Use of fertility enhancers raises moral questions

By SARA H. HILTZ

American News Editor

In the past two years, headline stories involving ultrasound imagery havemiechelaed the McGillougib and Chukwu infants. While the parents of these babies declare that they have been lied to, doctors are questioning the ethics of multiple births.

"This is not a victory," said Dr. Benjamin Young, American Society for Reproductive Medicine. "A lot of these kids survive, but unfortunately, they survive with major handicaps."

Dr. I. Richard Reineke, an infertility specialist in South Bend, said that people in Michiana acknowledge unethical embryo-raising issues.

"Any life is a miracle, but how it gets there might be perceived as a mistake," Reineke said.

Reineke was displeased over how the media’s exploitation of the ultrasound pictures of the infants’ births. He saw it as a misrepresentation of what is actually an unsuccessful medical procedure.

"News wants happy stories -- the attitude of news reporters is predictable. It’s like they’re looking at puppies," he said, pointing out that the divorce rate for parents of multiple births children is higher than 90 percent.

In the aftermath of the now-famous ultrasound, many have attacked the fertility industry for irresponsibly endangering the lives of mothers and babies. But according to Reineke, it is often the impulsive couples who are to blame. While Reineke can out speculate on exactly why Nkem Chukwu had so many babies, he explains that she was not under the direct supervision of a physician.

"Nobody was taking care of her. She was self-medication," he said. "These drugs are very expensive. To cut costs, people buy them over the Internet or buy them abroad and treat themselves.

"With good management of hyperstimulation, it is very difficult to get more than twins or triplets," Reineke said.

"Fertility drugs such as Clomid are administered, a vaginal ultrasound is performed to count the number of mature egg follicles. If the count finds three to five follicles of mature size, the patient is injected with human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG) and semen, it is natural or artificial, is attempted. If too many eggs are found or they are too small, the patient must wait and try again after another menstrual cycle.

"Often women arise when couples ignore doctor’s advice, when the doctor incorrectly counts the follicles, or when couples do not seek medical attention and regulate their own drug intake."

The choice to go ahead with conception is often based on finances. Each treatment cycle costs thousands of dollars, making it undesirable to cancel and wait for a more profitable time.

"People are making choices not based on quality medical care," he added.

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Decisions in London

Courtship fills long Big Ten-ND history

By BILL HART

Senior Sport Editor

The nickname "history repeats itself" applies often enough to collegiate sports, and the issue of Notre Dame examining membership in the Big Ten conference confirms that usefulness.

Now is the first time that both college and conference have met to consider a future together. In fact, Notre Dame and the Big Ten have conferred several times in the past to discuss the issue. The long history of courtship between the two Midwestern powers is one worth examining in light of the approaching deadline for decision-making on Notre Dame’s part.

The Big Ten conference

By TIM LOGAN

American News Editor

Four years of protests, rallies, resolutions and debate will come to a climax next weekend when the Notre Dame Board of Trustees meets in London to consider the addition of sexual orientation to the University’s non-discrimination clause.

The decision on this matter was sent to the Trustees after the Academic Council voted in November to recommend the change. After taking that body’s recommendation under advisement, University president Father Edward Malloy chose to present the matter to the Trustees for a final decision.

In recent months, the Academic Council, the Faculty Senate and the Student Senate have all voted in favor of the clause change, which is also supported by a number of campus groups. These organizations have called on administrators to back up the sentiments of non-discrimination professed in the existing Spirit of Inclusion clause with a legally binding action that would protect homosexuals from discrimination in admissions and hiring.

Opposition to the change has largely focused on two issues, one legal and one theological. There is concern that frivolous lawsuits and invasive civil court decisions could erode Notre Dame’s ability to act independently. Another potential difficulty lies in the Church’s distinction between homosexual orientation and homosexual acts.

When the Trustees meet next weekend, they will have to weigh these concerns with the importance of protecting homosexual members of the Notre Dame community.

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Joining

Clause revision efforts will reach Trustees

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**Bring on the Hunt**

Mankind has lost its appreciation for life — and I have a solution. Before I elaborate on this, let me preface it with a brief explanation. That appreciation for life is the heart of all that plagues our society. It goes beyond an abortion debate, beyond a euthanasia debate and even goes beyond our use of the death penalty. We drink and then drive, even though I have to warn you on this column (if you continue past this point). That is no more paradoxical than what is going to follow. We persist in having unprotected sex, although HIV continues to run rampant. What about the chronic use of drugs? Every single man, woman, and children die silently — deaths, that is, that don’t make the news — due to drugs. How many more thousands must die before we stop tempting the fates?! But I digress.

The point is that drug use, abortion, violent crime and reckless behavior such as drunk driving are all social ills that stem from a void in our human psyche where once sat an acute appreciation for this wonder of life. Preachers can preach until they are blue in the face, but what do they know? Right? Governments can legislate all they want, but their biggest campaign recently has been against tobacco, and even that can’t help but wonder if their real motivation doesn’t actually take the form of a thinly veiled attempt to get health dollars poured into health care every year due to this weed. El Salvador recently took a step in the right direction by getting genuinely tough on marijuana. I trust that all of you would agree that life is no longer precious — but mechanical if useful to science, worthless if not.

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On the other hand, there would still be benefits for the human race as a whole. Darwin would be at work carefully selecting those men and women that survive. Consequently, those survivors would then perpetuate a more finely tuned, if you will, human race. Population growth.

**University of Washington**

Campus affirms commitment to diversity

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Deficit casts shadow on students future

**Southern Illinois University**

Popie visit inspires student group

**Yale University**

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**South Bend Weather**

6 Day South Bend Forecast

**National Weather**

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Wednesday, Jan. 27.
SOS offers support to abused

The Sex Offense Services (SOS) program at Notre Dame is celebrating 25 years of assistance to victims of sexual assault, and has just recently been expanded to include a program on domestic violence as well.

Thirty-seven Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students currently volunteer for the SOS program at the Madonna Center and St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend to help counsel rape victims and their families.

"The victims don't have to speak to us if they don't want to," one SOS advocate said, who has been involved in the program for two years.

"Each case is so very individual. There's no checklist of things to do, they have to hear us, there's no schedule," said Laurel Fisler, director of SOS.

(SOS advocates) are never there to ask what happened. That's the job of the hospital to gather physical evidence of rape, and the police to ask the official questions and make the reports. The advocates are there to work on a emotional level. Ninety-nine percent of the time (the victims) are willing to talk," Fisler said.

Volunteers practice role-playing and participate in discussions to learn more about the characteristics of victims and offenders, as well as how to take a telephone call when a victim is in need.

Once training is complete, SOS volunteers are on call for six hours a week, and can either be summoned to the hospital to meet with a victim one-on-one or asked to talk with kids on the phone.

Each advocate has a partner and works on the same team, often with their family while the other speaks directly with the victim.

