# We'll miss you, Lou!

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#### 'HE INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER SERVING NOTRE DAME AND SAINT MARY'S

• I cannot honestly give you a reason for my resignation, except to say I feel it is the right thing to do. People will say there has to be more to it than this, but believe me, there isn't.'



Lou Holtz

# Holtz resigns



Irish coach Lou Holtz looks to the media as he announced his resignation during his weekly press conference yesterday, ending an 11-year term as Notre Dame's head football coach.

#### ■ UNIVERSITY REACTIONS



•Uppermost in his mind in coming to this decision has been what he believes to be the best interests of Notre Dame.'

Mike Wadsworth

• Lou Holtz's record Lon the field speaks for itself. Despite his demurs to the contrary, he has joined the pantheon of Notre Dame coaching greats.'



Father William Beauchamp

# After 11 years at 'the best job in the world,' Lou will move on

#### By TIM SHERMAN Sports Editor

ou Holtz never wanted to be considered a legend at Notre Dame. He felt that honor was only fitting for great Irish coaches of the past like Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy, and Ara Parseghian.

But after coaching more games (128) than any of them and winning more (99) than both Leahy and Parseghian, Holtz will become exactly what he never wanted to be considered.

He will become a legend.

The road to such a status began yesterday as the 59-year old Holtz announced that he will resign his position as head football coach effective at the end of the 1996 season.

"I cannot honestly give you a reason

for my resignation, except that I feel it is the right thing to do," said Holtz in a prepared statement.

The official announcement came at his regularly scheduled Tuesday afternoon press conference, but it was, by no means, a surprise.

A throng of more than 100 members of the media attended the event that ended days of intense speculation concerning Holtz's future.

The announcement came about quite quickly and many question the reason behind it.

Though he emphatically asserted that he left on his own terms, Holtz had other comments that only added fuel to the theory that his decision may not have been 100 percent voluntary.

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#### The Observer • INSIDE

What's for breakfast?

What Kellogg brings to the table:

With the acquisition of Lender's Bagels, Kellogg Co.

strengthens its position in the breakfast-food market.

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#### ■ Inside Column

# Plea for cultural diversity

As we speak, the issue of race relations at Notre Bridget O'Connor Dame is gaining an increasing amount of

News Copy Editor

attention. Only a mere thirty years after the civil rights movement began, the call for the advancements made in race relations in the rest of the country is being made here at Notre Dame.

The University recently received the uncoveted honor of being named among the worst thirteen schools in terms of race relations by the Princeton Review. The irony of this ranking can be seen when it is compared to the rankings of the top religious schools.

According to another set of Princeton Review rankings, Notre Dame is number eight among top religious schools. How can these two distinctions go together? How can a school that supposedly believes in and adheres to Catholic ideals be the same school that ranks among the worst schools for race relations?

Every member of the Notre Dame community should be concerned about this situationnot because it might someday effect them or because it effects someone else, but because the fact that it effects any member of the Notre Dame community means that it effects all members of the Notre Dame community. If those of us who are here now do everything we can to make this community a truly open one, perhaps more minority students will want to become a part of it.

The first step in improving race relations here at Notre Dame is for every individual to examine his or her own beliefs and actions to ensure that they are not contributing to the problem.

Next, the University should step up efforts to increase the number of minorities at Notre Dame. The striking lack of diversity that currently exists on the campus of this University can not be ignored. The racial makeup of the student body is far from a realistic representation of the outside world.

Living in the bubble that is the Notre Dame community, students are not provided with an accurate picture of life, nor are they prepared for the interactions they will encounter upon graduation. After four years of studying, eating and socializing with people exactly like themselves, it would seem that graduates are in for a big surprise when they enter the real world. They might even realize that the lack of diversity here has denied them opportunities for personal growth that they would have enjoyed almost anywhere else. It is possible that these graduates won't know to look for positive qualities in others in their differences. Members of this community are constantly reminding the world of the unique aspects of the University that make it a wonderful place. This principle applies to the students as well. Some of the most wonderful contributions that come from students are made because of the unique perspective that they bring to the table. Both sides of a diverse population would benefit from efforts to promote increased minority enrollment. Minority students would have access to one of the top universities in the country (No. 17 according to U.S. News and World Report) and the University would benefit from their presence and contributions.

■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

#### Pass the cream cheese: Kellogg buys Lender's Bagels

Nutri-Grain

cereal bars

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. Kellogg wants to feed everyone at your breakfast table, including those who prefer toasted bagels to Frosted Flakes.

Kellogg Co. — the maker of Pop Tarts, Eggo frozen waffles, and Frosted Flakes and Rice Krispies cereals-said Monday it is buying Lender's Bagels from Kraft Foods Inc. for \$455 million. Lender's is the nation's biggest

bagel maker — frozen, refrigerated and fresh — with annual sales of \$275 million.

**Pop-Tarts** 

For Kraft, the deal ends its role in the bakery business. It sold off its other bakery businesses — including Entenmann's cookies and cakes and Boboli pizza crusts - more than a year ago to CPC International Inc. for \$865 million.

Lender's "is very much consistent with Kellogg's long-

#### Duchess jokes with Letterman

The Duchess of York, who has complained of rough treatment from the British media, told David Letterman that she can let her hair down in the United States. "I guess you sort of give me a second chance over here...I suppose you cut a chick a bit of flak," the former Sarah Ferguson said Monday on CBS' "Late Show with David

Letterman." Fergie, 37, said she can travel in America "without people saying, 'She's too fat, she's thin, her skirt's too short, too long."" The Duchess, who was divorced from Prince Andrew in May, began a U.S. tour last week to promote her autobiography, "My Story." Fergie said she spent her childhood "tying up the farm boys' legs and making them run through the mud,' maturing very late when she was already on the public stage. Saying all the jokes she knew were too "filthy" for television, Fergie told Letterman one from her daughter, Princess Eugenie. "Why does the giraffe have a long neck? Because it has smelly feet," she said with a grin.

#### Airline to provide shock remedies

#### DALLAS

American Airlines aircraft will soon become the first U.S. carriers to fly with defibrillators — electric shock paddles that can revive heart attack victims in the air. The airline was expected to announce its plans today with the American Heart Association, which has been pushing to have defibrillators placed on all passenger aircraft as well as in government buildings and sports arenas. Fort Worth-based American will receive the first of the 4-pound, \$3,000-devices in January, and get the remainder by next summer. Australian carrier Oantas, London-based Virgin Atlantic and Air Zimbabwe already carry defibrillators, while several U.S. airlines are reviewing whether to add them. The Federal Aviation Administration said this month it was reviewing whether defibrillators should become part of the required airline medical kit, which now contains a device to measure blood pressure, a stethoscope and medications for chest pain. By delivering an electric shock to the heart, a defibrillator can restart a heart that has stopped or correct abnormal heart rhythms that prevent proper blood flow to the rest of the body.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

**5 Day South Bend Forcast** 

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standing tradition of nutrition and diet," said Joseph Stewart, Kellogg's vice presi-dent of corporate affairs.

The deal is expected to be completed by the end of the year and includes Lender's plants in West Haven and New Haven, Conn.; Mattoon, Ill.; and Buffalo, N.Y. Stewart said the plants' 800 jobs will not be affected.

Lender's is based in

White Plains, N.Y.

Robert S. Morrison, Kraft's chairman and chief executive, said Lender's did not fit with the company's overall direction. Northfield, Ill.-based Kraft is owned by Philip Morris Cos.

**Cereal brands** 

including Rice

Krispies, Corn

Flakes, Raisin Bran

Kellogg's stock fell slightly on the news, down 12 1/2 cents at \$68.12 1/2 in late afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

#### Inmate riot wins coveted forum

#### PHOENIX

Hundreds of inmates angered by conditions in their "tent city" jail set fires and held 11 guards hostage for nearly three hours before winning a meeting with the "toughest sheriff in America." Sheriff Joe Arpaio, known for tough tactics such as female chain gangs and banning cigarettes and adult magazines, held two jail yard meetings Sunday, first with a committee of three inmates and later with more than 200 prisoners. Earlier Sunday, more than 400 police lined the Durango Jail, some in full camouflage riot gear and carrying shotguns, while inmates inside held 11 guards hostage, two of whom were injured by being pelted with rocks. Inmates complained about inadequate medical care, guard brutality, bad food and the discomfort of living in the tents. Maricopa County Attorney Rick Romley said the complaints deserved a response. "We've been concerned that there might be such a riot because of overcrowding," Romley said. "There have been too many com-plaints out there." The tent jail was empty today. After the riot, all 635 prisoners were transferred to other county jails for up to two days. Guards said it started when they tried to separate two fighting inmates.

#### Musicians end strike, restore harmony

#### PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia Orchestra has agreed to return to the stage after a nine-week strike, but musicians say their relationship with management isn't exactly harmonious. Musicians voted 54-47 with two abstentions late Monday to ratify a three-year contract that gives a raise in base pay, eliminates automatic royalty payments and creates a new venture to increase recording sales. They had been on strike since Sept. 16. A special concert was planned for tonight and regularly scheduled performances were set to resume Thursday. But tensions remained despite the deal. "There is great anger, and despair, on the part of musicians, who believe the board and management have abandoned their fiduciary obligations to the orchestra," Stuart Davidson, an attorney for the musicians' union, said this morning. "I certainly would expect, after a nineweek strike, that it will take us some time to heal the wounds," said Joseph Kluger, president of the Philadelphia Orchestra Association. The strike was the longest in the history of the orchestra, surpassing a 58day strike in 1966.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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#### ■ NATIONAL WEATHER



# Holtz resigns



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# Holtz bids farewell

Editor's Note: The following is Lou Holtz's resignation letter, dated Nov. 19, 1996:

Today I announce my resignation as head football coach of the University of Notre Dame, effective at the end of the 1996 season.

I wish to publicly thank Father Hesburgh and Father Joyce for hiring me, and Father Malloy and Father Beauchamp for allowing me to be part of the Notre Dame family for the past 11 years. There is no way I could publicly thank all the people who have contributed to my happiness, but they know who they are — and a mere thank you seems so inadequate for the efforts they expended.

I will always cherish the fact that I had the opportunity to be a representative of Our Lady's school, both on and off the field. To a Catholic such as myself, no man could ask for a more important role in life.

It is difficult to leave Notre Dame at this time, for many reasons, such as: I will miss the students; and I would have loved to have had the opportunity to coach in the new stadium, which I observed from its original conception to its completion. But the main reason I regret leaving is because I will leave a talented group of young men I respect and love. My actions on the field did not always reflect this, but I hope they realize that I think they are special.

One of the positive aspects of leaving Notre Dame at the present time is, I think, I'm leaving a solid football program and a talented team that will give the new coach a chance to enjoy success his first year. We are leaving a healthy football program. I base this observation on the 2,500 people that attend our weekly luncheons, the capacity crowds for the pep rallies, the enlargement of the stadium, the NBC contract, the fact that 88 percent of our games (including every game the last five years) have been on national television, the academic success of our players, the integrity and honesty of our program, the caliber of people we have on our team, and the nine-year streak of playing in a January 1 bowl, (despite playing 43 percent of our games against nationally ranked opponents), to mention a few.

# Despite departure... University feels strong ties to Holtz

**By BILL UNIOWSKI** News Writer

As the seconds ticked off the clock at the end of the third quarter of the Pittsburgh game, the students raised up their hands in preparation for the Lou cheer, and the band began to play the 1812 Overture.

A feeling of nostalgia swept over the crowd as they realized this might have been one of the last times this ritual was performed. Yesterday afternoon, Lou Holtz confirmed the forebodings.

"I feel it's the right thing to do," Holtz repeated-

**€T**t seemed he Lwas vague with his reasons and gave no specifics. I didn't understand what he meant by saying it 'was the right thing to do." ly said as an explanation for his decision to resign. "I will always cherish the fact that I had the opportunity to be a representative of Our Lady's school, both

the students during the press conference, calling them clever, witty and unparalleled.

"I've enjoyed the enthusiasm. It's fun to be around you people," he said.

Tony Ortiz the possibility of speak-

ing to the students from a microphone on the field following the Rutgers game, his final game in Notre Dame Stadium.

Students throughout campus tuned in to hear the outcome of a week's worth of speculation.

"You would have thought the president had just died," said junior Julie Lyzinski, who watched the press conference from LaFortune. "It was amazing. The place was packed and there wasn't a

on and off the field." Holtz also addressed

Holtz also mentioned

sound.

Sophomore Nicole Peoples, an employee at the LaFortune Information Desk, came into work during the press conference. "I couldn't get in the front door. There were so many people all over," she said.

Peoples watched Holtz's announcement in her management class. "Our teacher planned to watch it," she said. "We discussed what implications the decision will have with stakeholders in the University and the type of leader Holtz is."

Students had different reactions following the press conference.

"It's like the end of a tradition. I'm glad to have experienced Lou," said Lyzinski.

Freshman Pat McCusker was impressed with the way Holtz handled the announcement.

"It's very respectable how he talks about the University. It shows he's a real classy guy," he said. "It's one aspect we're going to miss. That dimension is going to be hard to be without."

Freshman Pat Gorman said that Holtz chose an appropriate time to leave the University.

