Big Ten could break up ND, NBC

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

Keeping the magic of Notre Dame football alive and accessible outside the stadium walls for fans, parents and alumni has not been an easy problem, for finding a Notre Dame football game on television has been only a remote control away for the past 15 years.

But the advantage of having all Notre Dame home games televised is in danger. Should the Board of Trustees opt for a move to the Big Ten when it meets in London next week, weekly national coverage of Notre Dame home football games would not only be endangered by a new television contract, but coverage could decrease nationally, said Melissa Conboy, associate athletic director.

"One of the things that is enviable about being an independent is that every home game is televised every week," said Conboy. "Under Big Ten coverage, there are more regional broadcasts. In one part of the nation, the Michigan/LSU game could be important, in another, the Ohio State game could be.

Under the current television contract, all Notre Dame home games are covered by NBC. If Notre Dame joins the Big Ten, all pre-existing agreements would stay in effect, Conboy said.

"The Notre Dame contract would run its duration. After that, it is an unknown," she said. "ABC would most likely look to continue (Big Ten) coverage. Would NBC put in a bid? It's tough to say. We never know what the television market is. Looking at television property values, they have been going up, but that is no guarantee."

Weekly national home game coverage would be over regardless of what network covers Big Ten football, however.

"In order to retain with our current coverage, we would have to be with our own network," Conboy said. "We could never do both (networks) at the same time."

The advantages for the Big Ten television contract are clear-cut — Notre Dame football would serve as a lucrative addition to the Big Ten move.

Winter weather may cause fatigue, depression

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Assistant News Editor

Each year, when winter rears its ugly head on South Bend, a transformation occurs.

A fierce current whips the wind into a bitter nightmare, a sheet of pure white snow covers the landscape, and, what the heck happens to the sun? Life becomes dreary and desolate, just like the moods of some students on campus.

"When there's less sun, people will complain and their moods change," said Dr. Dominic Vachon, counsellor at the University Counseling Center. The harsh weather and lack of sunlight, combined with the everyday stress of student life, can make life on campus much harder during the winter months, according to Vachon.

Is Notre Dame in danger of losing its independence?

No, not to the Big Ten — to the Vatican. Or, more specifically, to the control of the local bishop, John D'Arcy.

While some deny that there is a threat at all, others see a clear and present danger for Catholic higher education in the United States. The danger lies in a dispute between the Vatican and U.S. Catholic colleges and universities over the application of a 1990 Vatican document called Ex Corde Ecclesiae.

The argument is over a proposal that would transfer control of the United States' 236 Catholic colleges and universities from their boards of trustees to the local bishops.

The document itself is pastoral in tone, and the Vatican left it to each nation's bishops to individualize the application of the document. In 1996, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) approved a proposal for Ex Corde Ecclesiae's application in the United States by a vote of 224-6.

The Vatican rejected their document and demanded language that guaranteed bishops control over the schools.

The current draft under consideration was proposed in November by the NCCB.

"In summary, an NCCB approval of this draft document would be profoundly detrimental to Catholic higher education," wrote Father Edward Malloy, president of Notre Dame, and Father Donald Monan, past president and current chancellor of Boston College, in the
Singles' Day

Were you alone for the holidays? Was there no call on Christmas morning from the Significant Other? No little reminder from the Mother-in-law? No one to kiss as the new year began?

If you’re an upperclassman, did the season of love and affection come to you?

At Notre Dame, that’s something of an oddity.

After all, where else but Notre Dame can you know. Why limit your options?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Olympic scandal investigators subpoena University of Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah

Three possible Olympic golds are being unawared. The University of Utah is tangled in all three.

The university was issued a subpoena by the Federal Grand Jury last week.

The Justice Department is seeking any information concerning records related to various students, medical services and transactions between the University and the International Bid Committee and the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, University Legal Counsel advised.

“Their witnesses are free,” the university said.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Students protest single-sex rooms

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Freshmen Clark Harding and Kathy Rooney took their case to the American Civil Liberties Union Friday after the University denied their request to room together on campus.

Crawford Hall residents Harding and Rooney submitted a grievance and the Community Living and Learning Council rejected their request. The ACLU: Rooney said the pair is seeking the ACLU’s advice and help.

Harding and Rooney went to the student court to request a good room next fall. They filed a grievance justifying their request Jan. 11. CLLC rejected the request, saying in a letter that University regulations prohibit them from living together because they are not of the same sex.

“We should be able to make our own decisions as to who we room with,” Rooney said. Harding said he feels his freedom of individual expression is being violated by the University’s policy. He said he and Rooney are pushing the issue because they feel it is important.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Y2K problem might affect winter term

COLUMBUS, Ohio

Winter Quarter next year might just get off to a late start because of Y2K computer concerns. For the last three weeks, meetings of Ohio State’s Y2K task force have included discussing the option of closing the university for the first several days of Winter Quarter 2000 if the functioning ability of key systems remains unclear. According to Dan Allen, a task force member representing University Technology Services, there are many options the task force must consider, many of which may or may not be executed. But if the university did decide to close, the decision would have to be made “cert­

certainly by the end of Spring Quarter,” so that the univer­

sity, could adjust its calendar accordingly, said David Williams II, vice president for student and urban community affairs.

SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Health benefits for partners stirs debate

BOSTON, Mass.

The recent decision by the president of Pennsylvania State University to deny health benefits to the domestic partners of gay and lesbian couples has resulted in a debate.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-LA MESA

Man sues over missing documents

LOS ANGELES, Calif.

Nearly five years after discovering that documents he had lost to the university were missing, Edward Erath saw his fight come to a close Wednesday in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Erath’s lawyers have accused the university of negligence and infliction of emotional distress, and are seeking compensation for the income they allege Erath has lost because of his missing papers. The documents, which Erath kept in UCLA’s 1989, were gone by 10 years of research aimed at improving the performance of government agencies, he said. The papers, which were estimated to weigh more than one ton, had been assigned a value of over $700,000 by expert witnesses hired by his attorneys. "I was going to sue them when he first sued them," said Penny Wheat, one of Erath’s attorneys. "He’s been deprived of that least five years," Erath said. He has been unable to find work and has had to turn down offers to use his research since he did not keep duplicate copies.

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The AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Jan. 29.
Some view Keenan Revue humor as offensive

By COLLEEN MccARTHY
Associate News Editor

Far Brother Bonaventure Scully, rector of Keenan Hall, the Keenan Revue is a gift to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. "The Keenan Revue is supposed to be a free gift to the campus during the dogdrear of winter," said Scully.

However, there are some who beg to differ.

Kelly Curtis, president of the Female Students Collective and a Saint Mary's senior, said the Keenan Revue is anything but funny.

"I went into freshman year and left in the middle because I found it offensive to myself and other groups that were targeted, even though I might have been a part of those groups," said Curtis. "I'm not against humor and parody jokes in which everyone is included and can laugh about it, but there is a sharp difference between that and what the Keenan Revue is.

The difference, explained Curtis, can be found in the men of Keenan Hall making offensive and degrading jokes about women from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame without women participating. In the Revue, not everyone is sharing in the common experience, said Curtis.

"The Keenan Revue is using the power of humor to rescribe oppressive attitudes toward other minority groups," she said.

Scully does not believe that all the Revue is offensive. "There is a fine line between just kidding about some things and being offensive," said Scully. "But what's offensive to some might not be offensive to others."

A screening process occurs during one of the rehearsals nights before the Revue is performed for the public. During this time, changes can be made in any material that might be found offensive.

"We have some Saint Mary's girls, some women rectors from dorms at Notre Dame and myself sit down and watch the performance," said Scully. The Saint Mary's women involved in the screening are appointed by student government, said Georgeranna Houshmand, director of Student Activities at Saint Mary's.

The whole rationale of including women in the screening process was to give a female perspective. There was some concern about making fun of people with eating disorders and portraying people as drunk and having sex but not linking that to date rape," said Houshmand.

The director of the Keenan Revue, junior Bill McNamara, admits that what might have been edited from the Revue earlier in the week could show up in the last performance on Saturday night.

"Saturday night tends to be more outrageous than the other nights," said McNamara. This creates a challenge for Scully.

"It's really a hard thing to monitor. You can threaten them but if you have a threat, you have to carry it out," said Scully. "You just have to appeal to their (Keenan Revue participants') common sense and good character."

Jokes about homosexuals are not allowed, said Scully. "You have to be very careful about that jokes about homosexuals," said Scully. "The heterosexual male thinks that is fair game and we have to work on that because we are a homosexual campus."

