities against Green Bay but we didn't get the lay-ins."

"The Irish will try to up their game more seriously than we did. They played a lot harder." "It was just a donnybrook," McCann said of the Durso-Smith match. "John had a difficult time with Jerry. That was the toughest John Smith had to wrestle in two years. Smith ended up winning like 10-1 in the finals, so this match was basically the final. "Chris wrestled great at spots. He beat an All-American from Purdue, 10-4, then wrestled a national contender from Arizona State. He blew a good lead there and lost, 13-11."

"The competition at Las Vegas gave the Irish an excellent preparation for their dual meet schedule, which begins this Thursday at Miami of Ohio. The Invitational included 13 schools in the nation's Top 20, every school in the Big Eight and six schools from the Big Ten. "It was probably the most competitive tournament in the country," said McCann. "As far as numbers, it was bigger than the NCAA's, and in quality it was just a tad below the NCAA's. "In retrospect, you can say, "Hey, we were right there with the best teams in the country.'"