"He did a great job here, but it's a good time to go now," he said. "It's time to change."

Others questioned the true reasons behind Holtz's resignation.

"It seemed he was vague with his reasons and gave no specifics," said Junior Tony Ortiz. "I didn't understand what he meant by saying it was the 'right thing to do."

Students also speculated on possible successors for Holtz. Gorman was in favor of Northwestern coach Gary Barnett, while others favored Irish defensive coordinator Bob Davie.

"He [Barnett] helped Northwestern, a great

academic school with mediocre athletes, to the Rose Bowl. He should be able to bring us up a level," Gorman said.

"My preference is Coach Davie, but I'll be behind whoever comes in," Irish defensive back and kick returner Allen Rossum said. "Davie is



Athletic Director Mike Wadsworth looks on as head football coach Lou Holtz announced the end of his 11-year stay with the Irish, effective at the end of the 1996 season.

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more laid-back, but Coach Holtz is rubbing off on him."

Senior Gretchen Creten found it hard to imagine another coach in Holtz's place

because of the relationship he has with the fans.

"All we know is Lou," she said. Ortiz felt similar-

"I'd much rather see him stay, even if he didn't win a national championship [while I was here]," he said.

Students also mourned the loss of Holtz as a member of the Notre Dame community, not just

as a coach.

Amidst the media crowd, linebacker Bert Berry

answers questions about Holtz's resignation.

"The University will lose a lot of the fanfare that went along with him." Powers said. "It will be difficult to adjust to another coach, because [Holtz] has proven himself and is well-liked."

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Holtz will run onto the football field at Notre Dame Stadium for the last time on Saturday, as the team faces off against Rutgers.

#### The Observer • CAMPUS NEWS

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# **Retreat gives perspective**

**By ANN KEARNS** Assistant Saint Mary's Editor

Many students feel the pressure to not only excel academically and socially but also to discover who they are and what they want from life. Saint Mary's College has started a retreat program designed to help students do this.

The idea for these retreats derived from a conference attended by students and faculty over the summer. The Spiritual Leadership Conference helped students pinpoint what they were looking for in the College: an environment which allowed them to bond, share meaningful experiences, and get to know one another better at a deeper level. The result was the new series of retreats at Saint Mary's known as SMC

Awakening.

The first retreat took place the weekend of Nov. 1-2 at a retreat center in Michigan.

Emily Haire, senior at Saint Mary's, attended the first retreat and found that her time to herself helped her to reflect, "There is a need for stillness...time to discover where we are and where we are going," Haire commented.

The retreat was led by students Amy Goldbeck and Julie Kerr, with assistance from Judy Fean, Director of Campus Ministry. Fean commented on the effectiveness of the retreat: "I saw a spirit I haven't seen around campus for a while." Not only did she see the participants benefitting from the experience, she also felt personally enriched by being involved. The genuineness of the students searching for God

in everyday life challenged her to do the same in her own life, she said.

Sister Gertrude Anne Otis also assists in the directing of these retreats. She hopes the participants can gain "a deeper realization of who they are and a sense of a direction for life."

Sister Gertrude Anne is now focusing her

attention on the upcoming retreat which will take place the weekend of Jan. 17–19. The theme of this will be "SMC Awakening: Come and See." It will explore the influence of parents, God, and community on personal identity, and also the meaning of life.

She feels the time of the retreat is appropriate because



Set apart from campus, "the Solitude" is the home of a series of spiritual retreats for Saint Mary's students titled "SMC Awakening."

> it will "give a sense of direction Accommodations are informal for the new semester," marking a new beginning.

These retreats are not developed with a specific denomination in mind, although a Christian tone unifies the exercises. The weekend ends with an optional mass at the Church of Loretto.

The environment is also conducive to reflection and prayer.

and house 15 students in private rooms and are set apart from campus.

Registration has already begun for the next SMC Awakening, and spaces are limited. Contact the Campus Ministry Office for more information. The retreat will run from Fri., Jan. 17 to Sun., Jan. 19. Donation price is \$20.

# Freshman class council posters spark turmoil

**By PATTI CARSON** Managing Editor

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's freshman classes are co-sponsoring a bonfire on the Saint Mary's campus tomorrow night at 7 p.m. Each institution provided its own advertising for the event.

The posters created by the

Notre Dame freshman class that hang in the women's dorms read " Hey freshman girls: FIGHT BACK!! Don't let the SMC girls take all your guys. Come to the bonfire at SMC...RECLAIM YOUR MEN...[date, time, place given]." The posters hanging in the male dorms at ND read "GET SOME (smores, hot

chocolate, etc. with the) SMC STUDENTS at the bonfire..." The Saint Mary's freshman class, however, posted advertisements that proclaimed, "SMC/ND presents...THE FRESHMAN BONFIRE! on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m...smores, goodies, fun...on the soccer field..."

Since the posters have been posted on the campus of University of Notre Dame's, freshman class representatives have been fielding many calls, according to Matt Wohlberg, publicity chairman for the freshman class of Notre Dame. The freshman class president at Saint Mary's has also received calls from students and faculty members.

"When I saw their signs, I was surprised and disappointed," Saint Mary's freshman class president Beth Beatty said. "The Notre Dame class had been nothing but kind and cooperative to our freshman class," she added.

Due to the "good relations" between these classes, Beatty indicated that she knew that the Notre Dame freshman class "meant no harm."

She went on to say, "I didn't think that they would do this with any sort of malice. There are no hard feelings.'

"We were not trying to degrade people or to foster harmful feelings," Wohlberg said.

"People took it the wrong way," he added. "We're a freshman board and we're bound to make mistakes...In the future. we will publicize more sensitively," he said.

The Student Activities Office at Notre Dame stamped the posters for hanging with no protest to their content, like it was "no big deal," said Wohlberg. Because of this, he said, the freshman class did not anticipate such a reaction on the part of students, faculty, and administrators.

"I was surprised that their posters could be approved by the Student Activities Office,' Beatty said. She said that she understands that the Notre Dame freshman class was only trying to generate interest in the event with such advertising. But, she said, "I want to reiterate the fact that Saint Mary's is a respectable women's institution and will settle for nothing less than respect."

The Saint Mary's freshman class president expressed hopes that this will not hinder events co-sponsored by the two classes and that it will not damage relations between the schools, in general. As long as everyone understands that the Notre Dame posters were not maliciously created, she feels that relations are ultimately not severed.

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I, Matt Wohlberg, freshman class publicity chairperson, would like to extend this formal apology, on behalf of the Freshman Class Council, to all those who have been influenced by the recent publicity concerning the bonfire at Saint Mary's College on Thursday. It was brought to our attention at our most recent meeting that there exists a growing population among the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College communities that have taken offense to our recent flyers. For this, and for any further hardships that have been endured at our hands, we are truly sorry.

Along with this apology, I think it is only right that I explain the actions and intentions of the Freshman Publicity Board, as well as the Freshman Class Council. We on the Freshman Publicity Board thought that we had designed a humorous and attention-grabbing flyer design that would create interest in the bonfire. Our advisor from the Activities Council informed us that we had not only failed to make a light hearted advertising attempt, but had potentially created an intimidating environment for the bonfire while setting back gender relations at Notre Dame. Obviously we would not knowingly attempt to upset everyday life at the University or at Saint Mary's College. Again, I have been alerted as to the exact incriminating features of our publicity and have taken notice. I assure you there will be no further conflicts or controversy caused by our advertisements. It is my hope that confidence in the activities of the Class of 2000 has been damaged by this incident. If there are any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me and I will personally address your concerns.





Announcing the Introductory Seminar for the Concentration in Philosophy and Literature



#### This

intensive 4 credit seminar is the introduction to the Concentration in Philosophy and Literature and will pursue interdisciplinary approaches to literary, theoretical, and philosophical texts. This team-taught course will be run as a seminar and will emphasize both analytic and interpretive skills. Students can expect to write 25-30 pages during the semester. This semester texts will include excerpts from Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics, Sophocles' tragedies, Nietzche's Birth of Tragedy, works by Seneca and Schlegel, the poetry of Stevens and Stein, fiction by Borges and Dinesen, and essays by Derrida, Heidegger, Irigaray, and Nussbaum.

#### Permission required from Prof. Krzysztof Ziarek, Director of the Concentration, 631-5637



Flyer describing the concentration is available in the English Department





**MULTICULTURAL BEAT** 

#### ■ HALL PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

# **OIT solicits student feedback**

#### **By SEAN SMITH** News Writer

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"One of our goals is to make

some sort of distinction

between the tribes," added co-

president Allison Yazzie.

Within our club we are

diverse ourselves so we want-

ed to bring something from

the campus what we're about,

and to show them a different

culture," said John Castilleja,

"It's mainly for the campus.

The past three years I've been

it's time for the campus to

come and see what [Native

American Heritage Week] is

Hanson Healing will speak

treasurer of NASAND.

"The whole idea is to show

each tribe... into the week."

In an attempt to gather ideas from Notre Dame students on possible ResNet computer hookup sites, Provost of Information Technologies Larry Rapagnani addressed the Hall Presidents Council last evening.

"What I'm trying to do is solicit feedback from the students... which is a novel idea here at Notre Dame," he said.

Once registered, a computer can operate from anywhere in the ResNet community. The question now facing the Office of Information Technologies, however, is where students would most benefit from new hookup sites.

"Where in the campus might the Resnet environment exist?" Rapagnani asked the council.

Four locations interested the council most: LaFortune Student Center, Hesburgh Library, O'Shaughnessy Hall, and Debartolo Hall.

The South Dining Hall will also feature ResNet hookups once planned renovations to the building are complete.

These new sites will allow students with laptops to hook directly to the ResNet network in places other than dorms.

The possibility of providing non-ResNet jacks that would give students access to other dial-up servers at the new sites was discussed, but the likelihood of this occurring does not seem good, according to Rapagnani.

"We would like to encourage all students to hook up to ResNet," Rapagnani said. In other HPC news:

• Matt Szabo of Morrissev Hall addressed the council concerning its role in Project Warmth's campaign to gather as many winter coats as possible by Dec. 3. Gear is sponsoring the campaign and has agreed to

give the dorms gathering the most coats prizes totaling \$1500. Speaking on behalf of Morrissey Hall, Szabo proposed that the council use the prize money to buy an additional amount of coats.

"[The \$1500] could make the difference between a child getting through the winter and getting pneumonia."

Council members decided to solicit feedback from the dorms this week, tabling the vote until next week's meeting.

• The Center for the Homeless is now accepting donated football tickets for this weekend's game against Rutgers. Donated tickets will be converted into GA's and will be given to the homeless in the South Bend area so that they may attend Saturday's game.

• On Thursday in the South Dining Hall, students will have the opportunity to sign a banner to be given to Lou Holtz.

# The Guide goes on the 'Web'

#### **By DEREK BETCHER** Assistant News Editor

The Guide will again offer formal descriptions and student evaluations of classes offered next spring, but this semester students will find its advice posted on the World Wide Web.

Student Government decided to post the listings on their Web page to increase the guide's accessibility and cut back on paper and monetary waste.

"It really does save a lot of money. Our administration has been trying to cut back on excess spending," Seth Miller, student body president, commented.

Becca Fulton, academic commissioner, and Executive Coordinator of Intellectual Life

Kate McShane were responsible for assembling this year's guide, which will bring the same format to its new medium.

"[The 1997 Guide] is comparable to last year's," Fulton affirmed. "It's been up since last Monday, and we worked all semester on it."

All information is compiled from student surveys. Because many students fail to return the surveys, and because even more professors do not volunteer their class's time for the endeavor, only 27 classes are profiled in The Guide.

"It's student based, but we need professor cooperation," Fulton said. "Professors and students need to realize that this guide is for them. They need to take the time to sit back

and fill out the surveys if they want to see more courses in The Guide."

Student Government anticipates increased traffic as DART times approach for underclassmen.

"Any amount of people looking at the page is a positive, but that's not enough if there's 8000 undergrads here," Fulton said.

McShane and Fulton are already assembling data for next semester's guide, and they anticipate using the Web to display their results again.

"We figured paperwork gets misplaced, but computer access is unlimited," Fulton explained.

The Student Government Web page can be found at http://www.nd.edu/~studegov.

#### **By KELLY BROOKS** tribe, will perform. Assistant News Editor White Thunder drum group from the South Bend area will The Native American also be featured.

NASAND in touch

with 'native spirit'

Students at Notre Dame celebrate Native American Heritage this week with a show of cultural and spiritual life.

"We want to raise awareness on campus," said secretary Otakuye Conroy, "We want to show there are Native Americans here and show [the rest of campus] our culture and spiritual life."

Native American Heritage Week will feature two major events-a lecture by Hanson Ashley and a performance by here I haven't seen much of native dancers. Hanson the culture represented. Now Ashley is a Navajo elder with a master's degree in multicultural psychology. Active within the Native American church, he will address "The Use of Mind, Body, and Spirit on Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in in Healing."

dancers, from the Pueblo

the Center for Social Among other tribes, Tewa Concerns. The dancing will be at 8:30 p.m. on Friday in the LaFortune Ballroom.

all about."

