PARIS (AP) — The Libyan-backed Palestinian group headed by Abu Nidal freed a French woman, a Belgian man and their young daughter Tuesday after holding them for nearly two and a half years.

The three arrived at a military airport outside Paris late Tuesday after a five-hour flight from Beirut, where they had been dropped off at the French Embassy by masked gunmen who arrived in cars with drawn curtains.

Jacqueline Valente, 32; Fernand Houettekin, 43; and their 2-year-old daughter Sophie-Liberte, born in captivity, were met by jubilant relatives and French officials, but made no public statements. They were taken to a military hospital to spend their first night in freedom after two and a half years of captivity.

Abu Nidal's group announced on Nov. 8, 1987, it had seized the three French-made Mirage jet fighters that had been in France for repairs since 1986. The return of the planes was blocked by an embargo imposed when Libya and France backed opposing sides during the civil war in Chad.

In December, Libya, pressing for delivery of the aircraft, closed its ports to French ships.

Gadhafi said Tuesday that Abu Nidal's group was "distancing itself from its terrorist reputation by releasing the hostages, Libya's official news agency JANA reported.

Last week, Gadhafi urged the release of hostages in the Middle East as a gesture for Ramadan, the Islamic holy month. He singled out Valente.

Gadhafi has supported Abu Nidal, who, along with some of his followers, has been convicted of terrorist attacks abroad. The Libyan leader is believed to have allowed him to live near the Libyan capital, Tripoli.

Houtekin said after his release that four members of his family still held by the terrorist group are well.

They "have morale. They are holding firm," he said, adding, "We expect our freedom, we know it was coming one day. The day of our freedom has arrived. For those who stay behind, we keep hoping."

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Panel debates racist views at ND

By PETER AMEND

Nettie Wilber

Flanner Pit was packed full predominantly by ethnic minority students as Van Searcy, organizer of the discussion, said the point of the meeting was to discuss racism openly and that it was not to turn into a shouting match.

The discussion was a continuation of the one which had followed the movie "Do the Right Thing" in February.

Seary introduced a panel of students which represented many of the ethnic groups present at ND. This panel consisted of Rod West, Gina Perez, Estevan Herrera, Sean O'Brien, Jill Poyaudet, and Maeva O'Donovan. The panelists did not show up.

The panel opened the discussion by giving their personal definitions of racism and then questions from the audience were addressed. In his definition of racism, O'Brien said that the idea that "blacks can't be racist" is racist propaganda. Many African American students retorted his statement. One student said blacks cannot be racist in America because they have no power to enact racism.

This discussion brought up the issue on the difference between prejudice and racism.

There was a general consensus among the audience that everyone has prejudices, but these prejudices become racism only if the group of people hold power.

Next, someone in the audience asked the panel to address the subtler forms of racism. West said institutional racism is a form that definitely affects the educational opportunities of minorities. The SAT test was used as an example because it is geared toward a white, middle class America.

Many students in the audience said that ND offers unreal perspectives on the minorities' reality. "We are the gifted 10 percent who get into college," said West. "We must remember that." Many students in the audience retorted his statement. Many African American students were even more outspoken in their opinion.

Finally a comment in relation to Spike Lee's movie "Do the Right Thing" was brought up in regard to a statement O'Brien made in a recent Ob server editorial questioning the prevalence of racism. O'Brien said, "seeing Charles Bronson play Moses is unrealis tic to me."

The issue of tokenism was taken up in response to it.

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Family finally freed

Jacqueline Valente from France was freed early Tuesday with her Belgian husband Fernand Houettekin and their daughter Sophie-Liberte in Beirut-CI. They were detained since Nov. 8, 1987.

Gorbachev backs off hard line after blasting Lithuania

MOSCOW (AP) — One day after he issued a harsh warning to Lithuanian separatists, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev backed off the tough line Tuesday by declaring he does not yet see a need to impose presidential rule.

Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis, responding to the severe tone of Monday's declaration by the Kremlin, sent a telegram to Gorbachev saying he feared that "ultra-rightist imperial forces are compelling you to take a wrong step which may have portents of the 1940s in the Baltics."

In the name of peace, justice and concern on earth, do not do this," he wrote.

