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Report: Holtz may not return next year

By TIM SHERMAN
Sports Editor

With 98 career wins at Notre Dame, Lou Holtz is the second-winningest coach in Irish history. He needs just eight more victories to pass the legendary Knute Rockne and move into the top spot.

But there are published reports speculating that the 59-year old Holtz will not get the chance as he will not return to coach the Irish in 1997.

ESPN's Keith Olbermann is reporting there are a whirlwind of rumors on campus surrounding an imminent resignation of Holtz.

The Observer contacted numerous members of the team but each either denied the speculations or could not offer comment.

In addition, University President Father Edward Malloy refused comment on the matter.

As aired on last night's SportsCenter and published on ESPN's web site, ESPN Sportszone, Holtz may make an announcement as soon as the middle of next week.

Olbermann proceeded to give a laundry list of items that indicate Holtz's 11-year stay may be ending soon.

The seven events given, as "reported by reliable sources close to the school or the athletic department or both," contained two particularly intriguing scenarios.

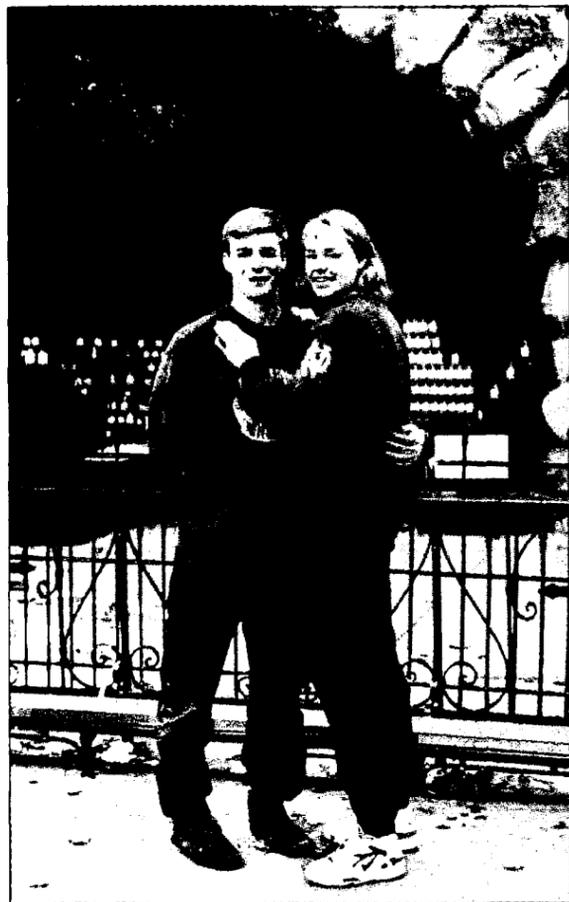
The first reported that the University's Board of Trustees "canceled long-standing plans this week and headed to the campus



The Observer/Mike Ruma
Head football coach Lou Holtz leads the Irish from the sidelines during a recent game. Rumor has it that Holtz will not return to this position for the 1997 season.

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Friday Feature



The Observer/Katie Kroener

Notre Dame seniors Jeannine Haener and Danny Eisenbacher were recently engaged at the Grotto. Haener feels that "the whole Catholic aspect of Notre Dame really brought us together" and that the spiritual facet of the University has helped the couple grow and mature in their shared faith. "It is what attracted us to Notre Dame and what eventually brought us together."

Here comes the bride, all dressed in... blue and gold?

Over half of ND, SMC students find spouses under the Dome

By JOHN DE BOY
News Writer

Bells are ringing for graduates of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. Wedding bells, that is.

According to a statistic released by the Notre Dame Alumni Association, as many as 55 to 60 percent of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's graduates eventually go on to marry other Notre Dame and Saint Mary's alumni. Additionally, recent trends seem to suggest that graduates of the two schools, when compared with other young people, tend to be less fearful of marrying at an earlier age.

According to Charles Lennon, executive director of the Alumni Association, the percentage of alumni who go on to marry fellow college graduates is probably somewhat higher at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's than it is at other colleges and universities.

"I would think it would be higher at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's because of the homogeneous student body that we have here," Lennon says. "There are more Catholics here, so that figure [55 to 60 percent] is probably higher here than it is at state schools, although it would probably be similar at other Catholic schools."

Others, such as Notre Dame senior and husband-to-be Steve Dirnberger, feel similarly. Dirnberger, who

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Catholics recall Bernardin's grace

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
News Editor

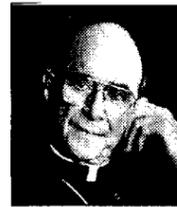
Cardinal Joseph Bernardin's quiet charisma put a human face on the Catholic Church, in the process bridging the gap between the Church and other religions.

Such were the reflections offered by Catholics nationwide after yesterday's announcement that Bernardin had succumbed to pancreatic cancer, three months after he had said he would die within a year.

According to Scott Appleby, a professor of history at Notre Dame and director of the University's Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, Bernardin was a leader by example in the American Catholic Church in the years after the Second Vatican Council.

"He will be remembered for his consensus-building, collaborative and collegial style — all the 'C-words' of Vatican II," Appleby said yesterday. "He was known as a reconciler. He could find the good in (people who disagreed in the Church) and bring that good together and synthesize it."

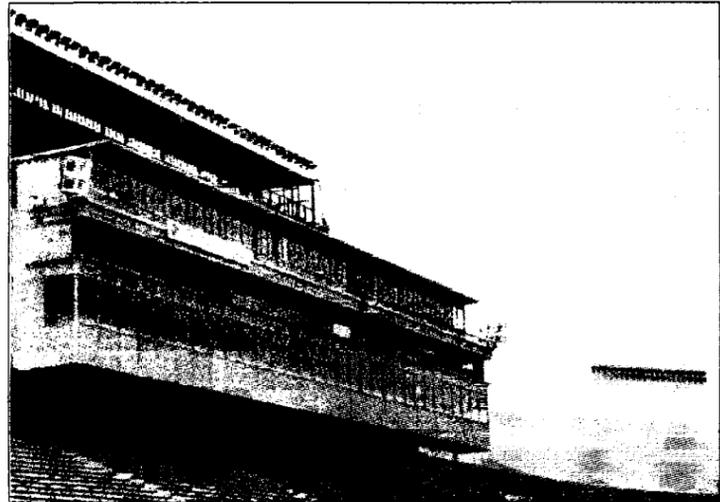
Bernardin, 68, the senior Roman Catholic prelate in the United States and leader of Chicago's 2.3 million Catholics, died at his home, surrounded by friends



Bernardin

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Lights go on at stadium tomorrow



The Observer/Katie Kroener

Upon recent completion of a \$700,000 construction project funded by NBC, permanent stadium lights will be used for the first time tomorrow.

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

Darkness will cast its shadows no longer on Notre Dame football players and fans. Tomorrow, for the first time, permanent lights will be used during the game against Pitt to illuminate Notre Dame Stadium.

The project, a \$700,000 enterprise by NBC, became a supplement to the major construction on the stadium after a decision last June. In past years, temporary lights have been used for games played late into the season, as it begins to get dark earlier in the afternoon. Lack of daylight makes playing dangerous and televising the game difficult.

Due to the increased height of the stadium's facade, temporary lighting is no longer feasible.

"Due to the complexity of putting temporary lights in as the season draws on, there wasn't a good reason to do it. Since we've

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Schedule of Events

Friday, November 15

- 3-7 p.m. Football Weekend Social Gathering
The Morris Inn Patio
- 3:30-5 p.m. Center for the Homeless Alumni Tours (C.H.A.T.)
Meet at the Main Circle
- 4:30 p.m. Marching Band Rehearsal
Step off - Main Building
- 6:45 p.m. Band Steps off for Pep Rally
Band Building
- 7:00 p.m. PEP RALLY!
JACC Arena, enter Gate 10

Saturday, November 16

- 8:30 a.m. Marching Band Rehearsal
Loftus Sports Center
- 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The Alumni Hospitality Center welcomes all alumni and friends
Joyce Center, North Dome
- 10-10:30 a.m. PomPon Squad (10:00) and Cheerleader (10:15) Performances
Notre Dame Bookstore
- 10:40-11 a.m. PomPon Squad (10:40) and Cheerleader (10:50) Performances
JACC North Dome
- 11:30-12 p.m. Glee Club - Notre Dame in Review
Joyce Center, North Dome
- 12-12:45 p.m. Shenanigans Performance
Joyce Center, North Dome
- 12-12:20 p.m. Marching Band Concert
Main Building (Step off at 12:45)
- 1:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Indiana
Alumni Field
- 1:10 p.m. Marching Band Pre-game Show
at the Stadium
- 1:30 p.m. BEAT PITTSBURGH!
NOTRE DAME STADIUM

Sunday, November 17

- 8:00, 10:00, & 11:45 Mass
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

INSIDE COLUMN

What every woman needs

Welcome back to the inside column's two part series on complaining. To recap, Lori's column dealt with why we complain. Today, I'm going to take complaining to a new level and illustrate the various ways of bitchery by taking one subject and making it the focus of today's column. My topic? The Bra.

Kaiser Meany
Saint Mary's Accent
Editor

I know you've seen it...or else heard about it. The bra. The million dollar bra that is made out of diamonds. The bra that Claudia Schiffer is modeling on the cover of the Christmas Victoria's Secret catalog. The ultimate push up bra.

At first I thought it was a farce, but upon investigating the inside cover I realized it was true. This is an actual bra, custom made from "over one hundred carats of real diamonds, and literally hundreds more in semi-precious stones..." My mouth went dry. Do you know how many people could be put through a year's worth of college for a million dollars? That's not the worst part. Think of how impractical this piece of lingerie is....

First of all, it's made out of diamonds and gems, and is probably adhered together by some kind of super glue or metal thingie. Oh, that sounds really comfortable. Ladies...when you wake up on a cold winter's morning and have to get dressed for work, wouldn't a cold, hard diamond bra be the last thing you would want next to your skin? Wouldn't it chafe? Diamonds cut glass....what if you get a defective Diamond Studded Miracle Bra® and it punctures your skin?

I can't even entertain the thought of how you would accessorize with this. Diamond Studded Miracle Bra® and khakis? Diamond Studded Miracle Bra® and your favorite turtleneck? And what if it gets dirty....you can't exactly throw it in the sink with some Woolite, right?

However, I realize that anyone who could afford to spend that much money on a bra doesn't have to get up to work in the morning. Ever. Really, if anyone has this much money to spend on a push-up bra, why not just save a few hundred thousand and have surgery instead? Are people blind to this bargain?

You'd have to flash someone to show this acquisition off. Wouldn't that lose it's token coolness after a few days? The thrill is gone once you get used to the fact that you're wearing expensive jewelry on your chest and not around your neck. Stuff like that doesn't impress your pals at Spago for very long....

However, if anyone is interested in purchasing one, my friend Megan works at Victoria's Secret. I'm sure she could cut you a deal with her employee discount if you ask nicely. You could walk away with a Diamond Studded Miracle Bra® of your own for the low, low price of \$700,000. I tell you, they're practically giving them away.

What was the point in Lori and I stretching this complaining thing over two days? Do you remember watching shows like Family Ties and Diff'rent Strokes as a kid? Do you remember the cliffhanger two part episodes? The show ended just when the conflict was actually getting good but promised to return with a resolution next week. Either you'd miss one of the two parts and have spent your life pondering the outcome, or you'd watch both parts and realize that it was never as good as you anticipated. Man, what a let-down that was. Lori and I felt the same way. That was always our biggest complaint.

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Police prepared for violence in Florida

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.
For two weeks, members of a black separatist group called for the "execution" of a white policeman for the fatal shooting of a black motorist, threatening to "burn this city down" unless the officer was charged and fired.

The shooting itself had touched off rioting Oct. 24, so police took the threats seriously. They scoured the streets for days, clearing trash bins and alleys of six tons of rocks and bottles they believe the group stashed as ammunition to use against them.

And on Wednesday, the day a grand jury cleared the officer, police prepared to arrest leaders of the group so they would spend the night in jail.

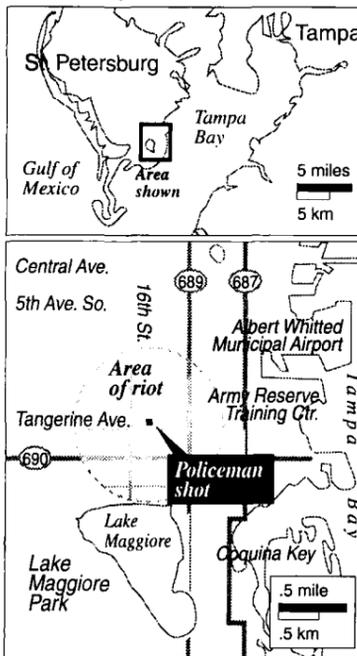
But the strategy may have backfired: The group leaders were arrested in front of their headquarters, in full view of already seething protesters.

Within hours, two police officers were wounded by gunfire and seven other people were injured Wednesday when people angrily took to the same streets where they rioted after Officer Jim Knight shot 18-year-old TyRon Lewis through his windshield last month.

On Thursday, Police Chief Darrel Stephens faced angry questions from City Council members who wanted to know why the group wasn't brought

Race riot

Rioting occurred again in the same area as the Oct. 24 riot in southern St. Petersburg.



under control before the looting, arson and shooting broke out.

"I'm furious. I am sorry, but I am furious," council member Connie Kane told Chief Darrel Stephens. "Why have we waited so long to say that law and order is going to prevail?"

Stephens defended the police. "Our effort was not aimed at provoking violence," he said. "Our effort was aimed at doing whatever we could to prevent violence."

This time, the violence was less widespread, but more intense. Police responding to reports of trouble were met with bullets, rocks and bottles. Passers-by were attacked with concrete and bottles.

Police used tear gas and barricades to break up the groups, only to have them reform in new areas.

Stephens blamed the violence largely on the small black separatist group, the National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement.

"I don't believe that this was a spontaneous event," he said.

By early Thursday morning, the streets were quiet and calm prevailed into the afternoon. The main activity was from city workers, who removed debris and rocks. Extra police were out on the streets.

Clinton looks for defense secretary

Hoping to cobble together a new foreign policy team with a GOP touch, President Clinton is focusing on Republican Sen. William Cohen in his search for a defense secretary, an official says. The senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Clinton is expected to leave today for a 12-day overseas trip without making a final decision on his foreign affairs apparatus. But he has narrowed significantly the field of candidates for secretaries of defense and state. Cohen emerged as the most prominent candidate Thursday night, but aides cautioned that Clinton had not cemented his thinking on the matter and probably would not finalize the choice before next month. Until now, wisdom had CIA director John Deutch the most likely replacement for departing Defense Secretary William Perry.

WASHINGTON



Teen convicted of killing friends

EASTON, Pa.
A 19-year-old man was convicted of murdering two high school girls as they ate at a popular Lehigh University meeting spot. Christopher Bissey burst into tears Wednesday as he was found guilty of two counts of first-degree murder. Jurors were to begin considering today whether he should be sentenced to death or life in prison. Jennifer Grider, 17, and her childhood friend, Mary Orlando, 15, were shot to death in Bethlehem in June 1995. The murders stunned the working-class neighborhood where the girls grew up around the corner from each other. "I think justice was served in this case," prosecutor John Morganelli said. Defense attorneys declined to comment. Bissey's relatives clutched one another after the verdict was read. The defendant sobbed softly while his mother, Darla Hunsberger, cried and his father, Sam Bissey, wiped away tears. Melanie Grider, Jennifer's sister, wept as she said, "My sister is smiling."

EASTON, Pa.

Reaction sucks air from Biosphere 2

WASHINGTON
Biosphere 2, the costly experiment in creating a closed, self-sustaining ecosystem in Arizona, failed because the concrete walls ate up oxygen and left humans inside with barely enough to breathe. What was supposed to be a glass-enclosed copy of a pristine and smoothly functioning Earth evolved into a place choked with carbon dioxide and nitrogen, replete with uncontrollable weedy vines. Cockroaches, ants and katydids thrived. "It was the boldest attempt ever" to create a closed ecosystem, said David Tilman, a University of Minnesota scientist, but it failed miserably. "This suggests that there are areas of nature that are sufficiently great mysteries that we don't know how to manage them or make them better." "This is very humbling," he said. Tilman and Joel E. Cohen of Rockefeller University and Columbia University in New York, wrote an analysis of the Biosphere 2 experiment for the journal Science.

WASHINGTON

Network changes transplant priorities

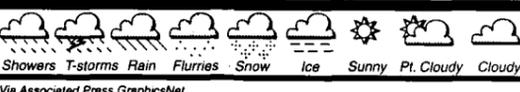
BOSTON
People suffering chronic liver failure, like that caused by heavy drinking or hepatitis, will no longer be first in line for transplants. The Richmond, Va.-based United Network for Organ Sharing, which sets nationwide policies for organ transplants, approved the change at its annual meeting in Boston today. The change will purge hundreds of chronic liver patients from the top of the waiting lists, leaving a relatively small number of acute patients. The change will take effect Jan. 20. Chronic conditions include alcohol-induced liver damage, viral hepatitis, biliary disorders and genetic liver disease. Supporters said they weren't trying to blame alcoholics or intravenous drug users, who often get hepatitis from dirty needles. The idea is to make a patient's chances for survival the top priority. "We're trying to select out the smallest group of patients who could benefit the most," said James Wolf, UNOS' director of medical affairs.

BOSTON

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Friday	42	31
Saturday	48	37
Sunday	49	37
Monday	49	34
Tuesday	47	30



NATIONAL WEATHER

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Bismarck	22 15	Green Bay	40 34	St. Louis	53 43
Boston	42 25	Helena	27 14	San Francisco	60 49
Chicago	51 36	Honolulu	84 72	Wichita	56 54



The Glee Club practices for this week's Alumni Reunion Concert. Over 200 past members are expected to join the men in song today.

Over 200 alumni to join Glee Club tonight

By T.J. THORNTON
News Writer

Tonight's 8 p.m. Glee Club concert at the Stepan Center will resemble any other as the audience will traverse many miles to see the group perform. With the audience, however, will come over 200 Glee Club alumni to join the current members for a reunion performance, an event that occurs only once every three years.

Mike Lazarra, president of the club, lists the last such event as "the best concert I have been a part of," noting that the Glee Club's close ties with its alumni and the sheer number of performers make these rare gatherings particularly special.

The Stepan concert is the culmination of the Glee Club Alumni Weekend, which also includes the football game, a banquet, and a tour of the College Football Hall of Fame. Current Club member Mike

Anderson cites the events as a "bridge between present and past," and says that members especially look forward to reuniting with recent graduates, and meeting a group of people who share similar favorable memories.

Great excitement exists among Clubbers about singing with the alumni for the second half of the show, and the "brotherhood" the club seems able to maintain among current and alumni members—something sure to be reinforced this weekend.

Renowned composer David Clark Isele and long-time Glee Club conductor Carl Stam will be joining other members of the 81-year-old organization in a performance featuring traditional club songs.

Stepan's doors open at 7:15 for tonight's event. Tickets are \$2 for students, and senior citizens, \$3 for all others, and available both at the LaFortune Box Office and at the door.

ND noted for healthy menu

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
News Writer

According to a Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine study, Notre Dame ranks among the top three post-secondary schools for availability of healthy menu options in the dining halls.

Outdone by only Duke University and the University of Pennsylvania, the choices available to students at Notre Dame were judged healthier than those available at such schools as Stanford, Georgetown, Harvard and Yale. The three military academies, West Point, Naval Academy and Air Force, fared the worst in the study, finishing in the last three spots.

"It's always nice to be recognized for what we've done, but I question the methodology of their [PCRM] process," said David Prentkowski, director of Food Services. "I think it's a weak study. It's good to rank at the top, but we're more concerned that students are satisfied."

Prentkowski went on to explain that the weight given to the results of the study are limited for several reasons. The first is the size of the survey group. With over 4,000 colleges and universities in the United States, a sample size of 43 schools is hardly representative or thorough.

As a result of the small sample size, the schools that finished last appear to be the worst in the country when in reality they may be in the top 50 out of over 4,000 schools. Conversely, the value of a top ranking may be less meaningful in that schools that were not included in the survey could have outranked the top schools if given the opportunity.

Another perceived weakness of the study, as pointed out by Prentkowski, is the actual content of the study. The data for the survey was based on one menu provided by each university. Such a sample could be misleading because it only represents one particular day instead of a consistent availability of healthy options, and because the schools with the widest variety of options would always score better.

Schools like the military academies, which serve their meals in a family style manner would not fair as well because their dining programs, by design, provide fewer options.

Regardless of the possible flaws in the design of the study, it did serve to draw attention to the variety of choices that students at Notre Dame receive.

"We've tried to evolve to meet the needs of the growing University," said Prentkowski. "Variety is the issue," he continued, "and that

includes vegetarian and low fat entrees."

As to the issue of the cost difference in providing low fat or no fat options to students, Prentkowski said that there was no real additional cost in providing those choices.

"The [additional] cost comes in providing a wider variety of choices, more than in what those choices are," he said.

He went on to explain that while Food Services realizes that it will never be able to provide a custom designed menu for each individual on campus, they can try to meet the needs of the major groups of students' wishes.

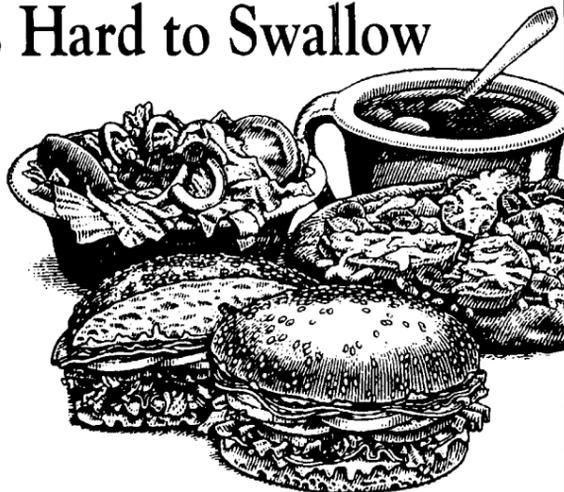
The renovations scheduled for South Dining Hall should only add to the wide variety already available. While the purpose of the changes is to deal with the shift in the number of students who dine regularly at South as a result of the construction of the four new dorms, Food Services is taking that opportunity to expand the menu and add more choices.



