Rotation schedule set for men doing laundry

By PATRICIA CARROLL

Starting after 11 p.m. and men should be out of the dorm by midnight. If with the rectors of the women’s dormitories and their hall councils, the students are not studying, men are to stay in the specified evenings only and adhere from knocking on the dormitory laundry room or in the TV room. In addition, men are to refrain from knocking on the dormitory doors and to wait or call for someone to let them in.

Student Senator Teresa Ross suggested using the program on a trial basis last year in answer to the growing need for men’s laundry facilities. “At first I didn’t think there would be much opposition to it,” Ross said. “With four women in dorms on each day, we could accommodate the men on their respective quads.”

Ross, along with other senators, introduced the idea first to the Student Senate and then to the Hall President’s Council where it was approved. After that, it was presented to the students of the women’s dormitories.

Though several female students objected to the program’s invasion on privacy and security, opposition to the plan came primarily from the rectors of the women’s dormitories.

This is in addition to the rectors of Walsh and Lyons who had approved the plan, the respective rectors rejected it. Although the rector of Pasquerilla West, Dolores Ward, had reservations about the laundry plan, she agreed to the hall council’s decision to accept it.

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Ross said she has initiated this program as at least a temporary solution to what is seen as a real campus-wide need for available laundry rooms for men.

“Said the president of the University.” Ross says, “Where we’re supposed to work as a whole and work as a group. It doesn’t seem like one night a week is too much to give up when you could be meeting the needs of someone else.”

Lack of alternatives to abortion inspires new local counseling clinic

By JOHN-JOHN AMORES

Kicking off the fundraising campaign for a women’s center in the area, the national president of Women Exploited by Abortion said pregnant women are being "ripped off" by not being informed of the full implications of an abortion.

Speaking Monday evening in the library auditorium, Lori Jo Neradad women considering aborting to consider alternatives such as aid and support from relatives or adoption.

The fundraising campaign is being sponsored by Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s Right to Life, and it was created to help the newly-formed Women’s Care Center/ Pregnancy Help Center, which will open this March. The center will provide free pregnancy testing as well as professional counseling.

Nerad explained to the audience that WEBA is a group of women who have had abortions and have come to regret their decision. "The group was started in July of 1982, and since then has expanded to 83 chapters in 45 states. The group is non-political, non-profit, and non-pro, and it helps the client deal with physical and mental trauma in the aftermath of their abortions. The group uses the word “exploited” because in almost every case documented by WEBA, the woman had either been coerced into having the abortion, she was never given all of the facts, or both, Nerad said.

Abortion is explained as a clinically safe surgical procedure, but Nerad stressed that abortion does carry the risk of permanent physical, psychological, as well as the potential for chronic psychological problems. Some of the major physical problems include infections, sterility, and gastro-intestinal disturbances.

The goal of WEBA, Nerad said, is to educate all women about the effects of abortion and to help them to find an alternative.

Throughout her often emotional speech, Nerad brought up different case histories of women having trouble dealing with their abortions, including her own personal cross.

She had an abortion eight years ago because, at that time, Nerad said she was pressured by social and economic factors into believing that she could not have another baby.

The resulting feelings of regret, guilt, and loss put her into a tailspin of drug abuse, alcohol abuse, and eventually, a nervous breakdown.

Nerad believes that in addition to her emotional state, the physical trauma of her abortion caused her to have cancer, and as a result, she had to undergo a hysterectomy.

It was during this low period in her life that she realized that she was not alone in her depression. Nerad found out that many other women see ABORTION, page 3

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Plans finalized for gathering place

By LINDA GASE

Plans have recently been finalized to build a new gathering place in front of O’Shaughnessy Hall, centering around the sculpture of a Samaritan woman at the well which faces the South Quad.

Designed by Dr. Frederick Beckman, chairman of the Art, Art History and Design Department, the park will include two circular concrete pits approximately 12 feet in diameter which may be used by students as a gathering area or by teachers for informal class discussions.

The two pits will be located on either side of a large circular concrete area with Ivan Mestrovic’s sculpture of Christ with the Samaritan woman by the well as the focal point. Surrounding the statue will be trees, benches, and a row of benches. A lighting system will also be installed.

Two other Mestrovic sculptures, presently located outside the west door of O’Shaughnessy, will be moved and placed at the corners of the two pits.

According to Beckman, the project was developed during the 1980-1981 academic year because the college was not losing any projects. The project is in the hands of Don Dedrick, Physical Plant Director, who plans that the sculpture materials will be obtained this spring and that the sculptures may be installed in the fall.

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“This year’s resolution pertains to the debate topic for that year.” Beckman said he had noticed for several years that the “statue was a natural gathering area for students. I had several thoughts for a gathering or resting place for visitors or students.”

Approximately one year ago Beckman put his ideas on paper, but the project had been delayed as a result of lack of funding. The money was recently donated by Eli Shabec, an alumnus of Notre Dame from Sturgis, Michigan, Beckman said.

The park will be dedicated to both the Shabec family and to Mestrovic, a former Notre Dame professor as well as creator of the three sculptures being highlighted. Beckman hopes that “as the University acquires more sculptures, more projects will ensue.”

ND-SMC debate team looks toward national tournament

By BARBARA HARDIN

Research and study are not limited to the classroom for 20 students who comprise Notre Dame/ Saint Mary’s Debate Team.

According to Captain John Monberg, the hard work begins in mid-July when the team receives a resolution identifying itself of the most debatable topic for that year.

This year’s resolution pertains to hazardous waste disposal, declaring that the producer of hazardous waste is legally responsible for any resulting injury.

Along individual research, there are two-two-week-long in-studio team members can attend during the summer in Aberdeen, Mass., and Tucson, Ariz., where experts elucidate on the debate topic.

