Griffin and Nass top belated election results

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor

With 51.6 percent of the vote, Matt Griffin and Erik Nass were named student body president and vice president last night. Two-hundred and thirty-one votes separated them from the other ticket, Matt Szabo and Mary Gillard.

The results were released after counting ballots from yesterday's rescheduled voting in Keough Hall and O'Neill Halls. The make-up was held following Wednesday's surprise announcement that a series of ballotigg mistakes had kept the two dorms from participating in the runoff election.

Each of the candidates agreed that the postponement was nerve-racking.

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NCAA report finds admissions gap

Disparities present between athletes and student body

By JOHN DEBOY
Assistant News Editor

Last week, when Irish head coach Bob Davie introduced Notre Dame football's class of 2001, much was made of the fact that Grant Irons, a future Irish linebacker and first-team USA Today All-American, currently holds a 3.87 high school GPA. "At the end of our freshman year we elected a director of admissions," Kevin Rooney, Notre Dame's director of admissions, said. "But it's definitely worth the wait," he said. "It's a great feeling.

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That fact—coupled with admissions statistics released by the NCAA in June—seems to suggest that a certain disparity exists between the high school academic achievements of Notre Dame student athletes and those of the student body as a whole.

According to the NCAA report, which provides college admissions statistics for scholarship athletes in Notre Dame football, baseball, men's and women's basketball, and men's and women's track and cross country, indicates that, on average, Notre Dame student athletes score significantly lower on college admissions tests than do their peers in the student body at-large.

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BANGKOK, Thailand

Bearing down on Burma’s most insolvent insurgents, government soldiers captured the ethnic Karen rebel base on Thursday, a day after it found itself destroyed and abandoned.

Earlier Thursday, the insurgents set fire to the headquarters of the Karen National Union, then retreated into the jungle, a Karen officer said.

“We didn’t want to leave the Burmese anything,” said Col. Isaac, an officer in the Karen National Union. “To many Karen, he uses only one name.

About 300 Karen National Union troops had been struggling to hold the key to Teakpakla, in eastern Burma, against 1,500 Burmese government troops, Isaac told The Associated Press by telephone.

Since they could not hold out against superior numbers, the rebels fell back rather than lose more. “We have completely changed our tactic,” Isaac said. “We are fighting a hit-and-run guerrilla war now.”

Valentine’s Day has become almost as known to frequently the Ides of February as a fertility festival. The lust. Pretty cool, huh?

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Outlaw: Gender, ethnic splits pose challenge to ND

By ANDREA BOWLEY
News Writer

Last year, two Notre Dame undergraduate students sought the advice of Iris Outlaw, the director of Multicultural Student Affairs, after a professor allegedly used a racial slur during a lecture.

The students considered filing a complaint with the ombudsperson but were hesitant to do so because they were the only minority students in the class and did not want to be perceived as troublemakers. Outlaw counseled the students, but the incident left her disturbed. "Surely some of their fellow white students were offended, too," she asked. "Why didn't they file a complaint?"

Outlaw was the featured speaker at yesterday's Gender Studies lecture, where she addressed the concerns of minority faculty and students struggling to find a niche within an institution often regarded as a white, male bastion.

She offered her experiences as an African American woman as a starting point for discussion. According to Outlaw, the demands on women and minority faculty at Notre Dame exceed those placed upon their colleagues because in addition to their official job descriptions, they must serve as role models and confidants for minority students.

She also talked about challenges particular to women, noting how difficult it is for a woman to network and establish professional contacts. "We're not wheeling and dealing on the golf course or in the men's bathrooms," Outlaw said.

Outlaw suggested that women form support groups in order to voice their frustrations. She mentioned how this summer she began hosting luncheens for other women of color on the Notre Dame faculty. These lunches provided a forum for the women to commiserate with each other, but more importantly, to share their triumphs.

We talked about how we could help our students be successful and how, as women, we define success differently than many male professors on campus," Outlaw said that the camaraderie fostered by the luncheons helped her feel ready to tackle the current academic year.

But if being a minority at a largely homogeneous university poses a challenge to faculty members, imagine the burdens placed upon the student. All college students grapple with issues of gender. But for women, the problem is exacerbated because the social scene for minorities often confronts a myriad of other social issues that are compounded by the demographics at Notre Dame, Outlaw said.

Outlaw said that dating, although an anxiety for many students, can be more difficult for students of color because there is a smaller pool of people on campus who share their ethnicity.

Minorities may also worry that their fellow students perceive them as less intelligent someone who was admitted to the University to fill a quota.

Outlaw also pointed out that minorities may not be accustomed to the dorm lifestyle. For instance, Outlaw said that alcohol is not normally a part of the social scene for minorities. Minorities may also dress differently than the typical Notre Dame student. One would guess that the way one dresses would have ceased to be an issue after high school graduation, but one student said that his hall mates constantly "remark about how I dress even though I don't ask for their comments." Socio-economic differences can also serve to divide the students.

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Alia Hawkins, who then gath­ ered a committee to help her with the plans,” said Weyby. “Alia reported to the sopho­ more board every week with her committee’s progress and their efforts ran smoothly the entire year.”

“I hope that the weekend is as successful as our planning has been, and that it is a trea­ surable experience for both the parents and their daugh­ ters,” said Hawkins, chair of the SPW committee.

There are a wide range of events that highlight the weekend, including a faculty open house Saturday morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Le­ Mans Hall lobby. Parents will get a chance to meet with professors of all departments and majors, and will have the opportunity to ask any ques­ tions they may have.

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spokespersons for the sopho­ more class are very anxious for the arrival of their parents. “I am excited to spend some quality time with my parents and have them meet all of my friends,” said Madeline Carpanelli. “After having been at Saint Mary’s for a year, my life is pretty well established and I want my parents to see that.”

According to Weyby, this year’s Sophomore Parents Weekend appears to have a higher attendance record than previous years.

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tration, Griffin and Nass listed improving commu­ nication between student government and the stu­ dent body. They also plan to implement reform committee proposals as soon as they can.

