**ACCENT**: A critic of the Church

**VIEWPOINT**: What is Opus Dei?

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**Six Congressmen demand embargo**

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON - Six Republican and Democratic congressmen introduced a bill Thursday to impose an "immediate, dramatic and devastating" trade, air travel and currency embargo against the regime of Panamanian strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega.

The lawmakers said they would seek speedy congressional approval of the embargo bill. But they said they also hoped to prod President Reagan to act independently to adopt a far stronger series of punitive sanctions against the Noriega regime than he has approved to date.

The proposed embargo would bar all imports from Panama, prohibit all U.S. exports to that nation, bar all air travel between the two countries and prohibit U.S. banks from transferring any funds to Panama and its banking system.

"By stopping the transfer of funds from the United States to Panama, we go for the jugular," said Sen. Alfonse D. Amato, R-N.Y., a principal sponsor of the bill.

"Because of Panama's heavy reliance on its economic ties with the United States, the impact of a U.S. trade embargo would be immediate, dramatic and devastating to Noriega and his cohorts," D'Amato said.

Panamanian opposition leader Ricardo Arias Calderon, president of the Christian Democratic Party, told reporters later that a trade embargo would be "strong medicine" but that such a remedy is sometimes needed for people to regain their health.

Other sponsors of the embargo bill are Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.; David Durenberger, R-Minn.; Bob Graham, D-Fla.; John Kerry, D-Mass.; and Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

The senators told reporters they introduced the legislation at the specific request of Eric Arturo DeValls, who was ousted as Panama's president after attempting to remove Noriega as commander of Panama's defense forces.

Noriega was indicted by a federal grand jury in Miami last month for accepting $4.6 million to protect international drug traffickers using Panama as a safe haven.

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**ND minority optimistic about Young's speech**

**By JIM WINKLER Staff Reporter**

The selection of Andrew Young as this year's commencement speaker has brought optimistic reactions from the minority community at Notre Dame.

Young, the mayor of Atlanta, was announced Monday as the speaker for the Class of 1988's graduation in May. He will be the first black to speak at a Notre Dame commencement, the first having been Vernon Jordan in 1976.

Minority student leaders on campus expressed pleasure at the choice of Young as speaker, "I was surprised as well as happy," said Rochelle Holder, president of the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC). "I am ecstatic that the University chose someone who is such an outstanding minority."

Dennis Tillman, chairman for press and publicity of the Notre Dame chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, called it "a positive step." Tillman also said see YOUNG, page 6

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**ND Post Office reduces hours**

**By MARG CLARKEON News Staff**

The Notre Dame Post Office recently reduced its hours of operation in response to federal budget deficit reduction measures, said Postmaster George Weddle, and postal rates may be increasing in the near future.

Weddle said the reduction in hours was effective Dec. 31, though into effect Feb. 13. Because of the change in hours, there will no longer be any collection or dispatch of mail on Sundays or holidays, he said.

"In Indiana, all of the smaller post offices are required to close for a certain length of time during the day. And larger post offices, like the South Bend Post Office, are required to close at least one afternoon per week for four hours," Weddle said.

He declined to comment specifically on who designed the Notre Dame Post Office's reduced schedule.

The post office has reduced its hours of window operation to 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3:45-3:50 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The post office's former window hours were Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9-11:30 a.m.

The reduced hours will be in effect "probably about one and a half to two years, but it depends on when the budget cuts get restored," Weddle said.

Notre Dame's post office was not the only one to be affected by an effort to reduce the budget deficit. There were nationwide reductions in hours and on the West Coast some branches were closed completely, said Weddle.

Weddle said the Postal Service last year filed for a rate increase in Washington, D.C., and that the Postal Rate Commission would decide "in the next week or so" whether the request for a stamp increase from 22 to 25 cents would be approved. Pending approval, the increase would go into effect between April 1 and April 17, said Weddle.

"The Postal Service is restricted to a rate increase once every three years. March 15 is the three-year anniversary of the last rate increase," Weddle said. In addition to the stamp price increase, the rate structure of other post office services would be simplified.

Federal laws about retirement expenses are partly responsible for the proposed increase in stamp prices. "We have to do what is required by law," Weddle said. "Reduction in hours is the Postal Service's contribution to reducing the deficit."
Crime isn't a laughing matter

Scott Bearby
Assistant News Editor

The Observer
Friday, March 4, 1988

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Fatal classified ad costs magazine $9M

Associated Press

HOUSTON - A federal court jury on Thursday found Soldier of Fortune magazine negligent in publishing a classified ad that led to the slaying of a Texas woman and ordered the magazine to pay $8.4 million to the woman's family.

The jury ordered that $1.5 million be paid to the woman's son and awarded $400,000 to her mother. The two received $7.5 million in punitive damages.

The verdict followed two weeks of testimony to a six-person jury, which received the case on Tuesday.

It stemmed from the slaying of Sandra Black at her home in Bryan three years ago.

Mrs. Black's husband, Robert, is on Texas' death row for paying John Wayne Hearn $10,000 to kill her.

Black contacted Hearn through a personal services classified ad Hearn placed in Soldier of Fortune in late 1984. Hearn is serving three life terms in Florida for the Black slaying and two others in that state.

