Candidates present their platforms, leadership styles

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY

The two tickets running for Saint Mary's student body president and vice president elaborated on their platforms, leadership styles and why their classmates should vote for them during "Meet the Candidates" night on Tuesday.

Janet Horvath and Gina Guerreso, whose platform includes improving dining hall services by increasing the variety and accessibility of the grab-and-go services and a point system, explained how they decided on their platform goals.

"Just by asking students and serving on HOG and our respective boards, we were able to arrive at these goals," said Horvath, a presidential candidate. Making sure they could follow through on their goals was also a priority, said Guerreso.

However, the Horvath/Guerresco ticket admitted difficulty in actually meeting with dining hall officials to discuss their proposed ideas.

"We never worked out on their dining hall officials to meet with them so our best bet was to talk to Dr. Timm [vice president of student affairs]," said Guerresco. "However, we have seen the dining hall take steps to get student input. I think if interest is shown and a formal proposal that this is what we want to be changed, it could be changed."

Vice presidential candidate Angie Little said that although dining hall changes were not on their platform, she and her running mate Nancy Midden had talked to Kevin Kirwan, director of dining services, and to whether changes would be possible in dining hall services.

"Basically, Kevin Kirwan said it would be counterpro-

Donahue speaks at rally, supports clause change

By DEREK KETCHER

A diverse group of students, faculty and alumni headlined by 1957 graduate Phil Donahue spoke passionately Tuesday night in favor of revising Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause to include sexual orientation.

With the Board of Trustees scheduled to consider the change for the first time Friday, the presentation took on added significance.

Calling the university's current policy "medieval, anachronistic (and) un-Christian," Donahue spoke about his time at Notre Dame during the 1950s and paralleled some aspects of the civil rights movement to the current gay rights movement. He warned that the all-white, unrepresentative campus of his college years only prepared its students for a false world that never materialized. He later made his implication more specific.

"Notre Dame has created an atmosphere where homophobia is likely to flourish. Donahue warned. He asked that Notre Dame stand up to its heri-

stage and support the clause revision, claiming that potential lawsuits and other harmful consequences cited by critics are "a myth."

"We're not asking that this University blow itself up, we're not asking that it lose its Catholic values and we're not asking it to relieve itself

Students fast in support of clause change

By FINN PRESSLY

As the Board of Trustees decided regarding the addition of sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause approaches, a hundred students will follow in the footsteps of other non-violent protesters by taking part in a three-day hunger strike.

"We're hoping to influence the
Embracing the winds of change

It’s funny how the weather affects our moods. When the sun makes its rare appearance, we rediscove our playfulness and energy. When it snows, we often slip into our bundle-up, deemethought, coffee-house mode. And when it rains, as it has been lately, we are just plain sad. A friend of mine withdrew from school a few days ago and behaved weird, found a sunset, and all that thrills his spirit. It is said that rain washes away the past. 

Another lesson that nature teaches us is that we areSam. 

This, of course, makes perfect sense. We come to college, and all that thrills his Colleen Gaughen. They graduate. We change. They take off their quiet constancy. We come to college. They graduate. We change. They take off.

But I wonder if it’s more than mere circumstance that first draws people together and then drives them apart. Perhaps there’s something about the way the wind blows to help someone else. 

I know that rain makes me feel sad. though, him being gone. I have to remind myself that some birds are not meant to cage... their feathers are just too bright. And when they fly away, the part of you that knows it was a sin to lock them up does return... but still... the place you live in is that much more drab and empty that they’re gone. I guess I just miss my friend.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Barron speaks at Aquinas conference

By EMILY MCCORMICK
News Writer

Human salvation is possible because God is ungraspable and unapproachable, said Further Robert Barron, professor of philosophy and theology at Mundaline University.

Barron, who spoke during the Second Annual Saint Thomas Aquinas Symposium at Saint Mary's on Saturday, explained that the strangeness of God allows humans to be saved. "That God is able to become a creature without ceasing to be God or promising the integrity of the creature he becomes is very strange...this very strangeness of God is salva," Barron said. "He saves us."

Barron explained that Aquinas also taught this view.

"Thomas Aquinas saw in Jesus Christ the act of human surrender in the presence of this ungraspable, unavoidable mystery of God," he said.

Although Aquinas used a lot of philosophy in his writing, Barron emphasized that philosophy does not provide salvation.

"Philosophical heights built up by Aristotle, whether they are physics or metaphysics, they are wonderful, yes, they are great, yes, but they won't save us because we are going to an aim that is beyond whatever we can grasp and know and control," he said. "God reaching into our human conscience, better, our human lives, and drawing us up beyond ourselves — that is the foundation of the authentic theology that saves us," he said.

Another important aspect of salvation was God becoming a preacher, Barron said.

"Until God became a preacher, we did not know the fullness and the integrity of the goodness, justice and the power of God," he said. Barron explained that humans do not trust God fully. "The glory of God is that he wishes us to be fully alive," he said. "We try to grasp at the divinity, but when that fails we hide ourselves."

Barron also explored Aquinas' Five Arguments for God's Existence, saying that Aquinas did not believe they are very important. Barron agreed with that idea.

"These are ways of teaching the fallen mind in the direction of the fullness of which is given through Jesus Christ," he said.

Barron is the author "Thomas Aquinas: Spiritual Master" and "Now I See: A Theology of Transformation."

Members delay resolution vote

By BRAD UNTIEDT
News Writer

After much discussion, the Graduate Student Union decided Tuesday night to postpone their vote on a resolution that would declare their position on Notre Dame's possible membership in the Big Ten.

Prior to the decision, some members expressed a desire for an official position.

"The GSU has been left out, or just grouped with the faculty," said GSU president Maribeth Graham. "We have an opinion on this issue and want it to be voiced."

David Fowle, GSU vice president, outlined some advantages of Big Ten membership for graduate students.

"One definite advantage to joining the Big Ten would be for the library," he said. "It would surely benefit from a Big Ten-type set up."

Fowle also commented on a recent study that showed the advantages of large research universities for undergraduate students. He stated that the study shows students exposed to leading edge research programs have more successful in the job market.

"We want what is in everyone's best interest, even if this is exposing (undergraduate) to more research," he said.

While the possibilities of expanded research were discussed, the members were quick to note that this will not necessarily be a result of membership in the Big Ten.

"We want to grow and continue to have a great university," said Fowle.

The GSU also discussed involvement in a committee to look at revising du Lac. Possible revisions include a bill of rights for students, which would include graduate students.

"This would be a great opportunity for us to get specific rights for graduate students included in du Lac," Fowle said. "This could give us a chance to gain some of the rights that are afforded to grad students at other schools."

Graham also discussed the advantages of a bill of rights.

"This bill of rights could help to lead for graduate students that have had terrible advising experiences...and this would provide a way out," Graham said.

In other GSU news:

— Graham discussed the lack of media coverage of the civil war in Sierra Leone. He instruct ed GSU members to "bug The Observer and bug the South Bend Tribune to see why there hasn't been any more coverage on this issue."

— Continuing efforts to improve computer access for graduate students looks promising. The computer cluster in the University Village Community Center should be updated within a month.