"The Keenan Revue is not intended to put people down. It's intended for entertainment and laughs which seem to be lacking on this campus," said McNamara.

McNamara added, "I feel bad some people are offended. The Keenan Revue this year is a gift to the entire University family to make everyone smile and laugh. In no way is it intended to be offensive."

This year, the Revue will contain the traditional jokes about Saint Mary's, Breen Phillips and Farley, said McNamara. But the Revue will include other things like magic acts and a group of guys who can play together with beer bottles, he added.

Jessica Martin knows her dorm is a target in the Keenan Revue. Breen Phillips is labeled in the Revue as the "fat dorm." But this doesn't bother Martin, who attended the Revue last year and will attend the event again this year.

"I think it's hilarious. I don't take offense because they make fun of everyone," said Martin. "I had friends in other dorms that don't get made fun of and they were jealous. It makes me feel like part of the campus to be included in the jokes."

Curtis disagreed. "Every year men and women from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame tell people that they are taking the Keenan Revue too seriously," said Curtis. "This is not a matter of people taking it too seriously, but of not taking it seriously enough. The only way the Keenan Revue will ever change or go away is if people stop conditioning it."

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Candidates throw in their hats

The candidates for the 1999-2000 student body president and vice president met Thursday at 5 p.m. to turn in their petitions and declare their intentions to run. Each ticket needed 150 student signatures to be eligible for the election. Campaigning begins Monday at midnight; primary elections are Monday, Jan. 18.

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Father Donald Monan, past president and current chancellor of Boston College, in the Jan. 30 issue of "America," a Jesuit magazine.

Notre Dame has appointed an ad hoc committee to evaluate the current draft. The committee will convene Feb. 1 under the direction of John Cavadini, chairman of the theology department. Attempts to reach Cavadini were unsuccessful.

The consequences for Catholic colleges and universities would be many and varied if the proposal were put into effect. Under Title VII, Catholic colleges can only receive federal aid if they are controlled by a lay board. Putting the colleges in the hands of the local bishops would mean no government money for the school and no federal aid for students.

The draft also requires that presidents of Catholic institutions take an oath of fidelity to the Church and that theologians receive a mandate from the local bishop allowing them to teach.

Universities are urged to recruit only "faithful Catholics" for their faculties. Making "faithfulness" the prime quality desired in a recruit could mean sacrificing academic quality for magisterial loyalty and could open the University up for discrimination lawsuits. The bishops left the definition of "faithful" open, leading to confusion in how this would be applied.

"I think according to American understanding the proposal does [infringe on academic freedom and institutional autonomy]," said Father Richard McCormick, a professor of theology at Notre Dame.

"Those two are held in very high esteem in educational circles."

"Approving the teachers of theology—that's direct outside interference," he added.

"Requiring Catholic teachers of theology to obtain a mandate is in the Code of Canon Law of 1983, but these canons do not apply to institutions founded by a religious order, said professor of theology and ecclesiologist Father Richard McBrien.

"Even though the vast majority of Catholic colleges and universities in the United States were established under the sponsorship of religious institutes, the current proposal overlooks the important distinction," wrote Malloy and Monan.

Father Ladislas Orsy, a law professor at Georgetown, said in a Boston Globe interview that the Church would open itself to accusations of censorship and would lose accreditation, because institutional autonomy is insisted on by accrediting bodies.

"Many U.S. bishops join the universities in their concern about the proposal currently being studied."

Bishop D'Arcy of Fort Wayne-South Bend is among those who expressed concern about the document.

"An editorial in "America" said that the current draft will "end the confusion (the colleges' and universities') Catholic identity, but only endanger it by forcing unnecessary choices between loss of official church approval and a marginal role in American higher education."

"The whole thing's not over yet," he said. "The bishops will vote at their next meeting. Will they stand up to Rome or submit to Rome? It's time that the bishops stand up to the Vatican and tell them what we need, not have them tell us what we need."

The Boston Globe and "America" contributed to this report.

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**Man leaves $3.4M for teens**

An eccentric millionaire was leaving $3.4 million in scholarships for teenagers in rural eastern Virginia. Beginning this spring, a committee will pick students to receive four annual $6,600 scholarships in the name of Thomas Franklyn Fury. “He had made all of his money living in this part of Virginia and he wanted to return it to the area,” William Lewis, Fury’s attorney, said Thursday. Fury died in 1995 at the age of 62. Despite a fortune in timber, the millionaire took baths in a river rather than pay for water, and hung out at a local store to pick up leftover packages of crackers left by diners. “When crackers started coming in smaller packages, it nearly killed him,” said Carey.

**Man sues for HIV diagnosis**

**CHICAGO** An Ohio man is suing his former doctor for allegedly misdiagnosing him with HIV and then prescribing a potent drug that had to be taken each day for more than six years. Mark Savage contends he was never even tested for HIV by Dr. David Gruber as saying the negotiations on the province's long-term independence. NATO's military capabilities, Solana emphasized. “We are ready to act if it is necessary. The parties must seize this opportunity.” Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who will attend the meeting in London, welcomed NATO's decision as a “first step,” according to spokesman James Dolan. The negotiations aim to get the two sides to set aside the independence issue for three years, after which the parties could resume discussions on the province's long-term future. Before that, the Senate rejected Democratic leader Tom Daschle's plan to limit to writing all public evidence of the depostions of witnesses, present- ing the showing on the Senate floor of the videotaping that the House Republican prosecutors want and the White House opposes.

**Pol guilty in bribe sting**

**CHICAGO** A city councilman was found guilty Thursday of accepting $7,000 from an under­cover informant in an ongoing FBI sting on political corruption. A federal jury deliberated for two hours before returning its verdict against Virgil Jones, 49, in the probe Operation Silver Shovel. Prosecutors said Jones took payoffs of $4,000 and $3,000 to allow the informant — posing as a contractor — to operate a rock crusher in his ward. The payments were made in December 1992 and January 1993. Jones had testified the money represented a legal political contribution. Jones and an associate, Charles Nix, were convicted of conspiracy to commit extortion and attempted extortion.

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**NATO**

**‘Turning point’ reached in Kosovo**

He said the six-nation Contact Group, made up of the United States, Russia, France, Britain, Germany and Italy, will meet Friday in London to launch a new political initiative to bring peace to Kosovo.

“It will be fully backed by NATO’s military capabilities,” Solana emphasized. “We are ready to act if it is necessary. The parties must seize this opportunity.”

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who will attend the meeting in London, welcomed NATO’s decision as a “first step,” according to spokesman James Dolan. The negotiations aim to get the two sides to accept a U.S. plan on expanded self-rule for Kosovo’s ethnic Albanian majority. Kosovo is a province of Yugoslavia’s main republic, Serbia, and most residents favor independence.

Belgrade’s Beta news agency quoted German Ambassador Wilfried Gruber as saying the negotiations would be similar to the 1995 talks in Dayton, Ohio, which ended Bosnia’s war, in that “the negotiators will be in one place ... and they will not come out until they reach agreement.”

The American formula provides for the two sides to set aside the independence issue for three years, after which the parties could resume discussions on the province’s long-term future.

About 2,000 people have died and nearly 300,000 have been driven from their homes in seven months of fighting in Kosovo between the KLA and Serbian forces.

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**Senate votes to continue trial**

Senate minority leader Thomas Daschle (D-SD) talks to reporters after his party’s motion to bring President Clinton’s trial to an immediate vote. Republicans set Feb. 12 as a target date for a vote on Clinton’s guilt or innocence.

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON**

Brushing aside Democratic objections, Senate Republicans on Thursday opened the door to a public broadcast of Monica Lewinsky's videotaped testimony as they muscled through rules governing the balance of President Clinton's impeachment trial.

In a rapid-fire series of roll calls, majority Republicans also voted to allow a Democratic call for an immediate vote on Clinton's fate and an alternative set of rules that would have barred any public viewing of the questioning that Mr. Lewinsky is to undergo early next week.

By their votes, Republicans set Feb. 12 as a target date for a final vote on Clinton's guilt or innocence on the two articles of impeachment, which allege perjury and obstruction of justice.

"That's our goal and we have set in motion a process that will get us there," majority leader Trent Lott told reporters, although he conceded the target could slip. Lott said the first deposition would be Monday, with Mr. Lewinsky, and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal and presidential friend Vernon Jordan would be questioned over the next two days. All the sessions will be recorded on videotape, and Lott said, "Exactly what happens to that videotape is not clarified or limited."

That's up to the Senate itself to decide, he said.

On another key point, Republicans left room for a vote on "fact finding" that would state formally that Clinton had committed offenses, even if he wasn't to be removed from office. The Democratic scenario would have prevented Republicans from even submitting such a document for a vote.

