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INSIDE COLUMN

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In the past couple of weeks the presidential campaign has drifted away from what the majority of Americans claim they authorized: a campaign on the issues.

This scenario is not new. It is the same story run by Star magazine, a supermarket tabloid, in the days before the first Democratic front-runner, Bill Clinton, of having a 12 year love affair with Gennifer Flowers.

Flowers, a cabaret singer, was reportedly paid $40,000 by the Star to reveal her story to the public. I find it ironic that Flowers just now came forward with the country with Clinton as a presidential candidate, instead of when he was simply the governor of Arkansas.

Another thing that bothers me about the entire affair is the gullibility of the media and the public. We are living in the midst of a recession that is not going away as quickly or as easily as people predicted it would, and our current government is not providing us with any concrete solutions. George Bush’s only answers are to stay the course and Japan-bashing.

Clinton has laid out a plan to help the country get out of its economic woes and was looking like a serious threat to President Bush until the Star printed Flowers’ accusations.

Her story is filled with holes that have yet to be filled. Also, what things with Clinton in hotels that did not exist and talking to him in a place that was not his was not something people would say anything for money.

It is scary that this story is being taken seriously by the American public. It was published in a magazine that ran the exclusives: “FOUND! Ted Danson’s forgotten first wife” and “I was Stevie Wonder’s secret lover for 24 years” in the same issue as the Flowers story.

What’s next? Is Peter Jennings going to start doing features on aliens from Jupiter that look like Elvis on ABC’s News Tonight?

I think it is time for voters to smarten up and stop believing unsubstantiated stories in magazines and tell all too us how we can lose 40 pounds as easily as Roseanne Barr did.

It is time for voters to start looking at the issues. This entire matter should be over.

Tonight?

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INDIANA

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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue University students want to stage a break-in in the annual Rubie Goldberg Machine Contest Feb. 15. The object of the 10th annual contest is to open a lock in the most complicated way possible. The winner will represent Purdue in defense of its national championship at the West Lafayette campus on March 14. The contest honors the late cartoonist Rubie Goldberg, who specialized in drawing whimsical, humorous machines with complex mechanisms to perform simple tasks. Five teams are expected to build contraptions that will unlock a lock of their choice in at least 20 steps and within a time limit.

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TODAY AT A GLANCE

WORLD

The show goes on at Moscow circus

MOSCOW — Backstage in a dingy kitchen at the Moscow State Circus, animal trainer Zhanna Mayorova stands over a stove, lovingly stirring a pot of chicken soup with boiled onions and potatoes for her dogs. “Of course they would prefer just meat,” she says, prodding the grayish bird as it simmered in an enameled pot. “But what can you do?” Shortages, lack of space and bad equipment are daily fare at Moscow’s oldest circus — one of two permanently based in the capital — but performers and keepers try to make the animals as comfortable as possible. With 45 packaged performances every month, the state-run circus is still going strong. But its management wants to negotiate with the government to make it privately-owned, officials say.

NATIONAL

John Sununu to host talk show

NEW YORK — John Sununu, President Bush’s former chief of staff, was named Tuesday to fill in on CNN’s “Crossfire” for its managing editor, Jon Deutsch.

Sununu, who resigned as chief of staff in December after controversy over his abrasive style and use of government planes for personal business, will start filling in for Patrick Buchanan on March 2, CNN said. He will be the conservative counterpart to liberal Michael Kinsley on the weekday political talk show. Sununu, former governor of New Hampshire, will continue on the series for as long as Buchanan is campaigning, said CNN spokesman John Blanchi.

OF INTEREST

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The summer service project interview schedule is today. Call Katy at 283-2537. All students interested in participating in Wednesday’s lunch fast need to remember that the program starts tomorrow. The fast is expected to end in the last fast, last semester, your name has automatically been added to this semester’s list.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

In 1738: Sweden recognized the independence of the United States

In 1787: Giuseppe Verdi’s opera “Otello,” based on the tragedy by William Shakespeare, premiered at La Scala in Italy.

In 1917: Congress passed, over President Wilson’s veto, an immigration act sharply curtailing the influx of Asians.

In 1973: Funeral services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for Army Lt. Col. William B. Nolte, the last American soldier killed before the Vietnam cease-fire.