This University's Food Service employee works to provide a menu that was recently commended as one of the healthiest in the country.

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SECURITY BEAT

Tues., Nov. 12
7:07 p.m. Security transported a Pangborn Hall resident to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a laceration.
8:40 p.m. A Lyons Hall resident was transported by security to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

Wed., Nov. 13
2:30 p.m. Two Alumni Hall residents reported the theft of their textbooks from the 4th floor in Alumni Hall. The books were left unattended at the time of the theft.
5:20 p.m. Security responded to a two-car accident in the ECDC parking lot. There were no injuries reported.
7:41 p.m. A Stanford Hall resident reported the theft of his bike from a bike rack at the Joyce Center. The bike was locked at the time of the theft.
9:34 p.m. A Pasquerilla West resident was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

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BANDS FROM NY

FRIDAY NOV 22
PARENT WEEKEND
SKALCOHOLIKS
BRING A PARENT PARTY

Marriage

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recently became engaged to Nikki Gauthier, a Saint Mary's senior, says that students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's often find a common moral ground that can help foster serious romantic relationships; and that, he says, may make it easier to find a partner earlier in life — before leaving college and entering the work force.

"I think a lot of it has to do with coming to Notre Dame or Saint Mary's and realizing that there are people here who have many of the same morals and values that I have, or that other people here have," Dirnberger says. "A strong relationship, as far as looking toward marriage is concerned, is based on one's faith. Here, where many people have similar morals and a similar faith, it's easier to find somebody you're compatible with."

But others close to the campus dating scene believe that the high rate of marriage between graduates of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's may be

more attributable to factors outside of the relationships themselves, such as the students' general lack of exposure to people and places beyond the borders of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses.

John Dillon, director of Notre Dame's Marriage Preparation and Enrichment program, says that the Alumni Association statistic may be a result of "the somewhat isolated geographic environment that the schools are in."

In addition to the high rate of intra-community marriages among graduates of the two schools, many contend that Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students tend not to be too apprehensive when it comes to marrying young, an observation that goes against trends revealed in most national surveys.

Statistics from the U.S. National Survey of Families and Households, for example, indicate that the percentage of 25-year-olds who are married has declined sharply from almost 80 percent in 1965 to just over 50 percent today.

But Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry at

Notre Dame, says that the number of young people at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's who are willing to make a lifelong commitment has grown since the late '80s.

"I think there are a lot more people here getting married at a younger age than there were seven or eight years ago," Warner says. "Our people seem to be getting married a bit younger than they used to. While many say that young people are afraid to make a commitment these days, that doesn't really seem to be the case here."

Dirnberger says that his decision to get married at 22 is simply the result of having met the right person at a young age. "My original idea was to be married when I was in my mid 20s," he says. "But if you fall in love and want to get married at a younger age, there's really no point in waiting longer."

Currently, Notre Dame's Marriage Preparation and Enrichment program, a division of Campus Ministry, sponsors retreats and workshops for engaged couples as well as special programs for serious couples who are still unsure about

the future of their relationships. Among the more popular programs intended for engaged partners seeking sacramental preparation for marriage are Campus Ministry's Marriage Preparation Retreats. Held five times each year at the Fatima Retreat House on the Notre Dame campus, the two-day retreats emphasize open communication and dialogue between engaged partners.

Additionally, Campus Ministry sponsors a half-day program for couples in serious dating relationships who, according to

Dillon, "are wondering where their relationships are going to go." The workshop — entitled "What's the Future of this Relationship?" — is offered once each semester and includes presentations on the stages of relationships, decision-making, and other issues. The spring semester workshop will be offered on Feb. 23, 1997.

Anyone interested in further information on any of Campus Ministry's marriage preparation programs can contact John or Sylvia Dillon at 631-5242.

Lights

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added the high outer structure, it [permanent lights] will be more effective and efficient. This will be less costly over time," Jeff Cerney, project manager for CASTEEL, said.

NBC found that with the extended framework of the stadium, higher cranes and more units of temporary lights were needed to sufficiently light the field. With five years remaining in the network's contract to televise all home games, it would have been financially inefficient, at \$60,000 to \$70,000 per game, to continue

renting the lights.

According to Bubba Cunningham, associate athletic director, "putting in permanent lights is in their [NBC's] long term best interests."

The lights have been designed to be as unobtrusive as possible. The principle bank of lights are mounted on the facade of the new press box, and lights at the four corners of the stadium are mounted on horizontal structures angled toward the field to minimize the addition to the stadium's profile.

As the lights will supplement afternoon game viewing, the University contends that no night games will be played in the stadium.

"One of the benefits of our television contract with NBC is the assurance it provides that Notre Dame home football games will be played during the day and will not be moved to prime time for broadcast purposes," Father E. William Beauchamp stated in a June 25 press release.

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for emergency meetings."

However, Dennis Moore, director of Notre Dame Public Relations, said that the Board would not be rushed back to campus to discuss a coaching situation.

A second issue brought up in the report dealt with Holtz's pursuit of Rockne's record. According to Olbermann, "fac-tions in the University would happily stage Holtz a grand

farewell party for the sole reason of keeping him from breaking Knute Rockne's school record for victories."

In the past, Holtz himself has indicated that breaking Rockne's mark is not his objective.

But would that be mean he would resign?

"There have been rumors about me forever," Holtz told Olbermann Wednesday.

"I just want to win the last three football games.

"I'll tell you, I still have a strong desire to coach and I have more enthusiasm than I've ever had. I'm really look-

ing forward to the future."

According to Olbermann's colleague and National Football League analyst Chris Mortensen, that future may be elsewhere.

Mortensen reported that Holtz informed his assistants that there was a "90 percent chance" he would not be coaching at Notre Dame next season.

He feels Holtz wants another shot at coaching in the NFL after his first stint, with the New York Jets in 1976, was a failure.

The Observer failed to receive any sort of confirma-

tion of the Mortensen report.

In addition, the rumor that a closed-door team meeting was called yesterday by Holtz to discuss the situation was explicitly denied by two Irish players.

On the air Olbermann admitted his story may be proved incorrect.

"Despite this pile of circumstantial evidence, it could all be bosh, and the new millennium could see Holtz and Touchdown Jesus working together," he said. "But something is going on."

Exactly what that something is remains to be seen.

NAACP: Improve race climate

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE

The NAACP will launch a campaign to sell off Texaco stock if the oil company doesn't reach "a swift agreement" to improve its racial climate, the civil rights group's leader said Thursday.

Kweisi Mfume, the NAACP's president and chief executive officer, also called for an immediate settlement of Texaco's a \$520 million race discrimination lawsuit filed by black employees.

"If a swift agreement is not reached and Texaco is unwilling to address the root causes of the problems there, we will work with our broad-based coalition to target Texaco's stock," he said.

Texaco representatives did not answer calls to company headquarters Thursday evening.

Company executives are accused of using racial slurs against blacks in a secretly recorded 1994 conversation about evidence in the suit.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson first called for a stock divestiture, after a meeting Tuesday at company headquarters with Texaco Chairman Peter Bijur.

Jackson also called for an immediate boycott of Texaco gasoline and services, and said picketing would begin at Texaco gas stations Saturday unless the lawsuit was settled before then.

Mfume, who also met Tuesday with Bijur, did not call for a boycott. Instead, he said he got assurances the company would report back in 30 days to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on steps it would take to improve Texaco's racial climate.

Mfume stepped up the pressure Thursday by calling for quick action to improve Texaco's racial climate.

He said the NAACP wants Texaco to set up a program to ensure better job opportunities for blacks, and to foster an atmosphere of tolerance and sensitivity to minorities.

The NAACP also wants Texaco to help blacks purchase company distributorships.

Death

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and family.

On Aug. 30, he announced the cancer had spread and had become inoperable. But he continued with his regular duties until he retired from day-to-day activities two weeks ago. Earlier this week, he wrote to the U.S. Supreme Court, urging it not to allow doctor-assisted suicide.

University President Father Edward Malloy remembered Bernardin's depth of ability in his pastoral ministry.

"Cardinal Bernardin's pastoral acumen was transcended only by his personal holiness," Malloy said. "Throughout his public ministry, as priest, bishop and cardinal, he exemplified the pedagogy of Jesus."

Bernardin was on the Notre Dame campus in 1983 to receive an honorary doctor of laws degree, and again in 1995 to receive the University's Laetare Medal. The medal, established in 1883, has been commonly regarded as the most prestigious honor given to American Catholics.

"Cardinal Bernardin was a loving, gentle man who led by moral persuasion and personal example, never by force or fear," said Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, a friend

who sometimes criticized Bernardin's more liberal views.

Bernardin was born in Columbia, S.C. He was ordained a priest in 1952 and served in Charleston, S.C., before being appointed auxiliary bishop of Atlanta in 1966 at age 38. Two years later, he was elected general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the United States Catholic Conference. In that post, he oversaw the reorganizing of the episcopal conference according to norms established by the Second Vatican Council.

He was the principal architect of the American bishops' 1983 letter, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response," which argued against the use of nuclear weapons.

"That letter was important both for what it said and how it said it," Appleby said. "It was directed to all of good will based on natural reasoning, not on any particular religious basis."

In this way, Bernardin served as a "bridge-builder" between people of different backgrounds, Appleby said.

"He looked to the larger American public," Appleby said. "He believed in a fully integrated, pluralistic society... For him, the common experience of humanity was finite, sinful and weak, but it was also one of hope. That was the basis

of the unity of the common human experience."

Bernardin's last major undertaking was the Catholic Common Ground Project announced earlier this year, an effort to open dialogue with Catholics who dissent from Church teachings on issues such as birth control and ordination of women. Some conservative Catholics criticized the project, but others applauded his tolerance.

"The project was a nice metaphor for what he stood for as a bishop and a priest. He was working toward overcoming disagreement. He wasn't a fiery orator, but he had a certain kind of charisma."

At no other time was Bernardin's grace and humility more evident than in 1993 during a widely publicized lawsuit, in which he was accused of molesting a teenager. The cardinal denied the charge, and the young man later recanted and reconciled with Bernardin.

"He forgave the guy and embraced him," Appleby said, "and even more than that, he forgave the media. He was a person who, if you met him, you knew you were in the presence of someone real."

Appleby met Bernardin when the archbishop first came to Chicago in 1983. The cardinal spoke at a lecture organized by Appleby in 1985 when Appleby was teaching at St. Xavier College in Chicago.

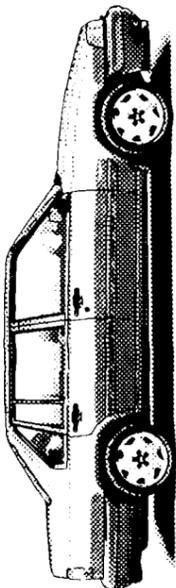
Appleby said the selection of Bernardin's successor could set the tone for the Church in the coming years.

"A great deal depends on the leadership of the Church that is coming on the horizon. We're at a point of generational change," Appleby said. "It will be critical to see if (Bernardin's successor) emulates his style."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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U.S. drops charges against accused Russian spy

By JEFF DONN
Associated Press Writer

WORCESTER, Mass. — Accused of breaking the unwritten rules of the spy game, the Justice Department dropped charges Thursday against a retired KGB agent who freely admitted trying to steal "Star Wars" secrets for Russia.

The CIA and State Department decided prosecuting the former spy was not in the national interest after Russia repeatedly threatened to

retaliate.

"We were upset with CIA only in that they changed their minds," said a Justice official in Washington who spoke on condition of anonymity. "They should have told us this from the beginning."

Vladimir Galkin, 50, was freed hours after Russia issued yet another public protest of his Oct. 29 arrest in New York.

Galkin was accused of offering \$30,000 in 1990 and 1991 for reports pertaining to the Strategic Defense Initiative, a charge he openly admitted to —

after being released Thursday. "It was an attempt, but I did not receive one bit of information," Galkin said outside the courthouse.

CIA Director John Deutch was not aware of Galkin's impending arrest when lower-level CIA officials approved it, the Justice Department source said.

Deutch later argued for dismissal of the charges out of concern that Russia might retaliate by expelling U.S. diplomats believed to be spies.

"After further consultations

within the government, the CIA has concluded, and the State Department has concurred, that the national interest would best be served by dismissing the charges," a Justice statement said.

Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service accused the United States of breaking the unwritten rules of espionage by giving a former spy a visa, then arresting him when he arrived.

A warrant for Galkin's arrest was issued the same day his visa was approved, and he was taken into custody at Kennedy

International Airport, where he arrived with a delegation from Moscow as a representative of the Russian-American company Knowledge Express.

Two Justice Department officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they were unaware of any unwritten codes regarding former spies. But Russian officials said Galkin was entrapped because the United States knew his background: He had mentioned his former work as a Soviet and Russian agent on his visa application.

Gunman attacks Michigan Ford factory, kills worker

By B.J. REYES
Associated Press Writer

WIXOM, Mich. — A man dressed in camouflage fired shots today at a Ford Motor Co. plant outside Detroit, killing one person and wounding two. He was arrested after holding police at bay for hours.

The gunman remained on Ford property for hours, firing at police. Authorities were quite worried that he may have been holding hostages. But that turned out to be wrong, Wixom

Police Sgt. Clarence Goodlein said.

The man opened fire after a confrontation with two Ford assembly line workers.

"He came into the cafeteria and started shooting. He was spraying bullets all over the place," Ford spokesman Bill Carroll said. Goodlein did not release identities of the dead worker. Authorities believe they know who the gunman is, but said they don't know his connection to the Ford plant or the workers he allegedly shot.

Clinton travels to Asia for talks

By LAWRENCE KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Clinton will meet with China's president during a 12-day trip to Asia, seeking increased stability in the two countries' often stormy and turbulent relationship.

"Over the past year, I believe we've turned a corner in the relationship and dealt with some very difficult issues," Samuel Berger, the deputy national security adviser, told reporters Thursday.

The visit, in the Philippines,

will be Clinton's fourth with Chinese President Jiang Zemin at neutral locations. Berger said there remain no plans as yet for more formal state visits in each other's capitals.

He said Clinton also will press other Asian leaders for concrete progress on more liberal trade policies during the trip's centerpiece event, a meeting of leaders of Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum countries.

Clinton leaves Friday for a weekend vacation in Hawaii, then flies to Australia for a state visit. He attends the APEC

meeting in Manila, where he meets with Jiang, then follows with a state visit to Bangkok, Thailand.

Discussing the Clinton-Jiang meeting, Berger emphasized the progress the United States and China have made in the last year on a range of contentious questions, including Chinese naval maneuvers in the Taiwan Strait, and an agreement protecting U.S. intellectual property.

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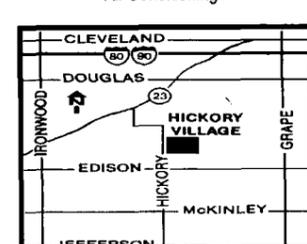
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NATO seizes arms in Bosnia

By TEDDIE WEYR
Associated Press Writer

CELIC, Bosnia
U.S. and Russian troops seized a huge number of Muslim weapons and ordered a Bosnian army unit to shut down today, accusing it of being involved in the worst violence in Bosnia since war ended a year ago.

NATO-led troops hauled away two Bosnian army armored personnel carriers and packed six large peacekeeping trucks with weapons and ammunition confiscated from the Bosnian Army's 254th brigade, NATO officials said.

The brigade was located just west of Celic in northeast Bosnia.

Maj. Brett Boudreau, a NATO spokesman, said the weapons will all be destroyed at a nearby U.S. base.

Peacekeeping troops and U.N. police also raided a Bosnian Serb police station at nearby Koraj, seizing one automatic weapon, some grenades and a case of ammunition.

The weapons clampdown followed Muslim-Serb clashes Tuesday that left one Muslim dead in the village of Gajevi and showed that peacekeepers may not be leaving Bosnia as soon as they hoped.

In Washington today, NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said the United States was expected to provide one-third of the follow-up NATO force for Bosnia next year.

After meeting with Vice President Al Gore, Solana told reporters the overall force would come from 30 countries and involve up to 30,000 troops.

His "best guess," he said, is that 6,000 to 10,000 Americans

Muslim weapons seized

NATO-led U.S. and Russian troops hauled away two five-ton trucks and two armored personnel carriers from the Bosnian Army's 254th brigade just west of Celic after a pre-dawn raid, Thursday.



will be part of the team that replaces the present 60,000-member force.

Boudreau, the NATO spokesman, said starting Saturday, a broad area around Muslim-controlled Celic will be turned into a demilitarized zone enforced by NATO-led troops.

The peace force also ordered the 254th brigade to shut its base near Celic by Nov. 23 and to remove the few weapons remaining there, he said.

The action followed what Boudreau called the brigade's involvement in fighting Tuesday as some Muslims tried to return to their former homes in Gajevi. The village lies in a demilitarized zone between the Serb and Muslim-Croat halves of the country.

Boudreau said NATO troops saw the brigade's chief of staff encouraging refugees to go to Gajevi and saw members of the brigade laying military telephone cable between Gajevi and Celic.

A senior Bosnian army offi-

cer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said his soldiers may have been in Gajevi, but only as Muslims wishing to return home.

Today's raids in Celic and Koraj were taken "to break the chain of provocation and reaction," Boudreau said, warning of "severe consequences" if there was any repeat of the Gajevi clashes.

The weapons confiscated from the Bosnian army included nearly 200 rifles, two armored vehicles, thousands of rounds of ammunition, several small anti-aircraft guns, 82 machine guns and five grenade launchers.

On Wednesday, hundreds of Muslims who claimed homes in nearby Koraj, on the Serb side of the zone, protested at a checkpoint near Celic manned by Russian and American troops. They dispersed after the mayor of Celic appealed to them to leave.

Koraj was a predominantly Muslim town before the war but it is now in Serb territory beyond the demilitarized zone that contains Gajevi.

Following the Gajevi clashes, international mediators suspended refugee resettlement plans across the entire 2 1/2-mile-wide separation zone. They insisted that all weapons be cleared from the zone and accused both sides of serious violations of the peace agreement.

Most weapons are banned in the separation zones, but the weapons taken by the NATO-led peace force today appeared to be outside that zone.

In Paris today, international donors pressed Bosnia's three-man presidency to shore up the country's fragile peace or risk losing aid.

HRW: Police often beat, torture, kill street kids

By DONNA BRYSON
Associated Press Writer

NEW DELHI, India

The weakest of India's poor are preyed on and sometimes killed by police, a U.S.-based human rights group said Thursday.

Human Rights Watch said the homeless children, including 15 killed in custody between 1990 and 1994, were victims of police "lawlessness" that could have been curbed had recommendations made in 1979 by India's own National Police Commission been enacted.

"Why hasn't anything happened, and how much longer will children continue to be victims?" said Sidney Jones, Human Rights Watch's New York-based director of Asia projects.

In a study released Thursday, Human Rights Watch said police officers have blocked the proposed reforms, which include mandatory judicial investigations into accusations of serious police misconduct.

A.N. Sharma, spokesman for the Home Affairs Ministry, which oversees police, had no immediate response.

Rita Panicker, a social worker who runs education and other projects for street children in New Delhi, said children routinely are attacked by police who accuse them of stealing, or who want protection money.

"We can tell horrifying tales of children who lost their hearing because of beatings. There have been cases where children's legs have been broken," she said.

Passport taken from East Germany's last communist

By COLLEEN BARRY
Associated Press Writer

BERLIN

A court revoked the passports of East Germany's last communist leader and three former comrades Thursday, ruling they were likely to flee their trial in the deaths of people trying to escape to the West.

The Berlin state court also ordered former leader Egon Krenz and two other defendants not to leave Berlin or surrounding Brandenburg state. The third was allowed to travel to his job in Hesse state.

The Constitutional Court ruled Tuesday that former communist officials may not argue they were upholding the

law by enforcing a shoot-to-kill policy that caused the deaths of more than 500 freedom-seekers during 41 years of communism.

Krenz and the three former Politburo members have been on trial since January on manslaughter charges for their role in the border policy.

Krenz challenged the ruling, saying, "I have said from the beginning that federal German justice officials do not have jurisdiction to judge officials of another country," he said. "I will therefore not accept any decision of this court, whatever it is."

On Wednesday, the Berlin court also jailed Klaus-Dieter Baumgarten, a former deputy defense minister.

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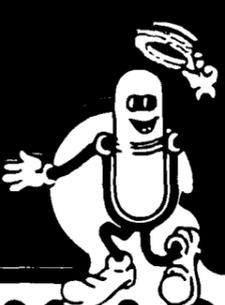
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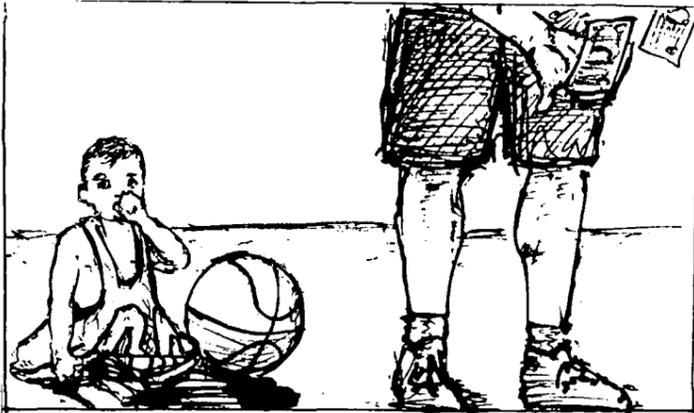
■ OFTEN WRONG, BUT NEVER IN DOUBT

Distinguishing college and professional athletes

The front of the T-shirt read, "I Bet My Money on the Irish." The back, "Then Again, So Does Boston College." Let's face it, I wasn't going to Boston without one of those to wear around. If you get killed, you get killed, but you taunt BC as much as you can. They have it coming. I was there in 1993 and although I have no recollection whatsoever of any field goals, I keep reading about one and

but we routinely got crushed by public schools in just about every sport. My senior year we had a solid basketball team, but we still lost to our biggest rival, McQuaid. When I was a freshman, my folks sent me all the clippings about how that team did in 1994. One headline "Bishop Kearney defeats McQuaid at home for the first time in over a decade," still hangs over my door.

year at BYU or UNC with New Year's Day possibilities for the first time since 1950. They're treating it like a lottery and behind the sportsmanlike commentary of the coaches, so is every one of the conferences involved.



