Michael "Air" Jordan announced his retirement yesterday, ending the greatest basketball career of all time. The most-recognized face in the world, Jordan is 99.9% certain he will not return to basketball.

Senate to set up faculty forum on Big 10 membership

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor
A future faculty forum to discuss Big 10 membership, a need for du Lac revision and future library renovations were among the issues that surfaced at Wednesday's meeting of the Faculty Senate.

The senate's chairman and Academic Affairs Committee chairman revealed plans for a Jan. 29 faculty forum to discuss Notre Dame's potential Big 10 membership.

Lasting from 3-5 p.m. in McNamarah Hall, the forum will feature statements and discussion from a set of panel members representing the Faculty Senate, the graduate school, the Athletic Department, the various academic deans, the University's finances and Notre Dame's alumni.

After learning of the event, the senate considered inviting Board of Trustees members to listen to the panelists and learn their sentiments regarding Big 10 membership.

In committee news, the Faculty Senate's Student Affairs Committee continued to devote its time to consideration of the Women's Resource Center probationary issue.

The WRC, a student group, was placed on two-year probation last June by the Office of Student Activities for providing Planned Parenthood materials, raising what the committee considers are questions of academic freedom and procedural due process.

Earlier in the academic year, senate chair Michael Detlefsen identified the WRC issue as one the faculty wanted to see senate action upon.

"This issue has a chilling effect on the climate of inquiry," philosophy professor Ed Manier noted in committee discussion.

The committee's semester-long information-gathering drew to a close earlier this week when it interviewed Ava Peacher and the Faculty Senate discuss the Women's Resource Center probationary issue. They have been re-examining the events leading up to the probation.
**Gainesville, Fla.** Students depending on financial aid may get it if they have been convicted of a drug offense, under new legislation passed by Congress late last year.

**There is a catch, though.** University officials have no way to implement the new law because they have no way of knowing whether a student has been convicted of a drug offense.

**So UF, along with many universities across the country, is waiting to officially implement the law until they receive further instructions from the Office of Federal Student Aid,** which administers the program.

**Exactly when those federal instructions will come remains uncertain.** John Dalton, director of Student Judicial Affairs, said the new law is designed to reduce drug offenses on campuses but is difficult to enforce.

He said UF has to depend on self-reporting to know if students have a drug conviction, which makes it hard to know which students should not receive financial aid.

Fooks said so far, no UF student has been denied financial aid because of a drug conviction.

"We aren't aware of any students who have received it. We've not gotten any complaints," he said. "I'm just not information most people would volunteer to us."**

The law also created stricter crime-reporting requirements for colleges and universities that report alcohol, drug and weapons violations along with arson and manslaughter.

Previously, colleges only had to report aggravated assaults, burglaries, motor-vehicle thefts, murders, robberies and sex offenses.

Some universities across the country have said the new crime-reporting regulations are creating extra work.
WASHINGTON

President Clinton signaled Wednesday he will be silent about his Senate impeachment trial and his threat to his presidency when he stands before Congress next week in a nationally broadcast State of the Union address.

"I think the American people have heard about that quite extensively over the last year," Clinton said. "My instinct is that I should do their business."

Later, press secretary Joe Lockhart said there were "no plans that I know of" for Clinton to address the controversy Tuesday night in his speech from the House chamber where he was impeached Dec. 19.

It was a year ago on Jan. 21 that Clinton was engulfed in controversy from charges he engaged in a sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Six days later, he delivered his State of the Union speech and made no mention of the scandal that later blossomed into the impeachment crisis.

White House aides view Clinton's annual report to the nation as an ideal opportunity to project an image of leadership and concern for the nation's business, despite its own problems. The important thing for me is to spend as little time thinking about (the impeachment trial) as possible and us much time working on the issues we're here to discuss as possible," the president said.

He spoke at the opening of a Cabinet Room discussion with invited labor leaders about Tuesday's speech and his fiscal 2000 budget proposal. The labor leaders pressed him to address the needs of working Americans.

The group, which included the presidents of the AFL-CIO, the United Steelworkers of America, the Communications Workers of America and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, stressed that trade policy should protect workers' rights. The labor leaders urged the government should continue investing in worker retraining and protect The integrity of the Social Security system and asked for support for the rights of workers to organize.

The president said, "I think the thing for me is to spend as little time working on the issues we're here to discuss as possible," the president said.

Some members of Congress have urged Clinton to postpone Tuesday's address, or to submit it in writing, because the Senate trial will be under way at the time. Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) urged Clinton to postpone "because of the wickedness of it. But obviously that's his choice."
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the student who initiated the disciplinary action against the WRC. Citing "disjunctures between accusation of misconduct and the penalty," the committee will stand behind its earlier letter asking director of Student Activities Joe Cassidy to rescind the WRC's probation.

Wednesday night's committee meeting focused on future course of inquiry. The committee grappled with questions of where to direct its efforts, noting that uncertainties of which bodies exercise oversight over which procedures complicates most efforts to reform student affairs issues.

The committee concluded that a need to revise and clarify Due LaC and especially its disciplinary procedures may underlie its future efforts.

* In other committee news:

The Benefits Committee reported that a recent survey of Notre Dame's benefits package was rated average or above average on most of its aspects. The Administrative Committee revealed its "Guidelines to Notre Dame faculty concerning the use of alcohol" and hopes to see the document incorporated into the University's faculty handbook.

