International festival honors university production

By JESSICA LOGAN
News Writer

"Today's Life Choices," a documentary series produced by the University of Notre Dame Productions, has been awarded the Bronze Award for films and video productions on social and economic issues from Worldfest Charleston, an international film and video festival.

The award was given for the episode "Professions in Peril: Physician Heal Thyself," which examined the causes and impacts of a decline in the medical profession. Written by Karen Heisler, the episode focused on the erosion of the relationship between physicians and their patients.

"Today's Life Choices" is a 30-minute series produced in more than 60 Public Broadcasting System (PBS) markets including Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Detroit, and San Francisco. The program airs locally on WNIT-Ch. 34 every Friday evening at 6 p.m. and will air its next episode on Sunday at 6:30 a.m. on WNDU-Ch. 16.

The program also airs on the cable network Odyssey, which reaches 30 million households nationwide, and it is used by many classrooms across the country through the PBS Adult Learning Services.

"Today's Life Choices" is currently finishing its ninth season and will air its 80th episode of the thirteen-episode season on Friday, Jan. 23. The award winning episode discussed some of the reasons for the deterioration of the important relationship between physician and patients, citing the high cost of years of education as a major cause.

The number of years available to a physician to earn income has decreased due to the greater number of years of required study, especially for those pursuing subspecializations.

Doctors are subsequently faced with the burden of repaying loans while supporting themselves and possibly raising a family. In order to deal with financial difficulties, physicians often attempt to see as many patients as possible in the shortest amount of time.

Due to these efforts to increase physician income, patients are viewing their doctors with increasing skepticism.

Another factor cited in the award-winning episode as causing the weakened relationship between the physician and the patient is the increased control given to insurance companies concerning the type of treatment, medication and procedures allowed to patients. Physicians therefore have less freedom and are more limited when determining the type of treatment they can offer.

In response to the erosion of the physician-patient relationship, "Professions in Peril" suggests that the doctors and patients recognize the problem and work together to aid in the restoration of the rapport that once existed.

Besides the Bronze Award from Worldfest Charleston, "Today's Life Choices" received the Gabriel Award given by the National Catholic Association for Broadcasters and

ND engineering professor wins prestigious award

By TARA CHURIK
News Writer

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) has named Mohamed Gad-el-Hak, professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering, as the 14th Freeman scholar. Awarded biennially, the award is the highest honor given by the ASME’s division of fluidics. The recipient delivers the Freeman lecture at the next annual ASME meeting.

Gad-el-Hak received the honor in recognition of his work with microdevices and micromechanical systems, known as MEMS. He has developed a novel viscous pump suited for MEMS applications.

"Such pumps are smaller than the diameter of one human hair, and have possible future uses including medical technology enhancement by regulating the flow of medicine within the body," Gad-el-Hak explained.

"The University is delighted at this recognition of the scholarly achievements of Professor Gad-el-Hak," said University provost Nathan Hatch. "We salute his accomplishments and this recognition."

In his research, Gad-el-Hak has explored several tools for measuring turbulent flows of fluids. One major technique that he developed includes advancing the diagnostic technique of laser-induced fluorescence now used around the world to create a picture of fluid flow. He has also introduced the concept of targeted control of fluid flows, the major technique that he developed includes advancing the diagnostic technique of laser-induced fluorescence now used around the world to create a picture of fluid flow.

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"I am very pleased to receive this award, but am humbled and intimidated by my 13 predecessors," said Gad-el-Hak. "All are great mechanical engineers."

Gad-el-Hak joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1986 after leaving Flow Research Company in Seattle where he was a senior research scientist and program manager.

He received his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Ain Shams University in Egypt and his doctorate in fluid mechanics from Johns Hopkins University.

Since receiving this degree, Gad-el-Hak has taught and conducted research at the University of Southern California, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of California at Berkeley and at the University of Notre Dame.

RecSports nears completion

With the grand opening of the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center scheduled for Feb. 14, construction crews continue the internal work on the facility. The focus of the next two weeks will be on finishing much of the flooring of the new Rolfs Center.

Construction crews are currently laying the track. Upon its completion, the racing lanes of the track will be marked.

The flooring will also be put down in the soccer facility within the next two weeks. All of the floors of the courts are painted for activities such as volleyball, basketball and badminton. In addition, many areas still need to be carpeted.

Shower partitions are currently being installed in the locker rooms. The delivery of sports equipment will begin next week, and the RecSports offices are scheduled to move to the new facility in the second week of February.

The grant to build the new facility was given to the University by Notre Dame alumni Thomas and Robert Rolfs. The facility is targeted towards informal recreation, fitness and instructional programs. The Rolfs Center will provide students and faculty with 75,000 square feet of indoor space.

Construciton Beat

Construction was almost complete on the new RecSports facility. This facility is scheduled to open for use on Valentine’s Day.
Common Sense

It's January, which means snow in South Bend, fighting Canadian air masses and Arctic temperatures as we enroll and stumble our way through the first week of classes. January also means the familiar plumes, grom­bles, and groans are freezing. With the snow in mind, I propose the creation of a new ruling body at this University: the Common Sense Committee.

This Committee would be composed entirely of people who know how to do things like call information technology out of state, put up with a cold outside, and look both ways before crossing the street — those little things that people with common sense do.

The University would be required to put any ideas for new rules before the Committee before carrying them through, and the Committee would have authority to shoot down any idea that seems to be lacking in, well, common sense.

For example, when presented with the current South Dining Hall renovation, the Committee would say the following: "First of all, you should have installed SDH before you moved 1000 new students to that part of campus. Secondly, it would have been a phenomenally good idea if you had done the renovation over the summer instead of during the year, so when students are trying to eat there, they won't be carrying them through, and the Committee would have authority to shoot down any idea that seems to be lacking in, well, common sense."
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Justice Department is investigating Labor Secretary Alexis Herman over allegations of corruption in office, law enforcement officials said Wednesday night.