Christopher Regan



I'm beginning to think it might have happened. Not since Florida State took a team trip to Foot Locker has a Notre Dame opponent done something as funny as what BC pulled last week. If you didn't go, you'll never understand — you really had to be there.

You had to be there to read their own students papers, where students rallied around their team by printing the "Top Ten Signs BC is Shaving Points." (My personal favorite: "Despite the team's record, it has been invited to play in the Las Vegas Bowl.") One student editorialist remarked that the BC team had jobs waiting for them in the Clinton White House, should they be expelled. There were two factions on campus, the team and the rest of the students. They were not in this thing together.

One of BC's own players remarked, "It's not only us, we were just unlucky enough to get caught." Similar feelings are probably the norm at FSU, and Lawrence Phillips said it was "bad luck" when he got caught beating up his girlfriend at Nebraska. Everybody's Doing It, So Why Can't We?

I went to a pretty small Catholic high school. We weren't Milan or anything,

That team had five good players. One or two came off the bench but no more and never for long. To make a long story short, they beat every team in the state but one, and that by a single tenth of a second as a lay-up that would have given them the game didn't count. I saw some of the playoffs while I was home for Christmas and it was some of the most exciting basketball I've ever seen. They were games you could watch for a dollar. These guys did not go on to big time college ball. If they had come here, they would be first-rate Bookstore players.

College basketball has been more fun than the pros for years now. They play hard in the regular season. They make mistakes. They are required to dribble when they take more than, say, four steps, even if there's a highlight film dunk in the works. Most of all, they seemed to be guys you could identify with a little. They don't make 7.5 million dollars a year or dress up like women in their spare time.

Pro sports grew up a long time ago. Roberto Alomar, Bryan Cox, Derrick Coleman, Howard, Shaquille O'Neal, Jeff George — that's just this year. Most people have written off the pros, but I'll tell you what: College sports have grown up too and if you think they're going to be the same in five years, you're wrong. They have slipped away, and high school sports are next.

Notre Dame played what media called "The Eight Million Dollar Game" against Air Force last year. This year, with a bunch of good teams fighting for the last Bowl Alliance spot, the news stories don't lead with Steve Sarkasian's great

For a few years now, the idea of paying college athletes to play has been circulating. Do not be surprised when it is adopted. Just imagine how much more money Georgia Tech would have pulled in if Stephon Marbury had stayed four years. It would be worth many times more — in scholarship money for needy students, they'll tell you — than what it would cost to get Stephon a Lexus, an apartment and extra money with which to gamble.

Certain college athletes will not be paid any time soon. They are mostly women, but they are also the baseball team. College baseball just doesn't have the same pull as football and basketball. We have a brand new stadium we can't fill. Why? The best college-age baseball players are in the minor leagues. Maybe that's where the college football and basketball players who want to be paid should play.

But, there are no minor leagues for football and basketball. Not true, of course; colleges serve as minor leagues for the NFL and the NBA. They are being used by billion dollar businesses and make no mistake about it — they like it. It's been big money for them, too. They've been crying lately over players coming out early, they don't like to see students deprive themselves of an education. Some of them mean it and some of them are crying over athletes depriving them of their athletic department

income.

The solution is pretty simple: The pros have to be forced to set up minor leagues for football and basketball, just like baseball. When they do that, athletes that want to "concentrate on their sport" (if that's what's most important to them) can go do just that. There will still be intercollegiate football, it just won't be half filled with pro prospects bidding their time until the draft and half college students who like to play sports. It will be all college students who like to play sports.

Why would the pros set up the leagues? They won't do it voluntarily, that's for certain. They could easily be forced to do it, though. All colleges have to do is admit students without respect to their level of athletic accomplishment. No more recruiting. No more scouting. The football team should field the best 22 guys who would have come to Notre Dame anyway. Same goes for Nebraska.

That might save college sports from suffering the same fate as the pros. If you think it's not the right thing to do, remember that it would be easier to pass the new Stadium through the eye of a needle than for a rich University to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

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■ DOONESBURY

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The past has been a mint of blood and sorrow. That must not be true of tomorrow."

—Langston Hughes

Clinton's second term will be challenging

■ COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

For the first time since 1944, the Democrats have recaptured the White House for a second consecutive term. One can scarcely say though that the Democrats have recaptured the hearts and souls of Americans, which they lost 28 long years ago when Nixon won the presidency, effectively killing liberalism as a popular ideology. The '96 election was hardly a ringing endorsement of the Democratic Party — President Clinton failed to topple 50 percent of the popular vote, and Republicans maintained majorities in both the House and Senate. However, the Republicans can claim no major victory themselves — their candidates abandoned Bob Dole in the closing weeks of the election, they lost ten seats in the House, and their leader, Newt Gingrich, remains the most unpopular politician in America.

Professor Sam Best stated, "The '96 election raised more questions than it answered." He is absolutely right — it certainly will not go down in history as one which solved a major problem with policy or government. But it may go down in history as one which forced both parties to reevaluate the tenets of their ideologies and their support bases. For Republicans the election begs the question of where to go next with their rejected conservative revolution, a question which a Democrat cannot speculate on. What I can say for sure, however, is that the election results pose one stark question to Democrats: What is it that you believe?

While Clinton was busy stealing the center of American politics, many members of the Democrats' traditional liberal base, including myself, became disenchanted with the Party. In his first term, Clinton signed the welfare "reform" bill, ending the federal guarantee of assistance to the poor which was instituted under FDR (back when liberalism was on the cutting edge of American politics). Many Democrats considered the signing of this bill to be an embarrassment to the ideals of the Party. Welfare, however, is just one issue where Clinton sold out the traditional platform. In his State of the Union Address two years ago, he declared the era of big government to be over, and in Wednesday's *New York Times* he was quoted as saying that he may not try to prevent a balanced budget amendment from being sent to the states for ratification. These are issues that never split Democrats in the past — but now Clinton is co-opting the ideals of the rival party, leaving many of us shaking our heads.

President Clinton is not alone, however. "New" Democrats are coming out of the closet in droves, abandoning the fundamental Democratic stances on major issues. This phenomenon cannot be explained in a column as short as this one. For Democrats, Clinton's second term will be about who controls the Party in the future — the "New" Democrats or the traditional ones. Since it was an election year, Democrats bound together for the sake of maintaining the presidency. But in the next two years before the mid-term elections, we are going to see a Democratic Party divided about where it is headed. Many of us are calling upon the President to reunite the Party under the ideals upon which it was founded. Many others are calling upon him to continue guiding it to the center of American politics.

While many say that Clinton's showing in the popular election is a call for him to continue with his centrist course of action, I firmly disagree. The President's liberal support was tenuous at best, and Dole captured the undecided vote nearly two to one. The best thing that Clinton can do for the Democratic Party, and more importantly for the country, is to reaffirm the true ideals of FDR's and LBJ's Democratic Party. The true Democrats out there can only hope that he does.

NOTRE DAME COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

(As written by J. P. Cooney)

■ COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

A week and a half ago, America voted to maintain the status quo in our government, that being a Democratic President with a Republican House and Senate. What should we expect from the 105th Congress together with President Clinton? To prepare ourselves for what is to come, let us first recap the Clinton years to this point:

In January of 1993, backed by 44 percent of the electorate, Bill Clinton became the 42nd President of the United States. He began his first term with a very liberal agenda. He began by trying to tackle a social issue like gays in the military and failed miserably, while receiving a letter of resignation from General Colin Powell in the process. Next came the largest tax increase in U.S. history, along with strong opposition to a balanced budget from the White House. Finally, an overzealous health care proposal collapsed in the Congress, signifying another failure.

In November of 1994, in a gesture which seemed at the time to represent the beginning of the end of Bill Clinton as President, Americans shot down Clinton and his liberal agenda by voting in a Republican House and Senate, the first of its kind in roughly four decades. With gung-ho freshmen teaming up with unified incumbent Republicans in Congress, Clinton's legitimacy as President seemed in doubt. However, Clinton used the Republicans' stubbornness to his own advantage during a budget standoff which resulted in a government shutdown. In the process, he also managed to paint the Republican Congressional leaders as the right-wing extremists who were responsible for the shutdown (all of which hurt Dole greatly in the 1996 campaign).

But Bill Clinton had one more act up his sleeve, that being Dick Morris, his political advisor. As the 1996 election drew nearer, we saw Clinton speaking less as a liberal and more as a centrist. He and his fellow Democrats staked their claim for the center instead of the left, given that the word "liberal" now has a negative connotation for the American voter. We saw Clinton sign legislation curbing welfare and immigration, while suddenly agreeing to balance the budget.

What do I expect from the President in his second term overall, specifically the next two years? I see him returning to his leftist origins because he runs no political risk in doing so, now that he has been re-elected. Also, if Al Gore is to continue Clinton's legacy in 2000, it cannot be under a centrist ideology because that would not match his record as a liberal.

What should the Republican Congress do in the meantime? First of all, they have to change the public's image of Newt Gingrich, the most visible of the Congressional Republicans. They have to do this mainly by loosening the party's ties to the Christian Coalition and people like Pat Buchanan. Ties such as these allowed Clinton to portray himself as a moderate while painting Republicans as rightist Bible-beaters. In advising the Republicans to rid themselves of the religious right, my main piece of advice is this: Forget the abortion issue, even though you may have a legitimate argument. The political reality is that the Supreme Court is not going to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, no matter how much Republicans want to see it done. If Republicans form 1997 to 2000 can get this through their thick skulls, WE WILL WIN BACK THE PRESIDENCY IN 2000 — mainly because Gore is beatable with a more conservative electorate like the one we currently have.

NOTRE DAME COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

(As written by Ted Bassani.)

■ CAPITOL COMMENTS

'96 election brings two more years of the same

As expected, the election was just another day.

Although I had predicted that Bill Clinton would be re-elected, election night did not progress as I had

Gary Caruso



expected. Clinton's win at 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time threw my schedule off. I had predicted that he would be declared the winner at 9:30, so I lost a half hour... kind of like Indiana not turning back its clocks with the standard time change.

The half hour differential rushed me through an evening of parties with Democrats and Labor groups. It was an anti-climactic evening despite the joyous Clinton win and the disappointing Republican hold on Congress. It was like trying to arrive at an exclusive party just late enough to be fashionably late, but actually arriving a day after the event.

Several lessons can be learned from the 1996 elections. First, the voter turnout was low because Dole started out a dud and maintained a dull appearance throughout the campaign. Clinton supporters knew that Clinton would win, so they stayed home. Dole supporters knew that Dole would lose, so they stayed home. Perot supporters knew that Ross was a nut, so they stayed home.

The election reminds me of the Notre Dame-Pittsburgh game this weekend. Does anyone in the universe expect Pitt to win? Well, then, stay

home and don't bother to watch on television. That makes as much sense as the electorate did on election day.

The second lesson is that the American public is satisfied with a divided government as long as gridlock is avoided. Back in the day when Gerald Ford was the Republican leader in the House, he compromised with the Democrats. It ultimately led to systematically guaranteeing that Republicans would remain a minority party... that is until Newt Gingrich decided that warfare was the way to win control of Congress. Newt was right, but the American public hated the rancor of Newt's crowd that led to gridlock.

Currently, about twenty Republicans oppose Newt for Speaker of the House until the ethics investigation surrounding the Speaker is concluded. However, Newt has no serious opposition, so he will remain the leader of the Republicans in the House. It is interesting that the House will actually be less conservative while the Senate will become more ideologically hard core conservative.

If history is any indication, expect Newt to remain partisan and for gridlock to creep into play in about three months.

An important factor coming into play next year is that President Clinton will be the first president to have a line item veto during the budget process. For the first time, he will squeeze out the "fat" or "pork" the Republicans offer on the budget plate. It ought to be a just reward for the conservatives who for so long demanded the line item veto when Reagan and Bush were in the White House and Democrats controlled Congress. As Nelson on "The Simpsons" laughs, "Ha, ha!"

Finally, the winners and losers in this year's process are everyone. We



won some and lost some as the split of party control and the close votes in several races indicated. The religious right lost some clout but managed to maintain its strength in some Congressional districts where they probably decided the outcome. The AFL-CIO also managed some clout in several races where they concentrated their efforts.

I think it is unfair to characterize organized labor's efforts as a failure merely because Congress did not switch back to the Democrats. First, it was Labor's first national effort, which they stumbled through... something like the early years of the Christian Coalition. Secondly, the campaign financing problems the Democrats faced in the final weeks of the campaign played a significant role in keeping Clinton at 49 percent and returning some Republicans to office

by extremely thin margins.

What does it all mean? Who knows. We will have at least two more years of the same... which Americans seemed to think was just what they wanted. Maybe we should have saved those millions of campaign dollars and unwanted "infomercials" by cancelling the election... at least for two more years when voters will surely be more upset about something and demand more of a change than they did this year.

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Impressions of Degas

By ASHLEIGH THOMPSON
Associate Accent Editor

If the myth Edgar Degas created for himself was an accurate one, then this reclusive, solitary genius has never been so publicly exposed as he is now.

His most intimate expression during his later years of inversion, his art, are currently on display for all to see. And while Degas earned respect and renown as one of the leading Impressionists of his time, he showed very little of his later work, failing to participate in a single exhibit during the last thirty years of his life. It is to this period of his creative process that the Art Institute of Chicago chose to dedicate its exhibit, "Degas: Beyond Impressionism," that will continue to run through January 5, 1997.

Undermining the exquisite sense of beauty and harmony that a Degas work can inspire in its viewer, the atmosphere at the Art Institute proves far from tranquil. While nearly all the tickets for this special exhibit have been sold, either to Art Institute members or early subscribers, the hopes of obtaining a ticket have resulted in long lines of impatient frenzy. Those privileged with tickets are ushered through a single file line into the entrance hall, where for four dollars, viewers can purchase headphones with an hour-long cassette that explains the history of the artist and his works in detail.

The exhibit, which contains almost one hundred paintings, pastels, drawings and sculptures, is co-organized by The National Gallery, London, and The Art Institute of Chicago. Laid out in ten rooms with

works arranged by a combination of date and subject matter, some canvases are displayed amidst sculpture to demonstrate his unity of theme.

Eager viewers with romantic notions of sharing an intimate moment with Degas must be forewarned: hundreds of your closest strangers will share this moment with you. The gal-

seams of the tracing paper are visible, emphasizing the concept of reworked images. No concrete feeling as to the order of Degas's revisions can be detected, but one can certainly sense the constant reinvention.

Some rooms contain a series of five or six paintings of the same exact subject, perhaps each from a slightly different angle, revealing Degas's almost obsessive attempt for perfection. Room five contains sculpture placed alongside canvases with the identical image, achieving a mirrored effect. It almost seems as if Degas uses himself for inspiration.

Whether the strokes were created by pastels, charcoals, oils or his own finger painting, a closer look at the canvas shows what seem like rapid blurs of color. Step backward, and the strokes dissolve into deliberately placed pieces of genius.

Texture in both his canvases and sculptures is a key element, as is color. This later period reveals a more mature artist, energetic and concentrated on a few specific themes. Every canvas reflects this; Degas's late work seems to be especially expressive,

exploding with both emotion and color.

His artistic attention focuses on the female form, in just about every describable state or position, striking the viewer as incredible. Ballerinas occupy the first several galleries, followed by bathers, women combing hair and finally, Russian dancers. A final room even includes landscapes, which also imitate the female form.

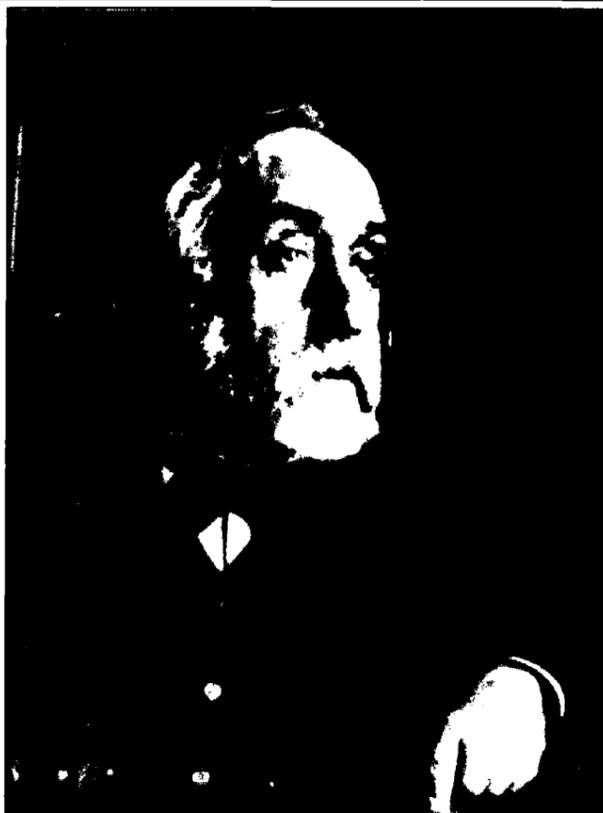
The exhibit ends with a reading room containing books further explaining the work of Degas and his contemporaries. They reveal that his works were sketched by Gauguin and

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For art lovers who still crave more, there are a series of unique free and paid programs surrounding the event, lasting until December 6. Most are lectures, but Degas-related videos, operas and ballets seem inventive complements to the exhibit. The museum even offers "Invite Degas to Lunch," which allows downtown Chicago businesses to bring exhibition talks to the workplace.

Regardless of its minor faults and inconveniences, the Degas exhibit remains an incredible temporary addition to the Art Institute. Available to many, the exhibit has been arranged in an enjoyable and understandable format. Children as well as adults, novices and experts alike,



"If Degas had died at fifty, he would have been remembered as an excellent painter, no more; it is after his fiftieth year that his work broadened out and that he really becomes Degas." -- Auguste Renoir

will all leave the museum feeling enlightened and maybe even a little inspired.

Degas may have retreated into himself towards the end of his life, but he surely could not help but remain an influential force within his artistic community. "Degas: Beyond Impressionism" proves that his presence will remain among ours.

For remaining tickets to the exhibit, call the Art Institute at 312-443-3680.



Two Dancers, c. 1893-1898. Pastel on paper, 70.5 x 53.6 cm.

eries are crowded and warm, and the safest route through the exhibit seems to be as part of the clump of headphoned art lovers pulsing slowly through each doorway.

Putting distractions aside, however, walking through each room seems like a personal tour of a studio. Degas (1834 - 1917) composed many of these works using a complex system of drawing on tracing paper. Some of these portraits were originally colored in with paints or pastels, while others were formed by layering these sheets of tracing paper, adding multiple images to pre-existing ones. In some works, the



Four Dancers, c. 1899-1904. Pastel on paper, 64 x 42 cm.



Frieze of Dancers, c. 1895. Oil on canvas, 70 x 200.5 cm.

Shake it up, baby

By ASHLEIGH THOMPSON
Associate Accent Editor

Finger cymbals rang, hips gyrated, sequins shook and bottoms wiggled. As the first notes of eastern music spiraled out of the stereo, every Notre Dame and Saint Mary's student in attendance knew it would not be a regular evening in LaFortune. They were right; it's not every night that the administration pays for you to learn how to belly dance.

Although there were neither nomadic tribesmen nor

performance and instruction. "She was amazing. She makes the human body an art form," Frigon said.

Anyone who witnesses a belly dancing performance cannot help but notice its fluidity and intricacy. It also emits a subtle sensuality and eroticism that seems misplaced within the confines of a predominantly conservative, Islamic culture. Belly dancing dates back to ancient biblical times, however, and seems to have become absorbed as an integral part of the Mideastern and Mediterranean cultures.

Gamal explained that such dances originated in India and gradually moved westward as gypsies migrated as far as what is today Morocco. The techniques fall in two groups, folkloric and oriental, with the former embodying regional interpretations and the latter representing a universal classical form. While the technique remains generally the same from country to country, the cultural influences and music vary greatly.

Some were originally performed as fertility rituals or as "zars," movements executed by young girls to scare off the evil spirits believed to be hiding in their hair. Now, they are mainly performed for entertainment purposes. It is not uncommon to hire a belly dancer to entertain at a wedding, though Gamal explained that no respectable family would want their daughter to follow the career.

While recent pressure from certain Egyptian Islamic fundamentalist sects has affected the demand for belly dancing in that country, both in the east and the west, belly dancing retains the potential to be an economically viable profession, and some dancers like Sohair Zaki have earned both



The Observer/Ashleigh Thompson
South Bend resident Leila Gamal brought her exotic art form to La Fortune Ballroom for a free workshop.



The Observer/Katie Kroener
Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students experiment with torso isolation, a fundamental aspect of Belly Dancing.

gypsies in attendance Wednesday night at the Student Union Board event, dozens of students watched Leila Gamal (whose real name is Laura Skarich) as she flawlessly performed the 5,000 year old art.

She explained that belly dancing differs from other types of dance with how it exactly mirrors the spirited music that accompanies it. Isolation movements in the torso comprise many, but not all, of the movements, as do floating arms and twisting hips. A few enthusiastic dancers soon complained of awkwardness and cramps. Needless to say, the dancing was harder to do than it looked.

Students were asked to stand with their bare feet parallel underneath their hips for equal balance. After feeling their connection with the floor, they were then guided through a series of isolated movements, contorting legs, arms, hips, stomachs and buttocks. Spread out across the crowded ballroom floor, men and women alike moved to the foreign-sounding music, laughing at their own ineptitude and generally just having a good time.

More than a dozen techniques were taught by Gamal, who eventually occupied the dance floor to demonstrate her mastery of the art's intricacy.