In 1983: Former Nazi Gestapo official Klaus Barbie, expelled from Bolivia, was brought to Lyon, France, to stand trial for alleged war crimes. (He was convicted in 1987 and sentenced to life in prison.)
Policeman kills 3 in N. Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — A policeman distraught over a comrade's death killed three people and wounded two with a shotgun Tuesday at the offices of the Sinn Fein political party, which supports the IRA, police said.

Constable James Allen Moore, 24, of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, later apparently committed suicide.

Moore had telephoned police from a north Belfast pub to claim responsibility, a constabulary statement said.

His body was found three hours later near his car by the shore of Lough Neagh about 20 miles west of Belfast, a shotgun by his side. Moore was described as an anti-terrorist officer who won a commendation for bravery.

The statement said Moore was arrested Monday after drunkenly firing shots over the grave of a comrade buried earlier in the day. How the comrade died was not clear but it apparently was not in a terrorist incident.

Moore was released early Tuesday after surrendering his handgun. He failed to appear for a scheduled medical appointment.

Sinn Fein is a legal political party that supports the Irish Republican Army. The shootings took place at its offices on the Falls Road, the main street of a Catholic area.

Killed were doorman Patrick Webb, 31, and his 22-year-old son, sitting in his lap; and Jeanine Van Es, 19, a South Bend native, Van Es and Kathleen Loughran, 60, Patrick McBride and Michael O'Dwyer, police said.

One victim was shot point-blank in the chest while his 2-year-old son, sitting in his lap, escaped unscathed, reported Richard McAuley, the Sinn Fein's chief news media spokesman.

Authorities said another man was critically wounded in the chest and a woman's face was grazed by shotgun pellets.

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Annual Fund assistant directors appointed

Special to The Observer

Jeanine Van Es and Kathleen Webb have been appointed assistant directors of the Notre Dame Annual Fund.

A South Bend native, Van Es has worked in several areas of the University's development office during the last ten years, most recently as administrative assistant for the Notre Dame Annual Fund. A former Saint Mary's College student, her new responsibilities will include production and layout of Annual Fund mailings and management of its Corporate Agent and Matching Gift programs.

A 1991 Notre Dame graduate with a major in anthropology, Webb has worked as a student assistant in the University's development office and as a resident assistant in Badin Hall.

As assistant director of the Annual Fund, Webb will be responsible for management and operation of the development office phone center and for expansion of the Reunion Giving and Annual Fund Challenge programs.

The phone center has raised more than $13 million since it was established in 1988.

Sleeping Beauty

presented by the Indianapolis Ballet Theatre

The Observer/E.G. Bailey

Perusing the periodicals

Art Purcaro, an Augustinian priest, searches the Hesburgh library periodical section for articles on Peru, the country where he works.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

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Teen becomes chess grandmaster

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Judit Polgar, a 15-year-old Hungarian teenager, has qualified as the youngest grandmaster in the world of chess, beating Bobby Fischer's record by a month, the International Chess Federation said Tuesday.

Polgar earned her new rank by winning the Hungarian National Championship last December, said Felix Donohoe, president of the International Chess Federation.

The teenager will be confirmed as a grandmaster at the next federation conference in June.

Polgar qualifies for the title at the age of 15 years, five months. Fischer qualified in 1958 at 15 years, six months, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

Comparatively, current world champion Gary Kasparov was a late starter, entering the chess stratosphere at 17.

Larry Part, former editor of the American chess magazine Chess Life, marveled at Polgar's genius to that of the world's greatest musical prodigy.

"At the age of 11 or 12 she was a Mozart ... who was knocking down grandmasters like 10-pins," Parr said.

Polgar had previously been a grandmaster in a separate category for women's competition.

Patrick Wolff, a 23-year-old Boston grandmaster, also commended Polgar for her aggressive style, saying, "I think she has as good a chance as anyone in the world to be the next world champion."

But rival Hungarian grandmaster Zoltan Ribli said in an interview last month with the Budapest daily Nepszava that Polgar "has a lot of catching up to do in terms of the top 10 male chess players."

Polgar's parents, determined to raise champions,weened Judit and her two older sisters Zsuzsa, 22, and Zsofi, 17, on chess, designating at least 10 hours a day for training. Under the tutelage of Laszlo Polgar, Zsuzsa became the first woman ever to gain the rank of grandmaster.

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Pritchard also attempted to reignite debate about HPC's spending of dorm funds for "personal use," specifically for food. However, in light of an HPC resolution passed two weeks ago giving hall councils the discretionary right to decide this issue individually, the topic was closed after a brief discussion.

