Clinton delivers State of the Union address

Seemingly undistracted by allegations of a White House sex scandal, Clinton focuses on domestic and foreign policy issues.

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON
Shaken by scandal, President Clinton sought to reassure his leadership in a crucial State of the Union address Tuesday night, urging Congress to "save Social Security first" before cutting taxes or increasing spending.

With the end of big budget deficits, Clinton said "every penny of any surplus" should be devoted to shoring up Social Security, which faces bankruptcy next century as baby boomers retire.

Republicans are eyeing the surpluses for tax cuts.

Referring to Clinton, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said the best thing Washington can do is "cut the tax burdeus on the American family." 

In an expectant atmosphere, Clinton faced probably the largest television audience of his career.

'THese are good times for America....The state of our union is strong.'

With help of ND grad, local man joins race

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Editor-in-Chief

MISHAWAKA
Elkhart resident Dan Holtz, in a campaign coordinated by a recent Notre Dame graduate, announced his candidacy for Indiana's Third Congressional District last night.

Holtz, a Republican, will be running against Democratic incumbent Tim Roemer. Speaking in front of a backdrop of gold and blue at Mishawaka's Knights of Columbus Hall, Holtz broadly outlined his platform for the coming election.

"I fundamentally believe that taxes are too high," Holtz said, tying his plan for lower income tax rates to a proposed reduction in government spending. "Some programs that sounded good in the 1930s or 1970s don't add real value to the lives of citizens today.

Holtz also briefly touched on three other basic issues, calling for a restoration of integrity among politicians, an increased government commitment to reducing crime rates, and greater local control of the education system.

"Eduational" reforms fail when the focus is on giving bureaucrats more control and more test scores. Reforms work when the focus is on classrooms and parents," he said. "Sure, teachers should meet strict standards on the subjects they teach, but then we should let them teach.

Holtz, who is not related to the former Notre Dame football coach, graduated from Indiana University in 1995 and the London School of Economics in 1989. He also earned a master's of business administration from the University of Chicago in 1990.

Holtz's campaign coordinator, Dan Ventrelle, graduated from Notre Dame last month after majoring in government. He was president of Pi Sigma Alpha, the government honor society, during his senior year.

Ventrelle, a former Stanford Freshman president, began working on Holtz's campaign earlier this month. Although Holtz is seeking to unseat a congressman who is now in his fourth term, Ventrelle said the campaign staff is confident as the election race begins.

"We're excited and encouraged about the enthusiasm that we've received from the various communities within the district," Ventrelle said.

Roemer, who was first elected to the House in 1990, also has a connection to Notre Dame. He holds master's and doctorate degrees in international affairs from the University.

Satinover discusses homosexuality

By SARAH DYLAG
News Writer

Dr. Jeffrey Satinover, author of the book, "Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth," spoke last night on the Notre Dame campus.

"Homosexuality is not genetic and not innate. It occurs over a number of years in a certain environment," he said.

According to Satinover, "an individual raised in a tough environment who is sensitive and intelligent is more at risk to have his biological instincts turned away from what is natural."

"What you have out there is a popular conception that homosexuality is genetic and that there is no scientific disagreement about it. But the evidence lines up on the other side and if there is any consensus, it is on the other side," he stated.

Satinover explained that the current scientific evidence on the nature of homosexuality comes from three general types of tests - twin tests, brain structure tests, and chromosomal linkage tests. The first type of test, twin studies, resulted in the widely reported claim that homosexuality is a largely genetic phenomenon.

However, Satinover believes that these conclusions were based on distinctions in terminology that are not made clear to the general public.

"None of the presentations I have seen have quoted the
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan State University, a Washington D.C.-based think-tank, published a report on the use of race as a factor in admissions procedures at Michigan public and higher education institutions, stating that the university uses racial criteria more than any other state school.

"This is a project we started working on two years ago," said Jorge Amselee, communications director for CEO. "We're trying to find out if there are racial preferences in public education, and how much these racial preferences are.

The center has conducted similar studies in California and is currently doing research in North Carolina, Virginia and Washington.

The report includes admissions data from eight of Michigan's public universities, including the Ann Arbor and Dearborn campuses and one who placed the call to the Police Security and Rescue A news conference and rally to protest UND’s use of the name Fighting Sioux was organized by a N.D. Group investigates race as a factor in admissions Princeton to change its loan policy

In a move that executive vice president of finance and administration Donald Reaves termed "revolutionary," Princeton will make sweeping changes to its financial aid policy, replacing loans with grant money for lower income students and discounting home equity for financial aid. Breaking up so I could be an eligible male at Notre Dame is like letting a horse out of the corral so it can enter a slaughterhouse. But maybe that's just because I'm crazy.

BROWN UNIVERSITY Police, student reports differ on skirmish

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.

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For women professors at ND, Tenure, pay aren't created equal

By Sarah J. Hiltz
Assistant News Editor

Last year, some activists called for gender to be added to the list of conditions that Notre Dame would officially not discriminate against.

Bias against gender discrimination within Notre Dame's faculty, the arguments went, is far from done, as numerous statistics and testimonies suggest that gender bias is alive and well, even in some of the University's hiring and faculty procedures.

In 1996, 89 percent of the University's 491 tenured professors were men, down only four percent from 1983. Also in 1996, 83 percent of the full-time tenured faculty was male, down 7 percent from 1983.

Furthermore, the average compensation for professors in the 1996-1997 year was $62,600. Since 96 percent of all Notre Dame instructors in that year were women, it would appear that women faculty at the University are routinely paid less than men.

When the Office of Institutional Research asked for a statistical breakdown of average salaries of Notre Dame faculty by gender and by college, the request was refused.

"How I like we're grossly underpaying our women," said a source at the Office of Institutional Research.

In the early 1990s, Notre Dame took strides to correct that situation in salaries of its male and female faculty members. Then- provost Timothy O'Meara announced that 25 percent of the pay raises that year would serve as a "calculated gesture" toward the treatment of men. The raises received by female faculty were as much as $8,000 to $12,000.

Notre Dame economist Theresa Ghilarducci told the Chicago Tribune that while the step was "a bold embrace of the part of the problem," such steps would not be necessary if women entered the bargaining process with more information about the salaries of their counterparts.

"Most of us aren't in unions, and we find ourselves in situations where we don't know the pay of other people, and employers have to assess what we'll take. Women are usually at a disadvantage because employers for women are a lower salary to a woman than they would a man," Ghilarducci said.

While the 1997 faculty handbook does not suggest that tenure decisions are influenced on grounds of, say, a few former members of the Notre Dame community would begin to doubt in the early 1990s, Dolores Frese noted that women faculty at Notre Dame has never granted tenure to a woman on such terms as $8,000 to $12,000.

While Frese was not the first woman to enter the University, she was the first to emerge victorious.

The case, in which the Justice Department supported Frese, was concluded with the decision that the University must insist on gender parity of salaries for its female faculty members.

A female assistant professor at Notre Dame said that while she does feel that her career will be affected by her gender, she is aware that the fears exist. When she first began working at the University, a group of women professors "took me aside in the beginning and told me what I needed to do to get tenure."

"Many colleagues of mine have felt threatened," the professor explained.

The Observer Examines ...

Women's News

Examining the tough choices

The truth is that we all have to make choices. The question is whether we all have the same standards to measure ourselves by.

