Johannesburg, South Africa (AP) — A top-ranking exiled leader of the African National Congress, in an unprecedented interview shown Sunday on state-run television, appealed to whites to help build a post-apartheid South Africa.

Thabo Mbeki, the ANC’s equivalent of a foreign minister, told viewers they had been the victims of a prolonged misinformation campaign that divided his organization as seeking to impose a communist-style one-party state.

“What has inspired the ANC for all these 70-plus years of its existence has been the vision of a South Africa that belongs to all the people,” Mbeki said from Lusaka, Zambia, the group’s headquarters. “If they acted together, they could transform this country into something great.”

It was the first time the South African Broadcasting Corp. has conducted and broadcast its own in-depth interview with one of the ANC’s exiled leaders.

On Thursday, it carried an interview by two of its reporters with Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader freed Feb. 11 after 27 years in prison.

Until Feb. 2, when President F.W. de Klerk lifted a 20-year ban on the ANC, it was a crime for South African media to quote Mbeki and other senior ANC leaders.

Asked about de Klerk’s peace initiative, aimed at starting negotiations on a new constitution, Mbeki replied: “The road ahead is still a long road, with lots of problems in front of us. But hopefully the doors to a political settlement of this problem have been opened.”

“What white South Africa needs to do is to join the process of ending the apartheid system,” he said. “Presumably these people who acted together to change the past would have confidence enough in one another to build the future.”

He said whites have “a very, very wrong perception of the ANC.” The result of many decades of misinformation ... that the ANC is some communinst-dominated group whose intention is to impose itself on the people of South Africa with a one-party state, that it’s going to destroy the economy.”

“It is important that the ANC should not be demonized in the eyes of the people,” Mbeki said.

He said he was not surprised at a backlash among right-wing whites opposed to de Klerk’s reforms.

On Friday, the ANC executive committee said in Lusaka it would send a delegation to South Africa for talks with de Klerk on how to remove obstacles to full negotiations on a new constitution.

De Klerk has lifted bans on the ANC and other opposition groups, said political exiles can come home and made other concessions that met many of the ANC’s pre-conditions for negotiations.
Are you dating? Don't commit to a direct answer

Love knows no bounds. It also knows no definitions, explanations or logical terms to describe it. Everyone, at one time or another, tries to describe the relationship he or she is in. If you try to avoid description, good luck. "Friends" inevitably forces some definition or explanation by making people ask outright what the situation is.

To avoid giving the "wrong" answer, one is forced to depend on the situation, and reel them off as though you knew what you are talking about. Questions and answers usually vary in degree of commitment/emotional attachment, according to how you feel.

Are you dating? This is fairly easy to answer without committing yourself. After all, what is "dating?" Going to movies or parties together? Meeting at the dining hall? Going to more than one SYR with the same person? You are fairly safe in saying, "Yeah, I guess we're kind of dating." But to really safe, stress that you also date other people.

Are you seeing each other? This asks for a little more commitment. It implies you are, temporarily at least, attached to whoever you are "seeing." It involves more than doing things together—it means you like to do things together. So be safe, you could say that you'd like to see other people, or that this is just a temporary arrangement.

Are you going out? This is a little stronger than "seeing each other." Commitment is definitely implied. The person you're going out with can be construed as your boyfriend/girlfriend, which leads to...

Are you, like, boyfriend/girlfriend? This must be asked with a twinge of "like" included, and with "boyfriend/girlfriend" pronounced as one word. It belongs in the same group as, "Are you, like, going to the Mall?" and "Dude, like, check out my new skateboard!" This can possibly give an emphatic "No." Regardless of whether you are, like, boyfriend/girlfriend, this is a very tricky question and a sly label on you.

To avoid answering any question directly, give a longer explanation: "Well, we're really good friends and we do a lot together and we've been to spend time together and we have a lot in common." My favorite is: "I'm like.

The problem with this occurs when you enter the serious commitment/emotional attachment phase. Then you might have to say the "L" word. Once you admit that to yourself, you will probably have to admit to the person you're in—like—with that means saying, "I love you.

If you've reached this phase, you're on your own. No form answers can guide you. (This column appeared in The Observer on April 21, 1988.)

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Indiana

The annual winter eagle count in Indiana turned up 72 bald eagles and two golden eagles, a drop of 23 eagles from last year's count but still the second highest total since 1979, state officials say. The count Jan. 4-18 also turned up seven bald eagles spotted on either the Kentucky side of the Ohio River or the Illinois side of the Wabash River, said John Castrale, a wildlife biologist for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The conviction of a Marine corporal from Indiana who served 126 days in the brig in 1988 for allegedly having sex with another woman was overturned by a military appeals court. Court documents show in an unusual decision, the Court of Military Review in Washington on Thursday found that two of the officers serving on the jury at Michawaka, Ind., native Barbara Baum's court martial were biased and that the military judge had allowed uncorroborated testimony.

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Almanac

On February 19:
- In 1807: Napoleon signed an agreement with France, giving the U.S. a charter for the Louisiana Purchase.
- In 1870: The United States Congress passed the 15th Amendment, granting African American men the right to vote.
- In 1942: President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order making the Japanese American internment camps part of the U.S. government's war effort.
- In 1963: The United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 1503, which condemned the Southeast Asian conflict and urged a negotiated settlement.

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Weather

Forecast for noon, Monday, February 19

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Foreign Relations Commission needs juniors interested in this position for 90-91 academic year. If you'd like to learn more about this Student Government position, call Kara 283-1825 or Thom 283-3207.

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Supporting the year-old death sentence against British author Salman Rushdie, thousands of students demonstrated Sunday and also demanded that British Roger Cooper be executed, according to Iranian media reports. Cooper, a 53-year-old British businessman, has been held in prison on spying charges in Iran since Dec. 7, 1985. He lived in Iran for 20 years prior to his arrest. In London, the British Foreign Office said it "deeply deplored" the call for his execution.

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Market Update

Closing on February 16, 1990

NYSE Index 737
S&P Composite 1332.72
Dow Jones Industrials 2603.59
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The Observer
Graduation ticket info. announced

By PETER LOFTUS
News Writer

Guest ticket request forms for the 1990 commencement will be mailed to all prospective graduating students by the end of February, according to Daniel Winicur, dean of administration and registrar.

Each student will be asked to specify the number of tickets needed, he said. The tickets will be distributed beginning May 15 in room 427 Administration Building.

Those who request only one or two guest tickets will be guaranteed the best seats in the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center, said Winicur. Those who request only three tickets will be guaranteed seats together.