All male advocates are teamed with females, and are only allowed to meet with the family of a female rape victim, and the victim herself. Other staff members work closely with the police department and the courts as well as social workers and counselors in cases of abuse and sexual assault. If the case goes to court, the advocate and the SOS advocate will both support the victim.

Most volunteers are counseling rape victims at the hospital, many advocates also volunteer at a rape crisis center, the local junior high and high school counselors, the local police, or even a local hospital.

Lauren Roxoee and Susan Affleck-Graves run the program under the name of "SOS: Victims or Survivors?/Victims are not who they were," or "SOS.

Those involved in the prevention presentation are also running a nine-hour training program on rape and domestic violence, as well as working with any young students that come forward to report a sexual assault. They have seen "the presentation that's not something that's for everybody. We have wonderful, students that volunteer their services," said Janet Hosenbush, vice president of student affairs.

SOS is a part of a national program called "No Means No.

There are five to six sessions a week for the volunteers to help victims and their families, and the training is being held for the next two weeks.

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Advocating a universal ban on the use of chemical and biological weapons, Alan Dowty, professor of government and public policy at the University of California, Berkeley, has been a critic of the United States' military strategy.

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Budgetary concerns fill meeting agenda

By M. SHANNON RYAN

The board of governance reviewed this year's budget and examined updates of expenditures at Tuesday night's meeting.

With a remaining balance of $43,702.37, the BOG announced that spending for the current year has totaled $52,464.63 so far.

Student body president Sarah Siefert reminded the board that this remains a "real money" "will go fast" because of end-of-year costs. She also said she expects to have enough money for a roll-over to next year's budget.

BOG also granted co-sponsorship to the annual SMC Tostidol festivities. Last year's SAB committee spent between $12,000 and $17,000 on the event, said Janet Horvath, SAB coordinator.

SAB plans on drawing about $9,000 in extra funds from SAB departments such as entertainment and publicity.

This spring's SMC Tostidol events will include human bowling, rock climbing, character karaoke, driving in movie and video games and entertainment throughout the campus.

"This is a campus-wide event put on for the entire student body. We'd like to make it fun and exciting for the past, but at this point, we're restricted by funds," Horvath said, appealing to the board for co-sponsorship in other BOG news.

The creative, problem-solving group Odyssey of the Mind received club recognition recognition for their current active at Notre Dame and current semester, has one Saint Mary's member.

Saint Mary's Affiliates for the American Chemical Society (SMACS) was granted club recognition in order to raise $800 in order to participate in an American Chemical Society national conference. The group asked for $1,246 and would like to send, at most, four students to the event in Anaheim, Calif.

Siefert reminded the board that Meet the Candidates Night will take place at 7 p.m. in Haggar Parlor on Feb. 2. The elections for student body president will take place on Feb. 3. If needed, run-offs will be the take place on Feb. 9.

Siefert and Georganna Rosebrough, student activities director, encouraged students to nominate seniors for the Outstanding Senior of the Year award and the Lumina Cristi award, which are presented at commencement ceremonies.

Typical recommendations can be delivered to the office of Linda Timm, vice president for student affairs.

"It would be very nice to see more (nomination) generated from the students for the awards, rather than from faculty members," said Rosebrough.

"Nominate role models who have influenced you and shaped you," Horvath said.

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A year before presenting a list of 12 recommendations to O'Hara, including calls to recognize GLND/SMC as an official student group and to include sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause. In April, 1996, O'Hara agreed to put the non-discrimination clause issue under consideration by the officers of the University.

At that time, campus groups, including both the Student and Faculty Senates, began looking into the matter. Both senate passed resolutions in support of the change and support among the general student body began to grow. More than 400 people attended a rally on the steps of the Main Building to call for the amendment in April, 1997, while the officers were still debating the matter.

In August, 1997, when classes began for the 1997-98 school year, the officers announced their decision not to revise the clause, instead drafting the Spirit of Inclusion statement, a non-binding statement which called on members of the Notre Dame community to treat each other as equals.

"We welcome all people, regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and nationality, for example, precisely because of Christ's teaching to treat others as we desire to be treated," the statement reads.

At the time, this was the last word on the matter, but supporters of the clause continued to push for a stronger statement offering legal protection to homosexuals.

RECENT EVENTS

Last March, Father David Garrick, an openly gay, part-time, adjunct professor in the Communication and Theater department, resigned in protest of the administration's handling of gay and lesbian issues at Notre Dame.

Garrick's resignation brought a new focus to the issue. A rally in March calling for the clause change attracted several hundred people to the Fieldhouse Mall and national media organizations including the New York Times covered the resignation.

The Faculty Senate passed a resolution in May calling for the clause change, and in September, that motion was put on the agenda for the Academic Council. The Council is a group composed primarily of faculty and administrators which decides issues of importance to the University's academic and campus life.

On Oct. 8, the Council chose to put off a decision for five weeks in order to further research the amendment's legal and theological ramifications. At that meeting, dean of the College of Business Administration Carolyn Woz told the Council that a most-qualified job applicant who admitted in an interview to being a practicing homosexual was not hired largely because of that fact.

This development, and the advancement of the clause change to such a high level of University hierarchy, led to an increase in student activism surrounding the issue. Talk show pioneer and Notre Dame alumnus in residence, Phil Donahue came to campus to speak about the clause change, and a number of student leaders petitioned the Academic Council to bring the change to the change.

On Nov. 17, the Academic Council voted 19-15 to send the clause on to Malloy and the Board of Trustees. This is the highest level of University decision-makers to consider the matter thus far, and the Board can make a final decision on the issue.

THE CLAUSE

The University's legal non-discrimination clause, as published in du Lac, states the following: "The University of Notre Dame does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, veteran status or age in the administration of any of its educational programs, admissions policies, athletic and other school-administered programs, scholarships or loan programs, federal employment, or other employment policies.

The proposed change would most likely result in the addition of sexual orientation to the list of characteristics.

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care but on what their insurance will cover," said Theresa Venet Grant, president of the International Council on Infertility. "Information is Dissemination.

Further ethical issues are raised when an obstetrician believes that the mother's life, or preventing other fetuses. At this point, as in the case with Bobbi McCaughey, selective reduction is often suggested. Selective reduction is the pick-and-choose technique of aborting some fetuses and leaving others.

"The problem is that some doctors aren't careful about how many pregnancies they cause. You just get a reduction until you get (how many babies) you want," Dr. Reineke explained.

"Even if you feel you're assessing it wisely, you still have so much risk. The Chukwos' also reported difficulty in claiming the Selective reduction due to their religious beliefs.

Chukwos was hospitalized for several weeks during her pregnancy, suspended nearly upside down to relieve pressure on other parts of her body. Reineke stressed that it is not the place of physicians or "Harvard ethicists" to decide whether the existence of these babies is good or bad, that and he feels it is his responsibility to help the couples that come to him for help.

