By MATTHEW SMITH

When the new millennium hits, most students will be far away in body and mind from Notre Dame. Teams of Y2K specialists have been working behind the scenes for months and will continue into January to assure a smooth transition for students when classes resume for spring semester.

Mike Favorite, associate director of Y2K compliance for the University, seems about as worried about Y2K as he is about what to eat for lunch.

"I don't think we'll have any major problems," he said. "The most likely scenario is that your computer will be unaffected, and everything will be just fine."

Of the 1,335 items categorized as "critical or life-threatening" on campus, Favorite explained that 97 percent have already been checked and found to be compliant.

He focused his main concerns on the basic infrastructure items that Notre Dame students, staff and faculty will need, including electricity pumps, for ground water, registration files, student records, payrolls, the registrar's computer and financial aid. Each of these critical areas has a backup machine and priorities have already been worked out in the unlikely case of a power outage.

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By TIM LOGAN

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Sixties activist Tom Hayden calls it "the power of the street." Glibers liken the participants to the so-called "heroes" who protested the Vietnam War. And the environmentalists and anti-trasist zealots around the world are shocked at the police brutality.

I am, of course, referring to the protests in Seattle. Launched against the World Trade Organization (WTO) last week, for several days the protests stormed around the Pacific Northwest, demonizing the conference and the organizers of the environmental grounds, among other things.

You've probably seen the police dressed in riot gear to stop the more militant of the protesters, some even showing activists getting the tear gas treatment.

And, as always, the media coverage is deemed "unfair." Apparently, none of the dismissive had been the least bit violent or uncooperative. Rather, they were the innocent victims of a city-wide effort to hilly-club a few tree huggers. And if you believe this for one moment, the protestors have duped you completely.

No one needs to remind us that some of our people in law enforcement have abused their authority to mistreat criminals and protestors. It's an unfortunate fact we must deal with on a case by case basis. However, most if not all of the police actions in Seattle were simply a brutal reality resulting from the uncooperative protestors and the havoc they unleashed on the Northwest.

Of course, I've seen plenty of accounts describing the violent protestors. I've witnessed the complaints about the use of rubber bullets and tear gas. None of these accounts can hide the multi-million dollar damage that has taken place. They cannot hide the fact that unfortunately, not all of the protestors were minding their own business and "not hurting anyone."

The view expressed in the Inside Column are those of the writer and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Dustin Ferrell
Assistant Editor

Texas denies making memorial T-shirts

IOWA CITY, Iowa. This isn't University of Iowa freshman Carrie Barkoff's first Hanukkah away from home, but without being able to light a menorah, it may have to be the most difficult. She has decorated her room in her Regel's hag with signs and pictures. It's become a tradition that the traditional Hanukkah food sent by her home synagog. And, the candles in the menorah rank untimely, a missing part of the "festival of lights."

"I haven't lit the menorah yet because you're not allowed to light candles in the dorms," she said. "I was kind of frustrated because I understand it's a fire hazard, but for religious observance, some exception to the rule could be made."

She know she could buy an electric menorah, Barkoff said, but that doesn't fulfill the purpose.

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"The actual lighting of the menorah is the religious observance," she said. "People are allowed to smoke in dorm rooms and light matches in dorm rooms; why aren't we allowed to light candles for a religious holiday?"

Hanukkah is an eight-day"festival of lights" in which a corresponding number of candles are lit for each day of the holiday. It commemorates the 165 B.C. victory of the Maccabees over Antiochus Epiphanes and the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem.

There are approximately 700 Jewish students at UI. Because university rules prohibit lit candles in dorm rooms, many students must celebrate Hanukkah outside of the residence halls.

UI sophomore Jonnah Phillips said he avoids the problem by celebrating Hanukkah at the Hillel Jewish Center. He said he understands why the UI would have a no-candle policy because the candles could create a fire hazard.

I know a lot of students who wish they could have candles, but I think it's reasonable," he said.

Bernie Iacovici, a UI junior and the vice president of the Hillel Jewish Center student board, said the no-candle policy can create difficulties for students living in the dorms.

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CLC Turns Focus to 24-hour Space

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

Student surveys revealed that views on 24-hour space vary among residence halls, said Cavanaugh Hall senator Bridget Tomes at Monday's Campus Life Council meeting. The issue of male and female interaction in 24-hour space was a concern in the surveys.

Tomes said it was a common complaint by students that when hall monitors leave, students of the opposite sex are asked to leave. This shortsens the 24-hour space to 20-hour space because partials.end at 10 a.m.

"When the security guard left at 6 a.m., the male was told to leave," said Tomes referring to a survey response.

The committee reported that this frequently applied to female dorms rather than male dorms. "There seems to be an inconsistency with consistency between halls," said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president of Student Affairs.

In order to decrease inconsistency, the CLC established a written definition of 24-hour space and a resolution that the definition be put into du Lac. Father Mark Poorman, vice president of student affairs, sent a response. acknowledged that while there is no formal definition of 24-hour space or social space, the decision "is left to the discretion of each rector.

My regular hall monitor knows that for social space for all hours of the day," said Sister Mary Ann Mueninghoff, rector of Pasquerilla East.

However, Meesinghoff said she heard of incidents when substitute monitors have enforced other rules. She suggested letting all hall monitors know what the rules are concerning 24-hour space.

Father Paul Doyle, rector of Dillon Hall said that the residents who are not content with the 24-hour space should be identified and be made aware that there is money available if the facility is improved.

"In some of the halls you have to leave the implementation somewhat to the rectors because the way they're designed," said Brother Jerome Meyer, rector of Knot Hall. "There might be some halls that don't have facilities for 24-hour space."

CLC members used Stanford and Kearan Hall as examples where, in previous years, the lobby was the only 24-hour hall space and which differs greatly from most other dorms that have a separate room with a television and often games.

"The facilities exist," said Ava Packer, assistant dean of the college of arts and letters, "but they might not be utilized as actual 24-hour space.

The committee for 24-hour space is going to meet again to discuss the issues of implementing the space, defining it and making sure that the facilities are available.

"Uniformity is definitely an issue," said Rose Kerr. "Whether it's the University enforcing (24-hour space) or the rectors, there needs to be an understanding.

In other CLC News:

• A new ATM will be installed at the south entrance of North Dining Hall. Co-chairman of the North Dining Hall board, sophomore basketball player Kelly Roberts helped plan the event and was thrilled to see such pride for Saint Mary's and willingness to get involved. "The community strongly supports athletes and it is nice to give something back to them and their families," she said.

This event was clearly beneficial for both athletes and children alike. "Watching the kids have fun and sharing in their joy definitely brings out the Christmas spirit. By doing this as a team we grow closer together with each other," said freshman swimmer and golfer Mikiciuk.

Many athletes realized how much the parents prized their enthusiasm. "The parents really appreciate it. It gives kids self-confidence and we're a positive influence on them," said freshman track and field member Karen Zimmer.

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Michigan City and participate in a peaceful vigil in hopes that Governor [Frank] O'Bannon will change his mind," Antkowiak said. "Also the vigils are just to express opposition to the Death Penalty and praying for Mr. Fleenor's soul.

The groups of students involved is unclear, but group leaders are participation will increase as.

"We're not exactly sure of the exact number of student participants. We are still trying to get people to sign up," said Matt Monberg, president of America's International. Monberg also explained that the student groups will meet up with other people protesting the execution from around the state.

"We are working with two other groups in Indiana: St. Joseph and Elkhart County. We have a coalition to ACLU-I Capital Punishment," he said. "My experience in recent years shows that there is growing opposition to the death penalty. Both of these groups have been a grass roots effort from people protesting the death penalty. All these people have full time jobs and are simply doing this on their free time because they feel strongly about the issue."

Monberg hopes that the group will be able to do a voice of the people. He also said, "There has been a huge outpouring of support, in the state and around the country," he added. "It really feels like people who are against the death penalty are coming out to protest the Fleenor case."

A lot of people favor the death penalty because they believe it's less expensive. Monberg said. "However, it's actually far more expensive than life imprisonment."

Last week, Fleenor didn't show up at his clemency hearing, marking an end to any legal means that can be carried out. Numerous lawyers have offered to defend him, but Fleenor has shown no interest in seeking council. He reported told one clemency board member to "show no mercy."