Students who request four tickets will be guaranteed three tickets. The fourth ticket will be distributed if there are enough for all requesting a fourth ticket. If there are not enough tickets there will be a lottery, said Winicur.

It’s possible for students to get more than four tickets, he said, if there are enough. There would be a lottery for those fifth tickets.

The process for ticket distribution is basically the same as last year, Winicur said. The only difference is the possibility that the students will not have to fill out the senior survey, a questionnaire about students’ plans after graduation, which seniors were requested to fill out in past years when they picked up their tickets.

Winicur said there have not been any problems with ticket distribution in the past, and he does not expect any this year.

All commencement ceremony guests will need a ticket to enter the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center May 20 because of the high demand for seats, said Winicur.

The University has required tickets for commencement attendance since 1977.

Soviets protest lack of consumer goods

MOSCOW (AP) — Tens of thousands of people gathered Sunday in the Tajikistan capital of Dushanbe to protest living conditions and a lack of consumer goods and medicines, Tass news agency reported.

It said the crowd also decreed further ethnic violence in the republic, where rioting in the last week has killed at least 22 people.

Shodi Shabdolov, a secretary of the Tajikistan Communist Party, blamed the violence on unresolved social problems, the party daily Pravda reported Sunday.

He told Pravda one source of tension was that 177,000 young people had only seasonal jobs and an additional 70,000 were unemployed in Dushanbe, a city of 600,000 located 600 miles southeast of Moscow.

Shabdolov said riots had caused $12 million in damage and losses from looting amounted to $3.3 million more.

The violence was touched off on Feb. 10 by rumors that Armenian refugees were arriving by the thousands and receiving scarce apartments in the city.

Mobs rampaged through the tree-lined streets of Dushanbe, nestled at the foot of a high mountain range, and set fire to buildings, broke windows and smashed public vehicles.

Tass said Sunday the situation remained unstable despite patrols by more than 7,000 regular police and Interior Ministry and army troops.

It said protesters defied an official mourning period to hold rallies in two districts near Dushanbe and demand improved living standards.

Tass said 61 people were arrested in the previous 24 hours for violating the state of emergency still in effect, and 44 pounds of narcotics were seized.

Blowing his own horn

Senior Colin Quinn performs at just one of the many rockin, activities for students on Junior Parents’ Weekend, a Jazz Band performance Sunday.

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Politicians elected despite their ties to recent scandal

TOKYO (AP) — Voter outrage over Japan’s worst postwar political scandal appeared to have subsided by Sunday’s national election, when leading conservative politicians won re-election despite their ties to the case.

“A general election is a judgment by the people, and I passed,” said former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, one of many linked to the widespread influence-peddling scandal named for the information conglomerate Recruit Co.

Dozens of influential politicians, bureaucrats and businessmen gained millions of dollars in donations or profits from cut-rate stock offered by Recruit.

Noboru Takashita resigned as prime minister to take responsibility for the scandal, and his successor, Seosuke Uno, stepped down after only two months because of election setbacks last July stemming from the Recruit case and an unpopular sales tax. Uno also was embarrassed by a former geisha who said he had paid her to be his mistress.

Nakasone left the governing Liberal Democratic Party in disgrace, and several other prominent Liberal Democrats who received money from Recruit stepped out of competition for the prime minister’s post.

But the only Recruit-linked candidate who lost Sunday was Kunio Takeishi, a former vice minister of education who is under indictment for bribery.

Takaishi, 59, bought 10,000 shares of Recruit-Cosmos, a Recruit real estate subsidiary, reselling most of it for a handsome profit.

Caught lying on national TV in 1988 about his stock purchase, he decided last year against running for Parliament, but changed his mind again in December. Late Sunday, police arrested one of his private secretaries on charges of handing out cash to voters.

All told, two other Recruit-linked Liberal Democrats were declared winners within hours after the polls closed.

“The election results are a significant verdict of the people according to the constitution,” Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu told reporters outside his official residence. “It is a form of purification.”

The opposition was quick to challenge Kaifu’s interpretation.

“Simply being elected does not mean one is absolved,” Socialist Secretary-General Tsuru Yamaguchi said. “The need for political reform is bigger than ever.”

Koshibo Ishida, chairman of the Komeito (Clean Government Party), added, “There has been no purification.” He’d like to know how the Liberal Democrats plan to take responsibility for corrupt politicians.”

Election

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512 seats declared, the Liberal Democrats had 253, the Socialists 137, the Komeito — or Clean Government Party — 32, the Communist Party 14, the Democratic Socialist Party 12, the United Social Democratic Party three and the Progressive Party one. Independents held 18 seats, and about a dozen of them were conservatives expected to join the Liberal Democrats in the lower house.

Within an hour the Liberal Democrats’ total climbed above 257.

Final returns were expected by 2 p.m.

A projection of 276 seats for the Liberal Democrats would leave them 25 short of the 295 they held in the last house.

The opposition rejected Kaifu’s claim that the Liberal Democrats had been cleared of any wrongdoing by the election.

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Koshibo Ishida, chairman of the Komeito, said: “There has been no ‘purification.’ I’d like to know how the Liberal Democrats plan to take responsibility (for corrupt politicians).”

Koshibo pledged to reform politics when he became prime minister last August, but he has made little headway.

Voters returned to their parliamentary seats virtually all of the Liberal Democrats implicated in the Recruit stock scandal, in which many politicians profited from cut-rate shares.

Among the Recruit-linked candidates who won were former prime ministers Yasuhiro Nakasone, 72, and Noboru Takashita, 65.
Cheney arrives in the Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney flew into Manila Monday for security talks, facing a rare snub from President Corazon Aquino and anger over what many Filipinos consider a U.S. failure to meet its obligations.

Leftist groups announced plans for demonstrations on Monday to demand closing of the six American military bases in the Philippines.

Cheney, on a two-week tour of the Pacific rim that included a stop in South Korea, arrived from Hong Kong and was taken by helicopter to the Department of National Defense at Camp Aguinaldo for talks with Defense Secretary Fidel Ramos.

Later, Cheney was to visit the U.S.-run Subic Bay and Clark military bases before leaving Tuesday for Japan. At Aguinaldo, he reviewed an honor guard near the armed forces headquarters, guarded during an August 1987 coup attempt.

The unrepaid structure stood as a symbol of the political challenge facing the Aquino government and continuing discontent within the 160,000-member armed forces, whose members have tried six times to topple Mrs. Aquino.