Speaking skills are also an important part of debate. Monberg noted. Through practice, many of the debaters can say 900 words in one minute and receive 60 arguments in a single 10-minute speech.

Leading the team this year are seniors Monberg, Paul Konwarte, Jim Malackowski and St. Mary’s sophomore Kori Stalhis. According to Monberg “the team is strong this year and will continue to be next year because we’re not losing anyone and have recruited some good freshmen.”

Out of six tournaments so far this season, the team has taken first place at both Notre Dame and Eastern Tournaments.
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**O'Connor named N.Y. archbishop**

NEW YORK — Bishop John J.
O'Connor, named to head the na-
tion's fourth-largest Roman Catholic
archdiocese, vowed yesterday that
the fight to stop abortion and "defend human life" would
permeate "everything I attempt to
do" as archbishop of New York.

O'Connor, a former chief of Navy
battalions who helped draft the U.S.
Catholic bishops' letter condemning
nuclear war, was bishop of Scranton,
Pa., for seven months before Pope
John Paul II named him to succeed
CardinalTerence Cooke, who died
Oct. 6.

But unlike Cooke and other past
archbishops of New York, O'Connor
will not be appointed military vice
to serve more than 2 million Cat-
holics associated with the armed
forces.

The Vatican is giving the military
post a new status "by making it total-
ly independent of any territorial
diocese," said Archbishop Joseph
Ryan, who has been running the
diocese since Cooke's death.

Wearing a lapel button reading "I
love NY," O'Connor told reporters
in Scranton he was "scared" about
"succeeding Cooke, whom the" "people of New York considered a
saint."

O'Connor, 64, said he would de-
vote himself "unashamedly to...defend human life, especially the life
of the unborn. Such efforts will con-
stitute my No. 1 priority and will
permeate everything I attempt to
do."

He will be installed as archbishop
on March 19. His elevation to ca-
dinal is a virtual certainty.

Referring to the archbishop's need
to cope with the city's social and
cultural problems, he said: "This
will be beyond my experience. I
used to play ball, but I've never
played with the Yankees. It's a dif-
ferent ballgame."

Some might call me a liberal in
terms of social activities," he said.
"But never at the expense of the or-
thodoxy of the doctrine."

As head of the archdiocese, O'Connor will lead 1.8 million Cat-
holics, the nation's fourth-largest
archdiocese after Los Angeles,
Chicago and Boston.

Church his-
torians said he is the first career
chaplains to rise so high in the U.S.
hierarchy.

Before becoming bishop of Scran-
ton, O'Connor served as an auxiliary bishop under Cooke in
Military Ordinariate. In that post,
and previously as a 27-year Navy
veteran, he developed a reputation
as a good administrator.

Born in Philadelphia, O'Connor
was ordained in 1945 and became a
Navy priest in 1947. He served in
both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets,
including tours of duty in Japan and
Vietnam.

He became senior chaplains at the
U.S. Naval Academy, then chief of
Navy chaplains in 1979 when he was
named an auxiliary bishop under Cooke.

**Abortion**

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had had similar negative feelings af-
ter their abortions, and she decided
to work for WEBA. Since then, Nerad
said, she has been "growing and
healing by ministering to other
women who have had similar prob-
lems."

In counseling women on surviv-
ing the experience of abortion,
Nerad stressed four points don't al-
low anyone to trivialize or dismiss
your 'grief.' "don't be too hard on
yourself. Forgive those toward whom you might feel bitter because
of their implication in the abortion,
and most importantly, seek healing
in God. 'The most powerful thing for
pre-abortion counseling,' Nerad stressed, is 'love.'"

Nerad has counseled women from
all over the United States and she
said that she "can't believe the need
for WEBA. It's so great."

Commenting on the new
Women's Care Center/Pregnancy
Help Center that will open in March,
Nerad said that if she had been coun-
sulated properly and if she had
had more of a chance to think things
out, she would have had her baby.

Nerad said that the care center is im-
portant for pregnant girls because it
gives them away" from the negative
atmosphere of the abortion clinic
and the pressure to have an abor-
tion.

Nerad discussed some of the al-
ternatives to abortion, citing the
availability of centers in com-
munities all over the U.S. that will
help pregnant girls as selective and
open adoption plans, which al-
low the mother to choose the adoptive parents.

She also commented on how glad she
was that the care center is located near the adoption clinic, so
that the girls could have a real
choice. "Decrying the legality of abortion, she commented on the
logic of the law, as well as that a girl
can get an abortion without telling
anybody, but she can't even get her
glasses pierced without permission
from her parents."

Nerad placed her confidence in the
new care center, predicting that the
abortion rate in the area would
go down and that hopefully, the need
for her counseling services would
also decrease.

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Seven years. "It would be the first time in the National Debate Tournament in the country," says Mondale, Sen. George McGovern and Jesse Jackson — had an opportunity last night to air their foreign policy differences, as well as stress their disagreements with President Reagan.

Former Florida Gov. Reubin Askew was the only major Democratic candidate to skip the debate.

The forum, one in a long series of face-to-face campaign confrontations, was arranged at a time when the pace of the campaign is quickening, with the lead-off Iowa caucuses less than three weeks away and the New Hampshire primary set for eight days later on Feb. 28.

Massachusetts holds its Democratic primary on March 15, the "Super Tuesday" on which several Southern states hold primary elections as well.

Whatever the disagreements among themselves, all seven Democrats participating in the debate have long been critical of Reagan's Lebanon policy, and have opposed the administration's policy of providing covert assistance to guerrillas fighting the leftist government in Nicaragua.

On arms control, all Democrats complain that Reagan has failed to achieve any progress in negotiations with the Soviet Union, an issue that is expected to become a major issue in the fall campaign, regardless of who wins the Democratic nomination.

