Student Senate

Senate forms committee to discuss Big Ten issues

By TIM LOGAN
Assistant News Editor

Discussing Big Ten membership, the April Board of Trustees report and the racial climate on campus, Student Senate leaders outlined their plans for the rest of the semester at Wednesday's meeting.

The Senate recently formed an ad hoc committee to discuss Big Ten membership, to be chaired by Carroll senator Pat Foy.

"This is obviously an issue of major concern across campus," Foy said, adding that at next week's meeting, the committee would likely produce a resolution opposing Big Ten membership for Notre Dame.

"Our goal is to have it next week so that it can go on to the CIC meeting Feb. 1, so that they can do something with it in time for the Board of Trustees meeting," Foy said.

The Board of Trustees will meet in London on the first weekend of February and is expected to decide on the issue then.

Senators discussed the University's racial climate in relation to several issues.

Zahn senator Spencer Stoick suggested looking into the feasibility of Notre Dame officially recognizing Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a holiday.

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Hello, €uro!

By LAURA PETELLE
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As 1999 dawned, a new fiscal era began in Europe — and across the globe — when 11 nations merged their currencies to create the euro.

At the stroke of midnight, finance ministers from the so-called euro-11 popped champagne corks shaped like the euro's symbol, celebrating as years of preparation finally came to fruition.

The euro replaces the currencies of Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain — a group of nations now called the euro zone. Though notes and coins will not be issued until 2002, some banks offer euro accounts and all exchanges on European stock markets now in euros.

"From Lisbon to Helsinki, from Paris to Vienna, the euro is a remarkable symbol of our common identity. Tomorrow I won't be any less French, but we will all be a little more European," said French Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn on the eve of the euro's introduction.

The euro doesn't fly solo until July 1, 2002, when the old national currencies cease to be legal tender. Until then, the euro will exist alongside the now-obsolete currencies it was created to replace; to cope with that transition period, the Council of Europe fixed the exchange rates of the participating currencies against each other and the euro.

Still, despite any euphoria among the euro-11, a news of the switch barely sparked interest in most Americans.

"People don't have euros in their pocket yet; until then, it's just a little more exciting than the Federal Reserve Board — but not much," said Andrew Gould, a professor of government in the Nanic Center for European Studies at Notre Dame.

But the euro, worth about $1.16 at yesterday's rates, could pack a lot of punch.

The dollar has traditionally been the benchmark by which the value of other currencies is measured, as 11 European currencies merge into a stronger whole, the euro could give the dollar a run for its money.

Gould said that probably will not happen "for a long time," pointing out that while the U.S. and euro-11 have roughly equal gross domestic products (GDP), the population of the U.S. is smaller, resulting in a higher GDP per capita in the U.S. If more nations attempt to join the euro and the EU, this gap will probably widen.

"It's still quite a ways away, but in time it will be a more major player in the world," said Gould.

The Bank of International Settlements said the euro is likely to rise to about $1.25 by 2002.

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Above: Six of the euro bills and the face of the one euro coin. Luxembourg has not yet released its design.

Following World War II, European leaders saw a need to heal the divisions that twice this century dragged the world into bloody wars.

In 1952, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands formed the European Coal and Steel Community. Buoyed by its successes, the six member nations signed the Treaty of Rome in 1957, which formed the economic coalition known today as the European Economic Community (EEC).


But the idea of a single currency would not die. As the EEC slowly gained members, the idea gained momentum. In 1986 the Single European Act set up a tariff-free internal trade market in member states; following German reunification in 1990, the 1991... see EURO / page 4
The Mighty Fruity Muscle Pants

Despite what others may think of them, I gladly and proudly wear my fruity muscle pants. As many have noticed, I was even asked at South Dining Hall, many of the cooks wear a new uniform which is created by the pants with a funky print of various fruits and other foodstuffs. I have heard the comments and read the opinions, from managers and, even my grandmother, saying that these pants are...
Ryan: Investment in women will help world development

The Observer

By ERICA THESING

A timeline in Monday's Observer listed an error.

That error, in the article "NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN OF GRAD STUDIES NAMED," incorrectly reported that the new associate dean of graduate studies was named in 1993, when she was in fact named in 1995.
The euro will be issued in eight coin denominations and seven note denominations. The symbol for the euro is a "€" with two horizontal parallel lines. The EU press release says that "it was inspired by the Greek letter epsilon, in reference to the currency of Greece," but the symbol is actually a stylized "€" with two horizontal parallel lines. The symbol "€" is used to represent the euro, the official currency of the European Union.

The euro is the currency of the European Union. It is the official currency of 11 countries, including Germany, France, Italy, Spain, and Greece. The euro is used by more than 300 million people in 11 countries, making it one of the largest single currency areas in the world.

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Former Argentine president Reynaldo Bignone arrested

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina - Argentina's last military president was arrested Wednesday as part of ongoing investigations into child kidnappings during the country's so-called "dirty war." A federal judge ordered Reynaldo Bignone arrested after a three-hour court appearance. He was accused of violating the former governor of the province of Buenos Aires, which has been a problem in Hollos, and buried the seized meat in a vacant lot. The Philippines outlawed the killing of pets for food under an animal welfare act enacted last year. Violators can be fined by up to two years in prison. However, dog meat continues to be popular among Filipinos, especially in Manila and on the main island of Luzon, where some believe it is an aphrodisiac.

Police seize rabid dog meat

MANILA, Philippines - Police in the Philippines have seized 880 pounds of dog meat - possibly from rabid animals - that was apparently destined for restaurants in Manila. Superintendent Wenceslao Renedo said the meat, packed in small boxes and preserved by ice, was found late last week at a pier in Eustacia in central Hollos province, 370 miles south of Manila. Officials were concerned that the meat could be infected with rabies, which has been a problem in Hollos, and buried the seized meat in a vacant lot. The Philippines outlawed the killing of pets for food under an animal welfare act enacted last year. Violators can be fined by up to two years in prison. However, dog meat continues to be popular among Filipinos, especially in Manila and on the main island of Luzon, where some believe it is an aphrodisiac.

Escaptee pleads guilty

MARTINEZVILLE, Va. - Nearly 25 years after he fled a Virginia jail with nine other prisoners, Alfred Odell Martinez, who used a homemade guile Wednesday to escaping from his one-year term for selling 10 pounds of marijuana, Martin, 49, who built a respectable life in Michigan, faces up to five years in prison at his February sentencing, but his family is hoping for probation. The case prosecutor said the court could not push for jail time for Martin, who returned to Virginia in December and is currently serving out his one-year term. Martin had served less than two days of his sentence when he left a Martinezville jail work crew in February 1974. He married and settled in the Detroit suburb of Livonia where he raised three children and worked for a mortgage company.

Trial opens in Guatemala rape case

ESCUINTLA - Two men accused of raping a group of American college students in Guatemala last year told a court Wednesday they had nothing to do with the crime. A third suspect declined to testify, but a three-judge panel heard a statement he gave police after his arrest, in which he also denied involvement.

One of the five rape vic­ tims took the stand Wednesday morning. The court was closed to the public and the media beforehand. The three men, charged with rape and robbery in the January 1998 attack, are accused of forcing a bus carrying 13 students and three faculty members from Maryland's St. Mary's College to stop at gunpoint, robbing the passengers, and raping five women in a sugar cane field near this southern Guatemalan town.

They face up to 30 years in prison if convicted. Two suspects, Cosbi Gamalied Urian Orta, 37, who was arrested near the crime scene, said he had been traveling through the area on a bus, had stomach­ ach, pains, and asked the driver to stop so he could relieve himself. The bus left without him, he said.

Another suspect, Roni Leonel Polanco Sil, 25, tes­ tified he was home with his family when the rapes occurred. The third suspect, Reyes Bucb Ventura, 25, was arrested near his home outside Guatemala City when he was spotted near a pickup truck believed to have been used by the attackers.

He was carrying 8,000 quetzales - then about $1,230. He told police he had nothing to do with the attack and had earned the money selling wool hair. Arrest warrants have been issued for five other suspects who remain at large. Four of the rape victims planned to testify at the trial, which is expected to last one and a half weeks. Three of the students are recent graduates of St. Mary's and the fourth is still enrolled.

A professor who was in the bus during the attack, William Cecil Roberts, also was expected to testify.

Accompanying the vic­ tims to the trial were Maryland Deputy Attorney General Carmen Shepard, who is acting as a legal adviser, and college officials. The study-abroad program at St. Mary's College remains largely unchanged after the attack, college spokeswoman Stacy Pratt said.