U.S. officials said Cheney was expected to tell Ramos that the United States hopes to reduce its troop strength in the Far East by 10 percent to 12 percent over the next three years and that Congress is unlikely to keep paying as much for their upkeep.

Mrs. Aquino, who said she would refuse to see Cheney, instructed Ramos to complain about the Bush Administration's failure to deliver promised compensation for the use of Clark, Subic and the four smaller U.S. installations in the Philippines.

In October 1988, then-Secretary of State George Shultz agreed that the United States would provide $962 million over two years to maintain the bases until their lease expires in 1991.

This year, President Bush asked Congress for $360 million for base maintenance payments, but the figure was cut by $96 million. U.S. diplomats in Manila say it is unlikely the cuts will be restored.

The cuts were made while the U.S. and Philippine governments prepared for talks on extending the base leases beyond 1991. Any new agreement requires approval of two-thirds of the 25-member Philippine Senate, where anti-base sentiment is strong.

Many Filipinos are convinced the United States wants to maintain its bases here at all costs and that claims of budgetary pressures and a possible voluntary withdrawal are mere negotiating tactics.

"Being a big, rich and powerful nation, it (the United States) intends to get what it wants by bamboozling the Filipinos into submission," said the independent daily, The Manila Times.
Opposition leads Managua rally

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The United National Opposition closed its election campaign on Sunday with the largest anti-government rally in 10 years, and its presidential candidate promised peace in Central America if she wins.

The broad, U.S.-backed coalition of 14 parties and one native Indian organization — known as UNO — is the major rival of the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front in general elections next Sunday.

"On this bright day, which announces the end of the dark night of Sandinismo, I raise my flag of national reconciliation," Violeta Barrion de Chamorro told a crowd of about 60,000.

Chamorro repeated campaign promises to end the draft, rebuild the economy and reduce the size of the army, the largest in Central America.

"Next Sunday ... the vote of the people is going to knock down the wall of shame, as the German people did with the Berlin wall," she told cheering supporters at the Plaza of the Revolution.

She is challenging President Daniel Ortega for a six-year term, in an election that has been called a referendum on 10 years of Sandinista rule.

About 1.7 million Nicaraguans, nearly half of the population of 3.8 million, have registered to vote in the elections for president and vice president, National Assembly, 144 municipal councils and two regional councils.

The rally drew the biggest opposition attendance yet. UNO complained, however, that officials refused to allow in a sound system rented in neighboring Costa Rica and that supporters coming from provincial towns were blocked or harassed.

Police in riot gear had been stationed throughout Managua since Saturday night, and police jeeps with tear gas grenade launchers were lined up on streets.

Public transport was almost non-existent in the capital Sunday morning. Some people said they did not attend the rally because they feared trouble or had no way of getting there.

"They (police) stopped our caravan outside Masaya," a town 30 minutes from Managua, said one man at the rally, who would only give his first name, Santos. "They kept us there for a long time, and people were getting angry. They finally let us go, but one truck at a time, very slowly."

Chamorro's running mate, Virgilio Godoy, spoke of 200,000 people at the rally, but international observers and journalists agreed on the estimate of 60,000.

Chamorro, publisher of the newspaper La Prensa, promised that Nicaragua's soldiers would be trained for civilian jobs.

Violeta Chamorro
Russian defense lawmakers tour Kennedy Space Center

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Russian defense committee lawmakers toured the Kennedy Space Center Sunday as NASA grounded the shuttle Atlantis for a Thursday launch with a secret satellite that reportedly will spy on the Soviet Union.

The committee chairman and head of the delegation, Vladimir Lapygin, said he was impressed by the shuttle launch facilities, and when asked by a reporter what he thought of Atlantis' spy satellite, he replied with a smile:

"We have no special secrets. ... I think you are wasting your money."

The unprecedented five-hour Soviet visit here and stops at other U.S. military installations are results of the new openness in the Soviet Union and follow a similar trip to that country last August by members of the U.S. House Armed Services Committee.

The group of 23 included 10 members of the Defense Committee of the Soviet National Legislature and advisers on space, science, disarmament and foreign affairs.

They toured facilities where space shuttles and their payloads are worked on, a launch control center and shuttle Launch Pad 39B, from where they could view Atlantis on Pad 39A, two miles away.

At Pad A, workers were buttressing the shuttle's engine compartment and making preparations for a darkness launch early Thursday.

The countdown began on time at 8 p.m. Sunday when electricity was switched on in the shuttle. Because Atlantis' payload is classified, the Pentagon and NASA will not announce the precise launch time until nine minutes before blastoff to make it harder for Soviet satellites and a reconnaissance ship sitting offshore to track the spacecraft.

Officials have announced only that launch will occur between midnight and 4 a.m. However, sources close to the project said Atlantis and its crew of five military officers are to take off at 1 a.m.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the satellite is to be a 37,300-pound satellite with a dual role to provide high-resolution reconnaissance photos and eavesdrop on military and diplomatic communications.

They said the satellite will be launched into a high-inclination orbit that will cover most of the Soviet Union, including northern Europe, that has not previously been overflown.

Questions remain for Hazelwood

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — After two weeks of testimony, prosecutors plan to wrap up the case against Joseph Hazelwood by offering a few more pieces of the Exxon Valdez puzzle and some expert witnesses to put it all together.

Navigation experts are expected to testify as well as those who have studied the effects of alcohol over long periods.

Coast Guardsmen who went aboard the crippled vessel in the hours after it hit the reef are likely to provide accounts of the final hours in Hazelwood's ordeal at sea.

The 957-foot tanker he commanded, one of the newest and most advanced in Exxon's fleet of oil cargo carriers, grounded on Bligh Reef in the early morning hours of March 24. The holes gashed in its giant tanks caused the nation's worst oil spill, a gusher of 10.92 million gallons of oil spurting into the crystal waters of Prince William Sound.

Countless birds, fish and wildlife perished and hundreds of miles of rocky shores was blackened.

Hazelwood, 43, of Huntington, N.Y., is charged with felony criminal mischief and three misdemeanors — reckless endangerment, negligent discharge of oil and operating a vessel while intoxicated. If convicted he could face a maximum of 7 1/4 years in prison and $10,000 in fines.

At his trial, a procession of 23 prosecution witnesses have given accounts of the disaster and its possible causes. Testimony has focused on Hazelwood's alleged intoxication and his behavior as commander of the ship.