He referred to the Soviet occupation and forced annexation of the three Baltic republics — Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia — in 1940.

Since March 11, when Lithuania declared its independence, the Kremlin has repeatedly alternated between threatening and conciliatory tones. On several occasions threatening military movements were followed by kinder words.

Speaking Tuesday at a Young Communist League congress in Moscow, Gorbachev said presidential rule would be used only as an extreme measure during a civil conflict, the Tass news agency said. He said Soviet leaders are still trying to persuade Lithuanian leaders to rescind their declaration of independence.

Presidential rule could include martial law and dissolving Lithuania's parliament. It was restored in March and in Lithuania's first freely elected parliament in 50 years.

However, in a meeting Tuesday, Gorbachev said, "We expected our freedom, we know it was coming one day. We do not yet see a need to impose presidential rule."

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Young Frankenstein?

Juniors Shane Gilliepe and Chris Patsela try to create a wind tunnel, not a monster, as they do a lab for AE 442L in Fitzpatrick Hall of Engineering on Tuesday.
Baseball not pastime of all Americans

John O'Brien
Managing Editor

A slide show on El Salvador will be presented today at 7 p.m. in the CSC. The Runners March in San Salvador and the current investigation into the deaths of six of its members will be addressed.

The Charity Ball meeting has been rescheduled for tonight at 7 p.m. outside Sorin Room in LaFortune. Tomorrow night's meeting has been cancelled.

The class of 1991 can pick up applications today for Senior Class Board at the student government secretary's office on the second floor of LaFortune.

There are additional openings for seniors in the Holy Cross Associate Volunteers Program as a result of a new house just opening. Please contact Mary Ann Roemer in the CSC at 239-7949 if you are interested.

Cyrus Ryvollet Smith, an aviation pioneer, died at age 90 on April 4. Smith was the first chief executive of American Airlines and was a longtime friend of Father Theodore Henshurgh, president emeritus of Notre Dame. He was a former member of the College of Business Administration, a recipient of an honorary doctor of laws degree from Notre Dame in 1968 and the donor of the C.H. Smith endowed chair in the College of Business Administration.

Rival gangs of prisoners fought each other with knives and sharpened iron rods in a western Venezuela prison on Tuesday and six inmates were killed in the three-hour fracas, the warden said. Warden Miguel Garcia said the battle was touched off "by old feuds for leadership in the prison."

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Being, non-being in 'Last Words'  

By LIZ HOLTZ  
News Writer

As part of the Student Government series titled "Famous Last Words," professor Daniel Lapsley answered the question, "If you knew you were going to die tomorrow, what would you say tonight?" at Theodore's Tuesday night what he would have to say if he knew he would die the next day. The "Famous Last Words" lecture series is sponsored by the Student Government.

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The President and Board of Trustees of Holy Cross Junior College announced that as of July 1, 1990, the College will be known as Holy Cross College as a result of official action by the Board of Trustees. The College will remain a two-year institution and continue its current academic program. The change in our name is consistent with national trends in two-year colleges," said Brother David Naples, president of the college. "It reflects the fact that our curriculum is of high quality and offers confidence and strength to students who are considering Holy Cross as a starting point for their post-secondary studies."

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"A Catholic education should provide content where we trade ordinary items for unconditional commitments, because otherwise it isn't any different from other universi­­ties," said Lapsley. "If I stay true to my unconditional commitments, I can say I was true to myself."

Vigil for Ryan  

(L to R) Leslie James, 10, Emily McCarty, 10, and Julie James, all of Indianapolis, take part in a candle­light vigil in memory of AIDS victim Ryan White on the steps of the circle monument in downtown Indianapolis Monday afternoon. White was remembered for his contributions to AIDS education and the strength he showed in his 5-year battle with the disease.

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LAST DAY TOMORROW
WALES, Poland (AP) - Solidarity leader Lech Walesa was quoted Tuesday as saying he will run for president in the next election.

The report by the government news agency PAP could not immediately be confirmed with Walesa or his spokesman. Aides and colleagues of the Solidarity leader have long been saying he is considering a presidential bid.

Jaroslaw Kaczynski, a close associate of Walesa's and editor of the Solidarity Weekly newspaper, said the leader's comments to PAP should only be understood as a general declaration, not connected with present events.