The only chance remaining for Fleenor is if Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon chooses to grant clemency. Although he has been "responsive," Monberg explained, "he hasn't been responsive in the way we want him to be."

Phone calls to the governor's office by The Observer were not returned.

Monberg urged students to pick people from around the county in a vigil outside of the Michigan City State Prison, where Fleenor is set to be executed.

The vigil in Michigan City will go from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Tuesday night at the Fieldhouse Mall.

SUB

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acts that students keep requesting," Pucinelli said. "SUB Concert Committee has a budget of $23,000 a year."

But even if they had more money, the committee would not necessarily be able to host more shows.

"This is a paradox that concert organizers face at Notre Dame. Sergus only seats 2,000, although Sucus does not have to pay rent to use the building. In addition, the University's reluctance to charge more than $20 for a ticket and the $25,000 budget SUB has for concerts, limits the organization's ability to lure and pay big-name talent."

Top-act frequently charge upwards of $30,000 for a concert. Perry said, putting Sucus in the red even before factoring in overhead costs.

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When SUB considers bringing a band to campus, they give the name to Notre Dame Security Police, which contacts other campus security department to find out about past incidents at colleges. If a history of dangerous or illegal activity is discovered, Security may recommend that the contract not be approved, according to Rex Rukow, director of Campus Security.

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Traffic injuries stress kids

A study of children and teenagers injured in traffic accidents found that 25 percent suffered post-traumatic stress disorder, but most parents sought no help for them. Victims of post-traumatic stress disorder may have recurring memories of the experience, a strong desire to forget what happened, sleeplessness, jampiness and trouble concentrating

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Associated Press

FORT GIBSON, Okla.

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Chechnya capital receives ultimatum

Chechnya's besieged capital Monday, warning residents and rebels to flee before federal forces launch a mass attack to smash Grozny into submission. The Russian military has been raining bombs and artillery on the city for weeks but has been hesitant to risk storming it, for fear that street battles would cause the kind of heavy casualties that Russia suffered in Grozny in the 1994-96 war.

Now the Russians are threatening to unleash their biggest artillery and air bombardment on the city so far. Russian forces dumped leaflets on Grozny on Monday telling rebel fighters and civil­

ians that they had until Saturday to flee. The leaflets said a safe corridor would be open until Dec. 11 to let civilians escape.

"Persons who stay in the city will be consid­

tered terrorists and ban­

dits and will be destroyed by artillery and aviation. There will be no further negotiations. Everyone who does not leave the city will be destroyed," the leaflets said.

It was unclear who could or should leave. Most of the civilians in Grozny — the Russians estimate between 15,000 and 40,000 remain — are old or infirm. "We had to flee when they made such an ultima­

tum during the previous war. Last time they also said that those who stayed in the city were militants. It turned out that many of them were elderly people who had nowhere to go, and exactly the same thing will happen now," Zina Ferrao, a refugee from Grozny staying in the vil­

lage of Dolinsky, nine miles to the northwest.

Russian forces easily seized a town across from Chechnya's northern plains when the military campaign began in September, and now con­

trol more than half of Chechnya.

But the rebels have been suffering resistance as fed­

eral troops tighten their hold on the area.

Federal forces now claim to have blocked Grozny, yet Chechen fighters can be seen freely moving in and out at night. An Associated Press reporter outside Grozny had no trouble traveling through the wide­

ly spaced Russian positions around the city.

Routes for travel are explored by Chechen scouts and then become common knowledge among local residents. Russian troops rarely change their positions or venture out­

side checkpoints, making their hold on the area largely symbolic.
NASA engineers begin to accept Lander's silence

By JOHN NOBLE WILFORD
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif.

Just about now, if things had gone differently, Wayne Zimmerman would have been waiting expectantly and nervously for the Mars Polar Lander’s mechanical arm to start digging in the planet’s cold ground, searching for evidence of water ice.

He was the lead engineer for electronics on the team that developed and tested the 6.5-foot arm.

As the grim reality of the lander’s apparent loss settled in Monday, Zimmerman paid a visit to the “Mars yard” here at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. There, on a bed of simulated red Mars soil, stood a mock-up of the vehicle that has been assembled to head out in 2001 for the next landing attempt. Its robot arm was almost identical to the one on the ill-starred polar lander.

The visit was an occasion for mourning and reflection as well as worry that the $165 million mission’s failure could prompt public and Congressional criticism of the entire Mars exploration program, including calls for severe cutbacks. The fear perhaps arises because the space agency’s science programs have been vulnerable to budget cuts in the past.

The gloom was doubly thick because in September the lander’s companion craft, Mars Climate Orbiter, which cost $125 million, was lost as it approached the planet.

“We’re all just crestfallen,” Zimmerman said. “Man, it’s tough when you put that much work for years into designing, building and testing; it’s hard to lose it all. Not to have an opportunity to do that science is pretty depressing.”

Indeed, with each passing hour, little hope remained that flight controllers would establish radio contact with the missing polar lander. A listening opportunity early this morning, the sixth since the spacecraft’s landing attempt on Friday, again produced nothing but silence.

Another effort, perhaps the last on which controllers are pinning much hope, was planned for early Tuesday. Mission officials said they had also abandoned much hope of receiving transmissions from the two small probes that were supposed to penetrate the Martian ground at about the same time of the lander’s arrival. They were designed to examine the subsurface for signs of water ice.

The search for water by both the probes and the lander was an effort to answer the consuming question about Mars: Could life have arisen there in the past? Water is considered essential for life, and other research has shown that some water ice and vapor exists on Mars and might have been more abundant and in liquid form earlier.

The mission’s apparent failure has been acutely painful for Zimmerman and others who have invested years, sometimes decades, in Mars exploration. Dr. Richard Zurek, the chief scientist for the project, found himself a three-time loser. He was also chief scientist for the lost climate orbiter and an investigator on the $1 billion Mars Observer, which disappeared mysteriously in 1993 and it arrived at the planet.

Dr. David Paige, one of the leading mission scientists from the University of California at Los Angeles, has lost years of work and millions of dollars in instruments on three separate failed missions to Mars over the last decade. He had been hoping to follow in the footsteps of his father as a polar explorer.

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In the first criminal case of its kind in the United States, an aircraft maintenance company was convicted Monday of mishandling the oxygen canisters blamed for the cargo hold fire that caused the 1996 ValuJet crash in the Everglades.

Two employees of the maintenance company, SabreTech, were acquitted.

Flight 592 crashed shortly after takeoff from Miami, killing all 110 people on board.

Prosecutors said SabreTech sacrificed safety for the sake of profits and rushed the transport of the canisters to meet ValuJet's deadlines.

SabreTech's maintenance operations have been sold by the parent company, Sabreller, which could face a fine of $4.5 million and be forced to make restitution to the families of the crash's 110 victims.

Former employees Daniel Gonzalez and Eugene Florence were acquitted of conspiracy and charges they lied on repair records.

Gonzalez, who could have faced 10 years in prison if convicted, showed little emotion when the verdict was read, but his wife smiled broadly. Florence, who could have faced 15 years in prison, broke into a wide smile.

SabreTech's lawyer Ken Quinn said the guilty verdicts would be appealed.

The company acknowledged that mistakes were made but said they did not amount to crimes. Defense attorneys also suggested that electrical problems in the plane may have caused the crash.

The case involved 144 oxygen generators removed by SabreTech from other ValuJet planes.

The canisters are usually installed over seats to supply oxygen to the masks that drop when a plane's cabin loses pressure; they were being carried as cargo on the DC-9 on May 11, 1996.

Five cartons of the generators, which resemble shaving cream cans, were delivered to the ill-fated flight without the required safety caps or any markings indicating the canisters were hazardous. ValuJet was not allowed to carry hazardous cargo. Some of the generators were also packed in a paper-towel box.

Crash investigators blamed the generators for starting a 2,200-degree fire that spread to the jet's cabin and melted aluminum seat tracks and plastic tray tables.

Florence, a former mechanic, signed a work card stating he had installed caps on the generators, but he admitted days after the crash that he had not. The caps keep a firing pin from hitting an ashen-size percussion cap.

The firing pins are activated by pulling a string, and mechanics secured some of the canisters simply by wrapping the string around the body of the canister or taping the string down.