Key points of inquiry have been:

Was Hazelwood drunk? Crew members say he neither slurred nor staggered and was cool and calm in the wake of the accident. But blood and urine tests taken nearly 10 hours after the accident showed alcohol in his system, for which he was later fired by Exxon. Valdez had laid off a Valdez bar earlier in the day.

"Old Hazelwood act recklessly when he left the bridge of his ship in the hands of the third mate and a helmsman during a tricky maneuver past ice? Witnesses say Hazelwood knew the helmsman was needed during the ship's sickness, even when doing simple tasks. The veteran third mate, Gregory Cousins, said he agreed to take charge of the ship while Hazelwood went below for a few minutes.

Was Hazelwood trying to steer his ship off the reef after the accident? Witnesses have said that backing the tanker off the reef might have caused it to capsize, adding loss of life to the tragedy.
DEMOCRACY IN EASTERN EUROPE

Monday, Feb. 19, 1990
7:30pm
Main Purpose Room (CSC)
Panel Discussion:
"Implications and Realities of German Reunification"
Prof. J. Robert Wegs,
Chairman and Professor, History
Prof. Donald P. Kommers,
Professor, Govt. and Law, Govt. and Int'l Studies, Law School
Prof. Bernard Norling,
Professor Emeritus, History
Dr. Jurgen Brauer,
Visiting Scholar, Institute for Int'l Peace Studies

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1990
7:30pm
Main Purpose Room (CSC)
Lecture:
"Lithuania: Is Independence Possible?"
Mr. Victor Nakas,
Washington, DC, Branch Manager of the Lithuanian Information Center

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1990
7:00pm
Montgomery Theater,
LaFortune Student Center
Panel Discussion:
"Creating a Democracy in Hungary"
Mr. Miklos Simon,
Graduate Student
Mr. Gabor Forrai,
Graduate Student
Ms. Katalin Fabian,
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Panel Discussion:
"Solidarity and the Future of Poland: After the Euphoria"
Prof. Andrzej Wallotki,
O'Neil Chairman, History
Mr. Marek Stolpzyk,
Graduate Student
Prof. Jacek K. Furdyna,
Professor, Physics
Prof. Donald T. Crichton,
Associate Professor, History

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Panel Discussion/Follow Up:
"What do the issues in Eastern Europe mean to students as members of the ND community, and as citizens of a nation?"
Observer, Scholastic,
Common Sense, Dialogue reporters who covered the events (Yes, undergrads!)
Restructuring: Loan loss costs double in 1990s

Banks battle credit unions as the financial war continues

As if the savings and loan crisis of the early '80s, which caused enough turmoil in American finance, hadn't been bad enough, the '90s saw a new round of loan loss costs. Loan-loss provisions by banks were almost triple what they were in 1989, 1990.

The key to the confrontation is the explosive growth of credit unions, which rank among the 15 largest financial institutions in America, with 48 million members. They are not bank-like at all. They are cooperative financial institutions. Credit unions are not regulated like banks. As the number of banks increase, so does the number of credit unions.

As the banks are doing, credit unions are restructuring to boost stock prices in the '90s. The key to the confrontation is the explosive growth of credit unions, which rank among the 15 largest financial institutions in America. They are not bank-like at all. They are cooperative financial institutions. Credit unions are not regulated like banks.

In 1999, community bankers are worried about what they see as unfair competition on loan and savings rates. They worry that, in some cases, when smaller credit unions receive other subsidies denied banks, such as tax credits and deposit insurance, they can make it difficult for banks to compete.

Credit unions, which originated in Germany around 1879 and took root in this country in 1915, have seen their growth increase. In 1990, 35 million Americans belonged to credit unions. In 1999, the membership had increased to 48 million.

The credit unions' argument is that they deserve their present special status because they exist to meet the needs of their members and not to compete with other financial institutions. As Thomas Powers, Jr., president of First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union in Lehighton, PA, put it to me, "We go the proverbial extra mile. Banks can't or won't do that." Powers, whose institution primarily serves AT&T Bell Laboratories employees, asserts that credit union members are generally more satisfied with the service they receive than are customers of commercial and thrift institutions.

As for the critical question of financial health, so obvious in the wake of the S&L collapses, Powers maintains that "credit unions are the most solvent, secure industry in the financial community." With most credit unions federally insured up to $100,000 for deposits by the National Credit Union Insurance Fund (NCUSIF), which is "funded at a lower rate than the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)." With so many Americans now enjoying the benefits of credit unions, the banks clearly have their work cut out for them. The coming collapse in Congress should be a matter of profit—and interest—to us all.
Dear Editor:

In light of the fantastic events occurring in Eastern Europe, our student government has decided to sponsor an Eastern European Week as part of its World Awareness Series. It will occur through Feb. 24. It is time for Notre Dame to reflect upon and discuss the events and issues in Eastern Europe.

\("Sovakia, Lada-A\) echoes in the memories of many Americans as a proud remembrance of the U.S. Hockey Team's glorious victory over the Soviets in the 1980 Winter Olympics. On Feb. 10, this same exaltation thundered through the streets of Sofia, Bulgaria, greeting U.S. Secretary of State James Baker III. But the circumstances are obviously different.

The cracks in the Iron Curtain are as wide as those of the Berlin Wall. Their well-cultivated symbols of oppression have seemingly become anachronisms in a fortnight. Conventions have lost their meaning and an era of credibility is that of a forever divided Germany. The definition of Europe in lieu of a reunited Germany will be one of the topics addressed by the panelists.

The Wall, Solidarity (Lithuanian, Laivis, and Estonian), and Solidarity are an intriguing challenge to the United States as well as the Soviet Union. Recognized as an occupied territory by the U.S., Lithuania keeps its own embassy in Washington and numerous consulates, with full diplomatic status, throughout the country. If it gains independence, it will certainly look toward Washington for economic assistance and will leave the Soviet Union lacking one of its most industrially and agriculturally productive territories.

The U.S. will have to walk a fine line not to offend Moscow, while Moscow will need to find a way of keeping Lithuania under its thumb without the use of military force. A most important fact one should remember while going to this leg of the world is that, unlike the rest of Eastern Europe, not one drop of blood has been spilled in Lithuania's quest for independence. Victor Naks, Washington, D.C., bureau chief of the Lithuanian Information Center will speak on the prospects for independence in Lithuania.

Hungarians proved to the world that fighting for one's convictions in freedom and human rights is not a vain struggle in the face of oppression by brute force. In 1956 Soviet tanks rolled through the streets of Budapest and squashed the Hungarian people's quest for freedom. Given the present disinterest of the West in Hungary (let alone the rest of Eastern Europe), it is safe to say that the Soviets won the battle in 1956, but have ultimately lost the war in 1990. Hungarians have begun a new struggle.

