Election field narrows, run-off Wednesday

By KRISTI KOLSKI
Associated Press

Yesterday the tickets of Ryan McNerney and Matt Wolsfeld, and Seth Miller and Megan Murray turned spots in a runoff Wednesday to determine the student body president and vice-president.

Miller/Murray garnered 25.82 percent (989 votes) while McNerney/Wolsfeld took 19.89 percent (762 votes). In accordance with election bi-laws, since fifty percent plus one vote was not won by a single ticket, a runoff will be held between these two top tickets.

Running out the rest of the voting was the Brian Klausern/Tony Iond ticket received 13.78 percent (528 votes), Mike Flosshane Mulken took 11.51 percent (441), Greg Zarzaur/Ted Mahan received 9.03 percent (346), Ryan Guillen/Jeborah Hellmuth capped the ticket at 8.89 percent (330). The T. Rod nik/Kate McShane took 6.89 percent (264), Mike Eger/Mike Bacon received 2.74 percent (105), Kevin taun/Francis Gou held support at 1.49 percent (57), and Harry Ho­wells, who ran as an independent, managed 1.49 percent (57).

Numbers reveal that just over fifty percent of the body cast votes Monday. Only 102 of 1440 off-campus students voted.

Miller expressed joy over making the runoff. "We feel that all week the 'three r's' separated us: research, realistic, and record," he said. "We have a proven record of making promises and keeping them."

Murray looked forward to the runoff. "Elections can be unpredictable. I think it will be close because the primary was close," she said. "I just really hope a lot of people turn out and vote."

The McNerney/Wolsfeld ticket echoed the euphoria. "We are really excited about the tight race and we hope that the student body will give us a chance to make changes," McNerney said.

Under the rules of the runoff, the remaining tickets could begin campaigning at 12:01 am today, and continue until 11:59 tonight.

"We have to work harder in some of the dorms to swing some of the votes our way," Wolsfeld said.

Of the tickets that did not make the runoff, Eger/Bacon was the only one to offer an endorsement to the winning ticket to McNerney/Wolsfeld. "They are motivated by ambition, they motivate for students who are not motivated by bureaucracy," Eger said.

Although the Eger/Bacon ticket did not win a large percentage of the vote, Eger found the election experience enlightening. "We think we accomplished what we wanted to," Eger said. "We added levity."

Hudson did not speak for his running-mate, Nave, in offering an endorsement but felt that Miller/Murray are a very qualified team. Amidst the other tickets, Flood/Mullen, Zarzaur/Mahan, Klausern/Wolsfeld did not offer any endorsements but instead wished both tickets luck. "They are both worthy candidates," Hudson said, "and we respect their campaigns."

Klausern had similar sentiments. "I think both are really good students who could lead the campus," he said.

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Dole squeaks by in Iowa caucus

By JOHN KING

Republican front-runner Bob Dole squeaked by the presidental ambitions in Iowa caucuses with a narrow victory against a crowded, contentious field of GOP challengers lined up for the nomination at the President Clinton from the White House.

The outcome ranks with the GOP field into an unprecedented stretch of early morning primaries. One spotlight was on Steve Forbes and Lamar Alexander, who faced party activists for the first time, while Pat Buchanan and Phil Gramm battled for support from the state's large and influential bloc of conservative southerners.

"The power of Iowa could well dictate the future of this country," said Dole, the Senate majority leader from neighboring Kansas. "You've got to think of that way. That's how important it is.

With thousands of Iowa activists convened and unpressed going into the caucuses, each of Dole's rivals hoped to push off his crest. More practically, they were given a repeatability race for second and third, hoping that would be a boost as the campaign moved to New Hampshire and beyond.

"We're going to stay in our lane and get our people out," said Gramm.

GOP officials predicted a record turnout of 130,000 voters — about 20 percent of the

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**Economic effects of flood seep into every corner**

PORTLAND, Ore. As shopkeepers pulled sandbags aside and pushed squeegees to clear inches of muck from their front doors Monday, Northwesterners began assessing the broader impact of last week’s floods.

Freight trains packed with goods and hundreds of long-haul truckers started moving after being idle behind mudslides and high waters. Commercial shipping was halted indefinitely and farmers must figure out when to plant fields still soggy with sewage-laden river waters.

Meanwhile, thousands of people remained out of their homes as the Northwest’s swollen riversway slowly receded. Everywhere the river rose and stranded, gooey brown sludge remained.

Just like the muddy water that spread from farm towns to industrial parks, the economic effects of the Flood of 1996 are seeping into every corner: truckloads of TV’s held up by mudslides, a skipped shipment of Toyotas stalled outside the idle Port of Portland, a computer printer factory closed two days for lack of employees, a golf course reduced to one big water hazard.

And much as a rolling stream washes out a riverbank and deposits it downstream to form a fertile plain, the flood is picking up parts of the economy and setting them down in new places.

“Some people will be shifting away from discretionary purchases,” said William Conolly, senior vice president for First Interstate Bank. “Maybe they are not getting the big-screen TV they have been thinking about. They are throwing their money into landscaping their yard, if there is storm damage, or maybe recuperating for people who have major damage.”

Electricians will be in high demand because the high waters shorted out so many systems. And overbooked construction workers will be shifting from new projects to repair.

**Passenger deplanes on airliner**

NEW YORK An investment banker accused of deceiving on a airliner’s food-service cart during a flight pleaded guilty today to a misdemeanor charge of threatening a flight attendant and agreed to pay $50,000 in restitution.

His lawyer said his client’s problem was “depression.” “It was an acute episode,” Gerard Finneran, 52, told Magistrate Judge Steven M. Gold as he admitted making the threat aboard a United Airlines flight from Boston to New York on Oct. 20. Finneran, a managing director at the Trust Company of the West who lives in upscale Greenwich, Conn., faces up to six months in jail and a $5,000 fine when he is sentenced May 14. As part of his sentence, Finneran agreed to pay the airline $49,025 for damage to the plane and to reimburse passengers for the flight.

Finneran told Gold that he had no intention of carrying out his threat but badly wanted another glass of wine after the flight had stopped serving alcohol. “I became nauseous and said words that implied a physical threat,” he said.

**Program gives hope to troubled kids**

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At Hope Meadows, families get free housing and an $8,000 salary for on-site day home and take care of the kids. Retired people get reduced rent for doing everything from reading to the children to working as school crossing guards. The government-subsidized community, set up at an abandoned Air Force base, operates according to the African proverb “It takes a village to raise a child.” The project is aimed at kids who have suffered from the abuse and addictions of their biological parents. The 22 “Hope children” are those in state custody who are older or have special medical or behavioral problems who make them unsuitable for foster care. The Hope Meadows residents, along with child-welfare workers and volunteers, said it had given a community focused on serving children. “It’s going to make a lot of difference in a lot of people’s lives,” said Debbie Calhoun, who has moved in with a new home and four adopted children and her biological daughter. Calhoun and her husband moved in with Hope Meadows when it opened in 1994 because of the program’s promise of a stable, long-term family setting for foster and adopted children.
New ResNet on schedule

OLT working bugs out of system to arrive in dorms
By HEATHER COCKS
Assistant News Editor

No more busy phone lines. Unlimited, immediate access to e-mail and the internet. It's a net surfer's dream.

With the commencement of the Fall 1996 semester, it will become a reality for many Notre Dame students.

The project, dubbed "ResNet," involves bringing all the residence halls online, allowing students the freedom to browse the internet from the comfort of their dorm rooms. "This is a huge step," says Larry Rapagnani, assistant provost for the Office of Information Technologies. "In the next 12 months, we will essentially be doubling the level of technology available.

Workers have been drilling in dorms all across campus, installing outlets that resemble a slightly enlarged phone jack. By connecting their computers to this outlet, students can access the network via Ethernet rather than using a modem.

As explained by Rapagnani, the Ethernet is five times faster than a modem; in addition, it eliminates the often frustrating wait that ensues when attempting to dial into the network. "It will be activated 24-hours a day, seven days a week," says Rapagnani. "It's really such a wonderful convenience."

Student Council Chief Council and Judicial Council President Tom Matzzie concurs. "The new residential networking will be a great improvement, a great addition to the campus," said Matzzie.

50 percent of students arriving on campus in August 1996 will be living in dorms which have been brought online in time for registration.