Alumni-Senior Club EXPLODES again

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Athletes offer differing views on Big Ten membership

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Although the effect of Big Ten membership on a football program usually dominates the debate around Notre Dame’s campus, there are 17 other Fighting Irish teams that would be affected by the switch to the Big Ten Conference.

Some teams, such as hockey, fencing and lacrosse, participate in leagues separate from both the Big Ten and the Big East, and thus would be unaffected by the change. Neither the Big Ten nor the Big East however, would maintain its membership in any of these sports as part of its league makeup.

The hockey team would have been a member of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, while the lacrosse team would continue its partnership with the Great Midwest Lacrosse League. The fencing team would remain in the Midwest Fencing Conference.

Other teams, however, will be affected greatly by a conference change. The majority of opponents for the Fighting Irish other than Notre Dame’s are from both the Big Ten and the Big East.

The change to the Big East will result from Big Ten membership.

Dame joins the Big Ten. Necessary change to most away games, but it is really a great experience.

Matt Johnson
Notre Dame soccer captain

"We wouldn’t have to travel so far," cross country runner Kelly Peterson said. "But we don’t travel every weekend now, so it wouldn’t make that big of a difference."

Despite the increased distances and long travel times, some players see trips to the east coast as positive experiences and enriching to their overall college experience.

"It gets difficult because you have to make up so much work," Irish soccer captain Matt Johnson said. "But I feel that we are going to travel, especially to the east coast. We go to Washington D.C. We go to New York. We get to spend a day in those cities and it is really a great experience. You do miss a class every once in a while, but that is outweighed by the positive experiences on road trips."

In terms of the strength of Irish athletic schedules, a switch to the Big Ten would be extremely beneficial. Two sports in which the Big East is thought to be weaker than the Big Ten are baseball and basketball. One sport that would receive a Big Ten boost from Big Ten membership is baseball. Last year, the Irish finished second in the Big East to Rutgers. While they did not receive a bid to the NCAA tournament, Rutgers made it to the tournament because the champion of each league is granted an automatic bid. Other teams must be chosen "at-large" to receive bids. Many factors are considered when "at-large" bids are distributed. The two most important factors are wins and losses, and the RPI rating, which is largely based on the strength of the team’s schedule.

"Playing in the Big Ten would help us in qualifying for the NCAA," Shilliday said. "Notre Dame would be playing a tougher schedule and that would increase our RPI rating."

The Big Ten placed four teams in the preseason ESPN/USA Today Baseball Poll, as the Big East claimed only three spots. The Big Ten was led by the Irish, Rutgers and St. John’s. A big boost from Big Ten membership is baseball. Last year, the Irish, Rutgers and St. John’s made a showing for the National Championship.

The University of Miami has traditionally been a baseball powerhouse, but due to the relative weakness of the Big East in baseball, hurricanes do not participate in the conference for baseball. Conferences are also ranked based on the strength of their teams. The Big Ten is rated sixth in conference rankings, Shilliday said. "And the Big East is ninth or tenth. The Big Ten is more respected so it will be easier to earn a bid if you don’t win the conference tournament if we are in the Big Ten.

Men’s soccer, however, would be hurt by a switch to the Big Ten. Although Indiana won the national title this year, the Big East has traditionally been a stronger soccer conference, with St. John’s and Connecticut both qualifying for the tournament last year.

"As a Big Ten soccer team, we would be facing stiffer competition. The Big Ten is more respected conference," Velho said.

"The Big East is known to be the better conference," Johnson agreed. "I think that the Big East Conference is the better conference for soccer. The Big Ten does have Indiana, but if you look at the teams on the whole, the Big East has better teams like Stanford or Wisconsin. Being a better academic school, we are going to compete with other great academically schools.

Regional ties will play an important role in both baseball and men’s soccer recruiting.

"A lot of the players we get are from the Midwest area," Shilliday said. "It is more interesting for them to play schools that they grew up around or that they grew up watching." Schools in the east coast are more demanding for a recruit to pay about $5,000-$10,000 a year. At a Big Ten school, however, a full scholarship will only force a recruit to pay about $5,000-$10,000 a year. "As far as recruiting goes," Johnson said, "it would be easier for a recruit to go to an Ohio State or a Penn State where the tuition is a lot less. The Big East is closer to us as far as tuition goes. Recruiting would be more difficult in the Big Ten.""The Big East is one of the better conferences, so together, each player has come to a separate opinion regarding Notre Dame-Hofstra in the Big Ten. "I think that, if Notre Dame joins the Big Ten," Johnson said. "And if the other basebal players have talked about joining the Big Ten," Shilliday said. "I think that the majority, if not all, are in favor of the Big Ten."

"I would really like to stay in the Big East," Johnson said. "I would like running against top competition like Villanova and Providence. It is exciting to race against them.

The contacts are speaking. Is the Board of Trustees listening?"

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**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

**Canada**

Canadian groundhog 'Willie' dies before ceremony

The crowd at Canada's top groundhog festival got worse news Tuesday than a bad weather forecast. They learned that star groundhog 'Willie' had died of natural causes. Willie, one of eight groundhogs in Woodstock, Ontario, was to have predicted the weather for another year Wednesday. Willie died of natural causes Sunday night, but his death was not disclosed until Tuesday's ceremony. "We didn't really know what was going on," said surprise groundhog handler Ann Selby. "He was burying a carpet. He said the albino groundhog died at the age of 22. Much longer than most groundhogs in the wild survival.

**America Online**

America Online bans family for life

When a 10-year-old boy broke America Online's rules, the giant internet provider came down hard. It banned him — and his family — for life. Derrick Wollert and his family were a bit surprised. "I e-mailed a kid," the fifth-grader told The Bath News on Monday, describing his brushes with internet law. "I said, 'I was like, an AOL agent.'" Wollert, 10, who was told to rework his annoyance, said liberalism. "The more he thought about it, the angrier he got." Wollert asked. Finally, after all Wollert complained to the state attorney general's office about the news the boy for cutting the story, AOL relented and reinstated the account. "Someone impersonating an America Online employee is an absolute violation of our terms of service, whether it's someone 10 years old or 80 years old," said AOL spokeswoman Trinny Primrose.

Man gives wife severed cat head as birthday present

A man gave his wife a severed cat head as a birthday present. An Argentine man gave his wife a severed cat head on Feb. 2 as a birthday gift. The man, who lives in Buenos Aires, said he picked up the head off an estranged wife's cat and used it as a lighter weight to hold down a threatening note to her. Todd Anthony Looper, 31, was sentenced on Friday for cruelty to animals and terrorism threats. He was also put on probation for a year and ordered to pay $510 in fines and court costs. Pam Looper, 23, reported that someone broke into her house while she was gone Thursday and that she found the cat's head in her vehicle, with a note that read in part: "I'm going to give you a birthday like you never will forget." Looper told police that he had had 14 hours in three hours and did not remember hurting the cat, but admitted the handwriting on the note looked like his. His wife's birthday was Sunday.

**VENEZUELA**

Former coup leader becomes president

Newly inaugurated Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and his wife Maria Isabel Rodriguez wave to cheering supporters as they walk toward the presidential palace in downtown Caracas after the inauguration ceremony on Thursday.