The probe is being conducted by the department's public integrity section and FBI agents assigned to the department's campaign finance task force, the officials said, requesting anonymity. But no connection to campaign financing could be learned immediately.

ABC News, which first reported the story, said the allegations concerned Herman accepting payments for using her influence while she was a White House aide during 1994-96, including helping someone obtain a Federal Communications Commission license for a satellite telephone system.

"The allegations against Secretary Herman are just not true," her attorney, Neil Eggleston, said Wednesday night. "We have not been contacted by the Justice Department. If we are, we'll provide whatever information they need to help put this matter to rest."

At the White House, press secretary Mike McCurry said, "The president continues to have full faith and confidence in Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman. We are confident the Justice Department will conduct its review of the facts and make its decision based on the law."

Law enforcement officials said the Herman case was in a 90-day confirmation battle. No evidence of wrongdoing was uncovered then.

The Herman friend allegedly began a secret arrangement to use her White House influence. Herman, then an assistant to President Clinton and head of the White House public liaison office, was to get 10 percent of the consulting fees, ABC said.

Yene said he gave Herman one payment in cash in an envelope he took to her home. Her attorney, Neil Eggleston, said the arrangement was illegal.

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"Scream" inspires murder

LYNWOOD, Calif. (AP) - They couldn't afford to rent a Grim Reaper mask or voice distortion box, but a teen-ager told deputies that he and his cousin killed his mother anyway after seeing the 'Scream' slasher movies, authorities said Wednesday.

Gina Castillio, 37, managed to dial 911 before she collapsed about 2:45 a.m. Tuesday inside her apartment, said Sgt. Bob Stoneeman of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. She was dead on arrival at a hospital.

The woman's 16-year-old son and her 14-year-old nephew were arrested and booked Tuesday for investigation of murder.

Many details about the killing were withheld by detectives.

Another nephew, a 17-year-old, was arrested Wednesday. He allegedly helped plan the killing but may not have been there when it occurred, police said.

The youths were held without bail at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, where they allegedly told detectives they were inspired to kill the woman after watching the 'Scream' horror movies.

The two juvenile court licenses that they allegedly committed this crime based on information they got watching two movies, 'Scream' and 'Scream 2,' the sergeant said. The movie features killers in grotesque masks stalking and killing college students.

The teen-agers, whose names weren't released because of their ages, apparently suggested renting a Grim Reaper mask and a voice distortion box similar to the ones used in the two horror movies, Stoneeman said.

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**World News Briefs**

The Daily Telegraph reported Wednesday that a previously undisclosed spy ring in Britain was disbanded two years into World War II, exclusively to the newspaper. The ring, which included members of the armed forces and an unidentified government official, was less successful than the two controverted by the KGB, the newspaper said. Britain's internal security agency, MI5, said Wednesday that Green was discovered forging gasoline coupons so he could drive around the country.

**Jerusalem**

The Vatican and PLO discuss holy sites in the West Bank

The Vatican and the PLO have decided to negotiate an agreement on the status of holy sites in the Jordan Valley against the wishes of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem. The decision to form a committee to deal with the issue was reached by the Vatican's secretary of state, Cardinal Tauran, and the Palestine Liberation Organization's Vatican representative, Abdulleh. The panel will look into the "status, rights, obligations and privileges of the Catholic church in Palestinian territories," said Safieh, the PLO vacationer. The Vatican also deal with Roman Catholic properties in east Jerusalem, where the Palestinians hope to establish a future capital. Safieh said in a telephone interview from London that Israeli occupation forces capture east Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war and later annexed it to Israel. However, the Holy See and most countries in the world don't recognize Israeli annexation. Despite the Vatican's position, it reached an agreement with Israel on Nov. 10 to place Catholic church properties in east Jerusalem under Israeli jurisdiction, raising concern among the Palestinians. "It wanted to guarantee the church's rights during the era of Israeli control."

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**Outbreak in Kenya causes concern**

Nairobi, Kenya

A 4,000-mile stretch of northeastern Africa, a deadly virus has left its victims bleeding from their nose and mouth and wracked with fever, vomiting and diarrhea.

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R.J. Reynolds used Joe Camel to lure young smokers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Secret R.J. Reynolds memos show the No. 2 cigarette maker targeted teen-agers as young as 13 in a plan to steal its competitors' youngest smokers — and even created a special brand aimed at boys. Code-named Project L.T., a 1987 memo stamped "RJR Secret" says the company created a "wider-circumference nonmenthol cigarette targeted at young adult male smoker (primarily 13-24-year-old male Marlboro smokers)."

Camel Widens eventually were sold.

Other RJR papers illustrate that the highly popular Joe Camel campaign, the hip cartoon character that peddled the Camel brand until last year, targeted teens despite the company's repeated denials. A 1973 marketing memo says that to help lure "younger smokers" away from Philip Morris' Marlboros, the leading teen brand, "comick style type copy might get a much higher readership among younger people than any other type of copy."

The document defined "younger smokers" as those ages 14 to 24. Shortly thereafter, the Joe Camel cartoon debuted in France. He was brought to the United States in 1987, and Camel rose to become the No. 2 brand among teens.

RJR said Wednesday that the papers were "cherry-picked" to be taken out of context. RJR said it had other papers that show the Camel Widens memo actually contains a typographical "error" and should read ages 18 to 24, not 13 to 24. "Our documents reflect the social attitudes of the times in which they were created. And while attitudes toward smoking have changed over the past several decades, Reynolds Tobacco Co.'s position and policy have remained constant: that smoking is a choice for adults" and minors were never targeted, said a company statement.

RJR provided the papers to California attorneys as part of a $10 million settlement of lawsuits brought by San Francisco and other communities that accused Joe Camel of targeting teens.

In releasing the papers Wednesday, Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said he would urge Attorney General Janet Reno to investigate them for evidence of perjury because the documents appear to contradict RJR executives' testimony in congressional hearings.

