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ND alumnus recites his poetry at Sophomore Literary Festival

By MAURA MANDYCK

News Staff

John Engels, a Notre Dame alumnus, through his poetry introduced such characters as Joyce Vugger, "who married someone other than me," and Sister Vincent of St. Joseph's Grade School, who had difficulty praying, at last night's Sophomore Literary Festival.

Engels, whose published works include, The Homer Mitchell Place, with his wife and five children.Engels was recently awarded the National Narrative Poetry Prize and the National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship for 1984.

The readings were followed by a reception in Pasquerilla East.

John Engels addresses a capacity crowd at the Sophomore Literary Festival last night. Engels, a Notre Dame graduate, read from his poetry. Story at left.

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The Dram Shop Act makes it easier for a

The Progressive Conservatives, under new leader Brian Mulroney, are leading by 20 to 30 points in public opinion polls, making Mulroney a solid favorite to win an election no matter who the Liberals choose.

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Paul McGinn
Executive Editor

Inside Thursday

Bengal Bouts have the Bengal Bouts are doomed.
As soon as MBA student Pete Culhane punished out Monday evening after a sparring match, the opponents
for Notre Dame boxing had a field day.

They cited last year's death of Korean boxer Duk-Koo Kim and asked why civilized Notre Dame sportsmen should put their lives in the hands of an opponent
wearing 10-ounce gloves.

They pointed to the tragic irony of one man suffering possible brain damage to send money to Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh and clamored for the abolition
of such a brutal sport.

Culhane was outweighed by a superior opponent, but as one observer put it, "Culhane was proud — he
didn't want to admit he was outclassed."

Culhane, stunned repeatedly throughout the match, was asked if he felt like going on each time he got hit.

He continued, believing stopping the match would be a cop-out.

At first glance, some might wonder why the Ben­
gal Bouts, which seem so dangerous, would continue
to be a part of Notre Dame tradition.

Many object to boxing be­cause they say too many fighters look for that one perfect killer punch to
satiate their thrill thirsty mobs screaming for a knockout.

Danger and violence loving crowds are no stran­gers to football, hockey, or rugby, but few have called for an end to these team sports.

There seems to be a deep significance in the bouts which does not exist in any other team sport, an ex­
ternal cause which is harder to claim.

It is this fighting spirit which was so characteristic of immigrant U.S. Catholics in the 19th Century.

Once among the lowest ranges of U.S. culture, Irish and Italian latterly had to fight to stay alive in the ghettos of New York, Chicago, Boston and New Orleans.

Now among the highest ranges of that same social lader, Irish and Italian Americans have lost touch with what it meant to be the underdog.

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**Arts and Letters program to help sophomores and freshmen find an area of study in which they would like to major.**

"What's your major?" If you're a sophomore or freshman in the College of Arts and Letters, and haven't found an answer, the "Meet Your Major" program this Sunday through Thursday could help.

The annual program, sponsored by Dean Robert Waddick and the Arts and Letters Student Advisory Council (ALASC), is designed to help sophomores and freshmen find an area of study in which they would like to major. The program also benefits students who have declared a major and would like to learn more about it.

Senior Christine Ortega, this year's program director and ALASC vice-president, wrote in a letter distributed to all sophomores, "The program will allow you to question, probe, and discover that program in the College which will best fit your educational needs."

According to Waddick, Ortega and ALASC have organized what should be a smooth running program with 21 scheduled presentations. These include presentations by 15 Arts and Letters majors and other miscellaneous programs such as the Arts and Letters Preprofessional studies program (ALPP) and the Computer Applications Major (CAPM).

"This is our college's bread and butter," Ortega said. "We just try to show people what we've got to offer. We stress all the majors, not just a few."

"We decided that freshmen were included in the program because many had already declared majors and deserve to know more about them and other areas of study. "For these reasons," he continued, "a program like 'Meet Your Major' is right down the student's alley."

The "Meet Your Major" program originally was run by the administration but has been run by ALASC for the past seven years.

ALASC is comprised of 24 students who offer input to the Dean, however, their biggest responsibility is coordinating this annual program.