Former coup leader becomes president

Chavez, 43, won Wednesday's election in a landslide on Dec. 6 and using the power of govern­ment, he said he would bring "true democracy" to Venezuela.

"Our fatherland is wounded in the heart. Be in a human tomb," Chavez said. He denounced rising poverty and unem­ployment and promised to use the power of govern­ment to address people's needs instead of relying on the "invisible market of the handmade.

Chavez won a landslide victory on Dec. 6 by capitaliz­ing on Venezuelans' anger over corruption and declining living standards. Most of the country's 23 million people live in poverty, even though Venezuela — a founding member of OPEC — has the largest oil reserves outside the Middle East.

"My hope is the same as all Venezuelans — to put an end to corruption," Chavez, 43, said from Chavez's leftist Fifth Republic Movement. Thousands of Chavez supporters, many wearing his trademark red beret, jammed the streets outside Congress and mobbed him when he left Congress.

Chavez opponents are frustrated by the military­ian imagery, including the ubiquitous beret. The new president called for a big­ger role for the army, which he said Tuesday should be used to build public works.
Debate

Guerrero also said that if elected, she and Horvath hope to receive multicultural awareness by offering courses on different cultures. "The English department offers courses on different cultures," said Guerrero. "We'd like to see other academic departments do the same," Horvath added. "By expanding course offerings, we could show Saint Mary's commitment to diversity."

Taking a closer look at their platform, Midden described how she and Little arrived at their goals.

"We looked at concerns we had as students and talked to every administrator available from Kevin Kirwan in the dining hall to the president," said Midden.

A key part of the Midden/Little platform is the push for one study day prior to finals.

"We've established a subcommittee on SAC student academic council and formulated a proposal for one study day. We have a great idea and we're going to make a proposal to the faculty senate Monday of this week," said Midden.

Working with faculty to open up Maderova for study sessions is also part of their plan, said Little.

Midden highlighted the idea of an alumnae mentoring program.

"What this program would be is focusing on pairing next year's freshmen with this year's graduating seniors who are in their academic field of interest," said Midden. "The alumnae could send care packages and the freshmen could call them with any questions they had."

Horvath had a simple explanation for why she and Guerrero should be elected for the presidency and vice presidential positions.

"Our world upsets it: dedication. We both love Saint Mary's and our number one goal is to give back as much as we can to Saint Mary's before we leave," said Horvath.

The vision of their ticket is what makes them prime candidates for the positions, said Midden.

"We feel confident we can get all our goals accomplished," said Midden.

Midden and Little both identified their leadership styles as being approachable. "I think you have to be approachable so people feel comfortable coming to you with new ideas," said Midden.

Midden added that if she and Midden win, she sees Midden as both her guidance as SAC coordinator, the position Midden currently holds, and encourage constructive criticism. I want to work with students, and any constructive criticism she has, I'll take it," said Little.

Guerrero said she feels confident Horvath would help her as SAC coordinator as well and it would come to me and not only tell me what I could do better but also lead me in the right direction," said Guerrero.

Rally

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of its responsibility over the conduct of its student body," Donohue said.

Donohue also commended Notre Dame's student body president for choosing to attend and speak at Tuesday night's presentation.

Peter Cesaro, student body president, was among the night's first speakers to voice his sentiments supporting clause revision. His talk traced the student senate's involvement with the issue and noted that the body cast 22 votes in favor of clause revision, a significant fact because the senate is one of the campus' most representative bodies.

"I now pray and hope the University makes the correct decision for the students here," Cesaro concluded.

Alyssa Hellrung, co-president of OU/Treach ND, the campus' unrecognized gay student group, delivered a strong call for clause revision. She moved the discussion to "real people issues" and said she was tired of people who talk about Notre Dame's perceived duties as a premier religious institution. She told of her satisfaction that Notre Dame "has published of assurance, tax and consulting services."

Thomas Schaefer, chair and professor of accounting at Notre Dame, has been appointed to the KPMG Distinguished Chair in Accountancy in the College of Business Administration. The professorship is supported by an endowment provided by KPMG, one of the world's largest and most diversified professional accounting firms.

"This hurts our academic climate," she said, referring to an image of intolerance and academic closed-mindedness. She also cited closed avenues of learning such as gay literature, and lamented that many students do not have the chance to meet and know homosexual classmates.

"Living in the closet back then was a necessity," Boos told the audience. "We could have used a non-discrimination clause back then and we need one now."

Hartwig also read a letter from Father David Garrick, an English priest who worked and studied abroad programs and venture to fascinating foreign lands. University offers you more than academics more than joining the Big Ten."

A pervasive atmosphere of fear stems from the University's reluctance to legally protect homosexuals from discrimination, Bederman explained.

"We're going to be gathering in the dining hall for supper — or should I say function — as a support group and to talk to people who are also involved. The other purpose is to be a public witness to the rest of the student body," he said.

In addition to the fast, the PSA has planned what Kreider calls "a week of silence," which includes Tuesday's speak-out in Washington Hall, as well as nightly films and prayer vigils.

"Besides ... not eating, we're going to have several events during the fast — things that are really going to hit us," he said. "They are designed to educate people for some of the reasons for changing the clause."

Should the trustees not approve the change, Kreider said their battle would not be over.

"We're going to keep at it. We're going to keep at the issue," he said.

Schaefer receives KPMG chair

Special To The Observer

Schaefer is in his first year at Notre Dame after serving 16 years on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois in 1976 and 1982, respectively, and received his bachelor's degrees from Northern Illinois University in 1974.

A capital markets scholar, Schaefer has published research in The Accounting Review, the Journal of Accounting Research, the Journal of Accounting and Economics, and has authored or co-authored several publications in the field. He received a university-wide teaching award at Florida State in 1988 and twice was selected honorary University's Accounting Professor of the Year.

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The tickets of Janet Horvath/Elena Guerreso and Nancy Middlen/Allie Little have innovative ideas, concerns for the students, leadership, and pride in Saint Mary's. However, Middlen/Little has the aura spark to drive students and provide an exciting experience that The Observer believes will successfully usher Saint Mary's into its third century of educating women.

Mary's pride in Saint Mary's is their driving force. They have a favorite on campus, and their enthusiasm defines their ideas. They are confident, accomplishing goals like instituting a major-of-the-week shop and improving dining hall services. Their campaign speaks for Mary's student body. We hope whoever wins will be able to keep our eyes open to the wonders on all sides of us. Before too long, it may all be lost. Then we may not be able to remember the beauty of the tree on the quad that was uprooted to make room for new construction, or the baseball game when a close friend hit a home run to win it all.

All these moments run together to make our life. It is a glorious thing. When we go to our "final reward," we won't really be judged on how much we know. The important things will be how we used all the splendid resources God has provided — nature, technology, relationships. To be aware of each moment now, to make the best use of each moment, will enable us to approach the future with a more open mind. We will be better able to handle the good and the bad, and not worry half so much about what "might have been."
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Students and Alumni Unite in Opposition to Big Ten

Once the university becomes involved in the Big Ten, a complex web of academic, financial and athletic relationships may prevent us from thereafter maintaining its distinct mission in the face of such changes.