Born and raised in South Bend, Gamal has traveled throughout the United States and the Middle East, practicing and performing her art form. First trained in the art of belly dancing in 1978, she has mastered such techniques as shimmying and camels, which she describes as "liquid energy down the spine."

While she enjoys performing, she admits that her teaching is under higher demand. Amy Frigon, a Lewis junior in attendance, appreciated both Gamal's



The Observer/Ashleigh Thompson
Students follow Leila Gamal across the Ballroom dance floor, practicing their newly-learned techniques.

wealth and respect. It's a good thing, too; the average flowing, sequined costume is imported from Egypt and can cost around \$1000.

As part of the workshop, Gamal invited students to ask questions, leaf through copies of Arabesque magazine, play with her finger cymbals and check out her compact discs. Students wishing to pursue the discipline under her instruction could sign a mailing list, or can contact the Student Union Board office to obtain her phone number.

While some sat speechless, others felt encouraged. Morrissey sophomore Pete Wurst commented, "I came because I love to dance. I didn't think it was as hard as I thought it would be. We're going to show this off at the Beaux Arts Ball this weekend!"

Whether all students felt equally as confident was difficult to assess, but most seemed to enjoy themselves. As they contentedly wiggled out of the ballroom, students allowed the music to continue twirling around them, and a few probably wondered when their next opportunity for exotic dancing would arise. After all, with winter starting, this campus can use all the heat it can get.

■ STUFF TO DO

Not Just Books Book Sale

The St. Joseph County Public Library will hold its annual fall book sale this weekend. But it won't be just books. Magazines, records, CDs, video, and audio cassettes will also be available for purchase. The sale will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 17. The library is located at 304 S. Main Street in South Bend.

Coffee and Soul

The Soulful Bowlfull, Notre Dame's only jazz quartet, will be performing at Lula's coffee house this Saturday, November 16, beginning at 8 p.m. Lula's is located on Edison, across from the Linebacker.

Love Stinks: A Dramatic Look at the Downside of Relationships

Catherine Friesen will perform three short dramatic pieces at Goshen College next weekend. The senior theater major's performance includes Bertolt Brecht's "Jewish Wife," Samuel Beckett's "Rockabye," and Sam Shepherd's and Joseph

Chaikin's "Savage Love," a collection of poems. The selections focus on human relationships in times of loss, leaving and love. Friesen's performance is entitled "Between Us."

The November 23 performance begins at 8 p.m. and admission is free. Call (219) 535-7571 for more information.

AquaArt Exhibition

Cynthia Morgan's "River Waltz" will be exhibited at the South Bend Regional Museum of Art from November 23, 1996, through January 5, 1997. The exhibition consists of an autobiographical theme combined with metaphorical water references in an attempt to "create a place for the viewer to reflect on their own history," according to Morgan, Assistant Registrar of Collections at the Minnesota Museum of American Art.

The site-specific installation of the work is centered around a white organza skirt covered with ruffles and pockets, each containing a glass of water. A sound piece with a glass harmonica and other glass and water sounds accompany the installation.

The Regional Museum, located at 120 South St. Joseph Street in South Bend's Century Center, is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The suggested donation for nonmembers of the Museum is \$3. For more information call 235-9102.

Olajuwon crucial in comeback win over Pacers

By MICHAEL LUTZ
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON Charles Barkley and Hakeem Olajuwon enjoyed the victory, not the pace.

Hakeem Olajuwon scored 9 points in the final 4:32 and blocked Reggie Miller's layup in the final seconds Thursday night as the Houston Rockets rallied for a 90-88 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

The Rockets lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in an exhausting double overtime game on Tuesday night, and trailed the Pacers most of the night before rallying.

"I think we were tired, obviously, one of our weaknesses is age," Barkley said. "You could see we were tired out there so this is a great win. We played very sluggish tonight."

"This was a wakeup call for us," Olajuwon said. "We can't continue to play these kinds of games. We should try to make it easier on ourselves."

Olajuwon scored 21 points and got 12 rebounds for the Rockets, who trailed 85-76 with 4:32 left. Plagued by foul trouble, Olajuwon snapped an 88-all tie with a baseline jumper with 20 seconds left.

The Pacers had a chance to tie, but Olajuwon blocked Miller's shot and players for both teams wrestled for the

loose ball near midcourt as the buzzer sounded.

"When the game is on the line, you look for opportunities like that," Olajuwon said.

Barkley ran up and bear hugged referee Ed Middleton after the wild finish.

"I didn't know if he was saying it was over or he was going to put some time on the clock, but after all night he finally got one right."

Barkley had 25 points and nine rebounds for Houston, the first time this season he failed to get double figures in rebounds. Matt Bullard added four 3-pointers to help the Rockets rally.

Travis Best matched a career-high with 23 points to lead the Pacers and Miller added 13 points on 4-of-18 shooting.

"Nobody can hang their heads after playing this type of game," Best said. "Everybody is upset the most because this could have been a nice win. Hopefully, we can bounce back and win some games. All of a sudden calls go the other way."

Miller wasn't too pleased with the officiating either.

"There was no way the refs were going to foul Hakeem out of this game," Miller said. "It's comical what the refs in this league are doing to us. I don't care what Rod Thorn (NBA senior vice president of basketball operations) does. We had this game in the bag."

The Rockets led 47-46 at halftime before the Pacers went on a 14-4 run to take a 72-63 lead after three.

Bullard made a pair of 3-pointers during a 10-run in the second quarter that enabled Houston to rally from a 40-33 deficit.

"I feel very fortunate to win this game," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "We didn't play good basketball until the fourth quarter but our guys were scrapping the whole game and it's a gutsy win for us."

SONICS 94 CLIPPERS 78

Gary Payton scored 25 points and Shawn Kemp had 20 points and 15 rebounds Thursday night to lead the Seattle SuperSonics to their fifth straight victory, 94-78 over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Sam Perkins added 16 points off the bench for the Sonics, who have won 13 straight over the Clippers, including nine in a row on the road.

The Sonics, who entered the game with the NBA's third-highest scoring average at 101.6, were the seventh team held under 100 points by the Clippers in their first seven games. Los Angeles took the court with the league's second-stingiest defense.

Malik Sealy's three-point play with

3:05 left in the third quarter narrowed the gap to 64-55, the first time the Sonics' lead was under double digits since the second quarter.

Loy Vaught's layup and a 20-foot jumper by Darrick Martin reduced the deficit to 64-59 with 1:49 left in the third, but Perkins made his third 3-pointer 26 seconds and Los Angeles got no closer.

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The Minnesota Timberwolves have a winning record for only the fourth time ever, and Flip Saunders already is getting greedy.

After Doug West sparked a 13-0 run at the start of the second half to help the Wolves rally for a 100-90 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night, Saunders was more interested in how much better he believes his team's record should be.

"We very easily could have been 5-2 or 6-1," Saunders said, referring to a 1-3 road trip in which the Wolves lost on a shot at the buzzer in overtime and wasted a nine-point, fourth-quarter lead in another game.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Smoltz open to possibilities

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA

John Smoltz could not have picked a better time to have the best season of his career.

The NL Cy Young Award winner will start listening to offers from other teams Friday, mindful that he would like to remain with the Atlanta Braves but realistic about his opportunity to move on.

"I'm a person who never closes any doors," Smoltz said. "I really believe things will work out (with the Braves). I do. But I've also seen a lot of things that have taken a turn."

In today's expansion-diluted game, Smoltz may receive the highest annual average salary ever for a pitcher. The 29-year-old right-hander likely will command at least \$7 million per season, and he would prefer at least a three-year deal.

"I think my career is ahead of me," said Smoltz, who is coming off a \$16 million, four-year contract. "I've always maintained that age 29 to 38 is the peak of a pitcher's career. Some people don't realize I am 29. I hope to pitch another eight years."

If he does, it would be hard to top the season he just had. Smoltz led the majors with 24 wins and 276 strikeouts, along with a 2.94 ERA. He added four more wins in the postseason before the Braves were beaten by the New York Yankees in the World Series.

"I never thought I would reach the level I'm at now," he said. "But there's not a surplus of pitching. Pitching is at a minimum. ... We're spoiled in this

city to be surrounded with some of the best pitching you'll ever see. It really should be split up. It's almost like everybody is saying, 'It's about time they got their due.'"

The Braves, obviously, would like to re-sign Smoltz. But they hope to keep their payroll around \$50 million, and they know that any monetary standard set in these negotiations will rear up during talks with Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, eligible for free agency after next season.

"They've got a tough business decision in front of them," Smoltz said. "Whatever they do with me, they're talking about two more pitchers. And there's no guarantee that if I stay, the other two are going to stay."

General manager John Schuerholz hopes the Braves will be able to pull off another negotiating coup, like they did in December 1992 when they signed Maddux for \$28 million over five years — even though the Yankees offered \$6 million more.

"We understand that it will cost some money, though I don't necessarily agree with the projections," Schuerholz said. "And once you get to a certain level of income, other things become important, like the quality of an organization and its commitment."

Smoltz agreed, saying he wants to be with a team that has a realistic chance of winning, but he doesn't like the tone of Schuerholz's comments. He feels like the Braves want him to sign for less out of loyalty to the organization.

"I know what's going to hap-

pen (if he signs with another team)," Smoltz said. "They're going to cry that they made every effort ... but I was just not willing to take less like Greg Maddux. That part is a little unfair."

"I've never been in this situation. I feel like everyone is banking on me to do the right thing. But I've got to look out for myself, I've got to look out for me and my family."

Smoltz is a native of Michigan and his father has made it clear he would like to see his son pitch closer to home. But Smoltz loves Atlanta and said he will continue to live in the city, even if he signs elsewhere.

"You won't see me make a decision that's based purely on money," he said. "I can honestly say that. If it happens to be where I end up, it's not the sole reason I'm going there."

Smoltz plans to take an active role in the negotiations, which will lengthen the process.

He can envision himself spreading out rosters on his living room floor, trying to decide which team has the best chance of winning.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Fitzgerald among Butkus award finalists

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla.

Canute Curtis of West Virginia, Pat Fitzgerald of Northwestern and Colorado's Matt Russell were nominated Thursday for the Dick Butkus award as college football's top linebacker.

The three were chosen from a field of 11 semifinalists by a 25-member committee of sports writers and commentators making the selection for the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando.

The award will be presented Dec. 14 at Walt Disney World.

Last year's winner was Kevin Hardy of Illinois, now with the Jacksonville Jaguars of the NFL.

"Just to be named with those two guys is an honor," said Curtis, a 6-foot-3, 260-pound senior who has 54 tackles and 14 1/2 sacks this season for the nation's No. 1 defense.

WVU Coach Don Nehlen said Curtis was "just amazing. He's

done everything for us. . . From the coaching standpoint, he's won our best defensive player in nine of our 10 football games."

Fitzgerald, a 230-pound senior, has 69 solo tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery in 10 games for Northwestern.

"For the last two years we've had an outstanding defense here, and I've just been another member of it," said Fitzgerald. "I'm really proud of our defense."

Northwestern Coach Gary Barnett said the best way to describe Fitzgerald was that "everybody wants a linebacker that will lead you into a war. . . But the difference, I think, between Pat and most guys, is that Pat not only will lead you but he probably will lead all the plans and the strategies and knows all the ins and outs. He's probably the most cerebral player I've ever coached."

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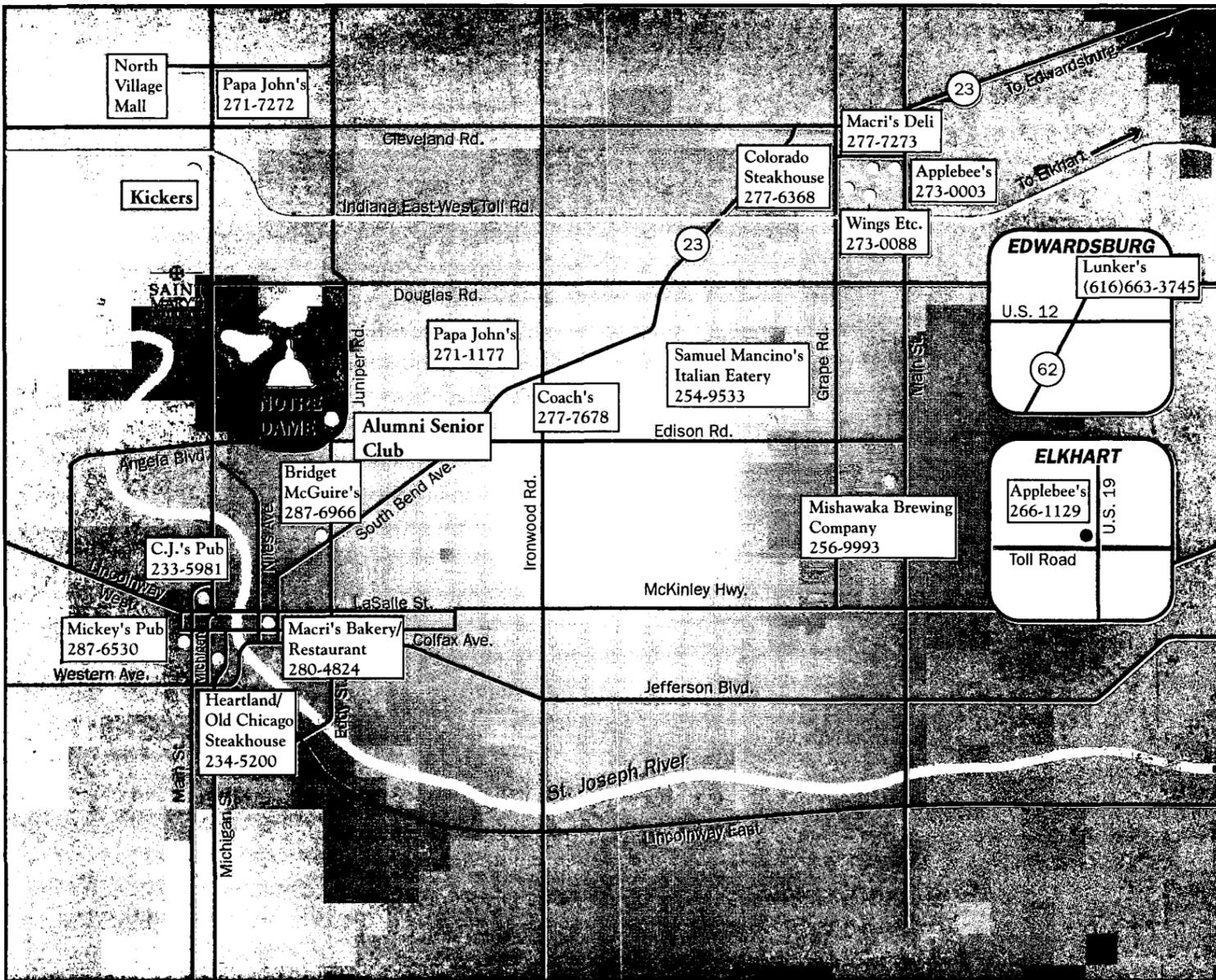
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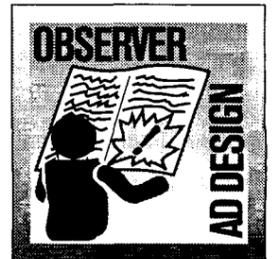
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■ RWANDA

U.S. troops reach Africa for humanitarian mission

By HRVOJE HRANJSKI
Associated Press Writer

KIGALI, Rwanda
The first of what could be 4,000 American troops arrived in Rwanda's capital today in advance of a multinational operation to feed and help send home more than 1 million refugees in Zaire.

The 43-member team, led by U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Edwin P. Smith, is to assess the security needs for the U.S. troops that are to take part in the Canadian-led humanitarian operation in central Africa.

Beside Canada and the United States, other Western nations expected to participate include France, Britain, Spain, Italy and the Netherlands. The United Nations said seven African countries will take part, including South Africa.

While President Clinton has attached certain conditions to the U.S. troops' involvement, he agreed in principle Wednesday to dispatch a force, spearheaded by U.S. Army paratroopers from their base in Vincenza, Italy.

Among the conditions placed on U.S. participation in the multinational force were that the American troops, totaling 3,000 to 4,000, stay no longer than four months so that there

is a finite date to the mission. Officials from Canada, United States and other countries were to meet at the United Nations this afternoon to finalize details of the operation.

Once the parties reach agreement, the Security Council will authorize the deployment, a decision that diplomats expect as early as tonight.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the U.S. paratroopers would secure an airfield in the eastern Zaire city of Goma, a principal delivery point for humanitarian supplies. Zairean rebels control the airport.

Rocket fire hissed today above Goma, the Zairian town bordering Rwanda, as Zairian rebels battled with Rwandan Hutu militias near their Mugunga refugee camp 10 miles from the lakeside town.

No injuries were reported, and by noon the artillery was quiet.

Shelling prevented the distribution of food, however. As relief is delayed, thousands face starvation or death from disease.

Rebel leader Laurent Kabila has vowed to retaliate against the former Rwandan soldiers and Hutu militiamen at the camp who pounded Goma with shells earlier this week.

■ NEWS ANALYSIS

Aid to refugees: Is it impossible?

By SUSAN LINNEE
Associated Press Writer

NAIROBI, Kenya
The premise sounds straightforward enough.

At least 1 million Rwandan Hutu refugees, displaced by fighting from their camps in eastern Zaire, desperately need help.

Food, water and medicine are available. But aid agencies cannot reach the refugees to distribute the goods without protection.

France offers troops, and Spain and several African nations follow suit. Britain says perhaps, and Canada offers to lead.

The United States, under pressure to offer its unique capacity to airlift troops and materiel over long distances and to build small cities overnight, signs on to the plan.

But eastern Zaire is not a disaster area created by a hurricane, cyclone, tornado or earthquake. This disaster has been made by men — men with hearts full of revenge, armed with political agendas and guns. They include armed Hutus who participated in the slaughter of a half-million Tutsis in Rwanda in 1994.

Whether the international operation can go ahead successfully will depend to a great degree on the cooperation it gets from former Rwandan soldiers, Hutu gangs and Zairian rebels.

From indications so far, the international military force intends to avoid conflict with these armed groups. It wants to work out accommodations with them, and does not intend to shoot its way into the region.

Instead, it wants to concentrate simply on feeding refugees and opening a corridor back to Rwanda. The corri-

Zaire update
Fighting resumed in Goma, Thursday, where the shelling prevented the distribution of food.

The U.S. mission
 ■ Forces will remain about four months under a U.S. commander.
 ■ Airlift forces from other countries to the region.
 ■ Provide security along a 3-mile corridor from Goma to the Rwandan border.
 ■ Seek the voluntary repatriation of refugees.

The Clinton administration is prepared to send up to 4,000 troops and support forces to Central Africa to help alleviate the worsening humanitarian crisis. They would take part along with troops from about a dozen other countries.

The U.S. forces' first mission is to secure an airfield in Goma and open a three-mile corridor from the city to the Rwandan border.

A 43-member American survey team landed Thursday in Kigali.

AP/Wm. J. Castello

dor could allow a permanent solution to the problem through the return of the refugees to their homeland.

The force's mandate, according to U.S. officials, will not include disarming Hutu militiamen who live among the refugees, or even separating them from their convenient human cover.

But it is precisely those militiamen and former Rwandan soldiers who, through intimidation and propaganda, have been keeping the refugees from returning home.

Unless the refugees go home, the assistance delivered under international protection may just buy time for the refugees to dig in and create new camps of discontent in Zaire, leading to another disaster.

The refugees already have come under attack from Zairian rebels, known as the Alliance of Democratic Forces for Liberation (Congo-Zaire), who

are firing on the armed Hutus among them.

The rebels now control a slice of eastern Zaire including the airport at Goma, which the United States is to secure as a base for humanitarian operations in North Kivu province.

No one knows how these rebels will view the arrival of U.S. troops. Laurent Kabila, their leader, already has said his men would shoot any French soldiers on sight because of France's support for the former Hutu government in Rwanda.

The French are to secure and operate the airport at Bukavu in South Kivu province. Kabila's men now control that airport as well.

Under the plan President Clinton is expected to approve Friday, the U.S. troops would secure Goma airport and a three-mile stretch to the Rwandan border.

On Thursday, rebels would not let reporters near the airport, where the airstrip is big enough to handle large transport planes.

As far as the rebels are concerned, the airport is in "liberated Zaire," part of a territory Kabila says will grow as the army collapses — assuming that no outside powers jump in to prop up Zaire's disintegrating state.

But authorities in the capital, Kinshasa — 1,600 miles to the west — and presumably President Mobutu Sese Seko, convalescing in his villa in the south of France — still consider Goma part of Zaire.

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■ NFL

Hanspard preaches victory

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas — The artificial turf at Texas Tech's Jones Stadium is merely a flat, green pulpit as far as Byron Hanspard is concerned.

After each home game, he gathers teammates and coaches around him on the field and delivers a spiritual message, just a brief, informal sermon.

"The Lord has blessed me with the talent to play football, and I use it to uplift him," said Hanspard, who embraces every chance to praise God in the wave of attention he's received as one of college football's top running backs.

The faith that brought him to Texas Tech has driven him during his three years here on the windswept plains. For nearly two years, he has preached part-time at Lubbock's Community Baptist Church and testified to his love of Jesus wherever and whenever he can.

Even playing in a town where there seems to be a church on every corner, Hanspard fully realizes that few would care what he had to say if he didn't hap-

pen to be one of the country's top rushers, a rare combination of speed, vision, agility and power that has wreaked havoc on opposing defenses.

Getting him to take some credit for his football success is nearly as hard as tackling him.

"God blessed me with the talent and the ability to play the game of football," said Hanspard, a tailback who was averaging 194 yards rushing — second in the nation — going into the Red Raiders' game with Southwestern Louisiana this weekend.

"I can't go out there without doing the work, without lifting weights and training. I can't do that, and that's what it's all about. Once God gives us talent, it's up to us to use it."