Until Griffin and Nass officially assume their offices on April 1, they will be involved in a transi­ tion period with the current Seth Miller/Megan Murray administration.

“I remember how nervous I was,” Miller said. “I look forward to working with them.”

“It was a tough race, and I want to wish Matt and Erek the best for next year,” Szabo said. He cited his platform’s focus on student rights as an issue he hopes Griffin and Nass will address in the coming year.

“That’s why it was such a close race. So much of what [Szabo and Gillard] believe in about standing up for students, we regret not having more of that on our platform.”

Yesterday’s voting ran smoothly, according to election officers. “Today, everything was fine. It is just unfortunate that it had to come down to this,” said election committee chair Jen Dovidio.

In hindsight, the decision to allow Keough and O’Neill to vote holds no controversy. With a com­ bined 124 votes for Szabo/Gillard and 122 votes for Griffin/Nass, Golf Quad’s much-awaited ballot totals did not sway the election’s final outcome.

“We feel we handled it the right way,” Dovidio said. "According to Weyby, this year’s Sophomore Parents Weekend appears to have a higher attendance record than previous years.

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Thefts in lots continue

By LIZ FORAN
Editor-in-Chief

Three more vehicles were broken into in the past three days while parked in campus lots on campus lots, said Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Notre Dame Security.

The string of recent thefts has frustrated both students and Security, which has been unable to prevent the thefts.

"We've done 24 hour a day surveillance for a month at a time and nothing happens," Hurley said. "We stop, and a week later there are more."

No pattern has emerged, either, with thefts occurring during day and night, Hurley added.

The break-ins have centered in the D2 south lot, an on-campus student lot where two of the recent thefts occurred. The other break-in was in C1 lot behind the Joyce Center, which is used for off-campus student as well as event parking. All victims were students.

The recent break-ins, two cars which were parked next to each other in D2, happened sometime between midnight on Tuesday and 11:55 p.m. Wednesday. The C1 break-in occurred sometime between 10:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Foley critiques modern democracy

By BRAD MCDONALD
News Writer

"According to professor Michael Foley, "The question is how to achieve popular government without creating a grieved society." He stated that there is a serious problem with the concept of "the New Democracy.""

Michael Foley is associate professor of politics and director of the Peace and World Order Studies sub-concentration at the Catholic University of America.

He spoke yesterday at Notre Dame in a lecture entitled, "The Myth of the 'Mischeif of Faction' Civil Society, Uncivil Government, and Democratization." In order to "think through some more disconnecteds."

The "Mischief Faction" in Foley's title refers to number ten of the Federalist Papers, written by James Madison. He also frequently quoted many influential people in the history of democracy, including Aristotle and Tocqueville, and more contemporary characters such as Dahl.

Foley led a strained question and answer session with the audience in which he respond ed to questions concerning several contradictions in his argument and the lack of correlation between the main points of his lecture. He admitted that he presented a strong critique of modern democracy but did not offer an answer. In response to a question about the title, Foley claimed, "I like the title but I'm afraid that it

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the following average combined SAT scores from 1992-1995: 894 (football), 1054 (baseball), 1035 (basketball), and 1148 (cross country and track).

In Notre Dame women's sports, the majority of the student athletes are competing for the following SAT averages during the same four-year period: 780 and 1085 (cross country and track).

Notre Dame students have expressed a wide range of reactions to the NCAA statistics. Some, such as Notre Dame junior Lauren Mack, were disappointed by the figures. Mack said, "primarily because at Notre Dame they make such a big deal out of saying that athletes meet the same standards that everyone else does."

Others see the less impressive admissions statistics as a necessary part of competing in big-time intercollegiate athletics.

"Personally, it doesn't offend me," said Notre Dame freshman Chris Reys. "They're athletes, and they're really coming to Notre Dame to play sports, although, for most of them, getting a good education is one of the reasons they're here. The school also wants to provide good education — in return for the athletic talents that they bring to the school."

David Hill, a Notre Dame junior, added, "I don't think the (lower admissions statistics) are fair, but I think it does benefit the school.

"And I think we'll have to keep doing it to return for the athletic talents that everyone else does.""}

According to Rooney, however, the lower numbers are not necessarily an indication of lowered admissions standards, but are rather a reflection of the University's desire to bring a number of different talents to each entering class.

"The whole concept of lower admissions standards isn't really a question," Rooney said. "Each year we're going to have about 9,000 applicants for 1,000 spaces, and the overwhelming majority of the applicants are qualified. We're trying to put together an entire class that reflects the talents that are important to the University.

"Obviously, football, for example, is important at Notre Dame. But we also work with the music department on admissions, and they're really coming to Notre Dame for that.""

We're not setting an arbitrary standard and saying that you have to jump over the hurdle to get in," Rooney added.

"We're looking at the whole class."

Rooney also indicated that the admissions office uses a separate admissions procedure for student athletes, some of whom would be admitted to Notre Dame but who, in our best judgment, would not be otherwise admitted.

"In some ways this is a separate admissions procedure," Rooney said. "With football, for example, we have about 200 grants-in-aid available each year, and we have a lot of potential prospects competing for those spots.

"If those athletes who end up coming to Notre Dame," Rooney continued, "some would get in if they applied through the regular admissions procedure and some would not. Need their athletic ability to get in, others don't."

"Rooney made it clear, however, that not just anyone with exceptional athletic talent who meets NCAA minimum academic standards is admissible to Notre Dame. The admissions office, he said, screens applicants carefully to determine who is capable of handling the academic rigors of a Notre Dame education.

"We work with the coaching staffs to find those individuals who are capable of handling the academic rigor of a Notre Dame education," Rooney said.

"Additionally, Mike Karwoski, director of compliance for the Notre Dame athletic department, insisted that athletes who could potentially fill an immediate need on one of the University's athletic teams are not given more break in the admissions process than other student athletes.

Karwoski offers Randy Moss — a 1994 first-team USA Today All-American wide receiver coveted by then-head football coach Lou Holtz — as an example.