"Faculty on occasion might invite students who are of age to attend departmental [or other] gatherings where alcohol is being served and invite them to participate in the same responsible and mature way that faculty members are participating," the text reads.

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U.S. military jet crashes near Dutch border, kills four

FRANKFURT, Germany

A U.S. military refueling plane crashed and burst into flames Wednesday night eight near the Dutch border, killing four people on board, a U.S. military official said. The KC-135 was assigned to a NATO base near the northwestern town of Gelnikenkirchen, crashed at about 7 p.m. (1330 p.m. EDT) in forests miles from the base, police said. Names of the victims were being withheld until their families are notified, said Maj. Mark Brown, spokesman for Fairchild Air Force Base near Spokane, Wash. The plane was attached to the Washington Air National Guard 141st Air Refueling Wing, based at Fairchild. It was one of two planes and three crew sent to Gelnikenkirchen on Jan. 3 to support refueling missions of NATO reconnaissance planes, Brown said.

U.S. planes fire on Iraq

WASHINGTON

U.S. warplanes Wednesday attacked and hit several missile sites in northern Iraq after Baghdad's forces attempted to shoot down allied jets in the same area, a Pentagon spokesman said. It was the third consecutive day the U.S. had fired on Iraqi targets in the northern no-fly zone in an escalation of conflict between the two sides. Defense Department spokesman Lt. Col. Steve Campbel said U.S. aircraft were doing routine patrols near the northern city of Mosul when they were "illuminated" by several Iraqi missile systems. "There are indications that coalition aircraft were fired upon at least once by at least one Iraqi surface-to-air missile," said Campbell. "The coalition aircraft crews in self-defense fired back," he added. Campbell said the U.S. pilots, in F-16 and F-15 planes, fired precision-guided bombs as well as High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missiles at their Iraqi targets.

Oil refinery blast kills three

SMACKOVER, Ark.

An explosion rocked an oil refinery Wednesday, killing three people, a company spokesman said. Bill Prewett, an attorney for Cross Oil Refinery, said the victims were employees of an outside contractor. "The explosion occurred in an area where some welding was being done," Prewett said. "The cause or causes we don't know." State Police Capt. Larry Ghehrson said the employees were working on a naphtha tank valve when the explosion occurred. Naphtha is a colorless, volatile petroleum distillate — usually an intermediate product between gasoline and benzine. Ghehrson said the local fire department and hazardous materials team were working to douse the naphtha leak.

Kosovo rebels free Yugoslav soldiers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kosovo rebels freed eight Yugoslav soldiers Wednesday after getting private incentives from international officials who were determined to head off a return to war in the troubled Serbian province.

The release, brokered by U.S. and European mediators, defined a five-day showdown in which Yugoslav forces massed tanks and trucks near the northern Kosovo village where the soldiers were being held.

The Kosova Liberation Army (KLA) only agreed to the release after government authorities promised the mediators they would free KLA prisoners within 10 days, the ethnic Albanian radio station Koha Durore reported, citing sources close to the negotiations.

William Walker, the U.S. head of international monitors in Kosovo, announced the release after a flurry of talks with KLA leaders at the rebel stronghold of Likovac in the hills of central Kosovo.

While details of the agreement remained confidential, Walker acknowledged last minute "guarantees" made to the KLA, which had refused to let the soldiers go without assurances of freedom for nine rebel captured by the army along the Albanian border last month.

"We are pleased, as part of a fair and balanced agreement, that the KLA has released the Yugoslav soldiers," was all Walker would say, standing in the mud in Likovac, 20 miles west of the capital, Pristina. "The agreement will contribute to a peaceful resolution to the current crisis." The army and Serb officials insisted the release was unconditional. But informed Serb sources in Pristina who asked not to be named said conditions were attached, and signs pointed to a likely face-saving agreement under which the Serbs would free KLA prisoners later.

Rebel spokesman Jakup Krasniqi hinted strongly at a deal with the Serbs, saying he hoped that "the promises made to us will soon become a reality on the ground." The release of the soldiers was delayed for hours Wednesday while Walker, Christopher Hill of the United States and Wolfgang Petritsch of the European Union held talks with the rebels.

Petritsch of Austria was quoted as saying the KLA persisted in demanding the release of the nine detained guerrillas. "We could promise the KLA nothing except that the Yugoslav side would also make a contribution in this process of trust-building," he told the Austria Press Agency.

The eight army soldiers, held since last Friday, were turned over to the monitors and then to the army. They were back at their barracks in Kosovska Mitrovica within an hour of Walker's announcement, reunited with anxious parents and visibly relieved, but tired.

"Thank God it ended and we're all alive," said one, who declined to give his name.

Airdrop helps Antarctic trekkers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Their attempt to ski-trek from the Antarctic coast to the South Pole and return without airdrops or any other outside support failed Tuesday just short of South Pole, on day number 70.

A helicopter from the Amundsen-Scott South Pole U.S. base dropped food to the trio, whose supplies had dwindled because of delays. The airdrop contained crackers, beef jerky, smoked oysters and sweets, along with the staple diet of high-calorie cereals and meat swimming in olive oil and butter.

The three men, who had only enjoyed treats of one lol-lop each on Christmas Day, really appreciated the new food, Hillary said.

Once they reach the South Pole in about 10 days, they will fly to New Zealand's Scott Base on Ross Island. From there, they are expected to fly to Christchurch, New Zealand, by Jan. 26.