### Flu shots available for University staff Thursday

#### Special to The Observer

University Health Services yesterday announced an additional afternoon for University employees, retired staff, retired faculty and their spouses to receive flu shots.

Health Services will administer the vaccinations on Thursday from 12 to 5 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library concourse.

Short sleeves are required to receive an immunization.







**Current Spring Course** Information will be available each day of DART at

# http://www.nd.edu/~ndreg/

### under "registration"

this information is updated at 5:00 p.m. monday - friday

> when a seat becomes available in a class which has been closed, the course will reopen the next day during the call-back times

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#### The Observer • CAMPUS NEWS

# Loux explores African<br/>cultural differencesCNVS honors ND for serviceSpecial to The ObserverThe University of Notre DameThe award, presented annu-<br/>ally during the fall meeting of<br/>the nation's Catholic bishops.moment in our institutional hit<br/>tory," University Preside<br/>Father Edward Malloy said the

#### By SHANNON RYAN News Writer

Saint Mary's Associate English Professor Ann Loux experienced a entirely different culture last year on her sabbatical to Cameroon, Africa.

Yesterday, in LeMans Hall's Stapleton Lounge, she brought these experiences to life for faculty, students, and friends as part of the Saint Mary's Justice Education "Conversation Series."

In her presentation, titled "Women in Cameroon," the Fullbright Scholar imparted her thrill of returning to America after living in what she called a society of extreme contradictions. "I feel so honored to have all of you welcome me back," she said to the assembly.

As a stranger in Cameroon, Loux gained insights through the daily trials she faced.

Dressed in the typical garb of the Baqueri tribe, Loux fashioned her wrap-around skirt as one example of their practical lifestyles.

Demonstrating the numerous uses of the two-layered skirt, she showed its use as a dress, a means of tribe identification, a shawl, a blanket for swaddling an infant, and a basket for lugging goods home from the market.

Her shirt, much like ones worn in Cameroon, was designed so that women can easily breast feed their babies. Comparing western clothing that she said was often associated with sex appeal to what she considered the African's practical clothing, Loux joked, "This shirt was designed for baby and breast, not for men and the breast."

Her perceptions concerning the role of women in African society focused on its contradictions. Living in close quarters with the students she taught, Loux was able to observe the daily lives of the African women. ago laughing about their 'worthless husbands'," she stated.

As the recipient of the Fullbright Scholarship, Loux collected stories from her students as part of her project. She told the group that some people in positions of authority were unwilling to assist her in her endeavors.

"In fact," she explained, "they made it difficult every step of the way." Although she encountered many obstacles, including having to establish her own press because men were unwilling to publish a collection of women's stories, she succeeded in publishing her work.

She read "The Escape," a short story by one of her African students, dealing with the perplexities of African society and the restrictions placed on women.

In the story, a young girl runs away from an arranged marriage. She then confronts her parents with the absurdity of this proposal and argues instead for the merits of education; at the stories' end, however, she runs away to become a prostitute and forgets about her dream.

"What do you think it means that 95 percent of my female students in Cameroon wrote about prostitution? What are your theories?" she asked the audience.

The stories about prostitution, which Loux described as one of the only growing industries in Cameroon, shows a contradiction between escape and confinement in the life of African women, according to Loux,

She prompted the audience to put themselves in the place of these women. "An unmarried woman is a disgrace among the family. She would rarely be welcomed back into the nome of her mother if she chose to live unmarried," said Loux. Also, if a female wished to be educated, she dismissed the chance of marriage, according to Loux. "An educated woman would be too mouthy. She could walk away and support herself," she said, imitating responses she received from her male students.

The University of Notre Dame received the Catholic Network of Volunteer Service's (CNVS) 1996 Father George Mader Award in recognition of the role it has played in promoting lay mission service. The award, presented annually during the fall meeting of the nation's Catholic bishops, was conferred Tues., Nov. 12, in a ceremony at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Calling the announcement of the award "a very significant moment in our institutional history," University President Father Edward Malloy said that Notre Dame aspires to be "a place where volunteer service is encouraged, not only for students but also for the faculty and staff members of our University community."



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In the absence of their husbands these women were strong, assertive, violent, and proud, said Loux.

They gathered food, prepared meals, raised their families, and performed many other tasks throughout the day.

However, when African husbands returned home from work, their wives bowed down to them on their hands and knees, said Loux. They offered dinner to their husbands, not speaking or eating unless given permission.

Loux was amazed by these women's complete change in personality in the presence of men. "I had to ask myself if these were the same women I had just noticed a few minutes "Mummy Ann," as Loux's students called her, said she was unsure if the women would take their strength and combine it with their education to overcome the sexism of their country.

Loux finished her speech by talking of the way that the culture of Cameroon effected her. "I learned how grateful I am for how well things work here and for families," Loux commented. "I learned families mean just as much in America as they do in Africa."



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# ValuJet crash hearings begin

By CATHERINE WILSON Associated Press Writer

#### MIAMI

A federal crash investigator today chastised the company that packed oxygen canisters into a ValuJet plane's hold, saying it violated procedures by complaining about evidence scheduled to be presented at a hearing.

John Goglia, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board panel holding the hearing, interrupted today's session to criticize SabreTech Corp., the company that packed the canisters suspected of fueling or sparking the blaze that sent the jetliner crashing into the Everglades, killing all 110 people aboard.

The company publicly objected to the airing of videotapes of experimental fires ignited to simulate how a cargo fire may have spread aboard the doomed jetliner. It issued a statement before the tape was to be played.

His voice rising in anger, Goglia called the company statement a violation of NTSB procedures on the release of investigative material.

The board considered revoking SabreTech's status as a party allowed to question witnesses, but decided to allow the company to stay. Goglia warned the company would be removed for any further violations.

weeklong hearing into the May 11 crash, the NTSB released a transcript of the cockpit recording of the flight's last minutes.

Shouts from passengers were recorded three times after fire swept into the cabin, and at one point women were heard screaming, "Fire! Fire! Fire! Fire!" according to the transcript.

"I imagined it was my mother," Maria Rivera said. "I didn't think of anything else. I just cried and cried and cried."

Some relatives want to hear the actual tapes, but the NTSB does not release audio tapes, primarily to protect the crews' privacy. Tapes have been issued in the past under a court order.

"I've got to know if that woman who was screaming was my mother," said Amanda Myers, whose parents were killed.

In most crashes, voices of the cockpit crew are the only ones taped. But in this case, passengers could be heard because the cockpit door was opened after the fire started.

Six minutes after takeoff from Miami International Airport, the pilot can be heard telling the copilot: "We got some electrical problems. ... We're losing everything."

A flight attendant can be heard yelling, "We need oxygen. We can't get oxygen back there."

The last recorded voice from the plane was that of a crew On Monday, the first day of a member telling the tower, "We

need the, uh, closest airport available.'

The chilling eight-minute tape ends with the cockpit and cabin falling silent, leaving the sound of rushing air, perhaps from a cockpit window that had been opened to let the smoke out.

Another victim may have called his wife on a cellular phone in the final moments of the flight, according to NTSB documents. But despite repeated requests, the woman declined to be interviewed by crash investigators.

Two ValuJet maintenance supervisors and two executives with SabreTech testified at the hearing Monday. The maintenance officials discussed the handling of oxygen-generating canisters suspected of starting the fire in the cargo hold.

The canisters, which contain a mixture of chemicals, can generate heat up to 500 degrees when they are triggered to provide oxygen to passenger emergency masks. The canisters aboard Flight 592 were being shipped to ValuJet's headquarters in Atlanta and were not for use on the plane.

A stock clerk didn't know what oxygen generators were but labeled five boxes of them for shipment to Atlanta, court documents said. Shipping caps are supposed to be installed on the canisters to prevent them from accidentally activating but SabreTech mechanics didn't request any, investigators said.

# **Court awards cash** for rights violation

**By JOEL STASHENKO** Associated Press Writer

Oneonta, New York's highest court ruled today.

The decision by the state Court of Appeals breaks new ground by finding that New Yorkers have a right to recover monetary damages for violations of state constitutional guarantees to equal protection and against unlawful searches. Previously, plaintiffs could get court orders against state agencies but couldn't win monetary damages. Today's ruling reinstates \$250,000 worth of damage

claims for each of 11 former students at the State University of New York at Oneonta. It sent the so-called "black list" case back to the state Court of Claims, which origi-

nally said it did not have jurisdiction. The 5-1 decision said a long line of legal precedents dating back to the Magna Carta establish that monetary damages are a "neces-

sary deterrent" against gov-

ernment violation of individuals' rights.

The case started when a ALBANY, N.Y. 77-year-old woman said she Eleven college students was attacked in her home can seek damages from the near the Oneonta State camstate for alleged violations of pus in September 1992. She their constitutional rights could only identify her during a sweeping 1992 assailant as a knife-wielding search of black males in black male who might have cut himself. State police and campus security officials had

Oneonta State officials produce a list of black, male students, then systematically questioned almost 100 students and examined their hands and arms for wounds. Some students were pulled out of classrooms or from their jobs for questioning. Authorities also made socalled "street sweeps," stopping every black male they saw around mostly white Oneonta., a small city about 80 miles southwest of Albany. **Campus** officials later apologized and the school official who turned over the list of black students was demoted. No arrest was ever made.

Justice Joseph Bellacosa dissented from today's ruling, saying it used a "wide web of words" to delineate a right that doesn't exist under law, the constitution or legal precedents.



# Labor board charges Yale in union dispute

**Associate Press** 

NEW HAVEN, Conn. The National Labor Relations Board plans to charge Yale University over its uncompromising response to a grade strike by teaching assistants trying to unionize. Jonathan Kreisberg, a labor board lawyer in Hartford, said he would file a complaint unless the school settles with the Graduate Employees and Students Organization in the next few weeks. The strike collapsed in January after the university threatened to take away the teaching jobs of assistants who withheld grades. The case, which would be heard by a federal administrative law judge, could set a national precedent and make it easier for teaching assistants to form unions. "The mere fact that there are so few cases in this area means that when any case comes along it could change the playing field," Kreisberg

said.

The government will argue that graduate students are employees, and that labor law protects their right to strike by refusing to issue grades to the undergraduates students they teach, Kreisberg said. In the past, the labor board treated graduate teaching assistants as students rather than employees, a standard Yale maintains should not suddenly change. Private universities could refuse to negotiate with the groups and could even punish students who engaged in job actions. The Yale organization, which says it represents about onefourth of Yale's 2,500 graduate students, sought higher pay, lower health-insurance costs, smaller classes and more training. The group claimed the Yale administration threatened to ruin participants' careers and cause those from abroad to be deported.



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#### Secret papers reveal **Chunnel blazes under sea**

**By LIONEL GOUGELOT** Associated Press Writer

#### **CALAIS**, France

It was the Chunnel builders' nightmare—intense flames and deadly fumes choking the 31mile tunnel used to whisk passengers and freight beneath the English Channel.

Eight people, including a pregnant woman, were overcome by smoke when fire broke out Monday night on a truck being hauled to Britain on a freight train.

It was the first serious accident since the tunnel linking Britain and France opened two years ago. Service was halted and could take three weeks to be fully restored.

None of the injuries were lifethreatening. But the fire was a terrifying example of what can happen-despite elaborate safety precautions and frequent security drills-in this manmade engineering wonder beneath the sea.

"Another five or 10 minutes longer, we'd have all been carried out in bags," said truck driver Brian Shilton, one of 34 people evacuated from the tunnel.

"It just filled up with smoke so quick it was just unbelievable. Everyone was vomiting and choking and we all thought it was going to be the end," he said.""It was like being in a tomb.'

The fire broke out at 9:45 p.m. 11 miles into the westbound tunnel-one of three tunnel corridors—and roughly a third of the way through the trip from Coquelles, France, to Folkestone, England.

The heat and smoke from the blaze were so intense that firefighters had to pull back every 10 minutes. It took eight hours to put out the fire. The cause of the fire remained undetermined, though Eurotunnel, which operates the tunnel, said



"There was panic and we

waited in the club car. We couldn't leave," said Benoit Ringaud, a French trucker.

The freight train was carrying 29 trucks, 31 passengers and three crew members. It was the only train in the tunnel at the time and rescuers quickly evacuated the passengers.

The tunnel, called the Chunnel, shut down immediately. Eurotunnel said it hoped to reopen partial service sometime Wednesday, but full service could take three weeks to restore. Eurotunnel was using ferries and planes to provide alternate service to passengers Tuesday.

A lengthy shutdown could prove financially devastating to the company, which is buried under \$14 billion in debt. The company's stock fell nearly 4 percent Tuesday in London.

The Chunnel opened more

Eurostar trains, which whoosh 16,000 passengers a day from London to Paris or Brussels in three hours. But both services use the same tunnels, often at the same time.

The fire forced officials to consider the specter of such a blaze aboard a Eurostar, which can carry several hundred passengers.

"This proves that in a tunnel like this, even small accidents can have grave consequences,' said Michel Caillaud, secretarygeneral of the French National Federation of Truck Drivers. "We're worried that in the future, a worse accident could cause fatalities.'

The fire-described by The Sun tabloid in London as the "Chunnel Blaze Terror"—dominated British newscasts Tuesday.