"Randy Moss is a perfect example of a student athlete who was all-world in several sports, and especially in football. He made NCAA minimums, and he was permitted to sign a letter of intent to attend Notre Dame, but ultimately he didn't meet some requirements set forth by the Notre Dame admissions office and wasn't admitted."

"Rooney made it clear that grades are a major factor in the decision for admission."

Notre Dame student athletes tend to produce lower average scores on admissions tests than do their peers in the student body as a whole. Rooney pointed out that they still rank among the highest-scoring student athletes in the nation.

"In Division I football we are clearly in the top seven or eight," Rooney said. "One reason for that is that we don't have an academic curriculum that provides majors that don't require a lot of work. Some schools, particularly some of the Ivy League schools, see it as part of their mission to provide education teachers for the state. We don't have that. Most majors here are a result of a more dedicated effort on the part of our student athletes."

"With college athletics in general, when you look at basketball, baseball, football and even hockey, those are sports that produce lower average scores than the student body at-large. For the classes that entered the University between 1986 and 1989, 94 percent of those in the student body as a whole graded higher than 993 on the SAT, while football players averaged 791 from 1992-1995, while basketball players averaged 1023."

"Interestingly enough, men's basketball players at Georgetown averaged 784 on the SAT during the same four-year period.

"One additional peculiarity that stands out among the admissions statistics of Notre Dame student athletes is the fact that scores differ significantly from sport to sport. Notre Dame's cross country and track teams averaged a relatively impressive 1148 on the SAT, the football team averaged considerably lower 894."

"But, according to Rooney, such a trend is not unique to Notre Dame."

"That's because of the pool of applicants who are out there," Rooney said. "At any school you would find similar differences.""

In addition to lower admissions statistics, the NCAA report also indicated that scholarship athletes at Notre Dame tend to post lower graduation rates than the student body at-large. For the classes that entered the University between 1986 and 1989, 94 percent of those in the student body as a whole graduated from Notre Dame, while only 85 percent of Fighting Irish athletes earned diplomas.

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King family: Trial would ease pain of unknown

By PATRICIA MAYS
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA

Afraid that the truth about the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination will die with James Earl Ray, King's family is asking that he be given a trial to answer the questions that have haunted them for 30 years.

"The lack of a satisfactory resolution to questions surrounding the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. has been a source of continuing pain and hardship to our family," Dexter King, a son of the civil rights leader, said at a news conference Tuesday with his two sisters, his brother and his mother, Coretta Scott King. "Every effort must be made to determine the truth."

Over the years, King said, "because of the painful nature of this tragedy, we have reluctantly ignored it, stayed away from it." But now, with Ray dying from cirrhosis of the liver in a Nashville, Tenn., prison, they want the full truth known. King said.

"It was time to come forward, make a statement about this, which has haunted us for years. If Mr. Ray does not pull through, this will die with him," King said.

Ray, 68, pleaded guilty to killing King and was sentenced to 99 years in prison but later recanted his confession.

Even since a sniper's bullet cut down King on the balcony at a Memphis motel in 1968, several theories have surfaced as to who was responsible. A 1978 congressional report concluded Ray shot King but said a St. Louis-based conspiracy of racial bigots was behind the slaying.

Dexter King said that he has always believed that others were involved in his father's death, and that a trial may even exonerate Ray. "I think that, by having the trial, a lot of information will be shared that not only will vindicate Mr. Ray but point to others," he said.

After the news conference, Ray's brother, Jerry, told reporters, "I really appreciate them asking for a trial for James, and I'm sure the whole King family, just like the Ray family and the rest of the American public, wants the truth to come out once and for all."

In order for Ray to get a trial, his attorneys must prove there is new evidence that could exonerate him. Next week, a judge in Memphis, Tenn., will hear arguments from Ray's attorneys for new scientific tests on the rifle believed used in the assassination.

John Campbell, a Shelby County, Tenn., assistant district attorney, said that even if the tests are conducted, there is plenty of reason not to give Ray a trial.

"The guilty plea Ray is under has been examined seven times by other courts and affirmed every time," Campbell said. "He went into court and told the jury he was guilty. They convicted him."
Across both sides of Bosnia, refugees await Brcko decision

By JUDITH INGRAM

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Across both sides of Bosnia, refugees await Brcko decision

By JUDITH INGRAM

Associated Press Writer

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia

Serbia's president warned Thursday that it would act swiftly against protesters, but opposition to his autocratic rule appeared to be spreading — even to his loyal mouthpiece, state television.

Slobodan Milosevic's admirers, he said, were balking at working for the pro-Milosevic management. Control over the media has been a pillar of Milosevic's decade-long rule. The opposition has said the next step in its struggle to topple Milosevic in elections later this year will be to regain the media and the decision could be reversed if the Serbs fail to obey the Dayton peace agreement.

"The worst thing is to wait, just to make the time pass until the evening news," said Sejfudin Zahirovic, deputy mayor in exile of Brcko, said. "We feel betrayed by the international community, especially the United States," he said, adding that local leaders told U.S. troops to return to their bases. The Brcko area is patrolled by the U.S. Army under the Dayton peace accords.

Until those reports are confirmed, however, the wait for the decision is agonizing for those in Brcko.

"The worst thing is to wait, which we people from Brcko have been doing since 1992," said the 49-year-old Salkic, smoke from his cigarette forming a haze across his lined face. "I try to keep busy just to make the time pass until the evening news." The Brcko area — pronounced BRICH-koh — is vital to the Serbs because it sits astride the narrow corridor linking their holdings in the west and east. They hope the arbitrators will confirm their hold on the city and widen the corridor surrounding it.

The Muslim-led government wants to retain the city and its transport links, and return the refugees to their homes. It has looked increasingly favorably on a proposal to make the city the center of a free-trade zone, initially protected by international forces.

"The Muslims have been doing since 1992, when 12 villages in the southern Egyptian city of Assuit were burned down after a rumor spread that a Christian priest was a Muslim," said the 49-year-old Salkic.

Christian establishments, despite repeated attacks by Muslim militants in the past five years, Christians have been killed as suspected police informers, in land disputes or in attacks on Christian-owned shops.