Hillary said he and his comrades (though often about the ill-fated Scott, who reached the pole only to find that Norwegian Roald Amundsen had beaten him there by weeks) Scott and his men died on the journey back.
Budget
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sion-making body and that the
Club Coordinating Council,
which has six of the Cabinet’s
18 seats, would have undue
influence.
O’Donoghue suggested the bill
be returned to the Oversight
Committee for further revision.
That proposal was rejected.
Other senators voiced concerns
that there was not enough guid­
ance for the Cabinet, and that
the details can be worked out
mostly among the concerned
groups.
The measure was approved
by a vote of 22-3.
Under the plan, 2.25 percent
of the Student Union budget
will be placed under the control
of the Executive Cabinet, which
will dispense this money among
campus organizations for event
sponsorship provided that at
least one club and one other
Student Union organization are
involved in the event. This mea­
sure is temporary and must be
reviewed again when next
year’s budget is compiled.
This idea originated at last
month’s meeting, at which a
proposal was made to guaran­
tee that clubs receive 39 per­
cent of the Student Union bud­
gift. A lower figure of 36.75
percent was also proposed, and
was approved, but only after
fierce debate that ended with an
agreement that the 2.25 percent
difference was being used for
co-sponsored activities.
For the 1998-99 fiscal year,
clubs and organizations were
guaranteed $198,000, or
approximately 34 percent of the
budget, and received exactly
that amount. No other branch of
the Student Union has a mini­

mum level of funding.
In other senate news:
• The senate’s attempts to get
backpacks allowed in South
Dining Hall was dealt another
defeat when the body received a
letter from associate vice presi­
dent for Business Operations
James Lyphout saying that he
intended to maintain the cur­
rent policy, under which book­
bags are not permitted in the
cafeteria or seating areas.
The senate appealed to Lyphout
after director of Food Services
David Frenkiewitz turned down
their request.
The senate has been working
to change the new backpack
policy since it was adopted in
August. While their efforts on
that issue have been unsuccessful,
the body has opened up a
continuing dialogue about other
dining hall concerns with the
department of Food Services.
• Three new senators took
office this week, replacing indi­
viduals who went abroad for the
semester. The new members are
Christine Jacobs from Howard
Hall, Meredith Sonnyvalk from
McGlinn Hall and Kelly Starman of
Pasquerilla East.

[Correction]
Students interested in meeting, interviewing and evaluating
four candidates for the position of Saint Mary’s vice president
and dean of faculty should con­tact Nancy Midden, not
Georgeanna Rosenbush as The Observer reported.
The Observer regrets the error.
The Norm of Greatness
Jim LIs, C.S.C.

How do we determine who is great among us? Who decides just what greatness looks like? I fear that if it were left to society the measures would miss the mark. Things like wealth, or appearances, or relative fame, or even athletic prowess, would be held up over virtue, or the degree to which one is willing to sacrifice, or to love. The greatness that Jesus held up had little to do with charm, or grades, or good-looks, or money. The norm of greatness for Jesus had to do with humility, kindness, mercy, patience and love.

Tomorrow we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the birth of a child, born to a middle-income African American family in Atlanta, Georgia, who would forever change how we view ourselves as Americans, and who would redefine for us, as a nation, the measure of our greatness. On Monday, January 18, our nation will mark with a national holiday the life and heritage of an unlikely hero, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. One of the great activists for social change, Dr. King believed deeply in nonviolence. Reverend Samuel McKinney of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Seattle has said, “King was willing to challenge the evil of hatred and racism by putting his own life on the line. He did not run from bigotry but he was willing to face it head-on. He was willing to fight it, but not fight back.” Dr. King was, and is, a beacon of hope for oppressed people everywhere, even right here on our campus.

Whatever one might think of him, Dr. King’s contribution to this nation and the world are undeniable. He woke a world from complacency and indifference, and articulated a dream which has given hope to generations of Americans. That dream is a universal one, one which seeks love and justice for all people, regardless of race or creed. It is a quest that this community must claim as its own. The Gospel which we here so proudly profess, demands it of us. That this man should have engendered negative feelings among much of white society is of little surprise, I suppose, when one considers the turmoil that followed him wherever he went. And yet, surely, we can think of others, whom I need not name, around whom just such turmoil swirled and whom we have not so readily dismissed.

Growing up, I think we all trusted what we learned in school, that America was a fair nation, a melting pot that treated people equally. It doesn’t take a rocket scientist, even here at Notre Dame, to realize that that may not be true. The principles of fairness and equality do not necessarily extend to all. Even more disconcerting than the reality that we might be victims of such discrimination is the sad reality that we might actually be perpetrators of it. If we are to achieve the kind of inclusive society of which King dreamed, especially in our ever more diverse and multicultural society, then we all have a role to play. It is not only the message of Dr. King, but it is as well the call of the gospel and of Jesus Christ.

I am stunned to realize that Dr. King, at the age of 35, a year younger than I am now, had already won the Nobel Peace Prize. Only four years later, at 39, he would die a martyr’s death for standing against hatred and discrimination. All that he accomplished in his short life would leave me embarrassed at my own feeble attempts at justice if it didn’t at the same time give me so much hope. It is stunning to think what one person can do, and perhaps even more amazing to think what an entire community could do if it only joined together in a common cause for justice and equality. Mine may only be at this time to write a simple exhortatory letter in the Observer about Dr. King and all that he stood for. Yours may be simply to urge those in your world to love, regardless of race or ethnicity or religion or orientation. We all have a part to play in the realization of the dream.