"I confirm," PAP quoted Walesa as saying when asked if he would run for president.

"We have many wise and valuable people in government, holding various posts. However, one must speed up the pace of reforms and destroy the old arrangements." Walesa is expected to be challenged by union members who feel Solidarity has betrayed its ideals of 1980, putting political goals ahead of trade-union goals like defending workers' interests. Walesa is a long-time critic of Solidarity leader Jan Olszewski, Marian Jarzynkiewicz of Sileza, has formed a rival faction in the party and is running for the presidency.

Jarzynkowski was elected president at a time when Poland was the only East bloc country to have a legal opposition and to be making a genuine drive toward democracy. However, that purpose has changed as the new opposition Solidarity Executive Commission opposes the Soviet Union. More radical reformers in Poland feel it is time to oust Jarzynkowski in order to speed up changes in the country.

Jarzynkowski also has his advocates in the Solidarity government and Parliament. They think he has been behaving with restraint and they are of good cooperation with Solidarity Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki.

Electors now would be a divisive distancing from coping with the country's pressing economic problems, they say.
Corporations in the United States tend to overlook the academic performances of their job applicants when hiring high school graduates, said James Rosenbaum, a professor of sociology at Northwestern University.

According to Rosenbaum, grades are very good predictors for a high school graduate's performance during his or her first year on the job, as well as good predictors for the student's salary later on in his career.

In a lecture he gave Tuesday at the Center for Continuing Education, he said that, in the United States, employers consider grades an important factor when hiring college graduates, but unimportant when hiring students who received only a secondary school education.

Rosenbaum has studied the link between high school performance and early jobs of high school graduates in both the United States and Japan. He compared the two countries because of their similar school systems, enrollment rates, and industrialization levels.

In Japan, secondary schools provide much more support for post-graduation employment than in the U.S. Japanese schools have special relationships with large corporations, which recruit at particular schools. In turn, the school pre-screen all applicants by selecting nominees to apply for the positions, he said.

Much of the competition for jobs takes place before the student actually enters the job market. Employees place emphasis primarily upon academic excellence in Japan, said Rosenbaum.

In contrast, secondary schools in the United States have little to do with post-graduation employment. Companies which hire students rarely request to see the applicant's high school transcript. If they do, they focus more upon the student's extracurricular activities and attendance of classes than upon his grades. As a result, students tend to concentrate upon what is expected of them in order to receive a diploma, not to earn good grades, he explained.

"We have created a situation where the incentives are all wrong," said Rosenbaum. "It is somewhat remarkable to me that this insignificant effect of grades upon employment has not been noticed before."

Rosenbaum resolved that schools and corporations need a system similar to that of Japan, which would "create linkages in which employers reward graduates with better jobs." Since high school grades are in fact good predictors for first year job performance, employers should have better access to and give more consideration to high school grades.

Who is Abú Nidāl? (continued from page 1)

French Marion guards near the main "gate" of the West Beirut compound.

In Beirut, the Revolutionary' spokesman said, "Direct talks between our movement and the French side have resulted in an agreement on their release." Khaled did not elaborate.

There was no evidence of any deal, but French President Francois Mitterrand personally thanked Gaafar for "the determining role he played in the happy ending of this affair." Foreign Minister Roland Dumas praised what he called Gaafar's "noble" gesture.

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BASE: Thought to live near Tripoli, Libya

CAREER: Official of Fatah, largest component group of PLO, until 1973. Broke with PLO in 1973 and formed his own terrorist group

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**THE TERRORIST GROUP**

NAME: Fatah-Revolutionary Council, plus a dozen varied cover names

CREATED: 1973

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Faculty debate over confidentiality, role on Athletic Board

By KATE MANUEL
News Writer

Concerns about whether deans, associate deans, and assistants deans should represent faculty interests on the Faculty Board in Control of Athletics and about the degree to which FBCA proceedings should be open to faculty observation surfaced at Tuesday's meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Steven Fallon, an assistant professor in the Program of Liberal Studies and a member of the Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, proposed an amendment to Article IV of the Academic Senate, the approval of captains and student managers of all University teams, and the winners of monograms.