Gary Wayne Black, 18, the victim's son, and Marjorie Eimann, 64, her mother, had sought seeking $22.5 million in the suit against the self-styled "Journal for Professional Adventurers." Of that, $20 million was requested for exemplary damages.
Democrats lose aid to Contras in vote

Associated Press
WASHINGTON - The House on Thursday killed a $30 million package of purely "humanitarian" aid for Nicaragua's Contras that had been pushed by Democrats as a way to ease pressure for future military aid for the rebels. The final vote of 216-208 against the plan came minutes after the lawmakers had voted 215-210 to accept a Democratic version of the aid package that also included sharp restrictions on how the rebels could use the money and a new fund to aid children who are victims of the Nicaraguan civil war.

Debate of the aid package meant the rebels, whose last U.S. aid ran out on Tuesday, would be left without new supplies until Congress could make another try at passing an aid bill.

Liberal Democrats, who have steadfastly opposed aid to the rebels in the past, teamed with Republicans, for whom the package was too weak, to defeat it.

As the House debated the Democratic plan, Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, charged that it would have placed control of a $14 million fund to aid children who are victims of the civil war in the hands of the leftist Nicaraguan government, prompting an angry response from House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas.

Anyone who makes such a claim "is just lying or he doesn't understand it," Wright said.

Earlier, the speaker had called the dispute over the aid package "a battle for peace in Nicaragua, and for a constructive role for the United States in Central America as opposed to a destructive role."

But President Reagan, in a letter to pro-Contra forces sent while he was attending a meeting of Western allies in Brussels, Belgium, said Wright's plan "does not meet the essential criteria" of keeping the Contras viable and maintaining military pressure on the Sandinistas.

He asked for support for a Republican aid proposal that hackers said provided more flexibility for the Contras, both in the kinds of supplies that could be purchased and the way they would be delivered to troops in the field.

Knott another dorm
Construction of the two new women's dorms, Knott and Sieghfried, is progressing steadily. The two dorms should be ready for occupancy in the fall.

Rogers added that there has been a move among prospective employers in the booming service sector toward the well-rounded, often less specialized student.

"There are more jobs being created for the person who has communication skills, executive presence, the ability to learn quickly and good drive," Rogers said. "They will get the job even without a technical background."

Purdue's Stewart agreed that less technically oriented students were getting jobs, but said that prospective employers really "like some with a liberal education who can also program a computer and handle accounting."

Ball State University officials were not as impressed by increased corporate recruitment.

Assistant Director of Career Services Reed Sieben­thal maintained that the high costs of on-campus recruiting had encouraged cut-backs among some companies.

"There is less emphasis as far as on-campus recruiting goes," he said, "and a large part of hiring is dependent on the student's initiative. We want to make sure that any student out of Ball State will be well-grounded in job search.

Good Luck Wrestlers in regionals this weekend!

-The Geneser's

HAYE A "HUGE" BIRTHDAY
MICHAEL ROE

Love, Karen & Mona
Security Beat

Tuesday, March 1
7:50 p.m. A Howard Hall resident reported her camera and passport were stolen from her unlocked room sometime between Feb. 28 and 7:50 p.m. on March 1. Her loss is estimated at $600.

7:45 p.m. A Howard Hall resident reported that two rings were stolen from her unlocked room. The incident occurred three weeks prior to this report. Her loss is estimated at $300.

Wednesday, March 2
5:00 a.m. During a patrol of Green Field, a Notre Dame Security officer discovered that two cars were vandalized. These incidents are believed to have occurred between 12:26 a.m. and 4:47 a.m. Damages are estimated at $125.

Thursday, March 3
8:30 a.m. An off-campus student reported that his wallet and its contents were stolen from outside the varsity locker room in the Joyce ACC sometime between 11:15 p.m. on March 2 and 12:15 a.m. on March 3.
3:30 p.m. A Zahm Hall resident reported that his bookbag and its contents were stolen from Room 117 O'Shaughnessy Hall sometime between 1 p.m. and 1:05 p.m. His loss is estimated at $68.

Managing time

SMC students Colleen Cary and her classmates compare notes after their Quantum group activity. Students participate in such activities as part of their management class.

Aviation unions have strongly opposed widespread drug testing, arguing that no evidence has been produced showing drug use to be a significant problem among the nation's airlines. But Transportation Secretary Jim Burnley said at a news conference that the tests are needed because "all it takes is one person on drugs in one of these sensitive airline jobs to endanger the lives of hundreds of innocent people."

Employees covered by the proposal would include all flight crew members as well as aircraft dispatchers, mechanics and security workers at airport screening checkpoints.
Toothbrush facts hard to swallow

Two of the North Carolina swallowers apparently had drunk a large quantity of alcohol, while a third was a 60-year-old woman who had a seizure while brushing her teeth. She complained only of throat pain but examination revealed the brush stuck in the esophagus and it was removed with forceps.

The fourth victim was a 20-year-old woman who developed a violent coughing spell while she was brushing her teeth. The brush made its way to her stomach and surgeons snared it with a wire dropped down through her mouth.

Despite the unusual cluster in Durham, "This problem should probably not be considered endemic to this part of North Carolina," the researchers wrote.

The other reports of toothbrush swallowing in this country are isolated with one each in San Francisco, Tennessee and Louisiana.

One region in India reported six such swallowings between 1960 and 1973.

Young

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Young was chosen because "he was the only one of the group of graduates and will bring minority concerns to the forefront of campus discussion," Tillman said.

Commencement exercises will be held in the Joyce Center on Sunday, May 15. Young will address the graduates and the audience that afternoon.