For some months the MLK Celebration Planning Committee has been meeting to prepare a series of programs that we hope will further an appreciation of the richness and diversity of all peoples on this campus and beyond. Please join with us in reflecting on and redefining our norm of greatness. Please join with us in celebrating the rich diversity of this community by attending the events which will take place next week, which will be advertised in these pages. And finally, a word of thanks to Stephanie Foster, Spencer Stelko, and the Student Senate for their work on next Thursday night’s program; and thanks, too, to the members of the MLK Celebrations Planning Committee (listed below) for their remarkable spirit and tireless efforts on behalf of our entire community.

Rodney Coe Otis Hill Chandra Johnson Cris Saldana
Monique Chinwe Kevin Huie Jim LIs, C.S.C., Chair Priscilla Wong
Jed D’Ercole Cheryl Igiri Iris Outlaw Chak Kei Woo

Please God, we all share the one hope that all people can come together to stand against racism, discrimination and indifference; and that this campus community’s norm of greatness can include an appreciation of the dignity of each member. It is the call of us all. I will not pretend to be able to say it any better than Dr. King himself, and so I close with his words, not mine.

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so hopelessly bound to the starless night of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.
Bradley's Presence was a Shocking Betrayal of the Sanctity of Human Life

I understand that during the fall semester of 1998, Sen. Bill Bradley was a visiting professor and held a series of lectures at Notre Dame. During the evening a few days ago, I learned that Sen. Bradley is now taking a "leave of condition" for a prospective presidential bid. It struck me that these two circumstances are not related by much more than Notre Dame being the premier Catholic university in the United States. However, Jim Bradley's presence is a call to the public life to consider the consequences on fundamental issues of human life for those who choose to depart from Church teaching on human life and the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

Sen. Bradley's presence is a call to the public life to consider the consequences on fundamental issues of human life for those who choose to depart from Church teaching on human life and the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

In Part One of the draft document, "Theological and Pastoral Principles," the bishops say, "In a secular world the strength of Catholic identity of our institutes of higher learning is an invaluable instrument of grace witnessing to the relationship of truth and reason, the call of the revealed word and the authentic meaning of human life. The present age is urgent of proclaiming the meaning of truth, that fundamental value without which freedom, justice and human dignity are extinguished." (ECE 1, 4)

In Part Four, entitled "Faculty," the bishops instruct, "All professors, especially those teaching the theological disciplines, are expected to exhibit not only academic competence but integrity of doctrine and good character. When these qualities are found to be lacking, the university statutes are to specify the competent authority and the process to be followed to remedy the situation." (emphasis added)

In light of his long standing public support of abortion on demand, how can the University of Notre Dame, in having allowed Sen. Bradley to lecture there, claim to be in accord with the teaching of the Holy See in Ex Corde Ecclesiae (From the Heart of the Church), in which he described the identity and mission of Catholic colleges and universities and provided norms to help fulfill its vision. They are members of the Church who directly claim to be in accord with the teaching of the Holy See in Ex Corde Ecclesiae (From the Heart of the Church), in which he described the identity and mission of Catholic colleges and universities and provided norms to help fulfill its vision.


These words of our bishops should strike a chord in all those who have served as Catholic officials. They should also strike a chord in all those who have served as Catholic officials. They should also strike a chord in all those who have served as Catholic officials.

The full text of the letter is available on the Observer website.
"I believe that combining the analytical and the experiential is a richer way of knowing." — bell hooks

This week I got a call from Chief Coleman of the South Bend Police. He was looking for young, able-bodied students to shovel snow for people who were not able to clear their houses and cars of the piles of white stuff that blanketed our city last week. I hope that we will find some students who will be able to help out. Obviously this is an opportunity for students to contribute to the wider community, to share their youth and energy with old folks who, for whatever reason, don't have the physical strength to dig out from under the weight of the recent snowfall.

My hope is built on more than just the opportunity for students to do good; I see this as a way for students to enrich the knowledge that they are acquiring. The study at Notre Dame of five young, strong, Notre Dame students knock on the door of an elderly couple, shovel snow from the driveway, and offer their help, they will be invited into the lives of people who have stories to tell. These stories will expand our knights-in-goose-down-jackets' knowledge of our society. Our well-introduced students may learn that our culture does not adequately value the elderly who live among us. They might learn something about the economics of aging. They may gain knowledge about the physical deterioration that takes place in the body ages. They could even discover that public services in our community are minimal and do not address the needs of the elderly. They may begin to question some assumptions that they have always held about private property and individual responsibility. These pieces of information and insight will go with our chivalrous shovelers back in school. When they are in history class or discuss medical ethics or read a short story by Flannery O'Connor, they will have had an experience that informs and enriches their academic endeavors.

Our University is located in a medium-sized city where people live rich and interesting lives. There are children here. There are disabled people here. There are poor and homeless people here. There are those who have devoted their lives to the needs of their neighbors. The people of our city are ethnically and culturally diverse. This city, nestled in a bend of the great St. Joseph River, has a history that includes negotiations between Catholic missionaries and Potawatomi Chiefs for the land that is now the site of our great University. Notre Dame is part and parcel of the City of South Bend. Our stories are woven together from the beginning. South Bend offers a wealth of experience for you and me to come to increase your knowledge. South Bend offers you the opportunity to add depth and color to the black and white, two-dimensional knowledge that you encounter in the classroom.

I would go so far as to assert that book learning without the rich variety of experience will leave you with less than a first-class education. If you want to have a Notre Dame well educated, you must be exposed to some of your classmates.