British safety groups criticized French firefighters for waiting an hour before alerting their counterparts on the other end of the tunnel. A British lawmaker also questioned why the train didn't continue on through the tunnel, the usual safety procedure for getting equipment on fire above the ground.

**British Transport Secretary** George Young told the House of Commons on Tuesday that the tunnel's safety authority "will want to look again" at the design of the vehicle-hauling trains.

Eurotunnel insisted Tuesday that the fire proved the effectiveness of its safety procedures. Firefighters reached the scene in four minutes, it said.

Numerous security features were designed into the virtually earthquake-proof tunnel, which opened in 1994 at a cost of \$16 billion, far above budget. Among those are a central service tunnel and electric pumps to deal with possible flooding. There are numerous smoke detectors and exhaust fans, though no sprinklers.

# British arms deals

**By TONY SMITH** Associated Press Writer

GOMA, Zaire A British-based company supplied arms and ammunition to the former Rwandan government after it began slaughtering a half-million of its own people in 1994, according to documents that Hutu militias left behind when they retreated in eastern Zaire.

The documents, made available to The Associated Press on Monday, indicated the Rwandan government bought more than \$5.5 million worth of machine guns, mortars, grenades, ammunition and other military hardware from the company, Mil-Tec Corp., between April and July 1994.

Some shipments appeared to contravene a U.N. embargo on exporting arms to Rwanda, imposed in May 1994 following acts of genocide by the former Hutu-led government against minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

A U.N. Commission of Inquiry has been investigating a British company for allegedly supplying arms to the ex-Hutu government or its militia allies after they fled to Zaire, it was reported earlier this month.

It could not be learned whether Mil-Tec is that company.

The continued arms trade in the volatile region has drawn sharp protests from international human rights groups, which allege that the French government also supplied weapons to the retreating Hutus after the 1994 genocide.

France denies it.

Public pressure led the South African government on Nov. 6 to announce it was suspending

#### British arms scandal

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The documents were found in a bus, part of a wrecked convoy abandoned by retreating Hutu militias in Sake, 18 miles west of Goma. The Hutu militias, remnants of the former Rwandan army that fled Tutsi forces in 1994, were fleeing from Zairian rebel troops sweeping through eastern Zaire.

The documents indicated Mil-Tec is based in Douglas, the Isle of Man, off England's northwest coast, and in Hove, 50 miles south of London. But it is not listed in telephone directories and could not be reached for comment.

The arms were flown out of London's Heathrow Airport; Tel Aviv, Israel; and Tirana, Albania, via such carriers as Belgium's Sabena, Germany's Lufthansa and Russia's Aeroflot, according to the documents.

They were delivered to the Rwandan capital, Kigali, and then later-when government forces fled into neighboring Zaire-flown to Goma and Kinshasa, the Zairian capital. Payments were made through Belgium, France and Egypt, the

arson seemed unlikely.

Most of the truck drivers had left their cabs to spend the halfhour tunnel ride in a club car. When the flames and smoke billowed into the car, they sprawled on the floor, breathed

than a year late in summer 1994 at much higher costs than projected and Eurotunnel has been losing money ever since. Le Shuttle, the train that hauls passenger cars and freight, is

distinct from the high-speed





#### The Observer • LOU HOLTZ RESIGNATION

# Letter

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However, these accomplishments are pale compared to the advancements this University has made academically and financially, with the vigorous building expansion, the cosmetic enhancement of the campus grounds and numerous other positive developments on campus. I will be proud to tell my grandchildren I served under Father Hesburgh and Father Joyce, as well as Father Malloy and Father Beauchamp.

I do not know who will replace

able assistants. If not, I hope the new coach will give serious consideration to retaining our assistant coaches, as they are a special group of people. Any school would be wise to consider them for any vacant head coaching positions presently open. I feel confident you will hear great things about these coaches in the future.

me, but I hope it is one of my

I have no desire to become the all-time-winningest coach at Notre Dame. The record belongs to Knute Rockne or some other coach in the future. I am comfortable leaving here with his record intact, and just to have held the same position as

Rockne, Leahy, Parseghian and others is reward enough for me. When I was hired, I said I didn't come here to become a legend, but to merely serve Notre Dame. This I have always tried to do. It is up to others to ascertain whether I accomplished this or not. I am sure there will be many coaches in the future here at Notre Dame, but I feel confident when I say none will be any prouder than I was to represent this University or more loyal to its beliefs or more grateful for the opportunity.

I cannot honestly give you a reason for my resignation, except to say I feel it is the right thing to do. People will say there

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has to be more to it than this, but believe me, there isn't.

I have absolutely no plans for the future. My health (to my knowledge) is good, and I feel as much enthusiasm for life as I did when I became a head coach at the age of 32. What I will do in the future will be dependent upon the opportunities available to me — but at the present time I have no options, nor do I anticipate any. My only concern is to do everything possible to help our team win their last two games, and hopefully a bowl game, to help our staff further their coaching careers, and to assist the new coach in every way possible to make the transition as smooth

and productive as possible. Then, and only then, will I look for a job. If I do retire, it will be because I couldn't find a job.

This will be a joyous day for many, emotional for a few, inconsequential to some — but to a small group (including me) this is a sad day — but I feel it is the right thing to do. I have prayed on my decision, so I will not question it.

In closing, I thank the University of Notre Dame, the players, the coaches, the clergy, students, faculty, fans, subway alumni and others for their support—but more emphatically, for their prayers. They can rest assured God answered them.

# Holtz

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"It is difficult to leave Notre Dame at this time, for many reasons," he said. "I will miss the students; and I would have loved to have had the opportunity to coach in the new stadium, which I observed from its original conception to its completion.

"But the main reason I regret leaving is because I will leave a talented group of young men who I respect and love."

In addition, Holtz's drive to continue at his profession is far from gone.

"If I do retire, it will be because I couldn't find a job," he said.

He emphasized that his decision to leave was not prompted by another coaching offer, nor has he been contacted by any college or professional team.

The only definite reason Holtz gave for leaving related to the timing and logistics of the move.

"I felt in the best interests of the University of Notre Dame and to maintain continuity, that the decision be made during the season," Holtz said. "And that's the only reason it was made during the season. And I think this will be fair and allow whoever the coach is to come in and not lose a beat in recruiting."

Holtz explained the three recruiting visits for next season would occur in December and January, and that announcing his decision now would give the new coach adequate time to prepare for them.

Right now, the question of just who that coach will be is up in the air.

University executive vice-president Father William Beauchamp and Athletic Director Mike Wadsworth spoke after Holtz concluded his comments but neither could offer details regarding the search for a successor.

"We have initiated contact (with prospective coaches) but we will not be in a position now or in the future to answer questions with respect to the people that we are contacting until such time as we have a new coach to introduce to you," Wadsworth said.

Clearly, though, the day was Holtz's.

The 11-year coach of the Irish reflected upon a number of topics during his near hour-long conference, but perhaps the one subject that Holtz seemed most emphatic about was his love for the University.

Though he refrained from any visible sign of emotion, Holtz spoke

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at length about what Notre Dame meant to him.

"Championships don't make Notre Dame," Holtz said. "What makes Notre Dame is a love of the school and the discipline and the standards and the way the students help one another."

"You have no idea how proud I've been when people say he's the coach at Notre Dame or to be a part of the Notre Dame family or just walk across the campus and see the Dome and walk in Sacred Heart."

"I'll miss that. And I get sad when I think about it."

Many members of the Notre Dame family he mentioned will, too, surely be saddened by his departure.

Holtz took over a floundering Irish program at the end of the 1985 season, but by the end of his second season at the helm, Notre Dame was already back in the national picture.

The next season, 1988, Holtz led a talented but young squad through a murderous schedule and ended the season with a 12-0 record and Notre Dame's 11th national championship.

It was the only title for Holtz but twice ( $19\overline{8}9$  and  $\overline{1}993$ ), his squad finished the season as the nation's second-ranked squad in disputed voting.

Still, Holtz's place in Notre Dame history will long be remembered.

"We are leaving a healthy football program," he said in his statement. "I base this observation on the 2,500 people that attend our weekly luncheons, the capacity crowds for the pep rallies, the enlargement of the stadium, the fact that 88 percent of our games (including every game in the last five years) have been on national television, the academic success of our players, the integrity and honesty of our program, the caliber of people we have on our team, and the nine-year streak of playing in a Jan. 1 bowl, (despite playing 43 percent of our games against nationally ranked opponents) to mention a few."

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### FRIVOLATA Many would benefit from heeding advice of old adage

say anything at all," they say. As much of my entertainment derives from making fun of others, I've never had much use for this trite little maxim. However, with a minor change, it's a valuable rule of thumb: "If you can't say anything intelligent, don't say anything at all."

# **Kirsten** Dunne

I've found that keeping silent on topics about which one knows little or nothing is a very good idea, which is why both my writing and my conversations with others usually consist of meaningless gibberish. It seems that there are a lot of people who have not discovered the value of this rule, though. And while listening to people spew out nonsensical notions is often highly amusing, you'd think these people might be a trifle embarrassed. Two people who I KNOW are not ashamed to exhibit their ignorance are our family friends — let's call them John and Mary. One night, my mother and I met the couple, along with two of their annoying offspring, for dinner. We were having a decent enough time, until Mary started to talk as if she knew something about criminal and constitutional law. If I recall correctly, she was completely awestruck by a report she'd seen on the news about a high-profile criminal case. What had amazed her so much was the implication in the report that criminal defendants — even convicted criminals, for God's sake! — had any kind of rights at all.

"If you can't say anything nice, don't formed blabbering, I attempted to explain to her that various constitutional provisions and statutes are specifically drafted to protect criminal defendants and, yes, even those who had been convicted of a crime. She then came up with some outlandish proposal; I promptly told her that it would violate the Eighth Amendment. She didn't know that this is the amendment that, at least in theory, prohibits cruel and unusual punishment, so I related this bit of info to her, only to have her retort that "they should repeal that."

Since she was a family friend, I controlled my urge to wring her neck and instead giggled a bit, asking her if she had any idea what she was proposing. Here, she pointed out that the constitutional amendment barring alcohol use had been stricken, and again asked why we could not get rid of the Eighth Amendment. Momentarily taken aback by the fact that she did, in fact, have a scintilla of knowledge about the constitution, I started to explain to Mary why the Bill of Rights are special among the constitutional amendments. Apparently, I'd gone to far for her this time, and she had no real response. She and her husband simply glared at me like I was some kind of monster for arguing in favor of criminal defendants. Of course, she still probably failed to realize that I wasn't even talking about my opinions — which, admittedly, are very far to the left — but instead was merely giving her the facts! Another memorable episode occurred earlier this year, when my gay and lesbian friends in the 'Bend were encountering some friction. (How's that for a change, huh?) Offended by cruel, personalized attacks in a "news" paper polluted with propaganda, a couple of my pals stopped the hate from spreading any further by taking the papers from their sites of distribution. Seeing as though gays and lesbians on the Notre



Both angered and amused by her unin-

#### DOONESBURY

Dame campus get in trouble when they try to gather for coffee and donuts, you can imagine that they were reprimanded for this stunt.

Okay, I'll concede a bit here. These people took a mass quantity of a publication which was meant to be freely available to everyone on campus. I certainly can't blame them, but as for whether it was really the right way to deal with the situation...? I admit, it was not.

On the other hand, what they did was also not a violation of anyone's first amendment rights, which is exactly the claim which was made by the "Right Reason" folks (that's "right" as in Rush-Limbaugh-like, by the way — NOT as in "correct"). A good friend of mine told me about this part of the saga on a particularly stressful day at work, and boy, did it provide a well-needed gush of laughter! For, you see, if one reads the First Amendment, one will find that it precludes CONGRESS from enacting certain types of LAWS. The courts, in an attempt to give citizens the maximum benefit of that lofty provision, construe

"Congress" pretty expansively... but it doesn't quite reach this far, folks!

Don't get me wrong here. If you didn't know that, that's perfectly fine, and I'm not trying to seem arrogant. However, if you don't know something, maybe you should research your subject before speaking out publicly on it. Oh well the mistake of the Right Reason folks didn't particularly bother me. In fact, you could say it filled me with glee. There are some people whom I truly like to see making idiots of themselves!

The recent election, coupled with O.J.'s civil trial, has everyone offering his or her opinion lately. A piece of advice: If you really don't know what you're talking about, SHUT UP! I am certainly going to do so! I think O.J. is innocent, and I voted for the big-eared, wacko billionaire. What the hell do I know?

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# VIEWPOINT

Wednesday, November 20, 1996

#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Response to Coyne's dating guide shows misconceptions

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Thomas Coyne's article, "Coyne's guide to dating the Notre Dame female." A laudable piece, and definitely an enlightening journey into the "enigmatic" female mind. Speaking for every other female, and I hope you will all agree, I never imaged the possibilities of such a guide. I mean, I believed I knew what I wanted in a man. Well, I thought I knew, but I am now aware that those ideas were misconceptions, mere "fantasies," never applicable in the realm of reality. I am now conscious of the years of development that lie before me. That is, until I too will ripen into a fully blossomed flower. Oh, excuse me. For all of you confused "girls" who didn't quiet understand, I was talking about a woman.