Happy 20th birthday,
Michael Roe
3/6/68
was a great day!
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Mary, Cath, Danny, Kip, and Beth.

Live
Tonight
Free Admission

THE GROOVE
one of campus' hottest new bands
start at 10:00

come early, and take advantage of our food special:
buy 1 soda, get NACHOS or BREADSTICKS FREE
(special is good only until 11:00)
or stop by after Bengal Bouts, and use your ticket stub to get a 1/2 price soda.
Senators bill bans lie detectors on the job
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Lie detectors, likened by one lawmaker to "20th century witchcraft," would be largely banned from use in job interviews and the private workplace under legislation approved by the Senate on Thursday.

In a 64-27 vote, the Senate approved a bill co-written by Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah - normally adversaries on labor-management issues - outlawing about 85 percent of the current use of polygraph examinations.

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An estimated 2 million people, most of them job seekers, are required to take lie detector tests every year, and that number is growing exponentially, said Kennedy, who chairs the Senate's Labor and Human Resources Committee. Hatch, the committee's ranking Republican, said an overwhelming majority of the tests are conducted in brief five-minute sessions and under conditions that render false results between 15 percent and 36 percent of the time.

"I'm sick and tired of the way people are using these devices," he said. "Some 350,000 honest Americans are branded as liars every single year. That's a stigma they have to wear every day the rest of their lives and careers."

Similar but more restrictive legislation was approved by the House 254-158 last November.

Kennedy said he planned to meet with Rep. Pat Williams, D-Mont., chief author of the House version, within the next two weeks to work out a plan for resolving differences between the two versions in a compromise that could win passage in both houses.

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Army and rebels hurt Salvador

Dear Editor:

Erica Dahl-Bredine’s Feb. 29 article, “Peace in El Salvador,” may well provide a speedy education for anyone naive enough to believe that peace, democracy and stability in Central America depend simply upon ensuring the right of the region’s peoples to self-determination, free of the nefarious machinations of Yankee imperialism. But it is also disturbingly one-sided. By tacitly suggesting that the Salvadoran army and its death squads are alone responsible for the horrors of that pathetic country’s civil war, Ms. Dahl-Bredine has given us not an accurate portrayal of El Salvador’s sorry plight, but rather an exercise in distortion by omission.

No serious observer of the situation in El Salvador can deny that, the facade of democracy notwithstanding, the armed forces ultimately call the shots in that country, or that for many years military death squads have ravaged city and countryside alike in orgies of political murder. Nor is it any secret that thousands of innocent civilians have been slaughtered under the pretext of anti-guerrilla military operations. Injuries and atrocities like those which Ms. Dahl-Bredine either witnessed firsthand or later became well aware of on quite a remote plaza, and her article goes a long way toward dispelling the pretentious notion that El Salvador’s civil war is merely a South American war; United States lies in a democratic political heritage worth saving.

Unfortunately and dangerously, however, Ms. Dahl-Bredine has totally ignored the no less barbarous activities of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, the intractable Marxist guerrillas who over the last eight years have fought to overthrow the Salvadoran government. Despite the “severe lack of information in the press” cited by Ms. Dahl-Bredine, anyone literate enough to read a newspaper ought to know that the rebels have been equally unscrupulous in the use of non-constitutional political violence, comprising the agencies of the civilian populations. In a far more balanced dispatch from San Salvador appearing in The New York Times on Feb. 29, an experienced correspondent reported that both sides have launched renewed campaigns of political killings in anticipation of upcoming legislative and municipal elections.

Last anyone delude himself into seeing the rebels as democratic desperadoes, the FMLN on Feb. 26 issued a communiqué reiterating their “national plan of war and destabilization.” The Times reported that the guerrillas have sworn to kill anyone participating in the elections, whether voter, candidate, oficial or foreign observer. In one village the guerrillas executed two peasants who had dared to register to vote; their corpses were left rotting in the sun with their registration cards in their mouths as a warning to passersby who might be inclined to betray the revolution. In the advancement of their glorious cause, the rebels have regularly kidnapped and sometimes executed mayors and mayoral candidates, bombed the offices of confessional political parties, halted traffic on the country’s highways by bombing or machine-gunning civilian automobiles and buses and recently scored a stunning triumph by depriv­ing much of El Salvador of electricity. To paraphrase Jonathan Swift, the Salvadoran rebels have proven themselves to be among the most pernicious, bloodthirsty vermin that Nature ever suffered to crawl upon the surface of the earth.

There is a tragic note to this story in the tale of the village of Usuluta, where Ms. Dahl-Bredine was greeted by a small children’s chorus. In the last two weeks, reported the New York Times, seven civilians in that town have been killed by guerrilla mortar fire and four others have perished from rebel-laid mines. In no way whatsoever do I mean to impugn Ms. Dahl-Bredine’s veracity of her intelligence, and least of all her admirable generosity and selflessness made manifest by her work with the people of El Salvador. In the future, however, she should make every effort in order not to become an unwitting propaganda tool of one side or another in a murderous civil war in which there are neither victors nor heroes nor decent causes, only victims.

Paul A. Nesett

Morrissey Hall

February 29, 1988

Dome does not need real gold

Dear Editor:

This will likely be an unpopular letter. Let me state that I am probably in a very small minority on this one, but I feel I must express my viewpoint.

$300,000 (that’s nearly 13 of a million dollars!) will be spent turning the gold into a second lottery of higher numbers. This would give all students a chance of winning a drawing in a second lottery of higher numbers. This gives all students a chance at winning something that is a little better than the original. If the gold were returned to the students, they could use it to support their own programs.