"This network is being constructed with a limited number of hands doing the job," comments Documentation Coordinator Kathy Sexton. In order to join the ResNet, each hall must have at least one small room acting as a technological hub; the area will be filled with electronic equipment providing the resident's link to the Internet. Sexton noted that the process is time-consuming, but she asserted that the remaining dorms will come online as quickly as possible. "By October of 1997, every residence hall will be network-ready," she predicts.

ResNet users will be able to access the Netscape, Eudora, and other software that links them to many campus resources such as the library card catalogue. Rapagnani states that the ultimate intent behind ResNet is to create in the dorm room a similar environment as that which is found in a computer cluster. "Initially students will still need to visit the clusters to access programs such as Courseware; however, our goal is to provide this through ResNet by August 1998," says Rapagnani. "It is disappointing that the cluster software will not be available immediately," commented Matzzie. "However, it will be worth the wait."

With this unlimited ability to tap into the Internet comes an expected level of responsibility, which is outlined in the "Responsible Use Policy." The Office of Information Technology has been working to adapt the current Computer Usage Policy to create "a non-restrictive policy designed not to scare students, but to reaffirm the need to use this resource wisely," clarifies Rapagnani. The guidelines will appear in the student handbook, as well as the faculty handbook, to ensure that people recognize that they will be held accountable for any abuse of the ResNet privilege.

In theory, this rapid connection will be free to Notre Dame students; the only real expenditure involves upgrading some computers that may not currently be "Ethernet-ready," according to Rapagnani. "Many of the newer models have the Ethernet card already installed, but those lacking the card will need to purchase one in order to use ResNet." He notes that the computer store will offer advice and assistance to students seeking an upgrade or question the capabilities of their current machine.

Both Sexton and Rapagnani maintain that they understand the necessity to keep parents, faculty, and students informed of the new developments in ResNet. Sexton has been compiling the "Byteline," an information packet containing the specifics of the network, as well as articles explaining which computer models are Ethernet-ready. Advice is also offered as to the best procedure should students or parents wish to invest in an Ethernet card. "Communication is absolutely vital," affirms Sexton, adding, "We do not want people to call the computer store to help and make this as easy as possible."

The Byteline will be published in May and August and will be mailed to both students and parents.

"We're making real progress in our attempt to generate an environment in which we incorporate more and more technological advances into everyday life," states Rapagnani. "As society continues its evolution towards electronics, we will continue to increase the technology available to the student body."

A list will be printed in May alerting the dorms that will be online by the beginning of the Fall 1996 semester.

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Alistair MacLeod reads his story, "The Boat," which he wrote while attending Notre Dame in the '60's.

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promising flat tax he would use to replace the income tax. "If we had the flat tax in our Republican platform, we'd have just about as many members as the flat earth society," Alexander said.

For Dole, 72, Iowa represented the first step in his third bid for the GOP nomination, and winning there would do in a contest won in 1988.

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NEW YORK

When motorists in the New York City area pay tolls to use bridges and tunnels, they're also subsidizing a multimillion-dollar art collection.

The Port Authority, which operates bridge and tunnel links between New York and New Jersey as well as the region's three big airports, owns more than 1,300 artworks, and most are kept far from public view.

The agency disputes that last assertion.

The collection, appraised at $26.7 million for insurance purposes, includes works by such modern masters as Pablo Picasso and Alexander Calder, the News said. The collection's resale value is estimated at $14.7 million.

In care for the works — a 38-page list of holdings — the government agency employs a curator paid more than $40,000 a year, and consults an art committee with experts from the Whitney Museum in New York and the Newark Museum.

Many of the 1,320 paintings, sculptures, tapestries and other treasures grace the offices of agency officials or employees, or they're hidden away in executive offices.

In keeping with the committee's tradition of secrecy, the non-voting secretary, Geir Lundestad, refused comment Monday on the names of candidates.

He would say only that 12 individuals had been nominated as of Monday, and two committees would deliberate until the committee's annual session was to begin in Oslo and could still be included.

The Oslo-based Norwegian Nobel Committee never discloses the names of candidates, partly to protect those struggling against oppressive regimes.

However, names of some candidates become public anyway, usually because those making the nominations announce them.

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President Clinton and his peace emissary for Bosnia, Richard Holbrooke, are among 103 people and organizations to be nominated for this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

Impressed Chinese dissident and human rights activist Wei Jingsheng received multiple nominations.

In keeping with the prize committee's tradition of secrecy, the non-voting secretary, Geir Lundestad, refused comment Monday on the names of candidates.

He would say only that 12 individuals had been nominated as of Monday, and two committees would deliberate until the committee's annual session was to begin in Oslo and could still be included.

The Oslo-based Norwegian Nobel Committee never discloses the names of candidates, partly to protect those struggling against oppressive regimes.

However, names of some candidates become public anyway, usually because those making the nominations announce them.

This year, known candidates include Clinton and Holbrooke, a U.S. assistant secretary of state, for their efforts to bring peace to Bosnia. Former President Jimmy Carter, who has been nominated several years running for his worldwide peace efforts, was nominated again this year.

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Fast driving and fog cause highway disaster

By BRIAN MURPHY

ROME

Notoriously fast drivers and sudden fog: It's a recipe for disaster on Italian highways.

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People live in simple concrete or mud-lined houses. Slogans spray-painted on walls denounce the ruling Al Khalifa dynasty — but are quickly painted over by police.

Bahrain, the first Gulf nation to open the oil in the 21st century, will also be the first to run out of the black gold. Output is down to a trickle and supply is said to dry up by around the year 2020.

The nation of 500,000 has turned to banking, services and subsidies from Saudi Arabia, which is connected to Bahrain by a causeway.

The Saudi kingdom has its own worries these days. A car-bombing at a joint American-Saudi military headquarters in the capital, Riyadh, killed five Americans and two Indians on Nov. 13.

Authorities have yet to determine who is responsible, but suspicion has focused on Saudi extremist groups seeking to drive American forces out of the kingdom.

Some 20,000 American soldiers, sailors and airmen are stationed in the region, a legacy of the Gulf War and the American commitment to keep oil flowing freely to the industrialized West.

The conservative Gulf leaders see the Americans as a shield against radical regimes in Iran and Iraq, but some citizens oppose any U.S. presence in Arab lands.

King Fahd, part of the dynasty that has ruled Saudi Arabia since it was established in 1932, is still ill with a reported stroke in November and temporarily handed over the reins to his brother, Abdullah, on Jan. 1.

Fahd may resume his duties if he recovers, but he's in his 70s and has a history of health problems.

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FRANCE

Bishops argue condoms needed to prevent AIDS

By EDUARDO CUE
Associated Press

PARIS

Contradicting Vatican doctrine against artificial birth control, the French Bishops Conference said Monday that the use of condoms is necessary to prevent AIDS from spreading.

Pope John Paul II has insisted that abstinence outside marriage and fidelity within marriage are the only legitimate weapons against the sexual transmission of AIDS.

The Vatican had no immediate comment on what apparently is the first time a bishops' conference has contradicted the pope's teachings on the subject.

"Many competent doctors affirm that a condom of good quality is currently the only method of prevention. In that respect, it is necessary," the bishops' conference said in "AIDS: Society in Question," a 235-page report. "Those responsible for public health, legitimately worried about the spread of AIDS and the cost of treating it, support the use of condoms," the report said.

"The church, suspected of being totally opposed to their use, sees itself accused of working in favor of death." The report was written by the conference's social committee. A spokesman for the conference said the report reflects the official policy of the French Catholic Church.

Marc Gentilini, the president of a committee of Catholic French doctors, said the church "cannot be against the use of condoms, a method that prevents the transmission of death."

Even in his travels in Africa, where AIDS is rampant in many countries and wives are commonly infected by unfaithful husbands, the pope has refused to ease the church's prohibition on the use of condoms.

The condom ban is part of the overall church ban on artificial birth control.

GUINEA

Mutiny shows support for Conte

By TINA SUSMAN
Associated Press

CONAKRY

When the president of this down trodden nation addressed mutinous troops Feb. 4, the results weren't what one might have expected from a mob that had just been firing cannons at his palace.

Rather than finish the job, they roared support for President Lansana Conte, and as suddenly as the two-day mutiny began, it ended.

"It's almost abnormal how normal everything suddenly became," said Deborah Grieser, the acting public affairs officer at the U.S. Embassy, which remained open through the nights of Feb. 2-3 for employees too frightened to venture home through the riotous streets.

To an outsider, little seems normal in Guinea. Not the new color TVs in every shabby government office. Not the vendors in the streets. Not the vendors selling popcorn, peanuts, ice cream and even women's underwear on the grounds of the palace where the president lives.