Militants have burned churches in Cairo and elsewhere. But Wednesday's assault inside a church is the first in recent memory and the worst against Christians since 1992, when 12 villagers in the southern Egyptian city of Assuit were burned down after a rumor spread that a Christian was a Muslim.
Israelis knew of Albright’s roots

By DAFNA LINZER
Associated Press Writer

Israelis knew of Madeline Albright’s Jewish heritage two years before the new Secretary of State said she did, an Israeli diplomat said Thursday.

Gad Yaacobi, Israel’s former ambassador to the United Nations, said a British friend of the Albrights told him of the family’s Jewish roots in 1994, when Albright was the U.N. ambassador for the United States.

Yaacobi told then-Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, but the issue never was raised with Albright because they felt it wasn’t significant and would not affect her approach to the Middle East.

“She didn’t share it with me, and I wasn’t quite sure if she even knew about it ... or if she would feel comfortable disclosing it,” Yaacobi told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Shortly after Albright’s nomination as secretary of state in December, The Washington Post uncovered documents and established that more than a dozen members of her family were killed as Jews during the Holocaust.

Albright, 59, said she knew nothing of it, and that the information she had received last month came as “a major surprise.” She was brought up Roman Catholic, and knew little about her family’s past.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns appealed to the news media Thursday to respect Albright’s wishes for privacy.

“It’s a very emotional issue for her,” Burns told reporters. “She lost three grandparents in death camps; she lost an aunt, she lost a cousin and many other family members.”

“She is very proud of her family,” Burns said. “She is very proud of her parents for having rescued her from Adolf Hitler and Stalin.”

Yaacobi said his friend George Weidenfeld, an Australian-born British publisher who knew Albright’s father in London during World War II, had revealed Albright’s Jewish background to him.

Weidenfeld, however, told The AP that he had never discussed family heritage with Albright’s father and had no proof that she was actually Jewish.

Rebel warlord orders murder of U.N. hostage

By UMED BABAKHANOV
Associated Press Writer

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan

A rebel warlord accused the Tajik government of trying to trick him and had one of his 14 hostages killed Thursday, fellow hostages said. They said the victim was a U.N. military observer.

Russian journalists among the hostages said Bakhram Sadirov ordered an unidentified captive shot, claiming the Tajik government had failed return a group of his comrades from neighboring Afghanistan as promised.

It was not clear whether the journalists, whose captors allowed them to use a satellite telephone, were speaking under duress.

“We are aware of the report,” U.N. spokesman Hiro Ueki said in New York.

“However, we are not confirming this yet. We are still waiting for further details from the field.”

The report came from correspondents for the Russian news agencies Interfax and ITAR-Tass and the independent network NTV. They did not identify the U.N. observer or provide much detail.

Earlier, Sadirov had agreed to bring the 40 Tajik guerrillas led by his warlord brother back home from Afghanistan.

The government claimed the fighters arrived in Tajikistan on Thursday in two helicopters.

But the hostage journalists said Sadirov told them the helicopters were empty. He said the guerrillas were still in Afghanistan and several had been attacked and killed on their way to meet the helicopters.

Sadirov also alleged that government armored vehicles and troops were moving in on his base at Kalamin, 50 miles east of the capital Dushanbe, where the hostages are being held. The government denied it.

The Interfax correspondent, Surayje Sobirova, urged the troops to pull back. “Otherwise, all the hostages will be destroyed,” she said.

Moscow condemned the reported killing.
A nod towards our impending cultural demise

It wouldn't do to let the whole semesters pass by without a nod towards our impending cultural demise. Most people aren't interested in this. In all after, the evidence of it is overwhelming, but the likelihood of anyone understanding that is quite the opposite.

This is an unp敦lel call for consensus. Unambiguous, because at this late stage, the alternatives are utterly beyond our grasp. Further, it is a call for the government to impose its morality with whom you can argue, but your doctor tells him that his family is likely to be poor, far more likely to be criminals, far more likely to be uneducated, far more likely to be on the face at point blank range. I'm going to Finnegan's.

The place that Stanford B-2 will hold in history is not yet clear. Some things, however, are already certain. They had more heart, determination and court savvy than luck, talent and athleticism. They wrote the most letters and court savvy than luck, talent and athleticism. They wrote the most letters and court savvy than luck, talent and athleticism. They wrote the most letters...
What’s love got to do with it?

Dear Editor:

What is the question, “Where is love?” many answers come to mind. The first ones are commonplace—boyfriend, girlfriend, family, friendship, and so on. Questions of love, though, are rarely asked. Some people find their love in friends, some in strangers, others in the world of nature, in God, or in material success. Every person places his or her love in people, places, or things; in modern society or millennia-old civilizations, to the power of romantic and meaningful love. Any love? A few? The answer? Of course. There are two love types between people that run the gamut between love-for-life and love-for-himself, and no judgment is higher or lower on that.

But regardless of our personal feelings on types of relationships, why does the “Awwww” type of love matter so much? Why does the sight of a deep in love strike such an all-right-with-the-world feeling? Why is such a deep chasm struck in all of us when we hear of an impending marriage, when we know a close friend begins a serious relationship, when we’re finally going to get married as the last example may be, it nonetheless illustrates the point that the “happily-ever-after” type of love matters to all. Some view dates as unimportant; to others, the individuality of those feelings is what prompted me to write today.

Different people have different approaches towards love. Some of us seek dates aggressively, some of us don’t care. Some view dates as important; to others, don’t matter. Some of us seek dates aggressively, some of us don’t care. Some view dates as important; to others, don’t care. Some of us seek dates aggressively, some of us don’t care. Some view dates as important; to others, don’t care. Some of us seek dates aggressively, some of us don’t care. Some view dates as important; to others, don’t care. Some of us seek dates aggressively, some of us don’t care. Some view dates as important; to others, don’t care. Some of us seek dates aggressively, some of us don’t care. Some view dates as important; to others, don’t care. Some of us seek dates aggressively, some of us don’t care. Some view dates as important; to others, don’t care. Some of us seek dates aggressively, some of us don’t care. Some view dates as important; to others, don’t care. 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Making an effort

HPC promotes Date Week (well, it’s two weeks, really) to give a little nudge to those who may need some persuasian. Here’s what it’s all about, with an account of Mike and Jessica’s date to Shooters.

