No more 'Peanuts'
Cartoon columnist Charles Schulz died in his home Saturday night at the age of 77. His final strip ran today in newspapers across the country.

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Three-ring presidential debate

Candidates reveal true colors in farcical debate

By SAM DERHEIMER
News Writer

What was intended to be a genuine discussion of political views quickly degenerated into a series of "assassinations," verbal rampages, attempts to get dates and random filibuster-style campaign strategies. In what could at times be considered a theatrical farce rather than a political debate, 10 tickets vying for Notre Dame student body president and vice president met Sunday to present and defend their platforms to the student body.

The mood of the debate was set early on, as the first ticket to present itself, Andrew Sciallis and Daniel Suraci, only by far preconception "predators" they prefer to be called, Squeezed and D-nuts, presented their "Keep your fingers crossed" campaign, which includes the destruction of Keanon-Stanford Hall to build an underdog speakbox. The two yielded their remaining time to Ryan Clemency of the Smith-Clemency ticket (Greg Behr, the presidential nominee of the ticket, was not actually present at the debate), which Clemency promptly filled by reading passages from "Sacred Mountains of the World."

The other candidates were not to be outdone. Chris Costigan, who was accompanied by a body guard, "purely for precautionary reasons," said with a blank stare as his running mate, Pat McCormick, was "assassinated" by an assistant in a blue ski mask who fired a cup gun at McCormick. The assailant screamed, "Voter: Squiz, he's in pursuit of liberty!" and quickly ran out of the room. McCormick was then carried off.

Candidates only have each other to blame for Sunday's debate debacle, student body representatives said Sunday night.

"It was an actual show — three rings, I was pretty disappointed," said judicial council president Kelly Folks, who oversees elections. "Some of the candidates aren't even looking to place blame everywhere but where it should be, which is right back on themselves."

Candidates who complained that time ran short should recall harsh criticisms they posed about the inefficiency of student government. Almost all of the debate, Folks said.

"When you designate the Office of (the President) like that, if you don't have respect for the job, you have to make that logical leap that you can't expect to be taken seriously about holding it," she said.

Tickets with little student government experience generally were the ones complaining and disturbing the debate, said student body vice president Michael Heisler.

"People are very quick to criticize when things aren't going their way," said Falumbo. "But it seems like they have plenty of opportunity to pitch in along the way, and they don't."

Student government does own blame for some of the chaotic event, however. The debate began 20 minutes late because an emcee cancelled at the last minute, Folks admitted.

The debate itself, including seven student panelists, was fair, Folks said. Several questions, who were

Candidate leaders 'disappointed' by debate antics

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Staff Writer

Presidential candidate Ryan Clemency (left) reads from a guide to golf and "Darth" Todd Warplus (right) discusses his platform at Sunday's debate.

U.S. senators introduce gambling legislation to campuses

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

Lawmakers worried that most amateur athletes, under constant pressure to perform well academically and athletically, feel unneeded pressure from gamblers and bookies. To combat this issue, Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas introduced legislation last week to make wagering on college athletics illegal.

"According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, Leahy and Brownback said that amateur athletes deserve to be protected from the possibility that their games could be fixed. Leahy specifically mentioned the "vulnerable position" collegiate athletes are in that threatens their integrity and the integrity of their schools."

Kevin Pendergast, a former football and soccer player at Notre Dame, proved this vulnerability when, following his graduation from Notre Dame, he conspired with members of Northwestern's basketball team to fixed three games during the 1994-95 season.

In response, Notre Dame's athletes and sports administrators have joined with other universities nationwide to support The High School and College Gambling Prohibition Act introduced by Leahy and Brownback. The Act proposes to outlaw gambling on high school, college and Olympic sports. Additionally, The Act would force newspapers to stop publishing betting lines on college games, and eliminate any confusion regarding which states allow such betting and which do not.

"Certainly we would be in favor of such legislation, especially given some of the incidences that have occurred ... namely the most recent Northwestern situation," said John Heisler, Notre Dame's assistant athletic director and director of sports information. However, Notre Dame is working to make Pendergast's experience an educational one. "All of our student-athletes have been well educated on the risks of gambling involvement through our Life Skills Program," Heisler said.

"The program" even involved Kevin Pendergast being here for the first time, she said. "I don't look at who's favors me. I just go out there and play," said Troy Murphy, a forward for the Irish basketball team. "But I did get something out of that (Life Skills) Program — it's one thing to have people tell you the facts, but to have someone come back and tell you your personal experiences. It makes it a little more real, that it could truly impact"
INSIDE COLUMN

Take your clothes off

Colleen Gaughran
Viewpoint Editor

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Swarthmore relocations South Carolina training

Colleen Gaughran

Florida students lose debt balance

GAINESVILLE, Fla.
The owner of the McPall company, a business that sold debt cards that could be used at off-campus restaurants, said Thursday he will not be able to make good on his clients’ investments. Stephen Johnston Jr., president of University McPall Corp., said he is too far in debt to refund balances left on his customers’ cards when he pulled his business out of Gainesville in November. Twelve people reported they lost money when Johnston, 28, stripped area restaurants of the machines needed to process the cards while they still had a remaining balance. “Unfortunately there is nothing I can do,” Johnston said he felt very badly. “There is no money for them to take.”

Johnston said he is about $100,000 in debt and plans to file for bankruptcy soon. On Nov. 29, Johnston left Gainesville having only a handful of clients, he said. Johnston said he sent e-mail messages to all his clients and swore a letter at all the restaurants where cards could be used. The letter stated that refunds could be made by calling their phone number and receiving a refund for their remaining balance.

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U. Arizona hosts tolerance march

TUCSON, Ariz.
in the wake of the weekend stabbing of a gay University of Arizona student, a march protesting homophobia will wind its way through the campus area this Sunday and culminate with a speak-out event on the University of Arizona Mall. UA assistant English professor David Robinson and several members of the Tucson community— including the UA Pride Alliance and the local chapter of the gay rights organization, Lesbian Avengers— are planning the march, which will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday. The march route will include the area where the attack occurred. Lesbian Avengers members and other participants are encouraged to bring flowers to drop on the street at the site. Both Parkinson and Robinson hope the demonstration will draw a large crowd of supporters.

“We’re optimistic we’ll have several hundred,” said Park.
“People are coming for several months,” Robinson has similar aspirations: “I hope we’re going to be able to have more than a thousand,” he said. One of the attendees may be UA President Peter Likins, whom the march organizers have invited to participate.

Swarthmore, Pa.
Joining in the NAACP boycott of South Carolina, Swarthmore College’s student body has decided to withdraw the spring break plans of six sports teams to train there. The affected teams— women’s lacrosse, softball and tennis, as well as men’s golf and men’s and women’s track and field— were scheduled to practice in Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head, but are now arranging to travel elsewhere.

The decision, made Tuesday afternoon, followed similar moves by Bryn Mawr and Haverford as well as Temple University, which are all supporting a NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) boycott of South Carolina because of the Confederate flag that flies over the state Capitol.

"The Swarthmore College administration, affirming the values this institution places on a humanity that is just society, has decided that our spring athletic teams will support the NAACP boycott of South Carolina over the issue of the continued display of the Confederate flag," President Al Bloom said in a statement. Tuesday afternoon, the NAACP launched what it is calling “economic sanctions” against the state on Jan. 1, asking people and groups with travel plans to South Carolina to cancel them until the flag is removed from the state capitol, where it has been flying since 1962.

"I think in this case we’ve got a governmental body, the legislature, [displaying a symbol] which signals to a large segment of the population, and not just African-Americans, a time period of violence and repression, and slav­ ery," said Maurice Eldridge, the college’s executive assistant to the president. He said when an organi­ zation like the NAACP brings such an issue, “it fits within our values to support them.”

But the college’s decision has the coaches who had training plans for South Carolina scrambling to make new arrangements. With the excep­ tion of the men’s golf team, all had tentative plans by Wednesday afternoon.

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Gang members aim for right track

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Chicago's Cabrini Green housing projects are a world away from the campus of Notre Dame, but a discussion Saturday tried to bring those two worlds a little closer together.

Five current and former gang members from Cabrini Green came to campus with Brother Bill Tomes and Brother Jim Fogarty to discuss their lives with a roomful of students at the Center for Social Concerns. Tomes and Fogarty, minister to gang members in the projects, and have brought such groups here for the past 14 years in the hopes of dispelling myths about gang life and giving students a glimpse of the world the gang members, who ranged from 24 to 31 years old and were all fathers, talked about the importance of raising their children to stay out of the gang life.