"Whether you can say it's good or bad is a human value. Nature doesn't care. You can't stand by and do nothing -- You've got to be proactive, but you don't have to be reckless," he said.

The New York Times contributed to this report.

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**Prankster impedes high school basketball game**

**AKRON**

With Coyle High School leading Wadsworth by only two points in a crucial basketball game, a Coyle fan made a defensive maneuver never previously addressed in Wadsworth's playbook. Just as a Wadsworth player was about to throw an inbounds pass, the 16-year-old Coyle student pulled the player’s shorts down to his knees. Coyle held on to win Friday night’s game, 65-60. "The incident took place at a critical stage of the game, and it was a must-win for our team," Wadsworth coach John Martin said. "Can you imagine what kind of concentration our kid had after he was exposed?" The thirsty prankster, whose name was withheld because of his age, was arrested after he tried to run away. He was charged with misdemeanor counts of disrupting a lawful meeting and disorderly conduct. Police Lt. Dave Shaller said the boy misunderstood what he did was wrong and is sorry.

"Bizzy Bone" acquired charges

**COLUMBUS**

Juniors who took less than an hour to acquit a Grammy Award-winning rapper of assault and disorderly conduct charges said they were left with too many questions about the four days of testimony. Among other things, they wondered why only rapper Bizzy Bone was charged when testimony showed two of his bodyguards were involved in a scuffle with a barber college student, juror Robert Hadfield said Monday. Bone’s real name is Bryon McCane. He’s a soloist with the rap group Bone Thugs-N-Harmony. The charges against McCane, 22, stemmed from an alleged altercation with Terrence Harden, 24, last Sept. 16 at the Hair Experts Barber School. Trial testimony showed Harden was mugged in the barber college-stairwell by the two bodyguards.

Man moves finger on freshly transplanted hand

**LOUISVILLE**

The man who received the first hand transplant in the United States moved a finger on Tuesday, and doctors say there are no complications from the surgery. "His hand looks good," said Dr. Warren Reidenbach, lead surgeon for the team that transplanted a hand to Matthew Scott’s left wrist on Monday. "We are very cautious and not encouraging movement at this point. Controlled motion of the fingers will begin sometime in the next few days to one week." This week Scott traded a metal-and-plastic prosthesis for a human hand — the first transplant of its kind performed in the United States. Scott, 37, lost his dominant hand in the explosion of an M-80, a powerful and illegal firecracker, on Dec. 23, 1985.

**Deadly earthquake stuns villagers**

**ARMENIA**

The death toll from the worst earthquake ever to hit Armenia in more than a century surpassed 1,000 on Tuesday as survivors anxiously awaited relief supplies and prayed for signs of life under the rubble. Those hopes were dashed again and again. Monday’s 6-magnitude earthquake devastated villages and towns across western Armenia, a vast Andean terrain where much of the world’s coffee is grown. The temblor shook buildings as far away as the capital, Yerevan, 140 miles to the southeast. A small aftershock shook the region Tuesday afternoon, causing little damage but sending panicked residents running into the rubble-littered streets. It was one of about 15 aftershocks.

With hundreds of people believed still buried beneath the rubble, many have regrouped Tuesday in the streets of Armenia, a city of 300,000. Rescue teams in Armenia had recovered about 650 bodies by noon, and relief workers estimated the death toll for all of western Armenia would eventually total more than 2,500.

Two-thirds of the city’s buildings were rendered uninhabitable. People wandered about desperately looking for relatives. There was no electricity or running water in most of the city, and food was in dangerously short supply. An estimated 180,000 people were left homeless in Armenia alone.

Tents and plastic have become a coveted commodity. "I’ve been looking for five coffins for relatives since 8 o’clock this morning and I couldn’t find any, so we’re going to have to bury them in plastic," said 34-year-old Diego Ruiz, who lost his grandmother, a sister and three nieces. Rescue workers scrambled to evacuate the thousands of injured and to locate survivors. At the city’s small airport, ambulances arrived every 15 minutes with more victims, who were airlifted to hospitals in Yerevan, Medellin and Cali. There is a danger of epidemics, because we have more than 200 bodies and we have no refrigerated trucks," said Carlos Gilbert Girado, a top Colombian Red Cross official.

Two members of Colombia’s professional soccer club Atletico Quindio — Diego Mantegnery and Ruben Blurrct, both from Armenia — were found dead. Witnesses said the two were holding onto each other in the ruins of a downtown hotel. Another four players are feared dead.
compliance with the Western Conference rules and applied for admission again. Once again, the conference turned them down.

Over the years, the conference took the same hard line and changed its name to the Big Nine. In 1908, Michigan withdrew from the conference, which prompted Notre Dame to apply for admission a third time, and was again vetoed. The Big Ten's battle to keep Notre Dame out was being fought on theological rather than athletic grounds.

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Grantland Rice, the conference's 1908 rejection of an open admission policy and religious training. There was also evidence that the conference scoffed that a faculty boycott couldn't do that lest they hurt the school's intercollegiate athletics program.

But ironically, the Big Nine's administrators failed to understand that Notre Dame's hierarchy worked very well and helped to insulate it from many of the athletic abuses that were prevalent in several Big Nine schools. In fact, as Sperber believes, the Western Conference's 1908 rejection of Notre Dame was the set the course of the school's athletic program.

"Up to that point, the fans of college football were mainly alumni," he says. "By being forced to go national, the conference's media supporting them and their teams winning, the nation's religious, ethnic groups and people unable to afford college began to support Notre Dame."

Laying the Foundation

When Notre Dame hired Jesse Harper to coach football in 1912, one of his main goals was to improve the school's relations with the Big Nine. While he was able to accomplish many things, such as a major upset over Army in 1913 and subsequently creating rivalry with other national powerhouses, bringing Notre Dame into the conference wasn't one of them.

In 1913, the growth of the student body plus the fact that the football program made a profit for the first time brought the administration to once again apply to admit football. Harper cultivated his idea of a national program, calling it "the logical successor to Michigan." However, at the conference meeting, the group again rebuffed Notre Dame.

This decision influenced Notre Dame to look elsewhere to improve its reputation. In the coming years, the relationship with the Big Nine grew more antagonistic.

By 1917, Harper had become increasingly frustrated, partially because of the possibility that the next football season would be the last chance America's entry into the first World War. But most of his aggravation was due to the fact that he had not only improved the school's relations with the Big Nine, with Michigan specifically. That year, the conference was reorganized. The Big Ten. Harper had contacted several faculty representatives from the member schools to gauge the possibilities of admission. After he received strongly negative reactions, he decided to retire to his home in Kansas. According to Sperber, however, the conference had its own reasons to

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Praying for the Poor by Name

Who prays for the poor by name? Ten years ago, I was a math teacher for a Milwaukee GED (General Equivalency Diploma) program. Some students had dropped out after becoming teen-age mothers or falling prey to drugs. Others had quit school because of dangerous gang warfare. Many couldn't recall a single teacher or parent who had believed in their ability to succeed. Their neighborhoods were poor and their spirits were broken.