By ELENA MILLNER
Accent Writer

The need for a little one-on-one with a certain someone?
The Student’s Council has been concocting a grand plan to rid the stereotypes of bad gender relations on campus for all. Instead of simply talking about the issue, our brilliant dorm leaders have taken action by scooping the South Bend/Mishawaka area for great places to go on dates.

This two-week entourage of opportunities that the Council has compiled are sure to fill any spaces in the social calendar. And here’s a news flash. The one-on-one’s can be with more than one “certain someone” throughout the two weeks of course, HPC recommends one per night, though an “A” for effort would be in order for success with two. Date Week will kick off on February 17 and run until March 1.

Before you murmur your first one or concern yourself with a lack of monetary funds, HPC is one step ahead. They have approached each of the businesses and successfully obtained one or two freebies for the process of obtaining, various discounts that will run throughout the duration of the two weeks.

In order to take advantage of this wonderful wintry weather, St. Patrick’s Park offers both snow tubing and cross country skiing. Bendix also offers snow tubing.

For those with some winter sport talent, Swiss Valley is offering specials each day for downhill skiing.

To alleviate the stresses of these events, you and your date can get to really know each other by getting naked — that is with a massage therapist. New Renditions not only offers massages but offers fake bakes to reduce the pasty appearance of your sun-starved self.

Since your body is relaxed and ready to go, Heartland is offering free cover. So practice your two-step and grab your ten-gallon hat that has been stashed under your bed.

To add to the list, various restaurants, comedy clubs, and bowling alleys are running specials as well as Laser Storm and Michiana Paintball. Now if your date gets annoying, you can just shoot at them.

But the high action does not let up here. For some real excitement, you and your guest can sharpen your target aim by going to Shooters. Where, yes, you shoot real guns and no, it is not recommended to shoot at your date. HPC’s own Mike Tobin and Jessica Irvine went to the shooting range to get a one when Mike stopped not once, but twice to ask for directions. Jessica remarked that she was quite impressed by this sh-ho-ho move of Mike’s. No need to fret, all gun enthusiasts, Mike and Jessica were sure to write down detailed instructions which will appear in the Observer during Date Week.

Once arriving, a mere 15 minutes before closing time (luckily it stayed open for them to shoot), Mike and Jess were greeted with, “Do you two pack heat?”

Well, the date had gone well so far. Mike and Jessica later learned that the lingo meant “Do you have any guns on you?”

Both commented on the vast array of guns, from pistols to sniper guns to machine guns, that were displayed in the gun store. They were taken. After selection, they were both given eye goggles and ear muffs to wear.

Jessica Mike, after a few below-the-belt shots by Jessica (anything subliminal here?), she hit the target dead center. Not only was Mike impressed, but the other gun slingers were in awe. One leaner turned to Mike and whispered, “That was awesome.”

Two points for Jessica. She claims it was luck, but Mike isn’t convinced. Bob, a ‘Century’ described the gun-pros that coached to be very helpful, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic.

On Thursday nights, there is “Commando Night,” in which people come to watch the gun shooters dive over the stage aim at moving targets. Mike and Jessica expressed interest.

The Thursday night outing to see “Commando” They also plan on wearing full camouflage and face paint for the excursion to Shooters.

“It was so much fun,” Mike remarked. I am definitely going back.

“It was one of the most random and fun things I’ve ever done,” said Jessica. “If I ever want to ‘pack heat’, I am set.”

Look for ads in The Observer throughout Date Week for specific times, fees and directions concerning all of these activities. Besides all of these places, there are numerous activities right here on campus.

All right, you are thinking this sounds good, but how will this get me a little one-on-one private time (chotchke-couchin’)? Well, if you need directions for that, you better stick to HPC’s starter course a little longer than two weeks.

Rent a Vermin’ not quite as raunchy as it sounds

By ELENA MILLNER
Accent Writer

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The plan is to hold the bidding period during Week 1 of Date Week. It will take place during lunches in the dining hall. By Friday, whoever has bid the highest gets their man. The following Monday, the money will be collected, then Wednesday is the big day. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the bidders will have their date. To make sure the dream Vermin of Choice is yours. Carroll’s co-presidents, Booker and Kevin Conna, hope that this unique and Venk’s efforts will help promote the success of Date Week.

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Let's face it, Notre Dame is not exactly a bastion of great dating. The squirrels on campus date more than most of us. This is not news. Every year some sort of "creative dating" seminar comes to campus to try and promote a healthier environment for campus couples. These are ultra-useful, providing such tips as "share your favorite Bible passage" or "go to the Zoo.

However, there's only so many times that you can giggle over Song of Songs, and the three-headed fish of St. Joe's Lake are more exotic than Potawami. They even offer some great conversation starters like, "Do you have an innie or an outie?" Gee, it's hard to understand why these seminars fail. The truth is, "creative daters" don't live in South Bend, they won't chaperone the date to monitor conversation, and they were our age the last time that the Notre Dame Football Team was National Champions.

With these facts in mind, HPC is sponsoring a two-week starter course in dating. Here's the plan: 1) Ask someone out; 2) Go on a date. It sounds easy, but how many of you have fumbled step number one or skipped both steps in your eagerness for some lovin'? To lighten the financial burden of dating, local businesses will be offering discounts to ND couples. There's no good excuse not to go out. In order to show the advantages of this plan, here's a table showing typical ND dates versus the new improved ND date:

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And remember—HPC aren't just the presidents of your hall, they're also members.