It is necessary that a well-educated person experience the wide variety of people and cultures that make up the lives of people with different points of view. South Bend will come to you. The people who live in South Bend are educated, you will see this as a chance to add a new dimension to your experience. You will leave Notre Dame well educated, you will go back to your classroom and invite you to become involved.

Believe me this opportunity for a more complete education pass you by. It is as important as registering for classes.

Kathy Royer

— bell hooks

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On the afternoon of Nov. 22, 1998, my dad suffered a cardiac arrest in the stadium parking lot of the Notre Dame-LSU football game. His friends believe that the good Samaritans who initiated CPR were college students or may have been nurses but we have not been able to find out who they were. We do know that because of your unselfish and heroic actions you saved his life. Words cannot express our gratitude for giving us a Thanksgiving to truly be thankful for.

We certainly hope that you, your loved ones, are ever in such a critical situation, but we'll pray that you are blessed as we were that total strangers cared enough to help our father. We know it is a miracle that he survived and that your efforts are truly appreciated. Lastly, we want to extend our

gratitude for giving us another Christmas with our husband, father, grandpa, and most recently, great-grandpa. If this letter should reach you, please contact me at (219) 926-1354 or e-mail is: cooley@netzero.net.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Anne Wartick
Bob and Ann Wartick
Jody Grabek
Dennis Grabek
Kathy Royer

Beware, the Millenium Draws Near

Let us hope that this message will reach all of the people of the world so that they may be forewarned. The first of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse has been riding for the last two decades "as a conqueror bent on conquest" (Rev. 6:2). A much acclaimed spiritual leader is busily trying to form a one-world religion under his leadership. Once this leader ends or completes his mission, the next three horsemen will ride out in painfully swift sequence and the effect of their missions will leave 1,500,000,000 people dead or dying. Neither our religious, nor our civil leaders are warning our people of these upcoming tragedies of world war, world famine and world pestilence, so that they will not be caught by total surprise.

The Scripture reveals that 25 percent of the earth's population will be killed and this will mean that over 50,000,000 Americans will be killed or die of starvation and disease. The war between the nations is not the only war that is looming in the near future, for when this spiritual leader completes his mission of a one-world religion, under his leadership, he will bring those who oppose his doctrines under persecution just as the case during the dark and middle ages. He will also be powerful enough to exercise a high level of control over the one-world government already existing — the United Nations.

Since the final countdown for our Lord's return is obviously beginning, I pray that those who are following a leadership other than Christ, the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit will burn the billions of books, magazines and newspapers that keep them in bondage to the "Saying of Satan" (Rev. 2:9, 2:22, 3:9) and the churches of those who are of the antichrist (1 Jn. 2:18, 2:22, 4:3, and 2 Jn. 1:7). Please contact the editor of your paper who has printed this article and thank him or her for helping to warn the community of the imminent dangers.

Beware, the Millenium Draws Near

— bell hooks
LET IT SNOW! or NO

Winter weather surprises, please
students who have never ex

By COURTEEN MYERS
Scene Writer

We knew it was too good to last. The 60-degree temperatures that spoiled us during the early days of December are only a memory now.

Welcome to South Bend Winter — the longest season of the year.

This is not a shocking news flash to most students. The signs that Old Man Winter has arrived, however belatedly, are inescapable. Upper-classmen and people from snow-attracting places knew what they should expect upon returning to school — blowing, drifting, icy, wet and cold snow. All in very large quantities.

However, for Saint Ed’s freshman Eric Barroso, a resident of sunny Orlando, Fla., this winter has been the first time he has ever seen snow.

“It’s awesome. I had no idea what it would be like and no idea it would be so powdery,” Barroso said.

Not scared by the Midwestern tundra yet, he says the weather will not stop him from going to class.

Freshman Michael Maguire, an Alumni Hall resident, knew to be prepared for the cold after leaving his home in Naples, Fla. Family members living in the South Bend area alerted him to the weather conditions before he began school here. Maguire has seen snow before, despite living in Florida, including a 10-foot accumulation in one night during a stay in Germany.

Maguire also says that he will not skip class due to the weather and offers a few words of advice to less winter-acquainted peers — “Don’t eat the yellow snow.”

“Most of New Mexico has snow,” said Lyons Hall freshman Katharine Ortega. She also explained that her home city of Santa Fe is in the mountains so snow is not unusual for her.

Keenan freshman Eric Nelson got a little bit of a shock leaving his beautiful 75-degree home in Van Nuys, Calif. He said he has seen snow before, but usually only in two-minute spurts that melt immediately, nothing like this.

“It’s weird, not bad, but it’s all white and blinding when the sun is out,” said Nelson.

Overall, Nelson is pretty upbeat about the frigid conditions, but he does have one complaint. “On the way to the dining hall some of my friends from 4-North pushed me into a drift and buried me. That kind of sucked,” he said.

Senior Jennifer Coleman knows the kind of troubles snow can cause. After flying into Chicago from her home in Las Vegas, she landed and found out that her connecting flight to South Bend had been canceled. The airline gave her a 10-dollar voucher with which she could amuse herself for two hours until she could catch a bus to South Bend.

The airline neglected, however, to find all of her luggage in time and she was forced to miss the bus. Ultimately, the weather pushed Coleman’s South Bend arrival four hours later than planned.