I have just come from the rally in Washington Hall addressing the need for an addition to the anti-discrimination clause. I heard a great deal of rhetoric, and unfortunately not very much coherence, not even from the respected adults invited to speak. I even heard lies, e.g. the one about Fr. Malloy’s presentation to us Diallo twice last week. It was staled during the rally that Fr. Malloy did not address the issue of the clause; that is not true. He explained exactly why he did not believe there should be a change. It is true that later on someone asked him a question to which there could not be a truth-reflecting answer, and so be refused to respond; he did however address his reasons for not supporting the clause change in some detail. I could go on to detail the problems I found with this rally, but then The Observer wouldn’t print the letter because of length.

My mission in this letter is not to trash the rally anyway. After reflecting upon what was presented in the rally, and more so how it was presented, I think it prudent to illustrate just how absurd we students are. I pick up the paper this morning to find headlines like “Thousands Fear Paramilitary Violence in East Timor,” and “Disenfranchised” and “A Mortal Raid in Tehran,” and numerous other stories illustrating great injustice occurring around the world.

Meanwhile, on the campus of the premier Catholic university in America, we are whining about how there isn’t legally binding protection for a very small group of people. Let us ask the orphaned children of this country to care about our feelings. Let us ask the people of Tehran whether they care about anti-discrimination clauses. My guess is that their answer will be no. We engage in a fight which is silly. If we are really so very concerned about liberty and justice for all then we would forget about our small problems under the Dome and agitate for real justice for those who don’t have any — the victims of genocide, oppression, and real, deadly, and horrible things. I would hope that some day, students of the university in America would be whining about how there isn’t legally binding protection for the vast majority of people, and then we would be more able to put our petty differences. Maybe then we’ll have a chance at the kingdom on earth in fulfillment.

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Ethnicity Doesn’t Always Imply Allegiance

(U-WHIE) LOS ANGELES, Calif.

Every one in while some ignorant leads me to the sure path of inquiry, I question every inevitable American that color does throughout their lives, “Do I look Mexican?” Everyone I meet or see, “Does this really mean American?"

For, take for example, an interview I had while crawling along the 405 freeway en route to the airport last week. As a child we all grow up out of the middle-aged shuttle driver felt compelled to talk. On the other hand, I was content to read my remaining text, the dimly-lit cabin.

This is not surprising. I ask myself social but that I am, I was obliged to engage in conversation. Did he ask my age or my major? Did he inquire after my career aspirations? No, of course he didn’t; such neutral questions were out of the question. Predictably, as so much before him, he inquired about my ethnicity and then to further exacerbate the situation, he introduced me on my English proficiency. “You speak English so well. How long have you been here? The urge to punch him, and responded, “Since birth,” and left it at that.

The problem with this query is that besides being rather offensive, it is a response more complex than superficially apparent. The interest of the speaker exceeds mere geography or cultural curiosity. Depending on who asks the question, it can be interpreted as either “Are you one of us?” or “Are you one of them?” It follows that the response to this question is actually a proclamation of allegiance.

My ethnicity has been a topic of interest every time I can remember. People are never quite able to pinpoint my origins. Most of the time, I find myself compensating for their confusion by lumping me into one of various categories — usually defining me as Mexican.

This is not surprising. Being that we live in a society that revolves around the idea of lumping. We lump people into economic categories. We lump people according to religion. We lump people according to political affiliation. In fact, we will begin doing so in high school when we first identify the nerds, the jocks, the goths, and the hipsters. It almost seems logical to lump, being that categorization is based on simplification, and that simplification serves a purpose for those who around the world are us. But the problem is that this phenomenon of lumping leads to stereotypes.

To make matters worse, the stereotypes are so vividly drawn that it becomes a matter of us versus us.

Even more immediate concern is the fact that lumping robs the individual of his or her identity. Take, for example, when people ask me, “Are you Mexican?” This infuriates me for two reasons. First, I am Puerto Rican and Salvadoran, twice as far removed from the Mexican one. To classify me in a category which I do not belong to robs me of my culture and identity.

Furthermore, if people really must ask about my ethnicity, why can’t they ask me about it directly without first making assumptions. Not every person with brown skin is Mexican. Moreover, the fact that one looks like a Mexican doesn’t mean that one must be a Mexican. This is a constant reminder of the double standard within society.

It also serves a function, that I will always be viewed as an outsider no matter how American I may be. Take, for example, my friend, who was born in Poland and immigrated in the sixties. The irony is that because she has blonde hair and blue eyes no one will ever ask her, “Where are you from.” On the other hand, I will constantly be pushed to answer these for the rest of my life — despite the fact that I happen to be here.

The epitome of this is the question, “What nationality are you?” Nationality is synonymous with citizenship. My nationality, therefore, is American and my ethnicity is Puerto Rican and Salvadoran. Yet people often confuse me as an “American” to this question. Much like when I’m Mexican robs me of my ethnic heritage, asking me to define myself by ethnicity robs me of my American identity. It is that hard to believe that a person can dwell within two cultures. Moreover, it is a coincidence that people use the terms ethnicity and nationality instead.

I remember when I was a child and race never entered our mind. Children of all background played together without any question of intersection. It was only as I grew up that race became a defining reality to me and to others. Then people began asking me to choose — a choice that defines a culture, a color, a friend, etc. I chose both and made me an outsider. But the truth is that I already was an outsider.

Throughout my life people have referred to me as exotic. This term implies the perception many fellow Americans have of me. Useful is defined by Webster’s dictionary as “Belonging by nature or origin to another part of the world; foreign; strangely different and fascinating.” I am exotic in that I am foreign and I am about as domestic as you can get. More importantly, I am a person. When people call me exotic it makes me feel like imported character.

No person should be made to feel that. I am not exotic. I am not a minority. I am just as American as any of my fair-haired countrymen. Therein lies the cause of racial conflict in this country.

Until people learn to realize that skin tone does not necessitate allegiance or nationality, there is no place for the term ‘exotic.’ This is a view that we as a whole society upperseeds the inequities this country was founded upon.

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Ex Corde Ecclesiae: It’s Time to Follow the Recipe

Got a story to tell you. All about a friend of mine down North Carolina way. Well, my friend owned a McDonald’s, just like his father and his father before him, all the way back as far as one could recall. Now, back in those days, McDonald’s didn’t have written regulations on how to make their burgers. You just kinda’ knew how the recipe was passed down from father to son and you just followed right along. Grade A beef, the best ingredi­ents, and so on. Nobody needed written directions because everybody knew. And when you went to a McDonald’s restaurant, you were eating a McDonald’s burger. Well, my friend was a real kind of guy. One day, he fig­ured, “Why don’t I try some of this Grade A beef instead of the Grade B beef I’ve always used? It’s whole1 whole cheap and most people say it’s easier to chew and swallow.” So, he started using the Grade B. And from most outside appearances, it worked. The people who only occasionally ate at McDonald’s never noticed the difference. And as for the frequent customers, the ones who really knew how a McDonald’s burger should taste? Well, they complained at first, but after a while they got used to the taste, things quieted down nand busi­ness went on as usual.

A couple of years later, McDonald’s headquarters found out what was happening. Somebody had switched to Grade B beef and was selling it as a McDonald’s burger! This could not be and action must be taken. Apparently, the unwritten recipe was no longer enough. So, McDonald’s headquarters wrote the recipe and sent it out to all the McDonald’s restaurants everywhere. This was the first time that McDonald’s had always followed; the only difference was that it was now in writing. The note accompanying the recipe was simple: Make people happy with the official McDonald’s recipe or stop calling yourselves a “McDonald’s” restaurant.