We all know that the gender relations at Notre Dame are not normal. In the real world, or so I've heard, brushing by a member of the opposite sex in a crowded bar does not constitute a date. In recognition that our lives will not forever include the social meccas of dorm parties, SYRs, and holding hands in Cushing, we pledge the following:

• To make social calls to the living space of the opposite sex without the expectations of a commitment
• To refrain from assuming that any relationship between a woman and a man has to be something more than friendship
• To go out on a real date (Yes, a real date!)
• To battle the insipid flaws of gender stereotypes (Women can ask out men!)
• To drink responsibly so as to remember dates and so as not to alienate dates
• To start a tradition of good relationships at ND
• To seek out new ideas and new locations—to boldly go where no one has dated before
• Respect
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INFLIGWOUF, Calif. Shaquille O'Neal, who suffered a seven-year, $120 million contract with the Los Angeles Lakers, is expected to miss at least 8-10 weeks with an injury to his right knee.

O'Neal, who has helped the Lakers to the best record in the Western Conference, was in- jured in the first quarter of their game against the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday night -- his third game in a row missing because of an injured right knee.

O'Neal's injury was diag- nosed Thursday by team doctor Stephen Lewis of the Kerman-Jobe Medical Group in the wake of a follow-up examination, X-rays and MRI tests.

The Lakers said O'Neal, one of the game's biggest men at 7-foot-1 and 300 pounds, is questionable for a return in four to six weeks. He had 16 points and four rebounds in less than eight minutes before leaving.

He came out of the game with a 33.7% field-goal percentage in his first quarter, went to the locker room for treatment for a partial tear to the lateral collateral ligament of his knee.

No surgery will be necessary, the team added, but O'Neal will wear a brace for two to three weeks after which he will begin rehabilitation therapy.

"I asked him, 'Good or bad?'" Van Exel said.

"He said, 'Fed,'" Van Exel said.

"Neil, who turns 25 next month, played four seasons with the Orlando Magic before joining the Lakers as a free agent last summer. He en- tered Thursday's games as the All-Star third-leading scorer with a 25.8 average and second-ranking rebounder with a 12.8 average.

O'Neal is averaging 3.9 blocked shots and has made 56.3 percent of his shots.

His high school team in Orlando, he averaged 27.2 points and 12.5 rebounds.

O'Neal's injury left his right knee making noise during a game against Washington on Feb. 1 when he planted his foot in the lane, started to twist for a shot and banged with luxury boxer Cervega Murean.

That injury caused him to miss two games as well as both All-Star games in Cleveland last Sunday.

Without O'Neal, the Lakers were swept by the Dallas Mavericks and the Oklahoma City Thunder.

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Sports

Open season begins in free agent market

By Dave Goldberg

The only true free agent in the group is Grbac, who proved as Steve Young's understudy in San Francisco the last two seasons he has the talent to be a starter.

He could become the latest of eight quarterbacks that set the NFL record in Kansas City -- the aging Joe Montana and career backup Steve Bono preceded him. The Chiefs also talked Tuesday to Chris Chandler, who still is under contract to Houston but will probably give way to Steve McNair.

Or he could go to Chicago if the Bears decide the price is too high to pry McNair from Seattle in a trade.

Unlike many free agents, Grbac will take his time signing -- the signing period extends until April 15. "It's not like it's going to be that one day there's Bills and the next you find out he's with another team," says his agent, Jim Steiner. "This is going to be done judiciously with anyone we talk to."

Miler and Shuler are more iffy.

Miler, who could go in the Bears for first-round pick was the second overall pick by Seattle in the 1993 draft and Shuler was third by Washington in the 1994. Yet each last his job -- Shuler to Gus Ferrotte and Miler to John Frens -- and are on the trading block.

Other big names are likely to return in their old teams. Bettis, for example, was negotiating with Pittsburgh up to the midnight deadline and the Steelers also hope to keep Woodson and Red Brown, who has 13 sacks after being moved from inside linebacker to the outside.

Derrick Thomas appeared set to resign with Kansas City, although the Chiefs were making less of an effort to re-sign Neil Smith, their pass-rushing defensive end.

And Gilbert Brown is at the top of Green Bay's re-signing list.

The Pre-Vet Club Presents:

Ann Duncan, DVM
from the Detroit Zoo

Dr. Duncan will give a slide presentation of her African safari.

Date: Sunday, Feb. 16, 1997
Time: 1:00 PM
Place: 283 Galvin Life Science (Auditorium)

** Everyone is Welcome! **
Fasting runner breaks indoor record for mile

By RAF CASERT
Associated Press Writer

GENT, Belgium
The month of Ramadan fasting might have cost Hicham el Guerrouj some of his strength. It didn't cost him a chance to set world records.

After running his first-ever mile Wednesday, the Moroccan now has two world records in 10 days, and he took away the oldest indoor mark in the books, held by Eamonn Coghlan.

In Germany on Feb. 2, el Guerrouj still lived within the limits of the Muslim Ramadan, but thrived in heated competition with Ethiopia's Haile Gebreselassie as he smashed the 1,500 indoor world record.

At the Flanders Indoor meet, the Ramadan fast was a thing of the past, but he had to do something to redeem himself.

He thought the day of the Atlanta Olympics, he has been running to redeem himself.

He finished in a time of 3 minutes, 48.45 seconds, beating the previous record by 1.33 seconds. After his victory lap, he was wrapped in the Moroccan flag, exhaustion finally taking effect.

"The race has tired me too much. After Ramadan, you lose a lot of energy," el Guerrouj said of the month of daily fasting from sunrise to sunset.

But ever since the Atlanta Olympics, he has been running to peak in the August world championships in Athens.

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Hoosiers trying to find stroke

By STEVE HERMAN
Associated Press Writer

Despite the absence of its leading scorer, Indiana is on a modest two-game winning streak and playing with renewed confidence and some uncharacteristic offense.

Coach Bob Knight still isn't convinced.

"Consistency has not exactly been a byword with this team. We're an immature team in terms of the mentality that we bring to the game," Knight said.

Nevertheless, with forward Andrae Patterson missing from the victories over Ohio State and Penn State because of a sprained right ankle, Knight isn't convinced.

"We've played this way before and turned around and haven't played very well," Knight said. "But think back this year, and how many points we kind of squandered away at the end of the first half and beginning of the second half. Those have always been in my thinking two important points in the game," Knight said.

"With the good teams we've had (in the past), in the second half, in three minutes, it's over. But, boy, with us, we keep everybody guessing."