Iraqi opposition group rejects U.S.

"We don't get support under this act," said Hamid al-Bayati, the coun­ cil's representative in London. "We haven't asked for it, and nobody took our opinion about it.

Al-Bayati added that "receiving such support from America would harm the opposition's reputation inside Iraq." Clinton on Tuesday designated seven organizations opposed to Saddam to receive U.S. support under the 1998 act, which calls for providing up to $97 million in overt military aid to Iraqi opposition groups. The Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq was among them.

In a statement faxed to The Associated Press in Cairo, the Iraqi National Congress - an umbrella organization of Kurdish, Shiite and leftist groups based in London - welcomed its nomination for U.S. support.

Maad Abdel-Rahim, a leader of the Iraqi National Accord, said in a tele­ phone interview from Amman that his group accepts "any support from the international community and the big powers which believe that the change of the regime should come from inside Iraq." Other groups named to receive U.S. support were three Kurdish fac­ tions based in northern Iraq: the Kurdistan Democratic Party, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the Islamic Movement of Iraqi Kurdistan. Also selected was the Movement for a Constitutional Monarchy, based in London.
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**United Kingdom**

Keeping its promise to modernize the 800-year-old, unelected House of Lords, Britain’s Labor government on Wednesday published plans to remove the voting rights of aristocrats with inherited seats in Parliament.

The government also said it would establish a new system for appointing life peers and would set up a commission to suggest a new upper chamber of Parliament, possibly partly appointed and partly elected.

In the plan, called a white paper, the government said it is taking “a significant step toward the modernization of Parliament — a step reformers have been unable to secure for the whole of this century.”

The current House of Lords, it said, lacks legitimacy because it is out of date and unrepresentative.

The plan is sure to be passed by the elected chamber of parliament, the House of Commons, where Labor has a huge majority. Prime Minister Tony Blair has said he wants the hereditary peers out by the end of this year.

The House of Lords is dominated by peers from the opposition Conservative party, but can only delay legislation for up to a year.

The plan would remove the voting rights of hereditary peers — dukes, marquises, earls, viscounts and barons, some with titles going back generations — who inherited their seats in the Lords.

Nobles will be given the right to vote in national elections, which they have been forbidden to do, and to stand as candidates for the House of Commons without having to renounce their titles, as has been the case until now.

The plan says an independent, seven-member committee will oversee the appointment of life peers — those honored with lifetime titles for their contributions to national life. Life peers are also allowed to vote in the House of Lords.

Traditionally, they have been nominated by parties represented in the House of Commons.

The prime minister draws up a list of approved names, which is passed to Queen Elizabeth II for final approval.

There will be no change to the position of the archbishops of Canterbury and York and the 24 leading bishops who have seats in the Lords.

Associated Press

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**Mexico**

Nobel Prize winner defends her life story

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Guatemalan Indian activist Rigoberta Menchu denounced those who have questioned the life story that helped her win a Nobel Peace Prize, but hinted Wednesday that the book could be — as she suggested — a historical composite rather than an autobiography.

“I still haven’t written my autobiography,” she said at a Mexico City news conference. “What you have is a testimonial.”

Menchu became a celebrity after the 1983 publication of “I, Rigoberta Menchu,” in which she told of a childhood as a poor Indian caught up in a bloody civil war. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992.

Last month, U.S. anthropologist David Stoll published a book claiming that Menchu’s book had many inaccuracies. He challenged her claims that she had no formal education and that she watched her younger brother slowly die of starvation and her elder brother get burned to death by soldiers.

At a Mexico City news conference, Menchu denied reports that she had enrolled in a private boarding school, saying she worked as a maid at the school. She said Stoll mistook someone by the same name for her older brother. She didn’t directly address claims that her younger brother never existed.

But Menchu suggested exactly what Stoll claimed — that her story represented a composite of the lives of Indians who suffered through Guatemala’s 36-year civil war.

She spoke of “collective memory” and said her book presents an accurate view of life in wartime Guatemala.

“I have a right to a historical memory, a right in my memory as a woman and as a Guatemalan,” she said.

“My mother is dead. If she wasn’t eaten by animals, let’s investigate and maybe the mother who was eaten by animals is another Indian mother,” Menchu said.

Francis Sejersted, chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, has said his group was aware of the criticisms of Menchu’s autobiography and that they would have no effect on her prize.

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IMF probes Moscow about fund misuse

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Police are investigating claims by international lenders that the Russian government misspent $10 billion in loans intended to help its crippled economy, a top official said Wednesday.

First Deputy Prime Minister Yury Maslyukov made the comment in an apparent backlash against a mission from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to Moscow to assess Russia's economy before deciding whether to extend badly needed new loans.

Maslyukov, who was in Washington last week for talks on new loans, bristled at the accusations.

"We will not tolerate any attempt to defame our government and our economy," Maslyukov said. "We will defend our interests in full confidence and in our own way."

The IMF has scrapped a $22.6 billion loan package it assembled last summer to help Russia default on some of its debts in August.

"Our only interest is to reaffirm our own debt to the fund" and not to finance domestic spending, Maslyukov said. IMF officials have said any loans will hinge largely on Russia's ability to approve and put into effect a feasible budget.

The lower house of Russian parliament approved the draft 1999 budget Tuesday, in the second of four required readings. But the IMF has criticized even this austere budget as unrealistic and has faulted Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov's government for factoring in loans that haven't been promised.

Primakov and other officials have said Russia must reach an agreement with the IMF before it can reschedule its foreign debts.

Meanwhile, Russia's top privatization official submitted his resignation because of illness and was temporarily replaced by his deputy.

IMF probes Moscow about fund misuse

United Nations

Taliban faces council's anger

Associated Press

The U.N. Security Council demanded Wednesday that Afghanistan's Taliban military force hand over all international terrorists and bring those "indicted to justice -- a clear reference to Osama bin Laden.

The Saudi millionaires who live in exile in Afghanistan has been indicted by a U.S. court in connection with the August bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

Taliban officials have refused to hand over bin Laden, saying he is an honored guest who "fought alongside Islamic insurgents against Soviet troops in the 1980s."

U.S. diplomats had pushed for the 15-member council to "take a strong stand against terrorists in the statement issued Wednesday.

The statement, which was issued by Brazil's U.N. Ambassador Celso Antim, current council president, demanded that the Taliban "stop providing sanctuary and training for international terrorists and their organizations."

It also demanded that "all Afghan factions cooperate with efforts to bring indicted terrorists to justice."

The Taliban Supreme Court held an inquiry in November into accusations that bin Laden is using Afghanistan as a base for terrorist attacks on U.S. targets worldwide.

It concluded he was innocent and, based on Washington's refusal to submit any evidence of bin Laden's involvement in terrorism.

The Taliban, who rule roughly 90 percent of Afghanistan excluding the capital, Kabul, are battling a northern-based opposition alliance on several fronts.

The Taliban follow a strict version of Islam that bars women from work and education, forces men to wear beards and bans all light entertainment, including music.

The Security Council also called on all Afghan groups, especially the Taliban, to end discrimination against girls and women/stop other human rights violations, and halt the cultivation, production and trafficking of illegal drugs.

It demanded that the Taliban and the alliance stop fighting immediately, agree to a cease-fire and resume negotiations with the aim of creating a broad-based representative government.

In a binding resolution adopted last month, the council warned Taliban leaders that it would impose unspecified measures against them unless they halt their military campaign and negotiate peace.

The United Nations pulled its international staff out of Afghanistan Aug. 21 after an Italian employee was shot and killed and another was wounded in Kabul.

The council statement Wednesday also demanded that the Taliban show its full commitment to the security of all international and humanitarian personnel and urged the Taliban and other parties to resume cooperation with the United Nations.

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Catholic bishop Garcia condemns government

Pope John Paul II during his trip to Mexico City, the activist priest knows just what he will say. "Hello," Ruiz deadpans. "It's very nice to see you." But if he speaks softly, he'll carry a stick: his pastoral letter, "From Pain to Hope," a 25-page indictment of the Mexican government and plea for justice for the indigenous people of Chiapas state, the bishop's flock.

"We want to express to Christian brothers that all of us are suffering persecution and the consequences of low intensity war," says Bishop Raúl Vera López, who works with Ruiz and co-signed the letter. "Still, we don't lose our hope in the power of God."