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who appear drunk.
Roemer emphasized that the liability question "is not the major concern of the University."
"The role that alcohol plays in the life of students is our major concern," Roemer said. Many students need help to overcome the problem, Roemer added.
Roemer said his office was studying the issue and he would announce his decision on alcohol use at Notre Dame.
Rich Hunter, assistant professor of management at Notre Dame, and an attorney, expressed many of the same ideas as Roemer regarding the possible liability of the University in a lawsuit.
"The 'dry campus rule' is not a violation of one's due process as some students claim," Hunter said. "There is a need for a dry campus in certain areas of the school." Hunter also expressed skepticism about the University's true motives in favoring a dry campus.
Hunter said he believes the University also knows it is putting people into a dangerous situation, unless they are naive and believe that students will stop drinking.
"If the University is worried about drinking and driving, about students killing people, then they should make the campus vehicle-free," Hunter said. He admitted, however, that the suggestion is "just a possibility, but just as unlikely as a dry campus.

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Memorial Hospital of South Bend and the First United Methodist Day Care Center.
The group is publicizing the drive in conjunction with National Engineering Week, now underway. Calafactor hopes to involve as many engineers as possible.
Calafactor and the group also believe the drive will increase awareness of the cause.
Calafactor said the family atmosphere in the department led to a discussion of how they could best help others. He credited Dr. Thomas Koell with the specific idea of an aluminum can drive.

Hart to face challenge in South

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Hart's campaign has been focused on winning the South, and he hopes to use that momentum to carry his campaign into the West.
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Nat’l Housing Service improves area residences with student help

By TIMOTHY GIANOTTI

Graduate student John Kennedy, Jr., is a northwest neighborhood resident who has benefited from the work of National Housing Services. After one year in the neighborhood, he owns the duplex he lives in.

Finding adequate funding for neighborhood revitalization is not the greatest challenge facing National Housing Services, said Kennedy. Good people are the vital ingredient to the NHS program, he said.

"You have to be around to feel it, but the neighborhood’s whole sense of direction has changed," Kennedy said.

He is seeing long-time homeowners revisit in their property through NHS loans and financing programs after years of neglect. Renters are also taking steps toward home ownership and greater responsibility in the community through NHS, he said.

Kennedy stressed the need for student involvement of people who care is the essential factor in bringing about real change in the community. The kind of support on which NHS success depends is personal commitment — from both within and without the neighborhood.

"There are few good, dedicated people," Kennedy said, "money, or the lack of it, is never a primary obstacle."

"NHS wants to turn the Notre Dame students living in the northeast section from a negative into a positive force," he said. "If they do not get students involved in it (NHS), it is not going to work."

"Where one finds good, dedicated people, he notes, but the direction has been subtle metamorphosis taking place. Kennedy says there is much more positive." Apart from the physical investment and rehabilitation of parts of the neighborhood, Kennedy insists involvement of people who care is the essential factor in bringing about real change in the community.

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End of the line
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Deadline to retract housing contracts moved to April 6

By JANE KRAVCIK

Staff Reporter

Because so many students requested on-campus housing next year, the deadline for retracting housing contracts without forfeiture of the $200 deposit has been extended until Friday, April 6.

According to Father Michael Heppen, director of student housing at the University "can't accommodate everyone at this time who has submitted a contract."

This is not the first year the deadline has been extended for this reason. Heppen said, "This is the same memo that I have sent out for the last five years."

Heppen said he doesn't think a housing lottery will be necessary this year. "It depends on the number of people moving off-campus," he said.

Refusing to comment on the exact number of people who will have to move off-campus in order to avoid the lottery, Heppen said "The number varies from year to year." He noted, however, that the number of people who need to move is about the same this year as in other years.

Heppen said there is absolutely no connection between the extension of the deadline and the as of yet undisclosed alcohol policy for next year.

Heppen would, however, comment on the fact that resident assistants being chosen for next year do not know what alcohol policy they will be enforcing. He said, "I have never had any conversations with the alcohol committee. I am not aware of what the thrust of their thinking is."
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season."

With a blue-chip point guard already signed to join the team next year, Thompson will have quite a challenge next year for the starting spot. However, DiStaniolo is confident about Thompson's ability.

"Vinnie's a real talent," says the fourth-year coach. "She's quick, fast, strong, and can really shoot the ball. She has to learn to bear down and push herself to do the things she has to do to be a complete player — like play better on defense — but she's contributed a great deal to us in her first year."