RJR insisted it did not market to teens, did not design ads to attract teens and never surveied anyone under age 18 to determine smoking habits. The documents outline ads and marketing campaigns specifically designed for teen-agers and contain a poll of 11,000 14- to 17-year-olds that researched teen smoking habits.

The papers also compile con- communications between RJR and the company's Pharmaceutical Liggett Group last year even admitted the industry targets teens. The new papers provide the first detailed look at RJR, showing a company worried about future profits because its chief competitors seemed to have locked up the youngest smokers.

"This young adult smoker, the 14-24 age group ... represents tomorrow's cigarette business," says a 1974 RJR marketing presentation. But Philip Morris and Brown & Williamson had more smokers that age, the paper goes on to say, which "suggests slow market share erosion for us in the years to come unless the situation is corrected."

So RJR developed a marketing plan that its top officials hoped would help, as evidenced in a 1980 memo by future company chief executive G.II. Long: "Hopefully, our various planned activities that will be implemented this fall will aid in some way in reducing or correcting these trends," he wrote.

The strategy included "a direct advertising appeal to the younger habit" with "more true-to-life young adult situations."

The ads were to run in magazines such as Sports Illustrated, that are widely read by teens.

First Lady gives fifth testimony

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Prosecutors questioned Hillary Rodham Clinton at the White House Wednesday about the gathering of FBI background files on past Republican political appointees — her fifth session of sworn testimony in the Whitewater investigation.

The questioning took just 10 minutes.

Mrs. Clinton said she knew nothing about any such collection of files by the office of White House security, according to lawyers and other people familiar with her testimony.

She also maintained that she was unaware of how the White House came to hire Craig Livingstone, the aide who ran the security office, said those sources, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr questioned the first lady under oath in the Treaty Room on the second floor of the White House family residence, where investigators have interviewed the Clintons several times in recent years.

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U.S. astronaut examines Mir

Associated Press

MOSCOW — After more than three months on the Mir, American astronaut David Wolf headed into open space for the first time Thursday to examine the Russian space station's outer hull for possible leaks.

Wolf and Russian flight commandant Anatoly Solovyov began their spacewalk just after midnight Wednesday (4:12 p.m. Wednesday EST) with the Mir high over the southeastern Pacific.

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The 12-year-old Mir, which was expected to Last only five years, suffered a series of accidents last year. The current crew has brought the Mir back to nearly full power and there have been no serious breakdowns recently.

However, a new crew that will be in place by the end of the month will still face a number of repair jobs. They will try to find and seal the holes in the station's Spektr module, which was punctured during a June 25 collision with a cargo ship. The new crew will also attempt to fix an air leak from the Mir's exit hatch.

Neither problem is considered serious, but the leak from the hatch on the Spektr-2 module creates some inconvenience for the crew during spacewalks.

During a spacewalk last Friday, Solovyov and Vinogradov found that one of the hatch locks was broken. Because of more pressing tasks aboard the station, the repairs have been left for the next crew.
We Remember. Not only for His Sake, but for Ours.

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

On this day, sixty-nine years ago, a child was born to a middle-income African American family in Atlanta, Georgia, who would forever change how we view ourselves as Americans. On Monday, January 20, our nation will mark with a national holiday the life and heritage of an unlikely hero, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. One of the great activists for social change, Dr. King believed deeply in nonviolence. Reverend Samuel McKinney of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Seattle has said, “King was willing to challenge the evil of hatred and racism by putting his own life on the line. He did not run from bigotry but he was willing to face it head-on. He was willing to fight it, but not fight back.” Dr. King was, and is, a beacon of hope for oppressed people everywhere, even right here on our campus.

Most of us actually know very little about Dr. King. And that which we do know has often been filtered through the biases and prejudices of those who have “educated” us about him, whether it be the press or our own parents. That this man should have engendered negative feelings among much of white society is of little surprise, I suppose, when one considers the turmoil that followed him wherever he went. And yet, surely, we can think of others, whom I need not name, around whom just such turmoil swirled and whom we have not so readily dismissed.

Growing up, I think we all trusted what we learned in school, that America was a fair nation, a melting pot that treated people equally. It doesn’t take a rocket scientist, even here at Notre Dame, to realize that that may not be true. The principles of fairness and equality do not necessarily extend to all. Even more disconcerting than the reality that we might be victims of such discrimination is the sad reality that we might actually be perpetrators of it. If we are to achieve the kind of inclusive society of which King dreamed, especially in our ever more diverse and multicultural society, then we all have a role to play. It is not only the message of Dr. King, but it is as well the call of the gospel and of Jesus Christ.

I am stunned to realize that Dr. King, at the age of 35, the very same age I am now, had already won the Nobel Peace Prize. Only four years later at 39, he would die a martyr’s death for standing against hatred and discrimination. All that he accomplished in his short life would leave me embarrassed at my own feeble attempts at justice if it didn’t at the same time give me so much hope. It is stunning to think what one person can do, and perhaps even more amazing to think what an entire community could do if it only joined together in a common cause for justice and equality. Mine may only be at this time to write a simple exhortatory letter in The Observer about Dr. King and all that he stood for. Yours may be simply to urge those in your world to love, regardless of race or ethnicity or religion or orientation. We all have a part to play in the realization of the dream.

Please God, we all share the one hope that all people can come together to stand against racism, discrimination and indifference; and that this campus community can come to know the dignity of each member. It is the call of us all. I will not pretend to be able to say it any better than Dr. King himself, and so I close with his words, not mine:

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless night of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.
Campaign funds could hinge on abortion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In mid-term reprise of a petty-wracking dispute, Republicans are going at it again on abortion. This time it is purists against political pragmatists, over a punitive proposal to deny campaign funds to GOP candidates who aren't committed to banning some late-term abortions.

The arena is the Republican National Committee, where a resolution to punish party nominees who won't make the commitment against the so-called partial-birth abortions is due for debate on Friday, at least in committee, possibly by the full 165-member committee.