"Your proposal did not offer a viable alternative," said Stanford Hall Co-President John Donohoe. "What are we supposed to do instead at our meetings?"

Pritchard suggested sharing a meal in the blue room of the dining hall as one means of preserving the positive aspects of the council dinners while at the same time cutting down on costs. However, some council members quickly moved to close the discussion, accusing Pritchard of "beating a dead horse."

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Perez went on nationwide television five times in the early morning hours to rally support. He said rebel units led by a paramilitary regiment had sought to assassinate him.

The attack came about an hour after he returned to the country from a international economic conference in Switzerland.

Questions, answers, follow-up, ideas, discussion.

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The Observer Wednesday, February 5, 1992
NEW YORK (AP) — Three out of four Americans believe President Bush's tax proposals would not make a significant change in their personal finances and just 38 percent say he deserves re-election, according to an Associated Press poll.

Results of the poll highlight the considerable challenge facing Bush as he prepares to launch his campaign for a second term while under pressure to revitalize the recession-bound economy.

Forty-eight percent said Bush does not deserve re-election to a second term. That view was shared by 21 percent of Republicans and 52 percent of independents, whose swing vote could prove crucial in deciding the outcome in November. Fifteen percent said they did not know or did not answer.

The poll showed pessimism about the economy as a clear influence on those saying Bush has not earned re-election.

Democrats were named by 41 percent of those polled as the party that would do the best job in dealing with the economy while 32 percent said the nation's economic problems would be safer in Republican hands.

The telephone poll of 1,000 Americans was conducted Wednesday through Sunday by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa. It has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The interviews began the night after President Bush delivered his State of the Union Message, outlining steps designed to lift the economy out of what economists say could turn out to be the longest recession since the 1930s.

Bush proposed a variety of tax breaks for businesses and individuals, including tax credits for first-time home buyers. He announced that the government would withhold less from individual paychecks, a move designed to pump more cash into the economy.

Bush also renewed his longstanding demand for congressional passage of a reduction in the tax on capital gains — that is, earnings from investments.

Among those surveyed, however, just 29 percent said they expected to derive some personal benefit from those proposals, while 61 percent said they would not and 10 percent expressed uncertainty.

Only 42 percent of Republicans polled expected to benefit from Bush's proposals.

The pessimism seemed to center more onocketbook concerns, since many Republicans had not expected Bush could get his proposals enacted by the Democratic-controlled Congress. Just 18 percent said they expected a significant difference in the amount of money they would have if Bush's proposals are adopted.

A full 74 percent said adoption of Bush's proposals would not make a difference. Among Republicans, it was 69 percent.

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Bush accuses his opponents of 'political carping,' rudeness

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A trip to promote President Bush's economic plans turned into a day of accusations Tuesday, with Bush attacking opponents' "political carping" and his spokesman accusing Democratic governors of rudeness.

Democrats returned the fire from Washington.

Bush and his aides found themselves on the defensive for a second straight day in pitching the recovery plan.

Addressing the National Grocers' Association, Bush said his week-old proposal would get the sluggish economy "fire up again."

The audience of about 5,000 grocers and their guests gave the president a warmer reception than he got the day before from Democratic governors at the White House.

Gov. Roy Romer and other Democratic governors, who upstaged Monday's meeting by denouncing Bush's recovery plan to his face, drew return fire Tuesday from Bush spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

"The easiest, cheapest trick in the world is to be rude to the president to get on the news," Fitzwater said.

Romer, meanwhile, told reporters: "I did the right thing. "If the cameras are going to be rude to the president, the cameras ought to give it a try and that's all I'm saying and I'm going to keep the heat on."

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"It will stimulate the economy," he added, "So we ought to give it a try and that's all I'm saying and I'm going to keep the heat on."

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The Observer/Kristina Roderick

The Observer Wednesday, February 5, 1992
Wedding bells ring for PLO head Arafat

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, who long vowed he was married only to the Palestinian struggle, has found a wife at age 62 — his 28-year-old secretary, Palestinian sources said Tuesday.

His bride, Suha Tawil, is a Palestinian Christian from Ramallah in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, the sources said. She met Arafat in 1988.