Hanspard's calm in the face of football's violent blur is a marvel to many of his teammates. He's not a rah-rah guy, though his self-evident peace inspires some of his mates in the huddle.

"It's amazing, but no matter what's going on in the game, he's always the same," offensive lineman Ben Kaufman said.

Hanspard, a junior, burst into the Heisman Trophy race this

fall after two strong seasons at Tech, a school he chose over more prominent programs such as Notre Dame, Nebraska and Colorado.

Some were surprised when Hanspard, from the Dallas-area suburb of DeSoto, chose what was a middle-of-the-road football program at a school surrounded by the cotton fields of West Texas.

His explanation: "The spirit in my heart directed me to Texas Tech" one day while he was taking a shower.

Regardless of where football takes him, Hanspard said he'll keep preaching the gospel for the rest of his days. He believes the exposure — and money — pro football can bring may add more to his message.

"Whenever God blesses me, I love to bless him back," he said. "The Lord has blessed me in order (for him) to be blessed. Whenever it's time for me to leave and go further my career, I'll go and that's what I'll do."

Whether to go pro is God's decision, Hanspard said. But Tech coach Spike Dykes, who shares a close relationship with his star, joked that he might hover outside Hanspard's shower and whisper "Texas Tech" through the curtain to convince him to stay.

During football season, Hanspard limits his sermons to once a month at Community Baptist, located on Lubbock's poorer east side. He is also a member of Lay Ministers for Christ International, a nationwide evangelical organization that counts the Green Bay Packers' Reggie White among its membership.

Hanspard, 20, credits his parents for pointing him toward Jesus, but says his true religious conversion came about later.

"It wasn't until Jan. 25, 1993, that I totally dedicated my life to Jesus Christ," he said.

Dolphins aim to run over Oilers

By MICHAEL LUTZ
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON

Last week, Dan Marino became the first NFL quarterback to pass for 50,000 yards and complete 4,000 passes. So why are they talking about the Miami Dolphins running game this week?

"Running the football has always been a part of our offense, we just haven't been as successful doing it until this year," Marino said. "Running the football helps us in a number of ways."

The Dolphins' rookie backfield of Karim Abdul-Jabbar and Stanley Pritchett will get a severe test Sunday against the Houston Oilers (6-4), who have the NFL's No. 1 defense vs. the run.

The Dolphins (5-5) aren't among the NFL's elite running attacks (87.6 yards per game), but a big chunk of coach Jimmy Johnson's renovation plan this season was to put more balance into the Miami offense, long famous for its Marino-led passing game.

"We started the year with Marino in the lineup and we were able to run effectively against most everybody," Johnson said. "When Marino was out of the lineup, all of a sudden our running game disappeared."

Marino is back from a broken ankle sustained Sept. 23 at Indianapolis, and so is wide receiver Fred Barnett, who comes off his biggest game since recovering from preseason knee surgery.

The Dolphins gained 111 yards on the ground against the Colts and had an offensive ratio of 35 runs and 25 passes. The Dolphins have rushed for over 100 yards in four of their five

victories this season.

"It helps our offensive line as far as pass protection, because teams are now also looking for the run instead of just teeing off on the passing and coming up field," Marino said. "It's helped the defense, because we can control the ball more and it keeps them off the field."

With Houston's run defense on a collision course with Miami's running game, neither side intends to change tactics.

"For us to be successful, we have to have balance in our offense regardless of what the opponent does," Johnson said. "We don't want to go into any game and be one-dimensional."

"For that reason, even though the Oilers play great run defense, we still have to be able to run the football."

The Oilers realize that stopping Miami's run will force the Dolphins to turn to Marino, who is almost 100 percent recovered from his ankle injury.

Some choice, but the Oilers won't change their basic defensive scheme.

"The biggest change in them is their running game," Oilers coach Jeff Fisher said. "They did that to take pressure off Dan and they will continue with that. Maybe we'll have to put the ball back in Dan's hands."

That could be painful, because Marino ranks No. 2 in the NFL in passing and is coming off a superb performance against the Colts. At one point in that game, he completed 13 passes in a row.

Marino definitely has the Oilers' respect.

"It's going to be a great challenge, because he's one of the greatest quarterbacks in NFL history," cornerback Darryll Lewis said. "He's always capable of exploiting a defense."

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■ NBA

Tark the Shark back on the college hoops scene

By ROB GLOSTER
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO, Calif. While Shaquille O'Neal and the Los Angeles Lakers are playing a preseason game, fans suddenly take their eyes off the action to watch a bald, 66-year-old man rise from his seat. The crowd begins applauding as the man, dressed all in black, heads toward an exit.

In Fresno, the aura of Jerry Tarkanian is such that he can overshadow one of the NBA's biggest names playing on one of its most popular teams. As big a celebrity as he was in Las Vegas, Tarkanian draws even more attention in the town where he attended college.

"He's the focal point, there's no question about it," said guard Chris Herren, who transferred from Boston College to Fresno State to play for Tarkanian. "Him being the focal point takes some pressure off us."

This year, Tarkanian's team will be drawing a lot of attention, too.

The basketball coach with the best winning percentage in NCAA history, Tarkanian is about to begin his second season at Fresno State, his alma mater.

Last year, he took over a team with just two winning seasons in a decade and led it to a 22-11 record and the NIT quarterfinals. This year, the Bulldogs are ranked 14th in the preseason poll and loaded with talent.

Fresno State returns its top five scorers and top six rebounders from last season, including Dominick Young, who led the nation by making an average of four 3-pointers per game last season.

New to the team are Herren, once considered among the nation's best prep point guards, and Terrance Roberson, a

three-time Parade Magazine All-American in high school.

"I think we're a much more talented team than we were a year ago," said Tarkanian, whose career record of 647-133 translates into an 82.9 winning percentage. The late Clair Bee is second on the career list at 82.6 percent.

"There are some real quality people in that group of newcomers," added Tarkanian, who won an NCAA championship at UNLV in 1989-90 and has led teams to 20 or more wins in all but one of his 25 college seasons.

Tarkanian returned to college coaching last year for the first time since being forced out at UNLV in 1991 amid the controversy that has been his constant companion.

Both Long Beach State and UNLV were placed on probation under Tarkanian, and he waged a long court battle against the NCAA after it sought to have him suspended.

Tarkanian remains a demanding coach, driving his players through brutal practices and instilling the concept of defensive intensity that has become a trademark of his teams.

"The only goal I've ever had is that my team plays hard. I want every player to prepare himself physically, mentally and emotionally to play as hard as he can," he said. "I enjoyed last year's team. I enjoyed watching them grow. I think they learned how to play hard."

Tarkanian also managed to relax a little bit during games last season, though he still chewed on towels while pacing in front of the bench.

"I was much better than I'd ever been at UNLV and Long Beach," he said. "Things bothered me last year, but they didn't tear me apart like they used to. I used to not be able to talk to anyone for two days after a loss. I was that bad."

Along with Young, returning players include 1995-96 leading scorer Kendrick Brooks (19.4 points per game), Darnell McCulloch (11.3) and Rahsaan Smith (10.5).

Roberson, a 6-foot-7 forward who sat out last season because of academic problems, was considered the highest-profile recruit ever to sign with Fresno State. He is one of only four players chosen a three-time Parade All-American, following

Patrick Ewing, Kenny Anderson and Alonzo Mourning.

Herren has battled back from personal problems and injury. His college career began at Boston College and nearly ended in the first game. A wrist injury in the opening minutes of that game required surgery.

He spent the Boston winter in a full-arm cast and killed time by partying with friends.

"I was just hanging out with the guys doing normal college things," he said of his six months off the basketball court, during which the 6-foot-3 Herren ballooned to 225 pounds. "Chris Herren was not strong enough at that point to stop doing the things I shouldn't

have been doing."

Herren looked to Tarkanian to turn around his life.

"He's the type of guy that's been down the road that I have," Herren said. "He's had some troubles. A lot of his other players have, too."

Herren was always known as a slashing point guard with an adequate shot. He shot 300 jumpers a day this summer and got down to 192 pounds. Now, Tarkanian said, Herren "reminds me of a young Jerry West."

Fresno State has a rough non-conference schedule in December that includes games at Massachusetts, Texas and Louisiana State.



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■ BASEBALL

Six recruits ink letters of intent

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame baseball team has signed six promising high school seniors to national letters of intent, head coach Paul Mainieri announced.

"This class has to rank as one of the finest recruiting classes in Notre Dame baseball history. We have filled our needs with players of outstanding ability who will contribute a great deal to the success of the program," said Mainieri.

The six signees include righthanded pitchers Aaron Heilman (Logansport, IN) and Danny Tamayo (Coconut Grove, FL), infielders Ben Cooke (Cleveland, OH) and Michael Restovich (Rochester, NY) and versatile players Camron Hahn (Louisville, KY) and Alec Porzel (Naperville, IL).

Heilman should provide an added dimension to the Notre Dame pitching staff due to his sidearm delivery. A leading member of the Logansport High School baseball team, the 6-4 Heilman also is known for throwing strikes consistently and keeping the ball down.

Tamayo is considered one of

the top prep pitchers in the Miami area and consistently throws his fastball, curveball and changeup for strikes. An excellent student as well, the 6-2, 215 pound Tamayo was runner-up for 1995 state player of the year honors at Ransom Everglades High School after leading his county with 133 strikeouts in 75 innings, plus county-best offensive numbers in batting (.562) and RBI (42).

Cooke is noted for his highly-rated baseball skills, fundamental baserunning and an ability to hit from both sides of the plate. After graduating next spring from St. Ignatius High School, Cooke is expected to compete for time at any of Notre Dame's middle infield spots and could emerge as one of the young leaders of the Irish program.

Restovich is the third member of his family to join the Irish baseball program, following in the footsteps of his father George, Sr. (1966-68) and brother George (1994-1996), one of the leading players on last season's team that won 44 games. The younger Restovich has been tabbed as one of the top young players in the nation and is com-

ing off a summer season in which he hit .525 in 99 at-bats, with 18 home runs and only four strikeouts. A talented all-around athlete who considered pursuing a Division-I basketball scholarship, the 6-4, 220-pound Restovich is a candidate at catcher or first base who boasts the valuable combination of power and bat control.

Hahn is the most versatile of the recent signees and could see time behind the plate, at first base and in the outfield. Noted for his strong throwing arm, solid fielding skills and hitting ability, Hahn joins Restovich as two of the more highly-touted Irish recruits in recent years.

Porzel is the latest Chicago-area product to sign with the Irish and could emerge as Notre Dame's centerfielder of the future due to his speed, athleticism and good throwing arm.

"For us to receive early commitment from players of this level is a credit to the efforts of our assistant coaches and current players, who give of their time to educate the prospects during official visits about the special qualities of our university and our baseball program."

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Gonzalez surprised by AL MVP award

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK

Juan Gonzalez of the Texas Rangers beat Seattle's Alex Rodriguez by three points Thursday, matching the second-closest victory margin ever in voting for the AL Most Valuable Player award.

Gonzalez, who hit .314 with 47 homers and 144 RBIs, got 11 first-place votes and 290 points. Rodriguez, who hit a league-leading .358 with 36 homers and 123 RBIs, received 10 first-place votes and 287 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

"All year, people talked about Alex as the No. 1 contender for the MVP award. Right now, I'm surprised myself," Gonzalez said. "I never talked about winning MVP because a lot of guys had great numbers."

It was the closest vote since 1960, when Roger Maris beat New York Yankees teammate Mickey Mantle 225-222. The

closest AL MVP vote was in 1947, when Joe DiMaggio of the Yankees beat Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox 202-201.

Gonzalez called winning the award "a wonderful moment in my life," saying it was better than his consecutive home-run titles in 1992 and 1993.

"You feel like the best man in the world," he said during a telephone news conference from home in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico.

Gonzalez, 27, was second in the AL in RBIs and fifth in home runs despite missing 28 games. He was on the disabled list from May 9-June 1 with a torn left quadriceps muscle.

He credited his conditioning program for his statistics, and said a 50-homer season isn't out of the realm of possibility.

"Nothing is easy in this game. Nothing is impossible, too," Gonzalez said. "I will continue working hard. You never know, next year or 1999, if I hit 50 homers. The big thing is staying healthy, because I have the ability."

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Big East

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challenged every Big East opponent so far this season. Notre Dame's conference mark of 7-3-2 will not hurt the team in the way of confidence as they head back to the East Coast.

In fact, the previous matchup with the Huskies was a significant confidence-builder earlier in the season.

On September 20, Connecticut paid a visit to Alumni Field and battled the Irish in an extremely hard-fought game. Notre Dame was able to control play to some extent and had their chances to put the Huskies away. Tony Capasso, who has been nothing short of spectacular as a tri-captain this year, allowed his second half penalty kick to slip wide of the goal, preserving the 1-1 tie for Connecticut.

The Huskies advanced to the semifinals by a first round triumph over No. 7 Seton Hall in Connecticut. Rounding out the favorites who prevailed in their first round home games, No. 1 St. John's defeated No. 8 Boston College and No. 4 Rutgers knocked off No. 5 Syracuse. Rutgers will be hosting the semifinals and finals of this year's tournament.

If the Irish can get past

Connecticut, they will be looking for revenge, regardless of who they face in the finals. Rutgers was responsible for handing Notre Dame its first Big East loss of the season; the final score was 1-0 and the game removed the Irish from first place in the conference.

Notre Dame was able to manage a tie with heavily favored St. John's when they came to town early in the season, but there was still a feeling of missed opportunity following that game.

The contest was scoreless going into overtime and the Irish came out firing in the. They took a 2-1 lead into the second half of the extra session and held that advantage until there were just nine seconds remaining. The Red Storm scored a fluke goal to tie the game as Irish keeper Greg Velho slipped coming out to play the ball.

Needless to say, the Irish would love a shot at redemption.

After all of the hard work and effort put forth by the Irish this year, they owe it to themselves to take the Championship that would have belonged to them in the regular season, had it not been for mishaps and fluke plays against the only three teams that remain between them and the post-season title.



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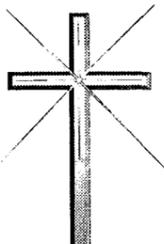
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factor until the quarterfinals, but that fact lends no comfort to Notre Dame.

"I was shocked," Petrucelli said. "I never even thought that was a possibility. It's just strange."

"We were surprised by it," VanLaecke added. "I'm not sure why they did it. I'm not sure anyone else knows. I think it will give us that much more fire going into the tournament."

Having expected to be the No. 1 seed, Petrucelli was searching for a plan to keep his team from becoming over-confident.

He needs to search no longer. "I don't have to motivate them because the NCAA committee already did it for me," Petrucelli commented.

In past years, Notre Dame has relished the role of the underdog. Last year, the Irish won the national championship after being seeded No. 4.

"We're back to the same old

thing of trying to prove ourselves," Petrucelli said.

Indiana head coach Joe Kelley wasn't watching the NCAA bids too closely when they were released and did not realize Notre Dame was No. 2 until he opened the newspaper the next morning.

"Now that we're not playing the No. 1 seed, we've got nothing to worry about," Kelley joked. "I was shocked too. I still think Notre Dame is the best team in the country."

The Irish looked like it during their first meeting with the Hoosiers in September. Notre Dame prevailed 5-0 and outshot Indiana 32-1. If not for the play of Hoosier goalie Merit Elzey, the Irish would may have had ten goals.

Elzey currently boasts an impressive 1.33 goals against average mark, having shut out all three opponents in the post-season as Indiana grabbed the automatic NCAA berth by winning the Big Ten tournament. The No. 7 seeded Hoosiers upset No. 1 Wisconsin 1-0 to win the title game.

Naturally, the Hoosiers' plan

is not to leave Elzey as defenseless as she was in the first game. Kelley knows that will be no easy task.

"They're (Notre Dame) about athletically and technically better at every position," Kelley said.

When asked if he planned to make adjustments on offense or defense, Kelley responded, "I think we could do a little better in both areas."

Coming in as a huge underdog this weekend, Indiana will have to slow down the Irish offensive attack if that's possible. Notre Dame's ability to control the ball broke down the Hoosiers in the first game.

"People think we're going to get killed," Kelley said. "I want to do more than survive. I want Notre Dame to walk away with the feeling that these guys aren't too bad. It'll be a good feeling for these girls to come away having played with this team."

As for the Irish, Petrucelli wants to again focus on a defense which gave up three goals to Connecticut in the Big East final. This week, the coaching staff planned to spend more time with the defenders in practice.

"We shouldn't give up three goals to anyone," he added. "We've got to get better in the back."

The players in the back won't be burdened if the Irish maintain possession of the ball as they did in the first meeting with the Hoosiers.

"We have to keep a rhythm in our attack," Petrucelli said. "When we have the ball, we're dangerous."

"I think Notre Dame is better this year," Kelley added. "They have a better purpose."

Not a better purpose, only a newer one.



Senior Amy VanLaeke and her teammates were obviously 'surprised' by their No. 2 seeding in the NCAA tournament.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Preseason NIT offers early test for Irish

By T. RYAN KENNEDY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's basketball team is coming off one of its best seasons in school history. Last year's squad finished 23-8 and defeated Purdue to claim its first-ever NCAA tournament victory.

What is special is that this year's squad, which returns four starters, should be even better. The Irish will find out how tough they are this afternoon when Katryna Gaither and Co. tip off the Preseason NIT against Kent, the winner of the Mid-American Conference Championship last season.

"The Preseason NIT is a great opportunity for us to start the year off against great competition," said 10th-year coach Muffet McGraw. "We feel fortunate to be playing in this tournament when we have such a veteran team returning."

Indeed, standing out among the starters are 6-0 senior guard Beth Morgan (20.2 ppg in 1996), already the best player to don a Notre Dame uniform, and the 6-3 Gaither (19.8 ppg), who has broken records of her own. These two may be college basketball's most indomitable duo, but they are not alone.

The destiny of the team actually lies on the shoulders of the seniors as a whole. Rosanne

Bohman will stalk the front-court again after averaging 5.4 points and 2.6 rebounds last year. And even at 5-4, Jeannine Augustin is one of the team's strongest defenders. Mollie Peirick, a junior guard, led the team in assists (177) while scoring 7.1 points per game.

The strength of this team should be their ability to rack up points. Last season the Irish threw down 77.9 points per game, while finished second nationally in field goal percentage (.495).

Although the momentum of the Irish women will be largely dictated by their success in the tournament, the focus of the season has to be Connecticut, the mother team of women's college basketball. Until the Irish defeat the Huskies or win a string of NCAA tournament games, they will never be considered one of the elite. McGraw realizes this.

"We are going to focus on taking one game at a time and try to play consistently throughout the year," McGraw asserted. "We want to be playing our best basketball in March."

With Morgan shooting and Gaither crashing the hoop, the sky is virtually the limit.

The winner of the Notre Dame-Kent matchup will face the winner of the Illinois State-Iowa contest on Sunday.

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■ VOLLEYBALL

Irish one win away from title

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team will look to conclude their march to the regular season Big East Conference crown this weekend as they need just one win over either Connecticut or St. John's to clinch the title.

Although the squad is undefeated in conference play, their march this season hasn't exactly been a walk in the park.

Their mark of 17-9 finds them under .500 out of the conference (8-9) which has dropped them out of the coaches top twenty-five for the first time since the 1992 preseason poll.

Injuries to starters Jen Rouse (thumb) and Angie Harris (knees) have made things even more complicated as it now appears that their seasons are in jeopardy.

"They gave Jen a new cast and it won't come off for three weeks," head coach Debbie Brown explained. "As far as I understand the doctors have recommended to Angie that she sit out the rest of the year."

Three weeks will take the Irish into NCAA tourney time as the first round game is scheduled for December 4th.

Usually the Irish walk all over Big East foes, as they have yet

to lose a match over the past two seasons in the conference. However, neither the Huskies nor the Red Storm will lie down at the feet of the Domers. Both are fighting for their lives as a loss would likely put them out of the Big East tournament picture.

"It's a critical situation for both Connecticut and St. John's," observed Brown. "I think it is a must-win situation for both teams so from that standpoint the emotional level will be very, very high."

UConn, 17-11, is locked up with St. John's and West Virginia at 5-4 in conference play. Last year ND swept the Huskies behind the hitting of junior hitter Jaimie Lee, who totaled 15 kills in a 15-11, 15-8, 15-5 triumph. Senior middle Huskie blocker Jen Halusek stabilizes the front line and was an All-Big East selection from a year ago.

"UConn has somewhat played to the level of their opponent," mentioned Brown. "Against better teams they have played better and I think they have the capabilities to play very well against us."

St. John's boasts a 22-5 mark but needs wins over both West Virginia and the Irish if they hope to see the post-season. In last year's contest, Harris

racked up 14 kills as the Irish weathered the Storm 15-0, 15-6, 15-4.

Stepping in for Rouse and Harris will be sophomore Lindsay Treadwell and senior hitter Jen Briggs. Briggs has thrived in filling in for last year's all-district performer as she is currently ranked fifth in kills per game with 3.82 in Big East contests.

In the middle the athletic 5-10 Treadwell and junior Molly McCarthy will fill the shoes of 6-5 Rouse. In her freshman campaign Treadwell lead the squad in hitting but has been used in the backrow for the majority of this season. Freshman phenome Mary Leffers will be looked to to solidify the blocking as her 6-4 frame has placed her second in the conference in blocks per game.

Captain Jenny Birkner also stabilizes the Irish attack as she has been a model of consistency this season as well as her three previous years. The senior continues to rewrite the Notre Dame history books as she has a chance to rank in the top-five of five different stats: kills, assists, aces, digs and blocks.

"We have a different lineup but mainly we have been doing things to cut down our errors, particularly hitting. I think we have made progress with that and we have tried to have shorter more intensive workouts to stay fresh."

After this weekend's matchups the Irish setters will only have the Big East tournament and the Banker's Classic in Stockton, CA where they will look to pick up their first win over a ranked opponent when they face tenth-ranked Washington State.