The document echoes the letter Ruiz presented to the pope during his 1993 visit to Mexico, condemning the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party just when Mexico's official leaders wanted to present a united front before a vote on whether to approve the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Once again, Ruiz takes on the most divisive issues facing the country: the government's economic policies, drug trafficking, the 1994 uprising of insurgent Indians in the south, and the 1997 massacre of 45 unarmed men, women, and children by a paramilitary paramilitary group in the southern village of Acteal.

"Believing in the poor led us to strongly denounce (those who) abuse their political power, their privilege, and their wealth," writes Ruiz, who released the letter in San Cristóbal's cathedral on Christmas Eve. "We have also denounced any violence by paramilitary groups against defenseless people.

Such language endures him to Mexico's Maya Indians who call him Tato — Great Father — the invincible bishop who in the 1960s rode against the rebellion by the Zapatista National Liberation Army by mixing religion and politics in a misguided theology of liberation. His most fervent critics have burned him in effigy in front of the cathedral. And in November 1997, gunmen opened fire on his pastoral convey.

On Tuesday, two right-wing groups of landowners released an open letter to the pope, asking him to replace Ruiz with a pastor who teaches what they call authentic Catholic doctrine, not socialist-Marxist propaganda.

"Our land suffers armed violence and social dissolution provoked by a revolutionary action from the cathedral of this city," the letter said.

The bishop, who now travels with bodyguards, scoffs at the idea that anyone can be apolitical.

"A woman who makes tortillas is affected by the political situation. Everybody is involved in politics unless he is on the moon," says Ruiz, in a flannel workshirt, a wood cap covering his bald head.

He acknowledges sympathy for Zapatista aims to improve Indians' lives, while rejecting their use of violence. But he bristles at the term liberation theology.

"How can there be a theology of slavery?" he has asked. Besides, he says, he's a pastor, not a theologian. "In Latin America, we don't talk about theology. We talk about commitment to poor people.

That commitment, he says, is at odds with the global free-market economy, including the Mexican government's economic policies that includes loans absorbed bad bank loans as part of the national debt.

"We look at the craziness of an economic model that eats up the richness of the nation that shields itself with the idea of the free market," he says.

"Blood is spread on the altar of the stock market," he adds, while government debt "generates need, slavery of interest impossible to pay."

He also blames the government for stalling peace talks with the Zapatistas, for failing to take on drug traffickers and for using the police and military to persecute the Catholic Church by deporting clerics and threatening pastoral workers.
I lost my words once. They were crammed into the pages of a journal with a cheetah print that I never took off the cover. The words traveled worlds, as the journals of frenzied girls do. So, when I left my book on a TWA airplane last August it was a little death. Those pages held three years of spilling: Pixies lyrics and mini manifests, things to do and things to become, documents of days, odes to kisses and slip-sliding away, stories of friends and punch lines at my parents. Some entries read like this; aaaaahhhhhhhhh! That's because I've lost my words before.

What do you do without them? Purging yourself of all thoughts, all words; a gentle flight attendant (the kind who hands out extra bags of honey roasted peanuts) adopting the orphan journal. Perhaps she found the blank pages near the end. Perhaps she added her own ink lines. These words, they are a luxury, you know?

Dying men measure their days in breaths, mothers in labor count gasps, traders index points, as is Jamie Lee Curtis. Apple runs ads telling consumers-r-us to "I'm going to make a ring with that." Words, the words that are here to weave nets and trap the wind and let its beating wings carry us away.

And we must learn — as chanting monks have learned; as storytellers telling the Totonac have learned; as mothers lulling their fevered children to sleep have learned — to be careful with the words.

We throw them around, forgetting their power. We call dull movies "gay," and sniveling boys "pussies." We add "black" as an adjective when the story is of wrongdoing and race is irrelevant. A writer student wrote an article in these pages calling the Women's Resource Center the "Nasty Feminist Enclave." Yeah. That is civil discourse on campus. Have you seen the nation's" jokes about knee pads and cigars. Apple runs ads telling consumers-r-us to "think different." (Adverb lovers everywhere sing, "it's differently." Titanic is our favorite movie and yes, swoon, swoon, it's all quite soaring and beautiful, but the script — Clashes, Ruff and deeply unnerving testimonials to saccharine love. The Chicken Soup for the Various Kinds of Souls books are topping the bestseller lists, as is Jamie Lee Curtis's autobiography. "What about pop music," "and I miss you / Like the deserts miss the rain..." that doesn't even make sense.

Do deserts need more rain? (I'm turning up my Johnny Cash. Let's play some De La Soul.) We all forget to think before we speak. I babble like a brook. I fail to cultivate a listening ear (this too, is He went in a pimp and came out a soul.) Aren't you thrilled that there is a person who finds the blank pages near the end? We must learn to be careful with the words. When many who cling to them.

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It's week two of semester two and the words and ideas are piling up — as thick and difficult to negotiate as South Bend snow drifts. Oh, but have you caught a flake of that same snow on your tongue? It's delicious. It melts. How lucky, how very lucky — we get to measure our days with words. There are inmates in cells painted soothing shades of mauve because they were never given a trombone; a paintbrush; a blank journal and a good pen. We must express. We must create. If we have no language with which to shout the mystery "I am! I am!" then the whimpers and bangs! of violence may become the tragic substitute. There are inmates who have climbed their way out of those cells; offbelied beds, into the pages of a book, and singing into the world. Malkin X? He went in a pimp and came out a prophet. Words, the words that Sandberg says are fine, "finer than fire or mist, finer than water or moonlight," and strong, stronger than rock or steel, stronger than corn, fish, cattle, can redeem. This week there is much talk of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His example of loving the firing words he so eloquently spoke, is remarkable indeed. His life was poetry in motion. He was careful with his words, and they freed the voiceless many who cling to them. When we craft sentences and tell stories we find a voice. When we throw a verse over a bough of British philosophy, or a poem by Pablo Neruda, highlights in hand, we are welcomed - into the grand- est of conversations. How lucky we are. The words that Sandberg says are fine, "finer than fire or mist, finer than water or moonlight," and strong, stronger than rock or steel, stronger than corn, fish, cattle, can redeem.

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"Pap-Pap! I'm home! Were you able to get it?"

"Yeah, I was, but it wasn't easy. I had to distract your mother while Grans grabbed it. Why did we have to steal your grades out of the library?"

"Oh, no reason. I just wanted to give the kids something to read."

"Yeah, and your grandfather used to steal his letters from Student Affairs at his college too. He didn't feel he had to give them to himself. You can't be having trouble with school, Pap." 

"Seven-point-three on a four-scale.*

"Let me tell you, with grade inflation, grades are sure a lot easier to come by..."

"Yeah, I know, and you actually had to work in school... yeah, right. Anyway, I flunked history."

"What you talkin' about?"

"You history..."

"Alex, I was a history teacher. Both of your grandpas were history teachers. Your mother is a lawyer. How could you flunk history?"

"Well, it just didn't understand it."

"What did you cover this quarter that was so hard?"

"Well, we started with the Civil War and ended with the Vietnam Era."

"Yeah, I couldn't understand how the country could elect a pro-wrangler president either."

"No, it wasn't that. I understood that it was quite easy to understand in light of the party realignment at the turn of the century. That's a perspective actually a few years overdue, as I understand it. It was that Civil Rights thing I couldn't understand.

"What didn't you understand?"

"I couldn't understand why the government was talking about rights and classes and colors and I just couldn't understand any of it. The past generation was talking about the whole color thing."

"The black..."

"Yeah, that. My teacher tried to tell us that black and white people sometimes didn't like each other just because of the color of their skin. And I just didn't understand. And it wasn't just me. None of us really understood."

"That's because kids today don't notice color."

"Every time I do something wrong you say it's 'their kids' today's stuff.' "

"No, it's a good thing this time. I can see how you wouldn't understand. This subject is too far for this generation."

"What do you mean?"

"I mean, what's the difference between Tiffany and D.J.?"

"Duh! Tiffany's left-handed. And D.J. is taller. I guess."

"Yeah."

"Well, a few years ago, Tiffany would have been called 'black,' and D.J., 'white.'"

"Why?"

"Just because that's what color people thought their skin looked."

"Come to think of it, Tiffany's skin is darker than D.J.'s. But no why?"

"Well, nothing really. But there was a time when people didn't understand that. They thought that there were different personalities and talents that went with different skin colors."

"What about if someone was tan?"

"You really don't understand. That only had a little bit to do with it. See, it wasn't just skin color. It was about anything that was different which made people feel threatened or uncomfortable. It went to different looks, culture and ways of talking, too."