Although I find myself in a sublime state of awareness, that hackneyed idiom "it takes one to know one," continues to pass through my mind, muddling my otherwise newly found insight into the female mystique. I guess what I'm trying to say is that, and maybe I'm a little off track, the typical Notre Dame male is just as confusing. Yes, Tommy, you heard me right. "Um, guys here, uh well, are kind of CONFUSED.'

Guys appear to have it all figured out, and they will not heed to explain their irrefutable conclusions into the male psyche to any inquiring mind. Really, though, if they don't have it all figured out, then who in the hell does? All, and so I've been told, that a man wants is a "nice" girl who has it together. Male



words for a "six foot, hundred pound blonde, who he can display to his compatriots, but won't expect much in return, and by no means expect a commitment." Seems pretty clear, not too bad. Well guys, wake up!

"What they want is a challenge,- and there's the rub-we all want what we can't have. No one asks someone out that they think they are settling for; they want someone they're shooting for; and its always the nice guy that gets shot down."

OK, we all want a challenge. There is a difference, though, between settling for something and expecting something. For some strange reason men expect this "perfect" woman to come walking off of the cover of Vogue and into their lives. "Me, settle, never!" But I will hang out with you until "she" comes around. Sound familiar?

"They know what they want in their fantasies, but the transition to reality

never works."

We all have fantasies, there is no denying this. And no wonder. If "he" leans over to unlock the car door for you nowadays, you've made progress. The day of chivalry and wooing are over, fantasy must suffice. Women fantasize about being wooed, opening the door to meet a plethora of fragrant flowers and tasty chocolates, but we also, at the same tine, grasp the denotation of fantasy. Guys, the closest you are going to get to Jenny McCarthy is that poster hanging in your room. It is a sick facade, it is not real.

"we're drinkers, we're sexually frustrated; there's nowhere to take a date... Does this explain itself, or is it just me? Drinkers, sexually frustrated-what do these two words have in common? If you are going out of with your friends for the evening, then albeit, go out and have a rip roaring time. If on the other hand, you're in search for romance or

some form of venereal liberation, then a little equanimity is in need. "Hey, ya you, ya want a sip of my beer?" You're kind of hot, ya know that?" I'm sorry guys, but we can't feel sorry for, as Thomas puts it best, "cooking" you here. I guess sexually frustrated you'll remain, just as "difficult" we will.

"There's nowhere to take a date." Sometimes, nowhere is better. How about spending a little time getting to know one another? Taking a walk, chatting over a cup of coffee. Maybe you'll even find your self tearing that poster down from your wall.

Thomas, you make an excellent point. "Just be yourself." It takes two to play a game, but why? We both think we have the opposite sex figure out, when neither of us really have any clue what is going on. We spend too much time trying to be what we think the other wants, instead of just being ourselves. Thus, difficulty arises.

I suppose commitment is wonderful for some, but for the majority of college students, a companion, a friend, is just as special. The whole male-female dating thing is a game, played by both, but why? What is wrong with being ourselves and being accepted as just that? Spending time together, getting to know one another as who we really are, and not just supposing we have it all figured out. Taking it easy.

TATUM ELYSE MENGYAN Junior Saint Mary's College

# Realize the implications of misjudging the ND female

Dear Editor:

happy ending. Coyne thoroughly misjudges his female



I am writing in response to R. Thomas Coyne's Viewpoint article entitled "Coyne's guide to dating the Notre Dame female."

I am sure I am speaking for many of the women at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's when I state that I was quite frustrated by Coyne's article. This is not meant to be a personal attack against Coyne; in past columns, he has a lamented the fact that some of his readership often misunderstands the intricacies of his tongue-incheek mockery. So I'll give Coyne the benefit of the doubt in this instance, and hope he merely neglected to fully think through the possible repercussions of his words.

Coyne's subject is the ever popular one of dating at Notre Dame (or, as Coyne alleges, the lack thereof,) wherein he attempts to offer advice to his male readership on the ever-illusive species of women. Some of his more insightful comments include stating that females "revel in the twisted fun of playing games, " and are essentially, and I quote, "liars." Coyne even creatively invents a Latin name for females of the Notre Dame community, "Handsoffis Lessimdrunkis." However, probably the most harmful theme that Coyne emphasizes again and again is the stereotype that "women don't know what they want."

For those of us who may not be sophisticated enough to catch the sarcasm allegedly underlying the playful banter of Coyne's writing, there is an inherent danger in generalizing women as coy, fickle, and indecisive. The scenario might go something like this: Girl doesn't know what she wants, but I know what I want, then I may as well take what I want. Consent goes straight out the window after all, she may change her mind the next second anyway. One can extrapolate many other similar scenarios following this mindset, not one of which has a

counterparts on this campus. For the

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most part, we know what we want. We would like to be treated with honor, dignity, and respect. We don't want to be subjected to physical or emotional abuse, sexual harassment, glass ceilings, negative stereotypes; the list could go on and on. In effect, women merely wish to be treated the same way men *expect* to be treated — like intelligent, worthy, equal human beings.

So when Coyne states, "it's not just girls I'm berating," he's right. By perpetuating a negative stereotype of women, he is degrading anyone who has ever had or hopes to have a successful male/female relationship, romantic or not. So if you need any further explanations of the "mysteries of enigmatic species," R. Thomas Coyne, I'll be happy to take you up on your offer to go out for a beer.

**RENE RIMELSPACH** 

Junior Breen Philips Hall

I am writing in response to R.T. Coyne's article, "Coyne's guide to dating the Notre Dame Female." Coyne, I loved your article. It showed quite the insight. You're right — dealing with the Notre Dame female really sucks. You poor boy, having to put up with such a sorry lot of the species all these years. You must be dying to get to the real world where, I'm sure, the grass is a lot greener. Well until that glorious day of graduation. the girls here will have to suffice. So being the Notre Dame lady that I am, let me clear a little fog in that whimpering lost soul of yours.

You say that Notre Dame females don't know what they want — they think they want nice guys, but they That's true. And yes, that's comical really want jerks. Ah, which approach is a lonely guy to choose? It's not the approach they're reject-

ing. Oh there's the other extreme, you say. Girls who actually are interested come with the price of "COMMIT-MENT." (Yeah, I hate when I go on a date with a guy a few times, and everyone thinks we're DATING!) Okay, so maybe you don't mind so much that everyone talks; you mind that all the interested Notre Dame females expect life-long partnership after one or two dates. Well then, you're right in concluding that Notre Dame women are confusing. I would be confused too if every 18-22 year old that I dated wanted to marry me.

of the hassle. You don't understand that the two entities come hand in hand. It's not the Notre Dame woman's fault, it's not the Notre Dame man's fault; it's intrinsic. Your problem is that you want to blame your misfortunes on some-

blame the Notre Dame women, calling her a confused and befuddling girl. That's rather boyish, wouldn't you say?

You can say that I misinterpreted your article, that I saw it from the defensive Notre Dame woman's perspective, and that you are not the spineless, illogical male that you seem to be. But that would just further demonstrate your failure to accept responsibility for your actions.

I think what you meant to say in your article is that women in general, not just the women at Notre Dame (or the "ND female species" as you so eloquently termed us), are confusing to men — that's all. and worth writing about.

I am not saying that you are a bad person, or a bad writer, but you failed in your article to properly convey your point. That's irresponsible. It's okay to make half of your readership laugh while making the other half angry, but not when your words are illegitimate.

Grow up, Coyne, adjust your perspective, and rise to the challenges we women pose to you. There's nothing to gain from a life where everything falls into your lap. Get up off your sour stool and get to know women more fully before making shallow judgments like you did. I know that I, a Notre Dame woman, am more than some sort of perplexing animal. Now think (silly boy!) Coyne, you want to date without all before you go shaming humanity a second time.

> **KIMBERLY PORAPAIBOON** Senior Badin Hall \* .

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1996

■ ACCENT ASKS:

# What is your favorite version of "A Christmas Carol" and Why?



"The Muppet Christmas Carol' because those wild and wacky guys make me laugh."

> Megan Driscoll Junior, Holy Cross

"Scrooged', because it's fun to watch Carol Kane hit Bill Murry with a toaster."

Mike Gaglia Senior, Fisher





"Charles Dickens' original because of the cool sound effects"

Julie Burk

Junior, Holy Cross



By PATRICK CARAHER Accent Writer

he Communications and Theater department presents the first ever stage production of the Ken Jones adaptation of this Charles Dickens classic. Jones captures the timeless story of Ebenezer Scrooge and carries it into the twentieth century. His modernistic adaptation focuses on Scrooge's emotions and develops the show into a study of Scrooge's character.

The aspects of the story focusing on Scrooge's business life remain merely to support the way he has developed into a miserly, stingy scrooge. Marley, Scrooge's former partner, appears warning Scrooge about the length of the chain

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he will have to bear for his sins. Marley then foretells the visitations of three specters and disappears for the remainder of the play. As Scrooge and the ghosts traverse the Christmas past, present and future,

present and future, Scrooge sees how he has mistreated mankind — particularly his nephew, Fred, and his clerk, Bob Cratchit. This version of the

script incites empathy and pity for Scrooge, especially in the scene where he loses the love of his youth, Belle. One cannot help but feel a little twinge of sorrow for Scrooge, as he cringes and winces pleading his youthful image to answer Belle.

Jones also omits some of the more extraneous scenes, such as those of Marley in the past. He condenses the script to only what is necessary to explain the story (this version runs approximately an hour and five minutes, so don't complain that you don't have enough time to go and see the show). The production crew is headed by director Kassie Misiewicz, who is currently an adjunct professor of communications and theatre. She is a 1989 Notre Dame Graduate,

who returned after completing graduate studies in Theater for Young Audiences at Arizona State. She has brought an excellent cast of students to the stage for this family production.

This show exhibits actors who bring more than adequate experience to the stage. The miserly Scrooge is played by graduate student, Randall Smith, who provides an excellent portrayal of Scrooge before and after his transformation. The parts of Cratchit and Marley are both performed by senior Jerry Lavin, who also turns in an solid performance. Other leading parts, the ghosts of Christmas past and present are performed by Sophomore Kimberly Megna and Senior Charles Camosy, respectively. This relatively small cast consisting of 17 actors plays all 30 of the characters in the play. This cast is quality from Scrooge himself to the most insignificant character.

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is modern, yet simple, and is
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#### By JOSEPH WEILER Assistant Accent Editor

ow many weeks until Thanksgiving comes around? Just one? Well, then it isn't too early to start getting ready for Christmas! The best way to get into the holiday mood (aside from hitting the malls and spending oodles of cash) is to kick back and take in some timeless classics, and you can't get anymore timeless than Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

There are literally dozens of versions out there to choose from, but the best is the version with Alister Sim. In this 1951 release of the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, you get all of the Christmas Spirit you could ask for and a little more. You all know the story of miserly old Scrooge being visited by the ghosts of past, present and future, which are all done pretty much on par in this version, but no matter how hard you look, you'll not find a better interpretation of the scene with the ghost of Jacob Marley.

From the minute when his ghastly faces appears on the door knocker until he fades away shrieking, "Never shall we meet again!" the scene is completely captivating. Marley comes complete with over-

sized chains, which he shakes whenever he decides to be a little overdramatic (which happens a lot) and out of nowhere screams at the top of his lungs in mid-sentence, and then continues right along. It is absolutely one of the most flamboyant, yet fitting scenes in film history.

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director of the theater, is complex, yet conservative. The production crew is working with a Star-tech lighting system for the first time, expressly designed to create special effects. These lights help to compliment the primary light-

ing system in Washington Hall. The elaborate theatrical lighting gives a traditional air to the play. The cos-

tumes were designed by Richard Donnelly, associate professional spe-

cialist and theater professor here at Notre Dame. The costumes are elaborate replications of 19th century attire. Since the play is set at Christmas, most of the costumes

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employ heavy overcoats and

piece and 20th century theater. The result is a production that can be best described as schizophrenic. The production seems like it has an identity crisis; it can't decide between centuries and sort of bounces between the two. Eventually, it finds it's niche. It doesn't make up its mind, but this leaves the decision to the audience. It can be perceived by the individual viewer as traditional or modern. Not establishing a definite time period removes this classic from the element of time, accentuating the fact that it can as easily applied today as when it was written. It is a universal play. Is it worth paying the admis-

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sion? As everyone knows, that is the true test of a successful production. Well, if you were hoping to see a completely modern interpretation, you may be disappointed. If you intend merely to enjoy some great acting, and a well crafted new version of a timeless classic, it will be well worth you six dollars.

"A Christmas Carol" opens Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. There are performances on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m.The is a Matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. The admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$6 for students.

#### **ACCENT SPEAKS**

Dickens Abridged

#### By MARY BETH ELLIS Accent Copy Editor

DISCLAIMER: Because I love you guys, and because the South Bend news media is currently making me want to vomit into my "The Presidents of Notre Dame" Stadium cup, the following column will contain absolutely no references to Lou Holtz's resignation, or lamentations about the End of an Era, or demands that the University hire a coach with the same first name so the Band won't have to throw away the sheet music to "The 1812 Overture." (Applause.)