The White House accused the Republicans of "power politics." "It's clear the spirit of bipartisanship evaporated today, and that this has become a Republican impeachment trial," said spokesman James Kennedy. "The plan that was adopted is vague and it has no certain end. It appears to contain trap doors that could significantly extend this trial."

But Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, countered: "This is not a deep dark plot on the part of Republicans to slip anything over."

The vote was 55 to 43 against a motion by Daschle to go immediately to four final hours of debate and then vote on the articles of impeachment. See. Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, was the sole lawman to cross party lines, just as he was the only Democrat to vote Wednesday against dismissal of the charges.

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ing to this climate," Vachon said.
While Vachon admits that he hears complaints about the lack of sun, especially in February, he said that SAD is a "major depression," and is usually rare among students on campus.

"When you're feeling bad one day, and you wonder [why], the season amplifies what you're feeling bad about," he said.

Because students already feel bogged down with the pressures of academia, the absence of sun "adds to the load people carry," Vachon said.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE COLD, BITTER SOUTH BEND

Although South Bend winters are a great way to beat the heat, they can cause trauma for students from warm, sunny regions.

"It's definitely harder to go to classes," said Camilla Rodgers, a sophomore from New Mexico. Rodgers also said the lack of sun is "bizarre — I'm definitely not used to that."

The transition from the swelter to the snow can be a difficult one, especially for Mike Mann, who "just gets frustrated (waiting for a sunny day)."

Mann, a freshman from Texas, said adjusting to South Bend winter was hard at first, but that he's pretty used to it by now.

Some students, Vachon said, "expect [the winter] to make them feel worse. People will predict this is going to be a bad month [the same way some people will always complain about the dining hall food]," he added.

Not everyone is challenged by the change in weather. Alice Fox, an Arizona native at Saint Mary's, represents what she sees as a small, but appreciative group that loves South Bend winters. "It's different," said Fox. "I'm enjoying it. She added that the cold is a nice change from her hometown heat.

THE SUN WILL COME OUT — WHEN?

For students wondering when the sun will shine again over the Golden Dome, answers are few and far between.

Thou SAD is rare and not usually prevalent on campus, its symptoms can plague those not used to the cruel nature of a typical South Bend winter.

"It's common for people to feel more stress in their lives when there is not sun," Vachon said. He noted that there are ways of coping with the cold:

• Be aware of the cold its possible affects on your mood and ability to make wise decisions.
• As impossible as it seems, go where it's sunny. This should help lift your spirits and get rid of some depressing feelings.
• "Make friends with the winter" by cross-country skiing, snow tubing or even going for a walk. "Make it work for you.
• Diet, exercise and move around. Students tend to stop activity once it gets darker.

In general, all students suffer some sort of winter blues. Whether it's increased fatigue, or mild, depressing thoughts, no one is safe from the Northwest Indiana winter war.

Students will just have to bundle up and ride it out and do what they can to heat things up. While Mann longs for those sunny days, he opens by working out, or hanging out with his friends, Alice Fox, however, couldn't be happier.

"I love the snow," she said.

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package. Notre Dame may not see as many advantages as the conference would, however. Notre Dame could increase the value of the Big Ten package, so that could be a financial benefit," Conboy said. "But I can't see an upside to only being on regional television.

The decrease in national coverage could also serve as a blow to recruiting efforts, especially for football.

"If you have a recruit who knows that their parent can't come to every game, knowing that those games are televised has been a very nice recruiting tool for coaches," Conboy said. While football is at a clear disadvantage for television coverage under the Big Ten, other sports, such as women's basketball and volleyball, may see increased coverage.

"The Big Ten does allow more of an opportunity for some of the other sports to see more coverage, which could help recruiting in those sports," Conboy said. "One of the advantages to the Big Ten coverage is that they have a game of the week," said women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw. "Depending on where that is picked up, it can be a big selling point for recruiting. While being on television is definitely important, the year we went to the Final Four we were on television 15 times. If you're good, you're going to get coverage.

Although a Big Ten television package will not include week-

ly national coverage, it does offer one thing that the NCAA contract cannot: stability.

"Networks look at the future of a program and determine if it is too expensive," said Conboy. "They make decisions to certain networks have dropped the NFL because it got too expensive. While our position with NBC now is very enviable, if it weren't renewed in the future, we'd be in a worse position."

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Late Night Olympics expands

By FINN PRESSLY
News Writer

With activities spanning two facilities, organizers promise that Friday's Late Night Olympics (LNO) will be the best yet.

"Late Night Olympics is basically an all-night sports extravaganza," said Recsports coordinator Kara O'Leary. "We're going to have 20 different events, with 13 competing dorm teams made up of halls from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. We've got a total of 360 entries for the 20 events."

Unlike previous years, where all events occurred in the Joyce Center, this year's sports will be split between the Joyce Center and the new Rolfs Center. Because of the added space, organizers were able to add badminton, table tennis, and a revamped version of team dodgeball to the lineup of events.

All proceeds from the evening will benefit Special Olympics of St. Joseph County. Over the past twelve years, LNO has generated nearly $45,000, said O'Leary. T-shirts and raffle tickets for food, clothing, and gift certificates donated by area merchants will also be sold throughout the night.

Approximately fifty student volunteers from RecSports and the Rolfs Center will assist in the activities. Several Special Olympians will also be on hand to volunteer and participate in an event that has become a yearly tradition.

"At nine there will be a basketball game between Special Olympians and rectors from different halls at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's to showcase the talents of those Olympians and let the Notre Dame students know they're helping a good cause," said O'Leary.

Late Night Olympics begins at 7 p.m. Friday and is expected to run until approximately 5 a.m.

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Garth Meintjes, spoke Thursday during a panel discussion on "Holding Heads of State Accountable." The Kellogg Institute sponsored the roundtable presentation.

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Government wants U.N. peacekeepers out of country

Officials plan to reject security resolution

Associated Press

LUANDA

The Angolan government wants U.N. peacekeepers to leave the country but it is willing to let U.N. aid workers stay, a senior official told Thursday. Higinio Carneiro, deputy minister for Territorial Administration, told Angola's parliament that the government will reject a U.N. Security Council resolution to keep some peacekeepers in the southern part of the African country. The peacekeepers were sent to monitor the implementation of a 1994 peace accord, which disintegrated last month. Fighting has spread throughout the country, prompting the United Nations to pull all its personnel back to the capital, Luanda.

"The government will not accept the continued presence of any member of the United Nations observer mission in Angola," Carneiro told the National Assembly. The National Assembly responded with two motions, one urging the government to terminate the U.N. mission and another blaming the United Nations for the slide back to war. The United Nations has spent $1.5 billion over the past four years on implementing the peace deal. The peacekeepers' mandate expires Feb. 26.

In a report on Angola earlier this month, U.N. Secretary-General Koofi Annan recommended pulling out the U.N. mission, although the Security Council supported "a multidisciplinary presence" in Angola, "presumably involving political, military and humanitarian personnel."

As a sign of the worsening situation in Angola, Faustino Mutoka, minister for Territorial Administration, told lawmakers that the government was preparing an official document announcing that it was abandoning the 1994 peace treaty.

The Security Council has blamed UNITA — a Portuguese acronym for the National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola — for failing to carry out key elements of the agreement requiring the rebel force to disarm and turn over territory to the government.

Civil war erupted in Angola after its 1975 independence from Portugal. A 1991 peace agreement collapsed the following year.

In Havana, the Cuban government on Thursday denied recent reports that Cuban military advisers are helping Angola's army in the civil war.

"That information is totally false," Foreign Ministry spokesman Alejandro Gonzalez said at a weekly news conference. "We have a civilian presence, such as doctors.

Dozens of Cuban doctors and nurses are working at the Luanda Military Hospital, where wounded government troops are being treated as part of a cooperation agreement. Cuban doctors also run two private clinics in Luanda.

Cuban forces fought on the government side after the civil war first erupted in 1975, but withdrew forces in 1988.

Pope works to get clemency for killer

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.

With a papal plea, the governor's grace and a lottery winner granting clemency to Mease following a face-to-face plea from the governor, convicted triple murderer Darrell Mease has escaped the death penalty.

It remains to be seen whether Gov. Mel Carnahan will evocate political consequences for granting clemency to Mease following a face-to-face plea from Pope John Paul II.

Carnahan, a Baptist and a Democrat, is running for a U.S. Senate seat next year in a state where it's widely accepted that most voters favor capital punishment.