Perhaps most surprising is that Conte is in power after the two-day army uprising, which killed dozens of people and left his palace a charred wreck.

The president now works out of a military barracks nearby.

If anything, the mutiny appears to have strengthened Conte's image and harmed that of the army, which is seen as having sat back and allowed a few rebellious soldiers to run wild over a pay dispute.

There's little argument the soldiers are underpaid — base pay for the 8,500-man army is about $70 a month, compared to more than twice that for the best-paid civil servants in the country of 6.5 million.

"But how can you have sympathy for people who would do this?" said Ibrahim Diallo, who works at a car dealership, grieving toward the remains of the Palace of Nations. "This was the palace of the people, not something to be trashed by our own soldiers."

The Chinese-built seaside complex, lavish by all accounts, came under fire about 9 a.m. on Feb. 2, when a few soldiers rolled tanks up to its green, wrought-iron gates and opened fire.

The uprising spread to include about 2,000 men, who repeatedly shelled the palace — with Conte inside — then rampaged through the city looting businesses and hijacking cars, and shooting anyone who got in their way.

Conte, switching from his usual Muslim robes into his general's uniform for the occasion, emerged from the palace ruins early Feb. 4, promised the soldiers a pay raise, fired the defense minister they had accused of neglecting their needs and announced an amnesty for the rebels.

It was an oddly quiet ending to an odd uprising, but oddities aren't unusual here. From the start, Guinea, the First French colony to gain independence, has had a unique way of doing things.

While France's other West African colonies accepted Charles de Gaulle's offer in 1958 to remain in the colonial fold, Guinea's fiercely independent leader, Sekou Toure, declared his people preferred "freedom in poverty to prosperity in chains."

Poverty they got. France withdrew everything it had put into the rebellious colony, including telephone lines, military equipment, aid and capital.

Toure pursued radical policies modeled after the Soviet and Chinese communist systems he admired: Farms were nationalized, the government controlled every facet of life and controls, restrictions and torture were common.

About 2 million people fled into exile, most from the Fulani ethnic group that Toure accused of trying to overthrow his Malink-dominated government.
The second component is utilizing—both literally and figuratively—one’s voice as a woman by standing up for one’s beliefs. By failing to do so, a woman compromises herself and allows others to repress her mentally, intellectually, or spiritually. Utilizing one’s voice may be as simple as a vocalizing your support for the Women’s Resource Center, reporting sexual harassment to the appropriate officials, or explaining to a peer why the recent Internet message entitled “Seventy-five reasons why a woman should shut up” is wrong.

The last component of feminism requires taking a proactive stance against the injustice, sexism, and patriarchy that continue to exist in our society. This aspect, like using one’s voice, encompasses the “little things” that a woman (or man, for that matter) can do to make a big difference.

This might entail taking feminist theory classes to learn about guiding philosophies, joining Student Advocates for Inclusive Ministry, learning self-defense, supporting female friends studying to be engineers, supporting female friends studying to be anything, refusing to listen to blonde jokes, and writing letters of admonition to the female editors of degrading magazines (or better yet, refusing to buy them).

This notion of feminism does not mandate that you become a lesbian, relinquish your desire to marry and bear children, or even stop shaving your legs. If anything, I believe that his standpoint remains realistic, pragmatic, and highly effective as a catalyst for improving the status of women both on campus and in the “real world.”

As Smith challenges at the end of her column, “If I were you, I would love to show America that a woman can create a better, more positive image of feminism than the creator of Barbie.” But the first step begins with us right here at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s. We can no longer be afraid to term ourselves as feminists or stand up for what we hold to be moral, right, and even—slogan—politically correct. If we graduate from college unaware of our rights, strengths, and voices as women, we will, in essence, become the ignorant editors and Barbie-manufacturers of the world. I have a hard time calling these individuals “sisters.”

LAURA MERRITT

Some tips that might or might not help:

- Constantly remind yourself that your every action is both seen and unseen, and that your behavior reflects who you are and what you stand for.
- Don’t let society’s expectations keep you from doing what you believe is right.
- Don’t give in to the pressure to conform or be like everyone else.
- Don’t let anyone, including yourself, dictate your actions based on fear or the fear of judgment.
- Don’t let fear of rejection or failure stop you from pursuing your goals.
- Don’t let society’s labels or stereotypes limit your potential.
- Don’t let anyone tell you what you can’t do or what you should be doing.
- Don’t let society dictate your personal style or your choices in clothing, hair, makeup, or other matters of self-expression.
- Don’t let anyone tell you that you are not good enough or that you don’t measure up.
- Don’t let anyone tell you that you are not beautiful or that you don’t measure up.
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Critic writes negative review of Revue

Dear Editor:

I have a pretty good sense of humor, and I’ve never been accused of being politically correct. In years past, whenever whining letters to the editor about the Keenan Revue have appeared in The Observer, I have thought to myself “Lighten up,” and vindictively smeared ketchup and salad dressing all over the page, making a highly-caloric non-recyclable mess.

But, at the risk of having my own words coated with foul-tasting dining hall condiments, I have to express my disappointment at this year’s Revue. Some of the skits were highly amusing and entertaining, but others created a chasm between humor and poor taste.

Having supported the revue for four years, I don’t ever remember being subjected to such a barrage of crude and tasteless material aimed at over-weight and homosexual students. We vilify the administration for the lack of support they give to the homosexual community, but then hundreds of us congregate to laugh and cheer for three and a half hours as the men of Keenan repeatedly question and attack the masculinity of gay students.

Nastiness suggest there are gay and lesbian students living in every single dorm on campus, including Keenan Hall. It is sad to think these men are forced to participate in the deriding of a group they themselves may belong to.

Additionally, the endless references to women’s weight and appearance insecurities weren’t even remotely entertaining. A 1988 University Counseling Committee study found that more than one in five Notre Dame women have a serious eating problem. Many students starve themselves, throw up, exercise compulsively because they believe they are “too fat.”

This was not only to be expected by some of the men of Keenan will not cause eating problems, it certainly creates an atmosphere in which weight and appearance insecurities are closely tied to women’s self-esteem. It’s kind of ironic that the Revue directly pre-promises Awareness” and “Straight Talk About Being Gay” presentations all this week.

Students who are struggling with these issues and are trying to live in a more supportive environment for dealing with these problems find the Revue’s efforts of a loud fart like the Revue, which minimize the seriousness of their concerns.

Finally, the lack of sensitivity the Keenan men display toward women’s issues is probably the best argument against coed dorms yet offered to the administration. If this school ever hopes to achieve coeducational excellence, we need to convince the university we are responsible, sensitive, and tolerant of difference.

Events like the Keenan Revue frustrate our efforts in these areas.

Come on Keenan, there are a lot of traditions, policies, and anomalies unique to Notre Dame to make fun of on this campus without resorting to cruel highly personal attacks of one’s individual characteristics or qualities. I appreciate your efforts to bring laughter to the Notre Dame campus, but this year of an just weren’t laughing.

C.R. LENNO

Dear Editor:

Yes, I am back once again, “Notre Dame’s #1 Fan.” For those of you who wonder “Back again?” I wrote a letter last October to you, the student body, about backing your team, your classmates, and last but not least, your friends during the games of the 1995 football season. You were very lukewarm and not at all like the 120 man by cheering and getting excited along with THE SPIRIT OF THE NOTRE DAME FIGHTIN’ IRISH.

With the basketball season and our first year in the Big East about two-thirds over, you, the student body, have not come anywhere close to “shaking down the thunder.” As I said before, I am not being a judge.

While the team is not playing at the pace we had in the past, I think they are still crashing through the year. I see that they are not allowing any points to get by them. The way I see and hear it. Instead of yelling swear words at different opponent players and cut-ting them down, they would be nice to turn that around by cheering more for your own players and team!! I record the games and recently when I was watching the replay I heard the announcers say, “Boy, the Notre Dame student body isn’t into the game, with their Irish playing with outstanding intensity.”

That really bothers me for you, students, because I love this university. You students need to get off your duffs and show your team, your team, that you are behind them all the way.

This has been a rough year but a growing one, being in the Big East and only four of the eleven Big East games being home. This team deserves your full support and the only thing they are not getting it! Five of the seven remaining games are home and they are all Big East games.

I have faith this team can come close to the notoriety of an even record. I would not come near the games if I had FATTY in just one or two of the players. But I have FAITH in each and every member of the team. They are not going to quit because they are the Fighting! Irish.