Carol Stuart

Off-campus

February 29, 1988

Pax Christi protest untenable

Dear Editor:

On Friday, Feb. 26, The Observer reported that the local Notre Dame chapter of Pax Christi would be staging a non-violent protest to President Reagan’s visit to the campus on March 9. As a member of Pax Christi, I feel I must explain that the group intended to take advantage of Reagan’s visit by protesting his policies which they find objectionable. The group hopes to “call our country to greater justice with domestic and foreign policy.”

As admirable as these intentions may be, the commemoration of a stamp to Notre Dame legend Knute Rockne is neither the time nor place to voice them. It is totally inappropriate for any organization to protest government actions at a function in which the President is appearing as Head of State. If Mr. Reagan were here to beg for Contra funds from the student body, such protest would be suitable. He is not here for that reason, however, and he is doing Notre Dame a service by making a personal appearance here. I am not attempting to portray his visit as the second coming, but clearly the President does not take time off from his plodding schedule to take personal appearances at every college in the nation. There are many reasonable and effective ways in which an organization can use to protest a political leader or his policies. Instead of choosing one of these more acceptable methods, Pax Christi has chosen to embarrass the body and possibly give the President an unfavorable impression of Notre Dame. I would ask the members of Pax Christi to rethink their decision and allow the commemoration to be a memorable event for both the student body and the President.

James M. Lang

Grace Hall

February 26, 1988

Room pick system run poorly

Dear Editor:

It is once again time for room pick numbers to be posted along with a sense of fear, hope and panic. Considering the upcoming year will be my senior year, I was hoping for a low number. But once again, for the third year in a row, I was in the last part of the class, more specifically eight people from the end.

I am not the only person with such a problem. Many others are right there with me. It is sad that when one gets her room deposit in immediately that her number is so high. This room pick system is ridiculous. Housing says there is no better way to do it, but obviously they are not thinking very hard. I have a suggestion for them. If they would run room picks in a similar way as registration, things would be much more fair. Those with low numbers one year should be placed in a second lottery of higher numbers. This would give all students a chance of getting the rooms of their choice.

Lisa LeMala

LeMans Hall

March 2, 1988

Quote of the Day

"Show them good and gracious love and I'll show you a failure." - Knute Rockne
Shedding new light on Opus Dei

It is regrettable though not surprising that Ms. Ann Pettifer remains unable to pass beyond the stage of the organizational old guard. It is also not aware that the academic community and the Catholic Church have moved for open discussion and respect for the reasoned opinion of others, is also a place for the objective presentation of facts and arguments based on those facts? Again she has tried to sweep under the rug the reasons why graduate students should not support Common Sense, or”的这一角色。本栏目旨在介绍教宗保禄六世，其在任期间的教宗。为了保证教宗的新选。但请记住，这些内容只是教宗的一个公众形象。教宗保禄六世是一位罗马天主教的教宗，他强调教宗的权威和教宗的使命，以维护罗马天主教会的纯洁性。

Thomas D'Andrea

guest column

It is of course in one sense irrelevant to my debate with Pettifer that I am a member of Opus Dei. The most casual reader of our exchange on the Catholic Church, it appears, has since she has desired to bring Opus Dei to the fore, and since membership in Opus Dei is a great deal more complex in this case, I am compelled to respond to the questions she raises about the nature of the organization. To do this I can but appeal to certain facts—facts which will hopefully render her own pages of these pages any distortions about Opus Dei that Ms. Pettifer's irresponsible utterances may have caused.

First, Opus Dei was founded in Spain in 1928 by the Spanish priest, José María Escrivá de Balaguer. The organization exists purely spiritual and theological and had absolutely nothing to do with the Spanish Civil War. It can easily be confirmed by those who take the time to look that among the political outlets of Opus Dei, Francisco Franco from Spain for their outspoken opposition to his regime were several members of Opus Dei.

Opus Dei has never and will never bow to any political line: conservative, liberal or anything in between. It has emotionally no corporate or political agenda. It is concerned only with doctrinal and spiritual formation of its members. It seeks to extend their faith and attain holiness in the midst of their ordinary occupations—their professional, their familial and civic responsibilities—which takes them as close to Christ as they can. Were an individual to join Opus Dei and attempt to impose on others his own views concerning various temporal matters (be they in the sphere of economics, politics or any area you choose) it would be a violation of the spirit that the society promotes. The society would be afraid to speak to the public about their activities and the doctrinal and spiritual spiritual formation of its members and their faith.

Third, far from being "obliged to lay down" during the heyday of the Second Vatican Council, a number of members of Opus Dei, including the current Prelate, fruit of the Spirituals, played a significant role in drafting some of the council's most important documents. Their later opposition to the what is happening to Opus Dei. There was a time when the Church hierarchy lacked expertise, it is the prerogative and duty of the Catholic layman to act on his informed conscience and exercise initiative, creativity and responsibility. Opus Dei exists to bear witness to this.

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Many of the developments of Vatican II then bore testimony to the legitimacy and timeliness of the spirituality of Opus Dei.

Fourth, Opus Dei has 80,000 members worldwide, 1,200 priests and over 1 million laymen and women, and its members are active in the work of the Church, both in Spain and worldwide. Faithful in their vocation to the service of Christ, they work among Catholics and non-Catholics with the unique resources of their own Church. The right and duty of the Catholic layman to act on his informed conscience and exercise initiative, creativity and responsibility. Opus Dei exists to bear witness to this.