Gonzalez, a vice president of maintenance, was accused of pressing Florence and other mechanics to sign the paper work in order to beat deadlines and get the plane in the air.

Prosecutors also said he signed paperwork for a defying task that allegedly was not actually done on an Aserca Airlines jet in 1995. That claim was used to back up the charge that SabreTech lied, rushed work and skipped assignments.

Another former SabreTech mechanic charged in the case, Mauro Valenzuela, is a fugitive.

ValuJet, which has changed its name to AirTran, and SabreTech have settled most lawsuits brought by victims' families, but a few are set for trial.
South Bend’s airport, banks prepare for Y2K

By ERLIN LARUFFA
New Writer

To relieve the public’s fear over the safety of air travel on Jan. 1, John Schalliol of the South Bend/Michiana Regional Airport will welcome the New Year in an airplane above South Bend.

Schalliol’s wife, members of the media and other airport staff will join him in the air.

“It will be fine even if we don’t receive electricity,” Schalliol said. “Everything will be normal.”

Generators will power the aircraft in the unlikely event that the local electrical company cannot.

Potential problems in the airport’s computer system would arise from equipment that reads years as only two digits. Thus, that equipment would interpret the year 2000 as the year 1900.

The airport staff began preparing for the millennium two years ago. Tests imply that all systems will function normally in the year 2000, according to Schalliol.

“We found a few systems that needed to be replaced anyway,” he said. However, none of the systems critical to the airport’s functioning needed replacing.

The airport will have to run additional tests on equipment such as fire trucks and communication devices shortly after midnight on Jan. 1. Schalliol will then file a report with the Federal Aviation Administration, which is responsible for the safety of domestic aviation.

“I don’t anticipate any problems whatsoever,” Schalliol said.

The Federal Trade Commission echoes Schalliol’s optimism.

“The FAA does not expect the year 2000 computer problem to affect domestic air travel,” according to the FTC’s official Web site.

Despite assurances from airports and the government, many travelers are avoiding flying on Jan. 1, according to Pat Walsh, vice president of business services at Anthony Travel.

“All Macintosh computers are Y2K compliant, and computers equipped to support Microsoft Windows 95 and 98 should suffer only minimal effects,” Favorite explained.

“Students who experience difficulty or who are attempting to prepare their personal computers in advance should visit the Office of Information Technology’s Web site,” said Favorite.

Additionally, resident computer consultants are compiling a list of instructions for students that will be available on the Web upon returning from break.

“The only thing that we’re really telling students to do is to unplug their machines,” Favorite said. “We do not anticipate a great deal of difficulty.

In the event that Y2K does halt normal operations, the Y2K team — comprised of Information Technology, Human Resources, Security, Dining Services, and Facilities representatives — drafted a contingency plan that outlines stops to follow in case of system interruptions are interrupted.

The contingency plan was an emergency response team that will be on call Dec. 31, 1999, to monitor the Y2K solution. It will be set up a procedure that will let as many people as possible be home with their families that night, Favorite said. “We’ll be here to monitor any problems that will occur, but we don’t expect anything to happen.

Should operations be interrupted, there is a possibility that the academic calendar could be delayed. For information regarding the status of campus following Jan. 1, 2000, students may call (219) 284-5245 after Jan. 10, 2000. They may also check Saint Mary’s Web site at www.saintmarys.edu.

But the best advice? Sit back and relax on New Year’s Eve.

“We’re done with our homework,” Favorite said. “Business is expected to run smoothly.”

Even the Notre Dame athletic department has weathered the Y2K crisis. There will be delay of Y2K preparations in the football team’s travel plans.

“Everyone was prepared,” Schalliol said. “We’re looking forward for this year to end so we can put this behind us.”

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People aren’t really very skeptical,” he said. “I would personally be very concerned traveling on Jan. 1.”

While domestic airlines are prepared for Y2K, certain foreign airlines are not.

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The second problem with which students need to be concerned is with data files, such as personal computers for games.

Favorite suggests that the students should ask the OIT help desk about Y2K. He points out that there is a low chance of problems with data files, such as saved text documents or WordPerfect.

“People have a little bit of a fear of the bigger company, the better the chance that the company will have an emergency plan,” Favorite said. “The older the version of a program, the more likely the problems.”

The two questions we all have had are: “What happens if we lose power?” Favorite said.

“When I leave my office, when my computer knows its year 2000 and not before, then I will lose it,” Favorite said. “It’s better to know that and continue to function,” Favorite suggested. “If I report that I will be reporting to them.”

Favorite suggests that the problem of the date on computers can be dealt with in two easy ways after New Year’s Day.

If a computer will not accept a date of 2000, it should be set to 1972, the last calendar year line up with 2000.

There isn’t one way to fix Y2K, there is a game on in the first couple days of January,” he said. The department of Y2K compliance created contingency plans to better prepare for the unknown effects of Y2K. The plans are designed in three phases based on the level of danger the new year will actually present.

Phase three, or the disaster possibility, calls for Notre Dame to assist the needs of the Michiana community in case of an emergency outside of campus.

Favorite will have some people on campus at midnight to assess any immediate problems. Then a full team of specialists, including computer science students, will fix or replace anything in the days leading up to the spring semester.

Eventually, people will come to their labs and classrooms, and these lesser problems will be reported to us as they are discovered,” he said.

All computer clusters will also be checked from Jan. 1, at the beginning of the spring semester.

Favorite suggested that to protect themselves and the University, students should update everything before they leave for break. In that case, if power is lost, University generators can function until power needs at Notre Dame are covered.

Favorite makes one exception to this rule, saying that “there is a low chance of problems with data files, such as saved text documents or WordPerfect.”

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GOP rivals participate in debate

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PHOENIX

After selling themselves through commercials and sparring via the media, the Republican presidential candidates finally got a chance to question one another.

And George W. Bush got a sharper answer to one question than he expected.

Mostly the candidates' questions prompted each other to launch into stump speech recitations during their debate Monday night. But when the Texas governor asked Sen. John McCain's last-minute participant, a former oil man, about what he would do to keep fuel prices low during New Hampshire's cold winters, Bush said he would encourage exploration and alternative fuels, and said: "Governments don't control the price of oil, at least not in America.""You cannot control the price of oil," McCain said. "You can do to keep fuel prices low during New Hampshire's cold winters."

Bush laughed himself as the audience again erupted.

The candidate questions were one of the few novelties in the group's second debate in four days. Another was the participation of home state Sen. John Mccain, who appeared via satellite TV from Boston because of a busy campaign schedule.

The session lasted about 15 minutes more than its allotted hour. During that time, the candidates promised safer schools, lower taxes and a more disciplined foreign policy for Americans if they seize the presidential or vice presidential candidacy.

"My plan says less power to the White House from Democrats," Bush said.

Former ambassador Alan Keyes said political action committees should not be allowed to contribute to campaigns. "If you cannot walk out into a ballot box and cast a vote, you cannot give a dollar," he said.

In a question directed at Bush, publisher Steve Forbes asked the governor, a former oil man, about what he would do to keep fuel prices low during New Hampshire's cold winters.

Bush said he would encourage exploration and alternative fuels, and said: "Governments don't control the price of oil, at least not in America."

The debate ended, Forbes's surrogates phoned reporters in Washington and headed into the media center at the theater to plan Bush's response.

The Arizona Republic's chief political writer, Ben Horin, who is also a senator in the territory's legislature, argues that that sense of powerlessness is why many Puerto Ricans ignore nationalistic feelings when they vote on the island's political status. Only 3 percent of voters supported seeking independence in a December 1998 plebiscite.

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The protests began in April when stray bombs killed civilian security guard David Sanes on the range, which the Navy has used for combat training since the 1940s.

Sanes's death ignited a smoldering resentment of the Navy, long perceived as an arrogant neighbor by Vieques's 9,300 residents as well as Puerto Ricans who support the Navy in the world at bay for seven months has broken the feeling of impotence among Puerto Ricans. Berrios, who is also a senator in the territory's legislature, argues that that sense of powerlessness is why many Puerto Ricans ignore nationalistic feelings when they vote on the island's political status. Only 3 percent of voters supported seeking independence in a December 1998 plebiscite.

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The U.S. Marshals Service sent officers to the island to convince them to unlock the gates, said local director Herman Wirshing.