On Saturday, Indiana led Ohio State by 13 at the half. The Buckeyes cut the lead to three points in the first four minutes of the second half before the Hoosiers came back to win 93-76.

Tuesday night, Indiana's 27-point halftime lead against Penn State dwindled to 17 midway through the second half before the Hoosiers regrouped.

"We've played this way before and turned around and haven't played very well," Knight said. "Sure, we hoped it would indicate a trend, but who knows?"
Tracksters gear up for Big East Tournament

By WILLY BAUER
Sports Writer

The regular season has ended and now it's crunch time.

The year's biggest time for the Notre Dame indoor track team is the Big East championships, this weekend in Syracuse, New York.

At the beginning of the season, coach Joe Piane said that he was "pleased" with the Irish's third place finish. After seeing how this season has gone so far, he may not be so "pleased" with an equivalent standing.

Both the men and women's team will have to rely on its various strengths to put the Irish on the victory stand. Providence and Georgetown are two of the Big East's best teams, and will be the Irish's primary competition.

So far this season, the men have received contributions from varied events. From the first time junior Errol Williams stepped onto the track in Michigan, he has dominated the 60-meter hurdles. If he can touch his season-best time in the 60-meter hurdles Big East teams will be hard-pressed to find an athlete who can compete with Williams.

The women have also found a star in the hurdles, but she will be staying around a little longer than Williams. Freshman Dominique Calloway has been leaving fire-trails over all the tracks that she has ran on and has positioned herself as an important cog in the Irish running machine.

Aside from Calloway, the Irish women boast strong sprints team with sophomore Nadia Schmeid and senior Alison Howard.

In contrast with the women, the men have a strong distance team led by senior Jeff Hojnicki. Hojnicki's stability in the long-distance races will be one of the keys the Irish will rely on this weekend.

Two freshmen will be heavily counted on this weekend to continue their early season successes. Long-jumper Marshuan West and long-distance runner Joanna Deeter each have reveled in the spotlight. Deeter has run well in three events, 3,000 and 5,000-meters and the mile. Coach Tim Connelly gave her a day off last weekend, allowing her to rest for the Big East meet.

Almost as if they are icing on top of a cake, the Irish have received strong efforts from senior David Gerrity, freshmen Chris Cochran and Jennifer Engelhardt. Gerrity has been a mainstay in the pole vault since the beginning of the season. He vaulted well at the Michigan invitational and finished up the regular season with a solid performance at the Central Collegiate Championships.

Cochran also has followed a similar pattern. He finished in third place at Michigan in the 200-meters, and last week at the Central Collegiate Championships be finished in seventh place in the 400-meters. Engelhardt is part of the freshman triumvirate that will keep the Irish women successful for years to come.

She qualified for the NCAA indoor championships in the high jump and rounds out one of Notre Dame's best track teams in years.

All coaches point to the playoffs and now the playoffs have arrived for the Irish track team. Long-distance runners were rested last weekend and other participants had excellent tune-ups for the upcoming meet. It is time for Notre Dame to put the crunch on the other Big East teams.

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seemed primed to upset, but the WVU squad pulled away to 68-57 victory after Notre Dame's offense stagnated.

Since that time, it seems that things have indeed changed for both teams. Although Villanova is the only ranked team in the Big East at No. 18, they are fighting through a two-game losing streak and may have peaked a little early.

"They seem to have flattened out since we last played them," Irish center Matt Gotsch evaluated. "Don't get me wrong, they're still a great team, but they haven't really improved from our last time.

This assessment is in direct contrast with Gotsch and his team's progress over the last month. Since the last meeting between the Irish and the Wildcats, head coach John MacLeod has lead his squad on a 5-2 conference run as the Irish are currently ranked No. 9 in the Big East and have moved up to No. 21 in the Associated Press poll.

"We've been steadily improving," MacLeod asserted. "They have grown into a very interesting back court. They both have that determination and that grit. And they both are very, very smart." Since that time, Notre Dame has continued to improve, and they will be a factor in the Big East Conference standings this season.

Junior Derek Manner, fresh off a strong defensive outing against West Virginia, is expected to return to the starting lineup against the Wildcats.

"Don't get me wrong, they're still a great team," Gotsch asserted. "But we're a month ago," Gotsch asserted. "We've been steadily improving since then, and we're ready to go." MacLeod continued.

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Junior forward Chuck Konegoy, who has continued to impress, will be back to square up against Notre Dame's Garity. In the last contest, Konegoy physically punished his counterpart for the majority of the game. But this time, Garity should have some teammates at his back.

"It's great to see Admore White and Pete Miller have hit it up the game, but it can be uncertain whether or not they will start against the Wildcats," MacLeod said.

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The Cats are down, the Irish dancing a jig. But how the plot will twist this weekend, most Notre Dame fans will have to find out on TV as the Big East turns.

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Softball squad favored to win South division

The University of Connecticut and the University of Notre Dame were unanimously chosen to win their respective divisional titles in the 1997 Big East Softball race.

By a vote of the league's head coaches, both UConn and the Fighting Irish received seven first-place votes for 28 points. The Huskies, last year's Big East tournament champions, are expected to win the North Division, while the Blue and Gold is the favorite in the South Division.

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Connecticut has won six of the last seven Big East tournaments and defeated the Irish 1-0 in last year's title game. The Huskies advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the seventh time in the past eight years.

UConn finished the 1996 season 34-22 overall and 16-4 in conference action. The Huskies return the tournament's Most Outstanding Player and the 1996 Big East Pitcher of the year Bridget McCaffery and Big East co-Rookie of the Year, Allyson Johnson.

Picked to finish second in the North Division is Boston College with 22 points, including one first place vote. BC closed the '96 season 27-19 overall and 9-11 in the league.

Providence, which advanced to the Big East championship last year, garnered 16 points for a preseason finish of third. Rounding out the North Division is St. John's with ten points.

The Red Storm will be after claiming their first ever NCAA bid in '96 the Irish are poised for another great year.