For example, the newly-created Women's News section spent the last two weeks talking with female faculty at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, and listening to their stories of complicated choices and difficult sacrifices.

Ann Schossman, a reporter for Women's News, offered her insight into the creation of this section.

"During the last two weeks, I sat in tiny offices cluttered with books, maps, posters, and family pictures, and asked female faculty members to tell me about their experiences.

"Each story started at a different place and came to a different conclusion, but regardless of department, age, or rank, each was provoking. Every woman I talked with told a different story, but some were similar. But none were the same."

"When I contacted them, everyone agreed to spend whatever time, answer whatever question, and offer what they knew to the truth.

"Everyone talked about value and choices, and how clearly those two things are linked. Women feel a pressure — whether it's natural or external pressures — that shapes the decisions they make about career, family and lifestyle.

"These choices are often for their own lives, but ultimately they also shape ours, as students. Almost everyone commented about women heroes and role models — the women who had somehow made their decisions easier or at least opened up opportunities a young woman might not have considered."

"What I do is an integral part of what I'm doing. It's a choice between different opportunities, and I believe we should have more of them.

The purpose of The Observer's Women's News section is to tell the stories of women, both in a college setting and in the outside world. We begin today with a look at history here and pay of women faculty members.

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Men 16, Women 6 ...

Even women's college has gender discrepancies

By Anne Schneeman
Staff Writer

Despite the generalization that a woman's college would be intent on fostering its female faculty, discrepancies between what men and women do all the professional ranks within Saint Mary's faculty will exist.

Over half of the Saint Mary's full-time faculty and almost 70 percent of the part-time faculty are female, although the women-to-men university faculty ratio throughout Indiana is 13 to 1.

Over half of the full-time tenured faculty at Saint Mary's are women, but only six have reached full professorship, compared to 16 men.

Dolores Frese, vice president and dean of faculty at Saint Mary's, has kept personnel records of current faculty, evaluating data on salary, family status, and gender. Her statistics have shown that it takes women a year longer than their male counterparts to achieve the same career goals, and they are routinely paid less.

Many factors contribute to variances in salary, according to Frese. For example, the average male professor has been in that position six years longer than the average female professor. This difference is due, in part, to the fact that women faculty who have children and are seeking promotion is the ability to publish with the rigorous schedule of motherhood. Although the emphasis at Saint Mary's is on teaching and developing student relationships than on publishing, the importance of publications when considering tenure is another road block for mothers with aspirations for professorships.

It is impossible to fight with teenagers all through dinner and then sit down and analyze images in Henry James, said Ann Loux, a full professor in English. Loux, who raised five children, discussed the difficulties faced by women in making such decisions.

"Traditionally, women have had to make value choices — women didn't. The question is if the pressure is internal or external," said Loux.

Ann Clifft, an associate professor in philosophy, discussed the potential problem of women feeling the need to assimilate to traditional masculine roles in order to be respected.

"In the past, women may have felt impelled to move through the ranks, whereas men might have felt a greater pressure. It may be problematic for a woman to think of herself as a full professor, which had traditional masculine attachments," said Clark.

Gail Mandal, a full professor in the humanities studies department, discussed how the position of female professors are changing.

"In my day, we didn't have a language to express how women were treated. I went to a women's college and I watched, I don't think I even knew what I was learning at the time, but it is so important in the type of teacher I am now. Now we have a language."
COBA's Woo honored as 'Young Leader'

By MARY ZAKAS
News Writer

Carolyn Woo, dean of the College of Business Administration and professor of management at Notre Dame, has been honored as a "young leader" by Change magazine. Woo was one of 40 members of American academia recognized by Change, the journal of the American Association for Higher Education.

"I would like to shift the focus from myself," said Woo regarding the honor. "For something to succeed, we rely on many people to make it happen. We ask people to put in extensive hours, overlook self-interests, deliver more than what they are used to, suspend skepticism, and bear with us when we make mistakes."

"Carolyn Woo is an innovative and inspiring leader," commented Notre Dame's provost, Nathan Hatch. "She was a clear choice of where the College of Business Administration needs to go in terms of what is happening in management education."

Woo was named dean of the business college a year ago and is one of only two women serving as deans of private, accredited business schools. Before coming to Notre Dame, Woo was the associate executive vice president for academic affairs at Purdue University.

The "young leaders" were chosen from a group of 11,000 men and women associated with higher education by David Breneman, dean of the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia, and Barry Munitz, president of the J. Paul Getty Trust and former chancellor of the California State University system.

Undergraduate Summer Internships

The Environmental Research Institute, a joint activity of Notre Dame & Argonne National Laboratory (ANL), in collaboration with the Center for Environmental Science & Technology will award up to three Summer 1998 internships at ANL in Argonne, IL with a follow-up campus research appointment in the Fall. Stipend, room & board are provided for the 10-week program.

Student applicants should have research interests in an environmentally-related discipline (grey field of study) concerned with or likely to contribute to the understanding, assessment, or improvement of the environment. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents, enrolled at Notre Dame, completed their junior year by May 1998 and be registered to return in the Fall of 1998.

For more details, contact the Center for Environmental Science & Technology at 631-3876.

Deadline is February 23, 1998.

Kotlowitz to discuss urban problems

By CHRISTINA KOLSKI
News Writer

Alex Kotlowitz, author of the Arts and Letters Core Course's book, "There Are No Children Here," will come to campus today to present a lecture on "Breaking the Silence: Race and Poverty in America."

Kotlowitz will be discussing numerous issues addressed in "There Are No Children Here," as well as from his new book on the divide between Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Mich., entitled "The Other Side of the River: A Story of Two Towns, a Death and America's Dilemma."

A native of New York, presently living in Oak Park, Ill., a northern suburb of Chicago, Kotlowitz writes about urban affairs and social issues for The Wall Street Journal, while helping run a farm in Lakeville, Ind., called "There Are Children Here." The farm was co-founded with Notre Dame Core Professor Jim Langford and his wife, Jill, with the intention of "providing a safe haven, a place where children could come to be children." Langford stated in his book, "Happy Are They: Living The Beatitudes in America."

Kotlowitz's inspiring story of two boys growing up in the projects of Chicago has been consistently chosen by the Core department year after year because "it is personable, engaging, informative, and an accurate portrayal of inner-city life not beaten by ideology."

Alvin Neiman, director of the Core Course department, explained.

The lecture will take place today in 101 DeBartolo Hall at 4:00 p.m. and will be followed by a reception in the LaFortune Ballroom. At 7 p.m., Kotlowitz will sign copies of his new book at Barnes & Noble on Grape Road in Mishawaka. Donations will be accepted at the event.

There Are No Children Here, "Alven Neiman, director of the Core Course department, explained.

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. New series of Inter-denominational mid-week evening prayer services will begin Wednesday, February 4, 7:30 pm-8:00 pm at Keenan-Stanford Chapel. Info: Karen Schneider-Kirner, Sarah Granger or Ema Osaki at 631-5242.

It's Mexican Week at the Alumni-Senior Club!

Come check out our great specials from south of the border.

Dart league starts tonight @ 10:00 PM. Matchups TBA.
Germany remembers the Holocaust

Asociated Press

Germany marked a national memorial day Tuesday for 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust, and lawmakers and historians alike urged the country to take measures to prevent renewed Nazi-style racism.

First observed two years ago, the Day of Remembrance of Victims of Nazism marks the Jan. 27, 1945, liberation of the Auschwitz death camp, where more than 1 million people, mostly Jews, died at the hands of the Nazis.