They were married in late November by a Muslim priest at Arafat’s residence in Tunis, said the sources, who insisted on anonymity. Only a few friends and the bride’s mother, Palestinian activist and writer Raymonda Tawil, were present, they said.

Arafat is a Sunni Muslim. His marriage to a much younger Christian was expected to draw criticism from the conservative Palestinian community, especially fundamentalists.

Speaking by telephone from Tunis, the sources said Arafat and Tawil met when she was a student at the Sorbonne in France. She had traveled to Tunisia to visit her mother, a friend of Arafat who was working at the Palestinian news agency WAFA, they said.

Yasser Arafat

After completing her studies in political science in 1989, Tawil returned to Tunis. A few months later, she was hired as a secretary to Arafat.

The sources described Arafat’s wife as slim, with light brown hair and hazel eyes, and said she was slightly taller than her husband, who is 5-foot-4. She is fluent in English, French and Arabic.

According to a family friend in Ramallah, Tawil has three sisters and a brother. Two of her sisters are married to Palestinian Liberation Organization representatives. Her brother works for a Palestinian information office in Washington.

The sources said that a year before their marriage, Tawil and Arafat suddenly became inseparable.

Medallion Hunt

(Above right to left) Knott Hall’s freshmen Sara Skalicky and Christina Bagaglio take time out of their fine dining to sell buttons at North Dining Hall for the dorm’s charity Medallion Hunt.

‘Doonesbury’ readers want Texas citizenship

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Comptroller John Sharp is offering unofficial Texas residency to those who sent in “Doonesbury” coupons to be “just like the prez” and avoid paying state income taxes where their home — but not their heart — is.

Sharp, a Democrat, printed tongue-in-cheek certificates to answer the 150 comic-strip coupons seeking Texas residency he’s received in three days from 29 states and Brazil.

A California couple said they “intention to live in Texas at some later date.”

The certificates, printed with Sharp’s political funds, grant unofficial Texas residency — “Good for state income tax purposes only. (And then only if you can get away with it).”

On Sunday, “Doonesbury” cartoonist Gary Trudeau encouraged newspaper readers to become Texas residents, “just like the prez” and pay no state income tax. It included a cutout coupon addressed to Sharp saying it was the writer’s “intention to live in Texas at some later date.”

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The Observer
AIDS patients deserve our compassion, not funding

Dear Editor:
I am writing in response to two recent articles dealing with the allocation of resources to ill persons. Over the last two weeks, I have read real articles penned by Mr. Acker of the law school and Fr. Griffin of the wealth redistribution school. While I thought both articles were well written, I am troubled by what I perceive to be a misrepresentation of Mr. Acker's article by Fr. Griffin.

Fr. Griffin recently wrote that we should have compassion for persons suffering from AIDS. Of course we should. We should have compassion for anyone who is suffering from any illness or hardship.

Mr. Acker did not propose that AIDS patients do not deserve compassion. Fr. Griffin suggests that the Acker article overlooked the innocent children and homosexuals who suffer from aids. Even a brief reading of Mr. Acker's article shows that he acknowledged the fact that not all AIDS patients have done something immoral or illegal.

The point of Mr. Acker's article as I understood it was that we have limited resources which we should allocate to those in need in a manner that is consistent with merit. While there are innocent aids victims, the majority, and I believe it to be a vast majority, of these people have done something wrong or illegal which has resulted in their predicament.

This is not to say that sick human beings they should not be shown compassion. On the other hand, sufferers of Alzheimers and cancer have not "brought their disease upon themselves." Granted the person who has smoked two packs of cigarettes a day has contributed to his own lung cancer, but rarely how I heard smoking analogized to sodomy.

It seems reasonable to me to allocate more resources to the treatment and cure of diseases which are not reduced or eliminated by behavior modification. This is particularly true when the resources which are being allocated have been extorted from taxpayers in the form of our unjust taxation system. Anyone is certainly entitled to be shown compassion. On the other hand, sufferers of any illness or disease deserve compassion. Mr. Acker did not propose that infants with a genetic disease or children who have been abused by their own parents are not to be shown compassion. It is not that we feel against those patients but rather that some patients are not in the same category as others.

The only difference that Mr. Acker made was that some patients have brought upon themselves their disease while others have not. I believe compassion should be shown to both groups and that disease is a part of the human condition. I believe we should show compassion to those who have brought their disease upon themselves and those who have not.