How did they get to me? True, some couldn't collect their AFDC check without proof that they were either in school or seeking employment. Most, however, had tasted the real world and knew they would never make it out of the gutter—let alone get a job at McDonald's—without a high school diploma.

Still, it took me four weeks to focus Kendall, the class clown. Balalaikas, until I actually learned something? Then, God's gift to women? I quickly changed when he saw teachers interested in him. Then, the unthinkable... could he, like me, also graduate from Notre Dame? Oh, did he get motivated? His curiosity led us beyond GED boundaries, into trigonometry! True, I hope he never got out of school, but he did get his GED and, I believe, went on to college. George shot for the moon and hit a star.

My heart, however, sank for Barry. I recall that Barry's eyes never rose to meet mine when he spoke. My most intelligent and polite student, a marijuana user, and prison time had completely stolen his self-confidence and esteem. Barry didn't get his GED during my tenure, but I pray that he did eventually. Cardell, though, was different; so happy to be getting that paper that he beamed with a perpetual grin (this is the kind of smile that makes the first tooth hurt). They craved new lives, motivated by daily stories of friends being shot or news that peer pressure or relationship problems had forced another student to quit. I found myself praying daily for each of them, wondering if they would live to see it happen. You would have, too... had you known them.

Eventually, I sought other solutions... economic solutions. Yes, when I arrived at ND for MBA school, it was as if a fire was burning that no one on campus knew about. There existed a surreal peace here. Happy, healthy people, more concerned about working on national champions than waking up alive. I shook my head often... had I traveled to another world? How could I keep from going to sleep myself?

To help, I brought with me two photons; memories which I still keep nearby. The first, of Kendall, reminds me that the fires are still burning, even if the smoke never reaches ND. The second photo, of Cardell with his broad, toothy grin, holding up his GED certificate, reminds me that there is hope, if we pray unceasingly and never give up or turn away.

That's why I admire people like Gerrie Grignon, a local nurse who founded SLC of Life for African American youth; Lu Nuni, an ND grad who overseas our local Shelter for the Homeless; Brother Bill Tomes, an ND grad who helps Chicago gang members strive for lives between deadly bullets; and Capt. Donald Wechs, the Marquette grad who founded the above GED program. Most of all, I admire my mother, Joanne Tardy, a former teacher who ran that GED program for years and still prays nightly rosaries (yes, nightly) for students and DOZENS of others—by name.

Look at Malcolm X, who's ministry began with hatreds, pimps, dope dealers and number runners—people he knew personally. MLK was the same way, starting in his daddy's church long before an assassin cut short his grandiose plans for a poor people's Campaign. Jesus, of course, gained credibility by daily breaking bread with the poor for whom he prayed.

I believe that when we pray in anonymity, for the poor, it is easier to brush them off. When we, instead, pray for them by name, we offer up a powerful prayer and are less likely to forget those for whom we pray, even adrift the waves of our middle-class routines.

The question, then, is how does one begin? Who, Notre Dame, can pray for the poor by name? The answer is easy: one who knows them.

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Henry Hyde Dismissed

No matter how one views the presidential impeachment trial, anyone with a grasp of the English language would be appalled by a statement Representative Henry Hyde made before the Senate as he argued that the case against the President should not be dismissed. He said:

I looked up the word dismissed in a thesaurus and found that it means "to ignore, disregard, neglect, or brush off." Therefore, he did not want the Senate to disregard or brush off the case against the President. The problem is, as most educated people know, that a thesaurus does not define words but merely provides a list of related words. (A dictionary defines words.) Hyde's error can be easily demonstrated. If one of my students at Saint Mary's raises her hands and asks if she may be excused because she is ill, I might tell her, "Very well, you are dismissed early." Have I then ignored, neglected, disregarded, or brushed her off? Quite the contrary. The word dismiss means (among other things) to reject a claim—something many Americans wish would happen in the Senate, pronto.

Perhaps such a verbal gaffe is not surprising, coming from the mouth of a politician who dismissed an adulterous affair in his 40s as "a yufoothful indiscretion."
Big Ten Means Loss of Catholic Mission, Quality of Undergraduate Education

Kenneth M. Sayre

"Given the research preoccupations of the faculty, undergraduate education is no longer the primary concern of the university."

One recent editorial in the South Bend Tribune (Dec. 27, 1998) cited Stanford University's commitment to research as an example of the kind of university Notre Dame will be if it joins the Big Ten. The University has been less than forthcoming in its response, but a recent interview with university president Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., gives us some reason to worry. As reported in the Tribune, Father Hesburgh said: "I think we have been quite clear that the primary reason we are considering a move to the Big Ten is to enhance our undergraduate research."

The idea that enhancing undergraduate research is even possible in a university that has already become primarily a postgraduate research institution is quite dubious. As Father Hesburgh noted, the primary reason for joining the Big Ten is to increase the amount of research funding available to the university. This kind of research is not likely to flourish.

The updset of these considerations is not likely to be the only one. Research can be enhanced by adding faculty, but it takes decades to do this. As a result, the opportunity for undergraduate education is likely to become even more remote. The University's commitment to undergraduate education in the past has been one of its selling points, and now this commitment is likely to be lost.

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Monday through Friday, at 7:30 in the evening, a group of students leaves from Library Circle and goes to a nearby abortion clinic to pray the rosary and hold signs. They have come in time for the earliest clients of the day, clearly show when that a matter of life and death is at stake, even sleep does not have power.

For a generation what some call a moral crisis, abortion is a child's legal was been in this country. Does this matter to us? After all, all that read this column are clearly not directly affected by abortion: you are not a fetus. Yet abortion is THE issue of our age. Abortion goes to the core of what we means by human being, what we mean by human rights and human freedom, what we mean by the Law of God. If you are a person, you should care.

Let me show you this, note what the U.S. Supreme Court said in the famous "privacy clause," of Planned Parenthood v. Casey in 1992. "As the heart of liberty is the right to be free of unreasonable search and seizure in the home, so the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own liberty in all but the few areas where the existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of this nation's most fundamental human life. Beliefs about these matters will continually and more often be defined by individuals rather than by government. That is the right of people to define for themselves their religion, their family life, their one who they think should define for them?"

Just note what the Supreme Court was say­ing. The legal right to abortion, it is not something that I can take away from you. If you are the one who leave unafflictedly: if I choose abortion, for instance, I am not a full person (says the Court). Abortion is something that just concerns a woman's body and the life of another. It concerns all the people who would never have an independent pregnan­cy; it concerns all of those who, thanks to biology, will never have to decide between their life or that of their child. Abortion is a central issue for YOU.