In urging acceptance of this resolution, Fallon said, "There are only five non-dean faculty members on a board that was supposed to have eight.

Mario Borelli, associate professor of Mathematics, suggested that the amendment specify the manner in which students are elected rather than explicitly exclude deans. If deans are to be eliminated, then they are deans just because they are dean is to exclude people like chair assistant professors for being assistant chair; it is wrong to exclude people for this reason.

Fallon responded to Borelli's suggestion by saying, "The deans elect some as a swing group, faculty, under the dean level, is under-represented on a board meant to accommodate them and give them a voice."

He said that deans have access to the Administration in daily meetings while other faculty members have no access to the Administration other than membership on the FBCA.

This proposal and three resolutions introduced at this meeting, was tabled until the next meeting of the Faculty Senate.

A second resolution, which said that the Faculty Senate ask the president's office to review the articles for the composition of the FBCA and comply with them, had been passed at the Faculty Senate meeting in March.

The third resolution asked that "the blanket seal of confidentiality be lifted, that meetings of the FBCA be made open to the Faculty except in cases involving "the amateur-standing of individual students, academic delinquency, serious disciplinary or violation of University athletic regulations, and the approval of captains and student managers of all University teams, and the winners of monograms."

Borelli supported this resolution by saying, "I don't look too much to the title Faculty Board in Control of Athletics. I'm beginning to get the feeling that the FBCA is a bit of a misnomer and an oxymoron. But there is an interrelation between academics and athletics when a poorly prepared high school student comes in or when a student is asked to participate in a sport for academic deficiencies. I don't know of any such faculty member to see how athletic decisions are made."

F. Ellen Weaver, an associate professional specialist and assistant, and a student elect of the Faculty Senate, spoke on the issue of who can be considered as a special faculty and what the criteria are for promoting special faculty members.

Weaver, and her colleagues on the Committee on Special Faculty, defined special faculty as "those professional, associate professional, assistant professional, and staff specialists who make a direct and significant contribution to the academic life of the University through teaching and research."

Seary asked the panel why they were proud of their race.

Many panelists said that they were most proud of their strong cultures which endured and the inordinate attempts of America to water down their heritage. Herrera said "blood is blood" and "brotherhood" acts as a solace for him in our ignorant society. Seary noted that the panelists focused on their families' traditions instead of the color of their skin.

The discussion then focused on racism at Notre Dame in particular as Seary opened a debate on the statement "When ND gives positions to minorities, they take away from more qualified white people."

West and many others said that the birthing of white skin should not be a criteria for an authoritative position. He said the insinuation that the minority candidate is picked just to their race is blatant discrimination.

The discussion ended with ideas on how to approach the problem of racism on campus. The three main points the panel suggested were:

- • Education to overcome the fear and unfamiliarity of other races;
- • Emphasize Christ's love of humanity;
- • Create effective means of communication to discuss racism openly.

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Mongolia's Communist party calls for reforms to maintain its power

ULAN BATOR, Mongolia (AP) The Communist Party opened a hastily called congress Tuesday with a call for reform to maintain its 70-year-old grip on power in the face of a growing pro-democracy movement.

"It means a radical transformation of party structure, of its internal relations, its principles of activity and methods of work," General Secretary Gombojavyn Ochirbat told the 926 delegates.

"Nagotkh reaction to the new situation will amount to suicide," he said in an hour-long televised speech.

The congress is expected to last three days, during which delegates are charged with meeting the challenge from new opposition groups who have organized massive protests.

The organizations were inspired by the collapse of Communist parties in Eastern Europe and reform in the Soviet Union. Mongolia, which lies between China and the Soviet Union, has long been a satellite of Moscow.

The Mongolian Parliament on March 23 abolished the Communist Party's monopoly on power and approved of elections with more than one candidate. Elections are tentatively scheduled for July.

The Communist Party newspaper, Unen, published Tuesday that he thinks his party can win legislative elections in July.

"We think people have confidence in a party that has led the country to progress over the past 70 years," he said in an interview with the Japanese television network NHK. It was published in the Communist party newspaper, Unen. The party, which receives about $6.6 million from the government each year, has pledged to become self-financing. But its assets still far exceed those of the opposition parties, most of which lack even offices and telephones.