So my friend has a choice to make: follow the recipe and remain a McDonald’s restaurant or change the name of the restaur­ant. It’s as simple as that. Does this little story sound familiar? Well, my friend is Notre Dame; McDonald’s headquarters is the Catholic Church; and the “recipe” is the papal document Ex Corde Ecclesiae which lays out clearly what it takes to be a “Catholic” university. I recom­mend that you read Ex Corde Ecclesiae sometime. It’s not a new recipe. It does not give con­trol of the univer­sity to the bishop; it does not elim­i­nate student finan­cial aid; it does not have to do with Whitehead, St. Francis, or the Catholic Church. It does not threaten the religious free­dom of non-Catholic students, and it does not threaten true academic freedom or institutional autono­my. Everything it calls for was practiced consistently by all Catholic universities about 40 years ago. The only difference is that Notre Dame likes to make all others change the recipe. Now the Catholic Church has put the writing on the wall. The choice is yours Notre Dame: Will you follow Ex Corde Ecclesiae and be Catholic or will you remain our name to Notre Dame: A University?

For one I can only pray that Notre Dame will wholeheartedly copy the words of their own Father Bill War, who upon returning from St. Louis this weekend said: “In the words of the Prophet Isaiah this week: ‘I P B, we love you!’ By the grace of God, may we have the courage to put his teaching into practice.” Amen.

Will Ever
Law School, Third Year
January 31, 1999

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Undoubtedly the follow up to Silkk’s sophomore album Charge It 2 Da Game, produces much of the same hip hop that has made Master P and No Limit Records very profitable and popular in today’s hip hop industry. With this release, however, one must ask oneself if No Limit Records is losing its originality and edge which made it so popular just a year ago. Silkk the Shocker, Master P’s little brother, takes gangsta rap to entertaining extremes at times in Made Man, but he falls quite short in comparison to Charge It 2 Da Game. Made Man contains much of the same up-tempo vocals by Silkk set to the background of No Limit Records’ signature stripped-down beats, melodic hooks and ruffneck melodramatics. It also, as always, contains a number of popular guest appearances of No Limit Tank members such as Master P, C-Murder, Mystikal, Mia X, Fiend and Soop of Funk.

In comparison to previous releases, Charge It 2 Da Game and The Shocker, Made Man does not belong in the same league or on the same label as such greats as Gran Turismo. This third album contains few highlights or original ideas not found on any other No Limit Records album released in the last five months. In the past year, No Limit Records, with Master P at the helm, has managed to release well over a 150 compact discs. Made Man relaunches a number of previous songs such as “It Ain’t My Fault 2,” but fails to add any creativity or originality to it. It is almost as if there were no more stories of drugs, guns, death or ghetto life to be retold; a possible problem for the former New Orleans street hustler who grew up in Third Ward Calligne Projects in New Orleans.

Although the album is rather uninteresting, it does contain a highlight or two. One can be found in the song “All Because of You.” The lyrics are unoriginal but what makes it one of the few highlights is the sample of “Sukiyaki” in an old school beat style.

All in all, Master P might have to temporarily give up acting or spending as much time on the basketball court and come back to the studio to produce quality records if No Limit Records wants to stay in business.

Robert Calleros

Silkk the Shocker
Made Man
Priority Records

** (out of five)

Ever since it was mercilessly wrestled away from its rightful Danish motherland in 1624, Sweden’s southernmost province of Scania has always been a noteworthy standout. In recent years, it has gained attention for registering the highest YES vote in the 1994 Swedish national referendum on European Union (EU) membership and initiating construction of the road to be completed bridge-link between itself and the Danish capital Copenhagen. But perhaps Scania is best known for being the place where Sweden’s hottest band, the Cardigans, both record and mix their hits. Having luckily been able to escape many of the financial problems of other Swedish musicians, the Cardigans’ first album LIFE earned them a clever niche with happy, catchy, sing-along tracks. Their follow-up record, First Band on the Moon, which included the hit single “Lovefool,” was recorded as quickly as possible to get something on MTV before the pleasant, but hopelessly transient, memories of LIFE faded away. While this was all politely entertaining, most of us were still waiting to see if a real band with any teeth would come out and show itself.

With this latest release, Gran Turismo, the emergence of The Cardigans is complete. The videos for the debut single “My Favourite Game” says it all. Leather-clad with tattoos, behind the wheel of a top-down convertible in the American West, lead vocalist Nina has gone from whimsical Nordic liltie to Jim Morrison’s female reincarnation. Once a gaily dancing the night away on the floors of Milan’s Atlantique, we can now easily imagine her going up to her hotel room to blast The Doors’ “L.A. Woman” instead.

The first track, “Paralyzed,” would make a great drawn-out accompaniment to the opening credits of any James Bond movie. Seductive, textured and enganging, this song alone shows how much this band has grown in the past year. “Erase/Rewind” reverts right back to the band’s Eurodisco roots, but songs like “Marvel Hill” and “Hunging Around” have the grit and technologically-generated angst to sound like they came out of U2’s 1993 Zooreg recordings sessions. Later tracks like “Marvel Hill” and “Nil” are pretty much clutter, but winners like “Do You Believe” and the above mentioned “My Favourite Game” put Gran Turismo over the top.

Gran Turismo is not an easy record. It changes pace from one song to the next and is difficult to categorize. But stick with it and you’ll be well satisfied.

Sean King

The Cardigans
Gran Turismo
Polygram Records

*** (out of five)

**Campus Band News**

**Umphrey’s McGee**

Feb. 5 wolfHouse Brewing Company (Cincinnati, OH)
Feb. 6 Ripley’s (Cincinnati, OH)
Feb. 12 Heartland (South Bend)
Feb. 13 Madison Oyster Bar (South Bend)
Feb. 4 Acoustic Cafe at 10:15 p.m. (Geoff Rahie solo)
Feb. 4 Acoustic Cafe at 10:30 p.m.

**Who’s Yo’ Daddy?**

**Letter 8**

TONIGHT Alumni Senior Club at 10 p.m.
You hear the glass break, the music bits and the crowd starts roaring. It's Stone Cold Steve Austin, the beer drinking, swearing icon of the WWF. And his opponent — The Corporate Champion, the Brainais Bull, the master of the Corporate Eyebrow and the Corporate Pillow, the two time WWF champion of the World. The Rock, It's Gangrel and the Brood emerging from the ring of fire and he's got the mysterious Red Viscous Liquid. Or even worse — the evil Minister of Darkness himself, the king of the undead wrestlers, Undertaker. Just when you think everything is going to be okay break it down and we all know that can only mean one thing — Triple H, X-Pac, The Flouid Bug and the BadAss Billy Gun (better known as H-X) have come out to the ring to raise a little hell. Or perhaps you're more of a lover and not a fighter. That's okay too, because even the adult film star Val Venis makes an appearance. To top it all off, everyone's favorite hand of freaks, oddities and white trash poster boys themselves, the Insane Clown Posse, drop by as well.