"Oh, so if someone felt threatened?

"Well, it affected the way people related to one another. It affected what someone related from, some objects they related to you different. It affected who you were friends with, who got jobs at school, who got upper positions to do things to make themselves better."

"Why?"

"It looked complex at the time. But it was actually kind of simple. It's kind of like when you see a car in your rear view mirror and you slow down because you think it's a cop. But when the car passes you, you see that it's just a car with a luggage rack and you can see it clearly only as it passes you and you slowed down for nothing. It's the same in my car in my rear view mirror."

"I understand. But how did it get started?"

"Well, there really wasn't a start of these problems mostly just didn't understand. They weren't bad people, they just never took the time to think about getting a fair shot at things, and they just passed right by us. They became apparent that it wasn't as tough as it all came down to ignorance."

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"What happened to get us here then, Pap-Pap?"

"Well, about the turn of the century, people started to find out that the Ivory Coast was really a pretty good country for almost 300 years, and if you want to hear a black person's voice, and everyone in between, they didn't see the same thing. Just the same color. Thank God that my generation finally put an end to it once and for all."

"Hooray!"

"Well, about the turn of the century, we started doing stuff that was a little tough for the time. Different groups started to realize that there was no magic wand to wave, that this change was something that was only going to take place one person at a time."

"So how did you guys bridge that gap if it was so uncomfortable?"

"We did service projects together. We drank together. We went out on a little and did the stuff that was obvious. Some generation was going to have to do sooner or later."

"Wasn't that hard?"

"Yeah, it was hard. We were doing things no American generation had ever done before. And it seemed to make so little sense."

"How's that?"

"Well, it was really tough because we had to get back to the Ivory Coast. What we had to realize was that we were being colored in the way people were treated. We wanted to be colorblind, but we couldn't do it until we got rid of all the baggage to get our perceptions left out."

"We want it must have been hard."

"Yup. But it allowed us to leave a color-blind country for our kids."

"I guess I understand. But how did it get started?"

"Well, there really wasn't a start of everyone started in their own way. My college, Notre Dame, was the most integrated school I'd ever been to. It was an outgoing school in the land, and..."

"Many says that that meant..."

"Let me rephrase that. I meant that they had the lowest dropout around. They decided that having a class, if you were asked to bring students to go into this new world meant that they needed to be exposed to all different kinds of people. They took some bank away from building things and took a chance: they invested in their minority population."

"I don't understand why they needed to do that. Couldn't you just study your way out of this stuff?"

"I'm a dead smart English guy once said that I pay the schoolmaster, but 'is the schoolboys who educate my son, he's right. Notre Dame started to realize that they were pumping out knowledgeable kids, but that their knowledge was all book knowledge. Right after I graduated, the emphasis switched from just book smarts to book smarts and life smarts. I was still going to school there in the summer and it was a place you could be proud to be nourished with."

"Drums says that when you graduated you bought a motorcycle to compensate for insecurities stemming from your riding habit and that..."

"Remind me to thank her, but the point is that the school started cranking out more well-rounded kids."

"How did they get the different type of people there? Pap-Pap? That doesn't sound like a plan I'd like to go on if I didn't like the rest of the people."

"One stop was that Notre Dame started observing a holiday celebrating one of the old black leaders, even though some celebrated any other national holidays. They didn't have to, in fact it was hard for them to recognize Martin Luther King and not Christopher Columbus. They didn't have to, but they did. They chose to show some desire to get different types of people there. That was the beginning of a change in reputation that opened the floodgates for great faculty and students who used to think Notre Dame wasn't for them. That and the funding I talked about before started some thing special."

"King was the guy who started the whole Civil Rights movement, right?"

"Well, the stuff off this is pretty simple, he's famous because he said that everyone was equal and he wanted everyone to have equal rights, and he wanted us to do this accomplished peacefully. So what? I think the same thing."

"His message was one of standing up for what was right, and one of charisma."

"I wish he was still here today, Pap-Pap."

"Why? We've obviously graduates past the problems of his day and are living in the world he dreamed of."

"Well, the staff appear peace and love really appeal to me right now. My mother's home from work and I have an "F" on my report card."

"No, you didn't, I changed it to a "B" before you got home. It's not that easy to see. It's Doctor King's."

6:00 tonight in the Lafayette Ballroom. Not your usual forum. I put my word behind it, being positive, future looking, and interesting. Also free. all-you-can-eat-Marro's pizza and all-you-can-listen-to-Voices of Faith Choir. What, you have to do at 6:00 on a Thursday. I'd like to see you there. Be in Freetown, in addition to other fighting taking place in West Africa and after the date line of the article itself identified the Ivory Coast as the location, some correction and elaboration may be helpful. Abidjan is, indeed, the capital of the Ivory Coast, not Cote d'Ivoire, a former French colony, now a successor state of France's neo-colonial policies. It is, at any rate, a much safer location for the Associated Press to send its news dispatches from than is Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone, where a civil war is actually being fought. The current battles in Freetown, in addition to causing the deaths of hundreds, probably thousands, of Sierra Leoneans, and in leaving home- less upwards of 30,000 Freetown residents, have also led to the deaths of at least 2 western journalists. Hence, it is probably wise of the Associated Press to stay safely enconced in Abidjan, though this does lead to some confusion as to the location of the events being reported.

At any rate, it is encouraging to see some coverage of the conflict in Sierra Leone, now nearly four years old, which has recently reached levels of savagery that bring comparisons with the Rwandan genocide. At least one media watchdog organization has labeled the conflict in Sierra Leone one of the ten most underreported events of 1998. The best web site for news of Sierra Leone can be found at www.hbc.co.uk/hbjenglish/africa.
Students exhibit accomplished work at Student Film Festival

By JULIA GILLESPIE
Scene Copy Editor

"Daring, humorous and serious," said Ted Mandell, faculty coordinator of the Notre Dame Student Film Festival, when asked to describe the films in this year's festival.

"The shows tackle many different issues that range from the abuse of prescribed drugs, dying with dignity and to what it is like to be a student film maker," he added.

Mandell first organized the film festival in 1990 and since then it has grown in popularity, especially in the last four years. This year it shows Friday and Saturday nights, Jan. 22 and 23, at 7 and 9:45 p.m. Since all of last year's shows sold out an encore screening is also scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25. Tickets cost $3 and some of the shows are already sold out. The festival is expected to run for 98 minutes.

Mandell's classes Professional Video Production and Introduction to Film and Video Production wrote the scripts for these films and produced and edited them within about two months. Jill Goodwin also worked with students to produce the films through the classes Advanced Film Production and Immediate Film Production. Each film was produced by a team of two students from the department of Film, Television and Theatre. There are 16 films total.

Senior Tom Hartmann and Jim Blaum worked together to produce the film The Seeds. Blaum developed the idea for the film and they wrote the script together. They started shooting a month ago and spent a week of intense filming. "After that they devoted more time to sessions of editing," Blaum said.

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"It ends in a field with electrical wires crossed over it. You hear sounds of prison doors shutting down that represent how society is restricted by technology," he said.

Hartmann recalls highlights of their filming experience and notes that there are so many people to thank. "We did one shot from the NBC studio in Chicago and even used members of the Chicago Police Department to film our picture," he said. "For example, we used a police horse to pose as the fourth horse in the Apocalypse."

"I never put more work into anything than this short, nine minute piece of work," he added. "You need to involve so many people in order to bring each film to life. The festival is important because it enables student film makers the opportunity to get student feedback. These plays are meant to be seen by a big group of people."

Andy Rozkowski and Dan Chucta's film Incomplete Film

"We started out with a skeleton for our film and worked from there to create a film about the year 2000, where Jesus comes back and talks to a journalist to relay the message that the world is coming to an end." Blaum said.

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A clip from "Une Vraie Romance" by Christy Smith and Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillese poke fun at fantasies of "French-nicity."

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French theater production will please students of all languages

By KAT I MILLER
Scene Writer

A healthy man, plagued by a series of endless ailments, wants his daughter to marry a young doctor so he can be treated for life with no charge. The daughter, who realizes that the young doctor is a complete imbecile, has other plans for herself. The "invalid"'s wife pretends to love her husband but is actually waiting for him to die off so she can collect his small fortune. Sound interesting? This is the plot of the French play being performed this weekend, La Malade imaginaire.

La Malade imaginaire is performed by ROFR 490, French Theatre Production. This course was created eight years ago by Professor Paul McDowell and has become extremely popular with French students and non-French students alike.