The majority of the articles penned by Mr. Acker or Fr. Griffin are inaccurate and objectively as possible. Unsigned editorials represent the opinion of the majority of the Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, News Editor, Viewpoint Editor, Accent Editor, Photo Editor, Sports Editor, and Saint Mary's Editor. Column space is available to all members of the community and the free expression of varying opinions on campus through letters, is encouraged.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"My mind is a steel trap. Provide me with information and I will mangle it and retain it."

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Non Sequiturs

Nerves, nail polish, and the interview from hell

Hello, Miss Smoron. I'm Miss Van Ornell. You may call me Ma'am.

"Thank you, Ma'am. I'm Paige. I'm so nervous! On my way in I accidentally tripped on your secretary and I think I ran my nylon. Would you have any nail polishes? Peanut butter? Anything?"

"I really don't think so. So tell me—is this your first visit to Northwestern University?"

"Oh, my, yes. I'm so nervous! I applied here for undergraduate admission, but it was really just a back-up choice, because, let's face it, I mean, you don't really have a football team, at least they're not very good..."

"I understand."

"Um... What are you writing there?"

"Oh, just some notes for myself so that I can refer back to this interview. Don't mind me."

"Oh, okay. I'm so nervous! You misspelled 'slovenly.'"

"Oh, my. Okay. I'm so nervous! I applied here for undergraduate admission, but it was really just a back-up choice, because, let's face it, I mean, you don't really have a football team, at least they're not very good..."

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Assuming this is the case, the commissioner will potentially have considerable impact in baseball's future, due to the proposal's potential for total revenue sharing among major league teams, which is uncommon because of the very special circumstances. Baseball involves being back together, generous rights such as free agency and also help keep salaries down, but it would be hard to reverse the trend. A more practical option would be to follow suit with the NBA by instituting a salary cap.

Other critics say: "The most expensive team is rarely the best." Spenthrief George Steinbrenner and last year's Oakland As prove that dealing with big egos and big contracts is smart in the way that they win championships. Some teams, wisely knowing that "Those decisions have always been made by the University," UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian said following Weaver's announcement, "And I've always supported those decisions."

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Bulls show they are not perfect

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Chicago's third loss in five games after 13 straight victories left the Bulls a picture of frustration. Michael Jordan, protesting the call that gave Utah a 126-123 victory Monday night in three overtimes, was ejected with a half-second left. And coach Phil Jackson was outraged over the Jordan foul that gave Jeff Malone three free throws with the score tied.

With just a short day's rest, the Bulls wrap up their six-game road campaign at Phoenix on Wednesday night. They return to Chicago to face New Jersey next Tuesday. The Bulls, who were on a pace to win a record 70 games after 13 straight victories, are now 39-8 after finishing the first half of the season at 37-5 — the second best start in NBA history.

If the Utah defeat was particularly bitter for the defending world champions, it was especially sweet for Jazz coach Jerry Sloan, a one-time Chicago player, scout and coach.

"We were fortunate to get the win," he said. "Those are the kinds of games you like to win, and obviously because it was Chicago, it was magnified."

The outcome also vindicated Sloan's decision not to call a timeout after Jordan, who finished with 34 points, buried a 15-footer with 5.6 seconds left in the third overtime to tie the score 123-123.

Sloan said Tuesday that a timeout may have handed Utah the ball at midcourt, but it also would have given the Bulls time to set their defense.

"I started to call time out and then we called it off," he said. "We think we're better off to push it down the floor in those situations. Chicago's such a great defensive team." With the Bulls still falling back, Utah's Jeff Malone drove the key and was whipped by the leg by Jordan, the ball bounced away and a foul was called. Jordan, protesting the whistle, drew a technical from referee Tommie ODonnell.

Malone, who had 13 points on a miserable 4-for-21 night from the field, hit all three foul shots to give the Jazz a win after 63 minutes of play.

Jordan refused to be interviewed, but Jackson vowed his fury over the foul.

"I think they got tired of us being in the position to win it in the two overtimes that we lost before that, so they said, 'To heck with it; let's give the home team the chance to win it and send them home,'" he said.

At first, it appeared Jordan may have been ejected for bumping referee Wood, but referee Jake ODonnell said Jordan was tossed for his language. Jackson said the words were well-earned.

"Whatever he said, that referee deserved it because you don't make foul calls like that in the end of an NBA game. People know it's a desperation drive. I don't know how much he got him, but you just don't make those calls," Jackson said.