They need you and your sup-port. So, not only come to the games but let them hear you and show your FIGHTIN’ IRISH SPIRIT not only to your team but also show these Big East teams just what kind of spirit we have here at Notre Dame!

K. PENROD

Dear Editor:

In the near past, Notre Dame has been criticized for forsaking its Catholic soul in search of secular recognition as an institution of research. Indeed, it is difficul to notice the claims to serve two of the most prominent Roman Catholic institutions of higher learning in the nation.

I’ve been trained to refer to the latter lack of attention paid to the most significant, and only legitimate, purpose of the university: the purpose of ending the evil of abortion, this year’s annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

In spite of the fact that the practice of killing unborn children is out with a dose the greatest evil facing our country today, and a practice on which the Catholic position is clear and unambiguous, this newspaper failed to itself actually write a single word concerning the March for Life on January 22.

Rather, the only effort if one can call it so, made was to insert some lengthy and slanted column borrowed from the Associated Press.

This “report” vaguely referred to a “rare late-term-specific abortion procedure” which Congress hopes to ban.

It is important to note at this point that the anonymous “rare procedure” Congress is attempting to ban is more popularly known as the abortion procedure.

In this procedure, labor is induced, and the entire body of the very much alive and fully-developed baby is delivered, leaving only the head still inside the mother.

At this point, a needle is inserted at the base of the baby’s skull and its brain is suctioned out, allowing the “doctor” to collapse the brain and the demise of the child.

Over 600 of these procedures are performed each year in the United States, in which their brains are suctioned out, allowing the “doctor” to collapse the brain and the demise of the child.

This article concluded with a patriotic quote from the president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League. The day after the March, no mention was made of the turnout, of its success, nor of the committed Notre Dame students in attendance.

Indeed, no mention of it was made at all. Yet somehow there was room for a whole commingling nearly half a page by Kara Pavlik entitled “Seek Guidance Via the Psychic Hotline,” and of course for Jeanine Dixon’s “Your Horoscope.”

John Paul II stated in evangelium vitae, “An important and serious responsibility belongs to those involved in the media, who are called to ensure that the messages which they so effectively transmit will support the cult-us, the doctors, and the patients.”

I am sickened by the shameful irre­-cited “Expertise in Abortion” who might consider 600 “rare” when con-trasted with the over 4,000 other abor-tion procedures each and every day in this country, but I personally have a dif­ference of 600 “rare” according to Jeanne Dixon’s “Your Horoscope.”

I would like to make one thing clear: There is no such thing as a Catholic who supports giving a mother the choice to have an abortion. Anyone who claims to be such a person is either a fraud or is intellectually dishonest, utterly failing to comprehend the fundamental basis of the Catholic faith. As expressed by Bernard Cardinal Law this past Monday in Washington, D.C., the Church herself teaches as much.

While these are admittedly strong words, they certainly are far from extreme or scandalous. It is little different from candidly pointing out in someone who does not believe in the free market that they are not really a capitalist, no matter how much they insist on bearing the title.

In the future, The Observer should truly take some responsibility in serving its readership, the majority of whom chose to attend a Catholic university to be educated and supported in a Catholic atmosphere, not to be assaulted by arti­cles of trivial nonsense at odds with the teachings of their faith.

STEVEN HIEATT

Notre Dame’s No. 1 Fan

rallies for student spirit

Dear Editor:

One of the most important missions of this year’s cabinet has been to rally student spirit for the Notre Dame athletic teams. This season in particular has been a tough one for the Fighting Irish, and the faithful student body has been there to support them. This week, the defense of the Big East conference and the opportunity for Notre Dame to claim the Big East title has added a sense of spirit and excitement to the season. The Observer is asking the student body to show their support tonight.

The Irish are in action against the University of Connecticut in the final home game at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish are 4-2 in the Big East conference and 5-5 overall. The Connecticut Huskies are 2-7 in the Big East and 5-7 overall. The game starts at 8 p.m. and the Student Section will be in their regular location on the upper level.

The Irish have been led this season by quarterback Matt Duration, who has accounted for 16 touchdowns and 1,558 total yards of offense. Wide receiver Matt Allen leads the Irish in receptions with 41 and 499 yards.

In the last four games, the Irish have averaged 41 points per game and have allowed only 21 points per game.

This game will determine the fate of the Notre Dame season. A win will propel the Irish into the Big East title game against Boston College. A loss will mean the end of the season for the Irish.

Show your support for the Fighting Irish tonight and help rally student spirit for Notre Dame.

KEITH PENROD

A moral media: Choosing print over practice

Dear Editor:

In my view, the role of the media is to inform, educate, and entertain. However, I believe that the media should also hold themselves accountable for the content they produce. This is especially true when it comes to the media’s coverage of sensitive issues, such as abortion.

Abortion is a complex issue that has been debated for decades. It is important for the media to provide accurate and balanced information on this topic. However, I agree with the editor’s concern that the media often sensationalizes abortion by focusing on extreme cases.

The media should strive to present a more balanced view of abortion. This includes highlighting the stories of women who choose abortion, as well as those who do not. By doing so, the media can help foster a more informed and respectful dialogue on this important issue.

In conclusion, I believe that the media should be held accountable for their coverage of sensitive issues. By striving to present a more balanced view of abortion, the media can help foster a more informed and respectful dialogue on this important issue.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
STUDENT STARS OF THE SOPHOMORE FLOOR

Alex MacLeod

By LYNSEY MILLER

A lex MacLeod, a graduate student in English and Creative Writing, brings much with him to the program. In the short story "To
Drown Beyond the Sea," recently won second prize in the National Books in Canada/Canadian Writer's Union Short
Prose Competition, MacLeod creates through short stories, which, because of their condensed form, allow no room for
wasted words. Since "everything matters in the short story," he devotes excessive amounts of time and consideration to
each story, constantly working and revising until he feels satisfied with the piece. Although this process can become frustrating he
finds reward in being able to see his works continually improving. This, coupled with the reactions of external sources to
the energy and inspiration to continue writing.

Drawn to Notre Dame's graduate pro-
gram because of its high-powered
literature and Creative Writing courses, Alex is also currently teaching here. He
takes this responsibility seriously and is discovering that teaching is also helping him shape and
develop his own ideas.

A native of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Alex stresses the
importance of reading literature outside of one's own cul-
ture. He believes the Sophomore Library is an
important tradition and a rare and valuable opportunity
for students to experience diverse literature and to be able
to attach the stories to a real person. He is excited about
the Festival's performers and hopes students take advan-
tage of this year's impressive collection of talent. In
returning to Alex, one cannot help but catch some of his enthusi-
asm.

David Griffith

By BRIAN MOLINARO

D avid Griffith, a sophomore in Fisher Hall, first
became interested in writing when he started work-
ning for his school newspaper. However, after taking
a creative writing course here at Notre Dame, Griffith has
turned from his journalism mindset to that of a person
who wants to create new stories instead of merely report-
ing the ones around him.

He attributes his love to create to a syndicated column-
ist, Dave Barry. Barry focuses on situations he sees
around him in everyday life and stretches his imagination to cre-
ate a world full of humor where ordinary events spin out of con-
trol. Griffith's style is similar.

"I like to look at the
culture can normally build up
through my writing,"

Griffith, who grew up
in Decatur, Illinois, sees his writing as thera-
pic. "I can al-
leviate pressure that
he explains. He says
that ideas pile up in his head as he looks around him, and that his writing is a vehicle to express them.
Griffith explains how his writing provides a way to release his environment and shifts them so that other people can see his humorous view of life.

Griffith seems to continue to use the journalist in him through training his attentive eye on the world. However, to
him, his own twist on what he observes by giving it his personal touch, trying to convey what other people don't see. His writing allows other people to see what it would be like to live in "Dave's World."

Kathleen McManus

By LYNSEY MILLER

K athleen McManus' earliest memory of poetry takes
her back to her childhood, sitting on the living room
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Because of these differences, she feels that people, too,
each have their own internal rhythm and, therefore, an
inherent connection to poetry.

After Kathleen graduated, she expects to take a year off to travel and write before attending graduate school for
Literature and Creative Writing. With hopes of teaching in the future, she continues to write and meet people,
observing and enjoying any signs of madness.

Rachel Wacker

By KELLY FITZPATRICK

R achel Wacker hails from the Twin Cities of
Minnesota, and currently resides in Siegfried Hall.