"We are trying to avoid a confrontation," Wirshing said. He would not say if marshals planned to remove the chains and lock.

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Police did more harm than good

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Aron Krieder
Progressive student alliance

Last week, tens of thousands of people went to Seattle to peacefully protest the erosion of democracy and the results increase in corporate power. Both of which are veiled under the rhetoric of "free trade" or "globalization" and are being promoted by the World Trade Organization (WTO). Thousands of people wanted to show the world that we would not stand aside as corporations are given the right to sue and prevent governments from enacting laws protecting the environment, labor and human rights. The WTO submits the laws of our nation, our state and our city to the rulings of an un-elected body. So how did the police react in this land of milk and "democracy?" The police rooted. They used tear gas in abundance, pepper spray, and rubber bullets.

Yes, RUBBER BULLETS. A friend of mine was bit with one. One activist got shot in the head. The WTO talks lasted on Tuesday. So that day thousands of people protested, blockading the building where the meeting was and the delegates' hotel. The protesters locked-down and delayed the meeting, but the police used tear gas and had to leave. That day the AFL-CIO organized the largest protest with 50,000 people. That night the mayor declared a state of emergency, a 7 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. curfew, a 46 block no-protest zone and protesters locked-down and delayed the meeting. They used tear gas in abundance, pepper spray and forced it back onto the protesters that I received by e-mail. A dozen of the things in a few square inches. The police were relentless. They have taken protest to using tear gas on an 70-year-old woman. The police did more harm than good.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If only we'd stop trying to be happy,
we could have a pretty good time."

Edith Warton, author

DILBERT

SOMEDAY I'LL TAKE FRENCH LESSONS TO FIND OUT WHAT THE HECK I'M THINKING.

I SPEAK ENGLISH BUT I THINK IN FRENCH.

SCOTT ADAMS

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Where will you be Wednesday night?

Where will you be on Wednesday night after your last day of classes? I imagine quite a few of you have big plans to hit the local drinking establishments or parties. Right to life Laura Antkowski Turtle Creek and College Park. Or maybe you will just sit around playing video games.

Brrrr, man. Mr. D.H. Fleenor, will be at the maximum security prison in Michigan City getting his last shave and a hair cut, preparing to die at the hands of the state of Indiana. Somewhere he has family and friends, even concerned students and citizens, who may have written to him or visited him while on death row. They will be anxiously praying that at the last second, Mr. Fleenor will pull through and live. Mr. O’Brian will put a hold in Mr. Fleenor’s execution.

Especially when it is politically unpopular to be “soft on crime,” it is painfully difficult to sit up enthusiastically and widespread opposition to the death penalty. Even among citizens and public figures who are ardently opposed to abortion, one finds many just as committed to capital punishment. One can justify the defended little baby much more easily than the murderer. Did Mr. Fleenor kill two people? He is mentally retarded and has abused alcohol. He and his wife sought help for his habits just days before the murders occurred, but treatment was denied. A recent Indiana law bars the death penalty for the mentally retarded, but this law will not affect Mr. Fleenor, who was sentenced before the law’s passage.

These circumstances do not change the fact the D.H. Fleenor’s life was worthless and that murder is wrong, but they should, at least, make us think about how our society uses the death penalty.

We can express opposition from several perspectives. Death is final and irreversible. The death penalty is expensive, and when considering the legal costs involved, it is more expensive to hold someone in prison for life. Do you want your tax dollars supporting this act?

If you support the death penalty emotionally, you think the perpetration of a heinous crime should suffer the same fate. Do you think it suffering is worse than death? Do you think the pain of suffering is worse than death? Does suffering change the fact that someone is wrong? The fact that a person is wrong does not mean it is just.

If you support the death penalty legally, you believe the state has the right to take the life of someone who commit murder because you believe it is a legitimate means of punishment.

Some will say that college students are about as useful as a boulder o’ chutney at a polo match. Some people would have you believe that all the Irish Guard does is “scrow around.” Any of the 40-some students who were with me in August would tell you the exact opposite. They would speak of a demanding week of hard work. I know for a fact that the members of the Irish Guard fully appreciate the many hours of hard work that the other members of the band put forth.

The Irish Guard adds unique character to our band. It is one of the many things that separates our band from others and makes it the best in the nation. In my opinion that Friday night in 1984, the last letter was written because of one hard, undeniable fact.

Antonio, to quote your beloved D.H. Fleenor, “Is all right to be jealous?”

Patrick Coan
Senior
Observer
December 6, 1999

In defense of the Guard

Some just jealous

This is in response to Friday’s letter to the editor “The Irish Guard must go.” In August, I had the pleasure of experiencing a week of triumphs despite the fact that I was not one of the five new lucky recruits to carry on this time-honored tradition, I do have a deep respect for them.

The many people that appreciate the Irish Guard far outweigh the few skeptics, such as Antonio DiPasquale, the author of Friday’s letter. The concept of “Guard brutality” has been completely blown out of proportion. The skeptics would have you believe that Oscar de la Hoya is in a killed in the and thrown those combinations to innocent victims on his way to the Stanfordaca Web’s net. nor would he make the bright requirement any way. I seriously doubt that any of the spectators who were moved out of the path of the band are sporting any new black and blue.

The Guard represents our community the best that they can. Skeptics who write degrading letters about the Guard are the only ones who tarnish this Golden Dome of ours. In other words, the Irish Guard is about as useful as a boulder o’ chutney at a polo match.

I am writing this letter in response to Mr. DiPasquale’s letter to the editor in Friday’s Observer about the Irish Guard. As a former member of the band, I had a role that required I work closely to the Guard on a regular basis. As a manager, I was responsible for marching 10 yards in front of the Guard and clearing a path for them and the rest of the band. In doing this job for two years, I gained a real understanding of the nature of the work the Guard does.

As someone who witnessed the activity of the band from a vantage point much closer than Mr. DiPasquale, I strongly believe the Guard does an invaluable service to the band.

The guards’ primary responsibility is to create a safe pathway for the band to march through.

This requires moving people and objects out of the way along the route. Even though campus security and I demand people move beyond the erected boundaries, people often move in front of those barriers to get a closer view. In some cases, it is the responsibility of the Guard to move them. I have seen numerous examples where the Guard have gone out of their way to remove such people with extreme care. I have seen the Guard also take special concern of these more fragile individuals such as the elderly, children and disabled persons. The Guard does an extremely difficult job with class, dignity and respect.

The specific concerns presented by Mr. DiPasquale in his letter are utterly ridiculous. It is obvious from his comments, he has never seen the Guard in action and I invite him to spend a game day with the managers to see what a difficult task the Guard must accomplish. Were it not for the Irish Guard, we would have made it out of the Independence Bowl and the Michigan game (1997) in a safe manner. In addition, I have seen the Guard get punched, spit at and hit with glass bottles while protecting the band.

In all those situations, the Guard continued to march because of their concern for the safety of the band. I have read the letters in The Observer complaining about the Irish Guard and can assure Mr. DiPasquale that those who complained were told to move at least three times by campus police, a band manager and the Guard before they were moved. I also don’t recall any letters from elderly women who were over the age of 80.

I component of the marching band because of the Guard. I do have a deep respect for them. I think they carry an A+ all the time.

Jeremy Herzog
Junior
Observer
December 6, 1999

Keep the Guard!

Jeremy Herzog

Jeremy Herzog
Oh where, oh where did 1999 go?

The critics told everyone this was the year rock fought back. This was the year all the teenybooper hit-makers would meet their match. This was the year it became cool again to buy an electric guitar and just jam, man. Well, it didn’t really happen exactly like that. Amidst the new studio albums from favorite rockers such as Rage Against the Machine, a steady stream of hip-hop world.

But if we decide to ignore the teen wave that has gulped up the music industry and watch everything else, I still don’t think we have a return of rock music. The Woodstock ’99 concert, plagued by unruly teenage violence was dominated by testosterone-powered angst. Instead of good rock music the public was served unsung foul trash that would appal the great artists of this century. What would Jimi Hendrix think of Korn? Could John Lennon even imagine a more horrible group than Limp Bizkit?