Now, their challenge lies in a complete restructuring of their country. This is a formidable task, which is not aided by the fifty years of economic, social, and political stagnation under a corrupt government's thumb. Solidarity became a household name in the early '80s. The entire world was left spellbound by the courage of its heroes, such as Lech Walesa, who led their union into a confrontation with the seemingly indefatigable Communist Party, led by a military general. The Martial law was imposed at that time, but as in Hungary, brute force buckled at the knees under the weight of the people's will.

Now, Solidarity has a new mission as it does the rest of Poland. Many Eastern European nations look for guidance from Poland, where the current public struggles for self-determination all started.

Most of us at Notre Dame have genealogies, which have their roots in a country other than the United States. This country in which we now live has become the symbol for certain values espoused by peoples around the world, especially in Eastern Europe.

Whether or not we as residents or citizens of this nation live up to these values is a legitimate question we should ask ourselves—especially when the peoples of Eastern Europe are ready to fight and go through the terrible hardships just to have a chance to live by these values. The people in Sofia, Bulgaria did not chant "USA" to rekindle memories of a hockey game.

Notre Dame's philosophy has its own set of values. The same question should be posed to the entire Notre Dame community in the context of the ND philosophy, the values it cherishes. The scenes from Eastern Europe certainly make one appreciate the conditions in which we live.

The reporters of Common Sense, Dialogue, The Observer, and Scholar, who have covered the past week's events, have agreed to lead a discussion addressing what the issues in Eastern Europe mean to us as members of the Notre Dame community and as citizens of a nation. This panel discussion's time and place will be announced soon. There will be panel discussions each night this week on all topics in this letter.

Give yourself a chance to sit back and think, not about some metaphysical principle or esoteric doctrine, but about what is going on in the world, what is making history, and where you stand in these historic times.

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U.S. intervenes for the wrong reasons

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Rap music performers establish themselves

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Associated Press Writer

Rap music has come a long way from the days of parties in the South Bronx, when disc jockeys manipulated records in a frantic competition to see who could keep people on the dance floor the longest. Now it seems rap is everywhere, and is firmly established as a music category at the annual Grammy Awards, which will be held Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Rappers sell millions of records, but their names and music are as bewildering to a generation of Americans over 21 as John, Paul, George, and Ringo were more than 25 years ago.

It's a veritable alphabet soup of stars. There's LL Cool J and Kool Moe Dee. There's NWA, Heavy D. Ice-T and Run-DMC. There's Young MC and MC Lyte. There's Salt 'N' Pepa, Flavor Flav and the Fat Boys.

"The groove is good. You can dance to it," said LL Cool J, updating the line teenagers have used to praise records on "American Bandstand" since before he was born.

Like Bob Dylan in the 1960s, rap has opened the door to many artists who aren't conventional singers but have something to say. Because of rap, the beat has overshadowed the melody as the primary element in many pop songs. To the chagrin of many, rap popularized the technique of "sampling" old sounds in new music.

Rap also has emphasized differences — political, racial, musical and generational — still alive in music and society as a whole.


Some artists are flattered by the new attention, others so angry they launch lawsuits.

Many pop music fans say rap has claimed the mantle of innovation that rock music earned in the 1960s.

One fan is 38-year-old William Adler. He's admittedly a little biased, since his job at Associated Press writer Adler said. "Do cause of old passages sure than any other comparable musical form right now."

Rap and rock have forged an interesting alliance. They were thought to be contrary camps, until Run-DMC's hugely influential remake of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way" broke down barriers in 1987.

High ratings for MTV's "Yo MTV Rap" show also indicate that rap is not just music for black teenagers.

The Grammys created a new category last year to honor rap music. But several of its stars boycotted the awards because the rap Grammy wasn't presented on prime-time television.

Also, although Tomes Lee's "Night thing" home to sex, "Wild Thing," last year became the biggest-selling single since "We Are the World," it never made it to No. 1 on the Billboard singles charts because some Top 40 radio stations won't play rap. No rap single has ever reached No. 1 on the Billboard pop charts.

Occasional violence at rap concerts has given communities jitters and caused some cancellations. Rappers say it's not the music that causes trouble, but some fans who are gang members.

Some rappers are worried about too much rap, not too little. They wonder if rap will go the way of disco and collapse under the weight of too many mediocrity records. Russell Simmons, founder of Def Jam Records, complains that major record labels are signing too many bad rap acts in their attempts to find new stars.

But radio resistance hasn't stopped rap from seeping into mainstream culture.

Advertisers looking for a youthful market know rap sells. Rap was incorporated into the work of several Top 40 musicians through the 1980s, from Blondie's "Heart of Glass" in 1980 to Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire" in 1989.

"There's nothing wrong with that," LL Cool J said of the competition with Joel, suburban Long Island's favorite white son. "I like it. That just shows that people are opening up. If an artist like Billy Joel does something like that, maybe people will listen to a little guy like LL Cool J."
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Chambers scores 56 in Suns’ win

OAKLAND (AP) — Tom Chambers scored a team-record 56 points Sunday and the Phoenix Suns ended Golden State’s franchise-record 15-game home winning streak, 131-113 over the Warriors.

Chambers, whose previous career-high was 46 points, scored 40 in the first half, the most ever allowed by the Warriors. Witt Chamberlain held the previous high in a half against Warriors with 36 for Philadelphia on March 3, 1966.

Chambers made his first 10 shots from the field and finished 19-for-29. He made 16 of 19 foul shots. Karl Malone’s 61 points for Utah against Milwaukee on Jan. 27 were the most in the NBA this season.

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Inspired' Ellis puts the controversy behind him

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - LaPhonso Ellis ended a harried week with an inspired performance Saturday that included a pair of key plays in the final minute.

Ellis, who led all players with 15 rebounds, grabbed an offensive rebound on Elmer Bennett's missed jump shot with about 45 seconds left and the Irish trailing 63-62. Ellis managed to draw a foul, then made about 15 against Syracuse... His most important play came in the final three seconds, when he caught Keith Robinson's inbounds pass at mid-court, then had the presence of mind to pass up a shot and pass to an open Elmer Bennett while enough time was on the clock for Bennett to shoot. Ellis picked up his fourth foul with 11:07 left in the game. Phelps replaced him with Keith Tower, but put Ellis back in the game just 27 seconds later. "We had to take a chance when Phonzo got his fourth," Phelps said. "He put Robinson in the center of the zone and Ellis out on the wing."