The government effectively banned opposition protests during the congress, it declared over the weekend that applications for any demonstrations for any demonstrations must be submitted a week in advance, and that demonstrations that might disrupt public life will not be permitted.

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Remembering Georgia

A group of women lights candles Monday at Moscow's Georgian church to mark the first anniversary of a clash between soldiers and peasants in the Georgian capital, Tbilisi.
Women should be able to assume combat roles

There are more than 200,000 women in America's active-duty armed forces, ten percent of the two million total. Yet, this law prevents them from being assigned permanently to Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps combat units, according to a March 21 Chicago Tribune article.

The law does not extend to the Army, but in accordance with long standing Army regulations, women are excluded from assignment to infantry, tank and artillery battalions.

Many will argue that women are not physically and emotionally prepared to participate in combat units, but women who choose careers in the military are fully aware of the responsibilities as well as the benefits of such careers.

"Denying me this opportunity contradicts all ideals of equality," said Deborah Lasocki, a Notre Dame student and a Corps Commander of the Air Force ROTC. She would like to be an F-16 test engineer, but a law forbids her from this job solely because of her gender.

Women are different today and they cannot continue to be banned by law from opportunities they are qualified to undertake. Greater educational opportunities have allowed women to develop stronger intellects, and have allowed women to excel in athletics in order to maintain physical fitness. Qualified women are ready to participate in combat and laws should be changed to ensure that women in America's active duty armed forces are able to join their male counterparts in combat units.

These women should not only be granted equal opportunities when establishing military careers, but should also be required to share the negative side of equality. If, like men, they are allowed to hold jobs which actively involve them in combat situations, they must also be eligible for the draft in times of war. The armed forces must test individuals and make judgements based on physical ability, rather than gender. Then Congress can be confident that the most qualified individuals, rather than the nation's best men, are protecting our national security.

This nation prides itself on equal opportunities for all. America is wasting a valuable resource by forbidding its women to serve the country on the battlefield as well as behind the scenes.
**Viewpoint**

**Combat status won’t guarantee equality**

_by Deborah Lasocki_

I saw myself, dressed in those drab green "cammies" out in the midst of nowhere, faces smeared with the mud of the area, deep in the enemy's lines. I was alone and surrounded by hostile forces, and all that I was carrying was an M-16 and a couple of hand grenades. I waited in the dump of leaves of jungle floor for a glimpse of that friendly helicopter that would take me from the clutches of death. As my feet quickly carried the few hundred yards to freedom, I could see the shadowy forms of helicopters. "They are coming to get us," "They won't lose," "Oh, they don't mean us," they were saying to themselves. "She's not going to make it."

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**Qualification: women deserve the chance to defend the country**

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**Combat status won’t guarantee equality**

_by David Scantling_

I took an oath of allegiance to our country—do all military members—on July 6, 1984 at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This oath allowed me the opportunity to enter full participation in the defense of the country—to have and to hold, for life or death. The women who took the same oath and who have not legally granted this full participation.

The application of this law leads to the discrimination of women within the military. Career paths to the top ranks of the enlisted or officer corps are dominated by those with combat experience, those who have had combat jobs, and finally those who have only staff jobs. Although women do progress to the top ranks, as long as women are denied combat status on legal grounds, there will be discrimination against their full position as citizens in this society.

The Air Force, in its tests on women pilots, has found that women are not physically or psychologically than men at handling the stress of combat. As a result, they are not permitted to participate in Missile Launch Operations Board, which is based on their performance—even in the highly stressful MX Peacekeeper status.

A number of military organizations—both military and non-military—feel that the same time in the same Hiroshima Bombs detonated at the same time in the same place.

The issue of women is not likely to come to a vote in our lifetime. The combination of women in the military is an expendable resource. Do you want to see a professionally qualified woman soldier or a professional qualified man soldier? Wouldn't this contribute to a more professional army within our patriarchal society?

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MATTHEW JANCHAR

ATTACK WRITER

John Belushi did it; Eddie Murphy did it. Dana Carvey...well...tried.