Abortion is a central issue if you believe in justice. If you believe that each should receive what they deserve, you need to decide whether a child is worthy of a chance at life or death. Or, on the other hand, what did a woman do to deserve a fate worse than death? Or, did she deserve to be raped? The Pro-life in me cannot refrain from noting that the child did not rape his mother: the racist did. If you believe that justice is every decision, for instance, you must decide whether a doctor can kill and whether a child is entitled to a Hippocratic Oath which forbids abortion and euthanasia and is still valid, on this basis, that there is no place in our care? The Pro-life is a "no" on both counts.�

Abortion is a central issue if you believe in love. Does the Church speak for God, or is she just another shaman, another guru to whom we listen but by whose teach­ings. Is she a "lifeline," the most sublime, "sacrificing the power of our Creative Life?"

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Much at Stake in Big Ten Decision

Upon returning to campus, much discussion was centered around the debate over Notre Dame’s and its academic counterpart, the CIC (Committee on Institutional Cooperation). Much of the debate around dorms and in the dining hall has been centered around athletic aspects, especially football. Many people are concerned that we would no longer be able to play the same diverse and interesting schedule we currently enjoy. Certainly, we would not be able to play the service academies, Boston College and UConn. In addition, these schools would only allow for three nonconference games.

I believe that our current schedule has provided us with a diverse and interesting schedule, and to set it aside is a step in the wrong direction. The Big Ten season would have allowed for three nonconference games, and that is what I believe is important.

We, as a community, are not just students, but also players in the world. Our decisions on the field are not just ours, but of the entire Notre Dame community. We must consider not only the athletic aspect, but also the academic and cultural aspects of our decision. These decisions affect not only us, but future students as well.

The Student Senate Big Ten Committee

January 27, 1999
I hate band reunions. Groups that re-form are usually out to capitalize on their legend. Bands like Jane's Addiction lost a lot of credibility when they released new albums that weren't nearly as good as earlier work—which explains my apprehension to write this review. Sunny Day Real Estate (SDRE) was one of my favorite bands you never heard, and when I found out they were back in the studio, I panicked.

Along with the pre-Fugazi band Rites of Spring, SDRE pioneered the emo-core genre, which combines the urgency of punk rock but eschews revolutionary themes for introspective, melodic lyrics. The band's early work inspired current alt-rock heroes Misfits Mouse and The Promise Ring. 1994's Diary and 1995's LP2 were two of the most influential CDs of the underground scene. In fact, Diary was so moving that Sub Pop received letters from people thanking SDRE for saving their lives.

Suddenly, the band had a video on high rotation at MTV. Major labels showed interest. Club shows sold out across the country. The attention caused confusion and anxiety within the band, culminating in lead singer Jeremy Enigk's abrupt conversion to Christianity. Soon afterward, the rhythm section jumped ship to become Foo Fighters, and SDRE ended.

The former bandmates met last year to compile an odds and ends CD and clicked. Four years later, SDRE decided to write a new album, with the exception of bassist Nate Mendel, who chose to remain with Foo Fighters. Bassist Jeff Palmer of the Mummyheads filled in for the recording.

You see, when I read Sub Pop's press release, I assumed the CD would suck. How It Feels To Be Something On is not the brooding, dissonant SDRE of before. Like other reunions, the band is hardly recognizable from its past persona. I wouldn't even call them emo-core anymore.

SDRE's reincarnation is mature, mellow and creatively ripe, and the music is more focused and refined. Despite Enigk's impassioned Christianity, the band does not play "Christian music" or have outwardly religious themes. Blending progressive rock with interweaving guitar and piano lines, "How It Feels To Be Something On" is easily the best SDRE production yet and arguably the most inventive CD released last year.

The CD carries a bitters theme of finding your place in the world. It opens with "DM'ers," a sing-a-long grabber and moves right into "Roses In Water," which uses a difficult time-signature. The band pulls off this remarkable, abrupt and crescendo into a dramatic ending. "Every Shining Time You Arrive" is a largely acoustic number with a pretty, stripped-down melody and uplifting lyrics. "Two Promises" melds very different musical concepts with smooth transitions. The CD is not without faults—at times, it's bombastic and grandiose, especially during "The Prophets" and "Guitar and Video Games." The closer, "Tales Were Gold," features a lush melody and intricate drumming by William Goldsmith—I can't believe I've got this geniue left Foos Fighters.

In a lot of ways, SDRE resembles Rush—both are progressive bands, unafraid of experimentation. But where Rush is a trio of geniuses, SDRE is more of a band—sans extended solos.

There is one glaring similarity—both Rush's and SDRE's lead singers have voices that most people tolerate. Enigk's affected high tenor is definitely an acquired taste. Another staple of SDRE is their unusual song structure, and How It Feels To Be Something On delivers. Instead of following the radio friendly verse-chorus-verse format, the band uses verse-chorus-change in time signature-change-ending. Due to their inventive ness, SDRE will probably never be a Top 40 group, but they are definitely the best band to reform. I can't help getting to How It Feels To Be Something On, and I was destined to hate it.

Georgette Leonard

Y ou've probably heard the first single and hit song "Pure Morning" ("I'm a Friend in Need's a friend indeed a friend with weed is better/Friend with breasts and all the rest/You're dressed in clothes") off Placebo's new album. Lead singer and guitarist Brian Molko calls it "a celebration of friendship with women." The American Molko is joined by Swede Stefan Gedin (bass, guitar and keyboard) and Englishman Steve Hewett (drums) in the trio Placebo.

Placebo began in 1996 with a self-titled debut that spawned four singles in the U.K., but made little impression on mainstream American audiences. Without You I'm Nothing is Placebo's second record and the first on a major label.

The album is a grand mixture of introspective and "after the relationship" tracks. Two more fun singles have emerged off this album since the release of "Pure Morning" with the songs "You Don't Care About Us" and "Every You Every Me." The band itself sports the common theme of guitar, bass and drums with an occasional keyboard appearance. It's Molko who lends Placebo's style. His nasal (almost androgenous) voice soars over the music and complements his lyrical style well. Without You I'm Nothing, it's Molko's lyrics that both aid and hinder the song quality.

Molko's words, though always a mixture of the cheesy and serious, occasionally seem all for rhyme ("Your smile will make me enormous/when we were siamese" from "The Crawl"). Other times, the lyrics prove weak, urging you to sing along ("Pucker up for heaven's sake/there's no much at stake" from "Every You Every Me"). It's songs like these which make the album thrive. "Burger Queen" is a hilarious take on going out on the town to pick up girls. In "Scarred of Girls," Molko wants us to ask "Do male flirts do it because they really love women or actually because they're actually scared of women?"

Without You I'm Nothing is not, however, without its downpoints. "Brick Sh"house is a song about watching your ex-lover make love to the guy who killed you. The song doesn't get much better than that explanation, and the lyrics are much too repetitive. The real downer is "Summer's Gone," it's lyrics lacking any recognizable theme put to dull music.