"Nobody is forced to be in the gang," said "Skin." "If a gang is going to do what they see the people on their block do."

They discussed how boys, growing up, see the people with power and respect in their neighborhood and on their street and, when in school or otherwise occupied, they start to affiliate with them, and they are introduced into the gang life. Gradually, they get more involved. Each of the five members said they joined gangs in their early teens, and all were involved in the time they turned 15. Boys start in gangs even younger, they added, through their friends.

As Fogarty pointed out, being in a gang gives a young person access to money and feelings of power. These three things are often lacking otherwise, but they also enable a person to isolate himself and further enter the gang life.

"Gangs give you power," he said. "So you don't need help from other people. You don't have to listen to other people. You don't have to listen to your family. You don't have to listen to your teachers, or your boss if you have a job."

But that power has consequences, the panelists agreed. All five had been shot at least once. All but one had been imprisoned at some point. Now, they said, they try to run their lives in order. Most are trying to change and trying to prevent those children from making the same mistakes they did.

They agreed that after-school programs and sports and keeping children busy and off the street was the best way to prevent them from joining a gang. Love is important, too. If a boy is not receiving love from his family, "I'll turn to the streets for that love.

But ultimately, those streets are unloving, and too few learn that in time, or are lucky enough to survive it, they agreed.

"It ain't worth it," said "Skin," who is now out of the gangs. "Time passes just like this... and there's a whole generation of brothers I was with, they're either in jail or dead."

But, for now, these men work to keep their lives on the right track and help their families.

"I'm just living and I hope I can maintain a good job for the rest of my life," said "Skin." "It's not just about me, it's about my kids.

Tomes and Fogarty founded Brothers and Sisters of Love, an organization dedicated to gang ministry. Their efforts to bring about peace in Cabrini Green by working with gang members, and not trying to change them, have been hailed nationwide. A movie is in the works about the pair and their work, according to Tomes.

Survey: ND students find personal balance

Special to The Observer

An annual survey of college freshmen indicates that while the academic aspirations of first-year students at Notre Dame are exceptionally high, they expect to use their knowledge as much for the common good as for personal gain.

Some 92 percent of Notre Dame's freshmen report that they plan to earn an advanced academic degree - including 43 percent who will pursue a master's degree, 17 percent a doctorate, 21 percent a medical, dental or veterinary degree and 10 percent a law degree. By way of comparison, about 68 percent of students nationwide have similar plans. But as much as they are destined to succeed, Notre Dame students place relatively less emphasis on financial gain than their peers. Some 62 percent say it is essential or very important to be financially stable, 11 percent less than the national average.

At the same time, Notre Dame students reported far more interest than their peers in participating in community action, influencing social values, becoming a community leader, developing a meaningful philosophy of life, and assisting those who are in difficulty.

Not surprisingly, such altruism also is found in Notre Dame students before and during their four years on campus. Almost 97 percent of the University's freshmen report they performed volunteer work in the past year, compared with 75 percent of students nationally and 58 percent plan to continue with community service, as compared to some 19 percent nationally.

Interestingly, Notre Dame freshmen are likely underestimating the future volunteer efforts; the University's Center for Social Concerns reports that almost 80 percent of Notre Dame students actually engage in volunteer projects during their four years on campus.

The tendency toward service and social justice at Notre Dame is likely linked to their commitment to religious faith and observance. Some 97 percent report they attended a religious service in the past year, compared with 84 percent nationally. About people spend one or more hours in prayer weekly compared with 32 percent overall and 45 percent regularly discuss religious issues compared with 27 percent nationally.

Conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA, the 33rd annual American Council on Education survey is designed to profile the political and social views — and the socioeconomic backgrounds — of the nation's college freshmen. This year's survey is based on the responses of 261,317 students at 462 two- and four-year institutions.

Some observations drawn from the survey.

• The Class of 2003 came to Notre Dame overwhelmingly because of the University's strong academic reputation. Some 95 percent cited this factor, about 37 percentage points greater than students nationwide. Notre Dame students also are right who they want to be, with more than 90 percent saying the University was their first choice, versus 71 percent otherwise.

• By significant margins over their peers, Notre Dame freshmen oppose both abortion (68 percent to 47 percent) and the death penalty (47 percent to 25 percent).

• Notre Dame first-year students are opposed to casual sex, with more than 80 percent reporting the statement, "if two people really like each other, it's all right for them to have sex even if they've never known each other for a very short time." About 59 percent nationwide are similarly opposed.

By EUGENE SCHLAGENHAUFEN

Juniors!

So close to JPW... Don't forget to pick up your tickets!

Corby Room
LaFontaine Student Center
7:00-10:00 pm

The collection for the JPW mass will be taken at pick-up. A $2 donation is suggested. The collection will go to the local charity: Three Arches Children's Home.

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Attention all Juniors: Summer Internship Opportunities

The Environmental research Institute, a joint activity of Notre Dame & Argonne National Laboratory (ANL), in collaboration with the Center for Environmental Science & Technology, will award up to two Summer 2000 internships at ANL in argonne, IL with a follow-up campus research appointment in the Fall. Stipend, room & board are provided for the 10-week program.

Student applicants should have research interests in an environmentally-related area, and are expected to contribute to the understanding, assessment, or improvement of the environment. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents, enrolled at Notre Dame, and have completed their junior year by May 2000. Applicants must register to return in the Fall of 2000.

For more details, contact the Center for Environmental Science & Technology: 152A Fitzpatrick hall, 631-8376. Applicants will be required to complete an application.

Application deadline is February 23, 2000
Study finds salmon serve as natural recyclers

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — A growing body of scientific evidence is showing that salmon are more than just a major sport fish, a tasty entree, an economic resource or a cultural icon. From Alaska to California, they serve as a huge natural recycler, responsible for transporting organic material they eat in the oceans and store in their bodies before swimming to the headwaters of watersheds, leaving their carcasses to feed scores of birds, plants, trees and particularly baby salmon.

A recent study published in the journal Fisheries estimates that as little as 5 percent of the historical biomass of salmon is returning to its native watersheds, creating a dramatic shortage of nutrients derived from the ocean. The recycling role is so important that restoration of wild salmon in the Pacific Northwest “is hinging on recognition of this issue,” said Jeff Gederholm, a fisheries scientist with the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

10-year-old executes father’s killer in front of thousands

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Thousands of people watched Sunday as a 10-year-old boy publicly executed a man convicted of murder in what is believed to be the first case of murdering his father. In a sports stadium in southern Kandahar, the boy shot the man, identified as Mohammed Hashim, four times with a rifle. Under the Taliban’s strict interpretation of Islam, relatives of a victim carry out the death sentence. The boy, who was the eldest male member of his family, was accompanied by his mother, sister and 6-year-old brother.

YUGOSLAVIA

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA — Fighting between peacekeepers and snipers, along with grenade attacks on ethnic Albanians, killed one person and reportedly wounded at least 19 Sunday in the bitterly divided city of Kosovska Mitrovica.

Two of the wounded were French soldiers, hit by ethnic Albanian snipers firing from the northern Serb-controlled part of the city, NATO officials said.

It was an attempt to kill our soldiers,” French spokesman Lt. Col. Patrice Chanliau said. "We would like to believe it was an isolated incident of extremists, of terrorism.”

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someone here at Notre Dame.

"It is hard to find some­thing more compelling than that: someone who was here as one of our most successful student-athletes telling his story. It proves that it happen here; it can happen anywhere," Heisler said.

According to The Chronicle, NCAA officials concede that far more money is bet illegally across the country and every campus has student bookies.

"I think (the legislation is a good idea) but I still think people would [gamble] illegally ... people might find a way around it," Murphy said.

"It's an ongoing thing that you need to remind people of, there can sometimes be a tendency to think this is something that you don't have to consider, but there have been enough high profile inci­dences to raise conscious­ness among everyone," said Heisler. "Many insti­tutions are wondering how we can raise awareness among our student ath­letes — that's what we hope Life Skills is doing."

Israel
Deadline prompts concern in the Middle East

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

It was supposed to have been a day of clarity, the first time Israelis and Palestinians outlined the shape of a permanent, peaceful coexistence.

Instead, Sunday, the dead­line for the framework of a final status agreement on the conflict's toughest issues — Jerusalem, final borders and refugees — was a blur of recriminations and dire predictions for a peace process gone awry.

Palestinians accuse Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak of neglecting them to focus on talks with Syria; Israelis say Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is asking for too much, too soon.