■ MEN'S INTERHALL

Otters want bite out of Crime in semi-final

By ADRIAN WILKERSON
Sports Writer

In this Sunday's interhall football semifinal game, it's a case of domination versus determination, motivation against momentum, and power versus finesse as the Off-Campus Crime face the Sorin Screamin' Otters for the right to play the Flanner Gamecocks in the 1996 IH Football Championship game at Notre Dame Stadium.

Off-Campus, who's only defeat has come at the hands of Morrissey, is about as close as any team in this league to being a "complete" team. Most of this team has championship experience as members of the Flanner team and look forward to returning for a shot at the championship.

The Crime's offense is a double-edged sword, capable of inflicting heavy damage in both the rush and the pass. QB Scott Lupu has a rifle for an arm and has run the option well all season. The receiving corps is solid, but they will be facing their biggest challenge of the year against the vaunted Sorin secondary.

The offensive line should have no problem in protecting the Crime's running attack, which will need to turn it up a notch if the passing game is unable to get off the ground.

On the other side of the ball, Off-Campus has probably the best overall defense of the three teams remaining. The defensive line should have minimal trouble in keeping the light Sorin rushing attack in check.

This game's outcome will come down to the defensive backfield however. After a season of facing lightly regarded passing games, the Crime's secondary will face the best passing offense in the league, in the presence of the Screamin' Otters aerial attack.

Sorin, the surprise team of the 1996 season, will rely on the success of its unconventional game plan if this team wants

to upset the nearly untouchable Off-Campus team.

On the offensive, there is no question that Sorin will take to the skies this Sunday. The passing game has functioned well all season, and if successful would seriously hurt the Crime's chances for victory. However, Sorin's passing success will depend heavily on the ability of the offensive line to contain a very effective Off-Campus defensive front seven. This should prove to be the key matchup of the game.

Sorin's defense will be equally challenged. As stated before, the Crime can go both ways on offense and can do so excellently. In fact, the passing game is probably the second best in the league. If the Sorin secondary, one of the league's elite, can shut down the Crime's passing game, Sorin will have won half of the battle. This means that the defensive line, which has been streaky at times, must come up huge this Sunday in order to secure a victory.

There are a few intangible factors to consider this Sunday as well. Sorin has been cast as an underdog for most of the season, and loves to play up to this role. Off-Campus is on a mission, as most of the team's players want another shot at the championship that eluded them last season. Mother Nature will also play a big factor. A game played in wind will severely limit a passing game, which could severely hamper Sorin's passing game. If the field is muddy, the Crime's running game will be virtually non-existent.

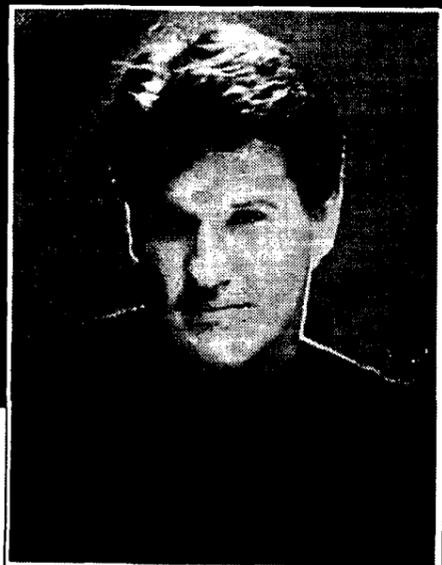
The victor this Sunday will be the team that will rule the skies over Stepan Field North. If Off-Campus can limit the Sorin pass, then the Crime can walk away with a huge victory. If Sorin can pass over the Off-Campus secondary, then things will become very interesting indeed.

Either way, the Flanner Gamecocks and Notre Dame Stadium await the victor.

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■ HOCKEY

Poulin, icers see Ferris State as 'must-win' for Irish

Good start necessary for Notre Dame

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team (3-3-1, 2-2-1 in the CCHA) hosts the Ferris State Bulldogs for an important Central Collegiate Hockey Association game tonight at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center. The Irish hope to shrug off a 6-1 whipping at the hands of Boston College last weekend and record a victory, which would give the Irish two precious points and some breathing room in the CCHA standings.

"This is a 'must-win' game for us," stated freshman defender Nathan Borega, whose physical play has contributed heavily to Notre Dame's victories. "They're below us in the standings, and this is the type of game that we have to win to earn maintain our position in the league. Right now, there are several teams bunched within one point of each other, and a victory and two points would give us some breathing room."

"This is going to be a big test for us," observed sophomore goaltender Forrest Karr. "They're below us in the standings, but there is no such thing as an easy game. We have to come out and play hard and get the win."

Ferris State, under the guidance of fifth-year head coach Bob Daniels, returns 16 letter-winners from last year's squad, which won six of their last nine games and took nationally-

ranked Michigan State to a deciding third game in the opening round of the CCHA playoffs.

They've also added a talented freshman class that has been described as "one of the best recruiting classes in Bulldog history", and expectations for the Bulldogs this season are high.

The Bulldogs are led by senior defenseman Andy Roach, who last season earned All-America Second-Team recognition by the American Hockey Coaches Association and First Team All-CCHA honors.

"Ferris State always plays hard the whole game," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "They go at it right at the beginning, and we'll be right there with them. This will be an excellent hockey game."

Getting off to a good start is critical for Notre Dame tonight. This season they have been plagued by slow starts. They allowed 5 first-period goals against Michigan, 3 to Boston College, and 3 in the first nine minutes to Bowling Green and lost two of those games. "We're going to come out hard and get in the game early," prophesied Borega.

At 6-2 and 225 pounds, Borega will look to get a big hit early to get his team fired up. "I'm definitely going to try to make a big play early, make a big hit, to get us in the game."

"After the Boston College game, we had several team meetings and talked about them [the slow starts]," recalled Karr. "We decided that we need to get the early lead and put ourselves in a position to win. If that means coming to the rink prepared, or coming one-half hour



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Senior Tim Harberts hopes to provide a scoring punch to help the Irish hockey team against Ferris State.

early, or being quieter before the game and thinking about what we have to do, then so be it."

Special teams will also be critical. Generating goals on the power play has been a problem for the Irish at times, but constant work on this facet of the game has produced better results. The Irish also need to play solid defense and not allow easy shots on the goalie. Coach Poulin has not announced who

will start between the pipes.

"He waits until the day of the game, so that way everyone has to prepare thoroughly," noted Karr.

Karr and junior Matt Eisler have split time the last two games.

Five games into the fledgling CCHA season, Notre Dame stands at 2-2-1.

"We're happy with what's happened, but we could have done

better," said Borega. "We're very optimistic about the rest of the season."

The rest of the season begins tonight, with a game that the Irish should win. But like Karr said, and like the football team painfully discovered against Air Force, there are no easy games.

"Every team in the CCHA can play," Karr warned. The team would do well to keep these simple words of wisdom in mind.

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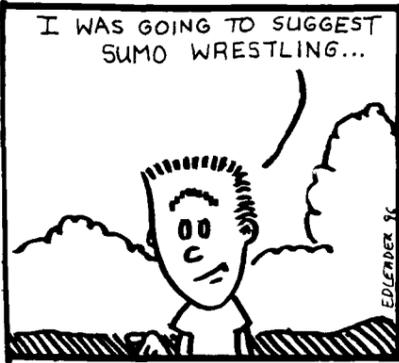
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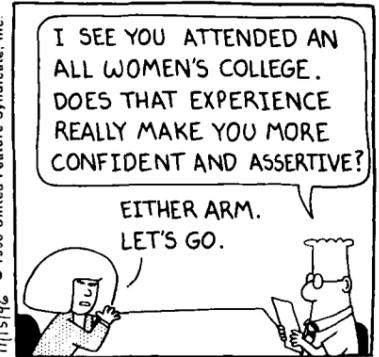
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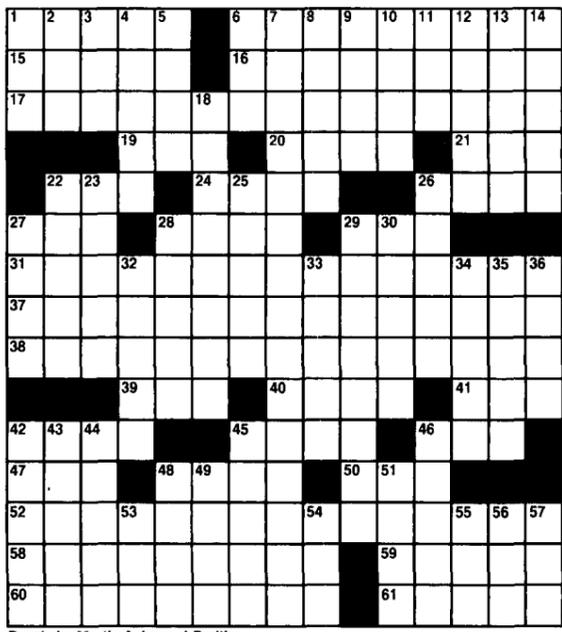
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus your attention on loans and investments this morning. Still waters run deep. Romance is ecstatic, filled with intimacy and shared secrets. Respect other people's privacy and they, in turn, will respect yours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stick to routine tasks today, paying close attention to detail. Open up new channels of communication. Tasks involving science and psychology have special appeal now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid jumping to conclusions. Intensive research will yield huge dividends in the near future. Finalize family Thanksgiving plans. If entertaining friends at home tonight, keep things simple.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your creative talents will flourish if you team up with the right partners. Take the initiative when dealing with someone who is shy. Plan a potluck supper and invite a group of good friends.

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■ OF INTEREST

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■ WOMEN'S SOCCER

A new championship



Petrucelli and the Irish return to a familiar scene with a fresh perspective



Indiana defender Azure Johnson will encounter an explosive Irish offensive attack in Sunday's opening NCAA game.

By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

In the days following his first national championship at Notre Dame, women's soccer head coach Chris Petrucelli made sure talk of a second title was not labeled as a repeat.

Instead of lumping last year's championship together with thoughts of one this season, Petrucelli emphasized the goal of capturing a title for this year's squad. The 1994 and 1995 coach of the year understood that each team is unique, as is their quest.

That's why a week ago at the women's soccer pep rally, Petrucelli spoke of a new championship, a championship that the 1996 Irish squad was assembled to win.

"Since the beginning, we've always talked about winning a championship for this year's team," Petrucelli said.

Now, the Irish begin their journey towards that new championship this Sunday at 1 p.m. as No. 2 seeded Notre Dame hosts Indiana in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

"Our team has done a great job of putting last year behind them," Petrucelli said. "The goal of a new championship gets them focused on what's important now, instead of what we've done in the past."

The significance of this goal is only magnified on the eve of post-season play. The idea of a new title, however, is not new to the players.

"Since the preseason, it hasn't been about last year, but it's always been about this year's championship," junior Julie Maund said.

"It's a totally different year than last," senior Amy VanLaecke said. "Last year's team accomplished a lot, but now it's time for us to go out and prove ourselves in the tournament."

Proving themselves is exactly what the Irish intend to do after being slighted by the seeding committee. Despite defeating North Carolina (20-1) head-to-head in October, the 20-1 Irish were seeded No. 2 behind the rival Tar Heels. The funny thing is Notre Dame is still ranked No. 1 nationally.

The difference in seeding won't be a

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THE BIG EAST

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THE OBSERVER / Brian Blank

Big East title within sight

Irish must first survive semifinals

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Sports Writer

The men's soccer team has a choice to make this weekend as they travel to Piscataway, N.J. to compete in the "final four" of the Big East Championship Tournament.

Their first option is to look back, with satisfaction, on a season that has been a vast improvement on the 9-10 effort of a year ago. They can settle for a single conference tournament win in just their second year of league play and graciously bow out of the 1996 Big East Championships when they face the University of Connecticut on Saturday.

Given this squad's proven character and heart though, the above is not a likely choice. They exhibited just how tough they could be last Sunday in a thrilling 2-1 come-from-behind victory over Georgetown in the snow at Alumni Field. The win advanced the team to their current position in the Big East tournament.

The alternative to resting on their laurels is an exciting one. At the present moment, Notre Dame is just two wins away from a Big East title and an automatic berth in the NCAA Championship Tournament. A trip to the "Big Dance" in 1996 would mark the third time in four years that head coach Mike Berticelli has led the Irish to the NCAAAs, the first as a Big East team.

The task at hand for the Domers is to attack the Huskies in the same way that they have

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The Observer/Mike Ruma

It will be an emotional weekend for senior midfielder Chris Mathis, who knows this is his final chance to capture a Big East crown.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE



vs. Pittsburgh
Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

vs. Indiana,
Sunday, 1 p.m.

vs. Connecticut,
Saturday



vs. Ferris State,
Tonight, 7 p.m.

District Meet,
Saturday

at Connecticut,
Saturday, 2 p.m.

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The Observer/Rob Finch

Backup running back Robert Farmer is averaging more than 10 yards per carry.

FIGHTING IRISH

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	Tot	RUSHING	Yds/Gm	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	PUNTING	No	Avg	Bk	Lg	
Notre Dame	59	74	62	70	0	265	Denson	99.9	144	799	5.5	7	47	Smith	36	43.8	0	65	
Opponents	25	52	35	33	3	148	Edwards	47.6	83	381	4.6	8	41	Farmer	6	14.3	0	24	
							Farmer	43.6	34	349	10.3	4	81	Rossum	6	37.8	1	99	
							Kinder	40.5	51	243	4.8	2	28	Denson	5	19.4	0	35	
														Spencer	2	23.5	0	27	
TEAM STATS	ND	Opp																	
First Downs	184	130																	
Total yards	3515	2429																	
Total yards per game	439.4	303.6																	
Total offensive plays	585	526																	
Avg. yards per play	6.0	4.6																	
Rushing yards	2044	1175																	
Rushing yards per game	255.5	146.9																	
Rushing plays	396	315																	
Avg. yards per rush	5.2	3.7																	
Passing yards	1471	1254																	
Passing yards per game	183.9	156.8																	
Passes completed	107	98																	
Passes attempted	189	211																	
Passes intercepted	4	8																	
Fumbles/Fumbles lost	24/15	12/9																	
Third down conversions	49/105	37/114																	
Percentage	47	32																	
Fourth down conversions	4/8	4/5																	
Percentage	50	80																	
PASSING	Comp	Att	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Lg												
Powius	103	182	56.6	1406	7	4	48												
Jackson	4	6	66.7	65	1	0	28												
RECEIVING	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg														
Johnson	22	366	16.6	1	48														
Chryplewicz	20	229	11.4	3	31														
Mosley	17	248	14.6	0	45														
Edwards	16	179	11.2	2	39														
SCORING	TD	2XP	1XP	FG	Saf	Pts													
Edwards	10	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	62													
Denson	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	48													
Sanson	0	0-0	28-316-8	0	46														
Farmer	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	24													
FIELD GOALS	Tot																		
Sanson	6-8																		
Cengla	0-1																		
KICKOFF RETURNS	No	Avg	TD	Lg															
Farmer	6	14.3	0	24															
Rossum	6	37.8	1	99															
Denson	5	19.4	0	35															
Spencer	2	23.5	0	27															
INTERCEPTIONS	No																		
Cooper	2																		
Cobbins	1																		
Edison	1																		
DEFENSE	T	A	Tot	FC	FR	PBU	Sac												
Tatum	39	26	65	1	0	1	1												
Cobbins	40	20	60	0	0	2	2												
Dansby	24	26	50	0	1	1	3.5												
Maiden	26	22	48	0	1	0	0												
Berry	26	21	47	1	1	3	7.5												
Guilbeaux	31	14	45	0	0	1	1												
Covington	33	11	44	1	2	4	0												



PANTHERS

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	Tot	RUSHING	Yds/Gm	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	FIELD GOALS	Tot		
Pitt	41	59	36	48	0	184	West	67.1	124	604	4.9	3	31	Ferencik	4-8		
Opponents	76	117	95	66	7	361	Scholters	69.6	92	487	5.3	8	67				
							Williams	20.0	19	100	5.3	0	21				
							Duck	21.7	23	87	3.8	1	14				
							Schneider	10.4	25	83	3.3	2	16				
TEAM STATS	Pitt	Opp															
First Downs	134	213															
Total yards	2574	4185															
Total yards per game	286.0	465.0															
Total offensive plays	594	676															
Avg. yards per play	4.33	6.19															
Rushing yards	1395	2101															
Rushing yards per game	155.0	233.4															
Rushing plays	354	413															
Avg. yards per rush	3.94	5.1															
Passing yards	1179	2084															
Passing yards per game	131.0	231.6															
Passes completed	106	155															
Passes attempted	240	263															
Passes intercepted	7	5															
Fumbles/Fumbles lost	20/10	23/6															
Third down conversions	44/132	58/129															
Percentage	33	45															
Fourth down conversions	4/14	7/17															
Percentage	29	41															
PASSING	Comp	Att	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Lg										
Lytle	77	170	45	873	7	4	43										
Gonzalez	28	58	48	298	2	3	46										
Zimmerman	1	8	13	8	0	0	8										
RECEIVING	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg												
Hoffart	28	513	18.3	3	46												
Butler	20	183	9.1	3	18												
Jones	16	202	12.6	1	24												
Schneider	10	47	4.7	0	13												
Anderson	5	55	11.0	2	17												
SCORING	TD	2XP	1XP	FG	Saf	Pts											
Scholters	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	48											
Ferencik	0	0-0	20-21	4	0	32											
Hoffart	3	1-1	0-0	0	0	20											
West	3	0-1	0-0	0	0	18											
Anderson	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	18											
PUNTING	No	Avg	Bk	Lg													
Cochran	58	44.0	0	80													
KICKOFF RETURNS	No	Avg	TD	Lg													
Poteat	13	26.4	0	46													
Scholters	10	25.8	0	43													
Anderson	26	25.8	1	50													
Whitmill	1	18.0	0	18													
INTERCEPTIONS	No																
Whitmill	2																
McGhee	1																
Jenkins	1																
DEFENSE	T	A	Tot	FC	FR	PBU	Sac										
McGhee	48	25	73	0	0	3	1										
Coakley	28	25	53	3	0	0	1.5										
Humphrey	29	20	49	1	0	2	1										
Jenkins	30	11	41	0	0	2	0										
Hornack	23	11	34	1	1	0	0										
Graham	17	11	28	1	0	0	1										
Brown	19	8	27	0	0	3	0										
Gibson	18	9	27	0	1	0	2										



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Panther tailback Billy West has amassed a team leading 633 yards on 124 carries.

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NOTRE DAME SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	at Vanderbilt	W 14-7
Sept. 14	PURDUE	W 35-0
Sept. 21	at Texas	W 27-24
Sept. 28	OHIO STATE	L 16-29
Oct. 12	WASHINGTON	W 54-20
Oct. 19	AIR FORCE	L 17-20
Nov. 2	Navy (Dublin)	W 54-27
Nov. 9	at Boston College	W 48-21
Nov. 16	PITTSBURGH	
Nov. 23	RUTGERS	
Nov. 30	at USC	



11th season at Notre Dame

Lou Holtz

Career record: 214-94-7
At Notre Dame: 98-29-2
Against Pittsburgh: 6-2

Key Matchup

Following in the footsteps of Jerome Bettis, Ray Zellars, and Marc Edwards, sophomore Jamie Spencer seems destined to carry on the tradition of great fullbacks at Notre Dame. However, it was supposed to begin next year. But with Edwards lost for the regular season with a knee injury, the future is now for the talented Spencer.

Pittsburgh linebackers Rod Humphrey, Curtis

Jamie Spencer vs. Panther linebackers

McGhee, and Ernest Coakley are the team's top three tacklers. Senior Jason Chavis provides depth off the bench. The group realizes that competing in the key to beating Notre Dame. While Spencer has excelled as a runner in limited playing time this year, his first true test will come Saturday against Pitt. With less than two dozen carries under his belt, Spencer will have to grow up in a hurry.



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Spencer will replace the injured Marc Edwards.

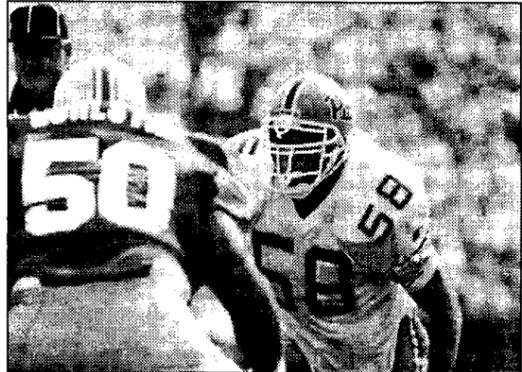


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LB Jason Chavis will face the Irish rushing attack.