A few Christmases ago my godfather managed to snare tickets to the hottest holiday play in Cincinnati, "A Christmas Carol." He didn't like it.

He didn't like it because, quote, "I thought there was going to be singing. What kind of show with a name like 'A Christmas Carol' doesn't have any Christmas carols in it?"

(Sound of English majors wincing across campus.)

My godfather is a charming, intelligent person, and I can't judge him harshly for not being tremendously hip to the latest word concerning Dickens, because unlike me he can add in his head. This man is not stupid. This man, however, did graduate from the University of Cincinnati, the same school that — this is true recently thought it might be fun to implode an entire dorm in order to create more parking space. (Pause as reader slowly comes to the realization that there may be better uses for the land on which Zahm currently rests.)

You wouldn't see a product of ND or my SAINT MARY'S COL-LEGE making a literary faux pas like that. No sir. We are welleducated in the art of the written word. Why? Because we can't find Cliff's Notes within a ten-mile radius of campus, that's why, and have no choice but to suck it up and actually attempt to read great gobs of the art of the written word, or at the very least get loaded before class so as to have the ability to make any sense whatsoever of Animal Farm. That is what separates us from those chincy schools whose mascots are in fact gigantic walking nuts.

I realize, however, that not all of us are English majors. Some of us are just too busy designing god-awful metal campus "art" or fretting over when those two stupid trains are going to meet to worry about books that do not feature pictures. So for those of you on that other side of the brain, here's a copy of the Cliff's Notes version of "A Christmas Carol" I managed to lay hands on. Don't ask how until the statute of limitations runs out.

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of paper?

Plus, you have to remember that almost all of the effects in this movie, primitive though they may seem, are absolutely amazing for the time in which they were done.

For instance, the scenes with Marley and the other translucent ghosts are astonishing considering how long it took to get Bugs Bunny to talk to Michael Jordan.

Okay, maybe throwing confetti at an hourglass sitting in a cardboard tube to indicate the passage of time seems more suiting to a "B" movie than a great classic such as this, but it does make for a good chuckle.

Now, if you're really one of those Christmas afficionados, you'll want to check out these versions, too:

"A Christmas Carol" — 1938, with Reginold Owen, in black and white or color.

"Scrooged" — 1990 , with Bill Murray, Carol Kane, and Bobcat Goldthwait.

"A Muppet Christmas Carol" -1993, with Michael Kane, Kermit T. Frog, and Gonzo.

"A Disney Christmas Carol" - 1983, with Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse and gang.



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

#### by CHARLES DICKENS

Famous Excessively Wordy British Author, Now Dead, Thank God

SETTING: England, a long time ago, 18-something, at any rate some crusty old year in which the people who were alive at the time are almost certainly dead by now, with the possible exception of Dick Clark.

Part I Plot Analysis: We meet miserly Ebenezer Scrooge, a man with a pole shoved up his butt if we ever met one, and his hardworking, severely unappreciated, but for some reason disgustingly cheerful clerk, Bob Cratchit. Scrooge spends a lot of time whining around like a smashed freshman denied Stadium access just because he threw up on the usher at the gate. Bob spends a lot of time being disgustingly cheerful even though he has something like sixty kids and one of them, Tiny Tim, has a limp or something and don't you think if this guy is so poor he really ought to start looking into some birth control? This can't be too much of a problem. I mean, everyone knows there are no Catholics in England.

**REVIEW QUESTIONS** 

1) A small misguided contingent in my hometown is attempting to bring the 2008 Summer Games to Cincinnati. Do you honestly think the International Olympics Committee is going to award the hugest sporting event on the planet to the same city that begot Marge Schott? Explain.

2) You know that guy who played Theo's friend Cockroach on The Cosby Show? Whatever happened to that guy? Discuss.

3) a. Am I the only one who's noticed that the University took down the perfectly normal, perfectly functional stop sign by the Grotto and replaced it with a weird short brown ugly one?

b. Did I mention that the University placed this sign behind a tree?

Part II Plot Analysis: Scrooge is visited by ghosts from Christmases past, present, and future who show him disturbing scenes from his lonely, miserable life filled with few friends and long hours of cold, pointless work.

"My God!" Scrooge said. "I'm an architecture major!"

He mends his ways and finds for Tiny Tim a scholarship for Limping Sons of Severely Underappreciated But Disgustingly Cheerful Clerk British-Americans.

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1) Lou! Don't leave us! N00000000!

2. You can't believe every disclaimer you read, you know.

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### **Broncos exceed predictions**

**By AARON J. LOPEZ** Associated Press Writer

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So far, the Denver Broncos have been able to avoid tripping over their own hype because there hasn't been any.

That could change this week when ESPN, HBO, CNN and NBC visit Broncos headquarters to feature the NFL's hottest team as it prepares for Sunday's game at Minnesota.

Denver (10-1) has won seven straight games and has a two-game lead over Pittsburgh, Kansas City and Buffalo for home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

Projected as a 9-7 team, the Broncos have exceeded all expectations — except their own — and now will try to live up to the billing as one of the best teams in the NFL.

"Sometimes when success comes, people forget what's gotten them there, coach Mike Shanahan said Monday. "They start going out to dinner on Thursday and Friday nights and quit doing the

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things that have gotten them there through preparation. It's easy to do.

"If we start to get caught up in the exposure and people patting you on the back, then it's easy to start going in the other direction, but I think we're too mature to do that."

Although they seem to be taking every victory in stride, the Broncos have not been afraid to show some flamboyance.

Shannon Sharpe struck a Mr. Universe pose and made mock telephone call to the White House on Sunday during Denver's 34-8 dismantling of New England.

Sharpe, the AFC's leading receiver, said he was calling to request that President Clinton declare Foxboro a national-disaster area and bring in the National Guard.

"Our football team has a lot of confidence,'' Shanahan said. "They've got a lot of belief in each other, and that's where it starts. If you win, you earn respect. In time, if we do what we need to do, that will happen."

The Broncos, whose best

16-game season is 13-3 in 1984, should be favored to win at least four of their remaining five games, with a Dec. 8 date at Green Bay being the only exception.

Some have touted the Green Bay game as a possible Super Bowl preview, but Shanahan has done a masterful job of instilling a one-game-at-atime attitude that is a big reason for Denver's success.

"I don't count my eggs until they hatch," defensive tackle Jumpy Geathers said. "I've won the Super Bowl before (in Washington), so until I get to that point, then I'll tell you about it. Right now, we're groovin'. Everybody's happy.

"But if you look at the Super Bowl right now, you will never win the Viking game or none of these coming up. The Super Bowl's way off. We're only two games ahead and guys can come back anytime.'

Denver's pursuers have a tough road ahead. Not only do the Broncos have the league's top offense and top rushing defense, but Shanahan said the best may be yet to come.

### ■ NFL Falcons suffer setback with loss of Odomes

**By PAUL NEWBERRY** Associated Press Writer

SUWANEE, Ga. Nate Odomes is no longer one of the top cornerbacks in the NFL. Back-to-back injuries on his right knee took care of that.

But the two-time Pro Bowler pushed himself back from a two-year layoff and was making an impact in the Atlanta Falcons' secondary.

"He's small in stature, but on the field it's like he's eight feet tall," said Cornelius Bennett, Odomes' teammate during the glory days in Buffalo and back with him again on the Falcons defense. "We were hoping in a few more weeks here, he would begin to rub off on the other guys."

But Odomes' career suffered another blow early Monday morning, just 24 hours after he took another step in his remarkable comeback by starting at cornerback for the Falcons in a 17-15 victory over New Orleans.

Odomes was charged with drunken driving after his sports

car slammed into a tree in the suburbs north of Atlanta, leaving him with a concussion and numerous cuts and abrasions.

The 31-year-old was treated at a hospital and released a few hours after the 7:20 a.m. wreck, lucky to be alive judging from the near-total destruction of his Porsche 928 and the half-hour it took for rescue workers to free him from the wreckage.

Still, it was a definite setback for an aging player who worked hard to prove he was at least a shadow of the player who tied for the NFL lead with nine interceptions in 1993.

"He's very down," Bennett said. "He's sort of at a crossroads. He doesn't know which way he wants to go. He's had so much bad luck over the past few vears. Even if he doesn't come back to play football, hopefully he'll be fine for the rest of his life.'

Coach June Jones visited **Odomes at Gwinnett Medical** Center shortly after the wreck and was surprised to learn later that the injuries weren't more severe.

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# **NHL Competition heats up as season gets under way**

#### **Associated Press**

KANATA, Ontario His opportunities to score a goal are so infrequent, defenseman Lyle Odelein doesn't always recognize them. He made the most of one of those chances Tuesday night, though.

Odelein's first goal of the season broke a third-period tie and gave the New Jersey Devils a 2-1 victory over the Ottawa Senators on Tuesday night.

The Devils' defenseman scored on the power play with 8:20 left in the game. Right wing Bill Guerin fed the puck from the left faceoff circle across the ice to Odelein, who blasted a hard shot just below the crossbar for the game-winner.

"I think it's taken me a little while to know when to jump into a play and when not to,' said Odelein, traded to the Devils by Montreal during the off-season. "The last seven or eight games, I think I've found it.

"I'm more of a stay-at-home

defenseman, keeping the puck out of the net, but when I get my chances I like to bury them too. I think I contributed more offensively here than I did in Montreal.'

Sergei Brylin had the other Devils goal. Bruce Gardiner scored for Ottawa.

Senators goalie Damian Rhodes got burnt on just the second shot of the game.

**Defenseman Steve Duchesne** was covering Devils defenseman Scott Niedermayer, who got control of the puck at center ice. Niedermayer brought the puck into the Ottawa zone and passed it back between his legs to Brylin, who fired a hard shot past Rhodes to give New Jersey a 1-0 lead at 7:25 of the first period. It was Brylin's second goal of the season.

"I don't think we played well the first two periods. All night on both sides, passes were not completed. There were a lot of turnovers," Devils coach Jacques Lemaire said. "But what's great is we just controlled the third period. We took York Rangers 5-3 Monday night. over."

Duchesne made up for the blunder in the second period, assisting on the tying goal. Just seconds after a Senators power play, Denny Lambert fed the puck out of the corner to Duchesne at the point.

His shot bounced off Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur but center Gardiner was there to tap in the rebound to tie the game. J

It was the third goal of the season for the former fourthline forward.

"It's taken a lot of patience and hard work. My linemates and I have been clicking the last few weeks and generating a lot of chances," Gardiner said. "Lately, some of them have been going in the net."

#### Rangers 5, Flames 3

Theoren Fleury scored twice, including the go-ahead goal in the third period, as the Calgary Flames rallied to beat the New

With the score tied 2-2 in the third, Fleury scored his second goal of the night on a power play at 7:07, blasting a slapshot from the blue-line past goaltender Mike Richter.

Three minutes later, Fleury assisted on Jonas Hoglund's goal on a 2-on-1 break.

James Patrick and Dave Gagner also scored for the Flames before 18,173 at the Saddledome, Calgary's largest crowd of the season.

Adam Graves, Mark Messier and Brian Leetch scored for the Rangers.

New York led 2-1 following Graves' shorthanded goal midway through the second period before the Flames rallied.

The Rangers, who entered the game with the league's top power play, went scoreless five times with the man advantage.

#### Red Wings 2, Covotes 2

Darren McCarty scored with 1:43 remaining Monday night to

**TENNIS** 

**Ex-Pirate arrested for drugs** 

#### **Associated Press**

■ MLB

TAMPA, Fla. Jose Lind, a former Gold Glove second baseman for the Pittsburgh Pirates, has been arrested for drug and traffic offenses, the Florida Highway Patrol said.

Lind, 32, was "visibly drunk" and naked from the waist down Sunday when troopers pulled him over and found a gram of cocaine and seven cans of beer, said highway patrol Lt. Harry Mofield.

he was a baseball player, but I didn't believe him," trooper Harley Franks said.

"The reason we didn't do a field sobriety test on the side of the road was because he had no pants."

Lind, who last played for California in 1995, is charged with leaving the scene of an accident, driving while under the influence, and possession of cocaine.

He was released from Hillsborough County Jail on

"He actually mentioned that Monday after Circuit Judge Walter R. Heinrich set bail at \$1,250.

> In July, Lind was charged in Kansas with battering his exwife, violating a restraining order, and cocaine possession. He spent parts of three seasons with Kansas City before joining the Angels.

Lind, of Kissimmee, did not explain why he was wearing only a shirt, and refused to take a breath exam or provide a blood sample, Franks said.

# Tennis world says fond farewell to great Sabatini

#### **By BOB GREENE** Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK

With four swings of the racket, Gabriela Sabatini lofted four tennis balls into the far reaches of Madison Square Garden Monday night. Then she walked off the court and into retirement.

"To be able to enjoy this moment this evening with all these people, it was really, really special, a very emotional moment," Sabatini said of the retirement party held in her honor during the Chase Championships. Flanked by the world's top players, Sabatini basked in the spotlight one more time. "It's a mixture of feelings. Sad, obviously sad, because I've been doing this for almost all my life, and been sharing so many moments on the court against those players, with all the people that are here tonight," she said. A dark-haired beauty from Argentina, Sabatini has been

lift the Detroit Red Wings to a 2-2 tie with Phoenix Coyotes.