"There has never been a shortage of students who come from other backgrounds," said McDowell. "This year, for example, we have an architecture student and several students who are not French majors. I consider it a well-rounded cast."

The cast is made up of 11 students who meet three hours each week of the fall semester. At the start of the spring semester, the group begins nightly rehearsals.

"It's an odd way to put on a play, three hours a week for four months in the fall, then eight intensive rehearsals in the dead of winter and then you're performing a masterpiece of French theatre for 100 spectators crammed into the Lab Theatre. But it works," said McDowell. "And we've got seven years of repeated sellouts and remarkable memories to prove it."

This annual production is unique, obviously because of its language, but also because of the actors themselves.

While a proficiency in French is essential, the theatrical experience is not.

"I did it mostly for the professor, seeing as how my only previous acting experience was as the fairy Mustardseed in Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream," said Jim Arkedis, who has a leading role in the production.

"I've only had one theatre major in eight years. I am consistently overwhelmed by the remarkable level of acting that these students deliver. It's certainly not thanks to my directing!" said McDowell.

The play, though done in French, is open to all involved. Arkedis heard about the class as a freshman but did not participate until this year.

"Two years later, I find myself trying to memorize two page passages in a foreign language, when I wouldn't even want to do it in English!" said Arkedis. "Excluding my year abroad, it's been the most unique learning experience I've had yet."

"The play seemed to get richer as we [the cast] became closer to our characters," said Cook. "Inspiring students who are learning French is great too."

The small cast provides students with a chance to work together on a breadth of self-sufficient project. Each year's ticket sales fund the next year's production. This play also combines language and theatre in a unique and exciting way.

"I think there is a deep and fundamental connection made between a profound love of French and the chemistry of text and cast," said McDowell. "It's gotten to the point that people expect a French play in the second week of the spring term. I like that."

La Malade imaginaire will be the last production until 2002 because McDowell will be spending the next two years directing the University of Notre Dame study abroad program in Angers, France.

"Professor McDowell is an incredible director. He was so patient and encouraging to all of us throughout the many problems, memory slips and the time it took us to understand it," said Cook.

The play runs Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Washington Hall Lab Theatre. Tickets are available at the Language Resource Center in 201 O'Shaughnessy for $3.

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NFL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Billick becomes new Ravens coach

Associated Press

TOWSON, Md. - When Dave Loggins leaves a football game, his eyes will be on the scoreboard.

When Baltimore Ravens head coach Brian Billick leaves a game, his eyes will be on his players.

The Ravens lost to the Philadelphia Eagles 24-17 on Sunday, and Billick said afterward that he was looking for any way to improve his team.

"I was very disappointed. I think every man in the locker room was," Billick said. "I think we'll really take a look at our game plan and see what we can do to get better."

Billick, who has been the Ravens coach since 1996, said he was proud of his team's effort in the season-ending loss.

"They fought hard," he said. "They gave it everything they had."
Williams advances in Australian Open third round

Associated Press

MELBOURNE

Two days after declaring it was not her fate to fall in the first round of the Australian Open, and devising a way out of a third-set predicament, Venus Williams decided all is right again in her world.

Williams' confidence always borders on cockiness, a trait that doesn't quite endear her to fellow players. But when she's on, she's got the game to back it up.

And Williams was, indeed, on Wednesday night. Performing, not just playing. Glowing under the lights in her banana-yellow halter top and crayon-colored beaded, reaching out with those long, rubbery arms and cracking winners from every conceivable position. Drumsing baseline shots and fairly pissing the net on overhead smashes. Rippling serves at up to 117 mph, a tournament high for women.

The 50th-seeded Williams spotted Sweden's Anna Lidhammar the first two games, then reeled off the next 11 on route to a 6-2, 6-1 romp and a berth in the third round.

"I guess I displayed the more modern Venus," Williams said.

"The first round was the Venus from the '80s that disappeared a long time ago, because I really quit playing those type of matches, unless I was playing someone like the No. 1 player. I really don't want to go through that anymore."

"I was very happy tonight because I was able to have more control of my game. Everything that I had been practicing was really coming together."

Asked what she did to turn herself around after the close call in the first round against Croatia's Silvija Talaja, who finally yielded at 9-7 in the third set, Williams said she looked to her younger sister Serena for inspiration.

"I watched Serena's example, how to put an opponent away, and wondered why I wasn't doing those things," Williams said. "She played a girl who was really hitting the ball well. She hit it flat and deep, and Serena took care of it. She said, 'Venus, what's the problem?' I'm supposed to set a better example for her."

If the "modern Venus" sticks around and doesn't revert to the '80s version, she could be on her way to a quarterfinal duel against top seed Lindsay Davenport, who has won six of their seven matches.

"In the past I have had some trauma against her," Williams said. "Every time she played me, she has definitely had to play her best. No matter who I'm playing, they know they're going to have to play their best to beat me. Whether I'm playing good, whether I'm playing bad, and she has done that and gone ahead and defeated me."

"In the future, the very near future, I want to change that. She has made it known that she wants to be a competitor, a grand slam winner, a No. 1. I have made it known that I can be No. 6, so I have to do better."

The U.S. Open men's finalists, Australians Patrick Rafter and Mark Philippoussis, moved within a victory apiece of a fourth-round confrontation.

Rafter had little trouble dispatching compatriot Mark Woodforde 6-2, 6-4, 6-4. Philippoussis, though, had all he could handle against Michael Chang before eking out a 7-6 (11), 2-6, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5 victory.

Philippoussis survived not only on the strength of his serve — he had 24 aces and only two double faults to Chang's 13 and 5 — but in the way he went for winners more often from the baseline and the net. That showed up in the statistics, with Philippoussis accounting for 95 winners to Chang's 43, and a correspondingly higher number of unforced errors, 78-31.

Philippoussis, essentially, was willing to take more chances and in the end that paid off.

"It was hard sometimes to be aggressive on his serves because he would get the first serve in right away, and I started playing defensive," Chang said.

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IOC investigates ‘98 bid from Nagano

Associated Press

NAGANO

Some IOC officials inspecting Nagano as a site for the 1998 Winter Games were entertained by geisha paid by the city’s bid committee’s expense records, had the governor pour drinks,”Sumikazu Yamaguchi, a senior member of the bidding committee, told The Associated Press on Wednesday. “All they did was pour drinks and perform Japanese dance.” He said they were not prostitutes, although some geisha are.

Most International Olympic Committee officials did not get entertained Japanese-style by geisha during Nagano’s 1989-1991 bid because they preferred to stay at Western-style hotels, Yamaguchi said. IOC officials being offered prostitutes are among the accusations to have surfaced in the bribery investigation at Salt Lake City.

The IOC has said it is preparing to expand that investigation to other host cities, heightening scrutiny of Nagano’s bid.

Last week, Yamaguchi acknowledged that the bidding committee’s expense records, which have been missing for years, had been intentionally destroyed in 1992.

Nagano Mayor Tatsuku Tsukada, one of the top officials of the bidding committee, said Wednesday the destruction of the books reflected the “Japanese way of doing things.” Tsukada said he left the decision of how to dispose of the expense books to other officials.

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Athletes seek duplicate medals

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The White House will try to have duplicate medals awarded to Olympic athletes known to have lost to competitors using illegal drugs, the federal drug czar said Wednesday.

Barry McCaffrey, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, plans to pursue the matter at next month’s world doping summit despite the IOC’s recent rejection of at least two similar pleas.

“Our voice should be listened to,” he said, noting two-thirds of the International Olympic Committee’s revenue comes from U.S. television networks and corporate sponsors.

Last month, the IOC turned down requests from the U.S. Olympic Committee and the British Olympic Association for duplicate medals for swimmers beaten by East Germans in the 1976 and 1980 Games.

Recent testimony in Germany has shown that the winning East German athletes were helped by banned steroids administered as part of a secret government program.

The IOC said it was impossible to rewrite the record books, despite court evidence.

“We need to look at the notion of supplemental medals when it can be proved in the courts where medals were lost to chemically engineered competitors,” McCaffrey said.

McCaffrey said he had asked USOC president Bill Boyll at a White House meeting Wednesday to add 1972 Olympic marathon champion Frank Shorter to his delegation to the summit in Lausanne, Switzerland, Feb. 2-4.

Shorter is considering pursuing a second gold medal from the 1976 Olympic marathon, where he finished second to East Germany’s Waldemar Cierpinski.