I'm guessing that right about now you're doing one of two things — wondering what I am talking about or laughing out loud at your dining hall table. For those of you who have no clue what I am talking about, it's the biggest thing to hit record stores and the campus of Notre Dame since the new Hovas Matthews Album. That's right, it's WWF the Music Volume 3.

Wrestling's popularity has its highest it's been since the glory days of Wrestlemania 3, which saw Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant battle for the WWF title in front of over 90,000 fans in the Silverdome. Now, the WWF has decided to try in creating on the wrestling frenzy with the third installment of the WWF theme songs. It easily beats the first two, and has been steadily moving upwards on the Billboard Music Chart's top 25.

The CD itself is loaded with the entrance themes of 14 of your favorite WWF superstars, including the Undertaker, the Brood, H-X, Ken Shamrock, and Val Venis. With star power such as this, WWF the Music Volume 3 could reach popularity levels only dreamed of by any artist in the music industry today. It could very well become Notre Dame Dorm Party music. What better way to party than to sit back and relax to the sounds of Stone Cold Steve Austin, or The New Age Outlaws? If you're a wrestling fan, then you will definitely like this CD.

As laughable as this may seem to some I am going to give this album a rare rating indeed — so rare in fact that only two other albums have ever attained this high of a rating from me. Now Than Jack's Losing Strrek and NKFX's White Trash, Two Hebrews, and a Heart. On a scale of 1-5 this album receives a 6. Yes, it is that good. As an extra special bonus I have placed MP3s of this album on my network space under the name Mr. Socks, so any curious people can come by and have a little dose of WWF Attitude. I think that's about it — I've made a big enough fool of myself this last week to last long before I go, if you're not down with WWF the Music Volume 3, well then, I got two words for ya — suck it.

Brian Kornmann

When NWA released their landmark album Straight Outta Compton it marked a major transitional moment in the evolution of the rap genre. Up to that point, rappers focused like Ice Cube, MC Ren and DJ Yella had achieved infamy and a notoriety that only occurs when a chord has been struck with society as a whole.

This new release, 10th anniversary edition to the group, rappers who filled NWA's shoes after they broke up perform covers of the 12 tracks on the original album.

Beginning with the title track, the hard-core anger that pervades the group's music is evident. Their view of life seems limited to machismo, violence, sex and money. The covering artists have changed the songs, making them their own, but the message of outright disdain for authority and for a society that has left them behind is clear, albeit softened.

The new generation of rappers who have inherited the business have so clearly been influenced by NWA that the covers seem very natural. Bone Thugs N Harmony cover the first bouncy anti-police anthem of inner cities, "Exploited Tha Police," predecessor to Ice T's "Gop Killer." Snoop Dogg chimes in on "Gangsta Gangsta" and, although he cannot give Easy's spirited performance, his mellowed and cold-blooded interpretation is successful.

Perhaps the best track on the album is "Express Yourself," performed by Silk Hill, The Shocka. Its upbeat baseline and vocal incantations along with its almost optimistic lyrics make it a glimmer of light in a pool of bloody despair. When one listens to these lyrics, a sense of anger comes through the music and enters the listener. The heavy bass accompaniment does more to heighten the mood of ultimate aggression that is a huge part of these men's lives.

Although the group broke up not long after its release, Straight Outta Compton remains a central work in the history of the genre, a record that revolutionized the industry, for better or worse. Before listening to this, beware, for no NWA song is for the weak of heart nor innocent ears. The hurt beats and vulgar raps belong not to a magical world of sunshine and smiles but to a darker side of America where death and tragedy lurk at every turn. These are tough rap­pers in a tough world and they pay homage to the legacy of NWA, with style.

Tom Ogorzalek

Scene

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Various Artists

N.W.A. 10th Anniversary Tribute

Priority Records

★★★ 1/2 (out of five)

album reviews

Nocturne Nightflight

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Various Artists

WWF the Music Volume 3

Koch Records

★★★★ (out of five)
**BOSTON**

Miller Hejduk and Adam Deadmarsh scored third-period goals Tuesday as the Colorado Avalanche won a franchise-record ninth consecutive game, defeating the Boston Bruins 3-2. Hejduk, who also earned his sixth goal of the season, tied the game at 2-2. He has six points in his last three games.

Jason Allison scored two second-period goals for the Bruins, whose win streak was extended to six games. They are 0-5-1 in that stretch.

The win marked a three-year losing streak for the Avalanche against Boston. Their last win came in the 1995-96 season.

Allison got his first goal 11 seconds into the second period on a power play, tying the game 1-1. Of his 40 points this season, 18 of them have come on power plays. It was his 10th goal this year.

His second goal, giving Boston a 2-1 lead, came at 18:45 of the period when he took a pass from the crease and put the puck into the left corner. He has nine multi-point games this season.

Sanda Ozolins, playing in only his ninth game of the season after signing a minimum deal with the Avalanche a 1-0 lead when he scored the game's first goal on a power play at 6:14 of the first period. The Avalanche have eight power-play goals in their last 12 games.

Byron Dafoe stopped 19 of 22 Columbus shots, including one by Steve Donovan at 5:26 in the third period. Donovan broke in alone from the right side and was stopped wide of the crease.

Patrick Roy faced 25 Bruins shots, including 12 in the first period, and stopped 21 of them.

**PENGUINS 5, SABRES 3**

Jaromir Jagr figured in all of Pittsburgh's scoring, setting up goals by Jan Hrdina and Kim Miller in each of 1-12 of the third period as the Penguins rallied from a 2-0 deficit to beat the Buffalo Sabres 3-2 Tuesday night.

Jagr scored an empty-net goal with one second left and assisted on the Penguins' second-period goal by Miller, who beat Buffalo goalie Dominik Hasek - his Olympic teammate a February ago - for a five-point night.

Hasek had blocked 21 shots and had four points in six of his last five games against Buffalo. He has six points in his last 17 home games against Buffalo.

Jason Woolley, Brian Holzinger and Marian Hossa scored two second-period goals for Buffalo, who now have nine multi-point games in their last 14-1-2 season.

The Penguins won their fourth in a row and became the first team this season to notch a 2-0 lead and come back in the first period after two goals. Miller, who had played mostly on checkings lines until being moved up to Jagr's line last week, had two goals and Kevin Hatcher also scored as the Penguins improved to 6-2-0 in their last 10 home games.

The Sabres scored on a power play at 3:46 of the second period when Hasek bobbled the puck and let a loose puck in the crease. It was his second goal this season on the power play.

Crispin Stastny scored his first goal of the season on a power play at 6:14 of the first period. It was his 10th point of the season.

Junko Hirota took a shot at 13:59 of the first period on a power play with a high-Stick against Buffalo, Miller forced the rebound out of the crease and Miller raced into the crease on the power play, at 14:21 of the first period. It was his first goal of the season on the power play.

He shot Pittsburgh 3-0 in his second start against Buffalo this season. Miller then scored on a penalty shot, giving Buffalo a 10-15 in the second period as Miller charged after the puck near the net from Igor Korolev, who finished with two assists.

Stephanie Richer's apparent goal during the 2nd- and 3rd second last season period was disallowed after a video review of the replay. Hasek hit the stick and did not go the crease.