"God help him if there are any grieving relatives (of Mease's victims), because he will need the pope to come back to campaign for him," said University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato.

On 26 occasions, Carnahan has allowed the death penalty to proceed. Before Thursday, he had commuted a death sentence just once, for a man whose jury wasn't told of his mental retardation.

The pope has spoken out frequently against capital punishment and he did so again during his visit to St. Louis this week. In 1991, before Carnahan was governor, the pope asked Missouri to reduce the sentence of Glennon Sweet for killing a state trooper.

Carnahan reviewed Sweet's case, but declined to halt his execution last year.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Vatican's Secretary of State, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, met with Carnahan and relayed the pope's plea for Mease. Later, the pope, after a prayer service at St. Louis Cathedral, came down off the altar and personally asked the governor to "extend mercy" to Mease, Carnahan said.

Mease was convicted of killing a former drug partner, Lloyd Lawrence, 69; his wife, Frankie Lawrence, 56; and their grandson, William Lawrence, 19, in May 1988. They were shot to death.

His Jan. 27 execution date was set last November by the state Supreme Court. Four days later, the court changed the execution date to Feb. 10. The court didn't give a reason, but many believed it was because the papal visit to St. Louis would coincide with the execution.

Carnahan announced his decision in Washington, defending it and insisting that it didn't bind him to any course of action in the future. The plea from the pope, under the ancient monocas and soiling dome of the St. Louis Cathedral Basilica, created "extraordinary circumstances," he said.

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The seminar addresses fathering in the next millennium

News Writer

Twenty-nine percent of children from divorced families question whether their fathers really love them, said Robert Emery, a professor at the University of Virginia.

Emery spoke Thursday as part of the Fathering in the New Millennium seminar at the Center for Continuing Education.

"Fathering and after divorce are important and increasingly controversial subjects," Emery said. "Fathers are important to children in ways we often overlook, if nothing else symbolically."

This, combined with the fact that 51 percent of these children say they would be different people if they had known their fathers better, points to the need for father-child contact even in a post-divorce situation, he said.

Emery pointed to the economic situations of divorced families as further evidence that fathers need to continue to be involved in their children's lives after divorce. He stated that 60 percent of children in mother-only custody are in poverty, that number is an average of all ethnic groups.

Part of the problem is the current legal system, Emery added.

"Many men are disenfranchised by the legal system by a bias that favors mothers in custody hearings," he said.

Emery advocated the use of mediation over litigation in custody disputes, citing that 85 percent of the mediations were settled out of court.

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The seminar concluded with a roundtable discussion on family research at Notre Dame.

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Remembering a Notre Dame Man

Let me tell you about a great, but underappreciated, Notre Dame man: William Bentley Ball, who died on Jan. 10 at age 82, was accurately described as the premier constitutional litigator of this century in matters of church and state. But he was more.

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As defender of the little guy, Bill Ball stood up for the littlest among us: unborn children whom the Supreme Court defined as nonentities subject to execution by abortion. "The consequences of that principle," he said, "are staggering - if the right to innocent human life is at risk, all lesser rights are at risk. The Rule of Law becomes the Rule of Utility, and we - like all materialists civilizations before us - abandon the glory of our tradition and move into the dark night of barbarism." Bill Ball was devoted to Notre Dame - Our Lady as well as the University. But he saw the identity crisis that the leaders of major Catholic universities have brought on themselves.

"Presidents of prominent Catholic colleges and universities," he wrote, "had come to a consensus that their institutions..." Catholicity tainted them with modernity. The presidents, at a 1967 conference at Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin, concluded that Catholic higher education must divorce itself from episcopal authority. The Fordham study, in the late 1960s, "supported by the presidents, urged that the colleges take overt steps to rid themselves of vital aspects of their religious character. The motivation was [that] the presidents’ keen desire to being might be fulfilled. They could now be acceptable to the secular academic community and government grant administrators. Their catalogues, buzzing the words ‘excellence’ and ‘relevance,’ would show just enough of a Catholic face to attract youngsters of Catholic families, but pretense to message to all others that they were, in fact, progressively secular."

"One news" in those institutions, Ball said, "a propensity to cry to the world: ‘We are of the mainstream - believe that the people who count - the accretion teams, the staffs of prestige institutions, the mediums of the media.’ The Beltway-type preachers looked down on Bill Ball. He was politically incorrect and too, well, honest and direct. But, in character as well as in ability, he was a giant among pygmies. I acknowledge my own heavy personal indebtedness to him, as an example and a counselor and friend of grace and wisdom. In a sane society, Bill Ball would have been on the Supreme Court. He never desired that appointment. But, as Prof. Douglas Kmiec of Notre Dame Law School, had put it: ‘If the Court is to find its way, it will likely need the familiar figure of Justice Bentley Ball.’ The fact that he never became Mr. Justice Ball is the U.S.’s loss. The second accolade Bill Ball should have received is an honorary degree from Notre Dame, as frequently requested by Law School faculty members, Kings College, an institution of the Congregation of Holy Cross, had the sense to recognize Mr. Ball with a degree on the ground that ‘You provide a sterling example for our graduates... and for all of us, showing that it is possible to be at one and the same time a committed Christian and a distinguished professional of great integrity. In the fullest sense of the words, you are truly a Catholic lawyer.’ The refusal of our leaders to recognize this great man in Notre Dame’s loss.

As Prof. Kmiec accurately predicted, ‘until God himself directs the verdict, this very able and competent legal advisor will continue to stand upright at counsel in defense of our need, and that of our children, to rely upon God freely.’

‘The death of the just,’ said St. Alphonsus Liguori, himself a lawyer, "is like a man lacks ambition."
Consumerism Not a Major Moral Concern

In previous columns, I have shown how the neo-conservative rejection of economic rights constitutes a distortion from Catholic doctrine and how this rejection is linked to a set of other claims that serve as key motivators of neo-conservative political economy. In this column I take up the view that consumerism is a major moral concern.

In Michael Novak’s “The Catholic Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism,” together with “The Spirit of Dynamic Capitalism,” in his most recent writing, there is no critique of consumerism, only a chiding of those “who too truly designate consumerism” (1102).

Why not critique consumerism? We can see why if we return to the point of last column: For Novak, following Adam Smith, the gap between rich and poor is due to the fact that as the poor are materially better off, Capitalism produces more overall wealth than other economic systems to such an extent that even a rich and poor gap, the poor are indeed materially better off. What helps drive the point, in “Consumption Homing,” is that in short, consumerism is the activity that inspires and enables businesses to produce more goods and thus wealth.

Writing recently, Vice President Dan Quayle of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas makes such a case for consumerism in a recent column titled, “The Consumer Will Prevail” (October 2, 1998). We need not worry about recent instability in the stock market, he argues, because American consumerism provides an adequate source of economic growth. He is worth quoting at length: “The American consumer is the world’s most consummate consumer. We’ve been on a buying spree for five decades. We’ve spent on everything — clothing, electronic gadgets, travel, entertainment services of all descriptions. Our houses got bigger and better equipped, from kitchen to garage. Vehicle ownership, per capita jumped 83 percent in the past quarter century. One television used to be enough, but now three-quarters of the households in the United States have two or more. Americans long ago moved beyond the basic need for food, clothing and shelter. These categories today command just 37 percent of the average American consumer’s income, compared to 76 percent in 1901. Yet there’s always more we want to buy, given the right price.

Indeed, it’s the mark of a wealthy society that consumers keep finding new goods and services to buy. Who can afford to wear only designer clothes? Who can do without designer shoes and jeans? Who can live without designer rings and jewelry? Who can’t have a designer car?

We’re already seeing markets emerge for satellite-based navigational devices, computers that listen to us, customized shoes and jeans, and cellular phones that ring anywhere on earth. Admittedly, this five-decade buying spree doesn’t provide the kind of goods and services I want to buy. What is more, it seems to be a habit important to Catholic life. The neo-conservative denial of economic rights is a part with their lack of adequate awareness of the wealthy are in deep moral and spiritual peril.

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In a couple of months, we’re going to try something similar here at ND. No, the Pope isn’t coming to America’s youth by getting young people to say “WOW!” but, instead, it seeks to rekindle a similar passion in the Church to America’s youth. Pope Paul VI described economic rights as being “the right to own, to be own, to be owner of the means of subsistence” (ibid; for the note: recall, capitalism reverses the order of values that is not subsumed under the quest for material possession — “having” — then there is hope that the gap between rich and poor will lessen. As it is, “there are some — few — who possess much who — do not really succeed in ‘being’ because — through a reversal of the hierarchy of values — [note: recall, capitalism reverses the correct order of values — they are hindered by the cult of ‘having’; and they are others — the many who have little or nothing — who do not succeed in realizing their basic human vocation because the excessive availability of every kind of material goods” (Ibid).