But, even in these songs, Molko's voice manages to hold one's interest. All said and done, if you like the style of "Pure Morning," chances are you'll enjoy Without You I'm Nothing. And, if you care to see them live, they'll be visiting the Riviera in Chicago on March 11th.

Tim Donohue

Placebo

Without You I'm Nothing

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When alternative music and rap shook the rock music industry in the 90s, bands like Guns N’ Roses were left standing. After an era of dominance in the 80s, heavy metal simply lost its appeal; critics and fans alike were becoming increasingly annoyed by the excessiveness and flash associated with metal. However, those bands that did survive were the ones that dared to grow up, expanding their musical horizons beyond the rebound themes of “Teenagers, drugs and rock n’ roll.” One such band was Guns N’ Roses, whose tumultuous career was just as famous as its music.

After exploding onto the national scene in 1987, Guns N’ Roses looked like the typical metal band — the big hair, the biker apparel and the chaotic attitude. What prevented G N’ R from becoming part of heavy metal’s downward spiral in the early 90s was that they concentrated on the substance of their material, while other metal bands were obsessed with perfecting their hair-by-hair重建。Welcome to the Jungle, a 75-minute compilation featuring 13 Guns N’ Roses videos broadcast on MTV, documents the band’s downward spiral in a musical level as well as a band.

Beginning with the hell-raising, lock-up-your-daughters-and-throw-away-the-key antics of “Welcome to the Jungle,” the compilation video is definitely a walk down memory lane, but, at the same time, you can’t watch without realizing that when G N’ R made a video, they made a video. Aside from being tremendously talented musicians, the band incorporated the key themes of its music into the videos, and it capitalized on the aggression and intensity associated with their songs.

I understand that many of you are right now shaking your heads saying “Wait, this reviewer actually thinks Axl Rose and Slash are accomplished filmmakers?” I’m not going to go out on a limb and defend that, but I do believe that Guns N’ Roses took the art of music videos to an entirely different level, one which few bands since have been able to reach. Whether composed of performance footage, behind-the-scenes snippets or narratives touching on birth, marriage, survival and death, G N’ R videos have been among the most emotionally provocative ever made.

What’s interesting about the compilation is that it’s not entirely a headbanger’s half. Sure, there are anthems like “Paradise City” and “Live and Let Die,” but in between these messages of anarchy and turmoil are the sing-alongs like “Patience” and “Yesterday.” And who can forget those late night discussions and debates about who or what killed Stephanie Seymour in 1992’s heart wrenching “November Rain”? And why were her injuries so severe that she needed that silver wall in her coffin? And why did Slash, the best man, unexpectedly walk out of the wedding? Although the answers to these questions are supposed to be obvious when you watch The Trilogy (“Don’t Cry,” “November Rain,” and “Erasurer”), I just got more confused. After years of analysis, this is my conclusion — she died at the wedding reception when she was struck by lightning. There is a theory that Slash killed her, and the reason he left the wedding was out of jealousy...not because his guitar solo was coming up. The only disappointment is the exclusion of two of my favorite G N’ R videos — “You Could Be Mine,” featuring a cameo by Arnold Schwarzenegger as The Terminator and the live cover of Bob Dylan’s “Knockin’ on Heaven’s Door,” taken from a show in London. I was extremely surprised when I was reading over the track listing and noticed that these two videos were missing. In addition, the most recent video, 1994’s “Sonic’s Just Don’t Have You” (a cover of the Skydine’s 1958 hit), was a tremendous slide from the band’s high standards regarding its videos. Despite a guest appearance by Gary Oldman as the devil, the video is excessively psychodilly and makes absolutely no sense.

Since the band’s last video in 1994, Slash and Duff McKagan have both quit the band, leaving Axl Rose as the only remaining original member. Therefore, in a sense, Welcome To The Videos is a tribute to a band whose mark in rock history will not be forgotten. The compilation video and remember how awesome G N’ R was, you’ll be uttering one word to yourself: REUNION, REUNION, REUNION.

Emmett Malloy
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Rookie goaltender records first shutout in fifth game

snapped a season-high three-goal losing streak. Parent, appearing in his fifth career NHL game, had 20 saves, including a stop in the final minute when the Sharks had an extra attacker. He was recalled Monday from the Worcester IceCats of the AHL, and started in place of Grant Fuhr, who has been bothered by a groin strain.

His only previous career decision came Nov. 21, when he stopped 10 of 13 shots in a 3-2 tie against the Dallas Stars after relieving Jamie McLennan. The Sharks, outlook 36-20 and 0-4-0 on the power play, were unable to counter the Blues' offensive thrusts and failed to capitalize on another solid effort by goalie Steve Shields. Shields made 33 saves, including a stop on Perry Yakes' penalty shot.

St. Louis set the tempo from the outset, getting off 12 shots to San Jose's three in the first period.

The Blues kept the pressure on and broke through at 17:06 of the second when Young got his eighth goal, a power-play score. Yake set up the goal with a pass across the slot to Young, who knocked the puck past Shields into the corner of the net.

Little more than a minute later, Yake shook loose on a breakaway down the center of the ice but was pulled down from behind by Marcus Ragnarsson and was awarded a penalty shot. Yake carved the puck to the goal mouth but Shields anticipated his move and stopped the shot.

St. Louis went ahead 2-0 on Turgeon's 12th. Shields had stopped a shot by Pavle Demitra but couldn't control the rebound. Turgeon gathered it in and sent it over the fall for Shields for the score.

Red Wings 4, Predators 1

Martin Lapointe and Sergei Fedorov each scored in the opening minutes and Chris Osgood stopped 25 of 26 shots as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Nashville Predators 4-1 Tuesday night.

Detroit came in having outshot Nashville 151-65 over their previous three games, and it looked early like the Red Wings would add to that total even with leading scorer Steve Yzerman missing on his first game this season with a broken nose.

Lapointe scored his 10th of the season 1:07 into the game with the Red Wings' first shot of the game against Slava Kozlov. Detroit fans celebrated by tossing an object onto the ice, a first in a sold-out Nashville Arena.

Fedorov put Detroit up 2-0 just over a minute later on a shot wide off a cross-ice pass from Zdeno Chara. Nashville finally scored a second prior to the period ended. Andrew Brunette got his eighth goal on a power play as he robbed a扑 by Fedorov and the rebound. Brunette gathered it in and scored on the fall for Shields for the score.

Panthers 3, Flyers 3

Pavel Bure scored three goals, giving him six in three games since being traded to Florida, as the Panthers tied the Philadelphia Flyers 3-3 Tuesday night.

The Flyers lost goaltender John Vanbiesbrouck after a collision with Martin Brodeur when he left the ice 1:42 seconds left for the final margin.

Burke stopped 27 of 30 shots, ending Eric Lindros' goal-scoring streak at seven games.