Reagan, who announced on Sunday that he will seek a second term, counters that the world is safer than it was before he was inaugurated because of his administration's military buildup.

Congress receives '85 budget

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders got a preview yesterday of the $1.75 trillion fiscal 1985 budget President Reagan officially sends to Capitol Hill today. The legislators said they were not surprised by the $925 billion fiscal 1985 budget leaders got a preview yesterday of the $925 billion fiscal 1985 budget.

The deficit bill will be larger than we would like it to be. But not as large as we had predicted and many feared," Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr. R-Tenn., said after he and other Republican congressional leaders emerged from a White House budget briefing with Reagan.

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لينوس University and a third-place award at Miami — a record which the team is quite proud of, Mondale says.

The team's next tournament is February 10-12 at Northwestern. "It will host 32 teams, the biggest tournament in the country," says Mondale.

The team hopes to be invited to the National Debate Tournament in which teams are chosen from all over the country to compete. "We will probably make it," says Mondale. "It would be the first time in seven years."

Tentatively, the debate team will host a team from Japan at Notre Dame in March. Deviating from the assigned topic, they would debate an issue of Japanese trade policies.

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The Observer
The challenges of a transfer student

As incoming freshmen we find ourselves at a large university with daily challenges and countless new experiences. We stumble through a lot of things but we can find solace through the camaraderie which we find in the dorms, as well as the fact that there are 1700 other people at Notre Dame going through the same things.

The transition to Notre Dame living poses some unusual problems for people entering the university not as Freshmen but as transfer students from other colleges and universities. These people draw far less attention than the 1700 incoming first year students. Transfer students bring with them the experiences gained from other institutions.

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They have to clear many of the same hurdles as the freshmen, but they also have additional obstacles which are unique to their status as transfer students.

The major problem is that of housing. Whether they like it or not, transfer students are going to spend at least one semester, and often as much as a whole year, living off campus.

Being an off-campus resident is a far different experience for a person who is new to the University than it is for someone who has lived in the dorms for two or three years and has adapted to move out.

Notre Dame is a campus which revolves around dorm life. The people that we eat with, socialize with, and participate in activities with, are generally the people who live in the same building. A transfer student is not afforded the same luxury of having a group of ready-made friends nearby. They are unable to enjoy the conveniences of living on campus. Their lives are much less convenient and they have to spend much more time alone. Also, lack of easy transportation can prevent them from taking part in many activities.

Junior Laura Bataglia commented that transfer students have to try much harder to get to know people on campus. There is a far greater feeling of isolation since most of the social life revolves around dorm life.

One transfer student who since has been able to get to an off campus room is Black. She said: "The number of people I got to know after I moved into the dorms. I think that the various halls should attach themselves more to transfer students to give them more access to Notre Dame social life."

The unique problems faced by transfer students may not be common knowledge to the average Notre Dame student, but the student government and the administration have done a great deal to make the transition easier.

Reagan re-election decision a hard surprise

The President's announcement last Sunday night that he would (surprise, surprise) seek re-election with his current Vice President, George Bush, will stand as a landmark in recent American politics.

No American President since Dwight Eisenhower has successfully completed a second term in the Oval Office, and surely no President since Richard Nixon has won a better chance of accomplishing that feat than Ronald Reagan.

No sooner, in a recent issue, posed the "hot" political question of early 1984, "Can Anyone Stop Fritz?" The real question of the 1984 presidential campaign does not center around the non-inflation of Walter Mondale, but rather around the electoral hopes of Ronald Wilson Reagan. At this writing, it is dubious that anyone can sidetrack the Reagan Bush juggernaut.

I believe that it is important for this country that Reagan be for re-election for a variety of reasons. For one thing, American domestic and foreign policy since 1960 has been victim to the dog-eat-dog atmosphere of certain political parties, causing problems for the United States in its dealings with our NATO allies, Latin America, and especially the Soviet Union.

It is important at this time to determine if the reactionary voting practices of the electorate are over and if Reagan will stand as a landmark if anti-reactionary voting practices of the electorate continue to exert such influence over American political life.

If Reagan cannot win re-election, can any future American President? Wouldn't it be a signal that the times demand a single year presidency similar to that of the French?

Secondly, I believe that it is important for Reagan to run for re-election for the simple reason that the Soviet Union, currently in the throes of a leadership crisis, knows that the possibility is very real that it will have to deal with a Reagan for another four years who, this time, won't need to worry about re-election.

The Soviets perhaps will then decide to negotiate with the United States at the earliest possible opportunity, rather than have to deal with an encouraged and entrenched Reagan.

Not to incidently, this would work in Reagan's advantage if the Soviets decide to deal to good faith before the summer, the major peak in their program. If that occurs, the months prior to November will reinvigorate Reagan's desire to cast himself as a man of both peace and strength.

Certainly, the Reagan administration will under no circumstances make major concessions without paying the price, and will not likely make any vigorous attempt to reconcile stalled negotiations with the Russians.

Perhaps it would be good to review sketch America's accomplishments and the failures of the Reagan administration over the past three and one-half years. In the positive column, America's economic turnaround since Reagan has been nothing short of amazing in many aspects.

America is once again seen as a determined and unyielding actor in international affairs by a large and perhaps growing number of people. But perhaps more importantly, Reagan is perceived as a man who keeps his word, someone that the American people can trust.

Indeed, it was quite humorous that many political observers dismissed much of Reagan's 1980 campaign promises as "rhetoric" and were generally surprised when he was able to enact many of those promises. Throughout Reagan's political career it is evident that he truly believes most, if not all, of what he says.