PITTSBURGH SCHEDULE

Aug. 31	WEST VIRGINIA	L 0-34
Sept. 7	KENT	W 52-14
Sept. 14	HOUSTON	L 28-35
Sept. 21	at Ohio State	L 0-72
Sept. 28	at Miami	L 0-45
Oct. 5	TEMPLE	W 53-52
Oct. 12	at Syracuse	L 7-55
Oct. 26	at Virginia Tech	L 17-34
Oct. 31	BOSTON COLLEGE	W 20-13
Nov. 16	at Notre Dame	
Nov. 30	RUTGERS	

8th season at Pitt

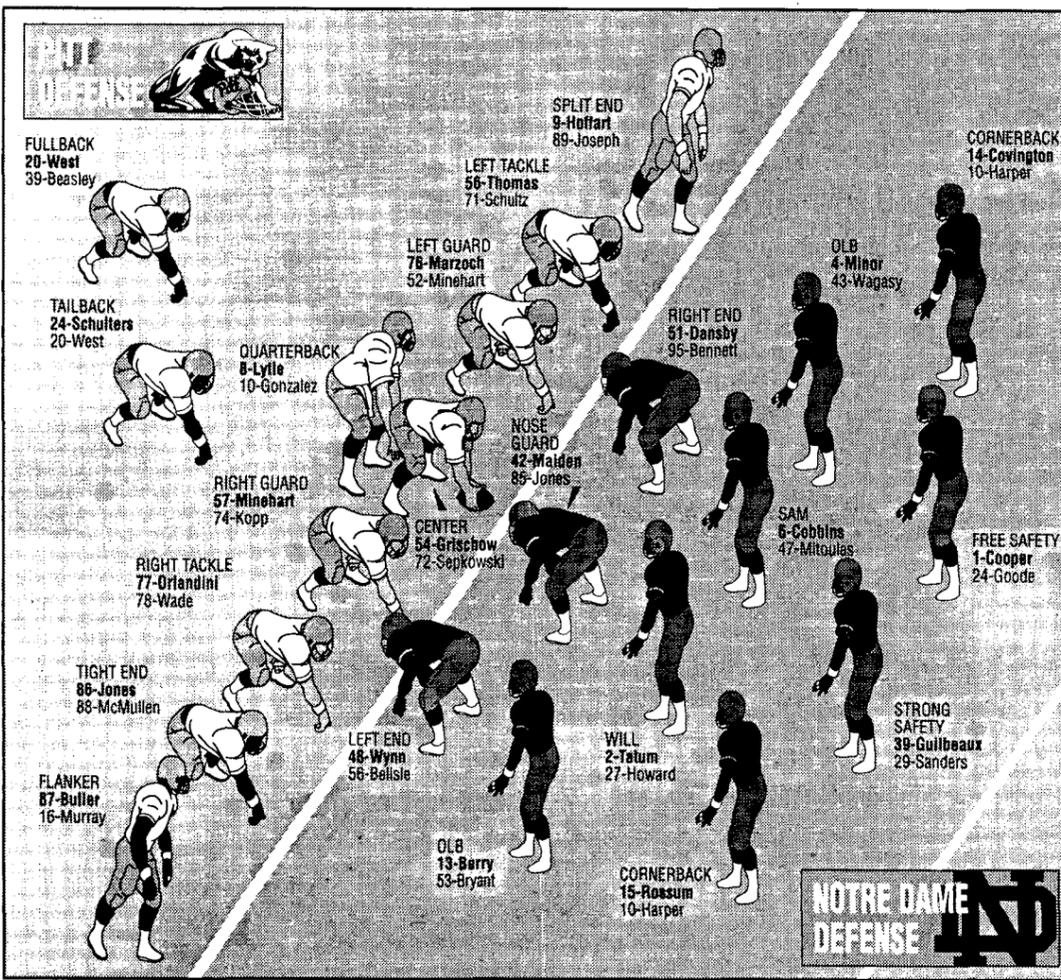
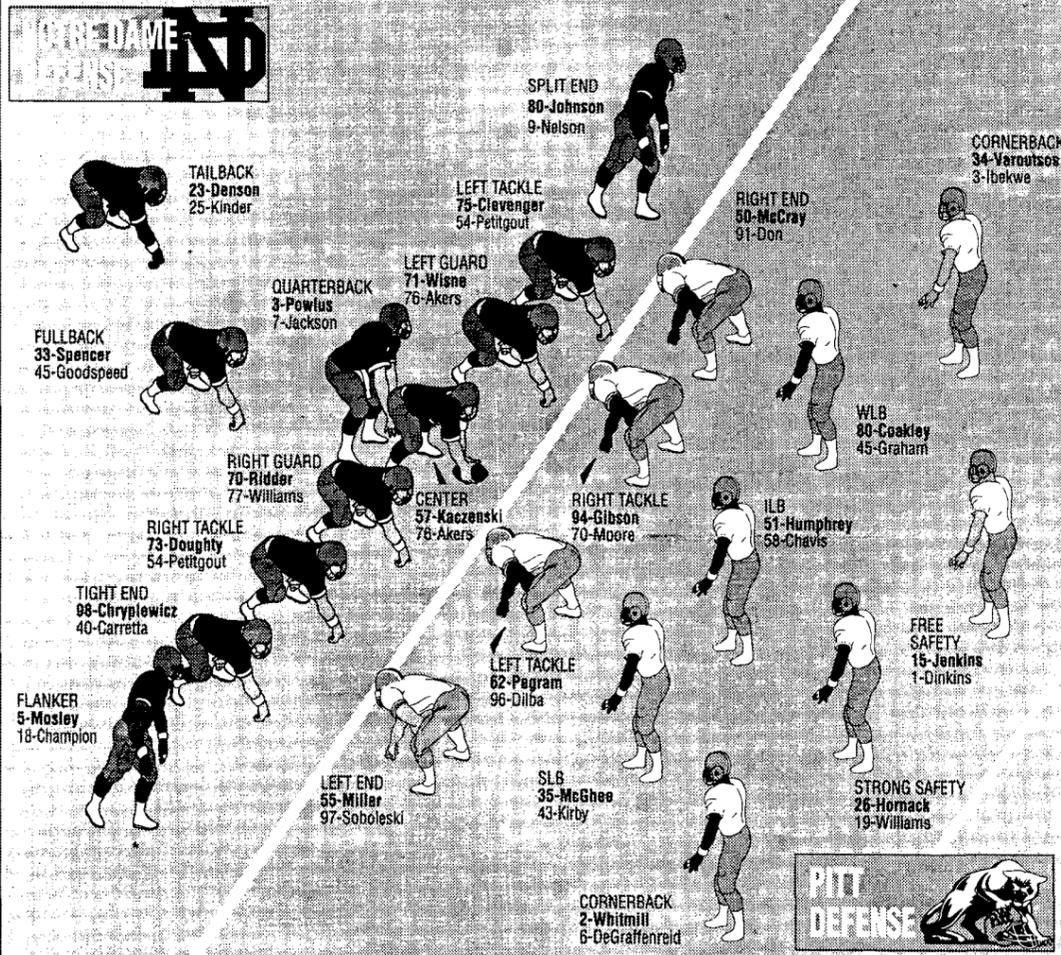


John Majors

Career record: 184-136-10
At Pittsburgh: 44-44-1
Against Notre Dame: 4-5

NOTRE DAME

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Deke Cooper	WR	6-4	205	FR
2	Kinnon Tatum	ILB	6-0	224	SR
3	Ron Powilus	QB	6-2	212	SR
4	Kory Minor	OLB	5-8	235	SO
5	Emmett Mosley	FL	5-8	184	SR
6	Lyron Cobbins	ILB	6-0	246	SR
7	Jarius Jackson	QB	6-1	218	SO
8	Eric Chappell	QB	6-5	220	FR
9	Raki Nelson	WR	6-1	178	FR
10	Mike Perona	QB	6-2	197	SR
11	Jay Johnson	WR	6-2	170	FR
12	Mario Strayhorn	FS	6-1	210	SO
12	Scott Cengia	K	5-10	180	JR
13	Bert Berry	OLB	6-3	245	SR
14	Ivory Covington	CB	5-10	168	JR
14	A.J. McGinial	QB	6-3	190	SR
15	Allen Rossum	CB	5-8	178	JR
15	Paul Rogers	QB	6-2	220	SR
16	John Shingler	QB	6-1	231	SO
17	Hunter Smith	P	6-2	210	SO
17	Mark McKenna	QB	5-8	194	SR
18	Cikai Champion	SE	5-10	183	SR
19	Jim Sanson	K	5-11	185	FR
19	Wayne Gunn	SS	6-2	210	SO
20	Byron Joyner	FS	6-2	180	SO
21	Shannon Stephens	WR	5-10	179	SO
21	Kevin McDonnell	K	5-11	180	SO
22	Jay Vickers	RB	6-1	205	FR
22	Autry Denson	TB	5-10	189	SO
24	Ty Goode	CB	5-11	189	JR
25	Randy Kinder	TB	6-1	204	SR
26	Lee Latyette	CB	5-10	188	FR
26	Matt Mammolenti	TB	5-8	165	SR
27	Bobbie Howard	ILB	5-10	228	SO
28	Ken Barry	FB	6-0	224	JR
29	A.Jani Sanders	SS	5-11	182	SO
30	Jarvis Edison	FS	6-4	219	JR
31	Robert Farmer	TB	5-11	227	SR
33	Jamie Spencer	FB	6-0	247	SO
34	Ronnie Nicks	DB	6-1	215	FR
35	Scott Palumbo	P	5-11	189	SR
35	Robert Phelps	CB	6-0	185	SR
36	Tim Lynch	DB	5-9	170	JR
36	Chris Wachtel	P	6-0	211	SR
38	Paul Grimm	DB	5-9	169	JR
39	Benny Guilbeaux	SS	6-2	202	SO
40	Kevin Carretta	TE	6-1	239	SR
40	Brendan Farrell	OLB	5-11	230	FR
41	Joe Babey	ILB	6-2	222	SR
42	Alton Maiden	NG	6-4	271	SR
43	Bill Wagasy	OLB	6-3	225	SR
44	Marc Edwards	FB	6-0	237	SR
45	Joey Goodspeed	FB	6-0	230	FR
45	Chris McCarthy	K	5-11	213	JR
45	Phil Sicus	DB	5-11	175	SO
46	Bill Gibbs	FS	5-10	171	SR
47	Bill Mitoulas	ILB	6-1	229	JR
48	Renaldo Wynn	DE	6-3	275	SR
49	Joe Thomas	ILB	6-2	226	SO
50	David Payne	OL	6-1	284	SO
51	Melvin Dansby	DE	6-4	288	SR
52	Alex Mueller	OG	6-6	275	SO
53	Lamont Bryant	DE	6-4	253	SO
55	Shelton Jordan	DE	6-3	241	SO
56	Kurt Belisle	DE	6-3	251	JR
57	Rick Kaczinski	C	6-4	264	SR
58	Mike Burgdorf	TE	6-1	222	SR
59	Matthew Kunz	SS	6-1	216	JR
60	Antwoine Wellington	LB	6-2	230	FR
60	Sean Rogers	OT	6-0	292	SR
63	John Farrell	C	5-10	253	SR
64	John Merandi	C	6-3	273	FR
64	Mike Denvir	TE	6-4	246	SR
66	Jeff Kilburg	C	6-4	283	SR
67	John Wagner	OT	6-7	320	SO
68	Matt Brennan	OL	6-5	270	FR
69	David Quist	NG	6-5	290	SR
70	Tim Ridder	OT	6-7	297	SO
71	Jerry Wisne	OG	6-7	285	SO
72	Leon Hires	OT	6-6	280	FR
73	Mike Doughty	OL	6-8	313	SR
74	Rob Mowl	OL	6-5	290	FR
75	Chris Clevenger	OT	6-8	290	SR
76	Jeremy Akers	OG	6-6	300	SR
77	Brad Williams	DL	6-6	250	FR
78	Jon Spickelmier	C	6-3	267	JR
79	Mike Rosenthal	OG	6-7	310	SO
80	Malcolm Johnson	SE	6-5	203	JR
81	Lewis Dawson	WR	6-0	180	FR
82	Mike Gandy	TE/DE	6-4	235	FR
83	Deveron Harper	CB	5-11	175	SR
84	Albert Jones	WR	5-10	183	FR
85	Anton Jones	NG	6-3	258	SO
86	Dan O'Leary	TE	6-5	230	FR
87	Jimmy Friday	DE	6-2	240	SO
88	Bobby Brown	SE	6-3	185	SO
89	John Cerasani	DE	6-4	258	SO
90	Lance Legree	LB	6-2	248	FR
91	Darnell Smith	DE	6-5	276	SR
92	Joe Ferrer	LB	6-3	230	FR
93	B.J. Scott	DL	6-4	250	FR
94	Justin Orr	WR	6-2	235	JR
95	Corey Bennett	DE	6-1	251	JR
96	Jim Jones	DL	6-4	260	FR
96	Pete Chryplewicz	TE	6-5	265	SR
99	Jason Ching	DL	6-4	270	FR



PITTSBURGH

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Darnell Dinkins	QB	6-4	220	FR
2	Rasshad Whitmill	DB	5-11	190	SO
3	Steve Kalmanides	PK	6-0	185	JR
4	Chuck Brown	DB	5-11	185	SO
5	Eric Casperowicz	DB	6-0	205	JR
7	Myke Duck	RB	5-8	190	JR
7	Scrooge McDuck	RB	2-2	43	CPA
8	Matt Lytle	QB	6-4	225	SO
9	Jake Hoffart	WR	6-11	98	JR
10	Pete Gonzalez	QB	6-1	205	JR
10	Speedy Gonzales	QB	4'	12	JR
12	Tony Zimmerman	QB	6-3	205	FR
14	Mike Merchant	DB	5-10	165	FR
14	Natalie Merchant	VOC	5-8	160	FR
14	10,000 Maniacs	GRP	18-6	598	C-Ya
15	John Jenkins	DB	6-2	185	JR
16	Leon Murray	QB	6-3	195	FR
18	Melvin Porter	WR	5-9	150	FR
19	Jim Williams	DB	5-11	190	SR
20	Billy West	RB	5-10	205	JR
21	Chiffon Allen	WR	5-10	170	FR
21	Chiffon Prom Dress	Off	5-3	115	FR
22	Karim Thompson	RB	5-11	200	FR
23	Curtis Anderson	WR	6-1	190	SR
24	Duane Chulters	RB	5-7	180	JR
25	Demetrius Harris	RB	5-10	190	SO
26	Seth Hornack	DB	5-10	180	FR
27	Deshone Mallard	DB	5-11	175	JR
29	Creg Bethea	RB	5-10	195	FR
30	LaFann Williams	RB	6-0	185	FR
31	Hank Potat	RB	5-10	185	FR
32	Chris Snieder	FB	6-1	240	SO
34	E.C. Varoutsos	DB	6-1	190	SO
35	Curtis McGhee	DB	5-10	180	JR
36	Thom Thompson	DB	5-10	235	FR
37	Chris Ferencik	PK	5-10	185	SO
38	Nate Cochran	P	6-5	230	SR
40	Darius Wesber	LB	5-11	225	SO
40	Hootie and Marino	OLD	5-11	225	SO
43	Nathan Kirby	LB	6-1	200	FR
45	Julian Graham	LB	6-3	240	FR
47	David Keller	FB	5-9	204	FR
48	Paul Fath	LB	6-4	250	FR
49	Jason Moore	LB	6-2	190	FR
50	Trey McCray	DL	6-2	240	FR
51	Roderick Humphrey	LB	6-1	225	JR
52	Jason Minehart	LB	6-3	260	FR
53	Ken Kashubara	LB	6-4	230	SO
54	Andrew Grischow	OL	6-3	270	SO
55	Jared Miller	DL	6-3	250	SR
56	Reggie Thomas	OL	6-5	280	JR
57	Brian Minehart	OL	6-5	285	FR
58	Jason Chavis	DL	6-2	245	SR
59	Jason Dugger	OL	6-4	285	SO
60	Jeff Craig	OL	6-5	295	SR
61	Ethan Weidle	OL	6-6	285	FR
62	Kenny Pegram	DL	6-2	275	SO
65	Tim Robbins	OL	6-5	280	SR
66	Raheem Johnson	OL	6-3	280	FR
67	Calvin Robinson	DL	6-4	265	FR
67	Calvin Klein	DIV	5-3	120	SR
67	Brooke Shields	Fine	5-9	125	FR
67	Andre Agassi	Bald	5-9	185	JR
68	Bill Craver	OL	6-3	300	SO
70	Frank Moore	DL	6-3	275	JR
71	Mike Schultz	OL	6-5	290	SO
72	Jason Sepkowski	OL	6-2	275	JR
73	Rodney Epps	OL	6-1	265	SR
74	Ben Kopp	OL	6-4	275	FR
76	Jon Marzoch	OL	6-3	280	JR
77	Tony Orlandini	OL	6-5	300	JR
78	Justin Wade	DL	6-4	295	FR
80	Ernest Coakley	LB	6-2	210	JR
82	Andy Molinaro	WR	6-1	180	FR
84	Juan Williams	TE	6-1	238	JR
85	Tim Robertson	TE	6-3	220	FR
86	John Jones	TE	6-4	240	SO
87	Mark Butler	WR	5-10	175	SR
88	Kirk McMullen	TE	6-4	255	FR
89	Vital Joseph	WR	6-3	205	JR
89	Unimportant Joe	WR	6-3	205	JR
90	Maurice Harris				

SPECIAL THREAT

Allen Rossum has blossomed into a solid cornerback and a top returner

By T. RYAN KENNEDY

The comparison is perhaps unfair, but at the same time it is inevitable. Like Raghbir Ismail, he plays two positions. Like Ismail he would barely pass the required height mark to ride the roller coaster at most any amusement park. And at times, it seems that Allen Rossum can run faster than the whipping wind.

His blazing 4.2 speed in the 40 is actually better than Ismail's 4.28 mark when the Rocket streaked the sidelines for Notre Dame.

And so far this year, Rossum has zipped for two touchdowns on kick returns — a 99-yard kickoff return against Purdue, and a 57-yard punt return against Washington. Ismail himself would be proud. The Rocket returned a total of six kicks for touchdowns in his career. The ever-confident Rossum has only four to go, but chuckles at any comparison.

"It's a great honor to be mentioned in the same sentence with a caliber player like Ismail," says Rossum of his hero. "I watched him when I was growing up in the late 80s. Anything could happen when he had the ball. Everybody stood up when he had the ball, but what I liked about him was that he was never real flashy."

While Ismail excelled on the offensive side of the ball, having compiled 1565 yards in receptions, Rossum's job is to stifle players like Ismail. Over the past two seasons, Rossum has faced the best, and the tallest, including Terry Glenn, Andre Cooper, and for a time, Keyshawn Johnson. In fact, the 5-8 Rossum had Johnson's number on more than one occasion, breaking up three passes intended for the All-American in one half.

"My sophomore year was all very tough," Rossum insists. "It didn't matter if it was Terry Glenn or Keyshawn Johnson because everyone came prepared to play Notre Dame. Glenn was tougher because he was smaller and faster. I could keep up with Keyshawn. He was a big target."

Although he was burned by the towering Cooper at times in the Orange Bowl, Rossum enjoyed one of his better games with six tackles, a sack and two passes broken up. His height has made him a tempting target on occasion, but Rossum compensates with his speed and glove-tight coverage.

"If I was a basketball coach, I might be concerned [about his height]," says secondary coach Tom McMahon. "Sometimes problems arise if he has to jump for a ball, but the biggest thing is that he can run, so he'll rarely get beat. I'd rather have a runner than

a tall guy any day."

Indeed, Rossum has been a runner all his life. As a freshman, he wasted no time making himself known on the track team, earning All-America honors at the NCAA indoor meet with a seventh-place finish in the 55 meters.

And as a junior in high school, Rossum ran the fastest time in the nation in the 100 meters with a 10.02. His success in track brought him immediate notoriety in football.

"I love track. Before I ever played football, I ran track," he asserts.

Allen Rossum lives a dual lifestyle in more than one respect. He is a student, and an athlete. He is a football player, and a track star. He is a cornerback, and a kick returner. He is undoubtedly Notre Dame's most exciting speedster since Raghbir Ismail.

On the other hand, Ismail never returned two interceptions for touchdowns, as Rossum did, nor did he score two points on a blocked conversion attempt, as Rossum did against Texas last year. One of Rossum's finer moments occurred against Washington in 1995.

Notre Dame led 22-21, but Washington had the momentum and closed to the Irish 33-yard line with less than a minute remaining.

On the next play, Husky quarterback Damon Huard overthrew his receiver on a sideline pass, and Rossum grabbed the ball, then shot down the sideline for 76 yards to score the clinching touchdown.

"It was a turning point in my career, and a stepping stone to the rest of the games," says Rossum.

The coaching staff realized that Rossum's speed was a real weapon and started to put him on return assignments late in the '95 campaign, but he didn't step into the spotlight until the opening play of Notre Dame's 1996 home stand against Purdue.

On the Friday night before the game, Coach Lou Holtz talked to his players at Loftus Center, going over piece by piece the events of the game that would take place on Saturday.

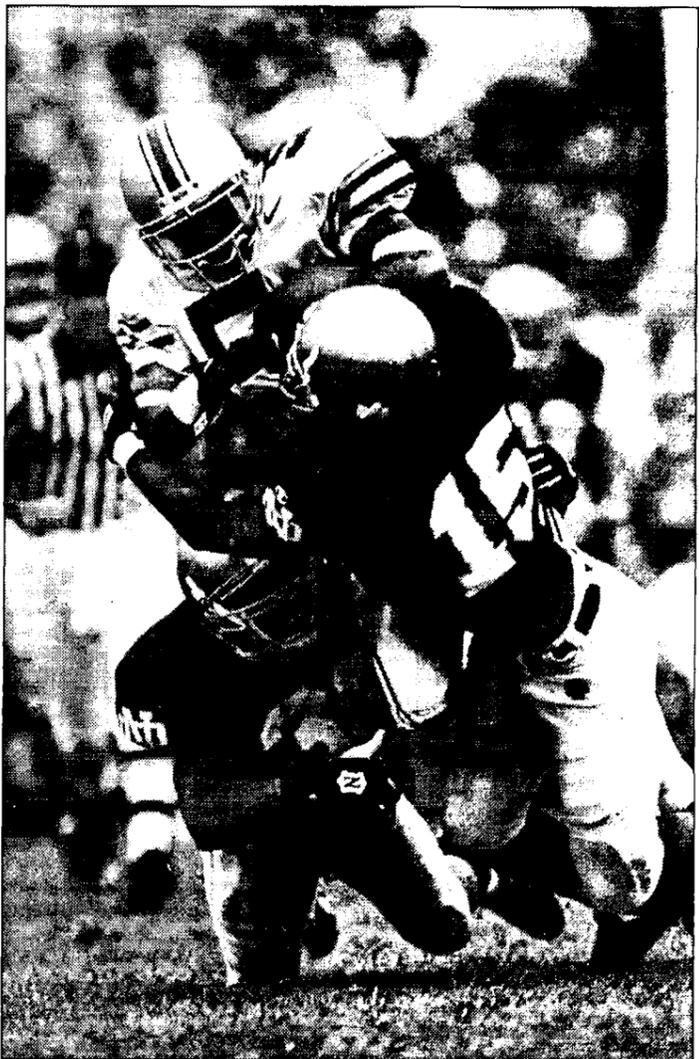
"We call it relaxation," says Rossum. "We lie down on the turf, and he goes over the plan. We'd be lying there for maybe 20 minutes, but he'd make us feel like we were there for two hours."