While Thompson was making great contributions early in the season, it did not seem that Willis would be contributing at all. She was relegated to bench duty while her older teammates alternated at forward.

However, Willis stayed patient and, by practicing hard, began to get more and more playing time. She has now become one of the most effective rebounders on the team and has started four times this year. If there has been one good note to this otherwise bad season, it would have to be Willis' improvement over the season.

"In this year of ups and downs, Lavetta really has worked to be a consistent performer," says DiStaniolo. "What's been wonderful is that my opinion of her hasn't changed this year. She's consistent person, a hard worker, and has improved steadily.

"Lavetta may not be the kind of person that catches your eye as a superstar, but she's the kind of player who makes the team better. She's a team player, she's smart, she plays good defense, and she's solid in her role around the basket. She's always pushing her limits, and that's important in any team."

Her performance off the bench also has been important to the team in recent weeks as she has sparked the team in many wins. She has used her instincts for the ball to grab many rebounds (her average of about four per game is third best on the team), but her time on the bench early in the season has allowed her to pick up a lot of lessons.

"Sitting on the bench gave me a chance to look at a lot of things," says the Wayne, Mich., resident. "I was learning a lot of things I needed to know. Still, you really need to play to grow into the game. I figured as long as I worked hard, I would play.

"By next season, Willis and Thompson will have a similar task — fighting off the challenge of an outstanding recruiting class — and this year's experience should help them. Seasons like the one that is coming to an end are said to build character, and, with three seasons left at Notre Dame, the two still have plenty of time to pick up some of the wins that escaped them this year."

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Antitrust law violation
Federal judge rules against USFL

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A federal judge has opened the door to underclassmen seeking to play professional football. This year, former Arizona punter Bob Boris, who sought to play in the USFL, although he had not graduated. He sued in August, six months after the USFL commissioner had suspended him because of a rule禁止 college underclassmen constitute a "group boycott" in violation of antitrust law.

It came out of a suit filed by former Arizona punter Bob Boris, who sought to play in the USFL, although he had not graduated. Boris sued six months after the USFL commissioner had suspended him because of a rule prohibiting college underclassmen from playing professional football.

The USFL rule on underclassmen is similar to one used by the National Football League and the Canadian Football League. Trade discussions between them and the New Orleans Breakers are underway. But Boris acknowledged yesterday he is a day or two away from officially signing with the Breakers.

The USFL rule on underclassmen was considered "an exception" since he had graduated. But Boris would have finished his fourth year in college this spring, but left in the fall of 1982 and signed with Professional Sports Management Inc., forfeiting further college eligibility. Boris would have finished his fourth year in college this spring, but left in the fall of 1982 and signed with Professional Sports Management Inc., forfeiting further college eligibility.

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and this team will be strong. The goal for the team is to win 20 of the season's 28 matches. Wisconsin is a very tough team for them in Sunday's season opener.

Hartzell. "Iowa will also be difficult. We could beat all three teams." The next match for the team after the Oklahoma Outlaws. He punted the Heisman laureate from Georgia. It came out of a suit filed by former Arizona punter Bob Boris, who sought to play in the USFL, although he had not graduated. He sued in August, six months after the USFL commissioner had suspended him because of a rule prohibiting college underclassmen from playing professional football.

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Promising freshmen
Thompson, Willis brighten season
By MIKE SULLIVAN
Sports Editor

When Vonnie Thompson and Lavetta Willis were seniors in high school a year ago, they agreed to plan for Mary Dittmann's basketball team at Notre Dame. Because neither lived far from South Bend -- both are from Michigan -- they had the chance to watch last year's Irish play their way to an outstanding 20-7 record. Only two players were graduating, and Thompson's and Willis' Notre Dame careers seemed to hold many wins.

Things have not gone as planned for the two, however, as a team is struggling to reach the 500 level before the season ends. To call their first year unsuccessful would be wrong as the two have made major contributions through the end of the season. But, obviously, their first year has been somewhat frustrating.

"I guess things really didn't fall in to place for us this year," says Thompson. "I thought we'd win more, but we lost a lot of close games. What's most frustrating is that there's some unknown reason why we're losing."