Brendan Shanahan also scored a goal and assisted on the game-tying goal for the Red Wings.

Jeremy Roenick and Chad Kilger scored first-period goals less then a minute apart for the Covotes, who are winless in nine of their last 10 home games (1-6-3).

Phoenix goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin made 34 saves.

Shanahan set up the gametying goal when he gained control of the puck to the left of the net and skated toward the crease. Khabibulin made the initial save, but McCarty batted in the puck from the top of the crease.

Roenick gave Phoenix a 1-0 lead at 9:28 of the first period with his third goal in two games.

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Kilger extended the Coyotes' lead 40 seconds later when he one-timed a Bob Corkum pass past Osgood from between the circles.

a special favorite of fans. especially those in New York where she capture her three biggest victories.

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The latter year, she pushed Martina Navratilova into retirement by beating the left-hander in their firstround match.

Monday night, she remembered. "I probably knew that I wasn't going to play too much longer," Sabatini said of her win over Navratilova. "I didn't know that in two years I was going to stop, but I knew I wasn't going to play that much longer. "I've thought about that these days a lot, that two years ago Martina retired here, and now I'm doing that. So it feels strange, yeah, to think about that.'



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# ■ NFL Young gets the go ahead

#### By DENNIS GEORGATOS examined by doctors and Associated Press

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. Steve Young has the goahead from doctors to resume playing. He still has to convince 49ers coach George Seifert, who remains concerned about Young's susceptibility to another concussion.

Young, who has suffered two concussions in three weeks, visited his neurologist Monday and received medical clearance to play.

That left the final say on his playing status with Seifert, who expects to decide by Wednesday whether to start Elvis Grbac at Washington next Sunday or return Young to his starting job.

Young, the two-time league MVP and four-time season passing efficiency leader, watched from the sidelines Sunday as Grbac ran for a score and passed for another in a 38-20 victory over Baltimore. Grbac completed 26 of 31 passes for 268 yards, the fourthbest completion percentage (83.9) in team history, to improve to 6-3 in his nine starts for Young the last two years.

But Seifert said any reluctance to put Young back in the lineup stemmed from continuing safety concerns and had nothing to do with Grbac's play.

Young said he has taken the concussions seriously. been examined and re-

is comfortable with getting back on the field.

"If you want to be ultimately safe, just don't set the alarm clock and stay in bed. To me, cleared to play football means cleared to go take some hits," Young said.

"I think his concern is a valid concern, something that I appreciate. I'm sobered over the whole issue. I've asked a thousand questions and I'm satisfied, and the doctors are satisfied.'

But Seifert, apparently, isn't satisfied.

According to Seifert, Young's groin strain, which has bothered him most of the season, is still an issue. Seifert is concerned Young has lost some of his mobility, leaving him more vulnerable to crushing hits such as the one delivered by Dallas linebacker Jim Schwantz.

That blow knocked Young out of the Nov. 10 game with his second concussion in three weeks. He sustained his first concussion Oct. 27 in a helmetto-helmet collision with linebacker Micheal Barrow at Houston.

"He's released (medically), but can he in fact protect himself well enough at this time to where this doesn't become a recurring situation," Seifert said. "I think what I've got to take into consideration is in this business, though

people won't admit to it, the quarterback kind of becomes a target and he's that much more of a target than he's been before. That's something I've got to think about it.'

The concerns voiced about the possible careerthreatening effects of another serious concussion also have given Seifert pause about whether to allow Young to play.

He admitted Monday that he has at least considered the notion of resting Young, who has missed all or parts of eight games, for the rest of the season.

"I'm not suggesting that's what we're going to do, but it's something that goes through my mind, certainly," Seifert said. "Now if Steve hears me talking like this, he goes nuts. But that's the competitor in Steve, and I have to be able to deal with that."

For his part, Grbac said he'll be ready for either role, starting or backing up Young. After all, the quarterback picture has changed on an almost weekly basis in San Francisco this season.

"I've kind of gotten used to it really," Grbac said. "Maybe it's just part of what the whole organization is about. Everybody just has to be ready and we'll make the decision on the run and you've got to be ready to play.'

## ■ MLB **Bad boy Belle close to** deal with White Sox

**Associated Press** 

CHICAGO

Imagine a lineup with Frank Thomas and Albert Belle batting third and fourth. Whether that's a fantasy or a bad dream depends on whether you're a Chicago White Sox fan.

Reports say the White Sox are close to signing Belle, the troubled **Cleveland Indians outfielder and** prized free agent. Reports said the team could announce as early as today a five-year, \$52.5 million deal that would make Belle the highestpaid player in baseball.

The White Sox refused to confirm the reports Monday, and a spokesman said no news conference was planned today.

"I don't comment on rumors," White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said Monday. General manager Ron Schueler was not immediately available for comment.

In Monday's Chicago Sun-Times, Schueler said of negotiations with Belle: "All those things have to stay with the club. Right now I'm very, very close to making a trade. That's all I'm thinking about."

Belle's agent, Arn Tellem, could not be reached for comment.

The Florida Marlins were said to have offered Belle a four-year, \$38

million dollar deal last week. One report said Tellem was in Miami on Monday talking to the Marlins about Belle, but Marlins president Don Smiley denied the report. General manager Dave Dombrowkski said he hadn't spoken with Tellem, either.

The Indians, after signing Matt Williams, rescinded a five-year offer worth \$39 million to \$40 million to keep Belle in Cleveland.

Belle made \$5.56 million last season, hitting 48 homers and 148 RBIs. In the strike-shortened 1995 season, he hit 50 homers and 50 doubles.

Belle also is well known for a series of run-ins with media and fans, including one at the 1995 World Series in which he yelled at reporters in the dugout.

Two years ago, Belle was suspended for using a corked bat in a game against the White Sox at Comiskey Park. And he recently had to cancel an autograph session at a suburban Cleveland shopping mall because of a threatening phone call.

Twenty-nine players refiled for free agency Monday, raising the total to 101.

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# **INTERHALL FOOTBALL** Crime plays spoiler in Otters' Cinderella season

**Off-Campus** defense stifles Sorin offense **By ADRIAN WILKERSON** Sports Writer

All good things must come to an end. Notre Dame students know that well this week, but nobody knows this better than the Sorin Screamin' Otters. After a dismal 0-4-1 campaign last year, the Otters' dream season came to a screeching halt as the Off-Campus Crime handed them a 12-0 loss.

Several factors contributed to the outcome of the game on



Saturday. First and foremost, the team with the better secondary did win this past Sunday. However, it wasn't the secondary that everyone expected. The Crime defensive backfield turned in their best performance of the season with two key interceptions and several important stops to shut down the potent Sorin passing game.

The Off-Campus secondary wasn't the only thing inhibiting the Sorin aerial attack. The wet and windy weather reeked havoc on both team's offense. Any passes thrown were batted around in the air and came down almost too slick to catch. This kind of weather was definitely suited for the running game, which Off-Campus used to dominate the Sorin line.

The first quarter of the game was definitely quite a contest. Both defenses were operating well, so there was not much offense to speak of. Off-Campus had a chance to score on the first drive of the game, but the Sorin defensive line put up a tremendous goal line stand to keep the score tied at zero. Sorin answered back with an impressive drive of its own. The Off-Campus defense

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Sophomore Sean Neugebauer and the Otter defense could not shut down the Crime's ground attack.

kept the score tied at zero, by forcing a fumble in their own territory, at the end of the first quarter.

The beginning of the second quarter pretty much resembled

the first. The Off-Campus running game was working well, but the Sorin defense was able to contain the Crime's attack when it was really necessary. The Sorin offense did not fare much better, as the Off-Campus line found it almost too easy to

break through Sorin's pass protection.

Midway through the second quarter, things started to go the Crime's way. The Off-

ous drive that took most of the second quarter, and this time the Crime were able to run it in for a touchdown, giving them the lead, 6-0.

The third quarter saw a

return to the regular Sorin game plan. The passing game started to take hold. Several long passes put Sorin into Off-Campus territory several time during the course of the quarter, but the gusting wind and the

heavy Off-Campus coverage prevented the Sorin comeback. However, the lack of offense by **Off-Campus** kept the possibility of a Sorin comeback alive, as the third quarter score was still **6-0**. Again, just when the two teams seemed almost even, the Crime proved their superiority by beating Sorin at its own game. Early in the fourth quarter, in the midst of a Sorin drive, an errant pass found itself in the Crime's hands as an interception return for a touchdown bolstered the Off-Campus lead to 12-0.

There was still time for Sorin to mount a comeback, but the same defensive pressure by Off-Campus was present for the remainder of the game. Another interception late in the game secured the victory for Off-Campus and solidified the championship game picture.

Now that the dust has settled, it will be the Off-Campus Crime facing the Flanner Gamecocks for the 1996 interhall football championship.

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## NHL Penguins in search of defensive leadership

By ALAN ROBINSON Associated Press Writer

#### CANONSBURG, Pa.

Darius Kasparaitis has agitated and irritated the Pittsburgh Penguins for years. Mario Lemieux hopes he's not ready to change.

With the Penguins staggering to their worst start in a decade, Lemieux suggests Kasparaitis' intensity will toughen up a team desperate for leadership and a strong defensive presence.

"You always have to be where he is at all times on the ice," Lemieux said Monday. "You're never comfortable when he's on the ice, and hopefully, he's going to do the same job here."

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General manager Craig Patrick refused to wait any longer for the Penguins to halt their season-long slump, dealing unsigned center Bryan Smolinski to the Islanders for Kasparaitis and forward Andreas Johansson.

The new Penguins will make their Pittsburgh debut tonight against the St. Louis Blues. It will be the first time Kasparaitis has heard cheers in the Civic Arena.

"Obviously, I'm glad I don't have to play against him anymore," Lemieux said. "He's an agitator and an Ulf Samuelsson of smaller stature. He's going to help us, he's very aggressive and he plays very well defensively."

The trade was the first, but not the last, the Penguins expect to make to shake up a team whose 5-12-1 start makes even the playoffs an uncertainty.

Coach Eddie Johnston has kept his job — for now. But he and Patrick met with owner Howard Baldwin for an hour after Saturday's 8-3 loss to the Rangers, and Johnston probably won't stay around much longer if the losing continues. "I think every time you're losing, you look for trades and changes in your team and I think that's what happening," Lemieux said. "I'm sure that's not the last trade that's going to occur in the next few weeks. But it's a good start and we have a new

ingredient, a guy that can come in and do the job for us on the blue line."

Still, Kasparaitis does not put the puck in the net often; he has only six goals in 232 games.

And the Penguins' biggest problem is an uncharacteristic inability to score by an offense that is averaging nearly one fewer goal per game than a year ago.

The problem starts at the top. Lemieux, who won a fifth NHL scoring title last season, has only eight goals and 15 assists after 18 games, compared to 22 goals and 30 assists last season.

Lemieux has lost more than just his scoring touch, too.

His intensity level has clearly dropped.

He often seems disinterested and distracted, rising up only when provoked by an opponent or by the officials' reluctance to call obstruction penalties.

Lemieux already has said this will probably be his last season, but few around the Penguins expected him to go out with so pedestrian a season.

"(The losing) is very frustrating to everybody, myself and the guys who have been here over the years and have been successful," Lemieux said. "When I started here in 1984, it was pretty ugly, and this is not too far off it. But we have a lot of talent ... and we have a little addition to our team."

Kasparaitis, who arrived Monday shortly after practice ended, can't believe a team with so much talent will keep on losing.

"It's the best lineup offensive-wise in the league and when you'd see Pittsburgh last in the standings, you'd think it was a shame," Kasparaitis said. "Now I'm part of this organization, and I'm worried about it, too." Meanwhile, Johnston made some line changes Monday, shifting forward Petr Nedved from second-line wing to thirdline center.

# Heart condition uncertain

#### By MICHAEL LUTZ Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON The Houston Rockets won't remember it as a 29-point victory. They'll remember it as the night Hakeem Olajuwon left at halftime after complaining of an irregular heartbeat.

Olajuwon, who also experienced an irregular heartbeat in 1991, went to a hospital for tests after the Rockets went to the locker room with a 23point lead.

In his absence, Charles Barkley stepped up with 22 points and 17 rebounds as Houston beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 122-93 Tuesday night.

"We were concerned about Hakeem's situation," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "It was a continuation of what happened a couple of years ago. He's day-to-day. We're hoping for the best. You can't be too careful when it involves the heart of an athlete."

Olajuwon had 10 points and five rebounds at the half and the Rockets were in solid control of the game with a 71-48 lead.

Olajuwon took a drink of water and his heart started racing, Rockets spokesman Tim Frank said.

"It appears to be what he had a couple of years ago," Tomjanovich said. "It could be one day or it could be a lot longer. We're going to be very careful since it involves the heart."

A team statement said Olajuwon's condition was not believed serious although Olajuwon was scheduled to remain hospitalized overnight.

The Rockets (9-1) had an 18-6 run over the final 4:57 of the second quarter that included four consecutive 3-point baskets, two by Mario Elie and one each by Matt Maloney and Barkley.