The Sophomore Literary Festival will be the
first time that Wacker will perform her own work for an audi-
cence. She says, "I've been writing for a while now, and I've always felt like I wanted to share my work with
an audience."

Although Wacker says that she is "too young to really
have a writing style," she says that her work reflects her experiences in the
world. She writes primarily about
nature and her travel experiences, par-
ticularly her trips to Jamaica and East
Africa. Her work has also been influ-
enced by the writings of Yeats and Wordsworth.

Wacker says that she has a passion for life and a desire to convey that passion through writing. "I get really exci-
ted about observations that I make about the
world," she says. Her belief that poetry
should be spoken out loud in lieu of just being read shows her desire to share her emotions and observations
with others.

After college, Wacker hopes to contin-
ue traveling and eventually teach high school children overseas. According to
Wacker, these students do not have as
many opportunities to develop their tal-
teams, and she would like to expose them
to new and different experiences. Wacker would like to encourage underprivileged students to look beyond simply going to trade school. She says she would like to teach them about literature and "watch their mind open up."

Wacker plans to enter the College of Arts and Letters next year.

Luisa Heredia

By BRIAN MOLINARO

L uisa Heredia, from Panama, a freshman in How-
sey Hall's writer's at the Sor-

eredy's biggest influence is
the epic poem "La Jugadora,"
work, about the history of the
talented singer. She says,
that her writing brings them to
the forefront. Heredia's read-

Luisa Heredia, from Panama, a freshman in How-

Heredia does not attribute all of
her influence to Gonzales; her parents
also serve as a great
inspiration. They have instilled
her with a strength to express her political views, but also
with a strong sense of respect for traditions. Heredia describes
writing as her way to make
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Jessica Maich
By JOE HENDERSON

Poet Jessica Maich is a resident of South Bend and a graduate student in creative writing at the university. Maich has loved writing and poetry since elementary school and was the founder of a neighborhood newspaper. She is now married and has three children, and has just recently returned to Notre Dame to begin graduate work in writing. Maich was inspired to return to her writing about four years ago by a poem by Mary Jo Salter she found at a bookstore. She said that it is difficult balancing family life and student life, but that she is happy to be in a place where writing is supported and is very grateful to be in the program.

Maich calls her poetry "one person's voice, one person's experiences." She says that sometimes there is a value in just hearing many people's experiences. Maich does not consciously choose the subjects of her poems, but her work is self-expressive and pleased by them. Of her poems, the one she loves most is always the one she is working on at the present moment.

She plans to continue writing in the future and says that since she has started writing again she can't stop. Some of her inspirations have been Sonia Grosses, John Matthais, Shirley Jackson, William Faulkner, and Mary Jo Salter.

Two of the poems she will be reading are "I Want and I Want," and "Chinese Carry-out," she is reading at the Sophomore Literary Festival for the second time, but she has attended the festival for the last twelve years and calls it a bright spot in February and an incredible offering to her community, always well worth the effort it takes to attend. She is honored and excited to be a part of it.

Douglas William Metz
By KELLY FITZPATRICK

Douglas William Metz, senior and Morrissey resident, is a Communications and Theoretician/Productions major from Linden, New Jersey. Student Reading Night will not be the first time that he will read his work for an audience. He has read for the Arousic Cafe and has been sponsored by "The Juggler" to perform his work. Metz also publicly read his work in cafes in upstate New York as well as New York City.

Metz is looking forward to his second publishing as well; he has already had poetry published in an anthology, and a second of his poems was recently selected to appear in "Out of a Maze," an anthology that will be debuting in the near future.

Although Metz says that it is difficult to say that he really has a particular style of writing, his work reflects what he calls the "weird pattern" of his life. According to Metz, he primarily writes during the most troublesome times of his life. No matter how recent a difficult period has been, writing a poem about it is a "psychological catharsis" for Metz. His work provides Metz with the opportunity to truly put the incident behind him; "it's a way of saying that it's over and done with." This work has also been influenced by such writers as Jean Genet, Jack Kerouac, Arthur Rimbaud, and William S. Burroughs.

Metz began writing poetry at the age of nine, later beginning to write fiction. He currently is working on his second novel. Metz says that he will be able to consider his participation in the Festival as the climax of his Notre Dame experience. Following graduation, Metz plans to continue writing and travel cross-country.

The ups and downs of motion sickness

By LIZA NYKIEL

MEDICAL MINUTE

Can't you just see it now... It's spring break, and you're boarding the cruise liner that's going to bring you over to the tropical island you're going to be spending the next week relaxing and soaking up the warm rays of the sun. With the morning sea air at your back, you stand on the deck of the boat as it pushes off into the clear, cool, refreshing, yet slightly rocky waters of the Atlantic, excited for what the week will bring. Then the cruise liner starts rocking, and you wonder how a boat this big could actually rock. Then it starts hopping and rocking, then it's lurching and jumping and hopping and rocking. You get the idea. Next thing you know, your stomach is rising and dipping and hopping and rocking, and you are looking quite green. Motion sickness, it can be one of the worst of all.

The French call it mal de mer and even the most seasoned travelers can suffer from it. In the air, it's airsickness. On land, it's ear sickness. On Space Mountain, it's amusement park ride sickness. No matter what kind, it's the same thing—that queasy, uneasy feeling that makes you wish you had stayed in South Bend. Motion sickness stems from imbalances in the inner ear, where various spatial assessments are constantly made and sent to the brain for interpretation. To help keep our bodies in balance, our sensory systems continually collect information about our surroundings. Motion sickness results when the brain receives signals from your eyes and inner ear that are not in accord and the brain cannot figure out which one to believe. When our balance system notes a discrepancy between what our inner ears sense and what our eyes sense that motion sickness can take hold, says Horst Konrad, M.D., chairman of the Committee on Equilibrium of the American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. Not everyone gets motion sickness, but for those of us who do, it can be pure hell.

Once those symptoms start, motion sickness can be very difficult to stop, especially if you've reached that point of no return. It is often generically nausea.

Things will get better.

Liza Nykier is a senior biology major who got her inspiration for this column from the combined 96 hrs of travelling done on a crate and a stock her sophomore year's spring break.
Capiroti returns for Paris Open

By SALVATORE ZANCA
Associated Press

PARIS
Jennifer Capriati returns to tennis in Paris for Tuesday's first round after a five-year absence, the different from the first time she played in Paris six years ago.

"It's something I really want to do - so I accepted a wild-card entry without any kind of pressure," Capriati was quoted as saying Monday's edition of the New York Times.

Barely 14, Capriati made the French Open semifinals in 1990, becoming the youngest semifinalist in Slam history.

Felt by Bullying

She was banished as high as sixth in 1991, Capriati is back on the court after a troubled exile from the game that included arrests for shoplifting and drug rehabilitation and tours in drug rehabilitation.

"I really feel excited about playing in Paris," Capriati said. "I've been working with my dad, and I've taken a big gain in Tampa and really feel like I'm ready to play." 

Her return start Tuesday with a first-round match against a tough Belgian player, Sabine Appelmans, at the Paris Open indoors tournament.

Appelmans, No. 25 in the world, is the highest-ranked unseeded player in the 28-player event.

"I'm looking forward to playing her," the Belgian said after Monday's draw. "It will be a surprise to see how well she plays. I think she must be if she is playing and I am looking for a tough opponent.

Capriati held the promise of becoming the sport's star take over before the age of 14. In addition to her semifinal appearance at the French Open in 1990, she reached the semis at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in 1991 and won the Girls' singles title in 1992. 

Bullied and injured eventually took their toll. Capriati quit the tour and considered leaving from her family after losing in the first round of the 1993 U.S. Open.

She was on suspension ofshoplifting cheap jewel-

in December of that year.

And was arrested for marijuana possession in May 1994. The police photo of a non-ringed Capriati was published in newspapers worldwide.

Capriati made an accomplished comeback attempt at the French Open in November. She lost to Ann Kournikova in the first round, dropped out of sight again, and was out of the Top 50 until January.

Reunited with her father, Capriati has been practicing at the trainer place near Tampa, Fla. She has reportedly lost 25 to 35 pounds and is in good playing shape.

Capriati has made no commitment to a long-term comeback.

"I'm taking things one step at a time," she said in a statement last week.

Mary Pierce, the 1995 Australian Open Champion who is also Capriati's coach, is eager to see Capriati back in tournament play.

"We've always been close friends. We grew up on the circ-

le together, and we've suffered about the same age," Pierce said. "We've always stayed in contact. I was delighted to hear that she was planning to play again.