Talks broke down early this month, and neither side knows when they will resume. The delay could jeopardize the Sept. 13 deadline Barak and Arafat have set for a full-fledged permanent agreement. And missing that date, both sides worry, could lead to a total peace breakdown.

Barak told his Cabinet on Sunday that "our responsibility is to try to reach arrangements by the end of this year."

"The interest of terrorist groups to torpedo the process is very high," Barak said, according to an offi­cial in his office who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In an effort to get the Palestinians back to the table, Barak's chief negotiator said, "Israel ready to concede a con­tiguous block of land in the West Bank, seen by the Palestinians as a crucial underpinning to a future state."

Oded Eran also said explicitly for the first time that Israel will have to give up some Jewish settlements.

"I would have expected the Palestinian side to show the same good faith, to come with clear positions on issues to move forward the negotia­tions," he told The Associated Press.

Palestinians countered that Israel was wrapping offers that should have been part of an interim agreement into a permanent status agreement — a ploy, they say, to make less seem like more.

"Now Mr. Barak wants to merge the third phase [of an interim agreement] with the permanent status," top Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat told the AP. "We won't allow him, we won't let him do that."

A similar disagreement broke up the talks on Feb. 3, when Arafat learned that Barak was not prepared to hand over Arab suburbs of Jerusalem as part of an interim withdrawal from 6.1 percent of the West Bank. Palestinians said that showed bad faith.

Eran hinted that the suburbs will go to the Palestinians as part of a final agreement, and chided the Palestinians for sticking hard-line Israeli opposi­tion to the talks by demand­ing the suburbs now.

"Raising the [Jerusalem] issue now causes political problems in Israel," he said.

The result is that the sides are hardly speaking, and Israeli security forces, acting on intelligence reports, braced on Sunday for a wave of terror­ist activity.

One poll showed that support among Palestinians for violent attacks against Israel had increased from 36 percent in December to 43 percent. The poll by The Center for Palestine Research and Studies had a margin of error of 3 percent­age points.

Palestinian leaders said Barak would do well to heed their growing disappointment.

"This reflects very negatively on the peace process," a top Arafat aide, Nabil AbuRudeineh, told the AP.

The official at the Cabinet meeting quoted Barak as saying that both sides must take responsibility for the missed deadline. Barak for dithering five weeks over whom to name to his team, and Arafat for ignoring the talks for a month in a fit of pique prompted by renewed Israeli-Syrian talks in December.

The efforts with Syria have meanwhile collapsed, and guerrilla attacks on Israeli troops in Lebanon have risen dramatically.

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Clinton welcomes Hispanic leaders

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

For the third time in a week, President Clinton is welcoming Hispanic leaders to the White House. Aides say it reflects concern among Hispanic voters that the president is overlooking their record in favor of George W. Bush. The White House is seizing on the chance to highlight the Clinton administration’s record on behalf of the nation’s fastest-growing population group.

“The president himself has noticed that the Latino community is intrigued with the Republican Party and the Bush candidacy,” a senior administration official said.

On Monday, Clinton was to receive a lifetime achievement award from the League of United Latin American Citizens, the first time the nonpartisan group has honored a president.

Clinton planned to cite expansions of education and health-care programs that have benefited Hispanics, as well as record lows in unemployment and the poverty rate among Hispanics.

Republican, he may note, have moved to cut legal immigrants from the Medicaid and food stamp programs, and tried to keep illegal immigrant children out of public schools.

In the past two presidential elections, Hispanics voted overwhelmingly for Clinton — 72 percent to 21 percent in 1996, and 61 percent to 25 percent in 1992.

But Bush has shown he can attract support from Hispanics. The Texas governor, who sometimes speaks to Hispanic crowds in Spanish, took 49 percent of the Hispanic vote during his re-election in 1998, according to a statewide election-day poll by the Voter News Service for The Associated Press and television networks.

The White House ceremony is in recognition of Clinton’s record and does not amount to a political endorsement, said Brent Wilkes, national executive director of the nonpartisan group.

During its annual legislative meeting this week, the group will hear from a prominent Hispanic member of the administration, Army Secretary Louis Caldera, as well as an equally prominent Hispanic Republican and frequent Clinton critic, Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida.

“It’s good for the community to be sought after by both parties,” Wilkes said. “I don’t think it’s healthy to be identified with only one party.”

Last week, Clinton paid tribute to Alfred Hasson, an immigrant from Mexico belatedly awarded the Medal of Honor for valor during the Vietnam War. Rasson’s immigrant status got him nearsill billing with his battlefield heroism.

Also last week, Hispanic members of Congress met with Clinton and top aides to discuss three Hispanic nominees for federal judgeships. None has been confirmed by the Republican-led Senate, although the GOP leadership has promised a vote by mid-March on Richard Paez, whose nomination has languished four years.

Clinton was struck by national polls last month reflecting growing Hispanic support for Republican themes, said the White House official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

As a result, the president wants to make Hispanics aware of his record and stakes involved in this year’s election, the official said.

Last month, a Public Policy Institute of California poll showed that Bush, the GOP presidential front-runner, would draw at least 40 percent of the Hispanic vote in November — almost double what Republican nominee Bob Dole received in 1996.

Top Republican officials have said the case must capture at least 40 percent of the Hispanic vote to remain competitive.

The survey showed Bush drawing 40 percent of the Hispanic vote against Vice President Al Gore and 45 percent against Democrat Bill Bradley.

Lawsuit claims black farmers denied funds

Associated Press

ALBANY, Ga.

A lead attorney in a class-action lawsuit filed by black farmers against the U.S. Department of Agriculture said too many farmers — about 40 percent — have been denied compensation in the federal settlement.

The settlement, approved by a federal judge in April, ended a lawsuit that accused the USDA of regularly denying subsidies and other assistance to black farmers because of their race.

"The fight is not over," said lawyer J.L. Chestnut of Atlanta.

The government is too damn white, and the folks in charge of this lawsuit are too white for me."
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REV. J. BRYAN HEHIR, SJ, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
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"LIVING IN THE CITY TODAY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES"
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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TEODORA TRUJILLO, CO-CHAIR OF EPISO, EL PASO
"RENEWAL IN THE NATION'S LARGEST BORDER COMMUNITY"

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REV. CHARLES DAHM, OP
"RESURRECTION IN A MEXICAN NEIGHBORHOOD IN CHICAGO"

12:50-1:40 PM
ELEANOR JOSAITIS, FOCUS HOPE, DETROIT
"PASSION FOR CHANGE"

4:30-5:30 PM
DR. MONIKA HELLWIG, ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
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MSGR. WILLIAM LINDER, NEW COMMUNITY CORPORATION, NEWARK
"ATTACKING POVERTY IN A CIVIL SOCIETY"

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REV. MICHAEL IVERS
"THE CALL TO BE CHURCH AFTER CHURCH IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY"

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LEN CALABRESE, DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND
"FROM SAFETY NET TO SPRINGBOARD: THE CHURCH AS ECONOMIC ACTOR"

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Romania’s Tisa River struggles after cyanide spill

Serbian Environment Minister Branislav Blazic said it would take at least five years for life in the Tisa to recover. Blazic accused Romania of covering up the real dimensions of the poisoning, which some environmentalists say could be the biggest ecological catastrophe in Europe since the Chernobyl nuclear reactor catastrophe in 1986.

"The Tisa has been killed. Not even bacteria have survived," Blazic said as he toured the area along the river in northern Serbia. "This is a total catastrophe."

"We will demand an estimation of the damage and we will demand that the culprits for this tragedy be punished," he said.

Blazic blamed Romania for the environmental damage. "People - not just aquatic life — are at risk because of the spill, said Predrag Prolie, a professor of chemistry and toxicology at Belgrade University. He said those with wells close to the riverbed are in danger. Birds feeding off fish could die, he said. The poisoned water also can filter into the soil and then contaminate grass, grain, and livestock, Prolie said.

Serbian Agriculture Minister Jovan Babovic said Sunday that after the toxic waste entered the Danube, the concentration of cyanide dropped below 0.2 milligrams per liter, a non-lethal level. But the BETA news agency cited eyewitnesses who said the that the Danube was "all white with the bellies of dead fish" between the spot where it joins the Tisa and Belgrade, about 50 miles to the southeast. The fish were possibly washed down from the Tisa.

In Bucharest, Romania, environmental official Anton Vlad suggested the spill's effects had been overstated. "I have the impression that it is exaggerated," Vlad told national radio.