He says evidence from files of the Stasi, the East German secret police, show that Cierpinski also was involved in the dop­ ing program, and that informa­ tion will eventually wind up in court.

“This is a related issue to what is really most important, and that is trying to help the IOC know what is really going on,” Shorter said by phone from his Colorado home.

He said his interest in drug issues has been heightened in recent years by the success of his 19-year-old son in distance running at the University of Colorado.

“I want to do everything I can so he feels it’s not nec­ essary to resort to illegal drugs to compete and win at a high level,” Shorter said.

Last November, McCaffrey’s office announced an unprece­ dented $1 million federal pledge toward research for drug testing in sports. He said Wednesday that was a “down payment” on future govern­ ment action but denied federal funding would be linked to the medals request.

“We are pursuing arguments on an emerging, universal opinion that we have to pro­ tect the beliefs of 12-year-olds that they don’t have to use drugs and there will be a level playing field if you chose to compete,” he said.

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Monday, 11:30 pm until Tuesday, 10:00 pm, St. Paul’s Chapel, Fisher Hall
Friday, 12 noon until 4:45 pm, Lady Chapel, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

**Freshman Retreat #21 (February 12-13)**
Sign-Up
103 Hesburgh Library, 112 Badin Hall or see your Rector

**A Celebration in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Nom of Greatness: Daring to Seek the Truth**
Thursday, January 21, 6:00 pm, LaFortune Ballroom: Dialogue with underrepresented students on their ND experience

**Freshman Retreat #20**
Friday, Saturday, January 22-23, St. Joe Hall

**Learning to Talk About Race Retreat**
Friday, Saturday, January 22-23, Lindenwood

**NDE Retreat #54**
Friday, Sunday, January 22-24, Fatima

**Closing Mass for Pop Farley Week**
Sunday, January 24, 4:00 p.m., Farley Hall Music by the ND Handbell Choir

**NDE #55 (February 26-28)**
Sign-up
Monday, Friday, January 25-29, 103 Hesburgh Library

**Lector Auditions for the JPW Mass**
Monday, January 25-26, 4:00 pm, Basilica of the Sacred Heart. You need only show up one of the evenings to audition.
Tuesday, January 26, 7:00-8:30 pm, Badin Hall Chapel

**Campus Bible Study**
Tuesday, January 26, 7:00-8:30 pm, Badin Hall Chapel

**Emmanus Kick-Off**
Wednesday, January 27, 6:30-7:30 pm, LaFortune Ballroom

**Africentric Spirituality: Sankofa Scholars Awards Assembly**
Thursday, January 28, 5:30 pm

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**Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**Weekend Presiders**
*at Sacred Heart Basilica*

- **Saturday, January 23 Mass**
  - 5:00 p.m.: Rev. Paul V. Kollman, C.S.C.
- **Sunday, January 24 Mass**
  - 10:00 a.m.: Rev. Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.
  - 11:45 a.m.: Rev. Patrick M. Neary, C.S.C.

**Scripture Readings for this Coming Sunday**
1st Reading  Isaiah 8: 23-9: 3
2nd Reading  1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17
Gospel  Matthew 4: 12-23

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**THE GRAY DAY SOUTH BEND BLUES**
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

It's not a simple matter to overcome the forces of nature, particularly when they come in the form of a successive string of cold gray days. It doesn't help that we're just back from a long break where we re-learned how to sleep in and how to go out. But, nonetheless, we're back at it, back in the Bend and back to the books. So what now? How do we bring color and life to these days that might otherwise be lost in an endless morass of dreariness? How do we prevent the weather from becoming the determinative factor in our lives?

I can't say that I know any better than you, but that doesn't mean that I'm not going to attempt an answer. I think that we can all agree that the most important thing about life is relationships, relationships with our families, our friends, and most importantly with our God. The best of them can overcome the dreariest weather, and the worst of them can dampen even the sunniest day. It occurs to me that, in many ways, we come to know ourselves as a good deal better when we interact with others in our world, and we come to know God and the stirrings of the Spirit in our lives when we take the time to attempt to articulate how we've experienced God in the circumstances of our lives. But oddly enough, as true as that may be, we don't often take that time. How often do we stop to consider how God has been present to us in our day? And how might we better be about the business of that reflection?

Many students within the Notre Dame community have expressed the need for a place where young women and men can come together to share their journey of faith, to gather socially, and to reflect on the things that matter in their lives. The Office of Campus Ministry has a program called "Emmaus" that attempts to facilitate just such gatherings. Emmaus is a program which intends to bring together students who want to enter into dialogue with others about faith and relationships, about God and about life. Like the travelers on the road to Emmaus who recognized Jesus in the stranger, we want the same for you. We want all who would join us to know the same joy and hope that those original travelers experienced in meeting Jesus along the road.

Our having been at Notre Dame, regardless of the weather, won't mean much if we don't walk away from this place at the end of our tenure here with some significant relationships. And we believe that none of those relationships will amount to much on the long term if they are not rooted in the one and essential relationship with Jesus Christ. It is that which we should be about in these days. The danger, especially among the upper class students, is that we assume that we've met everyone we're going to meet here; that somehow, all the friendships that will mean anything to us on the long term have already been formed. We need only ask someone who has spent a semester overseas to know that an experience like that can seriously shake up your friendships. And still further, there are countless Notre Dame graduates who met their spouses in their last semester here. But it means taking some chances, and it means making friendship a priority among those many things that compete for your time.

Emmaus isn't the only way to get at this important task, but it is one of the ways. We would welcome any and all who are interested in gathering with others to share faith and Scripture to join Emmaus. There is an ongoing enrollment through the Badin Office of Campus Ministry, but the sooner you sign up, the sooner you'll be placed with five to seven others in a group. You also have the option of signing up as a group if you wish to deepen your relationships with already existing groups of friends, such as those with whom you spent time overseas, or those with whom you live in your section, etc.

This is no small matter. Our very happiness in life is wrapped up in our efforts to deepen in faith and in relationships. I know what you're thinking... "Hey, that's something I could get into... but I'm too busy just now." The next logical question is to ask yourself: "When won't you be busy?" It would be a great shame if throughout our lives we were just too busy to be about that which could have made us most happy. Know that Campus Ministry wants to help in any way it can to get at the most important questions of life. Please contact our offices to find out more about all that we do. And if you're interested in joining an Emmaus group, there will be an Emmaus Community Night, on Wednesday, January 27, 1999, in the LaFortune Ballroom. It will be an evening gathering for all who have been or wish to be a part of Emmaus.

And cheer up. The sun'll come out tomorrow... or, maybe next week... well, by April anyway!
Trade rumors fly as lockout officially ends

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The NBA lockout was officially settled this afternoon, and teams were told they can begin signing players, making trades and opening training camps at 2 p.m. EST Thursday.

"We have an agreement, and we expect to have the deal signed tonight," league spokesman Chris Brienza said.

Three top stars -- Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley and Larry Bird -- were among those talking to their players, something that was forbidden since commissioner David Stern and union director Billy Hunter agreed two weeks ago on the terms of a new collective bargaining agreement.

Opening night is less than 2 1/2 weeks away, and the NBA is expected to release a new schedule by the end of the week.

"It's just a relief to know it's behind us," new Chicago Bulls coach Tim Floyd said. "There have been a chance to sit down and visit with players, talk to players, which is what this is all about." Earlier today, Day 204 of the longest and costliest work stoppage in league history, the laborious task of reducing the settlement into written form hit a few last-minute snags after lawyers for the owners and players spent the whole night meeting.

In the meantime, the rumors kept coming and the plot kept twisting as teams maneuvered to get ready for the scheduled Feb. 5 start of the season.

"It'll get done. It already gets done," said David Falk said, "This just gives us more time to talk to people and refine our numbers."

The main sticking point between the sides had been whether the new middle-class exemption can be used for a three-year contract (the league's contention) or a six-year contract (the union's contention).

The union won that argument, but a final spig erupted over the league's insistence on having discipline authority over agents involved in salary cap circumvention. Another snag concerned whether bonus money would be counted in trade calculations. It was not immediately known how those issues were resolved.

Rod Strickland, meanwhile, was niffed at the offer the Washington Wizards made. The Washington Post said the Wizards offered $30 million for three years, with two additional years non-guaranteed, which was given Strickland a deadline of midnight tonight.

"I don't think he'll be back," Falk told The Associated Press today. "We're trying to get him to New York. He loves it that they have (LaTrell) Sprewell, Allan Houston and Larry Johnson there, and he thinks they can win a championship. I'd like to get him there so Patrick (Ewing) can win a championship."