For, the issue of consumerism, cf. also “Centurions” (Annuaire, 28, 29, 33, 36, and 41).

Novak cites John Paul II’s primacy of “being” over “having” (2036/204), but, does not link it to the gap between rich and poor, which, again, Novak holds to be morally irrel­evant. Also, Novak’s linking of every person’s to the gap between rich and poor: “The gap has accumulated and gratitude for having been able to accumulate them. Keep in mind that this ethical system is purely interior and has the advantage of reinforcing the rich-poor gap. The Pope came to America’s youth by giving us the unfiltered truth. He is in a hurry to bring all of these things back to the Church. He is chiding us to work on the problem of possession of large quantities of goods and the lack of respect for people to be wealthy, or "to be where we are." To give priority to "being," according to Novak, is "to become (momentarily) by wonder. The habit of making such moments more frequent during one’s days is a habit important to Catholic life ... The insight into being draws attention to what is truly central in life, uniquely and ultimately important, one’s responsi­bility for saying "yes" to life, TO THE WIL OF GOD WHO CREATED US TO BE WHERE WE ARE and to achieve all that we are capable of ..." (204, emphasis added).

The issue of economic rights goes back to consumerism because by insisting that there are limits to what people can do to others on behalf of others such limits remaining the well-off that there is an order of values that is not subsumed under the quest for material possession. In sum, economic rights not only drive the consumer the well-off, but, when attended to, to protect the well-off from themselves. The neo-conservative denial of economic rights is a part with their lack of adequate awareness that the wealthy are in deep moral and spiritual peril.

To address the neo-conservative doctrine holds that not only must the Church help the poor become somewhat better off material goods, but, the Church help the well-off become, in concrete and not just spiritual ways, poorer.

This is the topic of my next column.

Todd David Whitmore

associate professor in the Department of Theology. His column appears every other Friday.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

All I can say is, "WOW!"

I just returned from St. Louis to see the Holy Father along with a bunch of seminarians, students, and thousands of youth. It was absolutely incredible.

On Tuesday, the Kiel Center was rocking with excitement, faith and passion. Several Christian groups were there, whiping the crowd into a frenzy, with cardinals, bishops, priests and religious joining in the dancing and singing (even some in the "mush pit")! The score that will forever stick in my mind is watching sisters in habits and bishops in full regalia doing the "wave" for Jesus.

When the Pope came in, it was chaos. We have never heard people yell like that for anything in my life. Some were crying, some fainting, some just standing there in awe. Then for an hour-and-a-half — and again for 100,000 of us at the next Mass — he blessed us all spellbound, giving us the unfiltered gospel, challenging us not to be selective but to embrace it all.

In a couple of months, we’re going to try to do something similar here at ND. No, the Pope won’t be coming, unfortunately. The day-long event, called "No Greater Love" on March 20, hopes to rekindle a similar passion for our faith and for Christ, reinforcing the Pope’s message to the youth of America.

Often we only read about controversies in the Church or hear news reports that would have us believe that the Pope and Church are no longer relevant to our lives. The electric appeal of the Pope to America’s youth proves otherwise. People are hungry for the gospel. Let us heed the words of our good shepherd and live Christ’s message of love and service.

In the words of the youth this week: "J.P. II, we love you!" By the grace of God, may we have the courage to put his teaching into practice.

Fr. Bill Wack, CSC
Monastery Seminary January 28, 1999
Did you ever wonder what it would be like to play in a campus band? Be up on stage while hundreds of your peers are dancing to your music? For six campus bands, this is an everyday reality. Everyone sees the end result — the music and the performance on stage — but many spectators forget about the hard work, dedication and time that goes into putting the performance together. "It's sometimes hard to balance everything," said Josie Vodicka, a singer/guitarist who frequently plays at Acoustic Café. "But I always make time for music." Vodicka began taking guitar lessons and writing her own songs when she was 16, and she appeared for the first time at Acoustic Café this year.

She plays all originals, and describes her music as "pop-driven folk." In addition to Acoustic Café, Vodicka has been seen at Lula's, singing favorites such as "Indiana," "Weather" and "Elise."

"The best part of playing is that this (Notre Dame and Saint Mary's) community is the most supportive community that I have ever come across," she said.

Kara Markovich, a member of the band Hotel Prati, agrees.

"It's awesome to see people out there listening to your music," she said. "Even your friends, who have heard it hundreds of times, over and over."

Hotel Prati — singer Kelly Deeney, guitarists Margaret Schutz and Kelly Williams, bongo player Jeff Morgan and Markovich — all met two years ago when studying in Rome. While there, the four girls decided to start playing together.

"We were really just messing around," Markovich explained.

Upon their return to South Bend, the four girls recruited Morgan, who they knew played the bongos, to join the band and they dubbed themselves Hotel Prati, after a hotel they had stayed at during a trip in Italy.

"We play mostly folk music. We're a coffee house-type band," said Markovich. "We play covers like Sinéad O'Connor, Fleetwood Mac and the Indigo Girls, but we also play originals."

Although they have not played together a lot this year, Hotel Prati can occasionally be seen at Acoustic Café or at Saint Mary's. And even though they might not get a chance to play together a lot, Markovich still enjoys participating in the group.

"I get to express a side of myself that a lot of people don't get to see," she said.

For other bands, such as the well known Letter 8, forming a band was as simple as looking through the freshman year "dogbook," which is now a senior.

When Katie Ryan, the former female vocalist for the group, wanted to start a band, she wrote to everyone in the "dogbook" who had listed music as one of their hobbies, explained band member Jim Arkedis.

"She got back five or six responses, plus other people who heard about the band, and eventually there was eight of us," he said.

The band now has six members, including Arkedis on the drums, Jon Ford on guitar, Darren Coady on trumpet and backup vocals, Aaron Poot on bass guitar, Matt Crane on keyboards and Beth Buckingham as lead vocals. Letter 8 plays a variety of old, and new, rock covers, in addition to some originals.

"The best part of being in a band is that you can have fun and there's always a level of support," said Josie Vodicka, a senior.

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The Florida Evans Band and Revue, singers and guitarists Matt Curreri and Dan O'Brien, has also been seen at Nazz and Irish Connection.

"Our music is a mix of pop influenced with punk as well," Garcia said.

The group enjoys playing together, Garcia explained the struggle of finding a time when everyone is free to practice.

"But when they finally start playing, much like any of the other campus bands, they expect you to be on the dance floor."

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THROUGH HIS EMERGENCE AS A DOMINANT PLAYER IN COLLEGE HOCKEY, BEN SIMON HAS VAULTED INTO THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT.

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Squads' leaders among CCHA's best

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

The turnaround of Notre Dame's hockey program has been fast and furious.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the leaderboards of the CCHA's most vital statistics, where Notre Dame names abound. One of the most important group of offensive statistics in hockey is a team's production on the power play.

The Irish have made the most of their power play opportunities to this point, leading the league in power play percentage since the early part of the season (23.8 percent). The team's top scoring line of Ben Simon, Aniket Dhadphale and Buddy Smith has also carried the load on the power play, with more than half of the team's power play goals being between them.

Entering this season, one big question mark for the team was how well Forrest Karr would handle his first year as a starter, replacing four-year starter Matt Eisler in goal. Karr has had a splendid freshman campaign. Currently, Karr is one of only six goal tenders with a goals-against-average under three.

Given that he entered the season having never been a starting goaltender, it is interesting to point out that Forrest Karr has started all 26 games for Notre Dame this season. No other goaltender in the CCHA has started all of his team's games, but Michigan's Josh Blackburn is the only other goaltender that has started in all of his team's conference games.

As a team, Michigan had much the same dilemma as the Irish did in goal.

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Three major contributors from last year's national championship team were missing this season following graduation last spring: team captain Matt Eisler, scoring leader Bill Muckalt, and four-year starting goaltender Marty Turco, the NCAA's all-time wins leader.

Right wing Dale Rominski is one current senior that has stepped up to fill the leadership void for the Wolverines. Coming into this season, Rominski had gone his entire three-year career, a span of 109 consecutive games, without scoring a game-winning goal. As of this weekend, Rominski is tied for the CCHA lead, as well as the national lead, with five game-winners.

Senior defenseman Bubba Benzewig has proven worthy of his new title as captain, while two newcomers have picked up the slack left by the losses of Muckalt and Turco. Freshman center Mike Comrie has played in all of Michigan's 25 games this season and is the team's leading point scorer so far with 26. He happens to lead the team both in goals and assists, with 13 of each, in addition to being the Wolverines' best faceoff man.