Reagan projects an honesty and "old-style" forthrightness which opinion polls reflect. If anything, Reagan's major accomplishment would seem to be, then, the spiritual uplift of the United States since the term of Jimmy Carter.

Reagan has shown little if any compassion for the poor and the politically disenfranchised in this country. This will be a major campaign point of the Democrats in the next few months. He has alienated blacks, Jews, liberal teachers, and certainly, most importantly, women.

It is incredible that Reagan has remained as personally popular as he has, and interestingly, Reagan seems the only hope that the Republican of avoiding a disaster comparable to the Democratic massacre of 1980.

Perhaps this leads directly to the major reason why it is good that Reagan is running for re-election, because it will give America the best opposition to the Cabinet has been a disaster in the respect that it has continually been torn by dissent and instability. Reagan has been unable to achieve any tangible results in the Middle East or Latin America, and will not likely make any vigorous attempt to reconcile stalled negotiations with the Russians.

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A glimpse of the Far Side

by Sarah Hamilton
features editor

The Library Auditorium seemed filled to capacity at 7:15 p.m. but still they kept squeezing through the doors. It wasn’t the prospect of the Keenan Revue or Billy Joel tickets that brought these students in droves. They had come to see the man who has a contract with the Chronicle Features Syndicate for drawing bears calling “dibs” on a fat sheep.

Finally, at 8, Mary Schmidt, Student Union academic commissioner walked onto the stage to introduce the creator of The Far Side. But the remaining applause compounded by an audience chant of “Gary, Gary, Gary” prevented Schmid from completing her task.

Then Gary Larson appeared. As the cartoonist walked meekly to the podium, the auditorium exploded into a standing ovation which Larson could only answer with a nervous “Thank you. I don’t know what to say. I didn’t realize there were these many dedicated people in South Bend.”

Larson had come to explain his career and connections to the students of Notre Dame who have been laughing at and sometimes pondering The Far Side every day at lunch since January 1983 when it first appeared in The Observer. This was only the third lecture Larson has given, but his nervousness, humility and natural frankness were appreciated and enjoyed. Slides accompanied the presentation which added to the casual atmosphere of the evening.

In fact, the presentation actually began with home pictures as Larson showed slides of his childhood house, an early drawing, and himself reading a Superman comic book.

The cartoonist opened up his past, offering the audience a chance to determine whether commerce dictated his drawings of snakes painted by clear horses, dogs with four feet and stuffed cub scouts and Snow White learning that the seven dwarfs have black hair.

Larson, before a capacity audience, displays in slide form the cartoons rejected by his publisher, and explains how his unusual style evolved.

Keenan Revue once again to tickle the campus

by Marc Ramirez
features staff writer

It was a long time ago in the Labortone lobby, around and up the stairs to the Chastaina ballroom, winding up and down the floor, packing the ballroom, then meandering down another hallway and through the door at the other end, down the student government office hallway, back through the door at the other end of that and up the stairs to the third floor, through one more door and up the hallway until I could peek out the other office door and see them waiting.

Waiting for their chance at tickets. It could only be for the Keenan Revue, and the Keenan Revue it was. It was three nights of music and comedy and fun, showcasing the talents of most of the inhabitants, and nothing but the inhabitants of Keenan Hall.

The Revue was started by two Keenan Resident Assistants, Rick Thomas and Tom Lanz, who decided that holl spurt and unrest just wasn’t up to par. They searched for acts and skits from Keenan residents, and put together a show that attracted attention from not only Keenan, but the entire Notre Dame campus. That first Revue was held in Washington Hall. Two years later, the show was so popular that a larger facility had to be found, and now, in the eighth anniversary of the Keenan Revue (the 1983 Information PleaseAlmanac suggests that you bring linens and face as your contribution), people stand in line for hours. Back in the day, people who will fill up O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s for three nights (it would have been three consecutive nights) but Billy Joel is coming right smack dab in the middle of it, and don’t think the Keenan Revue people have forgotten that (starting tonight).

Randy Fab and David Magana, both seniors, are once again the producer and director of the Revue. This year the positions of assistant producer and assistant director have been added and are being filled respectively by Neil Keohane and Bill Bora, PK. Head writer for the Revue is James MacLean — a junior who admits liking “stupid jokes.” Stage manager is Jim Henry, who makes sure everything is onstage when it has to be.

Magana spent last weekend watching over 60 acts and skits audition for the show. He then spent hour upon hour trying to whittle down the six hours of material into two and a half hours of quality showw. “There’s a competent quality dancing,” said MacLean.

“Not this Dancy-Loosh stuff.”

Keenanites were encouraged to begin secreting their creative juices over Christmas break, but Fab and Magana suspect that most skits were written sometime last Thursday. Gone are the Hissier Ronaldo Brothers and entertaining with Mort-theresa, but returning are the Keenan Tumblers and the Theater K.

Fab says he plans to be clothed for the first time in three Revue appearances, and you can also look forward to a lot of humor directed at Saint Mary’s. There will of course be the usual repertoire of abuse aimed at St. John-Sheehy. Violence is prevalent in this year’s Revue, so Magana and Boraczek.

The Keenan Revue is the only event in which people flock to be insulted, sometimes being insulted if they are not. “In the Revue’s fifth year,” said Fab, “we insisted every girl’s dorm on campus except for Lyons, and they were upset.”

And why does Saint Mary’s hate them? “Well, we packed O’Laughlin,” said Fab. “They can’t do that.”

Walking around campus the other day, Magana heard a capped crusader say “There goes the Keenan Revue master.” He replied, “Is that any thing like a GAF Viewmaster?” In between such bizarre experiences as this, Magana found time to assert that last year’s Revue dealt break even, and assured that “this year we’ll do it again.” Said Keohane, “We’re more organized this year than we’ve ever been, as far as money.”