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Letters to a Lonely God

Berrigan, a Jesuit priest, was well known in the U.S. Catholic community during his time. This account, written by Father Robert Griffin, reflects on Berrigan's life and work, highlighting his dedication to social justice and his role as apublic figure in the Catholic Church.

Model trains create a hobbyist's fantasyland

Model trains have been a popular hobby for many years, allowing enthusiasts to create miniature versions of real-world railroads. This article discusses the history and appeal of model trains, as well as the various types and scales available.

The Roman Catholic Church: How bad is it, and how corrupt are the Church leaders? In the work of anti-Christ for him? I've been asked to write about the Church's recent published autobiography. He shows a Church that made me laugh, and a Church of people who were qualified to be called the children of God.

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Sports Briefs

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The ACHA playoffs at Michigan-Dearborn can be heard live on WVFI this weekend. Sean Pieri and Steve Trepiccione call the play-by-play of the Notre Dame hockey team's games today at 4 p.m. and tomorrow from 12-1 p.m. First come, first served for sets of DVDs of each game. Cost is approximately $25 per package. - The Observer

Used cross country ski equipment is being offered for sale by non-varsity athletes at the golf shop this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. before the match with Ohio State at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The clinic is open to the public. - The Observer

Gracevision, Notre Dame's only hall television system, will be filming this year's Bengal Bouts. Videotape packages of each bout are available for $29.95 each. Orders can be placed at the door of the Sailing Club each night of the fights. Tapes of each weight class, or of the champions night, will be filmed this year. Tapes of this year's championship night are available for $29.95 each. - The Observer

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Duke mascot apologizes for "Buckwheat" joke

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. - Duke University's mascot has apologized to the Black Coaches Association for wearing a "Buckwheat" headband in reference to guard David Rivers during the Blue Devils' game against Notre Dame.

"All parties are satisfied with the responses," said Ray Martin, a member of the BCA and an assistant basketball coach at North Carolina State. "They have complied with our wishes with class and dignity. As far as we are concerned, the book is closed."

The mascot, Jeffrey Wilkinson, said he "never once thought somebody would misconstrue that and take offense. But you have to put yourself in everybody's shoes. I definitely have to be more careful about stuff like that."

But he told the Durham Morning Herald that the protest is "basically taking something that has nothing to do with anything and using me as a scapegoat." NBC's broadcast of the game in Durham on Feb. 7 showed Wilkinson wearing a Buckwheat headband on the oversized head of his Blue Devil costume.

"Buckwheat is the name for the black character from the 1930s movie shorts "Our Gang," which later became "The Little Rascals."

Eddie Murphy has used the character to spoof condescending racial attitudes, and Jim Tobin, Duke's alternate mascot, said that was what Wilkinson had in mind when they made the Buckwheat headband.

The mascot has worn headbands on previous occasions, usually in reference to Duke's opponent. Butsen said Rivers was the object of their attention because of his hairstyle. Rivers appeared on the court early to shoot and shouted a familiar Buckwheat expression, "otay," he said. "He (Rivers) was laughing and playing to the crowd."

"I was looking for something that was humorous and pokes fun at the other team," Wilkinson said. "I had no idea I was poking fun at a group. That was not my intention."

"We realized what was going on and we had to do something and we had to do it immediately," Wilkinson said. "And that's what we did." Wilkinson's Feb. 29 apology to Washington was approved by the athletic department. In it he wrote, "I am truly sorry. I do not wish to make light of the situation."

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Butsen said the Buckwheat headband was not meant as a racial slur, but "there simply is no place in society, and certainly in this university, for such a display of ignorance."

Butters wrote that the game behavior of the Blue Devil mascot had been placed under the supervision of Tom D'Armi, director of game operations. Butters wrote an apology to Washington shortly after Butters' letter, terming the mascot's action "unfortunate and inappropriate."

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Dick Vitale

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think, in terms of all the analysts. I try to entertain a little bit, too. Most people watching the tube person, they don't want to really hear highly technical stuff. Sometimes you can put them in what I call "Z-ville, sleepy land" because they're bored. I try to blend some of that plus some of the insights of the game with the game itself. Once the game tips off the meat and potatoes is the game itself."

On the Sports Illustrated article:

"Certainly guys are entitled to their opinion. I certainly respect any writer to having their opinion. It's always easier to sit and critique someone what really disappointed me was so unfounded and for this there was his criticism, really, which are my super strengths, he took shots at me in the areas sharing all these tidbits. I get I picked up some stuff today I don't get that. Then he says, well that's the self-promotion. before that I'll share tonight. That's absurd.

"For example, it says in there, 'Why would J.R. Reid be proud person. He's a winner. He stands there with pride. I have that same sense of pride about myself. I care. I want people to say he has great work ethics. I can sit in hotel today and watch some TV. I'm here doing my work. I took a shot at my work ethic."

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"Certainly places like Duke and North Carolina, I love those places. I had a great time on my first trip to Oklahoma. They had a whole group of students with skullcaps. I like Kansas. I basically like the campus environment."

"What I don't like is to go a college game at a large, large arena. It doesn't have the same flavor as coming to the campus situation."

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Stanford “Civil War” in IH final

By CHRIS PAULISON
Sports Writer

Stanford vs. Stanford
No, this is not a misprint. This year’s men’s Interhall basketball championship boasts what appears a seemingly contradictory scenario.