It probably will be rejected; the GOP chairman opposes it, despite his anti-abortion position. So do two leading House opponents of the abortion procedure at issue in the proposed ban, calling it a tactical error that would be counterproductive in their effort to get it banned by law.

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WASHINGTON

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California Smoking Ban Just Blowing Smoke

I would just like to take this time and space to express my thoughts on the new law in California which bans smoking in bars. ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

Ah, but at last, they are serious! California, the state that has always set trends for such toxic materials as marijuana, heroin, and Mariah SAHCASM. space to express my thoughts on the (dozen) drinks, knocking ofT some brain cells before

... and natural disasters, (WAHING: You • 000NESBURY

... serious?!

Okay, it's not really mean ... you can't even say it's more controversial than saying, "There is a possibility that The Dave Matthews' Band isn't the greatest band of all time, and that maybe, just maybe, they're not bigger than the Beatles and probably not even as big as Jesus": it's fine by me if they legalize marijuana for private use. The key phrase for marijuana there is priva­tize - do whatever you want in the privacy of your own home, as long as it doesn't involve something harmful to society such as making letter bombs (or Bombs, that was me if you) or writing that inadmissible bubble-gum music that rattles around your brain while trying to take a final, Hansin, that was directed at you). Marijuana isn't all that harmful, and it really isn't our government's business to tell us that we can't do stupid things to our own body. By the way, I do hope they will stop people from smoking marijuana in public places, because second-hand marijuana is about as pleasant smelling as my high school's writing locker room.

Tobacco companies have received more media bashings than Mike Tyson for the whole ear-biting thing, and I don't see why. A lot of this hatred that Americans like to focus on trivial issues is aimed at Joe Camel. Apparently many upright people believe that these advertisements are the source of all evil, including the promotion of smoking among today's youths. These are the same people who ask, "Is anal retentive hyphenated?" Please, let's not pretend that today's American children are quite that mindless - I don't think they're so gullible as to say, "I think that smoking is dumb and gross and I'd never ... hey, that long nosed, hairy, mutated-horse-with-the-double-bunch-back smoking a cigarette ... man, that camel is da bomb!" Maybe the camel works to make smokers lean toward their brand of cigarettes, but I promise you that as a non-smoker, Joe Camel has never made me want to smoke. At times he has made me want to write letters to Cameligaretteis to let them know that a smoking Camel is stupid, but it has never made me want to smoke.

As a side note, I'd like to point out that Joe Camel is always wearing sun glasses and a leather jacket — made from a cow, which is like you wearing the inner skin of your cousin — but often doesn't wear any pants. I think there's a good psychology paper in that fact somewhere. As a second side note, I'd like to point out that it is the liberals who are in favor of the smoking ban — the very same group of people who were smoking marijuana in weed pipes longer than the Titanic and painting flowers and tie-dye patterns on their rear ends. I think there's another paper there. So I guess if you want to join a gang (Delta Gamma Crypt), buy Soviet arms and a kilo of uncut heroin, or star in a movie which shows naked people using chainsaws to hack away at each other's private parts — all in the name of "art" — then California is the place to go. But if you want to be a real immoral hooligan and smoke in a bar, then you'd better stay in one of these wild states like Indiana. Appreciate what we have here in South Bend, students of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community, because this state can now boast that it is the home of the Fighting Irish and smoking-permitted bars! This is just such a great state (whoops, forgot the SAHCASM at that time)!

John Barry
Sorority, Main Hall January 13, 1998
concert review

by Sean King

oasis invades washington d.c.

The Brothers Gallagher came to the suburbs of our nation's capital last Friday night to play the Patriot Center. The result was a crowd pleased with what it heard, but perhaps hoping for a little more of what it came for. Sixteen songs might enthral a small club in Manhattan, but it's not enough to pacify an arena-sized audience.

That said however, those 16 songs were strong and well-executed. The only disappointment was "Supersonic," which was not played at its usual breakneck speed. The show opened smoothly enough with the title track from the band's new record, Be Here Now. The next song, "Stand By Me," was inappropriate however, given its slow pace and introspective nature - not the kind of thing to get a crowd going early on. But, after "Supersonic," Oasis reverted to its m-approaches brand of rock 'n' roll with such hits as "Roll With It," "D'You Know What I Mean?" and "Cigarettes and Alcohol." Sparingly-used special effects were a tasteful complement to the music. "D'You Know What I Mean?" was accompanied by lights in the form of rotating helicopter blades. Later on, younger sibling Liam sang "Champagne Supernova" against a backdrop of stars and the moon.

Beyond that, the visuals consisted of the band members' usual looks of disdain for those around them - tambourines thrown in mock disgust, fingers pointed and Liam practically yawning in the face of older brother Noel's expert guitar work. But that's all part of the act, and it's a welcome contrast to Oasis shows in 1996, when the band started playing up to its newly found American audiences.

Halfway through the show, Noel Gallagher performed his own acoustic set, which included such crowd favorites as "Don't Go Away" and "Cast No Shadow." Dillon Allie, ND class of 2001, said Noel Gallagher made everyone in the arena feel as if he were personally singing to every person in the audience. After a traditional, electric version of "Don't Look Back in Anger," Liam returned to do what can best be described as a heavy metal version of "Wonderwall." It was a fresh take on an old favorite and, following numbers like "Live Forever" and "It's Getting Better Man," got even the security guards tapping their feet.

In one last irreverent gesture, Oasis had the audacity to close the night with "Acquiesce," a b-side from three years ago, but that's what we love about them. Problem is, if you're the most important band since U2, you need to play more than five songs from your latest album.

Deuces Wild

B.B. King is known for his ability to banter and duel with musicians. His partnerships with Bobby "Blue" Bland, Ruth Brown, Gladys Knight, and many others have highlighted the career of this most gregarious bluesman. So when B.B. went out and got a whole slew of celebrities for his new album, he arranged for a broad cross-section of both what works and what doesn't in duets.