Ceremonies at former concentration camps and schoolroom discussions of Nazism were among the day’s events. Though not a legal holiday, the day is Germany’s official tribute to victims of Adult Filler’s regime.

Against a backdrop of rising anti­foreign violence, especially in Germany’s depressed eastern states, the day’s speeches stressed the importance of educating every generation about Nazi horrors.

“We have to carefully watch developments in our country and defend against the first signs of trouble,” said Ignatz Bubis, head of Germany’s Central Council of Jews.

Bubis helped dedicate a memorial at the Berlin Grunewald train station, from which almost 56,000 Berlin Jews were sent to Nazi forced labor and death camps.

At a ceremony in parliament in Bonn, lawmakers heard a string trio perform music written by Holocaust victim Gideon Klein while he was at the Theresienstadt camp. Klein, a Jew, also spent time in Auschwitz and later died in a Nazi camp in what is now the Czech Republic.

Parliament speaker Rita Suessmuth urged Germans to reflect on “the roots of dictatorship and terror” and not to look away when they see racism.

“You remember causes pain,” she said. “Auschwitz may have happened decades ago, but it remains with us.”

One Israeli Holocaust scholar, Yehuda Bauer, said recent genocides in Rwanda and Bosnia indicated that the world has learned little from the Holocaust.

“Remembering the Holocaust is only a first step,” he told parliament. “To teach and learn about everything that happened in World War II, about racism and anti-Semitism is the next, responsible step.”

More than five decades after World War II, how to deal with the Nazi legacy remains an almost daily topic in Germany.

Attacks by right-wing extremists — especially dependent youths in former communist East Germany — rose last year for the first time in five years. The German military has been under fire after revelations of neo-Nazi activities in its ranks.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, academics and artists have argued for years over the design of a planned Holocaust Memorial in Berlin, which will become Germany’s seat of power again next year.

Critics used the occasion Tuesday to accuse Kohl’s government of not giving enough compensation to frail Holocaust survivors in eastern Europe.

Instead, Germans and their politicians worry mainly about aesthetic aspects of remembrance such as the design of the Berlin Holocaust memorial,” said the Association for the Information and Counseling of Nazi Victims.

Bubis, head of Germany’s Central Council of Jews.
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proper way to spend it. Generally, Democrats have preferred new spending and the Republicans have advocated a combination of tax cuts and national debt reduction.

Clinton stated categorically: With the projected surplus, I have a simple answer: Save Social Security first. No unwise spending or untargeted tax cuts.

The statement elicited a strong applause from both sides of the aisle, a sign of bipartisan support that Notre Dame government professor Joshua Kaplan says Clinton was seeking in his address. “Clinton is trying to alienate without the other party, trying to force them to follow him,” Kaplan said.

Clinton continued his economic themes with a plea to increase the minimum wage. The minimum wage was recently raised in the 104th Congress to $5.15 per hour amid strong conservative opposition.

Said Kaplan, “Clinton is trying to see how far he can go...to the point where the Republicans will give him.”

Beyond issues of finance, Clinton has sought a broad mandate as a universal high school diploma.

Clinton wants to achieve this end through the use of “Hope scholarships” and the credits for families with college students. Clinton recently received flak on this issue when he proposed elimination of the first $4000 of student education loans.

Clinton pointed to Chicago as a city to which the nation could look for educational improvement innovations. “Like Chicago, the rest of the nation needs to eliminate social promotion in the schools.”

Said Kaplan, “Clinton is trying to turn his threat of a national government in prima­ry education through grants for new teacher hiring and tax breaks for school construct­ion improvements.

Education has always been a battleground of Clinton’s policy initiatives. He has sought repeatedly ways in which to use the reach of the federal government to improve nation­al education standards.

Another highlight of Clinton’s address was a treatment of some of America’s health care problems.

“160 million Americans are in managed care programs. They save money and in some cases improve care, but medical decisions need to be made by a medical doctor and not an insurance company,” said Clinton.

“We need a consumer bill of rights to legislate a right to knowledge of medical options and a right to emergency care...and a right to quality medical care.”

Medical care has been an arena of activity with a wide range of issues that have occupied the public’s attention. Since the well-publicized fail­ure of Clinton’s health care reform plan. Since the failure of that initiative, Clinton has been “trying to figure out what is possible...how to enact a modest reform proposal with­out eliciting the same vitriolic response from Republicans that doomed his 1993 plan,” said Kaplan.

Clinton concluded his speech with a treatment of some of the major foreign policy issues that have occupied the public’s attention.

Saddam Hussein. Clinton issued a stern warning: “We are determined to deny you the sanctuary to plan your next move (of mass destruction) again.”

In addition to the limbs in Iraq, Clinton emphasized the importance of a peaceful resolution in the Middle East. “We are determined not to create the next Middle East crisis,” he said.

But in his opinion, finding a “modest” solution to the problem might be a difficult task. “We need a new approach to the Middle East,” he said.

Head for the Hills!

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authors’ conclusions,” he said. “Science does not mean genetics.”

Instead, Saitinover believes that the environment must play some sort of role. As for brain structure stud­ies, Saitinover cited the Lewy research, which claims to link brain structure differen­ces between heterosexual and homosexual individuals.

He dismissed this conclu­sion, explaining that “any kind of behavior repeatedly engaged in will enlarge a part of the brain. The best evi­dence points to Homosexuality being a well-ingrained habit.”

Finally, Saitinover addressed the chromosomal linkage studies done at the National Institute of Health which claims that the “gay gene” exists. He explained how the studies claim to find a gene associat­ed with homosexual behavior. But in his opinion, finding a “homosexual gene” does not necessarily mean that the gene causes homosexuality.

“Genes for height do not cause a person to be a basket­ball player,” he explained.

Saitinover concluded his lec­ture by reiterating his opinion on the nature of homosexual­ity.

“There are probably as yet certain unidentified traits that place an individual at greater risk for being homosexual. If an individual is born with those as yet unidentified risk factors and placed in a certain environment, you get a homo­sexual outcome,” he said.

He was quick to add, “This is speculation. There are no studies being done.”

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Life as he stood before a joint session of Congress. The embattled president did not mention the furor over allega­tions he had sex with a young intern, Monica Lewinsky, and urged her to lie about it. He has denied the charges.

Democrats applauded Clinton warmly. When he strode into the chamber, Speaker of the House Tom Daschle, the president did not address. Specifically, many members of the House were concerned that every one of their questions to the address would be interpreted as being related to the Lewinsky affair.

CAMPUS NEWS

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New textbook leaves out Palestinian history

Associated Press

Israel's school children will be studying a special textbook put out to commemorate the country's 50th anniversary this year — but they won't find much in it about the Palestinians. The Education Ministry said the book was produced independently and purchased by individual schools. The government didn't indicate any plan to reassess usage of the text. But Israeli historian lan Pappe says that if Israelis fail to acknowledge the Palestinians, they are less likely to make peace with them.

"It's a very falsified picture," Pappe said. "If you ignore the Palestinians, it means that you dehumanize them. Wiping them out of the collective memory is a very dangerous act." The Education Ministry recommended the 50th anniversary as the "central subject" for all schools in 1998. According to the Haaretz newspaper, the curriculum is supposed to include "soul-searching" on unresolved dilemmas and conflicts.