Ellis managed to go the rest of the way without fouling out and was a key force in Notre Dame's 68-66 upset of the nation's fourth-ranked team. After spending Friday having to answer questions about his role in the NCAA investigation of Illinois, Ellis took questions more relevant to the game Saturday.

One reporter asked Ellis if he was surprised to rebound so well against a team like the Orangemen. "I've done a pretty good job rebounding all year. and I didn't think this game would stop me from rebounding," the 6-foot-9 sophomore forward answered. "Teams do miss shots."

Syracuse forward came into college with similar credentials to Ellis and out of Saturday's game with similar numbers. After scoring just four points (shooting 1-of-5) in the first half, Owens finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Ellis had 11 points to go with his 15 boards.

Owens also hit a driving left-handed shot with three seconds left that would have been the play of the game were it not for Bennett's heroics.

"Billy wasn't making anything in the first half, but did a great job in the second of taking what was there," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said.

Syracuse's loss Saturday was its second straight, but Phelps had some words after the game for anybody criticizing the team. "If the fans and media leave these kids alone, they could win you a national championship," Phelps said of the Orangemen. "The biggest distraction they have is the fans and the media. The best thing to happen to them is to be shipped west for the (NCAA) regionals, like Hawaii. Then they'd get to ben..."

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"It seems like every weekend we were on national TV and losing," said Bennett, one of five Irish players to double figures in a game that slowed down the pace and frustrated the vaunted Orange inside.

Sucsy's "big three" of Coleman, Owens, and Stevie Thompson, who came into the game scoring a total of 56 points, were held to 44 points Saturday, with each player ending up under his season average. Coleman led the Orange with 16 points, while Owens and Williams each had 14.

Keith Robinson scored 13 for Notre Dame, Fredrick and Monty Williams each had 12 and Ellis added 11.

"We had to hold down the transition points and the second shots, so we packed in a 2-3 zone and a 1-3-1 zone," said Boeheim. "We had to live with them taking the outside shot.

Notre Dame had tried running with Syracuse last year, and the Orange shot 71 percent and won 99-87 at the Joyce Center. This time, the Irish usually were killing some time before taking shots.

"We knew that their number-one offense is the transition game, so we had to play our strengths and not theirs," Bennett said. "We didn't want to walk the ball up the court every time, but we needed to play a little to give ourselves a chance to win.

Sucsy shot just 42 percent, and the Orange outside game was out of sync for much of the game. Freshman point guard Miles Brown, who had symbolized the difficulties on offense, hitting just 3-of-16.

"He got good shots," said Boeheim. "Right now he's struggling a little bit. This is what they needed to start him earlier in the year."

Neither team led by more than four points in a seesaw first half. With 5:52 left, point guard Mike Hopkins with nine seconds left gave Syracuse a 30-29 lead at the intermission.

Then the Irish shocked the Carrier Dome crowd by scoring the first 10 points of the second half. Each of Notre Dame's five starters - Fredrick, Robinson, Bennett, Ellis and Williams - scored a basket during that stretch. Those five players provided all of Notre Dame's points Saturday, a major contrast to the 11-man rotation the Irish have used for most of the season.

A 10-foot turnaround jumper by Coleman with 16:37 left gave Syracuse its first points of the second half, but the Irish came right back to tie it at 36-36. The next time down court, Robinson hit a foul shot, giving Syracuse a 38-36 lead with 15:20 left on the clock.

Notre Dame called timeout, then Bennett missed a shot. Ellis leaped over a pair of Orange men to grab the rebound, and the Irish called timeout in hopes of putting it away.

"This is as good a job as we have ever done, in a situation where we're not making anything of our defense to get it turned around," Boeheim said. "When you're 13 to 11 in a game with good guards and a good foul shooting, it's difficult to come back. We did a good job of trapping both half-court and full-court.

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"This kids have learned a lot from our road schedule this year," Phelps said. "Since we're not in a conference and since we played well in the first and second rounds of the NCAA last year, we had to play 18 road games and pad our schedule with 24 to 25.

"Losing LaPonzo the first season ever was a hit for us and we had to play catch-up. Today we caught up.

Syracuse 66

Notre Dame 56

Williams 14-3-11 12, Ellis 4-10-4 13, Fredrick 10-3-11 14, Edwards 10-1-1 10, Hopkins 1-1-1 2, Manning 0-0-0 0, Bowdoin 0-0-0 0, Thompson 0-0-0 0, Wise 0-0-0 0, Wright 0-0-0 0, towel 0-0-0 0. 65-11 3-11 65.

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Saint Mary’s basketball romps over Northwestern club team

By CHRIS BACON
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary’s basketball team trounced Northwestern University’s club team Saturday 96-41, upping its season record to 10-9.

The Belles dominated from the start. Playing strong off the boards, they jumped to an 18-4 lead within the first five minutes of play. Sophomore guard Teresa Clemens, who led the Belles’ scoring efforts, came off the bench to score eight of her 13 points in the first half. The Belles capitalized on Northwestern’s weaknesses and extended their lead to 52-24 at the half.

"They are only a club team," Belles coach Marvin Wood said. "We dominated them on the boards and ran on the breaks well."

In the second half, the Belles continued their strong rebounding. Senior center Anne Gallagher led the Belles in the second half, scoring all of her nine points. Sophomore forward Catherine Restovich added another six points to the score. Senior guard Dawn Brohman and junior guard Mena Tetton born sealed the Belles offensive slaughter of Northwestern with one three point goal each.

Adding to the Belles’ scoring efforts was junior forward Linda Garrett, with 12 points and nine rebounds. Sophomore forward Kelly Cook, sophomore guard Janet Libbing and Restovich each contributed eight points. Freshman forward Kim Holmes tallied eight points and nine rebounds.

The Belles shot at 53 percent from the field and 72 percent from the line.

Absent from Saturday’s game was senior guard Julie Radke, who leads the team in scoring and assists. She has been sidelined for the last month with a mild stress fracture in her left leg.

Radke is expected to return to action Tuesday night when the Belles host the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. She begins practice today.

"The main thing is that she’ll have to make a quick adjustment," Wood said. "I don’t think that she’ll have a problem with that, but I am concerned about problems she might have with her mental game."

Radke doesn’t expect to have any problems adjusting either.

"At first it was a problem (playing) because I wasn’t too sure how serious it was," Radke said. "But now that I know that it’s only a mild stress fracture, I won’t be thinking about it too much. I know that playing on it won’t be a risk."