The best tracks on this album come from the more accomplished bluesmen (and women) in the group. "If You Love Me," with Van Morrison, who is perhaps the only singer recruited for this record that can rival B.B.'s intensity, is the most pure blues song on the album. Even with its cheesy violin track, this song just drips with emotion. A pleasant surprise comes to light in the form of 88-year-old singer D'Angelo's vocal talents. The man, most commonly known for his ethereal and quiet vocals, busts out with a determined, gut-wrenching performance that is eerily reminiscent of the late, great Otis Redding. Ever competent blues guitarists Eric Clapton and B.B. to the death for control of the classic, "Rock Me." Dr. John and Joe Cocker both lend their soulful, raspy voices to this album, much to its benefit.

There are some down points to this album. Mick Hucknall's floundering performance on "Please Send Me Someone to Love" is awful. You are better off with the version featuring Gladys Knight on B.B.'s last live album. The cheesy, stupid rap between Heavy D, B.B. and his guitar Lucille, and "hair-boy" (see the album cover; it is funny) Marty Stuart's destruction of the classic, "Confessin' the Blues," mark low points of this work.

Overall, this album is another in the great catalog of B.B. King efforts with a fun, solid romp with the Rolling Stones and the inevitable pairing of B.B. and Willie Nelson on the ever-popular song "Night Life" (B.B. wrote the song, Willie covered it better than anyone else for years). It is a brand new look at some great old songs in the style in which B.B. King, one of the greatest bluesmen of all time, excels.

by Matthew Loughran

upcoming concerts in the region

Buddy Guy
Jan. 15-23
Buddy Guy's Legends (Chicago)

Oasis
Jan. 17
Rosemont Horizon (Rosemont)

The Drovers/Butterside Down
Jan. 17
Schubas Tavern (Chicago)

The Delvins/David Poe
Jan. 22
Schubas Tavern (Chicago)

Grand Funk Railroad
Jan. 23
Murat Theatre (Indianapolis)

Edwin McCain
Jan. 26
House of Blues (Chicago)

Wyclef Jean of The Fugees
Jan. 29
House of Blues (Chicago)

Hum/The Promise Ring
Jan. 30
Metro (Chicago)

Paula Cole
Feb. 1
Piere's (Fort Wayne)

Luna
Feb. 6
Metro (Chicago)

The Jayhawks
Feb. 7
Metro (Chicago)

Aerosmith
Feb. 10
The Palace (Auburn Hills)

Ivy/Space Monkeys
Feb. 12
Patio Lounge (Indianapolis)

ALAN JACKSON/DEANNA CARTER
FEB. 13
JOYCE CENTER ARENA

Henry Rollins
Feb. 13
House of Blues (Chicago)

Ben Folds Five
Feb. 15
Riviera Theatre (Chicago)

Jimmy Buffett
Feb. 16
The Palace (Auburn Hills)

Willie Nelson
Feb. 23
House of Blues (Chicago)

The Crystall Method
Feb. 28
House of Blues (Chicago)

Cheap Trick
Feb. 28
Star Plaza (Merrillville)

upcoming concerts in the region
**Blue Devils ice Demon Devils**

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - Shane Battier led a stifling defensive effort that held No. 5 Southern California to its worst loss in the nine-year history of Coach Lawrence Joel Coliseum.

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The Demon Deacons' biggest problem this season against Kansas State, which frequently produced turnovers before Wake Forest could convert them into points, was a lack of backcourt. On the occasions when the Demon Deacons were able to advance the ball downcourt, they often had to do it by having Battier or Corzillo dribble up one of their forwards dribble the ball down the court.

Less than two minutes into the game the Blue Devils broke it open with a 16-0 run in which they forced six turnovers to take a 10-0 lead. Battier had three steals, four points and an assist in the game, which set a game-high for Battier a 24-2 lead less than seven minutes into the contest. The Blue Devils held the Demon Deacons to nearly 16 minutes without scoring, broke its drought with a 7-0 run before Duke began pulling away again. The Blue Devils hit 16 of 29 field goals and built it as high as 25 in the first half to win 42-23.

No. 13 Iowa 61, No. 4 State 47

Dean Oliver held his averages with 17 and No. 13 Iowa floundered offensively but still managed to beat No. 4 Oklahoma State 61-46 Wednesday night.

Iowa (14-2, 3-1 Big Ten) won for the eighth time in its last nine games. The Hawkeyes were beaten at home 76-64 by Illinois a week ago in their last game.

J.R. Koch added 11 points, while forward Darryl Monroe, who had 11 rebounds and Darryl Moore 10 as the Blue Devils outrebounded the Buckeyes 36-30.

Jason Singleton scored 16 points and had four career high rebounds for Ohio State, which has lost six in a row.

Michael Redd of Ohio State, who leads the nation in scoring with 35.7 points per game, was held scoreless until he hit a 3-pointer with 1:80 to go in the first half, and Pierce missed his first three shots on 15-35 shooting.

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Fielder looks to work miracles for Angels

**Associated Press**

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Newly acquired Cecil Fielder expects to lead the Anaheim Angels to a title in the same way he helped lead the New York Yankees to a World Series championship in 1996.

And he won’t do it with power, although the slugger designated hitter-first baseman does expect to hit his share of home runs in 1998.

"I think what this club needs most of all is guys who will do the little things it takes to win. That’s what I want to do," said Fielder, who signed a one-year contract with the Angels as a free agent on Dec. 19.

"I think the situation is the same as it was in New York. (Yankees Manager) Joe Torre said we had the guys to drive in the runs and do the things; what we needed were the guys to do the little things. We did the little things and we won." Being able to return home was important to Fielder, who grew up some 25 miles north of Anaheim. Being able to play for a club he felt had a strong chance of winning a championship was another big reason why Fielder chose the Angels.

The Angels finished second in the AL West in two of the last three seasons. Fielder said his new club doesn’t have far to go in order to reach the top.

"I’ve always thought the Angels had a great deal of talent," he said. "They just haven’t been a good job."