Vanbiesbrouck was knocked from play after the Flyers' 4-on-3 advantage was wiped out by a questionable penalty on Lindros early in the third. Vanbiesbrouck was added to the penalty box on a faceoff — with 1:03 left.

Bure, a season-long holdout in Vancouver who was traded to Philadelphia by the Panthers last week, erased Philadelphia's 2-0 lead with his 10th career hat trick. His brilliant performance included an incredible goal from a mite that landed in the corner on the goal line. He did just get warmed up.

With Lindros in the box for slashing five minutes midway through the third, Burke was left alone behind the goal. He sneaked to the side of the crease and tipped in Bure's shot in the first period, still left in the third. He was just getting warmed up.

Burke had added an empty-netter with 1:30 left for the final margin. Vanbiesbrouck had added an empty-netter with 1:30 left for the final margin.

He slapped in his first goal of the season against Detroit with the final margin. Burle was left alone behind the goal. He sneaked to the side of the crease and tipped in Bure's shot in the first period, still left in the third. He was just getting warmed up.

Eric Desjardins gave the Flyers a 3-2 lead with his ninth goal, taking a pass from Lindros and rifling a slap shot over Burke's glove with 13:09 left in the third.

The Flyers bore followed perhaps the easiest goal of his career with one of the most difficult imaginable.

He received a pass from Svoboda at the Flyers' blue line, controlled it with his stick and skates and swooped in on Vanbiesbrouck's right.

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No matter where Allen Iverson goes or how many defenders he battles, the critics are always in close pursuit. They say he’s cocky, selfish, too enamored of old friends from a troubled past. Ready or not, Iverson signed a 70.9 million contract extension with the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday that gave him much more than a raise. Flashing a smile to team president Pat Croce, this enigmatic 23-year-old took on the pressure of becoming one of the top young stars in the NBA’s post-Jordan era.

“I want to win the most championships,” Iverson said. “And I want to be the best player.”

The job began as soon as Iverson finished signing his name. Iverson will get the maximum for a player entering his third season in the league, Croce said. He will get $9 million next season with annual raises of $1.1 million that add up to $14.6 million in the final year of the contract.

“I didn’t want to wait until the end of the year and then decide whether to play for a contender,” Iverson said. “I never wanted to take the easy way out. I’ve been here through the bad times. I want to be here through the good. I pretty much knew what time it was.”

It is the largest contract ever guaranteed by the Sixers, hurling Iverson past the likes of Julius Erving, Wilt Chamberlain, and Charles Barkley.

“There were no snags on our part,” Croce said. “I know Allen, and I know he’s a winner. I know he’s a good guy. That smile can break you down like his crossover.”

Iverson’s chance to strike it super-rich with a $100 million contract — like those signed by Kevin Garnett, Antonio McDyess and Shawn Kemp — was wiped out by the lockout. According to the NBA’s new collective bargaining agreement, a player with up to six years experience can receive as much as 25 percent of his team’s salary cap, beginning at a maximum of $9 million. His 1998-99 salary of $3.5 million is prorated for a 50-game schedule, reducing it to $2.2 million — a loss of more than $1.3 million due to the lockout.

“I just wanted to make enough money to take care of my family,” Iverson said. “The money that’s out there for me right now is enough for me to do so. If the Sixers were going to give me $100 million, I would be a fool not to take it. I have a family and I want to know how my future’s going to look financially. But it’s not all about money. It’s all the time.”

Iverson is feared for his speed and crossover dribble, yet criticized for ongoing legal problems and judged on his appearance and choice of friends. Along with incredible skill and competitive drive, he brings a street-kid look to the court with his braids, jewelry and tattoos running up and down each arm. Barkley once called him Allen “M.E., Myself and IVerson.”

Two weeks ago, legal problems haunted Iverson again. Mercedes-Benz Credit Corp. sued Iverson for more than $28,500 in unpaid lease payments on three late-model cars. The suit also asks for the return of the cars and for the total buyout amount, about $300,000, on the 24-month lease vehicles.

“I didn’t know until the article came out,” Iverson said. “It was something that my accountant was supposed to handle.”

Though Croce was willing to let

his-championship hopes rest with Iverson, he still worries about him.

“He’s young, and I know he’s giving of himself and of his riches to his friends and family to a fault,” Croce said. “So I always worry about him, because he’s not someone who will say no.”

If Iverson had waited until July 1, he could have negotiated with any team for a seven-year contract worth more than $86 million. But he said he wants to stay in Philadelphia, despite his past grievances with coach Larry Brown.

“I just had to mature,” Iverson said. “I realized that he was a great coach when I looked at his resume. It was important for me to put my pride aside and listen to what was said to me as a positive.”

“I was just young, I had to do a lot of growing up.”

Criticized for being cocky and selfish, Allen Iverson added one more opening for criticism on Tuesday by signing a new deal with Philadelphia.

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Parcells to miss first Pro Bowl due to health issues

The New York Jets coach received permission Tuesday from NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue to skip the game Feb. 7 in Honolulu. Parcells underwent a series of medical tests last week, and two doctors who examined him recommended that he not go. Last year, he begged off working the Senior Bowl. "Coach Parcells was examined by his cardiologist, as well as by me in my office a couple of days after the Denver game," Jets medical director Elliott Pellman said, referring to the 23-10 loss for the AFC championship on Jan. 17. "He clearly was showing the physical effects of the long season." Parcells left coaching in 1991, quitting the New York Giants because of medical problems. He has undergone several heart procedures. "I was in the midst of preparation for the Pro Bowl with my staff and fully planned to carry out my obligation under the NFL guidelines," Parcells said.

"But after undergoing a thorough medical examination, I feel it would be a big mistake on my part not to listen to the doctors. "I have nothing but respect for the Pro Bowl and the great players who are in it. Frankly, I'll miss being around them."

In his place, assistant head coach Bill Belichick will run the AFC team, along with the entire Jets coaching staff. Minnesota's Dennis Green will coach the NFC. Pro Bowl assignments go to the losing coaches in the conference championship games, and Parcells had been 3-0 in those games before the loss to Denver.
**Olowokandi to start with L.A. Thursday**

Michael Olowokandi, the overall No. 1 draft choice who played in Italy during the lockout, is expected to join the Los Angeles Clippers on Thursday.

"He's been delayed by paperwork," Clippers spokesman Joe Safi said. "It took him three or four days just to get over there. It's going to take some time to get back here."

The 7-foot-1 center was released from his contract with Kinder Bologna of the Italian League on Monday. He originally was under contract with them through Feb. 15.

The Clippers, working out at College of the Desert, initially expected Olowokandi to join them on Wednesday.

The team returned to Los Angeles on Wednesday and plays exhibition games against the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday and Saturday nights. It is not known if Olowokandi will play in those games. The Clippers open their season Feb. 5 against Phoenix.