Freshman goal tender Josh Blackburn has picked up right where Turco left off, with 17 wins and a goals-against-average under three.

Early in the season, however, there was some doubt as to whether Blackburn could handle the starting job when he was torched by Northern Michigan in a 6-1 home defeat. Since then, the freshman has been steady, and has actually shown himself to be quite flashy between the pipes. Certainly, Josh Blackburn will be the key to a brighter future for the most successful hockey program of the 1990's.
Rivalry comes to boiling point

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

The showdown Saturday night at the Joyce Center is one of the most evenly matched teams in the CCHA.

Most importantly, there are two crucial conference points at stake for both teams as they each battle for position atop the CCHA standings. Notre Dame enters Saturday’s contest in fourth place, just one point behind third-place Ohio State, while Michigan sits six points ahead of the Irish in second place.

Another thing at stake for both teams is position in the national rankings. Michigan comes in ranked no. 5 in the nation; while the Irish hold the No. 10-spot in the polls. As the season marches on towards the NCAA Tournament in March, Saturday’s game is huge because it presents a chance for both teams to solidify tournament position with a win over a nationally ranked team.

After beginning the season with eight straight games without a loss on the road, Michigan has hit the skids recently, going four straight games without a win away from Ann Arbor.

One factor that may hurt the Wolverines in the third period tomorrow night is fatigue. On Friday night, Michigan visited Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing to skate against the fourth-ranked Spartans of Michigan State. Playing road games in back-to-back nights against nationally ranked opponents (and rivals) may be physically and emotionally draining for the Wolverines.

Notre Dame, on the other hand, gets to rest on Friday night in preparation for Saturday’s clash. To this point in the season, Notre Dame still has an unbeaten home record, and they have coming won their last three. But the only non-victory came against Michigan, as the two teams skated to a 2-2 tie in mid-November.

The Irish have skated for the past two weeks without captain Brian Urick, who was injured in the game versus Alaska-Fairbanks. Last weekend, as well as the weekend before, they were also without junior defenseman Tyus Fraser, whose nagging injury still has him questionable for Saturday.

When one looks back on Notre Dame’s season to this point, a perfect indicator of the team’s success has been the performance of their penalty-killing unit. When it struggled, so did the team, and vice versa. In the last six games, the penalty-killing unit killed off 25 of 27 penalties, and the team is 4-1-1 over that stretch.

As defending national champions, it may be surprising to some that one of Michigan’s offensive leaders is a freshman — center Mike Comrie. In addition to his playmaking abilities, Comrie is also excellent on the draw. In the first meeting of the season between these two teams, Comrie set up Dave Huntzicker’s first-period power play goal with a clean faceoff win in the offensive zone. As Comrie battles with Notre Dame’s Ben Simon on the draw on Saturday, the results may prove vital for the offensive flow each team is able to find.

For Irish defender Benoit Coteau, in addition to great team speed, the biggest challenge the Wolverines present is their depth.

“They use the whole rink, they have a lot of speed,” Coteau said. “Michigan is a solid team all around. All of their lines can score and all of their lines have some firepower.”

In the last two years, the games between Michigan and Notre Dame have been so evenly contested that their rivalry has grown to be one of the biggest in the CCHA. In their last seven games against Michigan, the Irish have one win, one tie, and five one-goal losses. Four of those losses came at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor, including two in last year’s first round playoff series loss to Michigan.

Irish head coach Dave Poulin summed up just how evenly matched these two teams are right now.

“This series is where it has to be, which is in the upper echelon of college hockey,” Poulin said. “If you look at the last seven times we’ve played Michigan, they’ve scored three more goals than we have. It’s extremely competitive.”

In the two games this season, Michigan has a tie and a 1-0 win in Ann Arbor to its credit. The first game took place at the Joyce Center Nov. 14. The game was played evenly at even strength, with Notre Dame freshman David Inman scoring the only five-on-five goal of the contest in the first period. The deciding factor was the special teams, or more specifically, Michigan’s special teams. In addition to scoring two power play goals, the penalty-killing unit managed to kill of a five-minute major penalty in the third period to send the game into overtime.

Notre Dame’s special teams also made their presence felt, as Ben Simon tied the game with a rebound goal on the power play in the opening minute of the third period.

One hero for the Wolverines was freshman goal-tending sensation Josh Blackburn, who made 34 saves as the Irish outshot Michigan 36-22. In the game, Blackburn was good, but he was lucky as well. In the overtime session, a shot by David Inman hit off his shoulder, then off of the post to keep the game tied at two.

The other game this season was played at Yost Arena exactly one week after the first game. The Irish came in without scoring forwards Aniket Bhadphale and Joe Dushak, and it showed. Defense was scarce for both teams, as neither team’s forwards found much room in the neutral zone. But Michigan senior Sean Bitchin notched the game’s only goal on a freakish play in front of the net, as the puck caromed off of his leg and past Forrest Karr.

In the game, neither team managed a power play goal, but Bhadphale said special teams should be the deciding factor on Saturday.

“I think it’s going to come down to special teams,” Bhadphale said. “We’re pretty even five-on-five, so it will come down to the power play and penalty kill.”
By TED BASSANI
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Given his development as a player before this season, people around the college hockey world speculated that this might be junior center Ben Simon's breakout year.

This was to be the year in which he would prove himself worthy of the nation's highest award, the Hobey Baker Memorial Trophy. The top 10 players in college hockey each year qualify as finalists for the award, and with the way Simon is playing, he is among those anticipated to be a finalist by season's end. If the junior earns the nomination, he will be just the second player in Notre Dame history to do so, the first being star penalty-killer, playmaker and aggressive checker Dan Carlson, who won the award in 1997.

Simon's emergence as a player con­vinced the Hobey Baker Memorial Committee to name him one of its finalists for the award, which was announced during the college hockey tournament in Minneapolis last March.

As a freshman at Shaker Heights High School, Simon earned all-league honors as well as the league's rookie of the year award.

In his first year at Notre Dame and his experience with Team USA, the 1997 world junior tournament in Switzerland, the first of two world tournaments that Simon would be selected to represent the United States in, Simon has established himself as a key player on his team. He leads the Irish in points, which currently leads his team. Simon is the highest pick among four current Notre Dame players who were drafted that year (Joe Dusbabek, Jay Carlson, Carl Groenendyk, and Ryan Clarke)

Simon's emergence as a player continues in his sophomore season. He tallied points in each of his first seven games. In terms of his development, however, what was most noteworthy about his sophomore season was how he managed to raise the level of his play on defense. In that season, Simon's resume as a player now included star penalty-killer, playmaker and aggressive checker. In fact, he scored three shorthanded goals last season, sharing the team lead in that category with Dan Carlson and Benoit Poulin.

By the end of his sophomore season, Simon would lead the Irish in points with 37, consisting of nine goals and 28 assists. The only aspect of his game that had yet to flourish was his goal scoring ability, which was soon to come.

But to understand Ben Simon as a player, one must first understand him as a person. From his first days on campus with his Notre Dame teammates, Simon has earned and maintained the reputation as the team's resident jokester. "He's the instigator of all the practical jokes that go on amongst the players," Brian Urick said.

Some of Simon's recent capers include writing on a teammate's mouthpiece and wrapping another teammate's wallet in clear tape, which, said Urick, is Simon's weapon of choice. "He's always putting clear tape on people's skate blades, so when they go out on the ice, they'll fall down."

In fact, Ben himself admitted to being a "goofball." But, said head coach Dave Urick, "He's a big, tough guy who can score goals and make key plays."

As a sophomore, Ben Simon was one of three Irish players with three shorthanded goals.
**WEEKEND**

**NNA BE A ROCK STAR?**

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**About the bands**

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        Aaron Poett, Bass Guitar
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**Home schedule opens vs. IU**

By KEVIN THOMPSON

Senior pole vaulter Mike Brown will lead an eager track and field squad into a dual meet with Indiana Friday night at the Meyo Track in Loftus Sports Center.

Brown, who recently suffered a neck injury has been out of action for two weeks, anxiously awaits the opportunity to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships in early March. Brown took his first jump in over a week Wednesday night and feels his best stuff left him.

"When you step back from it and you've been away this long, you're hungry for the opportunity to compete, especially at home," Brown said.

Two weeks ago in West Lafayette, Ind., for it was announced Brown qualified for the NCAA Championships. His mark of 17 feet (third highest in Notre Dame history) satisfied last year's standards. However, NCAA standards have been raised this year, so Brown will need to add more height to qualify.