Fielder, who signed a one-year deal worth $1 million, which start Saturday. "I always want to go out and do my best and do the things; what we needed were the guys to do the little things. We did the little things and we won."

Fielder was acquired by owner Arte Moreno last season in a deal that also strutted John Hudek and Vic Becker to the outfield.

"I don’t have any idea of what I can come back," he said. "I think everybody would like to see baseball prosper where they can handle it. He looks great. You can tell he’s been working very hard this off-season. Cecil’s going to be a major impact player for us."

The Angels bought in this winter and introduced to Los Angeles-area media at a press conference Wednesday.

Other new additions include right-handers William VanLaningham and Omar Olivares, catcher Matt Walbeck, and infielders Nurberto Martin and Phil N Evan. Fielder, with his 302 career home runs and 940 RBIs, may be the key addition. He’s eager to prove he’s fully recovered from a thumb injury that limited him to 12 homers and 61 RBIs last year, and forced him to sign for less than one-third of the $9.3 million he earned in 1997.

"I can tell just by looking at him that Cecil’s getting ready to have a big year," Angels manager Terry Collins said. "There’s a lot of pressure here. I’ve got to make it look like he’s going to play, but he’s the kind of guy who can handle it. He looks great. You can tell he’s been working very hard this off-season. Cecil’s going to be a major impact player for us."

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Green Bay, Wis.
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"Three losses, it was very realistic," says strong safety Butler, whose prognostication last summer of a 19-0 season rankled coach Mike Holmgren, not to mention the NFL's other 29 teams. Holmgren said one of those losses - against Indianapolis - will be used as a caveat this week in case the Packers start to feel too good about themselves following their domination of the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC championship.

The Packers are a confident, loose bunch. Quarterback Brett Favre set off a stink bomb in the locker room on Wednesday, welcoming a horde of reporters from Denver. Favre initially denied he was the culprit. "OK, it was me," he quickly confessed. "Practical jokes are part of it. The media's been a little crowded this week so I felt like loosening them up and clearing them out."

"We're always doing practical jokes and having fun. That's what it's all about. No one likes a stiff. That's no fun for anyone."

There are no stiffs in the Packers' locker room, just a supremely confident bunch that almost sees the Super Bowl on Jan. 25 as a formality.

But in case the Packers start having a little too much fun, Holmgren has something that will cut the laughter in a hurry.

"All I have to do is point to the Indianapolis game, put that film in for a little while," he said. "Look at this. You're world champs, look at this. How good do you feel about this?"

Free safety Eugene Robinson said the Indianapolis debacle, while the low point of the season, wasn't the turning point. He said that occurred on Oct. 27, following the Packers' bye week, when Green Bay thumped New England 28-10 on a Monday night.

"Tyrone Williams knocked down two passes in the end zone after giving up a long play, and we went on a 99-yard scoring drive," Robinson said. "That was the benchmark of our season."

And what was the loss to the Colts then? A speed bump.

Cautious that the Super Bowl might be a speed trap, the Packers are implementing their game plan for the Broncos this week.

But they're also enjoying the journey as it winds down. "The entire season was pressure-packed: 'Can we do it again? Are they prima donnas? Are they charlatans? They are going to fall off, you just wait, you just wait,'" Robinson said. "We had a lot to prove."

Holmgren said the Packers found it harder to enjoy this season because everyone tried to dethrone them.

"This didn't come easy," receiver Antonio Freeman said. "Repeating is much tougher because so much is expected of you. You're the big cat. Everyone is gunning for you."

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NBA All-Star Voting

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5. Eddie Jones, L.A. Lakers, 151,862. 3. Alonzo Mourning, Miami, 80,830. 4. Luc Longley, Chicago, 70,695. 5. Vlade Divac, Sacramento, 54,703.

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Detroit continues streak with win over Canucks

Associated Press

DETROIT

Chris Osgood stopped 26 shots for his second straight shutout Wednesday night as the Detroit Red Wings took a five-game unbeaten streak into the NHL's All-Star break with a 4-0 win over the Vancouver Canucks.

Kirk Maltby, Larry Murphy, Brendan Shanahan and Brent Gilchrist scored the Detroit goals and Steve Yzerman had three assists.

Osgood, who blanked Washington 2-0 in his last start Sunday, has shutout Wednesday night the first period. Gilchrist added his first goal since Dec. 12 to finish the scoring with 2:58 to play.

New Jersey 4

New York Rangers 1

Bob Carpenter and Bobby Holik scored in a 3:1 first-period span and the New Jersey Devils sent rookie goalie Dan Cloutier to the bench in beating the New York Rangers 4-1 on Wednesday night.

DevilsPederson and Steve Thomas also scored for the Devils, who tallied on three of their first four shots against Cloutier in building a 3-0 lead early in the second period.

Alexei Kovalev scored for the Rangers, who had three shots in the opening period. Devils' goaltender Martin Brodeur faced 19 shots in winning his league-high 27th game, although he got help in the opening moments when Niklas Sundstrum banged a shot off the blue line at 6:15.

Holik's team-high 19th goal developed after Devils' defensemen Lyle Odelein knocked down Wayne Gretzky in center ice. A shot from the left point by defensemen Brad Lombardi hit the off the skate of a defenseman and went to Holik, who beat Cloutier with a shot from between the circles.

A penalty by Kovalev in the neutral zone gave the Devils a power play 41 seconds into the second period and Pederson converted 30 seconds later on a cross ice pass by Patrik Elias. Mike Richter stopped 26 shots. Richter finished his career.

The Lightning have lost six straight and are winless in their last seven (0-6-1).

A stiff neck sidelined Tampa Bay right wing Dino Ciccarelli. The NHL's ninth all-time leading goal scorer has 197 goals this season.

Philadelphia 3

Montreal 0

Pavel Svoboda had a goal and assisted on Philadelphia's two others as the Flyers and the Montreal Canadiens skated to a 3-3 tie Wednesday night.

Brian Savage and Martin Bucinsky each had a goal and an assist for Montreal, while Vincent Damphousse added two assists as the Canadiens remained unbeaten in their last eight road games (6-0-2).

