

# Injuries...

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From, "It doesn't matter whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game" to "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." We've heard the football anthem — football prepares young men for life, it displays all-American values, it makes money (oops).

While such platitudes aren't entirely devoid of truth, they add to the already too strong tendency to blow football out of proportion — a tendency which leads young men like Trevor Pavich to keep playing at risk of death.

"I wouldn't quit football for anything," Pavich told the Journal-Star columnist. "I love the game."

So much that you're willing to die for it, Mr. Pavich?

In the end, football is a contest between two groups of men to see which can put a ball in the other's end zone the most times.

It's fun to play and fun to watch, but is it anything to die for?



## Letters

### Cohabitation trends confuse immature Christians

Mature Christians will have ignored Mona Koppelman's article on cohabitation (Page 1, Sept. 14) out of simple good taste. I write for the immature Christians; those less certain of right and wrong, for whom Koppelman's citation of trends, percentages and categories is confusing because it seems to validate cohabitation outside of marriage.

Cohabitation outside of marriage is a deadly sin for Christians. It hinders entry into heaven.

I Cor. 7:1-2: "It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless to avoid fornication let every man have his own wife and every woman her own husband." Fornication then, is cohabitation outside of marriage. Galatians 5:19-21 lists adulterers and fornicators among those who "shall not inherit the Kingdom of Heaven."

Adultery, in turn, is defined as intercourse with any other than one's own spouse. St. Paul emphasizes the condemnation by saying to the unmarried and widowers: "It is good to bide as I am (single). But if they cannot have self-control let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn (in hell) (I Cor. 7:8)."

Koppelman quotes Professor Werner Leinfellner on "underground sex life" to the effect that one should not repress attractions to persons other than one's spouse, but acknowledge them by flirting, complimenting or openly discussing them.

But the greatest teacher in history said on the Mount: "Thou shalt not commit adultery, I say unto you that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath

committed adultery with her already in his heart (Matt. 5:27)." One hopes, since Leinfellner teaches the "ethics of marriage" to classes that are at least partially, if not primarily, Christian, that he includes these Christian rules of conduct relative to marriage — the meaning of "ethic".

Cohabitation of the sort described by Koppelman is condemnation to hell, for Christians: "The wages of sin is death," unless one sincerely repents and consecrates oneself to walk aright.

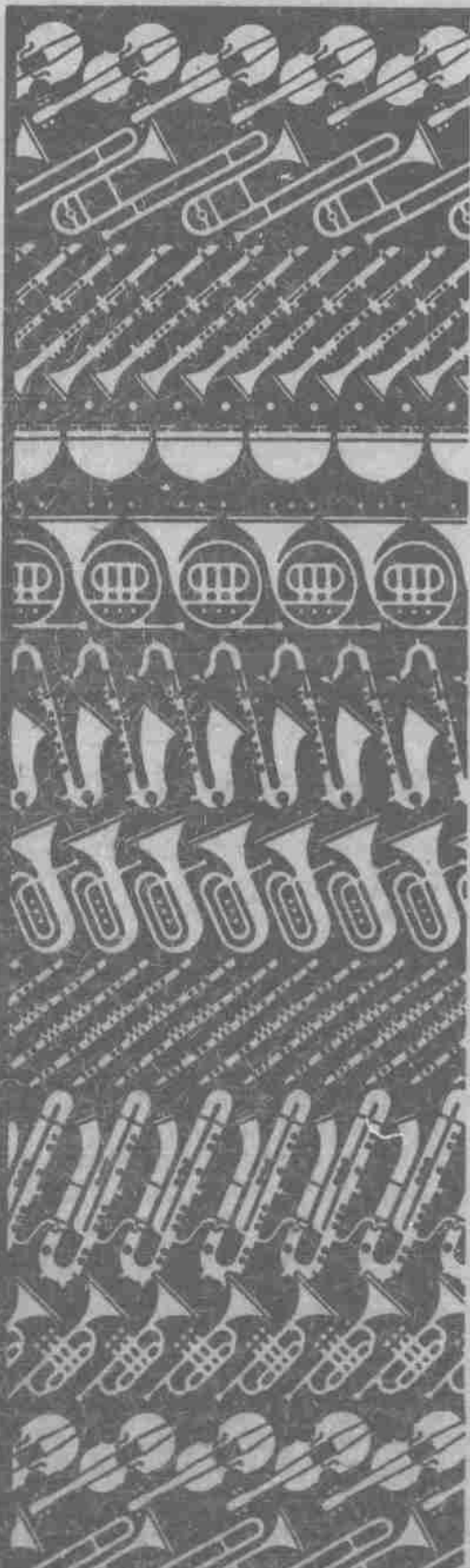
I am encouraged by the Macklin statistic: 50 percent of American college students would cohabit (there is no such

usage as "to cohabit" in any dictionary) if there was a strong, affectionate and monogamous relationship. That shows our campus instincts are at least semi-Christian.

I would insist merely that Christians hold out for marriage "rather than burn."

P.S. Thank you for the Jim Rogers' article on President Reagan (DN, Sept 18). It was a beacon of light in the dreary wilderness of your tiresome and amusing editorial barrage of leftist propaganda.

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