"Unfortunately it ended a good game. We probably should be toiled playing out there," he added.

Jackson's comments have drawn the attention of the NBA in New York. The league could fine him for criticizing officials.

"We're in the process of doing a formal investigation. Once that is done, we'll be making a decision on any action," said Penny Nelson, assistant to NBA operations vice president Rod Thorn.

Sloan said that from his angle, he couldn't see the controversial play.

"Jeff had his back to me. But that's what officials are for. I couldn't see the foul, but obviously the officials saw it," he said.

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BRIEFS

■ The RecSports Downhill Ski Trip, originally scheduled for January 24 is rescheduled for February 7. Buses will leave the Library Circle at 5 p.m., and return at approximately 11 p.m. 25 dollars includes lift ticket, equipment and transportation. Register at RecSports by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

■ SM/C/ND women's lacrosse club first practice will be Wednesday, February 5, from 8-10 p.m. at Angola Athletic Facility. For the rest of the month practices will be Sunday, from 2-4 and Monday and Wednesdays from 8-10 p.m. at Angola.

■ The ND Cricket Team will practice on Wednesday, February 5 at 10 p.m. at Lofus. New players welcome. Call Mark at 292-3587 or Tim at 283-1473 for details.

■ Mixed doubles tennis social is open to all undergraduate students. Informal games will be played and you can sign up on an individual basis. The first night will be Monday, February 10. To sign up, please call trenee Wenge at 283-1347 by this Friday.

■ The Rowing Club has a meeting this Wednesday at 7:30 in room 120 Cushing. Dues and spring break deposits will be collected.

■ ND/SM/SMC Equestrian Club: Anyone interested in showing in the Iowa State Show from February 14 to 16 at Ponder, Illinois, please call Larissa at 289-7829.

Sports Briefs

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■ Cross Country Ski Clinic for beginners is being offered on the golf course by RecSports, today at 4 p.m. Register in advance at RecSports.

■ The Bookstore Basketball Tournament is looking for a new head and some assistant commissioners. Anyone interested should pick up an application at the student government secretary's desk on the second floor of LaFumte. Applications are due by Friday, February 7 and interviews will be held on February 10 and 11. Any questions, contact Kevin McGee at 234-3193.

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Tyson case continues in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The mother of Mike Tyson's accuser cried Tuesday as she described how her happy-go-lucky teenager became a frightened child plagued by nightmares in the weeks after the alleged rape.

"She sees his face, and she's scared. She's reliving this nightmare over and over," the mother said, her voice cracking and tears flowing.

"I just want my daughter back."

The mother's testimony, which moved at least one juror to cry, capped a morning of legal setbacks for the defense. Earlier, Judge Patricia J. Clifford refused to allow the jury to hear three surprise defense witnesses but permitted the prosecution to play parts of a tape of Tyson's accuser talking to a 911 operator.

Tyson, 25, is accused of raping the woman after inviting her back to his hotel room July 19. The former world heavyweight champion claims the 18-year-old consented to sex.

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Michigan come to the Thunderdome, the games sell out. I understand that people want to see great teams, but almost every game should sell out anyway. Using the excuse that Notre Dame is not a top 25

Hoops

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found itself in a position to take the lead with 32 seconds remaining as Bennett stepped to the line facing of a one-on-one.

However, the front end bobbled off of the rim, and Detroit quickly passed the ball upcourt. Lamarre Justice fouled, and the Irish were soon down three with only 26 seconds remaining as Bennett stepped to the line facing of a one-on-one.

 Devils move into 3rd

EAST BUTTERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Tom Chorske scored two goals to back a 26-save performance by Chris Terrieri and the New Jersey Devils continued Philadelphia's road woes by defeating the Flyers 3-1 Tuesday night.

The loss ended the Flyers' four-game overall unbeaten streak and extended their road winless streak to 10 games (0-8-2), dating to a 3-0 win against Minnesota on Dec. 21.

Against Patrick Division foes on the road, the Flyers are even worse. They have not won since Feb. 23 of last season when they defeated the New York Islanders 5-3, and are 6-11-3 in that span.

Sabres 7, Capitals 3

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NFL hopefuls gather for combines

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — It’s show time for 460 college football players who hope to prove they’re ready for the big time during the annual NFL Scouting Combine that begins Wednesday in the Hoosier Dome.