But apparently the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which stems from Israel's establishment on land claimed by both peoples, doesn't qualify. A version of "Israel's Jubilee" intended for first and second graders makes no mention of the Palestinians.

Researchers find genetic location

LONDON

Researchers have proved a genetic cause for a severe speech disorder affecting one British family — a discovery that could lead to earlier diagnosis and improved treatment of childhood language problems.

"We knew language disorders were genetic, but nobody had found a gene location before," said researcher Faraneh Vargha-Khadem, a neuropsychiatrist at the Institute of Child Health at London's Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. A researcher at Rutgers University in New Jersey agreed this gene leads to abnormal development of some brain regions that control motor movements," said researcher Faraneh Vargha-Khadem, a neuropsychiatrist at the Institute of Child Health at London's Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. A researcher at Rutgers University in New Jersey agreed.

Identifying the gene might lead to earlier diagnosis — and earlier treatment — of childhood speech problems that are related to defects in motor skills, the researchers said.

"What we hypothesize now is in this gene leads to abnormal development of some brain regions that control motor movements," said researcher Faraneh Vargha-Khadem, a neuropsychiatrist at the Institute of Child Health at London's Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children.

About 4 percent of children worldwide have language problems. Those include children unable to understand language, those who understand but cannot articulate because of a defect in motor skills and those who cannot structure speech properly, even if it is unclear how useful this is to the majority of those with language disorders.

The work is reported in the February issue of the journal Nature Genetics.

Lebanese bomb kills one citizen

MARIJAYOUN, Lebanon

A remote-controlled bomb exploded Tuesday along a road in south Lebanon, killing a Lebanese truck driver, security officials said.

Elsewhere Tuesday, Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas said they attacked an outpost of the Israeli-Allied South Lebanon Army militia in southern Lebanon. Israeli and militia gunners retaliated by firing some 20 shells toward suspected Hezbollah hideouts, injuring a Lebanese woman who walked near one of the shells landed near her home.

Near the Christian mountain town of Jezzine, Tanios Helou, 57, was killed by a roadside bomb as he drove on a main road, according to officials speaking on condition of anonymity.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for that blast. Lebanese guerrillas frequently target Israeli and militia patrols in southern Lebanon with roadside bombs. They also accuse Israelis and their allies of using such bombs to terrorize civilians in the south to try to turn them against the guerrillas.

Just north of Jezzine, guerrillas scored "direct hits" on the post at Touma-Nabi, according to a Hezbollah statement.

Notice!!

Informational meeting for all students interested in running for Student Government President and Vice President. Meeting will be held on Wednesday January 28th, at 9:00 p.m. at the Student Government office.
God 'n' Life

For people desiring to deepen their relationship with God, a number of recent centers and organizations are currently offering "wholistic" programs. Advertisements in religious and secular periodicals highlight how these programs offer "sacred psychology," "manage and body work," "T'ai Chi Chih" and so forth. People are led to believe that unless one achieves a balance between body, mind and soul — an individualized comfort level — one cannot pray.

Such a premise, of course, is entirely untrue. An overview of history will prove this statement.

Jesus personally spent 40 days fasting to follow Jesus' example. St. Benedict of Nursia abandoned a lifestyle that could be deemed comfortable for a cave where he devoted himself to prayer, without consideration for physical distress or other trivialities. From such fervent prayer, St. Benedict of Nursia named the first female Doctor of the Church and prayed constantly. During this same era, St. John of the Cross was imprisoned in a closet by members of the reformed Carmel, where he composed his-containing poetry. Many historians have noted how his prayer life benefited from his willingness to suffer.

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The list could continue, but the question remains: is a "wholistic" approach the proper way to achieve a meaningful relationship with God? Did not Christ tell his disciples to take up the cross, and foretell his own crucifixion? It is not necessary to "feel good" in order to accomplish anything. Old, painful memories of childhood tragedies or hardships, emotional abuse, sexual orientation discrimination; these things are important to an individual's mental and physical health, but spirituality must transcend such concerns. No one can be so wrapped up with personal concerns that God is ignored. It must be the other way around. Ignore the problems; pay heed to God! The latter attitude makes it more readily possible to see God's actions in one's life. What a person has already lived can only effect the future insofar as it is allowed to be an obstacle to spiritual growth. The way stress is confronted for avoidance is greatly dependent on how much trust an individual places in God. The knowledge that no one is given more trials in a day than can be handled with God's loving help should reinforce a soul's faith and move it forward in prayer and the relationship with God, leaving behind the unnecessary clutter.

Still, some people feel they cannot leave the shelter of the mountain to debate the sacredness of their therapy, Oriental methods of relaxation, etc. That wholistic programs offer. They may not believe when a truly spiritual, discerning acquaintance tells them that this four or five rejections stems from a lack of faith. Those who refuse to "let go and let God" find some strange comfort in their "known" problems, when they should be finding comfort in the Unknown in prayer. Those people are scared to "risk everything," to step out in faith.

Not until souls "cut out the middle man" and go straight to the Source will they be able to achieve an honest, deep spirituality. Prayer is how this is accomplished. Wholistic programs, enneagram retreats and other "self-discovery" methods only make it more difficult to find one's self in God. Concentrating too much on personal traits, problems or preferences creates a blockage to the awareness of God's unconditional love, which ours no matter what we've been through, or who we are.

That is why emphasis needs to be placed on love of God (The First Great Commandment) and love of neighbor (as I have loved you," as Jesus proclaimed at the Last Supper. In simple terms, we need to love each other unconditionally, as God loves us. This is how the saints — great and small — have lived throughout history. This example should be emulated more than any other, rendering the secularized amalgamation of self-discovery with spirituality immaterial, and making prayer a priority not the least bit dependent on one's "fear."
The 'Hoosier' Explained

Sean O’Connor

In my own city (Indianapolis) we are going to consider the following kind of such "hoosiers," I don’t know how the tradition got started or what its relations are to the local breed of hoosier in our body from Logansport, Ind. It’s called the Indiana usage coming from early settlement times, when further, Frenchmen would answer knocks at the door with a suspicious "who’s there?", but no other geographical group used the term like we did.

So my citymates and I were proud of it at first; the latter "hoosier cruiser" is very happily corrected people who classified Jenny Jones guest as "rednecks," pointing out that people such as yachtsmen could also develop red necks and frequently have a garish red color on their necks. I am proud when I obtain a deep auburn neck in the summer, and soil. I am proud when I obtain a deep mold. Why fault someone for having a mold. Why fault someone for having a reddish hair that has been jammed into the springs of a bed suspended by two-by-fours adorned with a marvelously witty bunch of hopelessly enclosed bedroom cousins. Everything is compressed, the incloset holds only beer, everyone babbles in one room around the warm glow of the raging Sega at home, and classed as B urger King. We enjoyed only by a bourgeois or real race car drivers, we must first judge the coach. "How am I gonna do back?" he won­dered, "Just how am I gonna do it, anyway?"

He knew he had to come up with something really good to get us to spend more time and effort together as a family. "The beer didn’t work. What will get ‘em back?" Just like the Grinch who Stole Christmas, my father "puzzled until his puzzler was sore." Then, nervously tapping the side of his Orange Crush can, he came up with an idea—a mile high idea. He put down his can, let out a cheer, "Go Bronco!" and told my mom, "Book us a flight to San Diego! That’s more or less how we all ended up at the Super Bowl.