Tampa Bay goalie Bob Berry got only one shot during a 3-6-2 consecutive power-play point of the first 60 minutes. The Lightning were without five regulars on the power play.

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**Men's College Basketball**

**No. 8 State escapes Nittany Lions on last-second shot**

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. - Mateen Cleaves hit a 10-footer over a defender with less than a second to play Thursday night, allowing No. 8 Michigan State to escape with a 70-68 victory over Penn State.

Cleaves, who scored with 4 seconds left, had 14 points and five assists in the Spartans' eighth straight win, while Morris Peterson scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half. Michigan State (19-4, 8-1) remained in first place in the Big Ten. Penn State (10-11, 9-2) had its six-game winning streak broken as the Nittany Lions (8-12, 3-8) dropped to second in the conference.

Cleaves hit the game-winner after grabbing a rebound from Antonio Smith grabbed 11 rebounds for the Spartans, who had 21 offensive rebounds.

Michigan State had trouble finding its rhythm in the second half, and Penn State took a 68-65 lead with 2:05 remaining on Titus Ivy's 3-pointer.

Peter John had the other goal for the Flames, who escaped a last-second goal by Florida on Wednesday, February 3, 1999.

PLEINES 2, COYOTES 2

Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 34 shots and shut out Tampa Bay goalie Theo Fleury, enabling the Phoenix Coyotes to come away with a 2-2 tie in their second meeting of the season.

Fleury had nine points in his previous two games. He got none against the acrobatic Khabibulin, whose only mistake allowed the Flames to tie it 2-2 with an unassisted goal by Jarome Iginla early in the third period.

Andrei Nazarov had the other goal for the Flames, who escaped a last-second goal by Wade Lackey in the neutral zone, allowing Calgary's 25th in 29 games.

Phoenix's Keith Tkachuk had a power-play goal and an assist, giving him five points in his last two games, and Travis Hansen scored a goal for the Coyotes.

Nazarov tied it at 1 in the first period, and Iglnila tied it again at 1:18 of the third period, his first in a six-game NHL career 19:10 into the third period.

Hansen, recalled from Springfield of the AHL on Thursday, picked a rebound out of the crease, then shot the puck hard past Flames goalie Fred Brathwaite from the edge of the slot 19:45 into the game.

The Coyotes hadn't lost when leading after two periods (17-6-7), but they couldn't hold off the Flames as they ended their five-game winning streak.

The Flames had 13-5 in the second period, but Khabibulin was solid all night, making 11 saves in the third as he smothered a shot by Ed Ward during a spell when Calgary took 11 consecutive shots as the Coyotes managed one at the other end.
"Super Bowl loss gives Falcons chance to regroup

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Now comes the tough part for the Atlanta Falcons.

Sure, it was quite an accomplishment to make the Super Bowl for the first time in 35 years. Obviously, the "Dirty Birds" went a long way toward restoring the city's passion for pro football with their catchy catchphrase and funky dance steps.

But the thing that still stuns this franchise is successful pursuit. The Falcons have never had back-to-back winning seasons, a point quite often by coach Dan Reeves even as he was guiding Atlanta to the NFC championship.

"We have an awful lot of things to be proud of," Reeves said, after an extraordinary season ended with a 34-19 loss to the Denver Broncos. "We've come an awful long ways. What we're trying to do now is fight for home-field advantage next year.'

No team has ever played the NFL title game on its home field. Next year, the Falcons have a chance to be the first when the Super Bowl comes to the Georgia Dome.

Atlanta took care of its first piece of off-season business Tuesday, making five players available to the Cleveland Browns for the expansion draft: safety Chris Bayne, running back Harold Green, tight end Ed Smith, linebacker Ben Talley and offensive lineman Dave Widell.

Bayne, Green and Widell spent much of the season on the inactive list, while Smith and Talley had limited roles as backups.

In 1999, the Falcons can expect heightened expectations, a tougher schedule and an already long-in-the-tooth team that will be one year older.

The off-season, in particular, is going to take on the look of the "Over The Hill Gang," with five starters who will be 32 years or older by the start of next season. Average age of the entire unit: 30.4 years. Medora was under way, centering around the team's last two No. 1 draft choices.

Cornerback Michael Booker, the top choice in 1997, took on a larger role when injuries plagued starter Ronnie Bradford. Linebacker Keith Brookings, picked No. 1 last year, started slowly but gradually worked his way into a regular role in passing situations.

"He needed early on to study films and anticipate, take notes and understand," defensive coordinator Rich Reichmuth said. "I think he needs to apply all the tools he has, because he is going to be a great player.'

Brookings eventually figures to take over a regular spot at outside linebacker, while second-year player Henri Crockett is the best apparent to Jessie Tuggle at middle linebacker.

Both Tuggle and Cornelius Bennett are entering the final year of their contracts, and both will be at the end of next season.

While the corners — Bradford and Booker on one side, Pro Bowler Ray Buchanan on the other — are still in their 20s, how much longer can Eugene Robinson O6-in May and William White (33 next month) keep producing at the safety positions?

Robinson was a Pro Bowler and the unquestioned leader of the secondary, backing out of on-the-field, resting Bible passages in the locker room. But his once-spotless reputation took a devastating blow when he was arrested on a charge of soliciting an undercover police officer for sex the night before the Super Bowl.

"I'm going to be a man about it," Robinson said of his off-the-field scandal. "I'll let my lawyer handle it, but I won't run from you, I won't try to evade you.

Age also is a concern at receiver. Terance Mabin and Tony Martin were the second-most productive duo in the league — combining for 2,317 yards — but Mathis will be 32 in June and Martin turns 34 early next season.

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Of course, the offense revolves around All Pro running back Jamiel Anderson and quarterback Glenn Chandler, a Pro Bowler for the second year in a row. Depth at those positions will be a major focus of the offseason.

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**Associated Press**

**San Diego's Greg Vaughn**, who set a club record with 50 homers last year, was traded to the Cincinnati Reds today in a five-player deal that sent off-injured Reggie Sanders to the Padres.

San Diego also sent left-handed pinch-hitter Mark Sweeney to the Reds, who also gave up infielder Damian Jackson and minor league Josh Harris.

The Padres have been looking to unload Vaughn, who will make $5.75 million in the final season of a three-year contract. But they take on Sanders' $3.7 million salary, plus his history of injuries.

Cincinnati general manager Jim Bowden said the Reds originally wanted San Diego GM Kevin Towers to agree to pay more than $1 million of Vaughn's salary.

"But when the day was done, their primary concern was our payroll," Bowden said. "He told me we had the athletes they wanted of." 

Cincinnati was 12th in the NL with 138 home runs last season and traded Brett Boone, its home run leader, to Atlanta after the season.

Bowden said that if the Reds compete for a playoff spot and ticket sales increase, they could afford Vaughn for an entire season. If they don't contend, Bowden said Vaughn could be traded in July.

The trade of Vaughn continues a financial makeover of the Padres, who claim that they've lost about $50 million since John Moores and Larry Lucchino bought the team in December 1994.

Although Towers said that money wasn't behind the trade, he noted that Vaughn will be a free agent after this season and could command a huge contract to stay beyond 1999. Sanders has an option for $2000 at $3.7 million.