With its victory over neighbor, Stanford on Saturday evening, Stanford A-2 earns the right to contest the Interhall basketball crown with an even closer neighbor, Stanford A-1. This family feud is scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. tipoff Saturday night in the ACC Pit.

Stanford A-2 capitalized on its balanced scoring attack in holding off a late Keenan charge, and squeaked by with a one-point victory Wednesday. Junior forward Terry Maag led a Stanford frontcourt that was able to dominate the boards throughout the bout. Maag offers a feeling of confidence in discussing the upcoming opponent he knows so well.

“We’ve scrimmaged Stanford A-1 throughout the regular season, and we match up pretty well with them,” he said. “We kept score in six of those scrimmages, and we’ve only lost once.”

Stanford A-1 has streaked through the winners’ bracket with decisive victories in all of its outings. Runners-up last year to Serin, the Stude will not show any mercy toward their brotherly opponents. With a powerful attack fueled by forwards Bill Sullivan and John Shoeban, it won’t be an easy task to defeat this vengeful bald club in two successive attempts.

Team captain Al Martin analyzed the situation at hand. “We’re definitely giving up some quickness to Stanford A-1,” Martin said. “But, if we play the tough defense this team is capable of playing, we should control the tempo of the game.”

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The circumstances surrounding this matchup are analogous to that of the A-league championship. Because Dillon dropped its first playoff game and Sorin has yet to lose, the Big Red inherits the task of having to defeat the Screaming Offiers twice to capture the championship.

Sorin utilizes a fast-break offense, in which forward Tony Smith and guard Brian Murray tally most of the points. A team that is only about seven players deep, it has yet to experience a close playoff game. The closest of its playoff wins was an eight-point drubbing of Off-Campus.

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JACC hosts NCAA wrestling regional

By JOHN GREEN
Sports Writer

The Joyce ACC will be the home of the NCAA wrestling tournament's Western Regional tonight and Saturday. The Irish play host to nine teams and a total of nearly 90 wrestlers over the weekend.

Wrestlers will each be vying for a spot among the elite 21 wrestlers who will advance to the NCAA Championships in Ames, Iowa, on March 17, 18 and 19.

The favorites going into the tournament would have to be the fifth-ranked Panthers of Northern Iowa. A veteran lineup which includes four returning All-Americans makes the Panthers the team to beat.

"Northern Iowa has a lot of maturity in a sport where maturity is very, very important," said Notre Dame head coach Fran McCann. "They have three guys who could win it all at the championships this year."

Most other teams in the tournament have squads dominated by youth. Illinois State and Marquette, for example, have only two upperclassmen between them. This fact should work to the advantage of the Irish.

"For the first time since I've been here, I can say that we will be competitive," McCann said. Based on our record, success against ranked opponents and the people in our region, I would say that we have a legitimate shot at six qualifiers. We have seen everyone except Northern Iowa and Drake in competition this year. We know what's out there."

The Irish return three qualifiers from last year's NCAA tournament, 142-pound senior Ron Wisniewski and juniors Jerry Durso (134) and Chris Geneser (177).

Other Notre Dame wrestlers who are hoping to earn their first shot at the national tournament include 118-pound sophomore Andy Radenbaugh and freshmen Todd Layton and Mark Gerardi, wrestling at 150 and 158, respectively.

After an easy 41-7 win over Marquette last week, McCann feels his team is on a roll.

"It was a nice meet before regionals," said McCann. "The kids came away from it with a good feeling that should carry over into this weekend's regionals. We wrestled aggressively, and that's a good sign before a big tournament like this one."

"The NCAAs are the big time, and we are definitely ready."

First-round matchups get underway tonight at 6 and consolation matches begin Saturday at 10 a.m., followed by the semifinals at 11:30 a.m. and the finals at 2:30 p.m.

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Lake Forest first up in semis
Irish seek ACHA title

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Sports Writer

DEARBORN, Mich. - Notre Dame's hockey team is looking to end its season ever by knocking off the only team that gave the Irish trouble all year.

But if the Irish are to do just that by upsetting host Michigan-Dearborn in the American Collegiate Hockey Association championship, they will have to first defeat Lake Forest for the third time in a week. Notre Dame meets the Foresters at 4 p.m. today (WFTV, AM-640), with the winner going to Saturday night's ACHA final.

The Foresters, seeded third in the tournament, finished the season with a 4-7-1 conference record and a 12-11-1 overall mark. Lake Forest got better as the season progressed, winning six games in a row before getting swept by Notre Dame (3-2, 26-4-1) last weekend.

"We can't look past Lake Forest," said first-year Irish coach Ric Schafer. "We beat them four times this season, but four of those games were close. We're probably a better team if we run into a hot goalie that that be a tight game."

Schafer said hasn't been one of the Foresters' strong suits all year. Jeff Sandreuter has compiled an .872 save percentage in his 16 games as goalie, as Lake Forest has allowed just less than four goals per game.

Jeff Sather (23 goals, 26 assists) and Eric Van Acker (30, 14) lead the Lake Forest scoring attack.

If the Irish avoid being upset victims on Friday, they almost certainly will face UM-Dearborn in Saturday's final. The Wolves (10-1-1 conference record, 24-15-1 overall record) face the ACHA's Cellar-dwelling Kent State Golden Flashes (10-12, 11-24-3) Friday night to earn a trip to the finals.