Capriati could have a tough time Monday. Twenty-five-year-old Appelmans, who has won six tournaments in her career.

Her first win came at the 1990 Italian Open, in Linz, Austria in 1994 and was a quarterfinalist at the Paris Open last year.

-- Associated Press

Muster surpasses Agassi for No. 1

MUSTARD Thomas Muster, master of the clay courts, overtook American Andre Agassi to claim the No. 1 ranking in tennis.

The Austrian is the 13th player to be in first place since the rankings began in 1973. However, Muster's position at the top of the ATP Tour may not last long.

The No. 1 ranking will be up for grabs again this week when second-year pro Richard Krajicek, at 23, takes over as No. 1 from Agassi at the Australian Open, dropped to third. 

The reason for the change is that the San Jose tournament is the only one being played at the end of the year. In early November this year, Muster will also win the World Tennis Tour world championship.

As a result, Agassi lost the 204 computer points he had been flying on in San Jose last year. Muster had no points to defend.

Muster won 12 tournaments last year, 11 on clay. Other players may win a couple of matches against Capriati and Agassi, but Muster does not deserve to be No. 1 until he won a few matches against himself on other surfaces.

Muster, 30, has made no comment to the criticism, saying he was the oldest player since John Newcombe to reach the pinna-

ce.

"I've won one Grand Slam title, more than Agassi," Muster said Monday in South Africa, where he played in a Davis Cup match. "I've won the biggest indoors event. I think I've proved that I am the No. 1 player in the world for a whole week or one year, it's a big achievement.

Agassi won two singles matches on grass against South Africa, his first ever victories on the surface, but Austria lost the World Group tie.

"It certainly reflects the fact that you can dominate on one surface and lose on another -- tennis to mislead a lot of people," Agassi said after beating South Africa 2-1 in their last week in Atlanta, Georgia.
Heisman winner George prepares for NFL draft

By HANK LOWENKRON
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

The NFL scouting combine is behind him and now Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George can think about selecting an agent to negotiate an NFL contract.

George was among the more than 330 NFL hopefuls who attended the NFL scouting combine that concluded here Monday.

Now it's time for the 30 NFL teams to begin intensive reviews of the material gathered in interviews and physical, agility and psychological tests conducted since the combine began Thursday.

"It's definitely a new experience," said George, a 6-foot-2, 260-pound tailback who led the nation with 24 touchdowns and rushed for an Ohio State-record 1,826 yards as a senior. "It's stressful, but that's what you have to do."

George didn't run or do much physical work in the RCA Dome, a common trend among players who expect to be selected early when the April 20-21 draft begins.

He plans to conduct a full workout back in Columbus, Ohio on March 8 where he'll demonstrate the quickness, vision and cutting skills that had the Buckeyes undefeated for more than a month, and the NFL scouts impressed with his ability to get through traffic and make cuts.

"It's tough. A lot of your time is demanded on at banquets, representing the university and catching passes in college, said George, who had no problem learning to follow blockers and catching passes in college, said he's had to adjust since finishing 264 points ahead of runner-up Tommie Frazier of Nebraska in the Heisman voting. "It's tough. A lot of your time is demanded on at banquets, and representing the university because you won a prestigious award," he said.

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The banquet circuit is one reason George didn't do a full workout at the combine, George said. "I haven't had the time to concentrate on my conditioning. I just want to do my best when the NFL evaluates me. I didn't want to do some things here, and some things some other place. I want to do a complete workout in Ohio," he said.

He did undergo extensive physical testing here, including a second trip to the hospital for a CAT scan on the shoulder he injured as a freshman with the Buckeyes.

"It went well," he said of the examinations by teams of doctors and trainers representing the 30 teams. "It's a long, tough process on your body. I feel like I played a game, carried the ball at least 25 times, the way they were yanking on my shoulders. Other than that, it was something you had to do. They got the job done, and I don't have to go through that again."

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Wallace's 18 sparks Syracuse past Rutgers

By JIM O'CONNELL
Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. - John Wallace scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in No. 16 Syracuse's uninspired 63-54 victory over Rutgers on Monday night.

The Orange (19-6, 9-5 Big East) certainly didn't look like the team that beat then-No. 8 Georgetown by 21 points two days earlier. The game was one of those where neither was shot well; both turned the ball over with little pressure and the better team prevailed because of a run everyone knew was coming.

Rutgers (6-15, 3-10) was somewhere within 39-36 with 9:33 to play, but as it has so many times in its first season in the Big East, the Orange missed six shots from the field, the only starter from either team to shoot better than 50 percent.

The victory was the sixth in seven games for Syracuse, which moved within one-half game of No. 14 Georgetown for first place in the Big East.

The Scarlet Knights, who lost 81-80 at the Carrier Dome earlier in the season, lost for the seventh time in eight games and the 11th of their last 13.

Wallace added 11 points for the Scarlet Knights, who missed six shots from the field in the first half of a 1-1 and in the span and the closest they got the rest of the way was 55-48 with 1:41 left in the first half.

Damon Santiago led the Scarlet Knights with 14 points and Gilligan and Rob Hodgson had 10 each. Johnny McCormin had 18 rebounds for Rutgers, which finished with a 54-43 advantage on the boards, 26-8 on the offensive end.

The game was originally scheduled for Jan. 7, but was postponed by the blizzard which struck the Northeast.

Moon trial on the horizon

By TERRI LANGFORD
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Texas - Warren Moon heads to court Tuesday to face a spousal abuse charge pursued by prosecutors despite pleas from the quarterback's wife to drop the case.

The misdemeanor domestic violence case has taken several different turns in the seven months since Moon's panicked 7-year-old son Jeffrey placed a 911 call to police.

With trial set to begin before Fort Bend County Court At-Law Judge Larry Wagenaebach, it has become a test of wills between Moon, who has refused to enter a guilty plea, and prosecutors who have threatened to put his wife, Felicia, and son on the witness stand.

"I'm very confident that it's going to work out okay," Moon, looking relaxed, said Sunday while attending the NBL All-Star game in San Antonio.

Felicia Moon repeatedly has pleaded with Fort Bend County prosecutor John Healey to drop the misdemeanor assault charge, saying Healey is using his authority to take a private family matter public.

Healey refused to divulge how many times he has gone ahead with a domestic violence case despite a victim's refusal to press charges.

"I am not in the habit of going through our records and

Pirates sale imminent

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - Major league owners are expected to end the Pittsburgh Pirates' 18-month search for a new buyer when they vote Tuesday on Kevin McClatchy's $90 million buyout.

Ten of the 14 NL owners and eight of the 14 AL owners must ratify the sale. The agreement was reached almost certain when the ownership committee headed by Chicago White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf unanimously recommended ratification.

McClatchy, a 33-year-old Sacramento, Calif., businessman who would become the majors' youngest owner, and NL president Len Coleman are expected to attend a news conference in Pittsburgh, following the vote.

The 199-year-old Pirates franchise was put up for sale by its current 10-member consortium of corporations and private businessmen in August 1994. McClatchy, who is currently employed by a minor league team, did not emerge as the frontrunner until baseball rejected Cable TV franchise owner John Rigas' offer last April.

Among McClatchy's biggest backers are H.J. Heinz Co., Pennsylvania, and beer and restaurant giant Frank Puller.

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Red-hot Hawkeyes attempt to end Crisler jinx

ANN ARBOR
The old Iowa Hawkeyes stomped Michigan two weeks ago in Iowa City. On Tuesday, a revamped — and rejuvenated — Hawkeye team will try to break a 14-game losing streak at Crisler Arena.

“We’ve changed, there’s no question about that,” coach Tom Davis said.

A three-game suspension for guard Chris Kingsbury, which expires after the Michigan contest, and Kenyon Murray’s preference to come off the bench has given the 19th-ranked Hawkeyes (17-6 overall, 6-5 Big Ten) a new look and a two-game winning streak.

They might be catching No. 23 Michigan (15-8, 5-5) at a good time, since the Wolverines have lost four of their last five games, including last Saturday’s 69-64 setback to Purdue.

With Monte’er Glasper subbing for Kingsbury and Ryan Bowen starting ahead of Murray, Iowa whipped Northwestern 88-77 last week and dismantled Indiana 76-50 on Sunday, the Hoosiers’ most lopsided loss to Iowa since 1979.