MacLean, a resident of the only non-Keenan entity to participate in the Revue (the University of Notre Dame, North, which recycled from Keenan some time ago and plans to “give Fred a honorary degree”), has created a kit for anyone to be in the show who wants to be in.

“Every chance that you have, cut out the show can still particip­

People have asked whether Larson will be clothed this tim­e! The cartoonist says, “Oh no, Elliot! Who would guess!”

The Far Side characters who appear each day in 315 newspapers across the country. Sometimes people think you are going to be a walking manifestation of what you draw,” says Larson. This contrast between expectation and reality sometimes makes for unusual encounters. Fans expect Larson to do bizarre things. Once he was asked to sign his name on a bowling ball with an electric engraver. For the most part, however, fans are “strangely well-mannered,” he says.

Larson is a very private man who infrequently goes out to meet his fans by way of lectures and book signings. He agreed to come to Notre Dame when he was invited by Student Union because “I was told (The Far Side) had a good following here.”

The Larson style is a landmark and perhaps a turning point in the cartoon industry. The Far Side is an upside-down and backwards look at celebrity status, still doesn’t seem to know what all the fuss is about. “Generally confused, quiet, cynical, irreverent and belligerent” are words he uses to describe himself. Not at all like the offbeat demented Far Side characters who appear each day in 315 newspapers across the country.

People have asked whether Larson has any plans for a television show. “No, it’s just the cartoons,” he says. This is the image readers conjure up as they peruse their newspapers each day. Today it might be three snakes arching together as one of their companions dithers off with a ‘kick me’ sign taped to his back.

Last week it was probably a family sitting around a living room staring at a blank wall. “In the days before television,” the cartoonist explains, “in my mind I saw a manifestation of three insects, oh my!”

The creative genius behind The Far Side cartoon defies the image that most of his fans expect when they meet him.

A gentle little man with rimless eyeglasses, a receding hairline and a quiet smile. Gary Larson is disin­

certting to his readers. They have not experienced the same level of recognition, and are greeted with faintly wary stares. They secretly hope for lunacy, and are disarmed by a shy nervous laugh.

Larson, four years after signing a contract with the San Francisco Chronicle that skyrocketed him to
Behind the madness Larson identifies with his animals, and his syndicate slides of cartoons that the syndicate is chasing cars or living in mailboxes. "I've never had a very good answer to where his ideas come from," Larson explains.

Larson's people and 'Tales from the Crypt' artist admits to the least expected things in the least expected manner. His elephants can use cutches and talk on the phone. His fish may commit suicide by jumping out of the water. And his humans could very well be chasing cars or living in mailboxes. Larson says he does not try to analyze where his ideas come from. "I've never had a very good answer for that," he says. "I just sit down and go to work. I'm almost apprehensive about looking into that too much," he says.

Larson claims he had a 'fairly Leave It to Beaverish' childhood in Tacoma, Washington. An interest in animals, particularly reptiles, and a knack for drawing have been with him since he was a young boy. "I've been drawing since I was a little kid, but I've never had any formal training," Larson explains.

Larson graduated from Washington State University. Larson held various odd jobs, including working with the Humane Society, a music store and a Seattle-based band. His cartooning career began when "I was disenchanting with what I was doing," Larson says. "I was a couple days off and drew six cartoons." He sold them to a local magazine and his career was launched.

"In 1980 I drove down to San Francisco to the Chronicle and came back with five-year contract. It was a GINGERbread story," says Larson.

The cartoonist, who is unmarred, lives and works in his house in a suburban beach. In his spare time, Larson enjoys playing the guitar and indulging his continued interest in snakes.

He does not follow a rigid work schedule. Each Far Side cartoon "may take a half an hour to draw or I may spend the whole day on one and still not get it right," he says.

Larson has been criticized for presenting too much violence in his work. A Fort Worth newspaper recently dropped The Far Side because an editor felt the comic was too violent. The paper resumed the comic after mass reader response forced the Far Side to be reinstated.

Larson responds to such criticism: "It is a very subtle medium. There is no way I can control the ways it is being used. Everyone has a very different sense of humor. There is a certain amount of risk in it."

Larson says the Far Side tends to be more popular with a young adult audience who tends to "see" the humor that audience. "I think humor...something that evolves as society does and I am reflecting that."

The Far Side has achieved a near-life home, being in a pot of boiling water, or a crocodile placing an obscene phone call to Captain Hook. "Tick, tick, tick!"

One of the cartoonist's favorite pieces is entitled, "Great Moments in Evolution." It portrayed a baseball team of fish contemplating how to deal with a monkey on the field. "We were catapulted into immemorial fame," Larson says. "I don't know its purpose, or what it's doing, but we found we were able to cope consisting of a cow and a cat with a fiddle were rehearsing their act so they could take their show on the road.

Larson appears much less off the deep end than his Far Side, and denies that his cartoonist's version of his characters. Nevertheless, at least two cartoons were based on personal experience. One of these pictures a person laying flat on his back after building his own chin up bar into a door frame and chinning himself through the door jam. Larson's fear of sharks and the unknown is captured in a Far Side which shows shark spitting its scuba gear.

The Far Side should remain a part of the Sunday lineup for at least a while to come (as an artist claims not be financially secure enough to retire for a period of time). However, some of Larson's off-balance and sometimes off-colored cartoons may raise some eyebrows among diners. This is more understandable after last night's visit from The Far Side's creator. For those who could not fit into the auditorium and therefore missed this momentous occasion, a sense of Larson's humor can be glimpsed from his closing remarks, a quote from Mel Brooks: "Tragedy is when I cut my finger and comedy is when you walk into an open sewer and die."