Falk was exploring other options for Strickland, including several sign-and-trade deals that would send last season's NBA assist leader to another team. He said four or five teams were making bids, but refused to name anyone other than the Knicks.

Dennis Rodman added a strange subplot to Tuesday's events as his agent, Dwight Manley, announced that Rodman was retiring. Hours later, the league's leading rebounder for the past seven seasons said he was more in a state of "limbo" than retiree.

And Antonio McDyess put off until Wednesday a decision on where he'll play -- Denver or Phoenix -- but several signs seemed to be pointing to the Nuggets.

"It defies logic, in my opinion," Suns owner Jerry Colangelo said of the deliberations concerning McDyess. "We think this is a great spot for him. He seemed very happy here. We love him as a young guy and a future star in this league. But a lot of things have happened this offseason."

The Tom Gugliotta rumors were strong, too, with the Nuggets, Suns and Lakers all interested. A source close to the Lakers said the team was offering Elden Campbell, Eddie Jones and rookie Sam Sanders to the Timberwolves in a sign-and-trade deal for Gugliotta.

The Nuggets were wondering whether they would be spurned by Gugliotta in the event that McDyess stays in Phoenix. If so, they were expected to look to sign free-agent center Vlade Divac.

But no event symbolized Tuesday's craziness like the "retirement" of Rodman.

"I'm not going to play this year," Rodman told Fox Sports News. "I am in limbo, but I'm not going to say I'm retiring."

That's not how his former coach heard it. In a strange twist earlier in the day, Chuck Daly of the Orlando Magic said he heard Rodman was traded to the New York Knicks for Buck Williams -- a rumor that was quickly shot down.

Also Tuesday, it was learned that John Starks and Chris Mills are the players who will be traded from the Knicks to the Golden State Warriors for LaTrell Sprewell. Word of the Sprewell trade got out Monday night, just a few hours after another major trade was revealed -- Scottie Pippen from the Chicago Bulls to the Houston Rockets.

The Bulls also have sign-and-trade deals worked out for Luc Longley and Steve Kerr.

JAZZ DANCE -- Come to the Rolls Sports Recreation Center Activity Room 2 to get more information. Classes will meet Saturdays at 12:30-2 p.m. and Tuesdays from 7:45-9 p.m. Cost is $35. For additional information, please contact RecSports at 1-6100.

SWING DANCE -- All levels are welcome for this semester-long course that meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. in RSRC Activity Room 2. To find out more, please attend the information meeting being held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the RSRC. Cost for the class is $20 and space is limited to the first 25 females and 25 males that register. If you have any questions, please contact RecSports at 1-6100.

BEGINNER BALLET -- No experience necessary for this introductory ballet. Class meets Monday 1-2:30 p.m. and Thursday 6:30-7:45 p.m. in RSRC Activity Room 2. Cost for the class is $35.

ADVANCED BALLET -- This semester-long course meets on Sundays 2:30-4 p.m. and Thursday 7:45-9 p.m. Cost for the class is $35. Pointe will be offered on Sundays 4-4:45 p.m. Cost for Pointe is only $5.

SHORIN-RYU KARATE -- Students are instructed according to traditional Okinawan techniques. This semester-long course meets in Racke 219 on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-7:30 p.m. starting on Jan. 25. There will be a demonstration on Tuesday, Jan. 26 in the Pool Area. Cost is $40 for the semester. You must register at RecSports. For more information, please contact RecSports at 1-6100.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLINICS -- Put all this snow to good use! Pick one or more of the following clinics to attend: Jan. 23 at 4 p.m., Feb. 6 at 10 a.m., or Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. Come spend a Saturday on the snow covered Notre Dame Golf Course! Please register in advance at RecSports. Cost is only $5.

SCUBA -- This certification class begins Sunday, Jan. 24 and continues for seven Sundays from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Classes include classroom and pool sessions.

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Walker takes helm at NWestern

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EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Northwestern head coach Randy Walker called himself the luckiest guy in the world. Again.

The coach at Miami of Ohio the past nine seasons was introduced as the Wildcats' new coach Wednesday afternoon. He replaces Gary Barnett, who was hired as Colorado's coach earlier in the day.

"I just keep having good things happen to me," he said.

"You're looking at an old farm boy from Troy, Ohio, who didn't have a whole lot of resources going for him when he came out of high school. I thank God every night I'm alive that football is a game I could play. It gave me a chance to do the things I want to do in life," he added. "... and that's coach football.

Barnett's departure and Walker's hiring puts an end to a tumultuous few weeks for the Wildcats. Barnett, who returned the Wildcats to glory in 1995 and 1996 with a trip to the Rose Bowl and consecutive Big Ten championships, has flirted with winning since almost the day he arrived in Evanston in late 1991.

He has been a candidate for jobs at UCLA and Notre Dame, and linked to picks at jobs in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas.

"We were all sad coach Barnett left," senior guard Ricardo Primus said. "But this is the first time you don't have to worry about losing him.

"It's a good opportunity. The coaching staff is going to get us back on track."

Northwestern's only loss in the regular season during its 1995 Rose Bowl year, a 30-28 victory over Washington State, was to Miami on Dec. 1, 1989, he said.

"We wanted someone with Division I experience who had demonstrated a record of winning," athletic director Rick Taylor said. "We got the person we were after.

Walker is the latest in a long line of coaches to come out of Miami. Sid Gillman, Woody Hayes, Bo Schottenheimer and Bill Mallory all coached there, as did former Northwestern coach Aras Parseghian.

"Randy is for real, and we've seen him do that to people who have asked about him," said Joel Mutari, Miami's athletic director. "Northwestern is very fortunate to get a person of his character and work ethic and passion for kids. Not to mention his ability to win games."

Walker isn't walking into an easy job. After years of perennial mediocrity in the Big Ten basement — just two teams won four games after 1991 — Barnett had the Wildcats in the Rose Bowl after his fourth season.

But Northwestern's has faltered the past two seasons. The Wildcats went 5-7 in 1997 and 3-8 last season. The school was rocked by a sports betting scandal that saw four former football players arrested: 3 for allegedly lying about their gambling activities.

"I, for one, don't tend to dwell on the past," Walker said.

"Let's talk about going forward, where are we going tomorrow. Let's worry about getting one day better as a football team. That's kind of how I start.

Walker has only two weeks before national signing day for recruits. Aside from putting together a new staff and getting familiar with his new players, he has to find a way to keep recruits who might have been scared off by Barnett's impending departure.

"I'll get my feet on the ground and hit it running," said Walker, who met with his new players for the first time after the news conference. "Trust me, once I hit it running, I'm going to go real fast.

Walker played at Miami and was the team's MVP in 1975. Drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals, he chose to stay at Miami as a graduate assistant under coach Dick Crum. He accepted an assistant's job at North Carolina and spent 10 years there as an assistant. He then spent two years at Northwestern, where he coached the first back-to-back 1,000-yard rushers in school history — Byron Sanders and Bob Christian.

When he was named coach at Miami in 1989, he inherited a program that had won two games the previous two seasons and went 5-5-1 in 1990. He had a winning record after the 1991 season, and then left Miami to take the job at Northwestern in 1993.

"I want to coach at the highest level and I want to coach in a championship," he said. "I believe Northwestern is that kind of program.

In his 19 years at Miami, the Panthers won 66 games in 13 seasons, including a trip to the 1998 Rose Bowl.

Northwestern's past two seasons have featured the school's last two losing records — 3-8-1 in 1995 and 6-6 in 1996. The school is 20-50-0 in the past nine seasons, including a trip to the 1993 Rose Bowl.

Walker is 19 years old.

"It will be a challenge," said Walker of the team's transition to Big Ten play. "But this is the first time we've come to a level where we have to make those decisions."

Pederson said, "We have been informed by the appropriate investigatory authorities that they have no plans to take any action against anyone else in this matter.

Because of the disciplinary action, Pitt had nine players in uniform Tuesday, and only seven played.

Point guard Kelli Taylor has missed the last six games for what Willard termed "personal reasons" and reportedly is undergoing alcohol rehabilitation.

Willard's five-year tenure has been marked by a succession of under-performing teams, player defections and the latest, his firing that is the second worst by a Pitt coach this century.

After a 16-5 season the first time that Willard's players have missed a season-long suspension that tarnish the university's image.

"It's very sad," said Willard, who did not hold practice Wednesday. "I never thought that could happen with this young man (Primus) who had said that it was a sad day for him. It's an embarrassment to our program and, really, to our kids."