The cyanide spill originated in northwest Romania, near the border town of Grada, where a dam at the Baira Mare gold mine overflowed Jan. 30, causing cyanide to pour into streams. At the mine, a cyanide solution is used to separate gold ore from surrounding rock.

From there, the polluted water flowed west into the Tisa in neighboring Hungary, killing large numbers of fish there, and then into Yugoslavia. Prolie said the peak concentration of cyanide in the river was 20 times the permissible level. Poisonous heavy metals such as lead can be left behind after the cyanide dissipates and can also leech into the soil, he said.

In Serbia, dozens of volunteers and fishermen wearing protective rubber gloves removed hundreds of dead fish from the Tisa to bury them. "Heaps of fish littered the river bank. Experts and officials estimate that some 80 percent of the fish in the Tisa have died since the contamination entered the country Friday. "Everything's dead. Cyanide destroyed the entire food chain," said local fisherman Slobodan Krljajev, 43. "Fishing was my job. I don't know what I'm going to do now."

In Becej, a town on the Tisa about 55 miles north of Belgrade, police were making sure no contaminated fish were brought to the town’s market for sale. Restaurants in the region have removed fish from their menus.

Adding to the problem, the fertile plains of Serbia's north are the country's breadbasket. Water from the Tisa is traditionally used for irrigation.

Blazic claimed the initial concentration of the cyanide in Romania must have been enormous if the effects remained so deadly in Yugoslavia, about 300-400 miles down the river.

"Had we from Yugoslavia done something like this, we probably would have been bombed," he said.

Blazic was referring to NATO bombing of Yugoslavia last year over its actions in Kosovo — and a widespread belief here that the West is anti-Serb. The cyanide spill adds to the ecological damage caused by NATO's bombing of Serbian oil refineries.

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George Bush Sr. and I used to have one thing in common: I hated broccoli! All of my childhood, my parents made me eat broccoli, onions, tomatoes, cauliflower and other icky vegetables. I always had to "try a little bit." But it never worked.

By contrast, I loved hamburgers. I would often fry the family bacon for breakfast. I generally disliked all the meals my mom would prepare without meat. When I started college, I ate even more meat as I took advantage of the buffet to fill my plate to overflowing. In theory, I always felt that vegetarians were "right," but that in practice I would never give up meat.

My freshman year, I signed up for a class at Notre Dame called "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Vegetarianism But Were Afraid to Ask." For my month I hand-washed my clothes, bought very small, stopped eating more than I knew that half of the chickens (the males) bred to lay eggs are killed? Should U.S. cows be given hormone growth hormone (BGH) to produce more milk, despite the increased disease it causes in cows and possible danger to consumers? Why did Europe and Canada ban BGH? Most Americans can eat meat only because they’ve never seen a factory farm or slaughterhouse. Billions of animals should not be forced to lead lives of pain. Vegetarianism is healthy, vegetarianism more so. It is a great way to avoid heart disease. Also, the only way to avoid consuming above the EPA recommended limit of dioxins is by being vegan. Dioxins accumulate in animal fat and milk and cause cancer and birth disorders. Most Americans consume 20 times more than the EPA limit. Vegetarians and vegans live longer. After being vegetarian for over a year, I read John Robbins "diet for a New America." I stopped eating eggs, cheese and milk and joined an estimated 500,000 to 2 million vegans, Americans, who do not eat animals or animal products.

Over the past couple years, a number of people have unhappily attacked vegetarianism in The Observer. However, I changed what I eat to fit with what I believe. I oppose racism, sexism, heterosexism, poverty, environmental destruction, the death penalty and war. I am working to end the causes of abortion and do not eat animals or animal products. I think my views and diet fit. I believe in justice and life. I still love meat. It smells good. But I love this planet, its people and its animals more. So when I get up, I put soy milk on my cereal or make oatmeal. For other meals, I’ll eat tortillas, spaghetti, a rice dish, chocolate chip cookies, pizza without cheese or make a stir-fry. I’ll even enjoy adding some broccoli to it!

Over Christmas break, I learned that a completely apathetic high school friend read a pamphlet and within a month switched from eating meat to being completely vegan. He showed his will power. It was one of the best Christmas presents I’d ever gotten.

I’m urging you to uphold judgement for just enough time to read a pamphlet and then ask yourself whether eating meat conflicts with your values.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students don't live up to reputation

I am writing concerning an article that appeared in today's edition of our local newspaper, the New London Day, regarding Saturday's game between the UConn Huskies and Fighting Irish. Some of what I read I found disturbing.

It seems the fans in the Notre Dame student section were chanting "Bastard Children, Bastard Children" at UConn player Khalid El Amin when he was shooting. One fan even shouted, "Does Allah love bastard children?"

Cheering for your team is great. Waving your arms in the air in the hopes of distracting the opposition is fine. However, I found it disturbing that anyone thinks that disparaging a man's children is any way shape or form constitutes sportsmanship and fair play.

I am truly saddened to discover that intolerance, crudeness and downright mean spiritedness are now part of the famed Notre Dame tradition. I had always thought that the University and its students were a cut above the rest.

I have been a Notre Dame sports fan since I was a child. I respected the University because it was a Church-based institution of higher learning where I believed young people of high moral standards came to learn about life, themselves and others in an environment of love and respect.

How sad to discover I was wrong.

Aliza A. Dodd
New London, Conn.

February 13, 2000

Fans need to echo Doherty's dignity

Connecticut newspapers are full of articles about the Huskies losing to the Fighting Irish for the second time this season. In particular, the rushing of the court by the student body has come under attack. The same thing happened when UConn lost at Syracuse. Huskies players are frustrated because opposing student bodies are celebrating like they just won the National Championship instead of a regular-season game against the defending national champions.

So what? I rushed the court when the Irish knocked off UCLA and its 88-game winning streak in 1974. It was thus on ESPN Sportcenter today and saw the Tennessee student body doing the same thing after knocking off conference rival Florida. That is part of the tradition of a great college athletic program and should be applauded.

However, I cannot applaud the student body of Notre Dame. Chants against opposing players or teams have always been a part of the game, but personal attacks are a sign of poor character.

We are Notre Dame and "Here Come the Irish" spark spine-tingling pride for me in my Alma Mater. Gries of "Bastard Children" against opposing players and poor treatment of visiting fans, however, make me wonder how Notre Dame can claim to be a Christian university, never mind a leader.

Congratulations to Coach Doherty and the entire basketball team on its rise back to national prominence. I just hope the student body and the fans will join them with class and dignity.

Will Morrissey, ’76
New London, Conn.

February 13, 2000

Lift the veil of lies, myths

This is Eating Disorders Awareness Week. Each year during this week, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses try to call to mind the prevalence and dangers of eating disorders to its student body.

To many, eating disorders are a great mystery of our time. They perplex medical and psychological professionals, as well as the hundreds of victims that become afflicted each year. Eating dis­orders are probably the most misunderstood and the most dangerous psychological afflictions that exist.

America is over­whelmingly fixated on body image. We spend $34 billion a year on losing weight. And for the average college student this year, there will be over 30,000 new diet plans from which to choose next year.

So what makes an eating disorder? Many are quick to form an answer to this question without much thought. There is no answer. As America grows increasingly aware of violent suicide, women and children, we are easily misled to believe that eating disorders are just from childhood abuse and trauma. (After confiding in someone once about my long-term battles with eating disorders, the response was, "Oh, were you molested?")

On the contrary, we do not know how eating disorders chose their victims. There is no significant link showing that genetics or upbringing can play a crucial role in the formation of eating disorders.

Contrary to popular belief, eating disorders are NOT mere vanity taken to an extreme. They are not about food. They are not about popularity. They are not about selflessness or self-promotion. Rather, they seem to grow under a severe lack of self-acceptance born of a different source, then enhanced so deeply that it loads its victims a terrifying path of self-destruction.

Subconsciously, its victims are taking the most extreme measures possible to disappear and to completely melt from the society that places the pressure on young women to be virtually flawless. It is no wonder that eating disorders have the highest fatality rate of any other psychological disorder.

We cannot expect that eating disorders will eventually yield to medical science. Our society encourages us to believe that any illness can be remedied with a series of pills.

Eating disorders require much more time and attention than that.

This week, I hope that all students will take the time to recognize the tragic impact of eating disorders. It is a game in which the participants are forced to play unwillingly, and the stakes are incredibly high — for victims are forced to harm their own mortality. It is my hope that one day we will be able to lift the veil of lies and stereotypes that cover the perceived "myth" of eating disorders.