Sure, rock music is not entirely dead. Rage Against the Machine rocks hard. But they also show skill through their music and deliver a message. On “The Battle of Los Angeles,” Tom Morello invents sounds that would make Jimmy Page proud. Zach de la Rocha warns against the dangers of oppression and racism. The Foo Fighters are carrying on the alternative tradition, even though the grunge sound has now morphed from Nirvana distortion to Beattles song craftsmanship. And Pearl Jam scored its biggest hit with the heart-wrenching cover “Last Kiss.”

In the world of rap music we learned that maybe it would be better if we all just got along and had some fun. Two boys from Detroit decided that you could be a loser and still make money... a lot of money. Eminem’s hilarious and oft-quoted rhyme on “The Slim Shady LP” captivated the country, while Kid Rock made everyone want to grab a hat and become a “Cowboy” baby! Oh yeah, one more thing: Dre is back and he is better than ever.

What happened in the country music industry? Some more butts followed Shania Twain’s lead and suddenly developed southern accents. There were some reports that a few dogs died, thus prompting hundreds of new songs to be written. Garth Brooks morphed into Chris Gaines and tricked even more fools into buying his albums. So what should we be hoping for in the future? Well for starters, how about the return of the rock opera? Is there anybody out there that can pull it off? I’m not positive about that, but I would like to nominate Radiohead to take on the task. They are hard at work on a new album as we speak, but one of these days they should consider a 21st Century answer to “Tommy.”

We could also use a break from the whole Ricky Martin fiasco. He gripped the nation with his good looks and Latin grooves, but I’d rather let the Latin grooves come from someone like Carlos Santana. Ricky will bomb on his next album. We also need to stop the violence. Someone should throw Fred Durst of Limp Bizkit into one of his own moss pits. I’m sick of watching television seeing girls get crushed and abused. What are we teaching young kids? That it is all right to hurt women? That is just plain sick and wrong. What are we accomplishing with all of this anger? Stop for a moment and take a look at the sky. Isn’t it beautiful? Stop for a moment and look at yourself in the mirror. You are alive and that should be celebrated. How about writing some music that talks about love and hope?

Looking back on 1999, it is safe to say that there was not one act that completely dominated. There was no Alanis Morrisette to annoy us for the entire year. But there was still a lot of useless noise and obnoxious teenyboppers. But apparently that’s what the public wanted. Or was that what the record executives shoved down the public’s throats? We’ll see fairly soon what is in store for the year 2000. But for now, sit back relax and hit me baby one more time!

**ALBUM REVIEW**

By JESSE DANG Scene Music Critic

Every once in awhile, a hip-hop album arrives and changes the way people listen to and view hip-hop. Veteran hip-hop artists such as Public Enemy, Gang Starr and De La Soul, along with the modern day talents of Dr. Dre, Notorious B.I.G., Keel Keith and Lauren Hill, have continuously shaped hip-hop into what it is today. The highly anticipated debut of Brooklyn native Mos Def will add another name to that extensive list of artists that have contributed greatly to the hip-hop world.

Boasting an extensive list of hip-hop’s premiere producers, Black on Both Sides is a truly marvelous debut for an MC that has graced so many other artists’ tracks with his unrivaled flow and lyrical genius. Mos Def works well with the likes of DJ Premier, Diamond, Psycho Les and 25 Life Productions in producing an album that packs a variety of punch-es. There is a definite difference in beat production for Black on Both Sides as compared to his previous album, a duo project with Talib Kweli of Reflection Eternal (Mos Def and Talib Kweli are Black Star). The production in this case definitely complements Mos Def’s style, and helps him exemplify the full range of his talents.

The tracks on Black on Both Sides cover a range of styles, ranging from intense duets with Rusta Rhuymes on “Do It Now” and Talib Kweli on “Know That,” to relaxing jazz pieces reminis-cent of Digable Planets. The lead single, “Ms. Fat Booty,” is a clever track that reflects Mos Def’s funky narrative and is a must listen. There is even a track on water conservation, entitled “New World Order.”

All in all, Mos Def’s debut for up-and-coming Rawkus Records is not a disappointment at all, and will inevitably draw comparisons to Lauren Hill’s debut, but perhaps will not get the same amount of mainstream coverage. Tired of those “East Coast vs. West Coast vs. Dirty South, R&B infested, Thugs for Life” hip-hop cliches? Pick up Mos Def’s Black on Both Sides and listen to what hip-hop REALLY has to offer.

**MUSICAL COLUMN**

TODAY

**Sheryl Crow - Live**
Cypress Hill - Los Grandes Exitos En Espanol
Juvenile - Tha G-Code
Mandy Moore - So Real
Marilyn Manson - Marilyn Manson Gift Set
Methods of Mayhem - Methods of Mayhem
The Notorious B.I.G. - Born Again

DECEMBER 14

George Michael - Songs From The Last Century
Ghostface Killah - Supreme CLIENTELE

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**UPCOMING CONCERTS**

**South Bend**

- Umphrey’s McGee
- Ted Nugent

**Indianapolis**

- Indigo Girls
- Umphrey’s McGee
- Billy Joel
- John Mellencamp

**Chicago**

- Guided By Voices
- Local H
- Umphrey’s McGee
- Poi Dog Pondering
- Collective Soul
- Def Leppard
- Freddy Jones Band
- TLE
- Counting Crows

**NEW RELEASES**

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CONCERT REVIEW

Gone phishin' in Cincinnati

By ANDREW JONES
Scene Music Critic

Psychedelia arrived in Cincinnati on Tuesday night; ODP opened with long dreadlocks, beards and girls sprinkled with sparkles all over their hair, as they traveled in waves from the Phish Center. Nearly everyone was partying, having a great time in the unusual rainy but warm weather.

But everyone was excited because the world's greatest rock band was going to be stumbling out on stage sometime after 7 p.m. Inside First Star, the buzz was even greater than outside. Most everyone, surprised due to a huge cloud of smoke as they looked on toward the stage.

Finally, the house lights went out, an enormous cheer erupted and everyone smoke rose. Phish was about to start growing for the second show of their December tour. Groove we did. The four piece band from Vermont proved to be Vermont Phish as they opened the show with guitarist Trey Anastasio's composition "First Tube." "First Tube" never fails to be an excellent show opener. Phish bassist Mike Gordon picks a definitive bass line which lays a foundation for Anastasio's mellow but staccato introduction. "First Tube" became a showcase of Anastasio's array of guitar effects as he triggered delay loops the way a backup singer notes expanded his phrasing on top of these loops. As the song reached a climax, Anastasio's feet were stomping on high pitched tones that sounded somewhat like a car revving its engine.

The first set continued to be a good performance, which Phish typically delivers at any given show. Yet, the first set was not typical of Phish's trademark genre shows. The set continued with crowd favorites such as Wolfman's "Brother," AUDC "Hag," and the opening song of the night, Phish's fan's favorite song, "Bouncing Around the Room." Known for their prodigious ability to improvise, this first set did little justice to their reputation. The jams of these songs were short lived and consisted of nothing special, but that certainly does not mean the band failed to convey a huge amount of energy.

The first set came to a close with the three biggest songs fans' favorite song. "Harry Hood." This version of "Hood" paralleled the exciting climax of the "Slave" in the first set Fishman, clad in his Heeerrrta Iruma, banged on the opening beats of Harry Hood, the band built to the song title in which all four members sang, "Harry!" and the crowd traditionally responded, "Hood!" After an awesome jam that included blinding lights to intensify the emotion, Anastasio lifted his custom hollow body guitar over his head and manipulated his position close to speakers to produce screeches of feedback.

Phish ended the night with an encore of the Velvet Underground's "Rock And Roll." Fans lifted their lefters in honor of the night's performance; the good of boys never disappointed. Their musicality places them above any band that performs today, and their technical genius grants them the honor of being the most respected rock musicians to last.

If every band could be as great as Phish, Phish's are not to sell albums, produce hit singles or even sell mass amount of tickets. They're on the stage because they love what they do: playing, making great music. A huge following of people realizes Phish is different, but it's not just the different aspect of Phish that creates an attraction. It's the greatness. Great music endures; certainly Phish will endure.

ALBUM REVIEW

Originality is missing from new OLP album

By GEORGETTE LEONARD
Scene Music Critic

Our Lady Peace's live shows are not to be missed. They are explosive and full of energy. As a live band, they have their act down. As recording artists, OLP has its act down too, but not in a good way.