Lewis sophomore Lia Hill had similar problems in Chicago. Coming from her home in Honolulu, Hawaii, Hill said that most flights to South Bend were canceled. Like Coleman, she opted for the bus as Plan B. Hill said there were about 80 people waiting, so she braved the cold and waited outside the terminal by the bus stop.

When the bus finally pulled in an hour late she got a seat, but said that there was a mad rush of people who had been waiting in the terminal and the bus had to leave about 30 of them behind.

Despite her nightmare trip back to school, Hill does not think the snow is too horrible. She has seen it a couple of times before while visiting her grandmother in South Bend.

“I’ve been tempted to jump into it. It just looks so soft, especially the hill behind Lewis,” she said.

Regardless of opinions about the weather and the massive snow piles that will eventually turn to slush, one thing is for sure — winter is here to stay. It could be a very long time until the sun graces this campus again, so for those who enjoy the snow, there should be plenty of time in which to do just that — to make snowmen, throw friends into drifts and to try to eat falling flakes.

For others, who may not relish the slippery trek to class, just keep dreaming of spring break.

And for the professors, please note that everyone asked said that the weather will not keep them from your classes. You have some very dedicated students.

Don’t you wish you were in:

Brownsville, Texas - High: 78, Low: 55
Pt. Myers, Florida - High: 80, Low: 61
Honolulu, Hawaii - High: 81, Low: 67
New Orleans, Louisiana - High: 73, Low: 53
Acapulco, Mexico - High: 84, Low: 72
Nairobi, Kenya - High: 81, Low: 59
Trinidad - High: 91, Low: 72

Thank goodness you’re not in:

Burlington, Vermont - High: 14, Low: 8
Duluth, Minnesota - High: 0, Low: -6
Fargo, North Dakota - High: 1, Low: -3
St. Ste. Marie, Michigan - High: 3, Low: -6
Edmonton, Alberta - High: 5, Low: -22
Moscow, Russia - High: 7, Low: -4
Winnipeg, Manitoba - High: 20, Low: -29

South Bend Weather
High: 20, Low: 13
Playing the Game

By SARAH DYLAG and KRISTI KLIITSCH
Scene Editors

There’s a game being played. Have you noticed? And when it comes to dating, it sometimes seems like almost everyone is playing. The rules might not be perfectly clear, but somehow we all catch on quickly. Maybe it happens because it’s easy to think about the game and it’s not as easy to take a risk by being honest in a real relationship. Who knows?

Do you play the game?

We, who are sick of the game, have compiled a slightly satirical, somewhat silly quiz for you to find out.

1 If you see your object of obsession walking down the quad do you:
   a) Put your head down, avoid all eye contact and pretend not to see him/her?
   b) Look right at him/her and give the cool ‘head nod’?
   c) Stop and talk his/her ear off?

2 You see your object of obsession out with his/her friends. Do you:
   a) Make direct eye contact with him/her, then keep walking by?
   b) Walk over to your object of obsession with another member of the opposite sex and introduce the two?
   c) Walk right over and have a nice chat?

3 You and your object of obsession finally hook up. The next day you:
   a) Call your object of obsession and tell him/her that you’re transferring schools. Ask your roommates to screen all phone calls.
   b) Do nothing all day and then hook up with someone else.
   c) Call and ask him/her to dinner.

4 You have a date with your object of obsession and afterwards you promise to call. Do you:
   a) Never call at all?
   b) Wait at least two weeks and then call when you know he/she will not be at home?
   c) Give a call the next day and tell him/her that you had a nice time?

5 It’s Monday. You have a dance on Saturday. You want to go with your object of obsession. Do you:
   a) Call him/her on Saturday two hours before the dance?
   b) Mention the dance on Monday, but wait until Friday to ask him/her?
   c) Ask him/her on Monday?

6 It’s St. Valentine’s Day. Do you:
   a) Call your object of obsession at 7 p.m. to make sure that he/she doesn’t have any plans and then tell him/her that you’re going out with your friends?
   b) Take someone out for lunch, someone else out to dinner and meet up with your object of obsession later?
   c) Go on a date with your object of obsession?

7 You and your object of obsession have been dating for three months and you’ve had a fight. Do you:
   a) Swear off all members of the opposite sex and go out with your friends?
   b) Bring your now object of obsession to the place where you know your old object of obsession will be so that he/she can see you together?
   c) Call your object of obsession and try to figure things out?

8 Your object of obsession tells you that he/she likes you a lot. Do you:
   a) Tell him/her that you never want to see him/her ever again?
   b) Tell him/her that you’re a second semester senior and you’d rather spend every waking moment with your friends?
   c) Admit that you’re obsessed too?

If you answered mostly a’s:
You need to re-evaluate your social skills when it comes to objects of obsession. Please remove your heart from the sand and starting acting like a human being.

If you answered mostly b’s:
You are a player and expert at playing the game. Maybe it’s fun now, but wait until someone else plays you for a fool.

If you answered mostly c’s:
Please start a seminar on dating and objects of obsession in order to teach and inform the a’s and b’s of the world. And if you are ever free, give us a call.

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BY KATIE FURMANN

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ple in a lot of people's lives and never really been enjoyed by me because of my schedule and because of the things that I've done over the last 14 years.

Sure there's a lot of business opportunities there and that won't consume me, but that certainly will take away some of the competitive juices that will be left over from not playing basketball. For the most part I'm just going to enjoy life and do some of the things that I've never done before.

His wife, Juanita, doesn't see things changing drastically, however.

"My life won't change at all," she said. "I can see Michael doing more carpooling. That's about it."