Lauren F. Likey
Sophomore
Le Mans Hall
February 13, 2000

Resurrect the FBA

Faculty should be relieved that the Faculty Board on Athletics has not been implicated in any of the events leading to recent changes in the assignments of Michael Wadsworth, athletic director, and Father E. William Beauchamp, executive vice president. But there is no evidence that the faculty has constituted and functioning, has or can be part of the solution to the well-publicized problems of the athletic department.

The provost told the Faculty Senate on Wednesday that president Malloy would appoint a faculty member from the Faculty Board of Athletics to serve on the search committee for a new athletic director and that the president intends to meet with the entire board "in due time" to explain the recently announced restructuring and changes.

Faculty have never perceived the FBA as anything but a rubber stamp. FBA members have routinely been charmed, snowed or stonewalled by the AD and the executive VP. Formerly known as the Faculty Board in Control of Athletics, the FBA actually controls nothing, including its own agenda, and it cannot function as a "watchdog" in any serious sense of the word.

The FBA must be restructured and given autonomous investigative and watchdog authority in all matters of the sort which have so seriously embarrassed Notre Dame.

The faculty member of the search committee for the new athletic director should be elected by the faculty, and not appointed by the president. This is the only way faculty can be confident that the search committee would have a strong, independent voice familiar with Notre Dame's athletic history, well-acquainted with inter-collegiate athletics at the national level, committed to the integrity of the university and totally devoted to the academic and personal welfare of all athletes who represent Notre Dame in inter-collegiate competition.

As the Faculty Senate recommended as long ago as Sept. 7, 1994, "a member elected annually from the elected faculty should chair the FBA. There is no other way to insure the FBA can function as an independent watchdog.

A. Edward Manier
Ph.D. in physics
February 13, 2000
A lice Cukrowicz, a Grab-n-Go worker in South Dining Hall, has been married to Ervin Cukrowicz for 60 years and two months.

Today, after experiencing both the highs and lows of married life, including Ervin’s battle with a stroke five years ago, the couple celebrates its 60th Valentine’s Day as husband and wife. And they couldn’t be happier, according to Alice, for they’ve been able to capture the essence of happiness throughout their years together.

Alice, the sparkling deity she is, knows exactly what that essence is. “You have to have trust, and you have to have love,” she said. “You know, if you don’t trust them, then you have problems. And be thoughtful of one another. Instead of always wanting someone to do it for you, do it for them.”

In the game of love, such virtues are common pieces of the puzzle that is the foundation of a lasting relationship. But the simple fact remains: Can this foundation really be discovered?

Love is a lost cause. Others, including Alice and Ervin, prove otherwise. In fact, such a foundation could be found 20 years ago in a sandbox in Pocatello, Idaho, where a little boy named John Hatzenbuehler met a little girl named Stephanie Bernt. This is their story.

The two infants played with each other in the sandbox until they learned how to play basketball. Though the two kids lived in different parts of town and went to different schools until high school, they saw each other every day. They grew up as friends, and even throughout their teenage years when most kids abandon their childhood friends as they struggle through adolescence, they remained friends.

In August of 1996, though, John, who is now a resident advisor in Morrissey Hall, embarked on a journey into the Notre Dame vacuum. “There was a similar journey, but her destination was different. In the end, they were apart. But they both returned home to Idaho following their freshman year.”

The long-distance relationship was in its initial stages, but the couple would learn to live apart.

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“If you get through a long-distance relationship, you develop an unbelievable emotional attachment that you can’t get every day. It’s a different sort of thing,” he said. “Every day you can have physical connection but sometimes that gets in the way. But this is all emotional. You have to be so trusting. You have to go a level above the normal relationship.”

Throughout the past few years, the couple has never gone more than a month without seeing each other. It’s not fall, winter, spring or summer break, it’s a weekend trip to Bend or Utah (where Stephanie graduated college). That is, until this past summer, when John involved himself in a summer service project in Cleveland and Stephanie finished her degree at the University of Utah. For the first time since that fateful kiss at 3 a.m., the
twon found themselves apart for three months.

Then one day, Stephanie broke up with her man. The distance they had worked so well with for two years was tearing Stephanie apart inside, and she couldn’t handle it. But as the door of failure was in sight, John had an epiphany of love.

“It was after that point that I just couldn’t handle that idea of breaking up,” he said. “So I started entertaining ideas about getting engaged. One day, it just hit me. I really didn’t consider being married right away. It’s just engagement is a different level that you need for commitment. We basically needed this commitment from each other to basically survive... that summer. And then I got home for a month at the end of the summer and things just clicked. It was the best decision we ever made.”

July 3, 1999, was the day John and Stephanie made the biggest commitment of their lives. And it will be July 3, 2000, when John and Stephanie will close the deal, say their “I do’s and become husband and wife. But they insist this was not done on purpose. It was fate.

Now they have the daunting prospect of being the Hatzenbuehlers, a married couple. This, from a couple who lightheartedly made a promise to get married if both were single at 28, a la “My Best Friend’s Wedding.”

But John and Stephanie acknowledge the impossibility of having the perfect relationship, especially knowing the way their relationship has developed so far.

“Our relationship has been nothing but battles, not with each other, never with each other, but battles surrounding our relationship,” said Stephanie. “Distance is just one element. Distance really sucks to put it just how it is, it really sucks.”

“It would have been easy to find some Joe-Schmoe,” she added. “But the connection I have with him, he is not just this one guy that I find physically attractive and that I love the way that we make each other better, then you’re in a wrong relationship.”

“John Hatzenbuehler

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John Hatzenbuehler

At this point, Stephanie turns to John: “You’re more than a best friend, you’re sort of a savior in some certain terms, and a guide, and somebody who... will always do the right thing.”

And despite the fact that Stephanie and John love each other, they insist they are not a couple of love-sick kids. They understand what they are doing. And they aren’t flinching a bit concerning their future together.

“I think the key to success in marriage is being best friends,” said Stephanie. “I may do all these fun things, and who I do want to do them with? That’s easy, [him]. That’s the good thing about distance. We’ve learned to live apart while needing each other at the same time. So, when we’re together, we’re not in each other’s face, and lovey-dovey. We know how to be Stephanie and John, which I think is very important. And together, we’re just cool.”

So are they the perfect fit for each other? They certainly seem to think so, and when someone sees them together, one sees two extremely attractive people who are at peace with being together.

“I can’t think of anybody better,” said John. “That’s the key: if you think you can meet somebody better, then you’re in the wrong relationship. But I don’t think I could find, or want to find, anybody better. She’s everything I ever hoped to want.”

“He makes me the best person I could ever think to be, and that’s why it was meant to be as well,” said Stephanie. “I always had this vision of who I wanted to be and how I was going to get there, and he just made that possible for me.”

Stephanie added: “All my weaknesses, he makes them strengths. It’s sort of a completion. John makes me whole by himself, so that I am complete and he is complete and we just roll together. I don’t have things that I’m missing that he has to be there for me to be a person.”

And John as usual, finishes Stephanie’s thought: “It’s not like I couldn’t live without her, I could still function, but it wouldn’t be half as good if I didn’t have someone to do it with.”

Maybe, if health is on their sides, the Hatzenbuehler family-to-be like the Cukrowicz family, will celebrate a 60th wedding anniversary. Sixty years down the road, the lives they’ve shared for more than 20 years already will most likely be just as strongly intertwined.

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Mary Calash/Observer

And the clincher in this perfect love story is the following proclamation by Stephanie to John, which put their entire relationship, from the youthful friendship of yesteryear to the loving partnership of today, into a new light.

“You’ve sort of put a new spin on life partner,” she said to her beau. “That’s why I love you, because you are my life partner.”

She said it, and he believed it. end of story.

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The Observer


**HEALTH COLUMN**

**Defining eating disorders**

Editor's note: In conjunction with the University Counseling Center, Scene presents a series of five reviews this week that will highlight eating concerns in recognition of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

It is normal to want to be attractive. It is not normal to let your appearance and eating behaviors control your life. As Dr. Elizabeth Shih, author of "The Eating Illness Workbook," states that "eating disorders exist when a person's use of food and rituals and practices surrounding the use of food cause increasingly serious problems in the major areas of the person's life. These areas include: emotional health, spirituality, financial health, physical health, social life, job/work/exercise and family life. The media has highlighted anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa, but it is important to focus on a much broader range of eating and body image concerns as well. In addition to anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa, individuals struggle with eating concerns that do not meet the full criteria for an eating disorder diagnosis, obesity, binge eating disorder, and body dysmorphic disorder as well.