Our Lady Peace's third release is disappointing. That's the word for "Happiness... is Not a Fish That You Can Catch." Unlike their previous albums, OLP's act has not evolved from one album to another. Their first two releases, "Nauned" and "Charmed," featured well-crafted alternative rock songs. Both albums received a lot of radio play, from 1995's "Nauned" to 1997's "Charmed," which was later released as "Starhead." Their latest album, "Happiness... is Not a Fish That You Can Catch," included a wide vocal range and sometimes sounds a bit like Billy Corgan of the Smashing Pumpkins. His lyrics are emotional, but half the time you don't know what he's going on about.

"Happiness... is Not a Fish That You Can Catch" is a big step backwards for the band. At times, Maida's vocals are overly sneering and sarcastic. Sure, there are the radio hits off "Happiness... is Not a Fish That You Can Catch." The title track, "One Man Army," has received decent airplay and will probably be followed by "Blister," "Waited" and "Lying Awake." All of these songs are good and deserve attention, but sound like they could have been leftovers from their previous albums. "Potato Girl" highlights Maida's wearing vocal style as he leaps around many different time changes.

"Stealing Babies," featuring jazz artist Elvin James, is perhaps the most ambitious track on the album. The song switches tempos and rock/jazz styles back and forth. While it is somewhat jolting and doesn't flow with the rest of the album, hopefully, this kind of experimentation is a sign of things to come from the band.

If you want to hear a great Our Lady Peace album, buy "Clumsy." A lot of great performances have come out of Canada recently, and OLP is part of the recent wave to hit the States.

Unfortunately, the band is dangerously close to becoming extinct as alternativa rock's popularity wanes. Our Lady Peace doesn't deserve to be seen as the Guess Who of alternative rock, but you can't help but feel that's where they are headed if they keep sticking to the formula.
The University of Notre Dame baseball team has signed four promising right-hand­ed pitchers and two position players to national letters of intent, sixth-year head coach Paul Mainieri announced.

The signees include outfielder Steve Sollmann (the brother of former Irish standout Doug Sollmann), first baseman/pitcher Joe Keppel, catcher B ryan Kaplan, B ob Perconte and left fielder Matt Nussbaum.

Mainieri hopes to add some position players who can come in and compete for playing time as freshmen."We have a deep stable of freshmen and sophomores who can impact us this season," said Mainieri, whose 1999 Irish squad won the Big East Conference regular-season title en route to a 43-18 overall record and a spot as an NCAA Tournament regional host.

The Notre Dame baseball team includes six seniors, led by starting pitcher Scott Cavey, top closer John Corbin and three starting position players, including first baseman John Southwick, second baseman Jeff Irish, shortstop and catcher Matt Nussbaum.

"We also probably will lose junior pitcher Aaron Heilman to the pro draft, but we have added a lot of our needs with the current freshman class and these signees," said Mainieri.

The Irish are expected to compete for starting time at first base in the 2000 season. If he signed with Southside, Sollmann would join current sophomore center fielder Steve Stanley and freshman right fielder Brian Stavisky to give us two center fielders in the same out­field and it's hard to imagine there being a better outfield — both offensively and defensively — than what we potentially could have with Sollmann, Stanley and Stavisky," said Mainieri.

"I always have wanted to go to Notre Dame and it was a very tough decision for me. I first called on me July 1st," Keppel said. "Baseball is closest to my heart but I'd love to keep playing basketball, if it can work out."

"Keppel's all-around athleticism has seen him play every position but catcher with the Spartans while his nine home runs as a junior set a De Smet school record. A three-year starting point guard, he led the Spartans to the state basketball title in 1998-99 while breaking the school's 20-year-old assist record with 216."

Morgalis is coming off a strong summer season with the Midland Braves, posting an 8-1 record and 2.53 ERA, 52 strikeouts, two complete games and 17 walks in 51 2/3 innings. He is currently ranked 131st on Baseball America's list of the nation's top high school pitchers listed in the state of Missouri.

"I really can't believe this is happening to me," said Morgan, "I think this whole season has been great but I never thought this would happen."

Warrick, who missed two games because of his involvement in a shopping mall clothing scam, did not make the list of five finalists announced Monday by the Downtown Athletic Club, which presents the award.

The finalists are Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne and four quarterbacks — Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton, Purdue's Drew Brees, Marshall's Chad Pennington and Vick, who becomes the first freshman to be nominated for the Heisman ceremony since it started being televised in 1958.

Dayne, who ran for 1,834 yards and broke Ricky Williams Division I-A career rushing record in lead­ing the Badgers to the Rose Bowl, is considered the Heisman favorite.

The final five were invited based on returns from a majority of the 925 Heisman voters. Vick led the list (110) to their first perfect regular-season in 81 years and shot at the national title against Warrick's top-ranked Seminoles (11) in the Sugar Bowl Jan. 4.

"I don't know if I've ever seen a guy that's caught the nation's attention as fast as Michael, espe­cially in such a fantastic fashion," Tech coach Frank Beamer said Monday. "They have a very good one there."

The way he's performed all season, 1999 does not even seem like a year," said Mainieri. Warrick, who caught 71 passes for 934 yards and totaled 12 touchdowns, badly likely lost his chance to win college football's top individual prize because of his brush with the law.

Last week, the wide receiver admitted he probably had no chance to win the Heisman, but hoped to be invited to New York. "When I got in that trouble, it hurt me a lot," Warrick said. He also said the Heisman winner should be "the person that can help people the most" and "who doesn't have a case of brushing with the law at all." The finalists are Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne and four quarterbacks — Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton, Purdue's Drew Brees, Marshall's Chad Pennington and Vick, who becomes the first freshman to be nominated for the Heisman ceremony since it started being televised in 1958.

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Student Appreciation Day

Wednesday, December 8, 1999
9:00am – 10:00pm

20% off
All Notre Dame Clothing and Gift Items*

Hammes
Notre Dame Bookstore
In the Eck Center
www.ndcatalog.com

*Student ID Required.
*Does not include books, CD'S, tapes, school and office supplies, computer supplies, art supplies.
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SPORTS

Tuesday, December 7, 1999

NFL

Sanders likely to return to double duty

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas

With little else working for the Dallas offense, Cowboys coach Chan Gailey may finally use Deion Sanders at wide receiver. Although Gailey was noncomittal Monday, the idea has been raised by Sanders and seconded by team owner Jerry Jones, making it highly likely that the All-Pro cornerback will return to double duty—or triple if you count returning punts—against Philadelphia on Sunday.

"We certainly would look at all possibilities to give our offense a spark and that's one way it could happen," Gailey said. "He doesn't have the knowledge of our routes and things like that, except for what he's retained from last year because he hasn't practiced there any this year. But he certainly has big-play ability."

The Cowboys (6-6) failed to score an offensive touchdown for the first time in 16 games in their 13-6 loss to New England on Sunday night.

Over the last eight quarters, Dallas has just one touchdown from Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith & Co. The unit has scored two touchdowns in the last 12 quarters and three in 17.

The offensive ineptness was especially apparent against the Patriots. Dallas couldn't reach the end zone despite starting one drive at the New England 8-yard line and reaching the 17 on another.

"I don't think you can say it's one particular thing," Aikman said. "The penalties, a big negative play that we'll set us back. We won't convert a third down, a poor throw—it's a different number of things that will kill our drives."

Injuries have knocked out several key players and nobody else has stepped up to make big plays. Smith hasn't scored since breaking his right hand five games ago and defenses are making sure not to let Raghib Ismail beat them deep.

That's where Sanders thinks he can help.

"I want to play offense," Sanders said. "I've dropped subtle hints to the coach, but now I'm ready to go out there and do whatever it takes. It's time to throw everything out there."

Sanders caught seven passes for 100 yards, including a 55-yarder, last season. In 1996, when he saw his most action on offense, he had 36 receptions for 475 yards and a touchdown.

"He will command some sort of attention if he is on the field," Gailey said.