**Suns grab Garrity in round of signings**

The Phoenix Suns signed four free agents Monday, including Rex Chapman and Clifford Robinson.

Chapman, entering his third season with the Suns, signed a six-year contract. Terms were not disclosed.

The 10-year veteran led the team last season with a 15.9-point average and 120 3-pointers, 19th in the NBA. Chapman played in 68 games and also averaged 2.5 rebounds, 3 assists and 33.3 minutes.

Robinson, returning for his second season in Phoenix, signed a one-year deal. Terms were not disclosed.

Last season, Robinson finished third on the team in scoring (14 points per game) and second in blocks (1.13).
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McCaskey's front-office moves keep Bears mediocre

By JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sports Columnist

As Super Bowl XXXIII approaches and the nation thrills for the Denver Broncos' inevitable decimation of the Atlanta Falcons, we should look to the less fortunate. The less fortunate, that is, from football fans. One group in particular has been through a lot lately, from inept front office decisions, to poor coaching, to just plain bad luck. However, one has to hope, for the sake of Chicago Bears fans, that they will not be put through another fiasco similar to the hiring of their head coach.

The Chicago Bears are the NFL's oldest franchise and one of its proudest names. Walter Payton, Dick Butkus, and Mike Ditka all ring a special franchise bell for Bears fans. The Bears are the NFL's oldest franchise and one of its proudest. The Bears are a part of the pride Bears fan share. The Bears have had many successful seasons, but have faded into oblivion since their Super Bowl season in 1985. Neither exceptionally good nor bad, the team has come to embody mediocrity. Why has this happened to such a proud franchise? Four words: Team President Michael McCaskey.

McCaskey was the chief culprit, or, from on high, in charge of hiring a head coach to replace the fired Dave Wannstedt. After interviewing a number of candidates, including the overly quiet, but often overlooked Sherman Lewis of the Green Bay Packers, McCaskey settled on his choice: Arizona Cardinals defensive coordinator Dave McGinnis.

Common sense would tell you that, if you were McCaskey, your next step would be to tell McGinnis that he would become the head coach and begin to negotiate a contract. McCaskey took a different route: he advised McGinnis to stay overnight and that he might call back when you know what you're doing.

By the time McGinnis arrived at Halas Hall, a press conference announcing his hiring had already been planned and the message on former coach Wannstedt's voice mail was changed to say, "You have reached the office of head coach David McGinnis," I would have loved to have been a fly on the wall during McGinnis' conversations with McCaskey and other Bears officials.

McCaskey: "Surprise! You're our new coach!"
McGinnis: "Uh, what about my agreeing to be head coach?"
McCaskey: "What? You, we've agreed to let you be the head coach, silly. Let's go to the press conference! Come see!"
McGinnis: "Uh, what about my contract?"
McCaskey: "Contract? I knew I forgot something. You know, I was just thinking about that Bryan Cox signing a couple of years ago. Do you like Bryan Cox?"
McGinnis: "What? What's going on here?"
McCaskey: "Don't worry about leaving the Cowboys and Jimmy, Dave."
McGinnis: "I didn't agree to be the head coach of this team yet. You should have my agreement and a mutually agreed upon contract before announcing my hiring."

McCaskey: "Hey, where's that Jim Harbaugh at?"
McGinnis: "I'm out of here. Give me a call back when you know what you're doing."
McCaskey: "You know, you sound a lot like Ditka."

After a conversation somewhere along the lines of the one framed above, McGinnis left and removed his name from the list of candidates to become the 12th head coach of the Chicago Bears. It was a sad day for McGinnis, a former Bears assistant under Ditka, who had termed this his "dream job." Butkus, who had termed this his "dream job," was a pathetic day for the Bears, as McGinnis' ineptness and the incompetence of the front office were exploited.

Both sides emerge losers. The Bears lost what little credibility they had left. How many free agents will want to sign with a team as disorganized and dysfunctional as the Bears appeared through this fiasco? Probably the same number of the Bears who have made the Pro Bowl since 1994: none.

Players, already critical of the front office, have now had their worst nightmares come true. The inmates are running the asylum. McGinnis also loses.

Even with this incident, the Bears still are the Bears, and McGinnis was the first to realize it. "This is the Chicago Bears. They're going to get a good guy in here to coach. I promise you." Well, he was right about that: Sunday the Bears announced the hiring (and that hopefully includes agreement to coach and signing of contract of Jacksonville Jaguars defensive coordinator Dick Jauron.)

McGinnis will return as defensive coordinator with the Cardinals. He returns as a man who was willing to walk away because he was not treated the right way. Jaurez will coach the Bears, hopefully, back to respectability.
No. 7 Irish still rolling in Big East with win over 'Cuse

By BRIAN KESSLER
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If Syracuse was to have any chance against the seventh-ranked Notre Dame women's basketball team last night, they were going to need a big game out of Paula Moore. They didn't get it.

Moore, the Big East's second- leading scorer, walked off the court with just one point and finished with just eight, as Notre Dame rolled to its seventh-straight win — a 94-61 victory.

The Irish opened the game on a 22-5 run and quickly jumped out to a 29-9 lead with 12:08 left in the first half. Notre Dame never looked back.

Captain Sheila McMillen struggled in the first half, scoring just three points on 1-of-7 shooting. The senior out came strong in the second, however, and finished with 23 points to lead all Irish scorers. McMillen, who also pulled down eight rebounds and had five assists, connected on just 3-of-11 shots from downtown, but made up for it by getting a perfect 8-for-8 at the foul line. McMillen has now scored 20 or more points in five of her last seven games.

Center Beth Riley had a big game for Notre Dame, scoring 20 points on 9-of-13 shooting. She and Kelly Siemon (nine points) dominated the inside against a Syracuse team that does not have a single player over 5-foot-11. Riley finished with seven rebounds and five blocked shots.

The Irish scored half of their points in the paint, but had an off night from three-point land. Notre Dame was a combined 7-of-25 from behind the arc.

Notre Ivey was another bright spot for the Irish, as she dished out eight assists and had 19 points on 7-of-10 shooting. Danielle Green added nine points and freshman Ericka Haney finished with eight. Notre Dame shot nearly 51 percent as a team.

The Irish defense was there once again for head coach Muffett McGraw. Notre Dame forced 25 turnovers and held Syracuse to just 34 percent shooting from the field. McGraw's squad had 14 steals, while committing just 14 turnovers.

The Irish also blocked eight shots. Syracuse's Beth Record connected on 5-of-9 three pointers and finished with a career-high 24 points to lead all scorers. Jaime James added 14 for the Orangewomen.

Moore, who also added 17 of 12 from the field.

With the win, Notre Dame improves to 16-2 on the season and 6-1 in the Big East standings with a 8-2 conference mark. Syracuse fell to 8-10 on the season and 4-6 in the conference.

Notre Dame will travel to Providence on Saturday, before returning home for a critical game against Boston College next Wednesday.