Professionals use the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" (DSM-IV) to help them assess and diagnose eating disorders.

Anorexia Nervosa is characterized by a refusal to maintain a minimally normal body weight (i.e., weight less less than 85 percent of that expected), an intense fear of gaining weight or of being overtly fat, even though underweight; an undue influence of body shape or weight on self-evaluation; and for women, the absence of at least three consecutive menstrual cycles.

Bulimia Nervosa is characterized by recurrent episodes of binge eating (i.e., eating an amount of food that is definitely larger than most people would eat during a two hour period and under similar circumstances and a sense of loss of control over eating during this time period; the use of recurrent inappropriate compensatory behaviors in order to prevent weight gain including self-induced vomiting, misuse of laxatives/diuretics/ enemas/medications, and/or excessive exercise; both binge eating and inappropriate compensatory behaviors occur, on average, at least twice a week for three months; and self-evaluation is unduly influenced by body shape and weight).

Some individuals will report symptoms of an eating disorder but do not meet the diagnostic criteria. These individuals can benefit from intervention and treatment as well.

Medical obesity is considered a general medical condition, but does not appear in DSM-IV because it has not been established that it is consistently associated with a psychological or behavioral syndrome. However, two of the biggest concerns for obese individuals are the fact that they develop diseases at a higher rate than the rest of the population and face discrimination, prejudice and ridicule in both their personal and professional lives. Those consequences may result in individuals seeking psychological, nutritional and medical assistance. Obesity is defined as individuals who are at least 20 percent overweight with the following distinctions: mild obesity (20-30 percent), moderate obesity (30-60 percent), severe obesity (60-100 percent) and super morbid obesity (100-150 percent) and super morbid obesity (250 percent or more. Some obese individuals engage in binge eating behaviors, and others do not.

On Frontline's documentary, "Fat," Dr. Randolph Lebow from Columbia University presented a group of mice and rats, we have learned that there are single genes that can cause obesity, and we have found in every instance that there is a corresponding gene in humans. If we went out on the street right now, and I showed you a group of adults ranging from 4'12" feet to 6'1" feet, you would make no comment about this. It's expected. We all expect to see wide variations in height. We accept that this is something that we can genetically influence. My perception of this is that there are equally potent genetic influences on body weight as there are on height. But the population, because of our lack of understanding of all the mechanisms, simply has not come to terms with this yet. Binge Eating Disorder is proposed as a new diagnostic category in the research literature. In contrast to Bulimia Nervosa, in which inappropriate compensatory mechanisms are employed to counter the effects of the binge, such as regular exercise and binge eating occurs for a longer period of time (e.g., six months or more), binge eating is suggested in the diagnostic criteria for Bulimia Nervosa. Many individuals are treated with the 12-step organization, Overeaters Anonymous, refer to themselves as compulsive overeaters and this diagnostic category would be consistent with the ways they would describe their eating behaviors.

Body Dysmorphic Disorder is defined as a preoccupation with an imagined defect in appearance. If a slight physical abnormality is present, the person's concern is markedly excessive. The preoccupation causes clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational or other important areas of functioning. In 1998, USA Today published an article entitled, "Bodybuilders' feet flip side of anorexia." In this article Smith states, "A condition identified as 'muscle dysmorphism' is a preoccupation with muscle development so powerful that those who suffer from it often give up their jobs so they can spend all day at the gym. Many individuals had not eaten in restaurants for years because they could not control the precise carbohydrate and protein content of their food. People with this condition frequently take steroids to bulit bigger muscles, but they still felt disappointed with their bodies."

Preliminary evidence suggests that Body Dysmorphic Disorder is diagnosed with equal frequency in men and women. The other eating concerns mentioned about women, but women much more frequently. "No one wakes up one morning and says, "Get, I want to have an eating disorder." Many individuals begin dieting, a widely accepted behavior in our society. The problem is that for some people, their dieting begins a cycle of feeling out of control with food, obsessing about weight and appearance and feeling like this struggle defines who they are. Tomorrow's Observer.

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**AP ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS**

Leonardo DiCaprio's new film "The Beach" has upset environmentalists in Thailand, where the film was shot.

In an apparent attempt to appease environmentalists angry over its film "The Beach," 20th Century Fox plans to donate revenue generated from the first showing to Thailand's national parks, according to a published report.

The donation will go to the Royal Thai Forestry Department, the Nation reported Saturday.

The movie, based on Alex Garland's best-selling novel and starring Leonardo DiCaprio, tells the story of a backpacker whose search for a paradise island turns into surgery. It premiered last week and comes to Thai theaters March 10.

Activists and local residents brought the movie's maker to court for allegedly damaging a beach in the Phi Phi Leh National Park in southern Thailand by altering the beachfront and removing vegetation.

Activists have already campaigned to ban the movie and are asking movie-goers in Thailand not to see it.

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VIENNA

Singer-songwriter Lou Reed has canceled a planned performance in Vienna to protest the inclusion of Josef Haider, right-wing Freedom Party in Austria's new government.

"When people elect someone like him, it is their right to do so," Reed said Austrian state radio, in comments published by the daily Standard Sunday. "But that doesn't mean that other people have to voluntarily choose to be next-door neighbors." Reed is currently in Hamburg for the premiere of the Edgar Allen Poe musical "PUERTY," for which he wrote the libretto.

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LONDON

Rock star David Bowie and his wife Iman said Sunday that they are expecting their first child in August.

"It's been a long and patient wait for our baby, but both Iman and I wanted the circumstances to be absolutely right, and didn't want to find ourselves working flat out during the first couple of years of the baby's life," Bowie said.

"This is a wonderful time in both our lives." Bowie also has a grown son -- first known as Zowie but later as Joxy -- from his previous marriage. Iman has a daughter, Zuleika, from her marriage to professional basketball bull star Spencer Haywood.

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BEVERLY HILLS

Actor Christian Slater has married girlfriend Lisa Haddad.

The ceremony took place Saturday night at the Four Seasons Hotel with about 150 guests, according to a publicist's statement.

The marriage is the first for Slater, 30, and Haddad, 28.

They have a child, Jaden Christopher, who was born last April and will accompany his parents on their honeymoon in Hawaii.

Slater has appeared in such movies as "Interview With the Vampire," "The Name of the Rose," and "True Romance."
Woods battles back, falls to Mickelson at Buick Invite

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If anyone has picked up an old grey Jaguar I would greatly appreciate it. It was parked in front of the Library at 206 St. Mary's and I have been told by friends that someone took it. It is a 1964 model with black hard top and silver hubcaps. If you can be of help, please let me know. Thank you in advance.

If you know anyone who needs help, please let me know. Thank you in advance.

Happy Valentine's Day to Brooke

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Seniors lead in Indianapolis

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Seniors Jen Engelhardt and Chris Cochran continued their string of first-place finishes with individual victories in the Cannon IV Classic this weekend in Indianapolis.

Cochran won the 200-meter dash in a time of 21.30 seconds. Racing on a banked track, he only missed an NCAA qualifying time by five-hundredths of a second.

"My time wasn't really where I wanted it to be. But in retrospect, that's not important. It was a good tune-up for the Big East," Cochran said.

With the Big East Championships coming up Saturday and Sunday, Cochran is seeking an individual title for the second year in a row. Last year, he won the 200-meter dash. Engelhardt, a two-time All-American, won her fourth straight high jump with a clearing height of 5-feet, 9 3/4 inches.

Engelhardt has come out on top in every meet this season, with an opportunity to make it five straight at the Big East Championships. If her first three years of collegiate competition, she just missed a Big East indoor title, winding up in second every season.

Another Notre Dame senior, Matt Thompson, threw his way to second place in the weight throw with a hurl of 57 feet, 3 1/2 inches.

Freshman Jamie Volkmer placed third in the pole vault, leaping 10-11 3/4 despite poor conditions.

"It was actually a good tune-up for the Big East," Volkmer said.

On the men's side of the pole vault competition, sophomore Josh Heck cleared 15-3 to earn fifth place.

Sophomore Derek Dyer threw 48-10 in the shot put -- a throw that was good enough for seventh place. Classmate (Jr) Redwine took eighth place in the men's triple jump with a leap of 47-9 1/4.

Sophomore Dore DeBartolo was the lone Irish member to compete in multiple events. DeBartolo was 10th in the shot put with a throw of 43-5, and 11th in the weight throw with a hurl of 49-2 1/4.

"Basically the meet was a tune-up for the Big East," Cochran said. "And it gave everyone a chance to get another meet under their belts."