Fear of injury is the main reason Gailey has been reluctant to play Sanders both ways. Sanders missed the first two games this season recovering from toe surgery. He's since had problems with groin and hamstring injuries, but he insists that he's healthy.
This Week in Campus Ministry

Monday-Friday, December 6-10,
103 Hesburgh Library
Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #59
(February 4-6) Sign-Up

Monday, December 6 through Monday, February 7
103 Hesburgh Library, 112 Badin Hall
Freshman Retreat #27 (February 11-12) Sign-Up
Targeted Dorms: Badin, Keenan, Lewis, O'Neill, Pasquerilla East, St. Edward's, Siegfried, Walsh, and Zahm

Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 pm,
Badin Hall Chapel
Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, December 7, 10:00 pm,
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 8, 8:00 pm,
Wilson Commons
Graduate Student Bible Study Group

Wednesday, December 8, 10:00-10:30 pm
Walsh Hall Chapel
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
A spirit-filled, student-led power half hour of prayer and music for students of all Christian faith traditions.

Wednesday, December 8, 12:45-1:30 p.m., Main Lounge of LaFortune
ND Handbell Christmas Choir Concert

Wednesday, December 8, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Las Posadas Celebration followed by social
Meet at Hesburgh Library Concourse

Wednesday, December 8
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Friday, December 10, 3:30-4:00 p.m.
Main Building
ND Handbell Christmas Choir Concert

Friday, December 10, 5:05 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The promise of Advent

In the northern half of the world the days are becoming shorter. The nights are longer and the stars are more beautiful. We call all the days and nights before Christmas "Advent" - which means "coming." The church reads and sings about God's promises. We tell the stories of many holy people like Mary and John the Baptist, Nicholas and Lucy. We strive toward the time when God's love will be in all of us, when peace will come from people being just and full of love for each other. As we settle into the longest nights of the year, we long to celebrate the great festival of Christmas.

The Advent Wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the winter solstice, that time in the year when the sun reaches its southern most point in the heavens and the days are the darkest and most gloomy. Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens in their celebration halls. The wagon wheels were the first Advent wreaths - shining antidotes to "cabin fever." A ring of evergreens suspended from the ceiling, a ring that slowly turns while candles flicker above the branches, can call to mind a crown, a victor's wreath or even the wheel of time itself.

As Christians, we use the same meaningful custom to anticipate the feast of light and life: the nativity of the Savior. We add one light of the wreath for each Sunday of Advent. We think of the darkness after Adam's sin and watch the growing hope and light as the prophets and the Virgin help us to prepare for the Lord's saving birth. We reflect on the three-fold coming: Christ's past coming in Bethlehem; his future coming at the end of time; and his present coming though grace and sacraments into the lives of people.

Good Stuff to Do

TONIGHT
Jubilee Prayer Service for Reconciliation and Renewal
with the help of Pax Christi, ND Right to Life, Amnesty Int'l, Interfaith Christian Night Prayer and others

POSSADA
A reenactment of Mary's and Joseph's search for shelter for the birth of Christ the child.

Fiesta de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe
Mass on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Stop by the Campus Ministry office in the Library Concourse for Hot Chocolate, Coffee, and Donuts MON., TUES., & WED. of Finals Week!!!
**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Riley, Ratay earn Big East honors

Riley had 14 points, four rebounds and a season-high four blocked shots on seven-for-nine shooting against Butler.

Riley scored a season-high 32 points (the third 30-point performance of her career) in the championship game versus Liberty as she hit 12-of-14 shots from the field and was a perfect eight-for-eight from the free throw line. In addition, she grabbed seven boards and blocked four shots.

**Ratay, who leads the team in scoring with 18.4 points per game and is third in rebounding,** has been Notre Dame’s leading scorer in three games and has netted double figures in all but one game.

Ratay was the team’s leading scorer against the Bulldogs with 16 points. She also led her season-high with seven rebounds and dished off a personal best seven assists in the contest.
NOTRE DAME SECURITY/POLICE DEPARTMENT

PEACE ON EARTH AND PEACE OF MIND TO ALL NOTRE DAME STUDENTS

1. Winter Bicycle Storage-Notre Dame Stadium

Thursday, December 9 & Friday, December 10: 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bring your bicycle to Gate D of the Notre Dame Stadium. NDSP employees will register your bicycle (at no cost) and store it, in a locked room. Students can reclaim their bicycles at any time, or at the end of the Winter semester.

2. D2 Let "Lock UP"

The D2 Student Parking Lots will again be locked during the Christmas Break (from Saturday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m., until Sunday, January 9, 1999, at 9:00 a.m.). This lot will receive "Special Attention" from the NDSP during the break.

Please take all items of value out of the vehicle, close the windows securely, and lock your vehicle. Nothing of Value should be left in plain view.

If you would like to reclaim your vehicle during the D2 Let "Lock Up", phone Campus Security (631-5555). We will release vehicles only to persons with proper identification. If you ever notice any suspicious activity or an emergency situation, call 911 or 631-5555.

3. Extra Vigilance is needed

Each year we experience an increase in thefts just before vacation breaks, especially from library study areas and the dining halls. Maintain extra vigilance on your lap top, books, purses, portamentoes and other accouterment, etc. If we harass our targets of opportunity, light thieves will have to work at least as hard to steal our things as we have worked to earn them.

If you have any questions about off-campus security issues, please call Cappy Gagnon (631-8343).

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

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TUCSON, Ariz.

Luke Becker, whose transfer from Indiana to Arizona was marked by an automobile accident last summer, will leave the Wildcats to play football for Iowa this year.

In a statement released through the athletic department, Becker confirmed reports that he will leave Tucson after this semester to play for Iowa City, Iowa, which is closer to his girlfriend, Kelly Craig, who is hospitalized in Chicago.

"I have been contemplating this decision since my arrival in Tucson," Becker said. "This decision is based solely on personal reasons. I have been nothing but extremely impressed with coach Lute Olson and the Arizona program and will miss those things, but being close to my girlfriend, Kelly Craig, who is hospitalized in Chicago, and my family in Chicago, is very important to me."

Craig was partially paralyzed by a spinal cord injury when the car she was in hit a guard rail on I-10. Becker and Craig were riding in the car in which the accident occurred. The driver of the car they were in was killed.

After the accident, Becker considered not completing the transfer while his stormy relationship with Indiana coach Bobby Knight. He decided to go through with it because of the rapport Olson has with his players.

Recker confirmed reports that Recker will leave Tucson after this semester to play football for Iowa City, Iowa, which is closer to his girlfriend, Kelly Craig, who is hospitalized in Chicago.

"Things were not the same for me anymore. Things changed dramatically too. If the accident had not happened, this would not be an event."

Recker is out for this season because of his first transfer, and under NCAA rules will have to sit out the first semester at Iowa. The 6-foot-6 transfer should be able to play for the Hawkeyes in January 2001, plus a full senior season in 2001-2002.

Olson was traveling to the Great Eight tournament in Chicago on Monday and could not be reached for comment by The Associated Press.

Iowa coach Steve Alford said he had not been in contact with Recker.

"There’s nothing to talk about," said the first-year coach, a guard on Indiana’s 1987 national championship team.

"Obviously, we don’t talk about other players. I don’t think that’s ethically right."

Recker and Craig appeared upbeat in recent weeks as he recovered from the accident. Craig was cleared to go 100 percent in practice after recovering from a fracture dislocation of a bone in his left hand and a cut near his left ear that required 200 stitches.

"It gives me motivation to know that he will be able to play for the Wildcats," Craig said Monday. "It’s a great opportunity for him."
Join your dorm for one night and day in a campus-wide vigil!

Venite Adoremus
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Each Advent we invite Jesus to come again into our hearts and into our world.
O come, o come, Emmanuel, God with us...
Let us not be too busy to welcome Him!

Did you ever once wish, maybe as a child, that you could have been there in Bethlehem that night? To welcome Mary and Joseph out of the cold? To adore the newborn King with shepherds and magi?

YOU CAN ADORE THE INFANT JESUS! In Eucharistic Adoration, Jesus is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the consecrated Host exposed on the altar. He is present just as He was that night in Bethlehem, only now in even more humble form.

JESUS WAITS FOR YOU. Come and kneel before Him, and spend half an hour with God, who became Man to die for you, and who became Bread to give you life. What an incredible gift, a life filled with the love and Spirit of God himself! During this season of Advent, let us thank the Lord for life, and pray that all life might be cherished and protected. We invite you to pray with us, that all hearts may be transformed.

JOIN YOUR DORM IN KEEPING WATCH ONE NIGHT WITH THE NEWBORN KING!