The lack of success has made this a "learning season," not only for Thompson and Willis, but also for the rest of the team. It has been a double lesson for the freshmen, though, as they have to learn how to play college basketball and how to deal with adversity.

Besides this learning experience, however, there is little similarity between the two players.

"What Vonnie and Lavetta have in common is that they're both from Michigan and they're both freshmen," says Dittmann. "After that, though, they are really different."

While the biggest difference is that Thompson is a 5-7 guard and Willis is a 5-11 forward, it is the paths their careers have taken that is most interesting.

Thompson, a point guard from Saginaw, Mich., joined the Irish and was expected to make major contributions immediately. She was supposed to offset the offensive firepower that had been lacking at point guard. She had the speed, strength, and shooting touch Notre Dame desperately needed.

Early in the season, with the only other point guard injured, Thompson was handed a spot in the starting lineup. Playing more than 35 minutes a game, she performed better than anyone expected and was Notre Dame's most impressive player in the Notre Dame Classic over Thanksgiving. She continued as a starter even when her injured competition, sophomore Denise Babcock, began playing again.

However, as the team began playing poorly, Thompson also began to slump. Her playing time dropped considerably as Dittmann tried to find a lineup that would get the team moving again. Now, as the team visits Dayton Saturday, Thompson is no longer practicing with the first team. Still, she has learned another lesson about big-time basketball -- there is always someone on the bench who can take your place.

"Vonnie was put in a very distinctive situation when she came here," explains Dittmann, "and I think that sometimes she rode the tide of the team."

"Still, she's a good athlete and her freshman year has given her a good perspective. If she's smart, she'll let it work in her favor because she now knows what it takes."

Fortunately, Thompson has played against some of the best teams in the country this year, and she plans to use this experience to play better in the future.

"I'm pleased that I got to play a lot early in the season, especially since I got a lot of playing time against teams like Tennessee and Maryland," says Thompson. "I'm not pleased as well as I could be, though. I still have a lot of learning and a lot to work on to be able to..."

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Conference championship
Ski teams end three-week byoff
By JOE BRUNETTI
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After a three-week layoff without either practice or races, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's ski teams will hit the slopes this weekend at the Midwest Ski Conference Championship at Iron Mountain, Michigan.

The teams have not skied since the impressive performance at the Midwest Regional Ski Championship at Crystal Mountain, Michigan. The Notre Dame men came up with an impressive second place finish behind Western Michigan. The Saint Mary's team placed third in the women's competition, while the Irish men finished fourth.

After such a long break, Ski Club president and coach Mike Maas felt worried that the team was getting rusty.

"The week break will hurt," said Maas. "The sunny weather changed people's minds of skiing to other things."

To help prepare the three teams for the races on Saturday and Sunday, Maas has planned a training ses­ sion for tomorrow. "I just hope the training session will get people in the right frame of mind to ski," said Maas.

All three teams are shooting for a trip to the National Championships at Steamboat Springs, Colo., next weekend. This goal, however, is no easy task. In order to make the National each team must place either first or second out of the field of 16 teams.

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Saint Mary's will be anchored by Adolphus. "Our top skiers have the potential to win, but if they don't there are skiers from all three teams who will still do well."

"We're inexperienced with only one senior," said Assistant Coach Tom Hill. "With the loss of Thompson, we don't have the stand­

out at number one. But we have lots of depth, and our second and third teams are very even."

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Ueberroth reportedly
new commissioner
Associated Press

NEW YORK -- Peter V. Ueberroth, president of the 1984 Summer Olympics Organizing Committee, will be named commissioner of baseball's National League, a major league source said Wednesday. Ueberroth had fulfilled his commitment to the Summer Olympics, which run from July 28-Aug. 12. Ueberroth would replace Bowie Kuhn, whose 15 year tenure as commis­sioner ended today.

One source confirmed that Sandy Halbert, the league's secretary­

general and general counsel for baseball, would act as interim commis­sioner until Ueberroth had fulfilled his commitment to the Summer Olympics, which run from July 28-Aug. 12. Ueberroth would replace Bowie Kuhn, whose 15 year tenure as com­

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"It's my understanding that that information is on target," a source said, "and it's my understanding that he (Ueberroth) will honor his commitment to the Olympics."