Agent David Falk said Jordan's immediate business interest is an athletic apparel company "Brand Jordan.

"He has a lot of corporate affiliations. He has to decide what the next challenges are and how much of his time he wants to devote to corporate activities and how much he wants to devote to private activities," Falk said.

Don't expect to hear the words "Coach Jordan." He has no plans, like Larry Bird, to return to the game and draw up plays on the sideline.

"I could never say never," Michael Jordan, who won six NBA championships with the Chicago Bulls and brought home six league MVP awards, will now devote his time to his wife and their three children.

Jordan said. "But I want to get away from basketball a little bit and look at it from afar."

"Right now, the only coaching I can do it at home and I'm having a tough time doing that," said White, who's 18 years old.

There are those who are thinking Jordan's competitiveness will eventually lead back to the game, maybe even as a player again. After all, he's unretired before.

Ex-teammate Craig Hodges knows Jordan will keep playing somewhere, even if it's in the driveway or his own gym.

"I'm sure he'll play basketball. It's not like he'll never pick up a basketball again," Hodges said. "It's just there won't be 20,000 people watching him when he goes to work out."

Jordan privately.

"A bitter sweet day. He opened a lot of doors for a lot of people," said Brown, one of just four Bulls under contract.

"He is the game," Wennington said. "It will be tough for basketball to replace Michael Jordan."

Phil Jackson, the Zen-espousing ex-Hippie who won Jordan over to his coach and converted him to the share-the-ball principles of the triangle offense, didn't make it.

Jackson, who quit the Bulls himself last summer after championship No. 6, was traveling, said his agent Todd Moshburger. But Jackson did issue a statement.

"For our own selfish reasons we never wanted to see Michael Jordan retire," Jackson said.

"He represented our personal flight of fancy about what great things an individual can do and he made it look so easy."

Jordan's usual entrance into the United Center was from an underground parking garage where he could get out of his vehicle of choice and take a short walk to the locker room without much hassle.

On Wednesday, he entered through a mid-level concourse opening, an entourage surrounding him.

Tired, wanting to spend more time with his family, Jordan said it was time to go out when he was still able to play the game at its highest level.

"I think mentally it's been over for a while, but physically I think he could go right here and do something," said Peterson, one of his closest friends.

"He's Michael."

Swim

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**Soccer**

University of Notre Dame men's soccer players Phil Murphy and David Cutler have been named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) for the North/Central Region. Murphy was a first-team selection, while Cutler earned second-team honors.

Murphy, who is enrolled in the College of Business Administration as a finance major, has been named to the National Academic All-Star team and three-year letterwinner. He was one of seven players in 1998 to start all 18 games. He was the recipient of the Notre Dame Monogram Club MVP award for the 1997 season and also was one of 12 students on campus to receive the Notre Dame Office of Student Activities Student Leadership Award in the spring of 1999. Last summer, he participated in the NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference. He finished his career with 13 career assists.

Cutler, who is a co-captain of the Irish soccer team this season, owns a 1.908 grade-point average through seven semesters.

**Basketball**

Irish freshman Troy Murphy averaged 20 points and 8.3 rebounds last week to earn his fifth Big East rookie of the week award.

**Hockey**

Karr notches defensive award

Notre Dame senior Forrest Karr has been named the Central Collegiate Hockey Association defensive player of the week for the second time this season, following a 48-save performance last week in wins over Bowling Green (4-1) and Miami (2-0).

Karr allowed just one goal during the weekend—a second-period, power-play score by the Falcons—while directing an Irish defense that allowed just one even-strength goal in wins over BG and 22 versus Miami last season by four-year starter Mall Eisler, while tying an Irish history.

Karr is the fifth Notre Dame goaltender ever to post two career shutouts and is the first to post two shutouts in the same season, with his earlier shutout coming after a 16-save effort in the 3-0 win over No. 9 Ohio State on Oct. 23.

During the current Irish three-game winning streak, Karr has totaled 83 saves and just four goals allowed (three of them on the power play), including a 33-save performance in the 4-3 win at No. 1 North Dakota. In 20 games overall this season, Karr has just allowed 23 even-strength goals.

For his career, Karr owns a record of 20-17-3 (including 18-9-3 during the past two seasons, 12-7-1 on the road and 4-3-2 vs. top-10 teams). He is 5-4-0 in his career vs. Bowling Green, including 4-0-0 at the RSC in Are Arena.

Karr also earned CHA defensive player of the week honors on Oct. 11, after totaling 43 saves and allowing just one even-strength goal in wins over Lake Superior 4-2 and Western Michigan 5-0.

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**Bowling Green**

A two-year starter and for­mer walk-on, the Irish defender led his squad to a 9-3-6 record this season. A three-time member of the Big East Academic All-Star team and three-year letterwinner, he was one of seven players in 1998 to start all 18 games. He was the recipient of the Notre Dame Monogram Club MVP award for the 1997 season and also was one of 12 students on campus to receive the Notre Dame Office of Student Activities Student Leadership Award in the spring of 1999. Last summer, he participated in the NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference.

Cutler, who has been a member of the Dean's List each of his nine semesters, has been named to the Big East Academic All-Star Team.

**Bowling Green**

Irish freshman Troy Murphey averaged 20 points and 8.3 rebounds last week to earn his fifth Big East rookie of the week award.

**Hockey**

Murphy, Riley earn conference honors

Irish basketball standouts Ruth Riley and Troy Murphy have been selected as the Big East Player of the Week and co-Big East Rookie of the Week, respectively, for their performances last week.