LOCATION: St. Paul Chapel, Fisher Hall (first right through front door).
DATE/TIME: Begins Monday, December 6, 11:30pm (after Fisher dorm Mass) - Ends Tuesday, December 7, 10:00pm (prior to Fisher dorm Mass).
USA

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play unit. Notre Dame will
return from final exams for a
home series versus Princeton
Dec. 19-20 before ringing
in the New Year at the
Norwest Denver Cup, versus
the University of Denver on
Dec. 31 and Maine or Colorado
College on Jan. 1.

The USA invitees will rejoin
their Notre Dame teammates
in time for a Central Collegiate
Hockey Association series ver­
sion Lake Superior, on Jan. 7-8
at the Joyce Center.

Inman — whose mother
Straughn is a U.S. citizen —
holds joint citizenship in
Canada and the United States
and was one of the final two
forwards cut from the 1998-99
U.S. National Junior team.

"Getting cut from last year's
final junior camp was quite a
disappointment but I learned
some important lessons from
that experience and this year I
am not going to take this
opportunity for granted," Inman said. "I've spent the
past year-and-a-half playing in
the U.S. and most of my team­
mates are Americans, so I
feel very comfortable trying to
make the U.S. team. I don't
feel that there is any question
about my loyalty."

Henning and Dunlop have
past experience playing for
U.S. national teams, as mem­
b e rs of the National Team
Development Program that
trains in Ann Arbor, Mich.
Dunlop was an alternate
captain and one of the leading
scorers on the 1998-99 U.S.
Under-18 national team.

"The fact that three Notre
Dame players were selected
says a lot for where this pro­
gram is headed," Dunlop said.

Notes:
♦ The U.S. roster features
seven returning players from
the 1998-99 U.S. National
Junior Team that finished 3-4-
0 at the World Championship
in Winnipeg, Canada.
♦ The roster features 11
National Hockey League
draftees, including 1999
draftees Inman and Henning.
♦ Notre Dame is one of five
schools that have placed play­
er on the U.S. National Junior
Team in each of past four
years, with the others includ­
ing Boston College, Minnesota,
Colorado College and Michigan
State.
♦ Current Irish captain and
senior center Ben Simon
played on the USA's silver
medal-winning team in 1996-
97 and was joined on the USA
squad in 1997-98 by current
Irish senior right wing Joe
Dusbabek.

Current Notre Dame junior
left wing Dan Carlson was a
member of the 1998-99 U.S.
 junior national team.

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STUDY THE HUMANITIES? INVESTIGATE THE JOINT ARTS AND
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THIS OFFERS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ENGINEERING STUD­
DENTS TO ALLOW THEM TO PURSUE A FIFTH YEAR OF WORK
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OBTAINED FROM THE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND VALUES PRO­
GRAM WEBSITE AT WWW.ND.EDU/~STV.
The men’s swimming team placed first in the Notre Dame Invitational last weekend at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. The Irish claimed six first place finishes and a new meet record.

Swim
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something that I was aware of," Verlin said. "I was shooting to improve my time, and I hadn’t realized that I had broken it.”

The relay team of sophomore Jonathan Pierce, junior Matt Grunewald, senior Rob Fetter and senior Ray Fitzpatrick also rewrote the record books for the Irish, replacing the meet record in the 800 freestyle relay. Fitzpatrick edged out Western Kentucky’s Kiker Vencill for the win. Vencill had set a new meet record in the 100 freestyle earlier in the meet. Other top finishes for the Irish included junior Dan Szlifier’s first place 200 breaststroke swim in 2:30.35, and a pair of wins from sophomore Jonathan Pierce in the 500 and 1,000 freestyles. The divers also put up strong performances, with senior Herb Huesman scoring a second place win from the one meter board with 468.30 points. Freshman Andy Maggio scored third place with 460.25.

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FORTH AND INCHES

JOE, I JUST CAN'T HANDLE A RELATIONSHIP RIGHT NOW.

YOU REALLY ARE A GREAT GUY, ONE OF THE NICEST GUYS I KNOW.

BUT I FEEL WITH MY CLASS SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES AS THEY ARE, I CAN'T GIVE YOU THE TIME YOU DESERVE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND, JOE?

HOW DO I TELL HIM, "I'M SORRY, I JUST DON'T HAVE ENOUGH HEART."?

TOM KEELEY

A DEPRIVED NEW WORLD

Ah, man, look at those guys. Incensed? Gild! The Cheap Kings! What they'll call me... don't even know my name!

JEFF BEAM

THE KING OF SECOND-GUESSING:

BILL AMEND

FOX TROT


CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Garden shelter
7 Put past?
11 Husk-husk org.
14 Musical with an exclamation point in its name
15 Defensive spray
16 "So...?"
17 Nullify
18 About, in
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1999

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Work patiently on your own. Turn your home into a winter wonderland. Don't insist on getting any help and you won't be disappointed. You should try to make some of your present this year. OO

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You won't overshoot on entertainment or break your budget buying gifts to impress others. You will have to get the most for your money. O0

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's best to concentrate on finishing important projects before year-end. You will have problems with loved ones if you push your opinions on them or if you insistently try to make decisions for them. O0

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You should be planning a nice family vacation. All you need is a break from the hectic pace that you've been keeping. For sure you all have your personal papers up-to-date. O0

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't lend or borrow money or personal papers up-to-date. You all need a break from the hectic pace that you've been keeping. For sure you all have your personal papers up-to-date. O0

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your love interest or plan a very ardent evening with the one who has already captured your heart. You must avoid overeating. O0

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are not too much. Personal changes or holiday decorating should be your concern. Don't be surprised if unexpected guests drop in unannounced. O0

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone will get angry if family members are not pulling their weight. Minor make-up will serve if you won't stress. O0

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You mustn't overspend on entertainment. Use your ingenuity to entertain. O0

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will get angry if family members are not pulling their weight. Minor make-up will serve if you won't stress. O0

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will accomplish the most if you put your efforts into your personal life. If you should not meet your deadlines, you mustn't be tooPushed if you don't have time to help with the time-saving preparations. O0

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get involved in activities that will be conducive to meeting that special love interest or plan a very special evening with the one who has already captured your heart. You must avoid overeating. O0

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Volleyball NCAA Tournament
Irish season ends with four game loss to Buckeyes

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

For the first time since 1992, Notre Dame lost in the opening round of the NCAA tournament, as Ohio State defeated Notre Dame in four games.

Ohio State closed out Notre Dame's volleyball season behind the strong offensive performance of Rosie Snow. Snow finished the match with 24 kills, as the Buckeyes defeated the Irish 13-15, 15-10, 16-14 and 15-7.

The Irish finished their season with a 20-9 record, while the Buckeyes improved to 17-11 overall and met the winner of the UCLA-Eastern Washington match in the second round of the tournament Sunday.

Kirsty Kreher led the Irish with 24 kills, while Mary Leffers finished with a double-double, contributing 10 blocks and 12 kills. The Irish also received strong performances from Christi Girton and Denise Boylan. Boylan had 63 assists, six blocks and eight digs in the game, and Girton totaled 20 kills with .382 hitting average.

"If this were class, this meet is what the final exam, Welch had said, "We did well on our exam." Welch, "from start to finish." Entering a meet where there was no clear-cut winner, Notre Dame secured a victory over Western Kentucky by 214.5 points. Denison College finished in third with 1,037 points, followed by Michigan State (985.5) and Denison (1,027) trailing in fourth and fifth places.

The Irish were led by junior Ryan Verlin, who continued his unbroken streak in the 200 butterfly, securing a first place finish Saturday night in a meet-record time of 1:49.98.

While a top finish may not have been unexpected, the record was a surprise for Welch. "The record wasn’t even on the table," Welch said. "Each of them brings something different to the table and will play different roles with the team.

"We will face some challenges without having those guys for four tough games, but it will give us the chance to see how other players in new situations and they will have the chance to step in and contribute," he added.

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Hockey
Three players named to national team

Special to The Observer

Three University of Notre Dame hockey players have been named to the United States National Junior Team that will compete in the upcoming World Junior Championship, marking the fourth consecutive year that Notre Dame players will be members of the prestigious 22-player team.

"It’s a terrific opportunity for our players to face the best players in the world," Notre Dame head coach Dave Poulin said. "Each of them brings something different to the table and will play different roles with the team.

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