It’s a mixed group of players who have won All-America and all-conference honors at major colleges, along with those lesser known products who have toiled in relative obscurity at smaller schools.

The process, described as a meat market by some past participants, is conducted mainly behind closed doors, with the media and public locked out.

During a grueling three-day process, each player undergoes extensive physical and athletic examinations and has personal interviews with team representatives.

“This is like a major examination,” says Duke Babb of National Football Scouting, which coordinates the annual event. “The teams have already received scouting reports and made evaluations. This gives them a unique way to make their decisions for the draft.”

Most of the participants are seniors, but 14 underclassmen who have decided to boost their eligibility for the NFL draft include Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard of Michigan, Outland Trophy winner Steve Emtman of Washington and UCLA quar­ terback Tommy Maddox, a sophomore.

The first group of offensive and defensive linemen begins the process Wednesday. For the majority of participants, the combine represents a last chance to boost their stock for the April 26-27 NFL draft in New York.

“The players know what this is all about,” Babb says. “The seniors received their invitations more than a month ago, but Babb had to wait until the NFL announced its list of eligible underclassmen this week before asking them to attend.

“It’s another tool to evaluate players,” says Jack Bushofsky, director of player personnel for the Indianapolis Colts, who own the top two picks in this year’s draft.

“The draft puzzle begins with school visitations. Every team has a preliminary idea of what it wants at this point, but the combine gives you a chance to compare the players side-by-side. You have a mental picture of a player’s potential going in, but you get a good idea of their release, catching abilities and foot work at the combine,” he added.

Teams don’t like to discuss specific players, leery of giving opposing teams some advantage or insight into their thoughts.

“I won’t discuss individuals,” Bushofsky said. “This looks like a pretty good year. There are quite a few good defensive corners and there’s quality among offensive and defensive linemen.”

“There isn’t a lot of depth at linebacker this year and there aren’t as many top, or well known receivers,” Bushofsky says.

“The potential of the draft has been boosted by the underclassmen coming out,” says Bill Tobin, Chicago’s vice president for player personnel.

“It’s made this year’s draft deeper, but that’s not something the NFL wants. We still would like those kids to stay in college. In many cases they’ll be coming to the combine because they were pushed by agents or advisers and they might be making a mistake,” Tobin said.

“The NFL doesn’t need someone leaving college. Some of those players aren’t even going to be drafted. They’ve lost an opportunity for more education, and haven’t helped themselves.”

He conceded, however, “There are some high profile underclassmen who came out this year, and they’re going to go early.”

Not all players who are invited make the grade.

“We’ve had players who have come here out of shape and others who have tested positive for drugs,” Tobin says. “That’s just stupidity.”

University of Houston quarterback David Klinger will be one of 460 NFL prospects attending the league’s scouting combines in Indianapolis.

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Detroit Mercy surprises Irish despite Bennett's 38

By ROLANDO DE AGUAIR
Sports Writer

In the world of sports, solid team play will always lead to a win out over spectacular individual performances.
Last night was no exception. Despite a career-high 38 points by Elmer Bennett, the season-high 15 rebounds by LaPomino Ellis, Notre Dame (10) was unable to overcome sloppy game-long performance in a 72-70 loss to Detroit Mercy (9-11).

"That's the first time this year that we've looked like that. We looked like we were fired up, and that didn't look like us," said MacLeod.

Despite their sloppy play, the Irish hung tough throughout the game, and led by seven with 12 minutes remaining. However, Detroit went on a big run to eliminate that lead. After an 18-4 Detroit scoring spree put the Titans up by seven with just under two minutes remaining, Notre Dame went to work to repair the damage.

Bennett was put at the line with a one-and-one, and calmly dropped both free throws to bring the Irish within five. After a Titan hoop, Bennett was whistled for a three-pointer, and hit two of three free throws, drawing Notre Dame to 68-63.

Dwayne Kelley, returning after a sprained ankle suffered last week, walked on the ensuing possession, leaving Daimon Sweet to slash to the left side of the basket and hit an eight-foot jumper.

Down 68-67, Notre Dame saw HOPPS/page 13

Lack of fan support evident at JACC

By MARK McGrath
Sports Writer

Last night, the Notre Dame men's basketball team suffered a 72-70 decision to Detroit Mercy in front of 8,031 spectators. It is widely known that a home crowd is supposed to be a great advantage. If you listen to people speak about college basketball programs and their fan support, you often hear of teams like Duke, North Carolina and Kentucky and Indiana.