Larson likes to spoof fairy tales and nursery rhymes in his cartoons, though he adds more "colorful," probably because he treated Humpty Dumpty. When the audience voiced its concern, Larson tried to explain, "Aunts like egg."

The Far Side should continue to grow, Larson says. The Far Side has been criticized for its humor at a lobster cycing, "Auntie Em, Auntie Em. . .There's no place like home, there's no place like home," before being tossed into a pot of boiling water, or a crocodile placing an obscene phone call to Captain Hook. "Tick, tick, tick!"

This was not the case last autumn, however, some of Larson's off-the-wall humor was deemed a little too weird, not as popular as Washington State University and the University of Chicago. Larson has visited both home schools on a promotion tour. As the success and reputation of The Far Side continue to grow, Larson plans to branch out. His two books, The Far Side and Beyond The Far Side both made the Washington Post best-seller list. Plans are underway for another book, a calendar, posters and a greeting card line. "I'm not sure how extensive merchandising will be," says Larson.

Gary Brot, a representative of Andrews, McMeek and Parker Publishing, Inc., says the posters are being designed now and should be out in May.

The Far Side was not created overnight. It was Larson's idea to continue to evolve. "It takes more of a shape in the last few years," he says.

With merchandising plans in the works, Larson's creative genius showing no signs of stopping, it looks as though developers of The Far Side will be just able to keep up with the demand as they tap their mastering for rides in the cartoon. "I was asked by a company to direct it at the phone call, and began inspecting a group of campers in sleeping bags (or 'sheep shears') for a long time to come.

As you may have heard, Notre Dame Food Service was honored with an award in the annual competition of very own Observer, the award was described as the Academy Award for food services. The Southwest Food Service was honored for just that reason, "chili frito delight," you've probably already heard. "Okay, we're going to a Mexican poster and serve tacos. Frank: Don't be so picky. Hey, aren't you going to eat those award-winning mashed potatoes?" Frank: Are you kidding? These are absolutely scrumptious potatoes?

Frank: Scrumptious? You know I was talking to a friend I knew who goes to Podunk U. Told me they don't have honey loaf there...ever! Me: But you hate honey loaf. Frank: You're moaning the point again. Eating this food is like watching someone win an Oscar. You don't even worry about it because you know it's first rate, top notch, numero uno. These are quality cats kids.

Me: Actually, I've seen some Academy Award winners didn't like. Maybe this lousy thing is sort of second-rate, huh? Frank: Are you an Oscar and an Ivy is an Ivy. Me: Or maybe it's like a foreign film Oscar. Yeah, that must be it because I can never understand foreign films without subtitles. At the cafeteria I can rarely figure out what the food is without looking at the menu. And hey, that would justify those Mexican nights and Chinese nights they're always having.

Frank: You know a lot of hard work goes into preparing those nights in order to create the right ambiance.

Me: Gee, and I thought all they did was put up a few Mexican posters and serve tacos.

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Sports Briefs

The Notre Dame Weightlifting Club will hold a meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the third-floor gymnasium room at the Rockne Memorial. T-shirts will be passed out, and future plans will be discussed. New members are welcome. For more information, call Pat Trotle at 277-7571 or Matt Kelleher at 283-1206. — The Observer

Your Health is a three-night seminar sponsored by Century Club and NVA. The seminar runs this Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and is being held in the LaFortune Center Classroom (first floor). Lectures begin at 7 p.m. Sunday's lecture is "Why Good Health... And By The Way, What is it?" Featuring Jeff Eaton, director of the Health and Lifestyle Center. Register for the seminar by calling NVA at 239-6100. The cost is $13. More information will be in tomorrow's paper. — The Observer

A cross country ski tour will be sponsored by NVA this Saturday. A $1 fee includes ski equipment, hot dogs, and hot chocolate during the two-and-a-half-hour trip. Register in advance by calling 239-6100. — The Observer

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in room 20 of Hayes-Healy. All are welcome to attend. — The Observer

A downhill ski package for Royal Valley is being offered by the NVA. The package, which includes transportation, lift tickets, ski rental, and lessons, covers the next three Tuesday nights. You can buy the package for one, two, or all three of the dates. For more information, call the NVA office at 239-6690. — The Observer

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fact that Piane's squad did not include all of its top performers.

"(Friday's meet) was a real good opportunity to get all the guys into a race," said Piane. "We didn't double up for too many races, so a lot of people could run." Nearly all of the Notre Dame competitors placed in the top four places, while eight of them won their events. Miller was the only multiple winner, as he was one of just a few people who competed in more than one event.

"The Irish victories came in the shotput (Chuck Lanza), 60-yard dash and high hurdles (Miller), mile run (Ed John), 440-yard run (Dan Shannon), 880-yard run (Jim Tyler), 500-yard dash (Miller), 1000-yard run (Tim Cannon), long jump (Joel Austry), and triple jump (Gary LeKander). Because it was a non-scoring meet, though, Notre Dame could not officially count the meet as a victory.

Ball State, DePaul, and the like were relatively easy pickings for the Irish — at least when compared with the competition that the runners who traveled to the Millrose Games in New York and the Goodwill Games in Chicago faced.

In those two very prestigious meets, the Notre Dame entrants ran into some of the toughest competition in the nation and in the world. Understandably, the Irish did not fare quite as well, but the experience of facing some of the best athletes in the world proved more valuable than wins against inferior competition.

Notre Dame's two-mile relay team of Jim Moyar, Jeff Van Wie, John McNellis, and Minc Van Eysen found the going toughly tough as the only Irish athletes in the Millrose Games. The group finished seventh in the event, not quite as high as they had hoped to place.

"Our first leg was OK, but we weren't leading after it," explained Piane. "I think that it had a bad effect on the others."