Montreal remained winless in its last seven games against the Flyers (0-3-3), and hasn't won in Philadelphia since Oct. 25, 1992 (0-8-2).

Savage tied the game 3-3 exactly one minute after Svoboda had given the Flyers the lead in the third period.

Savage's slapshot from the top of the right faceoff circle trickled in after Flyers goalie Garth Snow at 11:52.
The real winners and losers in sports for 1997

Money And Fame, Now! Scottie Pippen
Most Overrated Athlete: Shawn Kemp
Most Overpaid Athlete: Albert Belle
We Should Move To North Carolina/Tennessee: Montreal Expos
We Should Not Have Moved To North Carolina/Tennessee: (tie) Carolina Hurricanes/Tennessee Oilers
I Should Have Stayed Home: Mike Korman
It's All About The Benjamins (G): Paul Kailey/Sergei Fedorov
One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest: Dominick Hasek
Most Intense Pro Boxer (runner-up to previous award): Mike Tyson
Most Annoying College Football Player: Peyton Manning
Jr.
Most Underserving College National Champion: Nebraska Cornhuskers
Most Overrated College Football Team: uh ... never mind

JOCK STRIP

By JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sports Writer

As sports history turns another page into 1998, we must look back at 1997 and recognize those who shaped the year — for better or for worse. To that end, I would like to issue the first Annual Coppoella Sports Awards (FASCA). These awards are based on the way I saw things this year and apply to national, collegians, and local sports.

Most Amazing World Champions: Green Bay Packers
I Should Have Resigned/Been Fired Before the Season Began: Barry Switzer
I Should Not Have Tried To Kill PJ Carlesimo: Latrell Sprewell (to be presented by last year's winner, Rod Strickland)

I Should Quit Everything Else But Basketball, Especially Movies: Shaquille O'Neal
Best Dress: Dennis Rodman
Most Selfish Athlete: Allen Iverson

W. B-ball

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— Despite the win, McGraw felt the performance left much to be desired and admitted mentally that we did not play well. The turnovers really hurt us later on. We didn’t play a smart basketball game and we’re a very smart team, and that’s surprising, but it’s something that we can fix very easily.

Notre Dame was led by Riley, who had her third consecutive double-double with 29 points and 12 rebounds. Riley, recently named Big East co-rookie of the week for her performances over the semester break, went 11 of 14 from the field and 5 for 7 from the free-throw line.

“Knowing the people who left last year and how great they were, I really didn’t expect I’d come in and do this well,” Riley said. “I really happy with it.”

Riley was paced by Peirick, who also had a career high with 23 points. Ivory and McMillon chipped in with 17 and nine points to round out the Irish core.

For West Virginia, Burridge had 18 points to lead five players in double figures.

The Mountaineers were nearly perfect from the line, shooting 20 for 21. The WVU defense also had an above average night, grabbing 33 rebounds and 13 steals.

McGraw believed that West Virginia was among the best teams in the conference that the team had faced so far. “I think McGraw’s the most talented team that we beat, and Georgetown was talented also, but West Virginia’s a better basketball team.” With the loss, the Mountaineers fall to 7-7 on season and 3-4 in the conference.

The Irish, now 11-4 on the season and 5-2 in Big East play, will travel eastward to face Boston College and Syracuse in a two-game conference road trip.

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performance of the season in a 91-76 rout of Rutgers on Sunday. Garrity was his normal self with 32 points, but it was his supporting cast that made the difference against the Scarlet Knights.

Center Phil Hickey matched a career-high with 16 points, and Keith Friel (12 points on four three-pointers) and Antoni Wyche (11) proved to be a lethal one-two punch at shooting-guard.

For us to be successful, it is imperative that these guys step up for us in critical situations,” said coach John MacLeod. “We cannot afford to put all the pressure on Pat. It is important that guys like Phil Hickey, Antoni Wyche, Keith Friel, and Martin Ingelsby step up and help him out.”

Given the magnitude of tonight’s contest and Notre Dame’s recent track record in big games, the Irish will need all the help they can get.

Junior Phil Hickey will center the Irish as they take to the court tonight.

Challenge U

Fitness Schedule Spring ’98

Joyce Center Classes

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| 2 | 4:15-5:15 | HI Int. | Gym 2 | M/W | $20 |
| 3 | 5:25-6:25 | STEP | Gym 1 | M/W | $25 |
| 4 | 5:25-6:25 | Lo Impact | Gym 2 | M/W | $20 |
| 5 | 3:45-4:45 | STEP | Gym 1 | T/W | $20 |
| 6 | 3:45-4:45 | HI Int. | Gym 2 | T/W | $20 |
| 7 | 5:25-6:30 | STEP | Gym 1 | T/W | $20 |
| 8 | 5:30-6:15 | Flex & Tone | Gym 1 | T/W | $20 |

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| 9 | 6:30-7:15 am | STEP | Gym 1 | M/W/F | $25 |
| 10 | 12:15-12:45 | STEP | Gym 1 | M/W/F | $20 |
| 11 | 1:15-1:45 | STEP | Gym 1 | M/W/F | $20 |
| 12 | 5:25-6:25 | STEP | Gym 1 | M/W | $25 |
| 13 | 7:45-8:30 am | STEP | Gym 1 | T/W | $20 |
| 14 | 12:15-12:45 | Flex & Tone | Gym 1 | T/W | $20 |
| 15 | 1:15-1:45 | Exercise Class | Gym 1 | T/W | $20 |
| 16 | 5:30-6:30 | STEP | Gym 1 | T/W | $20 |
| 17 | 5:20-6:05 | HI Int. | Gym 1 | Su | $12 |
| 18 | 4:30-5:30 | STEP | Gym 1 | Su | $12 |
| 19 | 5:35-5:55 | All Abs | Gym 1 | Su | $12 |
| 20 | 6:05-6:55 | HI Int. | Gym 1 | Su | $12 |

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| 22 | 6:45-7:45 | Aquacise | T/W | $20 |

Sign-ups begin Thursday, January 15, 7:30am at RecSports located in the Joyce Center. Classes begin Monday, January 19. Minimum of 12 registrants to begin class. Schedule is subject to change.