Pederson did not return phone calls Wednesday, but it is believed he will undertake a thorough review of Willard's job performance from 1994 on.

The Panthers have had only one winning season — 18-15 in 1996-97 — and have never reached the NCAA tournament since Willard's hiring in 1994. His departure leaves a vacuum of experience, as five NCAA appearances in eight years.
Irish, Ust place first in Big East preseason poll

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish have been selected as the preseason favorite to capture the 1999 BIG EAST Baseball Championship by the league head coaches, it was announced today.

ND junior shortstop Brant Ust was picked as the Preseason Player of the Year, while St. John’s righty Kevin McGerry was selected as the Preseason Pitcher of the Year. Coaches were not permitted to vote for their own teams or players.

Notre Dame returns 16 lettermen from a team that finished 41-17 a year ago, second in the BIG EAST with a .530 conference mark. The Fighting Irish are led by Ust, who was the 1998 BIG EAST Player of the Year. He topped the BIG EAST in hitting (.493) and on-base percentage (.530) in league action. He led ND with a .373 average and 18 home runs overall.

St. John’s received three first-place votes and was picked second. The Red Storm are led by the pitching tandem of McGerry and Patrick Collins. McGerry was chosen as the Preseason Pitcher of the Year after a 6-2 record and 2.06 earned run average last season. He was second on the team to Collins (79 K's) in strikeouts with 62 and was named a 1998 Baseball America Freshman All-American.

Rutgers, the 1998 BIG EAST Tournament Champion, received the other two first-place votes and was picked third. The Scarlet Knights are coming off their first conference title and will look to two-time All-BIG EAST First Team pick Pete Zoccolillo. The senior will be moving to the outfield this season after earning conference honors at first base the past two years.

West Virginia and Seton Hall were picked fourth and fifth, respectively. The Mountaineers, 37-17-1 in 1998, are led by preseason All-BIG EAST outfielder Lance Williams. The Pirates will be led by sophomore righty B.J. Bentik, also a choice on the preseason squad. SHU has made a league-best 12 appearances in the BIG EAST Championship.

Connecticut, Providence and Villanova followed at sixth, seventh and eighth. The Huskies, looking to make their first BIG EAST Championship appearance since 1994.

Senior third baseman Geogo Ciminelli leads the Friars after finishing second in the BIG EAST with .82 hits a year ago. Preseason All-BIG EAST choice Matt Longo heads the Villanova squad. The sophomore second baseman hit .353 in 1998 and was second on the team with 12 homers and 47 RBI.

Pittsburgh, Boston College and Georgetown round out the preseason selections. Second-year Panther head coach Joe Jordan will look to infielders Lou Melucci and Joe Lydic to help improve their conference finish. Boston College will welcome a new head coach for the first time in 10 years as Peter Hughes takes the helm. The Hoyas are led by Preseason All-BIG EAST outfielder Sean Mignogna.

The Preseason All-BIG EAST team was also selected with 14 players earning recognition. The top six teams in the BIG EAST will advance to the 1999 BIG EAST Championship, being held at Waterfront Park in Trenton, N.J. for the first time ever on May 19-22. The tournament champion receives the league’s automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.
Saint Mary's swimmer Michelle Samreta has managed to shatter school records in the breaststroke through hard work and determination.

By KATIE FURMAN  Sports Writer

Michelle Samreta knows as she cheers on the edge of the swimming pool, exactly flashing lap counts for her fellow swimmers.

Her dedication is intense. She swims six times a week — and often twice per day — aiming to break her own records. The NCAA rewarded her loyalty to the lanes by awarding her the No. 16 ranking in Division III for the 100-meter breaststroke.

Away from the pool, Samreta morphs into the MIAA Saint Mary's representative, the junior class treasurer and an education major.

And all the while, she's getting ready for her next race. Samreta is in her third year of racing in the 100-meter, 200-meter and relay breaststroke, and she is in her second year of being a team captain.

"Swimming has been such an important part of my life because it has affected me in so many ways," Samreta said. "It has helped me balance my time at Saint Mary's, as well as keep me involved in campus activities and introduce me to a great group of friends." Her teammates likewise see Samreta as an excellent captain, as well as a friend.

She welcomes everyone to the team and is always on the side cheering. She always tells us we did a good job and always pumps the team up and gets everyone ready to swim," said freshman Caitheen Fitzpatrick.

Said freshman Alicia Lesniewicz, "She has contributed greatly as a captain because she is always endur-

ant and always encourages us at practice and meets."

Samreta's tremendous encouragement and dedication has helped her break numerous school records.

Her 200-breaststroke time of 1:11.36, and in the 200 breaststroke, 2:36.42.

"She is training much harder this year than ever before, and her level of enthusiasm has reached a new high," said head coach Jim Cook.

But according to Samreta, the improvement in her skill has resulted from a heightened mental attitude.

"My mentality of the sport has improved for the most," said Samreta. "It is great because it has permeated other facets of my life. Ever since I've been here, it's helped me improve the way I was in everything."

"I have learned a lot about myself and how I want to approach things, and how I can extend my abilities to make my surroundings aware, how and enjoyable as you can make them," she said.

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Notre Dame freshman center Brett Henning has been named the Central Collegiate Hockey Association rookie of the week after playing a key role in the Irish weekend sweep of Alaska Fairbanks (6-2, 6-1). In the first game versus UAF on Jan. 15, Henning moved up from the third to the first line as a replacement for junior Hockey Captain Ben Simons, who was serving a delayed one-game CCHA suspension.

Henning led the charge and registered best assist on sophomore left wing Dan Carlson's second-period goal that held up as the game-winner. He later scored his first power-play goal of the season and third overall in the third period, giving the Irish a 6-1 lead.

"She's a great player and a leader too," said coach Cook. "She has a winning attitude and puts everything she has into every race she swims," said senior Kelly Forrest.

"This shows in the amount of races she has won and her drive as a teammate too." Overall, Samreta leads by encouragement and by example, pushing herself in her own swimming.

"During practice she's the hardest worker, and when you need her she's the first to "let's do it," said sophomore Olivia Smith.

"Staying strong and patient is the greatest thing this girl can do. I have seen such progress in her self-confidence," said Cook.

"She's a wonderful student-athlete and represents the epitome of Notre Dame Student Athlete. She is well rounded and does a great job with time management," said Cook.

"She's a wonderful example of a Saint Mary's athlete."
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and the Belles began to look
fatigued. They played hard
until the end, but Adrian pulled
it out 86-76.
Freshman center Kelly Jones
and sophomore guard Julie
Norman led the scoring for
Saint Mary's with 18 and 12
points, respectively.
"We shot our best game of
the season," said Nikes.
"Unfortunately, we made men-
tal mistakes. Its not physical
anymore, we just need to get
over those mistakes."
Saint Mary's plays at Hope
College on Saturday and looks
to start fresh with the home
game tonight against Olivet.

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who finished without a point
in the final 20 minutes and did
not reach her average of 13.3
points per game.
Riley ended the first half
with a game-leading tally of
14 points, and was followed
by a strong performance from
forward Kelley Siemon, who
broke her average of a little
over five points a game with
eight in the half.
The second stanza was more
of the same, as the Irish
turned a 23-point lead into a
33-point impossibility for
Seton Hall. Unable to score in
the half's first six minutes,
Notre Dame had a 67-27 lead
before Rouse scored a layup to
add two points.
The second-half drive came
with help from the Irish back­
court, as Sheila McMillen and
Sherisha Hills nailed several
three-pointers to further mix
up the attack. McMillen fin-
ished the game with 13 points,
while Hills' 16 points tied both
her personal high and Riley's
game high.
Shooting just 27 percent
from the field, Seton Hall was
unable to have any player
break into double digits in
scoring.
Erika Ashmon and Moreno
were the leaders for the
Pirates with just nine points
apiece.
Hit with 22 turnovers, they
allowed Notre Dame 31 points
on the takeaways.
Senior Danielle Green keyed
that statistic with her quick­
ness on loose-ball pickups,
which constantly converted
play to the Irish half of the
court. Green also finished in
double digits for the Irish,
scoring 15 points.
The win gives Notre Dame a
14-2 record on the season, the
best ever start for an Irish
team. Undefeated in their last
five, which have also been
conference games, the Irish
maintain their No. 3 spot in
the conference and a No. 9
ranking overall.

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Irish rout Pirates for best start in team history

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