The group made up for its unit-negligible showing in the Goodwill Games, though, as it got off to a better start and finished second to an outstanding University of Chicago Track Club squad with a time of 5:58.25, qualifying for the ICA's another prestigious meet which is run late in the season, in the process.

There were some other Irish runners competing in Chicago, none of which placed in the top three in its events. However, senior Ralph Caron did an outstanding job in the 1000-meter run, placing first among the collegiate runners in a school record 13.68.

The distance-medley relay team of Cannon, Shannon, Andy Dillon, and Julia was the only other Notre Dame entrant to reach the finals. The relay team finished fourth and its time of 10:03.9 was good enough to qualify it in the ICA's.

The other Irish competitors, Miller, Bell, and Patterson did not fare too well. Miller failed to qualify in the hurdles as he competed against the likes of Red Milburn, a former world-record holder. Bell had similar problems in the 55-meter dash as he had to face sprinters like Calvin Smith, the current world-record holder in the 100 meters. Patterson was unable to get off a legal jump in the long jump competition. He too, faced some of the toughest competition in the world, including Larry Myricks, one of the top few jumpers in the world.

All these failures aside, though, the track team has overcome the absence of some key competitors to perform as well as can be expected. In little more than a couple weeks, nine individuals and two relay teams have qualified for the ICA's.

Piane hopes that this number will increase even more this weekend when the Irish track host the Midwest Conference Championship.

"I hope to get one more guy to qualify in the three-mile run," says Piane. "(Injured middle-distance runner) Jim Tyler should qualify, and maybe a long jumper, too. Joel Austry is only a quarter-inch away."

Considering that it is still early in the season, Piane might find he may have more qualifiers than he will be able to bring with him.

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Corby's Brings 'Aspen' to South Bend...

Wed. Night Special
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3-8PM Mixed Drinks 2 for 1

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 Collegiate Jazz Festival
Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, February 1
7:00pm
LaFortune Ballroom

A Reminder that the Deadline for Nominating a Senior Student for the Distinguished Student Award is Friday, February 17

Nomination forms are available in the Student Government Office in LaFortune, the Center for Social Concerns or the Alumni Office (201 Admin. Bldg.)
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early lead. That way we'll be able to play our kind of game.
"We want to control the tempo of the game, and to do that we're going to have to get the ball inside, play aggressive defense and really pound the boards."

Notre Dame continues to benefit from the take-charge attitude of captain Tom Sluby since the beginning of the new year. In his last ten games, Sluby has averaged 19.6 points per game.

"Tom is playing well offensively because he is tough to stop," Phelps says. "He has a lot of confidence in his game right now, and we have a lot of confidence in him as a team."

Tom Kempston and Jim Dolan have continued to play well, both contributing to Notre Dame's rebounding and defense.

Forward Ken Barlow caught the eye of his coach for his performance against Maryland.

"Barlow has probably been our most improved player, with his good shooting and improved rebounding. "The key for us for the rest of the season is to play consistently and do the little things better," Phelps states. "The reason why we're getting better is that each guy is now playing his role out on the court."

Although it is improving game by game, the team's shooting percentage for the year still has not cleared the .500 mark. The Notre Dame head coach points out, however, that his team is playing tough defense (allowing its opponents only 44.3 points each game), and committing fewer turnovers, so it has made significant improvements compared to earlier in the season. Phelps' departure from Fordham was 13 years ago, and he thinks that too much has been made of his having coached the Rams.

"What counts for this game is that we are facing a team that can play very well," Phelps emphasizes. "Their record this year is deceptive. "We're down to the last ten games of the season, and this is where it all counts."

**ATTENTION JUNIORS!!**

Seating Reservations for
Junior Parents' Weekend
President's Dinner
will be held
Tuesday, January 31
Wednesday, February 1
7-9 p.m. in the Naz.

NOTE: * Maximum of 6 D.L.'s per person
* Parties seat 8-10 persons

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**Today**

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**Campus**

- "12:15 p.m. — Microbiology Seminar, "Antibody Synthesis", Dr. Byung Kim, Galvin Life Sciences Auditorium
- "3:30 p.m. — Computer Minicourse, Introduction to JCL, 115 CMBB
- "4 p.m. — Lecture, "Research Opportunities in Manuscript Collections in England and Ireland," Dr. Anthony Malcoms, Library Lounge
- "6:20 p.m. — Physics Colloquium, "Rare K Decays," Dr. Magol Atiya, 118 NIS
- "8:30 p.m. — Chemistry Seminar, "Silicic and Silicon Containing Reagents in Olen's Synthesis," Dr. Chi-Ning Hsiao, 125 NIS
- "7 p.m. — Auditions for Camelot, Washington Hall, ND, Sponsored by Student Union
- "7 p.m. — Film, "True-Heart Susie," O'Shaughnessy Hall Loft
- "8 p.m. — Basketball, SMC vs. Goden College, Angela Athletic Facility
- "8 p.m. — Concert, Serge Kerval, Library Auditorium, K2
- "8 p.m. — Keenan Hall Revue, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium, Ticket required
- "9 p.m. — Basketball, ND Men vs. Fordham, ACC Arena
- "10 p.m. — Philosophy Lecture, "Lord Macaulay's Line-Drawing Argument," Dr. Joel Feinberg, Galvin Life Sciences Auditorium
- "11:30 p.m. — The Daily Crossword

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**The Daily Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1. Cheering word
2. Verse
3. Debt
4. Thanks — I
5. Doll
6. Forbidden
7. Manego money
8. Neighbor hood
9. Lagton feature
10. Smooth sailing
11. City near Chicago
12. Blade
13. Ms. Meana
14. Stimmer
15. Plane
16. Jefet

**DOWN**

1. Central part
2. Days of
3. Poor grade
4. Showed
5. Leathers
6. Orang
7. Musical acronym for "Harmonica"
8. Chapel in Rome
9. True sound
10. Rye and salad
11. Simple shelter
12. Chaise or jack
13. Escapists
14. Malmo lake
15. Lodge renunciation
16. Hoody Kellas: "Hey, they're watching all the ABC stars over here... I add them every month..."
17. Diana's South Riding with a Giant Whistle Stick
18. Uh, what?"