Murray led Iowa with 16 points, grabbed eight rebounds and handed out six assists while Glasper added nine points and four assists. The 6-foot-2 guard also hauled down a career-high nine rebounds while nailing the Hawkeyes’ only two 3-point shots in 19 tries.

“He knows the team needs him right now,” Davis said of Glasper. “We need him more than what we’ve needed him before, and he’s rising to the occasion.”

Murray, who scored a season-high 17 points in a reserve role at Northwestern, also had four steals against Indiana to become Iowa’s career leader with 187.

“I think I’m playing well, but I know I can play a lot better,” Murray said. “I feel like I’m opening up things for everybody else when I drive to the basket. I just have to keep working hard and try to take it to another level.”

He will continue to do it off the bench, Davis said.

“I don’t see where Kenyon would want to change,” he said. “I don’t think I’d change if I were Kenyon.”

Iowa appears to be playing better defense and getting more people involved offensively since Kingsbury, the school record-holder for 3-pointers, was given a three-game suspension for unsportsmanlike conduct against Penn State.

“We lost Chris, so we have to play together,” Murray said. “We don’t have that outside shot now. We have to concentrate more on getting the ball inside. We’re just playing more as a team.”

The Hawkeyes held Indiana’s Brian Evans, the Big Ten’s leading scorer at 23 points a game, to just 13 points, includ­ ing no 3-pointers. Offensively, Russ Millard scored 15 points, Andre Woolridge 14 and Jess Settles 10.

Nothing has worked in Iowa’s favor at Ann Arbor: The Hawkeyes’ last win was a 75-58 decision in 1981, although last year they pushed the game into two overtimes before losing 83-82.

In their first meeting this sea­ son, Iowa held the Wolverines to 38.3 percent shooting and created 23 turnovers in a 70-61 victory. Woolridge matched his career-high with 28 points, in part because Louis Bullock picked up four first-half fouls.

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Jazz Dance: A Jazz Dance class will be offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:45 in Rockne Rm. 219. All levels are welcome, but space is limited. You must register in advance in the RecSports office and the fee is $30. For more information, call 1-6100. Open to all ND students.

Intercollegiate Bowling: Any students of Notre Dame or St. Mary’s who are inter­ ested in intercollegiate bowling competition, please contact John 4-1065.

Sailing Club Meeting: Sailing Club meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. in 120 Hayes Healy. General Meeting for anyone inter­ ested. Any questions, call Melanie Schroeder at 4-2147.
Aging Golden Bear's major streak to end

By RON SIRAK
Associated Press

NEW YORK

Jack Nicklaus, the most successful golfer the game has known, said today the U.S. Open at Oakland Hills in June "will probably end my streak of consecutive major championships" at 138.

Nicklaus had said last July that he likely would not return to the British Open until it is played again at St. Andrews in the year 2000.

Speaking today on a conference call from his headquarters in West Palm Beach, Fla., Nicklaus said he was looking forward to his 40th straight U.S. Open.

And he indicated he would pass up the British Open unless he suddenly improves.

By skipping the British Open at Royal Lytham & St. Anne's Golf Club in July, Nicklaus will end an incredible streak in the four professional major championships that began with the 1962 Masters.

"You've got to stop sometime," Nicklaus said after finishing 79th in last year's British Open at St. Andrews in July. "Until this year, I had missed three cuts in a row. Enough is enough."

Nicklaus, 56, got into the U.S. Open this year on a special exemption granted by the USGA. He said last year that it would be the final special exemption he would accept.

"That would be my last regular major in a row," Nicklaus said at St. Andrews about an exemption into the 1996 U.S. Open.

"He is in the U.S. Open this year on a special exemption," a source close to Nicklaus told The Associated Press, "but he will only go back if he earns his way in." Nicklaus will play in the PGA Championship in August and then restrict his play in the majors to the Masters and the 2000 British Open.

"I am of the feeling that there are no ifs, ands or buts about it," the source told the AP. "He will not return to the British Open until 2000."

Nicklaus, however, has left a door open for himself in case his play in the Masters and U.S. Open "should warrant it" by officially entering this year's British Open, the source said.

Nicklaus won his last major championship at the Masters in 1986 and last made the cut in all four majors in the same year in 1991.

Nicklaus has played in the four professional major championships - the U.S. Open, British Open, Masters and PGA Championship - 143 times, beginning with the 1957 U.S. Open. He has won 17 of those 143 majors, taking the Masters six times, the PGA five, four U.S. Opens and the British Open three times.

"You have to win all your home games and try to get as many on the road as possible - that's the secret to conference play," said guard Doug Gottlieb. "It's especially important to win this one, because then people will show up for the next three."

"Slow down the Panthers' running game will be crucial for the Irish, as Pitt employs a three-guard alignment and tries to engage the other team in a track meet under aggressive second year coach Ralph Willard."

In an effort to spur the team out of its recent quagmire, Willard has shaken up the Panther lineup, benching veteran guards Andre Aldridge and Jerry McCallough, the team's leading scorer, in favor of a youth movement.

Sophomore Kevin Willard and freshman Vonteego Cummings will try to reinvigorate the Panthers, although the experiment proved unsuccessful in its debut, an 80-71 loss at Providence.

"To remain competitive in a major college conference is no small achievement for the first-year coach Ralph Willard," Gottlieb said. "It is going to take a lot of hard work and dedication from the Panthers to remain competitive with the conference."

"Guys are really starting to roll their lungs better," said Gottlieb. "(Pitt) was really rolling when we played them the last time, while we hadn't gotten any conference wins under our belt and weren't real sure of ourselves. "Now we've won some games and have been getting closer in others, while they are really struggling," he continued.
Tracksters prep for Big East Championships

By JAMES BLEDEN
Sport Writer

The Notre Dame track and field teams took part in two different events this past weekend, and came home ready for next week's Big East Championships.

Butler University played host to both Irish squads at the Canon IV Classic in Indianapolis, while a select group from the men's team traveled to West Lafayette for the Central Collegiate Indoor Championships.

The Irish placed ninth out of the twelve-team field at the Central Collegiate Indoor Championships with a strong showing in the field events. With the Big East Championships next weekend the Irish may have looking beyond this weekend's meets.

"We competed adequately this weekend, but the team was probably looking forward to next week's Big East Championships," coach Plane said.

Co-captain Mike Fleisch, continued to set the standard for the Irish as he finished third in the shot put with a throw of 57-1.25. The Irish have been consistently strong in the field events this year.

The Irish excelled in the pole vault, led by junior Dave Gerrity's vault of 15-11.25. Gerrity has been recovering from a back injury that was track related.

"The Central Collegiates remained undefeated at 5-0. At number two singles Pietrowski battled the fifth-ranked player in the country, Gus Fernandes. Fernandes proved that he deserves his high ranking. In the first, he fought off three set points and went on to win the tie breaker 7-4. That momentum carried Fernandes to the second set 6-2.

LSU clinched their fourth and winning point as No. 1 singles Leon defeated Piontek, 6-3, 7-6. Again, LSU showed why they are a top ten team. Piontek had the lead in the tie breaker 6-5 but Leon battled back and won the match with an 8-6 tie-breaker.

In a very slow paced match, Simms and Ryan Ideta exchanged ground strokes and battled to split the first two stanzas. After LSU clinched the victory they elected to forfeit the struggling men's runners.

"The sprinters are looking to improve, but there is always room for improvement," Plane commented.

On the women's side, sophomore Berit Junker had another stellar performance at the Canon IV Classic as she finished third in the 800 meters with a time of 2:10.42. Freshman Kelle Saxen earned third place with a jump of 1.65 meters in the high jump.

This weekend both Irish squads will make the trip to Syracuse University for their inaugural Big East Championships.

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freshman Luke LaValle had perfect records for the Irish.

"I think the meet went well," said Lester. "It wasn't as difficult as the weekend before. We beat the teams we needed to. We had good contributions from our alternates also."

The men's foil and epee team members also put in stellar performances, aiding the teams' sweep of the competition. Seniors Paul Capobianco and Jeremy Sirk had their expected strong performances, winning 23 matches between them for the foil team. Junior Brice Dille led the epee squad with nine victories.

The Irish will take a weekend off before hosting the Midwestern Team Championships, February 24 and 25.

"I think we've had a fair amount of fees and less losses," Lester said. "That isn't that good of competition next weekend as there will be at the NCAA's. It'll be a good preparation for us.""We think we should do really well," said De Bruin. "We will come together for the team weekends meet. "The only problem we had was with Northwestern. If we breeze as well as we did last weekend we should do well.""Hopefully the team will come together for the team championships," said Atilio. "We will try to keep our rhythm and momentum this week. It's been a long month. The past two or three years the teams have peaked at this event so hopefully we'll do the same."