Also for the men, sprinter and long jumper Marshall West is coming off a remarkable performance in which he provisionally qualified for the NCAA's and broke a school record with a jump of 25 feet, six inches. West is still looking towards inspiration from the home crowd this week.

"I've never seen him like this. He is confident and definitely up for this meet," Brown said.

On the women's side, junior high jumper Jennifer Englander is looking to make a return to nationals. Englander's third high jump in the 1997 Indoor Championships and became the first All-American in a field event in Notre Dame women's track and field history. The Battle Creek, Michigan native will look for the crowd to lift her over the qualifying plateau.

"It is our first indoor meet of the year and we will look for the home crowd to help us out," Englander said.

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**Olympics**

**IOC's investigation focuses on Nagano**

TOKYO

Nagano's winning bid for the 1998 Winter Games is the latest focus of investigation in the growing Olympics corruption scandal.

The Japanese Olympic Committee on Thursday appointed a seven-member panel to look into the Nagano efforts after Mayor Tsutaka Totsuka said there may have been "excesses" in the city's dealings with IOC members.

The panel, headed by IOC secretary general Yushiro Yagi, was the sixth Olympic investigation to get under way and the first officially aimed at a city other than Salt Lake, which Nagano defeated by four votes.

Salt Lake City's successful bid for the 2002 Winter Games, on its fifth try, has been the subject of inquiries by the International Olympic Committee, an ethics panel of Salt Lake Organizing Committee and the Utah attorney general's office.

Last weekend, the IOC expelled six members for taking more than $440,000 in cash, medical and travel expenses and kickbacks from Salt Lake bidders. There have been four resignations and three other members remain under investigation in an unprecedented purge of IOC officials.

In addition, the committee has asked all bid cities from the 1996 Summer Games onward to detail conduct of members or bid officials that might have broken the rules.

And while it is considered a formal investigation, the IOC has announced plans to send two top officials to Sydney, where the president of the Australian Olympic Committee said last month he offered $70,000 in inducements to two African members the night before Sydney won the 2000 Games by two votes over Beijing.

In recent weeks, Nagano officials have disclosed how some IOC officials were wooed during the city's bid, including all-expenses-paid trips to Kyoto, a tourist spot 150 miles from Nagano.

Some IOC officials also confirmed that Yoshio, and IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch received an expenditure amounting to a samurai sword.

IOC executive board member Chiharu Iyama, who also is an IOC member, has defended the Nagano Mayor who also was one of the top officials of the bidding committee and "excesses" in his city's bid.

At Nagano bid officials said they won and dined the 62 visiting IOC officials, spending about $18,000 on each IOC official, including air fare.

Nagano's bidding expense records are missing, which could complicate the investigation. A bid official said recently he had the books burned in 1992.

Meanwhile, a group of Nagano residents filed a civil lawsuit demanding that the state and city of Nagano, as well as two other towns who were the sites for the 1998 Games, return about $7 million in taxpayer money that allegedly went into the bid.
Once again this weekend, the group to watch will be the men’s sabre squad. Despite the fact that 1998 all-American Andrzej Bednarski has elected not to fence this season, the squad has overwhelmed opponents. The Fabulous Freshmen, Andre Crompton and Galber Szelle, and 1998 NCAA sabre champion Luke LaValle will look to dominate the competition again this week.

The trio combined to post 49 victories coupled with only eight defeats. The team was especially strong against Penn State and Stanford — going 8-1 against the Nittany Lions and 7-2 against the Cardinal.

“These guys are the best in the country as a team,” coach Auriol said. “Even without Andrzej. They are strong. I think they are going to carry the country as a team.”

This weekend could also mark a milestone for Auriol as he is looking to pick up his 400th career victory.

Auriol, however, is down playing this accomplishment: “I never kept track of these things. I found out from the Information Department. It’s nice but I didn’t really know where I was as far as victories.”

Despite Auriol’s professed ignorance of his accomplishments, the team is very much aware of the importance of this milestone.

“That (getting the 400th victory) is really important,” Stephane Auriol said. “The reason we are so successful has to do with him and the coaching staff. It’s a milestone that not many coaches can reach so it’s important for us. We are fighting hard for it.”

This weekend’s meet is one of only two home meets for the Irish this year. Home fans will be treated to not only the extremely skilled starters but also the hard working reserves who will get a chance to show their talent against the lesser competition.

“(Getting the reserves playing time) is one of the most important parts of the team,” Stephane Auriol said. “We want everyone to be involved and everyone that puts in the hard work to be able to compete.”

The meet last all weekend so there will be plenty of time for fans to come out and support the Irish in the field and on the road to the NCAs in Brades this March.

“Hopefully we can continue building towards March,” Stephane Auriol said. “Use every weekend as a stepping stone.”

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IRISH INSIGHT

March madness coming soon

By TED FOX
Sports Writer

Well, it’s Jan. 29, and it’s time to set my sights on the major sporting event that is just around the corner. No, it’s not the start of the NBA season. The Bulls’ season doesn’t look too promising anymore, so I’m not really excited about that.

No, it’s not the Super Bowl, either. Don’t get me wrong; I love football, and this should be a great game (Broncos, 31-24), but I’m not going crazy waiting to watch it. Besides, I wrote an article about NFL refs last week, so I need something new.

The real fun, my friends, doesn’t roll around until March when, for almost an entire month, the sports world is enveloped by the phenomenon known as March Madness.

“What is March Madness?” you might ask. It’s the time of year when basketball reigns supreme. It’s most often identified with the men’s and women’s NCAA tournaments, each featuring 64 of the best teams in the country.

For my purposes, I’m going to focus on the men’s game, the arena where I possess the most knowledge and memories, and the way it seems to transform the lives of basketball fans for the duration of the tournament.

This is the time of year when memories are made. Critical to an understanding of the tournament process is the presence of the “pool.” A pool is a copy of the tournament bracket that you fill out with your predicted winners of each game in each round.

Watching the games to see if your predictions come true, especially with friends, is an unforgettable experience.

I remember gathering in my high school library in Ann Arbor, Mich. last year on the first day of the tournament, which is always a Thursday. From this Thursday through Sunday is wall-to-wall basketball, with teams you’ve never heard of battling the schools that make all the headliners in first and second-round action.

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Two such games were the focus of attention as we skipped class in the library last year.

The first was the Valparaiso vs. Mississippi State game. I had a particular interest in this game because I had picked 13th-seeded Valpo to upset the 4th-seeded Bulldogs. Most people thought I was nuts. And they told me that as the game was winding down with MSU comfortably in front.

The details of those minutes are still a blur. I don’t remember how, but Valpo cut their deficit to just two points in the closing seconds. But they still had to go the length of the court in just a few seconds, so I still looked like an idiot.

And then it happened.

Brice Drew, son of Valpo’s coach Homer Drew, hit a hanging three from the far wing as the clock expired, giving the 13th-seeded squad the upset win.

The room was shocked, except for me, of course. I was laughing.

That same Thursday, the Western Michigan Broncos were battling the Clemson Tigers in first round action as well. I don’t remember the seeds for these two teams, but Clemson was a huge favorite. In my bracket, I think I had them going all the way to the Elite Eight or Final Four. I don’t remember which, but it wasn’t important. Either way, Clemson had won to me for avoiding a totally destroyed bracket. It shouldn’t have been much of a problem. But it was.

The game was way too close throughout, and Western was still giving the Tigers all they could handle as the game wound down. Back and forth they battled, neither team able to pull away. Adding to this drama were the cheers of a large contingent following for the underdog home-state WMU squad. I wasn’t part of that crowd, but that didn’t matter. The Broncos pulled off the second major upset of the day as a whole group was laughing at me.

I had gone from idiot, to genius, back to idiot in a matter of half an hour and had loved every minute of it.

March Madness is coming. Bring on the games, and bring on the skipped classes to watch the games. Please, no more class skipping. Hold on to your job and all my life for this.

Well, maybe 11 months.
Marino feels sense of relief

Associated Press
WISTON, Fla.
Dan Marino insists he played only a small role in persuading Jimmy Johnson to continue coaching the Miami Dolphins. However, he couldn't hide his sense of relief when discussing the matter Thursday.

"If I left, it would have affected a lot of people's lives detrimentally -- the coaches, the players," Marino said. "It was important to stay," the NFL's career leading passer added. "I think we're that close to a Super Bowl."