Upon arriving in California, we looked around for some fellow orange and blue comrades to bond with. It was a big task, especially when the "drove of hoosierdom" is tricky back where I am. You know the routine. Most Bronco fans were few and far between in California, Cheeseheads and carousing. And there’s no restriction on the window sill for accent. There is a dead plant and a bar of ashtray, but the sm okers have missed it. It was once brown, sm ells like a catbox. It was once brown,
smell bad when I was at home, pacing through the kitchen, wracking his brain. "How am I gonna get ‘em back?" he won­dered, "Just how am I gonna do it, anyway?"

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Imagine our disappointments at finding that the state was overrun with rednecks. They flecked into California in droves and multiplied like the Oriental Fruit Fly. There were as many Packer fans in Southern California as there were on the ocean and BMWs on the road. Having been humiliated in four Super Bowls already, most Bronco fans were at Lourdes praying for a miracle. No wonder we were outnumbered! Since Bronco fans were few and far between in California, Cheeseheads outnumbered me, pushed me, patted my back and said, "Oh, look! A lone Bronco!" Smiling condescendingly, they added, "Good Luck!" As I cheered at the start of the game, one punk, incidentally, a scornful Packers fan remarked, "May I take your picture? ... I want a before and after shot.

Oh, they were a cocky bunch, wearing foam cheese like it was cotton, cheese hats, cheese bolts and the especially vulgar, the cheese bra (proving that Packer fans take that extra level which they can’t fill. They traveled in packs (is that how they got their nickname?), affixed Green Bay flags to their cars, had yellow and green hair, tattoos and mani­festos in this newspaper (The Power of Cheese), wore Packers gear and bangles and hangers and yet, with all this, still did not return to Wisconsin with the victory they were so sure they had already won. Packer fans were left scratching their dyed heads and wondering.

What went wrong? They cursed their own team! They refused to stop cheering, "Go Pack Go!" This supremely annoying chant sent Bronco powerhouse Terrell Davis into the locker room with a migraine and left the Packers on the field wondering why their fans didn’t take to putting cheese where it belongs—in their mouths.

Bronco fans, on the other hand, have a better understanding of the job of a football fan. Of the handful of Bronco fans I met in California, not one of them was so met. I met the first one on Saturday at the beach. He had a bottle in one hand, his britches in

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CJ's Pub

Address: 417 North Michigan, South Bend
Food Hours: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Monday - Saturday
Famous For: The Super Pub Burger: Over 1/2 lb. slab of ground chuck flavored with CJ's unique blend of spices.
Atmosphere: Can be very crowded at peak hours. Not especially conducive to large parties — better for smaller gatherings.

We Say: Since there are no appetizers on the menu, the free popcorn is definitely a plus. The family-owned and operated establishment is a welcome change from the apathy that plagues many of South Bend's finest restaurants. Do not stray from ordering the Pub Burger, as it validates one's earthly existence. The chicken, however, does not. The half-and-half side order of cross cut fries and onion rings perfectly complement the manna from heaven known as the Pub Burger. It's very good, but not necessarily good for you. The bill was not overly expensive, but you may want to save this for a splurge in every sense of the word.

BW-3's

Address: 123 West Washington St., South Bend
Food Hours: Monday - Thursday, 11 a.m. - midnight; Friday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.
Famous For: Wings, wings, and more wings.
Atmosphere: Long booths can accommodate large parties. An interactive quiz game is available to play which will add fun to your dining experience. As with any sports-themed bar, BW-3's has lots of TV sets. A little too many TV sets if you ask us. BW-3's is one in a very large chain of restaurants, and we didn't like the commercial feel of the place. You'd be better off eating in one of the more unique places on our list.

We Say: If you want to go to BW-3's for the food — don't. It's not that good, and on this list of pub grub palaces, we rank it last. The chicken wings are OK, but they're definitely not the best you can find — ours were served cold, even though the sauce was a mouth-numbing scorcher. The hamburgers are barely tolerable — our taster could only make it through half of one. The chicken sandwiches are just OK. BW-3's has added a few new items to its menu and we thought the spicy chicken Parmesan sandwich was the best overall. If anything, the 12 unique sauces are a neat idea, but let's face it. You never go to a restaurant just for the 12 unique sauces.

By ARWEN DICKY

Last week on 90210, Kelly moves in with Donna after finding out that Brandon cheated on her. Kelly won't talk to Brandon and he takes out his frustration on a copy machine and a mother and her two kids after the mom cuts him off at an intersection. Brandon, Noah, and Steve share some quality male bonding time near an amusement park and drink their woes away. Later that night, Brandon goes over to Donna's to continue his attempts to woo Kelly back. Needless to say, Kelly was not impressed.

As a result of the illegal gambling going on at the After Dark, Noah gets his liquor license suspended for a week and Valerie got 50 hours of community service. Noah fires Valerie from the After Dark. For her community service, Valerie must coincidentally work at the same clinic as Kelly does.

Also starting work at the clinic is an intern from San Francisco named Jeff who is interested in Kelly. Being her counting self, Valerie sets up the many telephone messages Brandon has left for Kelly. When Brandon sends flowers to Kelly at the clinic, Valerie changes the card to say they are from a "secret admirer" and not Brandon.

Since Jeff has an obvious interest in Kelly, Valerie seizes the opportunity to promptly tell Kelly that Jeff is her secret admirer. Jeff asks Kelly out for drinks and when Brandon calls the clinic, Valerie lets him know that Kelly is on a date. Brandon goes to the beach house and yells at Kelly for being on a date to which Kelly responds, "How long were we broken up before you slept with Emma? Oh that's right, we weren't!" Kelly tells Brandon they may never get back together.

An abused woman comes into the clinic and Kelly makes it her crusade to help. The abusive husband is played by the famous Christopher Daniel Barnes.

Carly's father has a heart attack so she and Zack must go to Montana to take care of him. Carly says they may never come back since moving around a lot is not good for Zack. Steve is upset. This poor guy always seems to get his heart crushed lately.

David is following a band, Jasper's Law, for the Beverly Beat. The band offers David drugs which he refuses and David sings and sells to the band an extremely horrible song he wrote two years ago about Donna.

TONIGHT: Kelly sees Brandon when she is out to dinner with Jeff. When Valerie sees Kelly and Jeff kissing, she says, "My work here is done." Kelly walks in on Brandon hugging a girl at the Walsh house and gets angry. A member of Jasper's Law leaves the After Dark drunk, gets in an accident and wants to sue Noah.
Mishawakaka Brewing Co.

Address: 3703 North Main, South Bend

Food Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. most days; call for further details

Famous For: Aside from micro-brewed beers, the Yes Sirloin Grill is a house specialty. Also, the Red Pepper Goose Wings and non-alcoholic brewed sodas are notable.

Atmosphere: The high ceilings and overall spaciousness is a welcome change from the smoke-laden elbow fests to which we've grown accustomed.

We Say: We're fans of the complimentary grazing chips to whet our appetites. Also, do yourself a favor and order a good appetizer. The menu is extensive, and is a clever mix of old favorites and envelope pushers — we were afraid to try the Scotch Eggs. The Sirloin Grill is particularly good, though, and the bill won't leave you scraping for lint.

COACH'S

Address: 2046 South Bend Ave., South Bend

Food Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., whole menu; 11 a.m. to midnight, appetizers only.