LaValle, Brown and Mustilli will use the weekend off to travel to Louisville, Kentucky to fence in the Junior Olympics. "
Irish to meet former doormat Western Michigan

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

How times have changed.
Since reentering the CCHA in 1992, the Notre Dame hockey team has had more than their share of hard fouls, evenly matched slugfests against the Western Michigan Broncos.
Sure, both programs made their residence near the bottom of the conference standings and neither ever made much noise in the league play-offs, but the match-up provided as much excitement and firework displays as any.
However, whereas the Irish hockey program has continued to struggle, the Broncos have rebuilt theirs into one of the league's elite. It has landed them a 23-6-3 overall record and a top ten ranking heading into tonight's contest at 17/16. "They are a hard working team that's playing as well as any in the conference right now," said senior defenseman Jeremy Coe. "We know that we will have to play at our best and avoid the big mistakes to beat them."
As if the pressure of trying to beat one of the nation's top teams at home arena wasn't enough, there is much more riding on tonight's game against the Broncos. The 8-20-3 Irish have fallen out of the top eight teams in the CCHA standings for the first time in two months and would miss the league play-offs if they started today. "That is something that will be on our minds from here on out," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "We know that we need points (two for a win, one for a tie) to move up in the standings. It's just a matter of going out and executing our game plan."
The Notre Dame defense, led by Coe, junior Brian McCarthy, senior Gerry Grober, and junior Ben Nelsen, will have their hands full trying to contain one of the country's best offensive squads. To make matters worse, Notre Dame senior forwards Jamie Bales, Benoit Cotonot, and the rest of the unit will have to pick up the slack if the Irish are to upset the streaking Broncos. "They are a senior based team that plays with a lot of confidence," said Eisler. "They've played well all season, and we struggle against them last time. It's the kind of situation where it will take our best game to beat them."
Senior forwards Jamal Mayters, Chris Brooks, and Jeremy Brown have provided the kind of leadership and offensive punch that has helped propel Western Michigan, once a league doormat, into a national power. Although they have not been as successful thus far, Notre Dame senior forwards Jamie Bales (31 points), Jamie Morshead (13), and Ben Nelsen (six) will have to step up and cancel out the Bronco trio if the Irish hope to pass Ferris State and Ohio State for the final playoff spot. "We have to play consistent defense for three periods and not just one or two," said Coe. "We have been Jekyll and Hyde some times this season. They have become the kind of team that will make you pay if you don't play 60 minutes of hockey."

**PHILADELPHIA**

Kerry Kittles scored 25 points Monday night and No. 4 Villanova routed city rival La Salle 90-50, the worst loss ever sustained by the Explorers. Jason Lawson and Eric Eberle each had 11 points for the Wildcats, winners of eight straight. Romaine Haywood had 14 for La Salle, which has lost eight of nine.
The worst previous loss by the Explorers was a 23-6-3 overall record and a top ten ranking heading into tonight's contest at 17/16. "They are a hard working team that's playing as well as any in the conference right now," said senior defenseman Jeremy Coe. "We know that we will have to play at our best and avoid the big mistakes to beat them."
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Villanova went on a 14-0 run, with Kittles hitting back-to-back treys, to assume a 36-11 lead with 3:25 left in the half. The Wildcats finished the half with an 8-0 run. Two free throws by Chuck Kornegay closed the half and gave Villanova its biggest lead of the half at 46-16.
Villanova compounded La Salle's ineptitude with 52 percent shooting from the floor in the first half, including 6 of 7 from three-point range. La Salle shot 23 percent, and the Wildcats got 13 points off 11 La Salle turnovers.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A friend of a trusted elder. Play will restore domestic harmony. Allow time for your mental prowess. You need to be prepared. Make sure the situation is worth the risk.

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Mystery of Multinational Corporations for Global Power and Influence.

Ethical Responsibilities of Multinational Corporations for Global Power and Influence Lecture given this afternoon at 4:15 p.m. by Lee Tavis, professor of finance, School of Business Administration, University of Notre Dame. The lecture will be held in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Marist Volunteer Program offers a variety of service opportunities in the U.S., its territories, and Mexico. Fr. Frank Kelly will hold several information sessions at the Crater for Social Concerns today at 4:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Interviews on Wed., Thurs., and Fri.

Minorities in Academia,” a presentation by Dr. Annette Schleicher Executive Director, N.C.E.A. D.C. will be given tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in the C.C.E. Auditorium. It will be sponsored by the Catholic Alumni Network. Interested faculty and students are invited for refreshments in adjacent lounge at 6:30 p.m.

Night & Fog/Propos de Noise” and “Alphaville” will be playing at 7 and 9 p.m. respectively tonight in the cinema at the Semin. The next is Kino.

Embracing the Current Crisis/Rising for the Future,” a presentation by John S. Markham, President of St. Joseph’s University. It will be sponsored by the Catholic Alumni Network. Interested faculty and students are invited for refreshments in adjacent lounge at 6:30 p.m.

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Tenth-ranked Tigers too much for Irish

LSU sweeps doubles to edge ND 4-3

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

For the third time this season the Notre Dame men's tennis team was tested by a top 25 team contender. But the third time definitely did not prove to be a charm.

The Louisiana State Tigers handed the Irish their first loss of the season 4-3. LSU, ranked tenth in the nation, will contend for the national title this season.

LSU got off to a fast start as they swept the doubles matches. "I thought we played poorly in doubles," head coach Bobby Bayliss observed. "We had breakdowns and did a lot of fundamental things wrong."

Zak Blanchard and Pedro Braga ousted Sprouse and Jason Pun in the number one doubles position, 8-6. Jakub Pietrowski and Brian Harris fell 8-2 to the Tiger's second-doubles team.

In the sixth singles spot senior Harris dropped his match 6-4, 6-3 to a very good player in sophomore Eduardo Villagomez.

Captain Mike Sprouse continued his stellar play as he defeated Pedro Braga, a pre-season all-American. In the first stanza Sprouse fell behind 0-2, but then came back to win the set 6-3. Sprouse dominated play with his big serves and clutch shots. Sprouse's scored the Irish second point as he went on to defeat Braga 6-3, 6-2.

Senior captain Mike Sprouse was a bright spot for the Irish in their narrow loss to LSU. Sprouse won his singles match to stay undefeated.

"One of the pleasant surprises in all of college tennis has been Mike Sprouse," Bayliss raved. Sprouse now has beaten three top twenty-five players and is currently ranked 20.

"It was a really good weekend," said coach Yves Collabor. "The team played very well. Overall, we fended better than we have all season. The competition was not that strong but looking at our results we did well. The women defeated Duke and North Carolina. The men's foil team was solid but didn't do well against Duke. The men's epee team was still struggling but showing improvement."

Freshman Myrill Brown stood out among her foilists peers with a undefeated performance over the weekend. Brown, flawless in 20 matches, helped the Irish slice through its competition. Classmates Nicole Mustilli and Sara Walsh only lost one match each. Walsh's loss was her first and only of the regular season.

The women's epee team was almost as dominating as it ran through its opponents. Unlike the foil team which relied on its freshmen, the epee squad was led by its older members. Senior Claudette de Brun went 15-1 and classmate Ashley Shannon was 18-2. The weekend was highlighted by a 16-0 team victory over Duke.

"The next meet really well," said de Brun. "I was really impressed with my team. Everyone really stepped up this weekend."

The men's sabre squad was back to form after some tough matches in Boston, as it cut up its competition. The team lost only seven matches the whole weekend. Senior Bill Lester and Shannon

By TIM SEYMOUR
Sports Writer

Notre Dame could not wish for a better opponent as it tries to break its most recent skid and regain dominance of its home floor. Or a more dangerous one.

Pittsburgh staggered into the Joyce Center tonight for a 7:30 p.m. tip the not-so-proud owners of a 9-11 (4-8) record that includes a skein of eight losses in its last nine games.

Yet as the Irish have found out, there are no certainties in the realm of conference play.

Like St. John's, which knocked off the Irish at home on Sunday, Pitt has under-achieved this season. Notre Dame must hope that the Panthers do not finally reach their potential tonight.

"After seeing the St. John's game, (Pitt) may be thinking about coming here as an opportunity for getting it right again," said Irish forward Derrick Manner. "They're a dangerous team."