**The Far Side**

Gary Larson

"Now that Jesse has a parameter, he's become so accurate, up to 15 seconds a year, as a quartz watch."

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**TV Tonight**

- 7 p.m. — Wheel of Fortune
- 7:30 p.m. — Barney Miller
- 8 p.m. — Family Food
- 8 p.m. — Wheel of Fortune
- 8 p.m. — Real People
- 8 p.m. — Domestic Life
- 8 p.m. — Fall Guy
- 8:30 p.m. — Empire
- 9 p.m. — Facts of Life
- 9 p.m. — Wednesday Night Movie
- 9:30 p.m. — Night Court
- 10 p.m. — St. Elsewhere
- 11 p.m. — Hotel
- 11 p.m. — NewsCenter 16
- 11 p.m. — Tonight Show
- 12:15 a.m. — Police Story/CBS Late Movie
- 12:15 a.m. — Thrice of the Night

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**STOP!**

Represent Student Body:

Jan. 30 7 p.m.: Informational meeting for SBP/SPV candidates
Jan. 30 8 p.m.: Informational meeting for SBP/SPV candidates
Feb. 1 6:30 p.m.: MANDATORY meeting for Senate candidates
Feb. 1 7:15 p.m.: MANDATORY meeting for Senate candidates

(All meetings Little Theatre, LaFortune)
Sports

Hoping to continue recent reign, Rams visit red-hot Irish tonight

By THERON ROBERTS

Fordham tries to extend its winning streak over Notre Dame this weekend. The Irish held the Rams in double figures, netting 12.3 points a game. The 6-6 junior also leads the Rams in rebounding, with a 7.5 average. Samuels is joined at 6-6 by senior Dave Roberson, who carries a 12.2 scoring average.

The matchup holds a special significance for Irish coach Digger Phelps. Phelps entered college coaching at Fordham, guiding the Rams to a 20-5 record in one season before packing his bags for South Bend.

Fordham's fortune is not as bright this season as last. The Rams, now 12-9, lost four of their top players from the 1982-83 team. Junior Steve Samuels leads the balanced Fordham offensive attack, and is one of four players averaging in double figures, netting 12.3 points a game. The 6-6 junior also leads the Rams in rebounding, with a 7.5 average. Samuels is joined at 6-6 by senior Dave Roberson, who carries a 12.2 scoring average.

Although the leading scorers for the Rams play along the front line, the guards are the key players because they control the Fordham four-corner offense. The Rams often spread out their offense to the four corners if they have the lead.

Tony McIntosh and Jerry Boffie hold down the two starting guard spots. The two have quite a lot in common, besides being the back court starters for Fordham. They both are 6-2 juniors, and average 10.5 and 10.6 points per game, respectively.

The Irish will be counting on a strong performance from Jim Dolan (shown here against Maryland) as they look on the Rams from Fordham tonight at 8 p.m. in the ACC. For more on tonight's game and Saturday's matchup at South Carolina, see Thom Roberts' story and Chuck Freeby's column on this page.

Irish Eyes Are Smiling

Chuck Freeby
Sports Writer

Ram Rumblings

The Fordham game is always something special for Phelps, who had his first collegiate head coaching job at the Bronx school. However, he knows the Irish will have the upper hand with coach Tom Penders' Rams, who lost to Arkansas by only one point.

The Rams have compiled a respectable 12-9 ledger behind a balanced attack. Junior center Steve Samuels leads Fordham in scoring with a 12.4 average, but three other Rams average in double figures — 6-6 center Steve Bostick's 10.7, 6-8 forward Brad Jergenson (10.7 ppg) and 6-6 forward Jerry Foster, averaging 10.6 in rebounds.

Gamecock Chirps

South Carolina has been in better shape than its nemesis this season, with a 14-10 record. The Gamecocks are tough to beat when they play to their strengths.

The Rams will be able to take on the South Carolina defense head-on, allowing the Rams to get easy shots. While this year's team might have a harder time getting a lead that it can protect, it could be dangerous looking past the Rams toward the South Carolina game on Saturday.

The last two Fordham games have been against opponents common to the Irish — Holy Cross and Lafayette. The results were also similar, as the Rams defeated Holy Cross, but dropped a tough one to Lafayette.

On the Irish side of the coin, consistently improving play has been complemented by the loss of the Rams' top players, who have taken the reins.

The Irish coach knows that there are certain things the Irish must do to win against Fordham.

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College Stars for Christmas

Just as impressive, though, has been the way the Irish "D" has frustrated outstanding individuals. Villanova's Ed Prockney and Maryland's Adrian Brand were held to a mere five points each by a swarming defense.

Not exactly a bad day.

So while good defense doesn't always provide the most exciting basketball for fans, it has brought about six straight wins which tends to hold down complacency.

Miller stars during busy weekend

By MIKE SULLIVAN
Sports Editor

The 1984 indoor track season is barely out of the starting blocks, but Joe Piane's Notre Dame track team has already shown a good amount of action. This past weekend marked the busiest time of the young season as some members of the team traveled to Chicago and New York, while others competed in the ACC. As expected, the results were mixed. Some athletes put on outstanding performances, while others did not perform quite as well as expected. However, considering that the team lost to academic probation four people who were expected to make large contributions, the Irish are holding their own in ACC.

"Our performance is so far is just an indication of how much better we

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