NBC's Saturday Night Live first took to the air fifteen years ago. By the end of its third season, it had established itself as a vital focus for the nation's amateur comedy movement. However, Saturday Night Live served another purpose as well, catapulting several of its stars from the obscurity of amateur comedy to the world of million-dollar laughs on the big screen. Chevy Chase, Dan Akroyd, Billy Crystal—the list of comedians that made the transition from New York to Hollywood continued to grow until the late 1980's. That is, until Dana Carvey starred in "Opportunity Knocks."

"It's terrible, I know," said Carvey in a recent interview with Time magazine. "The script was supposed to be rewritten." It is true that I admire Dana Carvey for almost single-handedly carrying Saturday Night Live from a serious mid-eighties slump—and I'll give him the fact that the script stunk—but a true comedian must accept at least some of the blame for a flop of this magnitude.

"Opportunity Knocks" is the story of con-man Eddie Farrell (Dana Carvey) and his partner in crime Lene Pasquino (Todd Graff). The plot is a stale concoction of rags to riches and boy meets girl, the same recipe that starred Michael J. Fox as a main ingredient in Secret of My Success. To make a sad story shorter, Eddie Farrell rents a way into the corporate life of Annie Malkin (Julia Campbell), in an attempt to escape loan shark Milt Makinbuerh (Lugosi). Under the assumed identity of a Harvard friend and with a "borrowed" Porsche, Farrell works his way into Milt Malkin's pocketbook through his daughter, Annie Malkin, heart.

However, just as Farrell is about to complete the sting and make the getaway, he realizes that he has actually fallen in love with Annie. As Farrell is tormented by this choice between true love and cold cash, the movie builds to an intense climax. Will he return the currency and confess his true love for Annie? (Or will he remain the true con-man and run with the money?) It just wouldn't be right for me to spoil the movie's only sentimental moment and give away the ending. Actually, I'm not exactly sure how the film did end, because another member of the audience who was still awake yelled "Fire!" and we all ran to the movie in the next theater over.

All things considered, Dana Carvey does a respectable job in his first role as a comedian on the silver screen. The comic structure of "Opportunity Knocks" is not without its faults, though. After relying upon Carvey's deep-seated impressionations (including George Bush, of course) for guaranteed laughs, "Opportunity Knocks" shows the symptom of a comedy in trouble by reverting to racial humor—in this case Semetic and Japanese satire. This racial comedy seemed to clash with the music of anti-apartheid artist, Johnny Clegg who was responsible for the movie's opening and closing tracks (which I considered highlights of the film.)

"Opportunity Knocks" was directed by Donald Petrie's first comedy. While Dana Carvey deserves better, not to mention the admission-pushing public. Rumor has it that Carvey plays a white youth raised by Japanese ninjas in his next starring role. I think I'll skip the Crotty this weekend as a light a candle.

Skinny Puppy's 'Rabies' and Severed Heads' 'Rotund For Success'

JOHN LANE

scent writer

Looking for some new and interesting music? Some alternative to the alternative scene? Then look no further than Nettwerk Productions, an up-and-coming record company based in Vancouver, B.C. Two of Nettwerk's bands have recently released albums—Skinny Puppy's Rabies and Severed Heads' Rotund For Success.

Skinny Puppy is comprised of three members. D. Rudolf Goettel operates the gadgetry, the equipment that produces the strange background sounds so prevalent in all Skinny Puppy songs. Ogore provides the lyrics and vocals, often distorted through use of synthesizers. Ellard provides the main music and Working with the music that gives Puppy their distinct style. Rabies contains some good songs -- "Worklock" is a slow track that has great keyboards setting up Ogore's eerie vocals, "Lie Queen" is a grungy song with a fast beat, and "Hexxonox" has a catchy drumbeat. There are also a number of strange songs on Rabies -- "Sevenfold" and "Amputate" and "Chasing Skirt" have vocals so distorted that the lyrics are incomprehensible. In addition, the cassette and compact disc contain a bonus track, "Spahn Dirge", 16 minutes of live Skinny Puppy.

While Skinny Puppy provides a grungy, fairly hard-core sound, Severed Heads offers a less harsh and more refined approach. There is a deal of sampling and odd beats are programmed. Ellard also does the vocals, as his soft voice follows the tone of the music. The result is odd, but good music.