NBA ALL-STAR GAME

Duncan, Garnett lead West over East

Associate Press

OAKLAND, Calif.

A couple of fiery dunks from Vince Carter, a little Showtime from the Lakers, a few bank shots from Tim Duncan and plenty of craft passes from Jason Kidd.

Everybody did what they do best Sunday in the NBA All-Star game, with no single player stealing the spotlight.

In a way, it was a fitting first All-Star game of the post-Jordan era. Nobody is sure who the next superstar is, and no one burst forward in this game.

Behind 24 points apiece from Duncan and Kevin Garnett, 22 from Shaquille O'Neal and 14 assists from Kidd, the West defeated the East 137-126 Sunday in the 49th version of the league's showcase event.

"The league is like a stock," Garnett said. "You've got to give it a chance to recover from the lockout, and it's going to keep rising and ris­ ing."

In this case, that meant appreciat­ing the current players for their own special skills instead of lamenting the lack of a single selfish showman.

Carter started things off with a dunk worthy of a contest. Duncan and O'Neal played like MVPs, which they were, and Karl Malone got as little involved as possible -- as he wished.

"What was the favorite part?" O'Neal asked rhetorically. "Watching Vince dunk, of course. I've never seen anybody dunk like that."

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Bill
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Connecticut's Calhoun needs to stop complaining

Connecticut head coach Jim Calhoun intends to send a letter to Notre Dame officials for the inappropriate treatment of his star player Khalid El-Amin.

Apparently Calhoun took notice of the Notre Dame student section's "traitor children" chant which was directed at El-Amin, a Muslim whom has fathered two children with two different women.

And he had a point to let the fans know he was displeased. After a timeout with nine minutes left in the first half, Calhoun stepped out of his team's huddle and gave an icy stare at the student section and then complained to Notre Dame officials seated at the scorer's table.

"Schools have to put an end to that," Calhoun told the New London Day.

"If they want to say "Calhoun sucks," that's fine. I did today, but the other stuff, that's uncalled for. Someone has to say to them that you just can't say those kinds of things. I'm appalled that anyone will allow it. It's so inappropriate. There's no place for that in sport. ... If I went out there and said "Jesus," everybody would say blasphemy. I'm writing a letter to the University just to let them know I don't appreciate that."

"It's a good thing he didn't see the "El-Amin 4-20" sign — a sarcastic reference to the John 3:16 signs held up at sporting events and El-Amin's run in with the law last year for marijuana possession. Or he might have been offended by the "Troy Murphy: All American, Jake Voskahl: Fairy Princess" banner.

But if Calhoun wants to write a letter to Notre Dame officials for bashing El-Amin, head coach Matt Doherty should write a letter to Calhoun for letting his players beat up Murphy. That could have been considered assault and the blood on his jersey was an indignation. But it seems Jim Calhoun likes to complain. And he's very good at it.

His hands must be tired after waving them at the officials all afternoon in disgust. And he's probably hoarse from yelling at them throughout the game.

But I guess he saved his vocal cords enough to make subtle comments about the officiating after the game.

He was most displeased with the 28-3 discrepancy in foul shots, joking that Notre Dame should have carried official John Cahill off the court instead of Doherty.

Doherty also agreed someone else should have been lifted up on the students shoulders, but he didn't mean the officials.

As neat as it was to have to have the students lift me up, they should have lifted those 13 guys up," Doherty said referring to his players. "But I guess that's a lot more poundage.

Calhoun also made it a point to say that he thought his team did a good job defending Murphy, "but there were three guys who didn't."

Surely he was referring to three guys in pin-stripes.

Doherty had a simple solution to the discrepancy in fouls.

"That's the beauty of playing a zone," he said.

"The other team is going to take a lot of 3s. If they're making them, you're in trouble, but you're not fouling them. If you press and play aggressive man-to-man you're going to commit a lot of fouls. I think that's where we won the game on the foul line."

Calhoun, however, doesn't follow logic and I'm sure he wouldn't have had a problem if his team had the foul shot advantage or if they won. He also didn't have a problem with El-Amin's arrogance last season when he stood on the scorer's table at Pittsburgh after knocking down the game-winning shot.

Go figure.

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Matt Carroll. Carroll nailed both free throws with 28.3 seconds remaining to make the score 67-64.

Freeman then converted for a long 2-pointer. The official at first called it a 3, which would have tied the game, but was overruled by an official standing closer to the play.

"I'm glad Freeman has big feet," Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty joked. "If he had size 10s, it might have been a 3, but he was on the line."

Connecticut reserve Marcus Cox foiled Carroll on the in-bounds with 13.2 left in regulation. Carroll missed the first shot, but knocked down the second for the Irish to take a 68-66 lead.

Then Karlots came up with the biggest play of the game as he blocked a long shot by the Huskies' Albert Mouring.

"I was just pretty much the safety guy," Karlots said. "It was my job to just make sure they were boxed out."

Murphy grabbed the ball to cement the Irish victory.

"I felt relief," Murphy said. "It was a physical game. It was a little bit of a slugfest."

Notre Dame, on the other hand, played a zone defense that only sent Connecticut to the free throw line three times.

The Irish began closing the gap in the second half. Freshman Matt Carroll narrowed the margin to two with his first points of the game – a 3-pointer from the right baseline.

After the two teams exchanged turnovers, Murphy dragged down a defensive rebound, and Graves tied the game at 45 on Notre Dame's ensuing possession. Connecticut's Robertson fouled Graves on the shot, and Graves nailed the free throw to give Notre Dame its first lead since taking a 2-0 advantage.

The Huskies pulled back into the lead at 49-46 with buckets by Deng and Voskuhl. But the Irish worked their way ahead, as Murphy hit two free throws and Graves swished a 3-pointer.

The Irish never trailed again, despite the Huskies' containment of Murphy. He scored 18 points in the game, but eight came at the free throw line.

"I could shoot 0-0 for 50, and we could still beat the national champions," said Murphy, an All-American candidate.

"The victory was a big rebound after away losses last week."

"After two awful games at Pittsburgh and Villanova, I was concerned about this team," Doherty said. "I was wondering, are we going to pick it up or are we going to make a last stand, and we decided we were going to fight."

Notre Dame kept alive lingering hopes of heading to the NCAA tournament with the win, its third over a 1999 Final Four team this season.

"This isn't a fluke," Graves said. "Beating Ohio State, beating Connecticut twice, beating St. John's – it's not a fluke."

Connecticut was hot from the floor in the first half, shooting 64.3 percent to Notre Dame's 34.5 percent. The Huskies' Mouring led the way with his 14 first-half points on 6-for-8 shooting.

But Notre Dame managed to stay within six points at the half thanks to 10 free throw shots.

The most frustrating thing was that Notre Dame had 28 foul shots, Connecticut head coach Jim Calhoun said. "It's hard to win when you let a team shoot that many free throws. Once again, we shot 15 of 25 and won by 17 from the floor, but their free-throw shooting determined the game."

Connecticut picked up a lot of fouls with a very physical man-to-man defense. They attacked Murphy with double- and even triple-teams, forcing him into 5-for-20 shooting in the game.

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Irish Notes

• Three sophomores scored double digits for the Irish - Murphy, Graves and Harold Swanagan with 10.

• Dillon dished off 10 assists in 35 minutes of play, while only turning the ball over twice.

• The game was the second Joyce Center sell-out of the season for Notre Dame.

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Riley was supposed to meet her team at 5:30 p.m., but because of a misunderstanding on her part, she did not think the team was meeting until 5:45 p.m. and showed up five minutes late.

The Irish stole a quick 7-0 lead in the first three minutes of play, but the Red Storm answered back quickly, going on a 6-1 run to bring the score to 9-8.

Not wanting to lose the lead, McGraw called a timeout to motivate her squad. Coming out of the timeout, Riley led the Irish in outscoring the Red Storm 33-24 en route to a 48-24 halftime lead.

Riley scored all 15 of her first half points during the run.

"You have to respect Riley. She's one of the best in the nation. We did a better job of defending her when we played at our place. We made a lot of mistakes under Notre Dame's pressure tonight."

Darcel Estep
St. John's head coach

"I got a lot of open looks," Ratay said. "Ruth drew a lot of attention under the basket so I was open."

Point guard Niele Ivey added 12 points and dished out seven assists for the Irish.

McGraw used her squad's large lead to give her reserves some much-needed experience before heading into their toughest week of contests this season.

"I think our bench was making a statement to me tonight," McGraw said. "I know they were ready to play. When I put them in, they played with a lot of confidence. They played with a lot of intensity, and we need that going into this week because this is a really big week for us."