Famous For: Pizza and gargantuan-sized appetizers

Atmosphere: It's pretty much a classic sports bar; it's even got a mini basketball court in the back. It's feast or famine as far as the crowds go; either it's packed or you're eating by yourself. If the latter is the case, at least the big screen TVs will keep you company.

We Say: Order the "Coach's Combo Platter" as an appetizer and fill up on it. It's simply the best thing on the menu. It highlights all of the best appetizers, which are the jewels in the crown of Coach's menu. While the appetizers are large enough to appease a drinking crowd, the grease may be a bit too much to stomach after extensive sampling.

Coach's has something on the menu which caters to all appetites. From the "Super Bowl Salads" to the "Big League Burgers," you can score big at Coach's. Although the menu is extensive, it lacks the down-home charm of a smaller venue like CJ's. The prices are fair like a good coach should be.

party of five

By ARWEN DICKEY
Wednesday Night Television Correspondent

Charlie starts to hang out with another Hodgkin's patient named Kevin. They go to the batting cages and plan a fishing trip that Charlie ends up too scared to go on. Jolie and Claudia are mad at Charlie for taking chances with his health. After Kevin gets even sicker, Charlie realizes he should live life to the fullest and goes hang gliding.

Julia starts to work at a temp job. A woman at the job, Jeanie, tells Julia to never get married. Too late, Jeanie. Griffin wants to have sex but Julia refuses. She is not happy with the small amount of conversation they have had lately.

Julia has a girl's night out with Jeanie. They go to Salingers' Restaurant, but Bailey is hosting a hockey night. Griffin is also there and acts rude towards Julia. He can't turn his head away from the game for a few seconds to meet her new friend.

Sarah and Elliott are also at the restaurant and Elliott and Griffin get mad at how the girls act. The boys go to a strip club where Julia, Sarah, and Jeanie walk in on them. Julia handles the situation with a great deal of dignity, considering where she is, by simply turning around and walking away. Later, Julia and Griffin fight again and continue to not talk to each other.

Sarah tells Elliott he can experiment on her instead of the chem lab. Elliott has told Sarah that he is experienced in the sex department but it turns out that Elliott is a virgin just like Sarah. Natalie is still mad at Bailey for supposedly taking the place of her dad. Natalie seems to have forgiven Bailey when she asks if he is going to be there when she wakes up.

TONIGHT: Griffin wants to have a commercial for the bike shop to bring in more business. Julia and Griffin get to star in it. Kevin finds out if his radiation worked. Sarah wants to sleep with Elliott. Bailey knows something about Sarah that is being kept from her.
Glen Rice scored 13 of Charlotte’s final 26 points and wound up with 42 to help the Hornets to a 120-113 double-overtime victory over the Phoenix Suns on Tuesday night.

Rice scored an Eastern Conference All-Star earlier in the day, was held to five points in the first half on 2-of-9 field-goal shooting. He made 13 of 21 in the rest of the way as the Hornets won for the second straight game.

Anthony Mason added 20 points, 13 rebounds and four assists for Charlotte, and Matt Geiger had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

In losses, who one night earlier had opened an 11-day, seven-game East Coast swing with a victory in Atlanta, were outscored by Charlotte 14-7 in the second extra period.

Rice lifted Hornets to double overtime victory

Mason scored the first three points of the second overtime session, giving the Hornets their biggest lead of the game to that point.

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Phoenix got a season-high 30 points and 10 rebounds from Antonio McDyess, who got into foul trouble, became locked up by Vitaly Potapenko, and took a 63-59 lead into the fourth quarter.

Rockets 113

Clippers 109

Houston’s Charles Barkley had 21 points and 13 rebounds to lead seven Rockets in double figures, and Houston shook off a slow start Tuesday night to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 115-109.

Barkley was the second in the last eight games for the Rockets. The Clippers lost their fifth straight and 10th in their last 12 outings.

Houston got 17 points and seven assists from Drexler, 15 points and 10 rebounds from Kevin Willis.

Roddick added 14 points, Othella Harrington, 13; Joe Dumars, 12; and Maloney and Brent Price had 11 apiece.

The Rockets, leading 83-77 going into the final quarter, used an 11-2 run in the period to pull away. Los Angeles, with only four wins in 25 games away from home this season, is 0-14 on the road when trailing after three periods.

The Clippers, who had 20 turnovers leading to 23 Houston points, were led by Eric Piatkowski with 22 points and 10 rebounds from Kevin Willis.

The Mavericks, who came off the bench, had 18 points and 10 rebounds from Kevin Willis. The Mavericks never led.

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Charlotte forward Glen Rice exploded for 39 points as the Hornets toppled the Suns 120-113 in double overtime.

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Rocks 83

Pistons 81

Milwaukee's Armon Gilliam came off the bench to score 10 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter Tuesday night to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to an 83-81 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

Glen Robinson scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half for Milwaukee, which has three straight wins for the first time this season.

Joe Dumars led the Pistons with 20 points, and Grant Hill and Jerry Stackhouse had 19 apiece. Detroit was without leading rebounder Brian Williams, sidelined by a knee injury.

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UConn overcomes technicals

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Richard Hamilton couldn’t shoot and Jim Calhoun couldn’t coach after drawing three technical fouls but, somehow, No. 9 Connecticut could win.

The Huskies, leading by just three points with three minutes left, avenged a big Big East upset with a 63-56 victory over Providence on Tuesday night.

Hamilton, who led Connecticut with a 22.3 average, was held to just four points on 2-for-13 shooting. And Calhoun was charged with the three technicals in the second half — the last two leading to four free throws by Jameel Thomas that tied the score 47-47 with 8:42 to go.

But the Huskies scored just one field goal the rest of the way.

Kevin Freeman, who sat out Saturday’s win at Syracuse with a sprained right wrist, returned to score 17 points for Connecticut (18-3, 8-2), while Jake Voskuhl added 10.

With a three-point play by Maxey cut the lead to two, then Freeman made a dunk before Lewelyn Carle’s free throw left Connecticut ahead 54-51.

But Providence coach Pete Gillen had taken his last timeout with 6:05 left and could only stop the clock by fouling.

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After Thomas’ four free throws tied the game, the Huskies, who dominated the boards all night, turned up the defense and went ahead to stay on Voskuhl’s two free throws with 3:22 to go.

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Maureen Neville is a junior residing in Lewis Hall, where she serves as the Athletic Commissioner. Hailing from Aberdeen, New Jersey, Maureen is pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering. Maureen is a graduate of St. John Vianni High School where she lettered in basketball and softball. Affectionately known as "Mo Dawg" by her women's football team, Mo has been involved in every aspect of RecSports. She has played intramural football, basketball, softball and floor hockey and officiated basketball. She is currently training with the Women's Boxing Club. She has participated in Late Night Olympics and served as the LNO rep for Lewis this year. Maureen has also taken RecSports fitness classes for the last three years.

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LaFontaine joins list of hockey’s top scorers

Associated Press

When he had a goal and an assist last week against the Philadelphia Flyers, it wasn’t only that the New York Islanders started the season with a bang, it was important to LaFontaine, he said.

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After 849 games, he has scored 1,053 points (465 goals, 538 assists).

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The Associated Press

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His performance has won him a spot on the United States Olympic roster for the Olympics, and tabbed him as a prime candidate for the Masterton Trophy, the NHL award for comeback player of the year. With only 13 minor penalties for so far, LaFontaine also could be considered for the Lady Byng Trophy for gentlemanly conduct on the ice.