Johnson, distraught over his inability to balance football and family, very nearly walked away from the Dolphins two weeks ago before a last-minute change of heart. He arrived at the team's training complex Jan. 14 intent on stepping down as coach and general manager. He found Marino waiting outside his office. The two talked, and a longer meeting between Johnson and Dolphins owner H. Wayne Huizenga convinced Johnson to stay.

Marino deflected credit to Huizenga, but said Thursday he was glad to have played a role.

"He had a long meeting with Mr. Huizenga. I think we're talking to him before that helped," Marino said. "I think it helped him want to stay."

Fired Chicago Bears coach Dave Wannstedt, a former Johnson aide at Dallas and the University of Miami, instead joined the staff as assistant head coach to take some of the pressure off Johnson.

Marino accepted his Man of the Year trophy during cere-

monies at the Miami Children's Hospital-Dan Marino Center, built with the help of a $1 million commitment from the Dan Marino Foundation.

The hospital, in the far suburbs of Fort Lauderdale, offers comprehensive care to children with chronic medical needs. Though open only a year, plans already are in the works to double its capacity. Marino will contribute an additional $500,000.

"This has been our biggest project, and it's something I'm extremely proud of," said Marino, whose foundation received a $25,000 donation from award sponsor Sprint Communications Co.

Marino is keeping a low profile during Super Bowl week, saying it's frustrating to not be a part of all the hoopla when the game's in his hometown.
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at a new level. Their offense and defense have started clicking.
"For a while this season, we were winning, but not putting teams away," Riley said. "Now, we're focusing more on playing for all 40 minutes."
The Irish shouldn't have too much trouble with the 5-14 Friars, but this game is a must-win as the Irish prepare for a crucial game with Boston College, who upset them earlier this season. "We're looking forward to Boston College. Its going to be a revenge game," Riley said. "But I think we're just trying to put Providence away. We're playing good basketball and we hope to continue that."

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO BOSTON COLLEGE. ITS GOING TO BE A REVENGE GAME.
RUTH KELSEY
IRISH CENTER

By NATHANIEL DeNICOLA
Nunn Writer

The Notre Dame men's tennis team will receive its first opportunity to prove its might on Saturday as it takes on seventh-ranked Texas at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.
The 23rd-ranked Irish will look to build on their 3-0 season record which includes victories over Miami (Ohio), William and Mary, and 63rd-ranked Wisconsin.

Unquestionably the most challenging match of the season to date, Texas is one of the 12 ranked opponents the Irish will face — including home meets against fifth-ranked Illinois and 10th-ranked Wisconsin. "We definitely will have our work cut out for us," said junior Ryan Sachire. "We've been practicing very hard and feel ready for this Saturday."

As if the No. 7 ranking wasn't enough, head coach Bob Bayliss observed, "They may be ranked seventh, but they're actually better than that. They're the type of team that on the right day can beat anyone."

If past competitions are any indication of what to expect on Saturday, count on a nail-biter. In the last four matches between the squads, each of which featured Texas ranked ahead of Notre Dame & the Irish have been slightly by the narrowest of margins, losing 4-5 each time. The most recent encounter illustrates this point, as the Irish came within a few points of turning the match in their favor.

"The match was so close you could pin point the exact bounce of the ball that ended up costing us the victory," Bayliss said. "I have confidence that we can win the crucial matches. It's all a matter of poise."

Notre Dame will attack with much the same lineup that has proven successful in the three previous matches. Leading the charge at No. 1 singles is third-ranked Sachire, who is coming off his biggest win of the season. Last Tuesday Sachire downed fourth-ranked Mark Loughrin of Wisconsin.

"It was an important victory for the whole team," said Sachire. "By proving we can beat a good team (Wisconsin) in their court, it gives us confidence that we can play well against other good teams at home."

The home-court advantage has particular importance for Saturday's match since it will be the first time Texas has played on an indoor court this season. Sachire could face any one of a slow of Texas players capable of playing at No. 1, including seventh-ranked Jack Brasington. Senior co-captain Brian Patterson, who beat Brasington in their last battle, will play No. 2 singles, accompanied by Matt Daly at No. 3, co-captain Andy Warford at No. 4 and the freshman duo of Casey Smith and Andrew Laut at Nos. 5 and 6.

"From top to bottom, I feel our lineup is very balanced," Bayliss said. "And as well he should, given the dominance that Sachire, Patterson, and Daly have asserted and Laffin's unexpected streak at No. 6. The doubles teams of Sachire/Patterson, Matt Horlsey/Trent Miller and Daly/Smith have been equally successful, sweeping the last two doubles points. Although Horlsey's presence will likely be missed in singles action due to a healing wrist, his doubles ability will not be hindered."

"All I can say is that he's been playing great at double," Bayliss said. The match will be played Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Irish go for season sweep against Providence

By ALAN WASIELEWSKI
Sports Writer

The men's basketball team will get a rare opportunity in the Big East this weekend.

The contest against Providence at the Joyce Center Saturday, scheduled for a noon tip-off, will be the first chance for the Irish to sweep a conference opponent this year. On Dec. 8, Notre Dame visited the Providence Civic Center and came away with one of the biggest wins of the year, 85-80.

Hopefully that victory can lift the spirits of coach John MacLeod's troops, following consecutive heart breaking losses that dropped their overall record to 10-11.

Last weekend, Rutgers guards Geoff Billet hit an improbable last-second shot to beat Notre Dame. Thomas leads a proficient offensive machine that will test the Irish defense, rated the worst in the conference in points allowed.

Notre Dame's inability to put together consecutive, well-played games has resulted in only three wins since December 29. Notre Dame has lost four of their last five games and are in desperate need of a momentum builder.

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The loss of leading scorer Troy Murphy has already established himself as one of the best players in the Big East. He is fourth in the league in scoring, second in rebounding, and first in field goal percentage. When Notre Dame met Providence back in December, Murphy scored 30 points in his first Big East contest.

David Graves is also having a solid debut season on the Irish squad. Averaging just over 13 points per game, he has developed into one of Notre Dame's best three-point threats and a solid defensive presence.

There have also been hints of better performances from the Irish roster. Sophomore point guard Martin Ingelsby single-handedly brought the Irish back into the game against Rutgers with a 19-point second half.

MacLeod has also enlisted the help of freshman Javin Hunter, a wide receiver on the football team, who could see action as soon as this weekend.

Notre Dame's back is against the wall. They have played well at home all year and should be motivated by the fact every loss from now on will further dilute their hopes of post-season play.

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No. 7 Irish set for Friars

By BRADY KESSLER

Three weeks ago, Notre Dame center Ruth Riley single-handedly beat Providence, scoring a then-season high of 36 points and grabbing 12 rebounds on route to a 79-56 Notre Dame victory. Riley and the seventh-ranked Irish (16-2) will look to take it to the Friars Saturday night at 7 p.m. when they travel to Providence in hopes of winning their eighth-straight conference game.

The Friars will still be without the services of 6-foot-5 Trip Trapani, who also missed the first meeting with a stress fracture.

"They're looking to double-team me more, so we'll be looking to pass to whoever's open," Riley said.

When Riley gets in trouble inside, she will no doubt look to kick the ball out to three-point specialist Shelia McMillen, who has scored 20 or more points in her last seven games. The senior captain is third in the Big East in scoring (15.8 points per game) and deadly from beyond the arc.

"They're going to go into the zone on us, so we have to work on getting the ball outside," said Riley, who was 3-of-6 from downtown in Tuesday's blowout victory. "When Shelia doesn't shoot well, which doesn't happen much, we have a lot of other players ready outside.

Danielle Green is one of those players. The senior has been putting up career numbers, averaging 16.3 points per game which ranks her fifth in the Big East. Notre Dame is also looking to continue their tight defense. The Irish have kept their last three opponents under 61 points. "We're focusing on playing good defense," Riley said. "Providence will look to spread the ball around, which could pose a problem for us.

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Auriol on pace to sweep 400 wins

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Following a weekend in which the Irish fencing team faced their toughest competition of the season, they return home to take on Midwestern teams.

Coach Yves Auriol knows that he will have a tougher time motivating his squad for these teams than he did for the national powerhouses like Penn State and Stanford that the Irish faced last weekend.

"They sometimes motivate the team," said Auriol. "But I think that they want to be undefeated for the rest of the season. Picking up another Midwest Championship is important to the team."

The Irish, however, still understand the importance of this weekend's match-ups. "It is naturally a little harder to get motivated especially after such a tough weekend," foil captain Stephane Auriol said. "But Midwest competition is still important. So its still not that hard to get motivated.

Auriol finished last weekend at 11-8. He must continue to perform well, especially at the NCAAs in March, if the strong senior class hopes to get over the hump and win their first NCAA title.

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