Riley, a 6-5 center, earns the honor for the second time this season as she averaged 29.5 points and 10.0 rebounds in leading Notre Dame to two victories last week versus West Virginia (111-90) and Providence (79-56). Riley net­ted a career-high 36 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for her seventh double-double of the season and 16th of her career against Providence.

The 36 points were the sec­ond highest single-game point total in Irish women's basketball history equalling that of Beth Morgan who scored 36 points in Notre Dame wins over Kentucky in the 1997 East Regional semifinal game. She also had 23 points and seven rebounds in the win over West Virginia.

Riley, a three-time Big East Rookie of the Week a year ago, shot 75.9 percent from the field in the two contests and was 15-for-18 from the freethrow line.

For the fourth time in five weeks, and the fifth time this season, Murphy claimed the league rookie of the week as he shared the honor with Dahntay Jones of Rutgers. The Irish freshman averaged 20.0 points and 8.3 rebounds in Notre Dame's 2-1 week. He has led or tied Notre Dame in scor­ing in eight of the last 12 games and in 15 of 16 contests.

Murphy notched his fifth dou­ble-double of the season when he scored 30 points (tying his personal best) and grabbed 10 rebounds versus Pittsburgh. He registered 17 points and seven rebounds against Villanova and scored 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the Miami game.
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Student Activities Board (SAB)
Spring 1999 Events

January
15 "Rounder's"
Carroll Auditorium
8 pm

16 Hotel Prati (band)
Dalloway's
9-11 pm

20 Open Mic Night
Dalloway's
8-10 pm

February
5 Think Fast
(Game show)
Noble Dining Hall
(Win $200 cash)
11:30-1:30 pm

25 Frederick Winters, hypnotist
Dalloway's
8 pm

26 "Beloved"
(panel discussion to follow movie)
Carroll Auditorium
7 pm

March
3 Open Mic Night
Dalloway's
8-10 pm

19 "You've Got Mail"
Carroll Auditorium
8 pm

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Carroll Auditorium
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April
14 Open Mic Night
Dalloway's
8-10 pm

22 SMCTostal
Library Green
12 pm-12 am

27 Junior Mom's Weekend/Classics Weekend
"An Affair to Remember"
"Casablanca"
Carroll Auditorium
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28 "Gone With the Wind"
Carroll Auditorium
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**Sports**

**September 13, 1999**

**NBA**

**Jordan announces retirement**

Associated Press

CHICAGO

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"I've been with Michael as a coach longer than anyone he's bad, including Dean Smith. I don't know what influence I had, certainly not as much as Dean had apparently. But there have been so many good memories."

**Women's Swimming**

**Women victorious at Rainbow Invitational**

By WES RICHARDSON

Seattle Times

Just in time for the start of classes, the men's and women's swim teams returned from intense training camps in San Antonio, Texas, and Honolulu, Hawaii, respectively. The women's two-week stay in Hawaii included a victory over eight teams to win the 241st annual Rainbow Invitational held Jan. 2-3.

With 151.5 points, the 23rd-ranked Irish outscored Illinois (126 points) and No. 24 Texas A&M (118 points).

The 10th-ranked Michigan Wolverines, who was expected to win the meet, placed fourth with 112 points.

Freshman swimmer Heather Mattianny was again a double winner for the Irish, beating all competition on both the one- and three-meter boards. Teammates Fran McCoppin and Jessica Johnston followed in second and third place in the one-meter event.

Kiley Hekking placed second in both the 100- and 200-yard backstroke. Liz Barger scored second and third-place finishes in the 100 and 200 butterfly, while Allison Lloyd did the same with the 200 and 100 breaststroke.

The unexpected victory was significant, according to co-captains Barger and Anne Jakobucci, because it featured teams that the Irish will face in upcoming competitions.

"The teams we beat at the beginning of the year. We're ready to hae our best season so far."

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

- **Men's Swimming**
  - at Villanova: Saturday, 1 p.m.
  - vs. Pacific: Sunday, 11 a.m.
- **Women's Swimming**
  - vs. Alaska-Fairbanks: Friday, 7 p.m.

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**MJ to spend more time with family**

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Picture Michael Jordan as the ultimate doting dad or a Little League parent now that his playing days are apparently over. For a while, at least.

Coaching doesn't appeal to him right now. His business empire will still need tending and he doesn't expect his string of endorsements, estimated to bring him around $45 million a year, to dry up now that he's not playing. There are plenty of golf courses to play, too.

But for now, Jordan said he yearns to be a normal person.

"I've heard him talking about his family and kids. I posed the question to him: 'Do you want to spend some time at home and feel like what's it like to be in a car pool?' And he said, 'Yeah,'"

former North Carolina roommate Buzz Peterson said.

"My life takes on a different stage now and it's a different challenge and I welcome that and I knew it was coming," Jordan said as he announced his retirement Wednesday from the game he ruled.

Jordan and his wife have three children, including two boys who, like Mike, play basketball.

"I enjoy taking my kids to school, which I did that this morning, I normally enjoy picking my kids up from school, which I look forward to doing," Jordan said.

"I enjoy watching my kids play. My wife and I have a fun time watching our kids play one-on-one which is very entertaining. So those are things that seem so sim-

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**Saint Mary's basketball falls to 3-10 after losses to Albion and Calvin over break.**

- **Freshman Troy Murphy**
  - Big East rookie of the week award.