Last Saturday at Duke, the Irish were forced to play in front of a crowd that could care less about a Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Notre Dame head coach John MacLeod commented on the Duke crowd at the press conference Monday:

"They are a great college crowd. It's like playing in front of a capacity crowd at Notre Dame. They (the crowd) can affect the way you play and sometimes they can affect the game itself.

In the Notre Dame basketball media guide, it says "Sellouts are the rule rather than the exception in the colorful, 11,418- seat arena.

Individual games may be sold out, but it has been 10 years since the JACC has had a season attendance average over 11,000. This even includes the 1985-86 season in which the Irish finished 15-4 at home. Over the last four and a half years, only 17 of the last 69 games have been sold out. The Irish home record over the same period is 48-21.

I see no reason why the games fail to sell out. When teams such as UCLA try to see JACC/page 13

Trgован named defensive line coach

Special to the Observer

Mike Trgovan, defensive line coach the last two seasons at Cleveland State, has been named defensive line coach on Lou Haggerty's Notre Dame football staff.

Trgovan replaces Dick Bubala, who left with legendary defensive coordinator Mike Vrabel, who had been his position coach when he played at Michigan.

At Ball State, Trgovan helped the Cardinals lead the Mid-American Conference in total defense and rushing defense in 1986, good enough for an overall defense rank 13th in the nation. In 1988, Ball State led the MAC in total defense and scoring defense, while it ranked second in pass defense. A four-year letterwinning assistant coach at Michigan in 1983, Trgovan also served as graduate assistant with the Wolverines in 1984 and '85 prior to moving to Ball State.

His coaching credentials include four years as head coach, four head coaching jobs at LinkedIn.

Seasonal forward LaPomino Ellis scored 10 points and pulled down 15 rebounds in last night's loss to Detroit Mercy at the Joyce ACC, 72-70.

Senior forward LaPomino Ellis scored 10 points and pulled down 15 rebounds for Notre Dame last night.

However, it was not enough, as the Irish were upset by Detroit Mercy at the Joyce ACC, 72-70.

Baseball salaries are getting out of hand

By JIM VOGl
Sports Writer

Major League baseball players are still weeks away from spring training, but agents, arbiters and owners have already played their fair share of pepper in baseball's winter meetings.

Right now, the busiest people in the baseball business appear to be the accountants. It all started in 1919, when owner Charles Comiskey's stiffness inspired the Chicago Black Sox to throw the World Series. At the time, commissioner John Heydler 'Mountain' Landis banned the players to protect the credibility of Comiskey and the game itself.

Seven decades later, the pendulum has swung to the side of the players. Former commissioner Peter Ueberroth shocked many when he charged owners with collusion to keep player salaries down. What resulted was a $280 million arbitrator's ruling against the owners, who have loosened their pocketbooks considerably since then.

Major league baseball salaries rose by 103 percent between 1988 and 1991. Last year's payroll, at an average of $891,000, is up an estimated 80 percent over 1990, and with present conditions, salaries will continue to climb.

Blockbuster contracts have been sprouting up daily. The New York Mets won the Bobby Bonilla auction, agreeing to pay the slugger $29 million over the next five years. Once a player sets a precedent, owners are subject to the domino effect. Barry Bonds, not to be outdone by his former Pirate teammate, will remain in Pittsburgh for around $4.9 million per season; Detroit re-signed first baseman Cecil Fielder for a mammoth $4.5 million one-year deal.

Other front-running teams in the in free agency race are Toronto and Los Angeles. Over the winter, the Blue Jays paid the price with hopes of finally capturing that elusive World Series crown. They added two veteran leaders, hurler Jack Morris (two years, $10.85) of last year's World Series Champion Twins, and Cy Young old Reliable Dave Van Eldin (one year, $2.3 million).

The Dodgers, always a prestigious organization, tried to solidify their aging club by snapping from Toronto pitcher Tim Conigliatti, who signed a four-year, $15.5 million pact. The Dodgers bankrolled injury-prone Orel Hershiser for three years at $10 million, and paid big money to retain Mitch Webster, Jay Howell and Juan Samuel.

These days, even the most mediocre players are millionaires. Mike Morgan, signed by the Cubs at $12.5 million over four years, is a $600 million man.