Michigan-Dearborn won three of its four meetings with the Irish during the regular season, including a sweep at Dearborn two weeks ago that ended a 14-game Irish winning streak and clinched the ACHA regular-season title.

"If we do get to play them, that will be a real defensive struggle," said Schafer. "The key for us is to be defensively minded. I think we're good for three to four goals, but we can't let them get five or six.

Dearborn's goaltending killed Notre Dame's hopes of winning the ACHA regular-season title two weeks ago. Wolves goalie Mike Klavon made 36 of a possible 38 saves in a 3-1 victory on Feb. 19 to give the Wolves the regular-season crown. Klavon has an .886 save percentage in ACHA games this year.

Notre Dame goalie Lance Pearson also has been extremely effective this season with an .881 save percentage in all regular-season games. The Irish allowed just 3.4 goals per game, and the Wolves allowed only 3.1 in a game in ACHA contests.

The Wolves, last year's ACHA tournament champions, could have a slight advantage in depth. The Irish could certain lose to Bermuda Guy and Tim Kuehl, but the Irish could if the last four series with an injured high, and Kuehl has been limited for the last two weekends with an injured knee.

The last time we played them, we had some untimely giveaways that resulted in goals," said Jeff Sather. "But feeling is that if they're going to score, they've got to work for it. They have a number of guys who can jump on any opportunity.

"They (Dearborn) are one team that's provided for three games this year. I think we're good for any four, but we can't let them get five or six."

Dearborn's goaltending managed only 12 points in the first half and finished on 22 percent (16-50) of their field goals for the game. Rivers led the Irish attack with 17 points and Stevenson added 11.

The Warriors are a relatively young team, with only two seniors in the starting lineup. Sophomore Tony Smith leads Marquette, averaging 13.7 points per game. Freshman Trevor Powell added 12 points and senior Pat Foley scores at a 13.4 clip.

The Warriors, which ended their regular season winning the ACHA cellar, have only Hardin-Simmons and Dayton left before the NCAA tournament selection stage. By tourney time, Phelps hopes his squad will be at their best.

"I still believe in this team," Phelps said. "We haven't given up. We can smell what's ahead for us."
Defending champs, gutsy challengers
in Bengals finals

by Pete Skiko
Sports Writer

Six returning champions look to hang on to their title belts tonight as the final round of the Bengal Bouts gets underway at 7:30 in Stepan Center.

Very few surprises have been encountered on the road to the finals this year, as all six of last year's returning champions have returned with relative ease. Mike 'High' Noone, Tim 'TH' Hartigan, Greg 'Skid' Rowe, John Uhll, Dan 'The Anchor Man' Gamache, and Kevin 'Vigilante' Duggan all will take the canvas to try to repeat.

In the bantamweights, Joe 'Doomsday' Dieterle takes on John 'All Man' Manfredy. At featherweight, Eric 'Smilin' Feder goes up against Tim 'The Shepherd' O'Loughlin. Troy 'Slam' Duncan battles Noone in the junior lightweight division, while in the lightweights, Mike 'Candy Man' Canavan challenges Hartigan. At junior welterweight, Tim 'T-Bone' Reardon faces Duggan and John 'Bull-Bull' Bastian squares off against Doug 'Boom-Boom' Biolchini in the welterweight class.

Newcomer Mike 'The Hammer' Keegan will battle Paul 'The Hammer' Keegan will battle Paul

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Friday
11:15 a.m. Department of Economics Public Policy Workshop presents Tony Sindone, graduate student, Room 131 Decio Faculty Hall.

12:15 p.m. Friday Forum at the Center for Social Concerns, "The University and Social Change, Faculty Experiences with Honor Codes," Room 124 Center for Social Concerns.

3 p.m. Tennis vs. Marquette, Eck Tennis Pavilion.

6 p.m. Wrestling, NCAA Western Region, JACC Fieldhouse.

6 p.m. Training Session for Volunteers for the Women's Care Center, Knights of Columbus Hall.

7 p.m. NDSCMC Right to Life Meeting, Little Theatre, LaFortune Student Center.

7:30 & 9:30 p.m. ND Communication and Theatre Spring Film Series, "True Stories," Annenberg Auditorium.

Saturday
8 a.m. National Teachers Examination, Engineering Auditorium.

9 a.m. First Saturday Hour of Adoration, Corby Hall Chapel.

9 a.m. Training Session for Volunteers for the Women's Care Center, Knights of Columbus Hall.

1 p.m. Tennis vs. Ohio State, Eck Tennis Pavilion.

2 p.m. Basketball vs. Marquette, JACC.

6 p.m. Wrestling, NCAA Western Region, JACC Fieldhouse.

8 p.m. SMC Department of Music Concert, St. John's Men's Choir and SMC Women's Choir, Church of Loreto.

Sunday
1 p.m. Training session for volunteers for the Women's Care Center, Knights of Columbus Hall.

2 p.m. Free guided tour of the David Hockney Exhibition, Snite Museum of Art.

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3 p.m. Music Department Lecture, Alfred Glasser, Chicago Lyric Opera Company, Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

4 p.m. Spanish Liturgy, Farley Hall.

8 p.m. Music Department Concert, Notre Dame Choral and Chamber Orchestra, Sacred Heart Church.