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Four Lakers join All-Star team

Associated Press

NEW YORK

For the first time since 1983, a team will have four players in the NBA All-Star game, with Los Angeles Lakers guards Nick Van Exel and Eddie Jones chosen as reserves Tuesday, joining starters Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant.

"One of my main goals this season was to play like an All-Star, and maybe then get selected to the All-Star team," Van Exel said. "I've been a relief to see him trip to the game with his close friend Jones. "If they hadn't voted me on and not voted Nick on, I might have been disappointed," Jones said. "It's a relief to see him have four players in O'Neal and Kobe Bryant.

The West starters, in addition to O'Neal at center and Bryant at guard, will be forwards Kevin Garnett of Minnesota and Karl Malone of Utah and guard Gary Payton of Seattle.

Seventeen of the 29 teams will be represented on the East and West rosters.

Duncan is the first rookie selected since Hill in 1995. Since he was previously selected to play in the Schick Rookie game on the eve of the All-Star game, he will have to be replaced on the West rookie team.

The four Lakers will play for the Western Conference team against the East in the Feb. 8 game in Madison Square Garden.

Other reserves added to the team were San Antonio forward Tim Duncan, the only rookie on either squad, and his teammate center David Robinson; forward Vin Baker of Seattle; and guards Mitch Richmond of Sacramento and Jason Kidd of Phoenix.

Selected as East reserves were guard Reggie Miller and center Rik Smits of Indiana, center-forward Jayson Williams of New Jersey, forwards Glen Rice of Charlotte and Antoine Walker of Boston and guards Tim Hardaway of Miami and Steve Smith of Atlanta.

The 14 reserves were added to the teams by a vote of the coaches in each conference.

Van Exel switched publicly last season with Lakers coach Del Harris, with the two arguing on the bench during a playoff game.

"I would have felt badly for either one who didn't make it," Harris said of Van Exel and Jones. "The odds were only one would be chosen."

Van Exel said he worked hard during the summer in an effort to change people's perceptions of him.

"I've always wanted to play, but I've been put in negative situations and been looked at in a negative way, like pushing a referee and arguing with the coach," he said. "I said to myself, this is my year. I worked all summer to make it."}

Among the most recent of Sara Maitland's many works are the critically acclaimed novel Ancestral Truths, the theological essay A Big Enough God, and the 1996 volume of short stories Angel Maker. She is currently writing a novel called Hagiographies and collaborating on a book about women saints.

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Penguins make Jagr NHL's highest-paid player

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Jaromir Jagr always wanted to play like Mario Lemieux. Now, he'll be paid like him.

Jagr, the Pittsburgh Penguins' brightest star now that Lemieux has retired, agreed Tuesday to a four-year contract extension worth $38 million that will at least temporarily make him the NHL's highest-paid player.

The total value of what now becomes a six-year contract is $48 million. Jagr will make $3.1 million this season and $4.75 million next under his old contract before his salary climbs to $9.5 million in the 1999-2000 season.

The NHL scoring leader would become the league's first $10 million-a-year player when he becomes a six-year contract is due to kick in.

"You never know where the dollars are going to go," said Jagr, who was joined at a short news conference by his mother and girlfriend. "But I want to stay here. I want to finish my career here."

Jagr's deal eclipses the $42 million, seven-year deal reached by Lemieux in October 1992.

However, that contract was reworked several times before Lemieux retired last spring, and Jagr said. "He said (to sign for) exactly what I signed for right now." Jagr added. "He said (to sign for) exactly what I signed for right now."

The two sides were close to agreeing to a $53 million, seven-year contract last month before Jagr, after seeing how much Kariya and Lindros will make, decided he wanted a shorter contract.

Still, Jagr said he wasn't particularly interested in getting into any year-to-year one-upmanship.

"It's a great tribute to Jaromir, because who's kidding who in this day and age of players leapfrogging over each other and all wanting to say, "My contract is bigger, or your contract is bigger," Penguins co-owner Howard Baldwin said.

"He wanted to make a long-term commitment and we wanted to make a long-term commitment to him," Baldwin said. "We're very proud of Jaromir for taking that position."" Jagr, the only European to win an NHL scoring championship, has been a star almost since the day he joined the Penguins lineup in late 1990 as an 18-year-old from Czechoslovakia who could barely speak a word of English.

He won Stanley Cup championships with Pittsburgh in his first two NHL seasons in 1991 and 1992, leading a comeback over the favored New York Rangers in the 1992 playoffs after Lemieux broke a wrist. He took advantage of Lemieux's one-season layoff in 1994-95 to win the scoring title that Lemieux returned to win the next two seasons.

With his flowing, unkempt hair and unrivaled one-on-one scoring moves, Jagr is popular among the younger fans the NHL has long cultivated. He was the leading vote-getter for the World team that lost to a North American team 8-7 in the NHL All-Star game on Jan. 18.

Penguins co-owner Roger Marino said Jagr's popularity and marketability make him one of the league's — and Pittsburgh's — most valuable assets.

"The first time I saw him, I thought, "Why isn't this guy marketed like (Wayne) Gretzky?"" Marino said. "The kids love him. He has style and he's also a great player."
with a 87-69 victory over College, the Irish rebounded after a two-point loss at Boston. They won 10 of its last 11 contests.

Junior guard Danielle Green has been a pleasant surprise for Muffet McGraw's squad this season. For reservations please call Mr. Paul Eddy at 631-7512.

"I think this was the most balanced offensive performance we've had this season," head coach Muffet McGraw said about the Providence game. "I think that last year, if we scored a lot of points, it would be Katryna, Beth [Morgan] and Sheila [McMillen], and that would be pretty much it. This year, we just have so much more balance with Danielle Green and Niele Ivey and our freshmen who are playing so well."

However, the Irish may have to face off against the Wildcats without one of their stars. "It was a little bit further than we had thought she would," McGraw said about Riley's performance. "She turned it before the Boston College game and wasn't able to practice before the game," McGraw said about Peirick's injury. "She played that game, however. She probably won't practice now before the Villanova game. Right now, she's listed as a 'probable' on the lineup."

On a brighter note, Notre Dame freshman Ruth Riley was named Big East rookie of the week on Monday. Riley registered a career-high 29 points and 13 rebounds against Syracuse last Wednesday, which made her the first Irish women's basketball player to record five consecutive double-doubles. In the Providence game last weekend, she had 11 points and eight boards. Riley is also ranked 11th in the nation in blocked shots.

"I think Ruth has progressed a little bit further than we had thought she would," McGraw said about Riley's performance. "We did think that she would have a big advantage in size against Providence. They defended her pretty well, and we didn't do a good job at getting her the ball."

The battle between the Irish and the Wildcats will begin tonight at 7 p.m. at The Pavilion.

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Men's Basketball

Irish prepare to tussle 'Cats

By BETSY BAKER
Assistant Sports Editor

With the momentum in its favor, the Notre Dame men's basketball team has possibly one of the biggest challenges of the season ahead of it tonight.

The Irish are coming off two consecutive victories over ranked teams, with the win over the West Virginia Mountaineers on Jan. 15 the first of its kind since Notre Dame upset No. 22 Marquette in 1994.

Senior star Pat Garrity claimed last Wednesday's 83-63 rout of the Syracuse Orangemen, No. 15 at the time, as the biggest win of his career.