There are many good songs on Rotund For Success. "Greater Reward", featuring go-go keyboards, was released as a single last year. "Triangle Tangie Tango" and "All Saint's Day" are catchy tracks that set up Ellard's vocals. Other highlights include "Big Car" and "L.P.M.", which contain great music. Rotund For Success also has its share of worthless songs, such as "Mother Sings" and "Chasing Skirt." Regardless, the overall album is very strong.

With bands like Skinny Puppy and Severed Heads, Nettwerk record company is clearly on the rise. Their sound is definitely not mainstream and not for everyone. Nevertheless, these bands have done a good job of captivating fans with creative use of synthesizers and gadetry. If you're looking for something different, then turn to these bands. You should check out Skinny Puppy and Severed Heads.

Hats is the excellent, new album from The Blue Nile. With the release of Hats, The Blue Nile provides the most relaxing, melodious music this writer has heard in years.

Hats contains 7 songs, spanning about 40 minutes. The music is very pleasant, ideal for reading or trying to wind down. Most of the songs sound alike. They are long and slow, with simple guitars and drums, while keyboards/piano and violins provide the band's musical style. The vocals, almost jazz-like, perfectly complement the music.

Songwriter Paul Buchanan has written some brilliant tracks on Hats. "The Downtown Lights", released as a single, is a good love song with dreamy lyrics. "From A Late Night Train" is a sad song, while "Let's Go Out Tonight" remains upbeat. Other highlights include "Over The Hillside" and "Saturday Night", which has good guitars that set up violins. If there are any complaints about Hats, it is that all the songs sound the same. However, with Hats, The Blue Nile has achieved one of those rare accomplishments: they have been able to blend all the songs together to form what seems like one continuous song. Certain critically acclaimed bands, such as 10,000 Maniacs with In My Tribe, have also been able to do this.

If you like mellow, relaxing music, you ought to check out Hats by The Blue Nile. This band has put together a number of melodic songs, all sounding alike, to form one of the best albums of 1990.
Saturday night at Corby and ND Ave. Monetary reward for lost items:

**LOST**

- One brown leather jacket
- Blue ND wallet w/my entire yours, call TK at 3714.
- Multicolored rhinestone bracelet...describe it & it's yours.
- Dance floor at Senior Formal: a (well actually stepped on)
- Please call I 277-3925. It's tradition.
- Become a working part of a Notre Dame Bar&Maintenance help. Become a student!
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- These are the hot dates for Easter Break:
- Why not ring the family together. Two hot chicks, or it could be a long two weeks.
- The Junior Class Scrapbooks are
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Thomas and Aguirre lead Pistons

NEW YORK (AP) — Isiah Thomas scored 21 points and Mark Aguirre 20 Tuesday night and the Detroit Pistons outscored New York 30-17 in the first 10 minutes of the third quarter en route to a 108-98 victory over the Knicks.

The Pistons led only 51-49 at halftime but they made 12 of their first 17 shots in the first 10 minutes of the third period and opened an 81-66 lead.

Celtics 112, Nets 96

FAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kevin McHale had 24 points and 13 rebounds for the Boston Celtics, who led a balanced Boston attack and the Celtics continued their run at first place in the NBA's Atlantic Division by posting their fourth straight victory, a 112-90 decision over the New Jersey Nets on Tuesday night.

Hawks 123, 76ers 111

PHILADELPHIA — Dominique Wilkins scored 29 points and Moses Malone added 23 as Atlanta snapped a three-game losing streak and pulled within half-one game of Cleveland in the battle for the eighth and last Eastern Conference playoff berth.

Rockets 115, Hornets 112

H OUSTON — Isiah Thomas scored 27 points and pulled down 19 rebounds and Houston, battling for a playoff berth, curtailed a four-game losing streak by 32-0 point lead with 3.20 left in the fourth quarter.

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Cubs, White Sox record victories

CHICAGO (AP) — Marvell Wynne drove in two with a double in the eighth inning and the Cubs beat the Phillies 7-3. The Cubs led 109-100 with 55 seconds remaining but 3-pointers by Richard Anderson, Dell Curry and Kelby Tripucka put Charlotte within two with five seconds left.