Radke’s return could not have come a moment too soon. The Belles have three games remaining on their schedule and their playoff hopes are still alive.

"This is a big week for us. Those games really count for us. If we win all of our games, our chances of playoffs are good," Wood said.

Owners balk at dropping original plans

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Chuck O’Connor, management’s chief negotiator in the baseball talks, said Sunday he had trouble convincing some owners to drop their revenue sharing and pay-for-performance proposals.

Commissioner Fay Vincent last week substituted the original proposals with a nine-point plan that calls for a 75 percent cap on salary increases in arbitration.

“If you’re asking me, ‘Did you have difficulty convincing some clubs on the PIC of it?’ the answer to that is yes,” O’Connor said. “We had lengthy discussions, morning and afternoon conference calls ... but we were able to emerge with a consensus that this was the way we’re going to go.”

O’Connor and players association head Donald Fehr spoke Sunday during a forum on baseball collective bargaining at a meeting of the Associated Press Sports Editors. Fehr was in Tampa and O’Connor participated from New York by telephone hookup.

As the lockout enters its fifth day, negotiations resume in New York with two sessions on Monday. The morning is scheduled to be devoted to non-economic issues and the afternoon to the central areas of contention.

Sunday's meeting with reporters was unusual in that Fehr and O’Connor spoke jointly for 30 minutes and had the opportunity to rebut statements. After negotiating sessions, the two held separate briefings.

O’Connor said Vincent’s proposals resulted from discussions that followed the owners meeting on Feb. 9 outside Chicago.

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No change in plans for Illini recruits

CHAMPAIGN, ILL. (AP) — Three basketball recruits who signed letters of intent to play at Illinois say they still plan to attend despite the threat of sanctions on the team resulting from NCAA allegations of improper recruiting.

And an East St. Louis Lincoln High School basketball coach who figures in the investigation says at least one of the allegations levied by the NCAA against Illinois is false.

In addition to cash and cars, the NCAA charges unsealed Friday said Illinois basketball recruits were given athletic equipment and personal photos, and that a recruit engaged in "a knowing and willful effort" to break NCAA rules.

Names were deleted in the NCAA charges, but published reports have indicated the probe involved the recruiting of top prospects Deon Thomas of Chicago and LaPhonso Ellis of East St. Louis.

The investigation led Illinois to withhold freshman Thomas from play and assistant coach Jimmy Collins from recruiting. Ellis is a sophomore at Notre Dame.

Despite the allegations, T.J. Wheeler of Christopher, Rennie Clemans of Springfield, and Scott Pierce of Eunice, Texas, say they still want to attend the university.

"I definitely intend to play at Illinois," said Wheeler. "I really don't let it bother me."

"Scott's still committed to the University of Illinois," said Tommy Newman, Pierce's coach at Trinity High School. "He's pleased with his decision."

"I knew when I signed that they were under investigation," Clemans said. "Now, if they go on probation for a couple of years, I'm still going to stick with it and go there."

Item No. 4 of the NCAA official inquiry charges that in 1987, an Illinois recruiting prospect received between $200 and $300 from his high school coach, who the report says got the money from an agent of the university.

The prospect has been identified in published reports as Ellis. But his high school coach at East St. Louis Lincoln, Bennie Lewis, says the allegation is false.

"He needed some clothes and shoes for the prom," Lewis said. "I know $50 came out of my own pocket. They (Illinois coaches) haven't sent me anything. Nobody gave us anything from the University of Illinois. Every time they (Illinois) needed anything, he came to us."

Lewis said he receives the charges made by the NCAA.

"They're putting us in as middlemen and that's not true," Lewis said.

Collins is a target of the NCAA probe. Lewis said, because of his success.

"I definitely think it's a conspiracy," Lewis said. "I think Lewis said. "He's one of the top recruiters in the country. When you start getting that reputation, somebody's going to throw a monkey wrench in there to mess things up."

Collins' attorney, Mark Goldenberg, said he can't paint a nice picture for the NCAA Infrctions Committee.

In a detailed letter of official inquiry, Collins was cited in six serious recruiting allegations involving Thomas and Ellis, and was associated with four lesser charges.

This led to an unethical conduct charge in which the NCAA said he had engaged in "a knowing and willful effort to violate NCAA legislation."

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good chances. The Irish ended up one-on-seven on the power play.

St. Cloud took advantage of two consecutive penalties to tie the score at one with just over 12 minutes to play in the period.

Leonard Eauw gave the Huskies a 2-1 lead in the second period with a blast from the point, but Notre Dame scored the tying goal at 12:24 of the third as Kevin Markovitz curled a loose puck in front of the net and punched it in. St. Cloud had worn 3-2 with 14 remaining after a rebound shot trickled by Madden who played outstanding on his birthday.

The Irish got a break with two minutes left as the Huskies Eauw was called for having too much curve on his stick. With a minute to play Madden came to the bench and the Irish used six attackers, and although they again had some good chances, they couldn't find the net for the tie.

"Saturday we just wanted to play," explained Schaper. "Our goal was to let the referees take us away from what we intended to do."

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Lou Holtz, a 1959 Kent State graduate, was named to the school's athletic hall of fame Friday in Kent, Ohio.
Some wrestlers rest; others roll over Ohio

In a match that featured respites and milestones, the Notre Dame wrestling team downed the University of Ohio 25-6 Saturday at the Joyce ACC. Seniors Pat Boyd and Andy Raderbaugh, the Irish wrestlers with the two best records on the team, sat out Saturday's match against the lightly-regarded Ohio team.

In Raderbaugh's place, Dave Iacaponi lost his match at the 118-pound division. Freshman Jamie Boyd sat in for his All-America older brother and won the 142-pound match. Three Irish wrestlers reached individual plateaus on the season. Sophomore 167-pounder Mark Gerardi earned his 30th victory of the year, while 126-pound Marcus Gowens and 150-pound Todd Layon each won for the 20th time on the season.

All the Irish wrestlers aside from Iacaponi and 134-pound freshman James Posey won their individual matches, yet Notre Dame coach Fran McCann was unimpressed by his team's performance.

"We're just not wrestling very well right now, and we're going to have to do it sometime because we're not wrestling Ohio next week," McCann said.

Instead of Ohio, the Irish go back to face the University of Iowa, which is leading the strong Big Ten Conference. The Hawkeyes are identified as the strongest traditional wrestling program and had a string of nine consecutive national championships snapped in 1987.