However, tonight's game against the 7-10 Wildcats team could present the Irish with an even bigger challenge.

After jumping out to a 4-0 start in the conference, the Cats are coming off not only a five-game conference losing streak, but a five-game losing streak in general. If there is ever a team that needs a win, it is Villanova, and it hopes to accomplish that tonight.

"Villanova is a very streaky team," said guard Keith Friel, "and it hopes to accomplish that tonight."

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Senior Jenny Higgins hit for 17 points also, including four three-pointers against Syracuse. "They won their first four Big East games, but have lost their last five. There is no doubt they will be at their peak performance because they need a win."

"Notre Dame head basketball Coach MacLeod keeps emphasizing to us that we have a chance to make some noise in the Big East," freshman guard Martin Ingelsby commented. "This is a big game for us, especially because it is at home."

"It feels good to get a chance to play Villanova, since I grew up liking it and my Dad went there," Ingelsby said.

Ingelsby will match up against fellow freshman Jermaine Medley, who is averaging 5.6 points per game. The main concern for the Irish will be junior center Howard Brown, who is averaging 11.8 points per game and 5.1 rebounds.

With 6-foot-10 center Malik Allen averaging 7.4 rebounds a game for the Cats, junior center Phil Hickey will have to continue his strong performance off the boards in order to get the ball in the hands of the Irish.

"For Notre Dame, if Keith Friel can have the kind of game he had last week, the combination of Garrity's conference-leading performance with the outside threat of both Friel and Ingelsby can be a factor against them in tonight's contest."

Women's Basketball

Red hot Riley ready for 'Nova

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's basketball team will hope to improve on its conference record tonight in a Big East road contest against conference rival Villanova. However, despite a remarkable offensive performance on Saturday against Providence, an injury to a key starter for the Irish may be a factor against them in tonight's contest.

The Wildcats earned a 71-40 win over St. John's on Wednesday, but fell 59-55 to West Virginia on Sunday. Junior Jenn Sliwa recorded a game-high 21 points on an 8-for-10 shooting performance against the Storm.

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With five consecutive double doubles, Irish freshman center Ruth Riley has emerged as the league's top newcomer.
Last night’s debates between student body president and vice president hopefuls Katie Wehby/Kelly Madden and Sarah Siefert/Nancy Midden were short and sweet due to two factors: the reduced number of tickets and some confusion regarding the format of the evening.

Traditionally the assembly of prospective SGA front-runners has followed a debate format. However, just as a sparking bantersparks began between the tickets last night, Board of Governance elections commissioner Janet Horvath interjected and noted that students don’t want to turn this into a debate. This is just a question and answer session.

Throughout the discussion, the Wehby/Madden ticket endorsed many of their ideas on their platform, such as re-establishing study days. When the candidates were asked if they could accomplish only one goal from their platform, Wehby responded that it would be “the first thing on our platform, re-establishing study days.”

Wehby and Madden want to have two days, other than Saturday and Sunday, for students to study or have review days with their professors. They also would like “to bring back the [Provincial] career and counseling commissioner.”

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Students must vote to empower

LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's Editor

Tomorrow's election will generate only half of the student body's voices. While this may seem cynical, it is still a fact. The last several years of election results have portrayed Saint Mary's students as apathetic. Apparently, we don't care enough about the presidential candidates to choose them wisely. We do not have the responsibility of interacting with the leadership. As voters, we have a right to participate in the activities. We should do our part to ensure that we vote for the candidates who will best represent our interests. That's why it's important to vote.

The candidates are running for various positions, including vice president, treasurer, and secretary. These positions are crucial to the success of the student government. As voters, we should be aware of the candidates' platforms and make informed decisions. We should also be aware of the candidates' backgrounds and qualifications. By voting, we can ensure that the student government is properly represented and that our voices are heard.

The student government plays a significant role in the college community. They are responsible for organizing events, representing students, and making decisions that affect the entire student body. By voting, we can make sure that the student government is responsive to our needs and that our voices are heard.

Ultimately, voting is an opportunity for us to express our opinions and make our voices heard. By voting, we can ensure that the student government is accountable to us, the students. We should take this opportunity seriously and make sure that we vote for the candidates who best represent our interests. By doing so, we can ensure that the student government is effective and that our voices are heard.
Sarah SIEFERT
For student body president

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For student body president

Campaign Slogan: I can see a new horizon underneath the blazing sky

Biggest contribution to student government: Siefert served as BOG communications commissioner last year and helped implement a BOG newsletter that has increased communications between student government and the student body.

Top three platform goals:

TECHNOLOGY. They want to increase awareness of technological improvements on campus and start a newsletter to update students about access sites. They stress incorporating the use of more technology in the classroom.

ADMISSIONS. Want to work with the Admissions Office to help increase enrollment. They would create an Admissions Commissioner Position to act as a liaison between VISA, BOG, and Admissions Office.

ALUMNAE. Want to initiate strong and continuous connection between seniors and recent alumnae. They plan on organizing dinners and get-togethers with alumnae and a job shadowing program in which students would work and consult with alumnae in professions they are interested in.

Repeated Quote: "Our enthusiasm is contagious."

Most impressive qualities: They presented themselves well with plentiful amounts of motivation and enthusiasm.

Biggest worry about them if elected: Midden will have to balance the junior sequence workload and Student Academic Council duties. They seem to make a good team, but many times they interrupt one another when speaking.

If they were not elected, they think it would be because: "We may not have as much experience in student government or we have been talking to the wrong students in putting together our platform," said Midden.

Say their greatest quality is: "Our enthusiasm is contagious and the goals we have set will be a positive change."

Most impressive qualities: These women have networked. They have talked to every relevant administrator, organization and staff member about their ideas and seem to have received positive feedback on their platform.

Biggest worry about them if elected: Webbly admitted she can be an impatient leader, but Madden's calm approach should help keep Webbly in check.

Our favorite ideas: Career and Counseling Commissioner to link students' needs with the Career Center; establishing a code of values based on the Saint Mary's Mission Statement to be posted in each building; the possibility of re-establishing study days.

Good luck: Effectively revamping the on-campus mailbox system for off-campus students. Efforts by government leaders to revamp the system over the last few years have failed.

Notable quote: "We think the points on our platform are feasible," said Webbly. "Our platform has positive points that can benefit the Saint Mary's community and allow them to show the pride they have for Saint Mary's."

Why we should be impressed: "We complement each other and work very well together, which will provide a good balance for the goals we hope to accomplish," said Midden.
I'm proud of how well student government is working with the administration. Our collaboration has been great this year.

Nikki Milos
1997-98 Student Body President

I'm happy with my campaign. It's been a positive one, and I believe it's important to be informed. I think it's important for the candidates to think on their feet and address issues as they come up. I'm proud of how well student government is working with the administration, and I believe it's important for the candidates to think on their feet and address issues as they come up. I'm particularly proud of the way the year has gone.

Weyhby & Madden are experienced Saint Mary's student leaders. Weyhby is a confidant student government leader who has served as freshman and sophomore class president and currently as Student Activities Board president. She admitted without hesitation that her greatest weakness is her impatience with getting a specific job done, but her honesty that this is where her running mate Madden falls in.

Madden is realistic and sincere and has continually stressed how important it is to know when to take a team. She kept emphasizing the fact that she is "a people person," but it was evident that she knew what she was doing... there are so many good things going on. I hate to see it get redundant."