Guards Erika Haney and Monique Hernandez turned in top performances from the Irish bench, combining for 13 points.

"Hernandez is someone who has really come along," McGraw said. "She's very quick and she's very fiesty. I think the crowd really likes her effort and intensity out there."

The Irish turned in their record-setting 20th-straight home court win in front of a crowd of 7,230, their second-largest crowd in school history.
Hockey

Irish split weekend with Mavericks, retain fifth-place

By MATT OLIVA
Sport Writer

Two Notre Dame hockey teams showed up this weekend, as the Irish split the weekend series with the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks. After dropping Friday night's game to the Mavericks, 3-1, the Irish came back on Saturday with a convincing win, 7-4, to regain sole possession of fifth place.

Friday. Notre Dame appeared on its way to starting off the series with a win.

The Irish scored just over three minutes into the game when Ben Simon's pass toward the net glanced off of Dan Carlson's skate and past Maverick goaltender Kendall Sidoruk. It was a quick goal, but the Irish offense struggled to put together any offense the rest of the way.

Nebraska-Omaha answered back with two more goals in the period to take a 2-1 lead, which was eventually enough for the win.

The first goal came on the power play, but the second was the one that really took the wind out of the Irish. Notre Dame was on the power play, but turned the puck over to Maverick sophomore Jeff Hoggan. Hoggan bunted the puck off Irish goalie Tony Zasowski's left pad for the short-handed goal.

The Irish had only one good chance at scoring, which came in the second period. Joe Hrabubek fired a shot with four minutes remaining that got past the Mavericks' goalie but hit off the cross bar and deflected away from the net. The Mavericks then put the Irish away on an empty-net goal.

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"The third period became sloppy, as the UNO team showed its frustrations. Nielsen scored a power-play goal from the blue line to pad the Irish lead. Nebraska came back to make the score 5-2. When all was done, the Irish came out of the game with a 7-4 victory. Inman and Carlson added goals for the Irish, both on the power play, giving Notre Dame four for the night."

Much of the scoring outbreak came from the freshmen. Altogether they accounted for eight points on the night. Chin had two goals, Nielsen added a goal and two assists, and Connor Dunlop finished with three assists.

"Tonight we scored goals, and our scoring is confidence," Poulin said. "The confidence from power-play goals carries over to five-on-five. The four power-play goals is big. We played better -- we skated and got to the puck. The key is to get more people involved. More people were on top at the crease. Nielsen played a big part tonight, and Dunlop was a key with his passes."

"We have to have carry it over to next Friday now," Poulin said. "We can't wait for two periods to play. We have to come out right away against these teams."

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"The third period became sloppy, as the UNO team showed its frustrations. Nielsen scored a power-play goal from the blue line to pad the Irish lead. Nebraska came back to make the score 5-2. When all was done, the Irish came out of the game with a 7-4 victory. Inman and Carlson added goals for the Irish, both on the power play, giving Notre Dame four for the night."

Much of the scoring outbreak came from the freshmen. Altogether they accounted for eight points on the night. Chin had two goals, Nielsen added a goal and two assists, and Connor Dunlop finished with three assists.

"Tonight we scored goals, and our scoring is confidence," Poulin said. "The confidence from power-play goals carries over to five-on-five. The four power-play goals is big. We played better -- we skated and got to the puck. The key is to get more people involved. More people were on top at the crease. Nielsen played a big part tonight, and Dunlop was a key with his passes."

"We have to have carry it over to next Friday now," Poulin said. "We can't wait for two periods to play. We have to come out right away against these teams."

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Women’s Swimming and Diving

Saint Mary’s breaks records, finishes fifth in MIAAs

By NELLE WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Breaking an unprecedented five records over the course of the MIAA Championships, the Belles slid into fifth place in the final seconds of the competition, proving they could pull it out when it counted.

Placed fourth after Thursday’s day of races, Saint Mary’s fell behind in the final score on Saturday to Alma College.

Coach Gretchen Hildebrandt was not too surprised.

“Alma has a really good diverse team. Just by the point spread — they out-swum us,” she said. “I’m so pumped we beat Albion. It’s something we’ve wanted real bad.”

Slipping into sixth place behind Albion College going into Saturday’s finals, the Saint Mary’s swimming and diving team knew they had to pull out the close races to jump back up to fifth place. Opening Thursday night with a surprising fourth-place finish dominated by record-breaking performances, the Belles had one more night to make the statement they had wanted to make all season.

Entering the 100 freestyle event shortly before the end of the meet, Hildebrandt broke down the score for the team and told them her hunch.

“Look — it’s in the bag,” she whispered as she showed her team that they were only two points behind Albion College.

A few hours later, screams and cheers were deafeningly loud as Saint Mary’s swimmer Claudia Herrington, Sullivan and Lenesskie also added another record to the board, breaking year’s 500 medley record.

“I never really thought about it,” Hildebrandt said. “I didn’t know what was possible. We really paid the entire record book. They did a great job.”

Top six finishers included Smith, finishing fourth in the 1650 freestyle with a time of 19:01.59, L. Smith with a time of 2:15.25 in the 200 breast and fourth place finish, and a fifth-place finish for the 400 free relay. Samreta and Smith teamed up on Friday night for a second and fourth place pair of finishes in the 100 breaststroke.

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Saint Mary’s officially joined the MIAA in May of 1999.

“There was great dedication on parts of coach and swim team,” athletic director Lynn Karchmar said. “This could not have been run if not for the staff, students and friends. I’m so thankful for the support.”

“It was so important for us to show the MIAA we are serious about this,” she continued. “I don’t know how to thank everybody just did it to make the most successful.”

With the possibility of hosting another championship on the horizon, the end of the season may mean an end to the 1999-2000 season, but a beginning for the next.

“I’m already looking to the future,” Hildebrandt said. “It will only get better. We have a good strong class coming in that will add depth and more diversity.”

However, she is not about to let what happened this weekend ever leave her memory.

“I want to cherish this right now,” she said. “Everything was so amazing, I want it to last forever.”

A Belle slices through the water in the MIAA Championships held this weekend in the Rollins Aquatic Center. The Belles finished fifth.
FOURTH AND INCHES

Look at their just sitting there,
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CAN WE KEEP THEM? CAN WE KEEP THEM?

November 22, 1998

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish knock off champs, again

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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After losing two Big East games on the road last week, the Irish decided they were not going to drop three straight. Even if that meant earning a second upset over national champion Connecticut (17-6, 6-4 Big East), which is what Notre Dame (15-10, 6-5) pulled off Saturday in a 68-66 thriller.

"We didn't want to lose three in a row," said sophomore forward David Graves, who scored 17 points. "Losing is hard enough. Losing two in a row is really hard. But losing three in a row — it's unacceptable."

Connecticut's Kevin Freeman scored with one minute remaining to tie the score at 64. The next time down the court, the Huskies drilled Irish forward Troy Murphy, but no call was made. Instead, officials whistled Graves for his fifth foul on Irish reserve Ivan Kartelo. Kartelo made the free throw to give his team a one-point lead.

Connecticut pulled down the rebound, but Graves knocked the ball away from Ajou Deng to turn possession back to Notre Dame. Yet another Huskies player fouled out, as Tony Hobertson fouled out, as Tony Hobertson.

Irish freshman center Ivan Kartelo rips the ball away from Connecticut's All-American point guard Khalid El-Amin in Saturday's 68-66 Notre Dame win. Kartelo's block in the closing seconds of the game preserved the Irish lead.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame routs Red Storm in biggest win of season

By KERRY SMITH
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When the Irish stepped on the court Saturday, they were out to make a statement. After a disappointing team effort in their win over the Pittsburgh Panthers earlier in the week, the Irish needed to prove that they deserved a No. 5 ranking and were still the team to beat in the Big East conference. After 40 minutes of tough play Saturday, that statement could not have been stronger. With guard Alicia Hatay pacing the Irish with 28 points, junior guard Kevin Freeman added 15 and center Huth Hiley dominated play under the basket. Despite watching the opening tip from the bench because of disciplinary reasons, Riley still scored 19 points, pulled down three rebounds and recorded three blocked shots. She shot 7-for-8 from the field and hit 5-for-6 from the free throw line — playing just 16 minutes for the Irish.

McGraw denied Riley her 800th-career start because the junior All-American candidate was late for Saturday's game.

"Normally I don't encourage tardiness," McGraw joked. "But Ruth Riley was late to the pre-game shoot around and I thought she had a great game."

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