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The Notre Dame wrestling team got the best of Ohio University Saturday at the Joyce ACC.

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Bennett’s buzzer-beater stuns Orangemen
Win over No. 4 SU revives tournament hopes

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Associate Sports Editor

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Joe Fredrick claimed it was a play the Irish practice every day. Syracuse forward Derrick Cole- man brushed it off as "the luck of the Irish."

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Either way, Eimer Bennett's buzzer-beating three-pointer at the Carrier Dome Saturday gave Notre Dame a 66-65 upset of No. 4 Syracuse and resurrected Irish hopes of an NCAA Tournament bid.

"This puts us in a position of credibility," said Notre Dame coach Digger Phelps, whose team moved to 14-8 and to the top of the list of borderline tournament teams. "We knew we had enough road games to finally pull it together, and we did it today."

The Carrier Dome crowd went through an extraordinarily nary turn of emotions in the game's final five seconds. After Notre Dame had led for almost the entire second half, Orange forward Billy Owens drove down the lane, shot with his left hand and connected from four feet out to give Syracuse a 65-63 lead with three seconds on the clock.

"I didn't think (Owens) would get that far," said Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim, who watched his Orange lose their second straight and fall to 18-5. "Billy drove all the way to the basket and made a great play."

And now, a forgotten play. After an Irish time out, Keith Robinson threw the inbound pass half the length of the court to LaPhonso Ellis, who passed it to Bennett. The sophomore point guard, with his feet just in front of the three-point stripe behind the key, hit the shot as the buzzer sounded.

Frederick said afterward that "we practice that play every day," while Phelps stated that the Irish occasionally worked on it.

"We've diagrammed that thing and worked on it for four years," Phelps said. "The last time we practiced it was over the holidays." ***

As amazing as Bennett's shot was, it was almost as incredible that the Irish had a chance to win the game at the end, considering the road woes Notre Dame has endured this season.

The Irish came into the Dome with a 48 percent shooting percentage and a 4-6 road record away from home, including nationally televised losses to LSU, Duke and Houston three of the last four weekends. Syracuse had not lost a regular-season home game since the Irish last came here in 1996.

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A 'second' chance at victory

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Associate Sports Editor

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Sometimes one second can make the difference in a game. In the case of the Notre Dame men's basketball team, the addition of one second to the Carrier Dome scoreboard may have prolonged the length of the Irish season.

After a basket by Billy Owens put Syracuse ahead of Notre Dame for just the second time in the second half, the Irish called time out. The Owls fell behind with three seconds on the clock, but when the Irish battled to plan strategy for their last play, the scoreboard showed only two seconds remaining.

Irish coach Digger Phelps conferred with the officials and was able to get an extra second put on the clock. Without it, the Irish never would have been able to convert the extraordinarily effective buzzer-beating drive down the floor that gave Notre Dame its 66-65 upset.

"When we called time, it was four (seconds), and the ref saw it and said it was three," Phelps said.

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim saw it a little bit differently.

"I thought there were two seconds left," he said. "Whey they changed it to three seconds, I have no clue."

That extra second gave the Irish a fighting chance of getting the ball down the entire court and scoring before time ran out. Phelps made sure to get that across to his players during the team's final conference.

"I told them there's three seconds left," Phelps said. "Don't panic."

The Irish followed their coach's effective buzzer-beating drive down the floor, later they had Phelps dancing across the Carrier Dome floor in something that remotely resembled an Irish jig.

Phelps said (afterward) he started with Keith Robinson's inbound passes to LaPhonso Ellis.

Ellis got the ball around the circle of the court, surrounded by two Syracuse defenders, trying to decide whether to shoot or pass the ball to the basket.

"I thought about (shooting) until I found out where I was positioned on the floor," Ellis said. "I saw a hole to half court."

Bennett got the ball from Ellis and drove all the way down the court, with three seconds remaining. Bennett's buzzer-beating three-point jumper beat the Orangemen Saturday.

Irish have unhappy homecoming

Hockey team falls 7-3 and 3-2 to St. Cloud State

By MIKE KAMRADT
Sports Writer

Although almost half the players on the Notre Dame hockey team are from Minnesota, this weekend's trip to St. Cloud State was no more pleasant as it normally would be. The Irish had a tough time stopping the St. Cloud State team on Friday and Saturday nights, and the Irish dropped a 7-3, 3-2 decision and a hard fought 3-2 loss as a three game winning streak was snapped.

"I'm disappointed, sure," commented Irish goalie Rich Schafer. "I would have liked to get one win, but I'm not at all disappointed with the way we played."

"Southpaw" Demme got on the scoreboard first Friday night as sophomore Lou Copeland, who has played very well as of late, took a Tim Kuehl pass and found the mark for a 1-0 lead. The Huskies answered at 9:51 and then took the lead with 18:34 gone to take a 2-1 lead after one period. St. Cloud scored the only goal of the second period and then extended its lead to 4-1 with 1:51 gone in the third.

"They showed some of their size in strength," said Schafer in reference to the four goals the Huskies scored after the initial Irish marker.

Sophomore defenseman Rob Copeland cut the Huskies lead to 4-2 with 15 minutes to play as Mike Curry assisted on the goal. The Irish hopes to climb closer were dashed when the Huskies struck for two goals in ten seconds to up the margin to 6-2. One might think that this was due to a defensive breakdown, but that wasn't the case.

"Their player (Jeff Satterfield) made some spectacular moves," explained Schafer. "He moved around two or three of our players and beat Madison. That was one for the highlight film."

The Irish narrowed the margin to 6-3 on Tim Kuehl's 14th goal of the season, but were not able to get any closer.

"We hurt ourselves by getting frustrated at not scoring goals and some of the officials' calls," stated Schafer.

Lance Madison played a strong game in stopping 42 shots and senior defenseman Mike Leibert turned in some outstanding work.

"You won't see his (Leibert's) name on the score sheet," Schafer said. "He's one of the best hockey of his career."

Saturday night's 3-2 loss was a tough one to swallow as the Irish controlled the game out shooting the Huskies 36-23, something not too many teams accomplish against St. Cloud.

"We deserved to win," said Schafer. "We played good hockey. We had excellent defense and a lot of good chances. We just couldn't bring it home."

Four minutes into the game Dave Bankowski tallied his 27th goal of the year after he stole a pass, skated in, and blasted the puck home. This night the Irish kept the pressure on after taking the lead as they had a five-on-three advantage for 1:20 midway through the period, but couldn't capitalize on some