"On the opening kick, Rossum receives the kick and returns it for a touchdown," Coach Holtz told us, and I kind of chuckled at that."

On the following day Rossum



The Observer/Dave Murphy
Above, Allen Rossum displays why he is one of the nation's top return men, dashing past Washington's Dave Janoski for a big gain in a 54-20 blowout victory over the Huskies
Below, Rossum, with the help of teammate Benny Guilbeau, brings down Ohio State receiver Michael Wiley in Notre Dame's 29-16 loss to the Buckeyes.



did just that. He received the ball on the one-yard line and ran 99 yards for the opening score. Since then, he has never looked back. He darts straight for the eye of the hurricane, toward where the chaos lies, hoping his speed will propel him through it.

"Who!" yells Rossum, when asked what it feels like to fly by defenders.

"Once you catch the ball, you got to find where the enemy is. The best bet is to get to the endzone as quickly as possible. When you get into the open and you finally hear the crowd, you know you've made it and it's the most amazing

feeling in the world. Everybody jumps up and the place goes crazy."

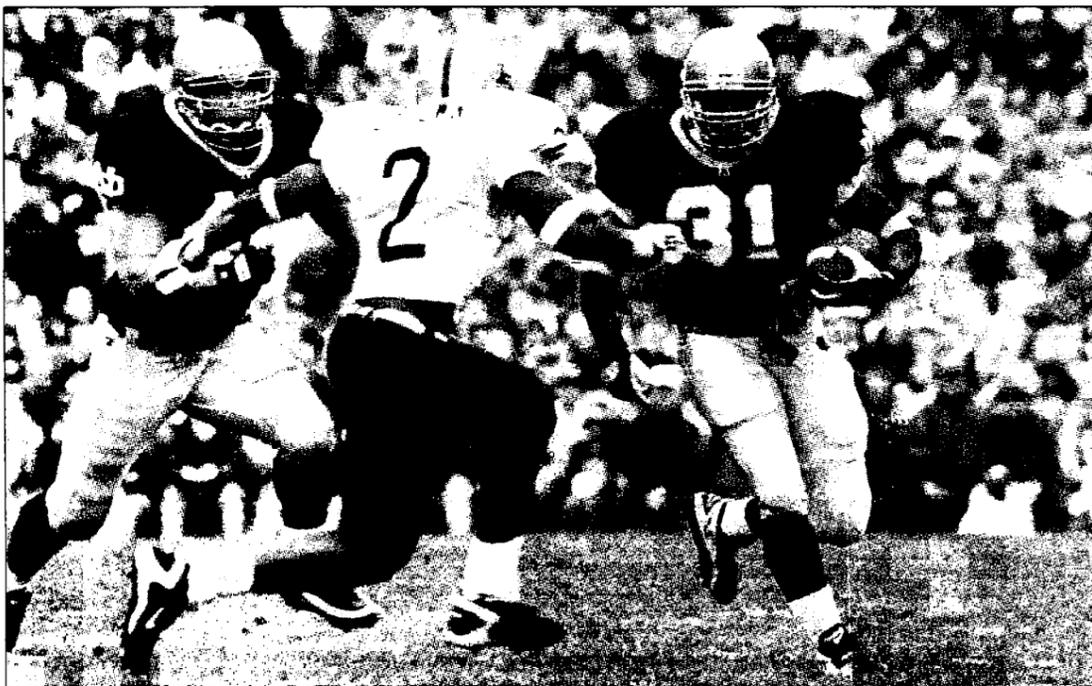
Spoken and performed like Ismail himself. During the Holtz era, Notre Dame has returned 12 kickoffs, 12 punts, 14 interceptions and five fumbles for touchdowns (compared to only one punt and three interceptions for opponents).

Allen Rossum has and will embellish those numbers. As it is, he only needs to return one more kick before he ties Ismail's and Tim Brown's season records. Just give the man the ball.



The flamboyant Allen Rossum pleads his case against Washington.
The Observer/Rob Finch

IRISH ON THE OFFENSIVE...



The Observer/Rob Finch

Tailback Robert Farmer, who ran for a season high 98 yards last week, hopes to match that on Saturday.

There's no reason to beat around the bush. If the 11 guys who call themselves the Pittsburgh defense had any less of a pulse, they'd be confused for a morgue. Hell, that might be a little too generous for the line of corpses that will encounter the Notre Dame offense on Saturday.

Assuming the Irish offense doesn't decide it is time for an encore to their last home game against Air Force, this one should be quick and painless. After all, the Panthers give up 40 points per game, including 52 to that well-renowned offensive juggernaut from Temple.

"Defensively, they are a little undersized at the linebacker position," said Irish head coach Lou Holtz.

He could say that again. A telling statistic is that a converted defensive back, 5-foot-10, 190 pound linebacker Curtis

McGhee, leads the Pittsburgh defense in tackles. Fellow linebackers Ernest Coakley (53 tackles) and Roderick Humphrey (49) have been solid but unspectacular for the Panthers this season.

After rolling up 426 yards on the ground against Boston College, look for the Irish to have another field day against an overmatched opposition. Tailbacks Autry Denson, Randy Kinder, and Robert Farmer combined for 321 yards and four touchdowns a week ago and might even surpass those totals on Saturday.

"The running game has really picked it up the last two games," said Denson. "Everybody is getting involved, so we've got fresh legs nearly every play."

If all goes according to plan, quarterback Ron Powlus will throw less than a dozen passes and will take his leave early in

the third period. Holtz should have the opportunity to unveil college football world for what would be the first extensive playing time of his career.

In addition to Jackson, Irish will get another glimpse of the future as sophomore full-back Jamie Spencer replaces the injured Marc Edwards in the backfield. Spencer faces the huge task of trying to fill the shoes of the senior captain and the team's leading scorer.

"I'm not going to try to be him," said Spencer. "I just want to contribute the way I know I can. We will definitely miss Marc Edwards."

Saturday might serve as a coming out party for Jackson and Spencer. And the Pittsburgh defense will take its role as the gracious host.

- Mike Day

... PANTHERS ON THE OFFENSIVE

Despite an offense that includes two quality tailbacks, one of which who ran for 1,358 yards two seasons ago, Pittsburgh's offense is less than impressive. The Panthers have been held scoreless three times this season.

Pittsburgh's two impressive point totals, 52 and 53, were against unimpressive Kent and Temple, respectively.

One thing in Pittsburgh's favor, however, is a considerable break since its last contest to fine tune its offensive attack.

"They have 16 days to prepare for the University of Notre Dame," Holtz noted. "I have never had a team have that long to prepare for us unless it was an opening ballgame."

If the Irish perform at the level they are capable of playing, no amount of time to prepare will make much of a difference.

"I think we are falling into a rhythm," Holtz said. "Several weeks ago, I commented we weren't into a rhythm. It was distressing. We seem to be in one now."

In the first 2 1/2 quarters of the Boston College game, the Irish defense allowed 21 points. But Notre Dame rebounded to shut out the Golden Eagles in the final quarter and a half. One of the biggest plays was a fumble recovery and touchdown run by nose guard Alton Maiden.

Similar plays by Maiden, Melvin Dansby, Bert Berry and the rest of Notre Dame's front seven have pleased Holtz lately. But what about the Irish secondary?

"I think we are getting better in the secondary," Holtz said. "But we still have some problems there."

One of Holtz's biggest concerns is the frequency of missed tackles.

Pittsburgh will test the Irish secondary with



The Observer/Rob Finch

Linebacker Bert Berry (13) and the Notre Dame defense will encounter a Panther offense that has had 16 days to prepare a game plan.

their sophomore quarterback Matt Lytle.

"Since they changed quarterbacks and went to Matt Lytle, their offense has really had a good spark," Holtz said. "He is a good scrambler. He runs the ball well, and runs a lot of play action passing."

Pittsburgh's biggest weapons on offense are tailbacks Dwayne Schulters and Billy West. In 1994, West ran for more than 1,000 yards to earn the Big East Offensive Player of the Year. The Panthers' offensive line, however, has not played well enough this season to utilize its talented running backs.

The MATCH-UPS

A position by position look at who holds the advantage



Quarterbacks

At best, the play of Pitt QB Matt Lytle has been erratic. Conversely, Powlus is about as solid as they come even if he can't hit a receiver on the run.



Running Backs

Billy West and Dwayne Schilters have combined for nearly 1100 yards. However, they are no match for Notre Dame's three headed monster.



Receivers



Jake Hoffart averages 18 yards a catch, and Mark Butler has three TD grabs. Mosley, Johnson have been steady, but Nelson and Stephens are MIA.



Offensive Line

Even after playing Temple and Kent, Pitt gains just 286 yards per game. Look for the Irish unit to go to town against an undersized Panther defense.



Defensive Line

Compared to Notre Dame's Wynn, Maiden, and Dansby, Pitt counterparts Miller, Pegram, Gibson, and McCray are still playing pee-wee football.



Linebackers

(See defensive line.) If the score gets ugly, fans will see plenty of backups Howard, Bryant, Wagasy and Mitoulas. The second teamers still have the edge.

Secondary



If there is a stength on the Pitt defense, it lies in corners Rasshad Whitmill and E.C. Varoutsos. This is one area where the Irish should take notes.



Special Teams



Like ND, Pitt has a strong return game. Kicker Chris Ferencik has struggled, but punter Nate Cochran is on even ground with Hunter Smith.



Coaching

Johnny Majors had his day in the sun, but it appears the sun has set for this legend. While Holtz has not had his best year, it could be worse.



Overall

It would take nothing short of a miracle for this game to be anything but a laugher. Notre Dame should take the chance to utilize its entire roster.

- Mike Day

IRISH INSIGHT

Time must come now for future Notre Dame stars

It is a yearly battle cry that seemingly has become a September tradition for devout followers of Notre Dame football.

This year, it began as soon as the devastating yellow flag fell after Autry Denson's late punt return against Ohio State.

"There's always next year," fans believe in desperation as soon the Irish lose a contest and/or national championship hopes.

"We have a lot of guys coming back," they say. "Screw this year. It's over. Play the freshman. We have to think about '97."

It is a somewhat dangerous attitude, concessionary in nature. For many Irish faithful, it really doesn't matter how many games are left or who they're against; what matters is getting the underclassmen ready for next year's chase of the national championship.

While this thinking isn't all that appropriate in the middle of October with teams like Washington and a certain military academy based in Colorado, it actually may help the Irish in the long run this week and next.

Maybe 1995's Northwestern squad and that certain military academy based in Colorado (it still hurts to think about it, let alone say it) should serve as a reminder never to overlook a team, but the Irish have to find a way to get key younger players significant playing time. It's now (and next week) or never for guys like Jarious Jackson, Lamont Bryant, Bobbie Howard, etc. to get an extended taste of Division I football.

Pittsburgh and Rutgers may be two of college football's finer sacrificial lambs (just don't say that to BC or any bookies), so Lou Holtz has the perfect oppor-

tunity to find time for the younguns.

But that time should not all come in the fourth quarter when Pitt's second and third-stringers are reveling in their time in Notre Dame Stadium.

Though he seems like he's been here for an eternity, Ron Powlus' time may very well be soon coming to an end if the right NFL scouts come a callin'.

Likewise, Renaldo Wynn will be playing on Sundays a year from now.

Everyone knows that there are guys like Jackson and Bryant out there to take their respective places but no one knows what they'll do when it counts. They don't even know what it takes yet to compete at the kind of level ND aspires to.

The Panthers may not quite be at that level but inserting them while the game is still somewhat in the balance shouldn't hurt. It will help, though.

Holtz will never know just how dangerous Jackson can be until he plays behind a cohesive line and in the same backfield as Denson and Jamie Spencer. Sure, Bryant may be able to bull-rush a slow, overweight walk-on guard but get him in on a consistent basis to square off against a starter.

The point is: the earlier in the game the better.

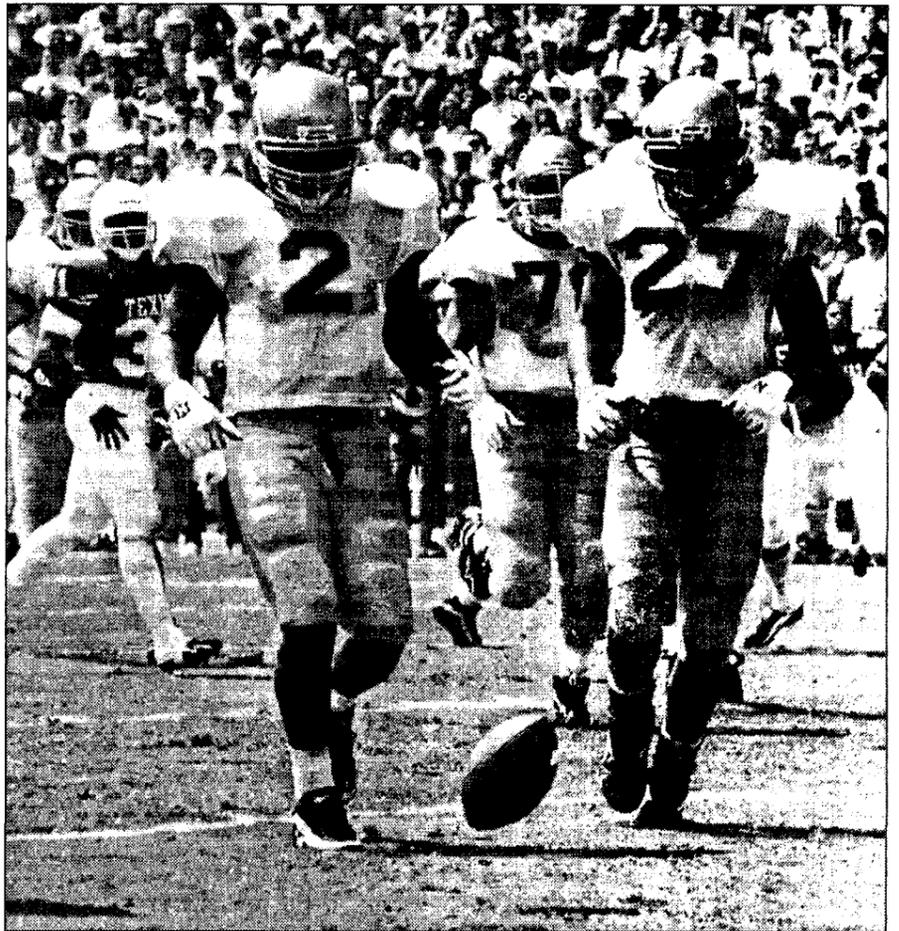
For example, take a look at inside linebacker Howard. He is the heir apparent to the graduating Kinnon Tatum, but aside from a freshman year start against Purdue (led in tackles) and '96 goal-line appearances, Howard's game experience is limited. That has to change, starting tomorrow.

Antwon Jones, Shelton Jordan, Alex Mueller, and Joey Goodspeed will all be playing critical roles for the '97 Irish. Their audition is now.

If not, Irish fans may start warming up for next September. "We have a lot of guys coming back," they'll say. "Screw this year. It's over. Play the freshman. We have to think about '98."



Tim Sherman
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If the Irish secure a lead on Saturday, fans may see a glimpse of the future as sophomore linebacker Bobbie Howard (27) attempts to fill the shoes of senior Kinnon Tatum.

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	4.	Arizona St (2)	10-0	1486	4
	5.	Nebraska	8-1	1411	5
	6.	Colorado	8-1	1282	7
	7.	North Carolina	8-1	1282	8
	8.	Alabama	8-1	1231	10
	9.	Kansas State	8-1	1060	13
	10.	Brigham Young	10-1	1042	12
	11.	Penn State	8-2	979	14
	12.	Tennessee	6-2	852	6
	13.	Northwestern	8-2	813	18
	14.	Notre Dame	6-2	795	17
	15.	Washington	7-2	669	19
	16.	Michigan	7-2	638	9
	17.	LSU	6-2	570	11
	18.	Miami	6-2	500	18
	19.	Syracuse	6-2	492	24
	20.	Auburn	7-2	415	22
	21.	Virginia Tech	7-1	409	25
	22.	Army	9-0	281	--
	23.	Wyoming	9-1	227	16
	24.	Virginia	6-3	162	15
	25.	Southern Miss.	8-2	117	20

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Race for Alliance berths begins in earnest

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#9 Kansas State at #6 Colorado

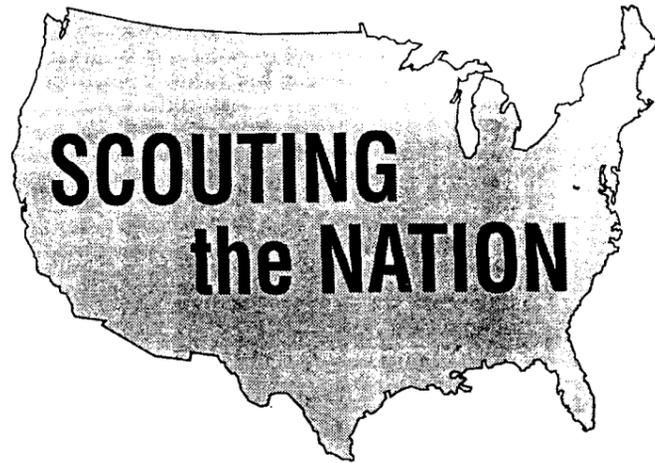
Not only do the Buffaloes want to keep their alliance bowl hopes alive, but they also want to preserve their perfect conference record. If Colorado defeats Kansas State, and Nebraska beats Iowa State, then the Colorado-Nebraska game on November 29 will be a battle for the championship of the Big 12's North Division.

Kansas State, however, would love to be the spoiler and position itself as a serious contender for alliance bowl consideration. On offense, the Wildcats' strengths are on the line. Jason Johnson, Kendyl Jacox and Ross Greenwood will open holes for Kansas State's talented tailbacks.

Colorado's offensive attack is led by quarterback Koy Detmer. He'll need to have a big day to ensure a Buffalo victory.

#11 Penn State at #16 Michigan

Will the real Michigan team please step forward? Is it the



team that handed Colorado its only loss? Or is it the team that blew a 16-point lead at Northwestern and was stunned by Purdue? Penn State hopes it's the latter.

Sophomore quarterback Scott Dreisbach must lead his offense to a better performance than he did last week. In that contest, the Wolverines could muster only three points at Purdue.

Penn State's biggest threat on offense is tailback Curtis Enis, who has the ability to score on any down. Defensively, the Nittany Lions are strong against the run, so Michigan may try to beat them through the air.

#6 North Carolina at #24 Virginia

Thanks to an 8-1 record, North Carolina is in a position to earn an alliance bowl bid if it closes out the season by winning its final two games. Up to this point, the Heels' only loss has been a 13-0 defeat at the hands of No. 3 Florida State.

Although tailback Leon Johnson is a force on offense, defense is by far the strength of this squad. The stinginess of

this unit has been proven time and time again. Holding an offensive juggernaut like the Seminoles to only 13 points is quite a feat.

The Heels' defense will have to be at its best to get past the Cavaliers. Virginia possesses one of the most lethal weapons in college football, and his name is Tiki Barber. His ability to break any game wide open is something that even North Carolina's defense must respect.

#21 Virginia Tech at #18 Miami

These conference foes are competing with Syracuse to earn the Big East's alliance bowl bid. So this matchup is huge for both teams, not only in terms of prestige but also financially.

Miami head coach Butch Davis has managed to keep most of his players out of trouble and keep his team in the hunt for a Big East title. He and his players need this win as they get ready to play at Syracuse in two weeks.

Virginia Tech's offensive firepower is provided by Jim Druckenmiller.

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With a shot at the Big East title at stake, Virginia Tech's Dwayne Thomas will lead the Hokies at Miami.

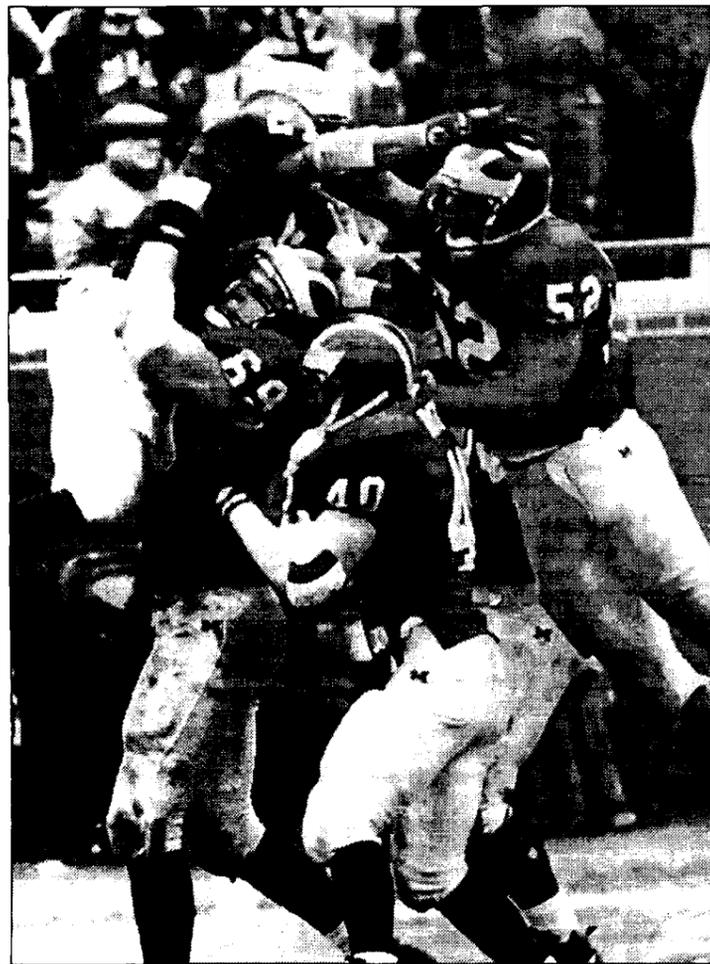


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After a disappointing effort in last week's 9-3 loss at the hands of Purdue, Michigan will need better play out of their offensive line when they host Penn State on Saturday.

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