"The thing that's most appealing is we're able to control Reggie for another year and Vaughn, we didn't know if we could," Towers said. "That salary fits in very well to the structure of all our other players, so we can stay competitively balanced throughout our 25-man roster.

Since being swept by the New York Yankees in the World Series, the Padres had a new ballpark approved by the voters, but also lost have lost ace Kevin Brown, center fielder Steve Finley, third baseman Ken Caminiti and have traded starter Joey Hamilton.

The Padres had no chance of keeping Brown, who signed a record $105 million, seven year deal with division rival Los Angeles, and offered far less than what Finley got from another division foe, Arizona. The Padres made only a token offer to Caminiti, who was broken down physically by the time the Series ended and rejoined the Houston Astros.

After struggling in a plantation system with Rickey Henderson the last two months of 1996 and most of 1997, Vaughn had a remarkable comeback in 1998. He became the 37th player in big league history to hit 50 homers and had a career-high 119 RBIs, tied for the second most by a Padres player.

Vaughn was traded the day before he and teammate Trevor Hoffman were to be honored as two of the four professional stars of the year as chosen by the San Diego Hall of Champions. Yankees left-hander David Wells and Denver Broncos running back Terrell Davis are the other two honorees.

In 1993, when the Padres' infamous fire sale was at its height, San Diego dealt Gary Sheffield to the Florida Marlins on the same day he was named to the San Diego's 25th anniversary team.

The Padres are getting a player once considered to be a rising star in the Reds' system. Sanders, 31, had a breakthrough year in 1995, hitting .306 with a career-high 28 homers and 99 RBIs as he helped the Reds reach the playoffs.

He hit only .138 in the post-season, striking out 19 times in 29 at-bats as the Reds made it to the league championship series before getting swept by Atlanta.

Various injuries, including a bulging disc in his lower back, limited him to 81 games in 1996 and 86 in 1997. He appeared in 135 last season, hitting .268 with 14 homers and 59 RBIs.

Jackson, 25, is a middle infielder with a lot of speed and a history of erratic hitting. He played in a career-best 13 games for the Reds at the end of last season, coming off a third consecutive season at Triple-A. He hit .261 for Indianapolis, striking out 125 times in 517 at-bats, with 25 steals.

Harris, a 21-year-old right-hander, was 10-12 in 27 starts for Class A Burlington last year.

Sweeney, 28, gives the Reds' bench more depth. He led the major leagues with 22 pinch hits in 1997 and ranks second in the National League with 34 pinch hits over the last two seasons.
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Irons will be awarded to individuals based on the percentage of body weight lifted. The men's and women's team competitions will each consist of fiveIron Classic pick up entry forms at the Rockne Memorial Building or Notre Sports Recreation Center.

Registration and weigh-ins for male lifters are on Friday from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday from 1-5:30 p.m. in the Rockne Locker Room. Female competitors can register before the competition on Sunday.

The cost is seven dollars for each individual male competitor, $15 for male dorm teams and $30 for female dorm teams. The Classic will begin at noon in the Joyce Center fieldhouse.

"It's going to be a really good time," said organizer Burt Binenfeld. "We've got a D.I. and an encore. It's going to be a lot of fun to come out and watch."
Monmouth College ends longest Div. I losing streak

Associated Press

When he arrived home an hour after Monmouth College ended the nation’s longest Division I losing streak, coach Dave Calloway’s telephone answering machine was blinging away with 16 messages.

“I have calls waiting on the answering machine, and as one person was leaving a message you could hear it beep in,” Calloway said Tuesday, a little more than 12 hours after his Hawks defeated Wagner 66-61 this morning.

The Hawk victory stopped a 22-game skid.

Most of the calls were from friends, fellow coaches, alumni and family— the same people who had called before to tell Calloway to hang in there as the losses piled up through this season’s first 19 games.

“What I’m feeling is relief— it just hits you,” Calloway said. “After that, you’re just happy for the kids because it could have been very easy to pack it in, especially the young guys. They could have said we’ll do it next year. This has been a tough time, but we have continued to work and we’ve been right there the last couple of games.”

As the final seconds ticked off Monday night, many in the crowd of 1,117 crowded closer to the floor. At the final buzzer, they celebrated wildly, remembering.

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If there was a disappointment on Tuesday, Calloway said, it was in not being able to get right back to work. Under NCAA rules, players have to have at least one day off a week, and the Hawks (1-19) were off with games on tap Thursday, Saturday and Monday.

“These guys realize all that work paid off, so we have to keep working,” said Calloway, who now has a 4-29 record as a head coach, with three wins coming against Wagner. “It’s not like now that we can ease up. Now they have seen it and got the taste in their mouths we have to continue to go from there and work.”

Calloway is used that he has not stopped since taking over as head coach at the West Long Branch, N.J., school after Wayne Zsoke resigned on Jan. 17, 1998, after losing 13 of 14 games.

The Hawks went 3-10 the rest of the season with Calloway as interim coach. He got the job outright after the season, but encountered more problems.

In June, three players, including two projected starters, were dropped from the team for violating the university’s code of conduct. Another starter transferred before the season, leaving a roster suddenly filled with freshmen and inexperienced upperschlassmen.

“I haven’t been paying attention to our losing streak or anyone else’s,” Calloway said. “I’ve been more concerned with our guys. I knew we had some talent, but we hadn’t been able to get the win. We just needed something to get us over. Last night, when the adversity hit, we stepped up and made the plays.”

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Braves’ pitchers start workouts at ‘Camp Leo’

Associated Press

The Atlanta Braves’ pitching staff is getting a head start. With the start of spring training still more than two weeks away, Braves pitchers began working out this week at “Camp Leo,” the informal program run by pitching coach Leo Mazzone.

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By ERIK KUSHTO
Recruiting Correspondent

Today marks the end of another season for Bob Davie and his staff. No, not football season, but recruiting season. Student-athletes from all over the country will make their college choices official this afternoon as they sign their national letters-of-intent to play collegiate football. Today is the day Coach Davie and his staff have worked tirelessly for since their season-ending loss to Georgia Tech just four weeks ago. In that time they have logged thousands of miles searching for those special athletes who are the right fit for Notre Dame. And according to the "recruiting gurus" who keep track of the whims of these 18-year-old phenoms, the Irish have hauled in a top five class.

"This could be Bob Davie's best class," said Mike Frank of Irish Report. "Coach Davie got some big-name talent. The difference between this year and other years is that the coaching staff was very focused and got everyone they wanted by Jan. 22."

While some have hail Notre Dame's class of 2003 as high as No. 2 in the country, Frank suggests that there are other things to consider.

"A lot of time people get excited by the hype," said Frank. "The best way to determine if a class is great is to see how it fills needs. With the possible exception of the defensive line, I think Notre Dame filled their needs extremely well.

The jewel of this year's class may be safety Gerome Sapp from Houston, Tex. Sapp (6-0, 200, 4.5) has the size, speed and tenacity to make a major impact at the college level. As one college assistant said to the National Recruiting Advisor, "There are a lot of players out there who have speed to play safety for us. But there just aren't many guys who have the speed and who will rock the receivers when they come across the middle. Not Gerome. Gerome has the speed, and boy does he know how to lower the boom."

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