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Blue Jays 2, Rangers 1

TORONTO — President Bush waited on deck for the ceremonial first pitch, but Cleveland Indians pitcher Brian Mulronny threw out the first ball Tuesday night.

Dave Stieb and three Toronto relievers took over. They piled up 12 strikeouts and Blue Jays beat the Texas Rangers 2-1 Tuesday night.

A crowd of 49,673, the 42nd straight sellout at Yankee Stadium, were still waiting for the ceremonial first pitch. The Blue Jays lost for the 26th time in a row.

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St. Mary's at 9-5 after splitting two

By JOANNE BRASSIL

The Saint Mary's softball team split a double header Monday at Southwestern Michigan College, leaving their record at 9-5.

St. Mary's won the first game 3-2. Action began in the sixth inning when Southwestern Michigan walked both sophomore Janet Libbing and freshman Stephanie Kissicorni. The two advanced on a passed ball. Sophomore Carol Grobner knocked in the two runners with a line drive into left field. Grobner then scored on a sacrifice made by sophomore Shannon Blair.

Southwestern Michigan came back in the bottom of the inning, scoring two runs, leaving the score at 3-2. But the Belles held on to take the victory.

"Defensively, we're beginning to look a lot better and that's extremely important," said Belles coach Don "Popcorn" Cromer.

Blues, North Stars stay in playoffs

TORONTO (AP) — Gary Leeman, a 51-goal scorer during the regular season, scored his first goal of the playoffs Tuesday night as the host Maple Leafs beat the St. Louis Blues 4-2 to remain alive in their Norris Division semifinal series.

The best-of-7 series moves back to St. Louis for Game 5 on Thursday.

In the second game, the Belles had an assist on Gagner's goal. Bellows, Barber got his first period as the Minnesota North Stars beat the Chicago Blackhawks 4-0 Tuesday night in the best-of-7 series.

The Stars beat the Chicago Blackhawks 4-0 Tuesday night in their Norris Division semifinal series.

Game 5 in the best-of-7 series is Thursday night in Chicago, with Game 6 at the Met Center on Saturday night.

Barber, who hadn't scored in eight games, benefitted from a line shakeup by Coach Pierre Page. Skating on the No. 1 unit with Dave Gagner and Brian Bellows, Barber got his first two playoff goals this year and had an assist on Gagner's third-period goal.

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Campus

7:30 p.m. Forum: "Eliminating Ethnocentrism," Jim Bellis, associate professor of Anthropology. Paul Griffths, assistant professor of Theology; Teresa Phelps, associate professor of Law; Roland Smith, executive assistant to the President; and Diana Matthias, Curriculum Structured Tour coordinator of the Snite. Room 127 Nieuwland Hall. Sponsored by Multicultural Executive Council.

Menus

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Top Round of Beef
Grilled Sole
Noodle Kugel

Saint Mary's
Baked Ham
Baked Cod w/Brussels & Cheddar
Shrimp Egg Rolls
Deli Bar

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The Far Side

Gary Larson

Wednesday, April 11, 1990

The Observer page 15
By Dave Dieterman
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame lacrosse team chopped down the Foresters of Lake Forest 22-8 in the wind and rain at Cartier field yesterday afternoon, raising its record to 7-4. While the Foresters fell to 1-4, freshman midfielder Brian Mayglthing was the high scorer for the Irish, with four goals and four assists. Betsy Sullivan, a sophomore, with 39 points. The points gave him sole possession of six points. Sullivan's six scoring this season, added two day for eight points, while Mayglthing was the high

The Observer/Patrick Kusek

Lacrosse offensive explosion downs Lake Forest 22-8
Freshman shines with eight points

By Ken Tygiac
Associate Sports Editor

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"Nobody could shut him down. The game really turned into an inside battle," said Tony Meltell. "Hopefully it will be a little easier and a little warmer next time."

McConsile led Old Milwaukee with nine points, while Kocker added seven, and Tim McNeil each scored five for the losers.

In other Bookstore action, Michelle Hiamrik is a Fabulous Babe and a Certified Meteorologist. Omega just didn't seem to mind the weather in a 21-10 triumph over 4 Dudes and a Yorst; and Pete Rose Would Not Even Be On Us tried to change Charlie Hustle's mind in a 21-7 win over Late's Leapers.

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