Dinner Menus

Notre Dame

Fish Burger
Vegetable Crepes
Cheese & Vegetable Pizza
Stuffed Shells

Baked Sole
Fried Veggie Baskets
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At the popular dog film, "Man Throwing Sticks."
ND playing for NCAAAs; Warriors in it for pride

By GREG GUFFEY
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame and Marquette meet for the second time this Saturday, it will be a much more important contest for both squads than the Jan. 9 Irish victory in Milwaukee. The Irish are looking for consistency as the season nears and the Warriors are playing for pride. Tip-off is set for 2 p.m. in the JACC.

Notre Dame is coming off a 75-66 loss to Vanderbilt last Saturday that snapped a five-game winning streak. That left the Irish at 17-8 with only three games to play.

"We've got two weeks left to get ourselves where we want to be," Irish coach Digger Phelps said. "We've got three games remaining and we can win 20 games if we win all three, and that's obviously our goal. It's important for us to have as many people as possible playing well as we head into the postseason."

Even more disturbing to Phelps was the inconsistent performances by the Irish veterans in the loss to the Commodores. David Rivers hit only 7-of-18 field goals, Sean Connor managed only three points in 11 minutes of action and starting forward Mark Stevenson was shut out in 19 minutes of action.

"We're due to explode," Phelps said. "I can't believe Stevenson, Connor and even David are going this way in a slump. I think David has been putting too much pressure on himself to try to get things done when other players don't."

Sophomore guard Joe Dossey has been a bright spot for the Irish as of late. He has averaged 12.5 points over the last four games and is putting up a game-high 19 points against the Warriors. The Warriors bring a 10-16 mark into Saturday's game after losing 72-68 to Creighton Wednesday night. The once-dominant Warriors, who joined the Midwestern Collegiate Conference this week, will be looking for pride. Tip-off is set for 2 p.m. in the JACC.

Irish fourth after first day

By GREG GUFFEY
Sports Writer

Last year, the Irish men's swimming team tallied 170 points in the Midwest Independent Invitational Championships and finished a distant ninth place.

After one day in this year's event at Roll's Aquatic Center, Notre Dame has 126 points, good enough for fourth place.

"I thought we had a very solid first day," Irish coach Tim Welch said. "We were faster than the last time we rested and shaved for a meet..." Last year, the Irish were actually fifth in the Midwest University Conference.

Southwest Missouri State, the defending meet champion, leads with 172 points. Western Kentucky is second at 166, followed by Western Illinois in third. The Irish have 126 points in the one-day meet. Action continues Saturday and Sunday at Rolf's Aquatic Center.

"Neither one is finished yet. Both have a long way to go in our..." The Irish are actually more important contest for both squads than the Jan. 9 Irish victory in Milwaukee. The Irish and the Warriors face Marquette Saturday afternoon in the second meeting of the year between the two teams. Greg Guffey previews the contest at left.

Vitale's style puts him in basketball limelight

Commentator loves his job

By DENNIS CORRIGAN
Sports Editor

At noon on the day Notre Dame plays Vanderbilt, the Commodores have a scheduled shoot around. They work on their offense, their defense, their shooting and generally loosen up before the game later that night.

Also on the court is a balding man in a blue Adidas sweatshirt. He talks to Vanderbilt assistant coaches, players and Head Coach Dave Cowens. He then takes to the hardwood.

"It's Notre Dame and UCLA," he says. "Dick Vitale brings the ball up. He shoots, he's fouled. Come on, Brando, I'll shoot you for lunch..."

Yes, it's the ultimate basketball doubleheader. ESPN commentator Dick Vitale. Love him or hate him, he's the hottest item in town. Vitale is making T-shirts with his name, and Sports Illustrated's Curry Kirkpatrick has written a book about his life. Another writer said that the two biggest things on cable TV are "The Cosby Show" and "Dick Vitale."

Vitale, who coached at the University of Detroit as well as the Pistons, does countless games for both ESPN and ABC. His vocal and opinionated style has been a source of controversy recently with a Sports Illustrated article that was critical of his style.

After shooting around the sinks nine-straight free throws against fellow commentator Tim Brando, Vitale gladly agrees to do an interview. Throughout the half-hour conversation, Vitale was open, enthusiastic and even philosophical. He was very honest about his feelings for the Sports Illustrated article, as well as everything else.

Rather than intrude, it's easier to let Vitale handle the show. Coach?

On how his love for the game developed:

"Being a gym rat and a basketball nut as a kid, always chasing the dream like everyone else. I was never a great player. I always felt that the quickest way to maybe being able to get involved in the game was through coaching. I started on the high school level scholastically in New Jersey. I went to the collegiate level and the pros, and getting into this. This has just been like heaven for me."

"The things that have happened for me career-wise have just been mind-boggling. In fact, sometimes I thank God when I think about how lucky I've really been. It's a great game. I just feel good about myself. It's amazing when you think how good people around the world have worked so hard. I think about my father working in a factory, killing himself to make a living and here I sit at courtside and get paid some pretty good dollar for talking about something that's just a game. It's not war and surgery."

On his style:

"If you've been around the game, you get certain feels on things that you think can contribute to a game. I try to make the game a little different from most, and everybody has to be himself. That's the bottom line. I try to be myself. I think, being a little unique, sometimes you're open to a little bit more criticism."

"The fans have been great to me. I can go across the nation, and the kids have just been great. In airports and lobbies, they're screaming out my term. "Am I a PTF?" I just have a lot of fun with all that, but basically I just try to add to the technical strategy. We all know X's and O's or we wouldn't be doing this, I don't..."