**Joyce Center classes move to the Rolph Sports Recreation Center beginning February 16.**

Honor Code Football Team of the Year: Penn State Nittany Lions
Most Unexpected National Championship: Arizona Wildcats
Let The Freak Show Begin: Marv Albert
Notre Dame Team of the Year (tie): Women’s Soccer/Women’s Basketball
Notre Dame Coach of the Year (tie): Muffet McGraw/Paul Manieri
Notre Dame Player of the Year (tie): Pat Garrity/Kate Sobrero
Notre Dame Student Athlete of the Year: Steve Noble Notre Dame Most Underappreciated Athlete: Ron Mirer
Notre Dame Alumnus Who Took The Most Heat: Rick Mirer
Notre Dame Alumnus Who Roused To The Occasion: Craig Counsell
**Women's Basketball**

**Irish plateau with win over Mountaineers**

**Big East rival defeated with exceptional play of Riley and Peirick**

*By Bill Hart*

Sports Writer

It may not have been as pretty as other recent games, but for any Fighting Irish fan, it was a win.

Despite a strong challenge by the visiting team, Notre Dame's women's basketball team managed to extend their winning streak to eight games by defeating conference rival West Virginia 86-78.

After Notre Dame scored its first basket just six seconds into the game, the next few points didn't come easy for the team. West Virginia used a more aggressive style of defense than its Big East counterpart, which it was able to take advantage of some sloppy Irish passing. Five minutes into the contest, the two teams were knotted at six points apiece.

After Notre Dame used up a 20-second timeout, senior guard Mollie Peirick took advantage of a steal by converting an easy layup. However, the Mountaineers answered with a three-pointer, a shot that the visitors depended on for the rest of the game.

However, while Notre Dame was unable to answer from the perimeter, freshman phenom Ruth Riley managed to help the Irish hold their lead. By concentrating on the perimeter, Riley was left wide open, where she proceeded to keep battle for the rebounds. Even when the Mountaineers tried to cluster around her, the 6'2" center still managed to get her shots off. By the end of the first half, Riley had tied her career high with 19 points.

"I thought it took a superhuman effort from Ruth to win the game for us," McGraw remarked. "We almost shut ourselves out for a bit, but we could have probably given it to Ruth a little more than we did."

After the lead see-sawed back and forth, Peirick converted a three-point play to give the Irish a two point lead. The play sparked a short 5-0 rally to give the team a 39-32 lead at the end of the half.

While Riley's performance in the paint gave the Irish the lead, the Mountaineers' perimeter shooting kept them in the game. In the first half, the visitors went 6 for 15 from three-point range, with junior guard Rebecca Burnbridge accounting for four of the completions. The Irish, on the other hand, went a dismal 0-9 from beyond the arc.

"It's an example of a lot of youth on the floor," McGraw remarked on the turnovers in the first half. "The problem was that it was contagious to the upperclassmen.

Notre Dame started the second half slowly, with the Mountaineers forcing four straight turnovers. Finally, a layup by junior Sheila McMillen two minutes into the half broke the Irish drought. Sophomore Niele Ivey converted another three-point play to stretch the lead to 43-36. The Mountaineers responded with a 6-44 run by the Irish in the first six minutes of the half.

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The Mountaineers would have to hold off until the end of the game, Riley's dominance in the paint combined with some well-timed perimeter shooting proved to be too much for them. After two WVU three-pointers, the lead was four.

Sophomore Niele Ivey converted another three-pointer by McMillen kept the Irish alive. However, two half-court passes to an open Riley clinched the game.

**Men's Basketball**

**Team to face Big East rival WV**

*By Mike Day*

Sports Editor

It's never too early to start thinking about the post-season.

Although Notre Dame could certainly use a victory to stay within the thick of the race in the Big East Six, the team is also in desperate need of a win over a ranked team to remain in contention for either a NIT or NCAA berth.

So when the Irish take on the 28th-ranked West Virginia Mountaineers tonight in Morgantown, the team will be riding on the outcome than the average league contest.

With a 0-3 mark against ranked teams this year, the team will need to put forth a strong showing against a top-notch team if it hopes to receive consideration from the tournament committee.

"That isn't something that we really focus on, but it probably is in the back of our minds," said senior forward Derek Manter. "Our first priority is to bring us confidence in our conference games. We do realize that games against the best teams are important in the long run."

By the season 21-10 to earn a spot in the NIT. And with a 14-2 mark this season, West Virginia seems to have raised its game to another level.

"They are one of the top teams we will play this season," said senior forward Pat Garrity. "We know we need to be at our best when we go there since they are a good team and it's a tough place to play."

The Mountaineers are led by all-everything forward Damian Owens. A three-year starter, the 6-foot-6, 215-pound forward has emerged as one of the league's top players in his senior season.

In 16 games, Owens has averaged a team-best 19.8 points per game on 57 percent shooting. The all-Big East candidate also pulls down 7.4 rebounds a contest while dish­ ing out 3.3 assists a game.

"He has been tremendous for us this season," commented Mountaineers' coach Gale Catlett. "He has been dominant at both ends of the floor, and as a senior, he has been a leader for the younger guys on the team."

Despite Owens' brilliance, West Virginia is by no means one man team. Senior shooting guard Adrian Pledger has been a pleasant surprise the last two years after transferring from George-Wallace State College prior to his junior season.

Pledger is considered one of the league's most dangerous pure shooters, putting up 14.7 points a game on 54 percent shooting. In addition, senior point guard Greg Jones (11.8 ppg) and forward Marcus Groom (9.3) have been consistent all year long for the Mountaineers.

Meanwhile, the Irish are coming off one of their best -- see M. B-BALL/ page 18

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