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said. "Everybody got in foul trouble on Wednesday and we can't afford to do that because our bench is not as deep as it was."

The lineup for the D博mes will thus consist of smaller, quicker players as they have only three natural post players healthy.

Center Katryna Gaither continues to lead the Big East in scoring as she is second in her finest season enjoying her games in averaging 19.7 ppg and 8.8 rpg. Senior Roxanne Bowman is third in rebounding with 16.1 ppg and 7.8 rpg. So the Irish will look to Henderson to play more minutes with the limited players with post play experience.

Head coach Muffet McGraw is also in the top ten in scoring and rebounding with 16.1 ppg and 8.1 rpg.

Nadine Malcolm is second in rebounding with 16.1 ppg and is third in rebounding with 8.1 rpg.

Her teammate Kerri Chatten, also in the top ten in scoring and rebounding with 16.1 ppg and 8.1 rpg.

On the outside, forward Beth Morgan rebounded from a poor shooting outing against Connecticut to regain her stroke as she leads the team with 17 points, which is also her average.

Guards Mollie Petrick and Jeannine Augustin will run the offense as the squad looks to refine their game with the post-season just around the corner.

"We're just taking each game the same way all of eight us are going to have to play our hardest," Henderson said.

"Our goal is to get a little better each game, particularly on the fast break game and in rebounding."

This Sunday the Irish will venture to Providence with hopes that more good news is in their future as their regular season winds down and they head into post season play and a likely rematch with the top ranked Connecticut Huskies in the Big East.

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Prior to returning to USC, Sanford spent two seasons as quarterbacks and wide receivers coach at Long Beach State (1983-84), two seasons as quarterbacks, wide receivers and tight ends coach at Army (1979-80) under Lou Saban.

He also served as offensive coordinator his last two years on the job at Long Beach State (1983-85), with his teams ranking among the top ten in passing each season.

He coached 49er quarterback Doug Gaynor, who set four NCAA career records. The averaged 308.8 passing yards per game and threw for 3,563 yards in '83, and Mark Templeton, who set the NCAA career pass-catch mark (262 career catches for 1,969 yards, including 109 when he led the nation in '86).

Sanford coordinated the passing offense during his tenure at VMI, served as defensive coordinator at San Diego City College in 1978 and began his coaching career as a USC graduate assistant under Robinson in 1977.

Sanford spent four years (1973-76) as a reserve quarterback and safety at USC—starting one game at quarterback in 1975 against Washington and playing on Trojan teams that qualified for the Rose Bowl three of his four seasons.

A 1978 USC graduate with a degree in physical education, he earned all-Northern California honors as a high school senior quarterback at Los Altos High School.

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ranked in the top ten teams nationally, the Irish split a home series, winning one game by three goals and losing a hard-fought second game by one tally.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Wounded warriors to hit road in final stretch

By JOE CAVATO

As the Notre Dame women's basketball team heads into their final leg of the regular season there is good news, and there is bad news.

The Irish have only lost five of their 26 contests. The bad news is that they have lost almost as many players during the season.

Guards Danielle Green and Niele Ivey saw their seasons end early in the campaign as they fell to injuries.

Combine that with this past week's injury to Kari Harrison and Diana Braendly's departure from the team five games into the season, and head coach Muffet McGraw has only seven scholarship players with which to work.

Notre Dame, ranked 17th in the nation at 21-5, 12-1 will travel to Providence (12-10, 7-7) this weekend to see if the nine that can dress can build on the momentum of a 27 point triumph over the third best team in the Big East, the Boston College Eagles. McGraw's squad opened Big East play with the Eagles as a 1-0 team, and the Irish dropped Providence 91-75.

In that contest several Irish players got into early foul trouble, which is something that they can ill afford with a sparse bench. With the loss of Hutchinson, a junior guard/forward, the Irish lose a solid bench player who has both size and quickness.

"It has a big affect on us," McGraw said. "She has a lot of experience and she can bring a lot of things to the court.

Hutchinson was averaging 16 minutes a game in Big East play before she broke her hand in practice on Tuesday. At six feet tall she could play practically anywhere on the court." She is a very versatile player who could play from the post to point guard," said freshman center Julie Henderson. "We only have nine players to begin with and she was our all-around player.

Sophomore guard Shellia McMillen and Henderson will be the first two off the bench as walk-ons Adrienne Jordan and Kristina Ervin (a former Irish volleyball player) will also see time. McMillen's sharp-shooting puts in over eight points a game. But with a limited number of players, everyone will have to pick up their game. "Basically everyone will have to step up and play more minutes," Henderson said.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish rising in the Big East

By DAVE TRACY

As the Big East turns, surprising plot reversals and unsuspecting endgames have created some build-up for Sunday's contest between Notre Dame and Villanova at the CoreStates Center in Philadelphia.

**HOCKEY**

Icers need to finish strong

By CHARLEY GATES

"A man's got to do what a man's got to do," is an aphorism passed on from father to son whenever the son faces an unpleasant task.

This phrase, however, could be modified to read, "a hockey team's got to do what a hockey team's got to do," and then it would be perfectly germane to the Notre Dame hockey squad, which travels to Ann Arbor this weekend for a pair of games against the top ranked Michigan Wolverines.

Describing the Irish's task as "unpleasant," however, would be greatly understating it. Michigan, the 1995-96 NCCHC champion, has dropped only two games all season and, in the only meeting between the teams, Michigan outscored Notre Dame 5-0 on Nov. 1 at the Joyce Center.

That the Wolverines, on the other hand, sit dead last in the CCHA and currently are reeling from a 6-game losing streak with their playoff aspirations all but dissipated in last weekend's frustrating back-to-back losses to then-number nine Ohio State, nothing seems to be going right for our Boys. So how does a team recuperate from such a terrible weekend? "We go back to Ann Arbor and play our game," is the lone comment from Coach Red Berenson who is still searching for the missing Irish spark.

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The Observer/Rob Finch

Benoit Contoir looks to upset the top ranked Michigan Wolverines.

The Observer/Mike Ruma

Sophomore guard Antoin Wyche and his squad are looking to extend their three game winning streak.

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