The Rockets shot 8-of-11 on 3-pointers in the first half and finished 10-for-20.

Barkley praised the Rockets' passing.

"We passed the ball more tonight," he said. "That's something we've got to start doing. We got everybody involved. The ball can move a lot faster than a body. We got a lot of easy baskets and that was the key to our success." The Timberwolves, who had

held their previous eight opponents under 100 points, fell further behind early in the third quarter as the Rockets took an 82-50 lead with 8:45 to go.

"We came out in the second half and increased the lead and we played well the rest of the game," Rockets guard Clyde Drexler said. "We played good defense and we were able to sustain it for long periods of time, that was the key.

"We got a big lead and they were never able to get back in the game."

Tomjanovich pulled his starters with 9:20 left in the game. Drexler scored 18 points for the Rockets and Elie finished with 17 points and seven assists.

"When you have three guys with seven assists, that means you are sharing the ball," Elie said. "That's what you want."

Kevin Garnett tied a seasonhigh with 20 points to lead the Timberwolves, and Tom Gugliotta added 17. Stephon Marbury, playing for the first time since Nov. 1 when he sprained his right ankle, scored 12 points in 21 minutes.

"We tried to do some things differently and looked somewhat confused," Minnesota coach Flip Saunders said. "We just didn't fight Hakeem hard enough and we let him walk where he wanted to. Defense has been our strength but they just annihilated us."

Notes: The Rockets hold a 14-3 edge over the Timberwolves in The Summit. ...Drexler is 56 points short of 20,000 career points. If he achieves the milestone, the Rockets would join the Los Angeles Lakers and Milwaukee Bucks as the only teams in NBA history to be associated with five 20,000 scorers.

Drexler would join Elvin Hayes, Charles Barkley, Hakeem Olajuwon and Moses Malone.

#### An Open Letter to the Editors of The Observer

On September 25, 1996, I submitted to *The Observer* a contribution for their Viewpoint page. The letter addressed an issue which has been featured in this newspaper's pages on many occasions this semester, and more to the point, was critical of *The Observer*'s emphases on exclusively local issues and consistent failure to take any editorial position on policy issues. It is quoted in full below:

Dear Editor:

And defenseman Ian Moran was sent to the Penguins' Cleveland farm club in the IHL.



I write in response to Catherine Deely's reasonable column which appeared in the September 23, 1996, *Observer*. Ms. Deely is sympathetic to those who criticize the "whining" of students, but asks the legitimate question of the same critics, "What's your point?" As someone who has made similar criticisms, I would like to offer both my point and a suggestion to *The Observer*.

My point: The Observer exerts far too much effort on introspection of the minutia of the sorrows (and joys) of life in the glow of the Golden Dome-to the exclusion of many issues facing the greater world. A similar criticism could be applied to some faculty, administrators, and students. Those outside the University are probably justified in wondering why we do not more often turn our talents to the larger issues of the day; the "whining" characterization is consequent.

My suggestion: The Observer should make it their practice to print a daily editorial. The focus should not be local; the usual topics of parietals, dormitory reassignments, football, The Guide, etc. wear thin after a few readings. Instead, the voice of the students of one of the nation's leading universities should be heard on the nation's leading issues. And there is no shortage of issues. Welfare policy, funding of education, military spending, genetic engineering are just a few examples. A regular articulation of editorial policies may actually stir a local response. And people who are not inside the golden beltway may actually find reason to listen.

The Observer will not print this letter on their Viewpoint page. The letter was originally sent just to Ms. Deely, who agreed with my thoughts and encouraged submission for publication. After so doing, a sporadic and reasonably polite exchange of electronic mail and phone calls with *The Observer's* editorial board ensued in which it was first suggested to me that there had not been "opportunity to print it yet." After the passing of more time, I was informed by the Editor-in-Chief that the above letter "is wholly advice to the editorial board," which fails to "speak to the larger community" and, moreover, was "outdated." I suggest there are those in the Notre Dame community who, along with me, would find these reasons unconvincing and may develop alternative hypotheses.

At the heart of my present criticism, I am discouraged to find that *The Observer's* stated publication policy, "Viewpoint space is available to all members of the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community and to all readers," is in reality not the case. According to the Editor-in-Chief's communication to me, "Every letter is subject not only to the discretion of myself and the Viewpoint editor, but also to space concerns, relevance to the community and timing." While a wiser policy would publicly articulate these caveats for cases where editorial discretion should and must be exercised, I contend that the above letter would not fall into such categories. Having read regularly this year's musings of Rice, Apple, GLND/SMC representatives, critics of football play-calling, students who enjoy their liquor, etc., I see no reason why my voice cannot be added to the cacophony. When I consider that in years past the Viewpoint page has been opened to Nazi sympathizers from outside the University, and *The Observer* defended their decision to print on freedom of expression grounds, I am particularly galled to have to resort to renting space to express a rather mild but pertinent opinion when others do so for free.

In conclusion, in addition to formulating an occasional opinion to supplement the loving attention garnished on the football team (of which I am a fan!), I urge *The Observer* to bring their public words in line with their actual practice, and moreover to take to heart more of the good and noble traditions of a free and active press: a healthy newspaper will be both aggressive in its criticism of the world around it *and* open to printing criticism of both itself and the same world.

Joseph M. Powers Associate Professor Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering November 13, 1996

# College Basketball Missouri faces allegations

#### **Associated Press**

COLUMBIA, Mo.

The NCAA has ruled former Missouri basketball player Jevon Crudup received improper benefits from sports agents and should not have played in the NCAA Tournament in 1994, the university said Tuesday.

The NCAA Executive Committee determined the university did not commit an NCAA violation, said Joe Castiglione, Missouri athletic director.

But Missouri has been ordered to return \$97,000 earned from the tournament, Castiglione said.

Missouri must also delete its tournament record, vacate its place in the final standings of the tournament and return to the NCAA any awards won by the student, the school said in a news release.

The university has appealed the NCAA decision, arguing it was not involved in Crudup's actions, which were not discovered until after he completed his eligibility. The association's Executive Committee will consider Missouri's appeal as early as December, Castiglione said.

Crudup, a 6-foot-9 center, was a second-round draft pick for the Detroit Pistons in August 1994. He signed as a free agent with the Cleveland Cavaliers in September and was later waived.

"It is a hard judgment for an institution to swallow," Castiglione said. "You're caught in a difficult position. You've done everything right. You have good checks and balances in place .... But in this case the institution suffers some consequences even though it was determined it wasn't at fault." Missouri advanced to the Elite Eight in 1994 before losing to Arizona.

The violations involving Crudup were first reported by The Atlanta Journal and Constitution in November 1994. The newspaper reported wire transfer records obtained by the Florida state attorney's office and campus police linked agents to at least six college athletes, including Crudup.

The information was found as part of an ongoing investigation at Florida State, where 11 athletes were taken on shopping sprees and given cash as enticements to sign with agents before their eligibility expired.

The newspaper said Crudup received cash and other incentives from prospective agents before and during the 1993-94 season.

# Insight

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senior linebacker Bert Berry, sitting dejectedly off to the side as Holtz delivered his resignation speech to a veritable ocean of media representatives, told the story of a man who will be missed as a friend and a teacher to a horde of young men over 11 seasons, as well as an inspiration for millions of others along the way.

Holtz is a classic representative of Notre Dame's vital characteristics, including faith, diligence, excellence, and honor.

He is also a man with a unique sense of humor.

He is person who loves Notre Dame with a passion, who simply wanted his every action to reflect that, and who drew criticism when he could not achieve the highest goals set not only by himself, but by everyone else.

After the past week's rumors, questions, and speculations, the announcement could have been very anti-climatic. After all, many have felt that Lou had his time in the sun here at ND, set his records, won a national championship, but had come to an inevitable crossroads. It seems that a collective sigh of relief could have almost been expected.

Rather, the thought that Holtz really is going is hard to be-

e lieve.

What student can honestly remember when Lou Holtz was not the head coach of the Fighting Irish? When was his wit, his determination, and his drive not here? Next year, we'll all be faced with that reality.

Lou Holtz is still with us today, and always will remain a part of Notre Dame's proud heritage, just as Parseghian has, and Leahy, and Rockne.

As much as many may hurt as he leaves Notre Dame, all are glad to have had him here.

Lou Holtz is an exemplary man, a talented coach, and a measuring stick for coaches to come. But, no matter what, he still has three games left to win.

## FOOTBALL Irish bowl picture comes into focus

#### By TODD FITZPATRICK Sports Writer

Have you made any plans for New Years' Day yet? If you haven't, then you might want to consider Tempe, Arizona, or Miami, Florida, as possible vacation spots. The football team will probably do the same.

Thanks to several key events over the past two weeks that have made the Irish more favorable to the Bowl Alliance, Notre Dame may visit Tempe or Miami to play in either the Fiesta Bowl or Orange Bowl, respectively.

"We are going to meet with representatives from the Fiesta and Orange bowls next week," Irish athletic director Mike Wadsworth said.

Lou Holtz's resignation is probably the biggest reason the Fiesta or Orange would use their alliance bowl selections to choose Notre Dame.

The number one priority of the alliance bowls, like all other business entities, is making money. Lou Holtz's last bowl game in a Notre Dame cap and windbreaker is an advertiser's dream. Translation: big bucks.

Notre Dame's televised games already earn higher ratings than any other school's telecasts. Just imagine the ratings this game would earn for an alliance bowl.

"(The bowl representatives) continue to be very interested in Notre Dame. They are aware of the interest Notre Dame generates," Wadsworth said.

The Fiesta and Orange also should be happy with Notre Dame's three solid victories since the loss to Air Force. The Irish dominated Navy, Boston College and Pittsburgh by an average of 36 points. Because of Notre Dame's convincing wins, combined with the misfortune of several top-ranked teams, the Irish have vaulted in the Associated Press rankings to No. 10. Last week alone, Notre Dame moved ahead of North Carolina, Alabama and Kansas State after all three Top Ten teams were upset. Northwestern also dropped

below the Irish despite winning their game against Purdue.

Holtz's resignation, three straight blowouts and a top ten ranking seem to point Notre Dame in one direction: an alliance bowl. But which one?

"Pencil in Notre Dame for the Fiesta Bowl. No, use ink," suggested USA Today's sports columnist Mike Lopresti.

But opinions vary depending on the source. Others contend the Fiesta would be more interested in BYU, which has a large fan base in Phoenix's huge Mormon community.

The debate rages on, but everything could change if the Irish, or any other ranked team, loses in the season's final weeks.

Despite everything the Irish have in their favor to earn an alliance bowl at-large bid, Notre Dame still has some unfinished business.

The Irish absolutely must beat Rutgers this week. This shouldn't be a problem, considering the Scarlet Knights are 2-7. But stranger things have happened.

Then the Irish head to Los Angeles for a matchup with rival USC.

If all goes well the next two weeks, Lou Holtz's last game with the gold and blue probably will be at the Fiesta or Orange.

If Notre Dame falters, however, Holtz will be forced to end his career at a less prestigious bowl game or no bowl at all.

If the alliance bowls decide to snub the Irish, then Holtz and Co. may be forced to consider a second-tier bowl game or the Independence Bowl. But Wadsworth believes there are more important factors to con-

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will be," he said. If an alliance bowl does not offer Notre Dame a bid, there is no guarantee the University would play in a less prestigious bowl. The athletic department will make its decision based on a long-standing philosophy.

"We will not go to a bowl for the sake of going to a bowl," Wadsworth said.

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# Fencing

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mainstay of the program for the past three years. With the depth that we have, we will be strong in our showing at the NCAA championship," Auriol said.

This will be the second consecutive year as a captain for Siek. The senior worked hard over the off-season in the hopes of continued improvement. The hard work seems to be paying off.

"Jeremy is by far the best fencer on the men's foil team," coach Auriol said. "He provides a solid example in practice and all of the fencers respect him. I am confident this will be his best year as a captain and a fencer."

Lester and sophomore Luke LaValle anchor a solid men's sabre team. They return from a combined record in 1996 of 131-15. As a two-time All-American, Lester has the opportunity of becoming Notre Dame's all-time leader in fencing wins this season.

The women rely upon two of the most dominant fencers in the NCAA. Sophomore Sara Walsh, the 1996 NCAA women's foilist runner-up, was an alternate on the 1996 United States Olympic foil squad, while sophomore foilist Myriah Brown returns from a 1995-1996 season in which she

Both squads balance their experience with the new blood of an excellent freshmen class. - Freshmen James Gaither and Chaz Hayes, in epee and foil respectively, look to add their talent to the impressive men's squad. The women step toward improvement with the addition of freshmen Magda Krol in the foil event. With these additions, depth appears not to be problem.

achieved All-American honors.

"We have a lot of talent throughout the whole team and we look for success in all areas," Walsh said.

"Yes, there are a couple of fencers who are clearly better than others, but beyond those few the women have great depth," coach Auriol said. "There exists a quality blend of talent on each team. This will only better the results of the team when they compete."

The team has taken a positive step in their intended direction by performing well in both competitions of the 1996-1997 season. By dominating the competition at their home meet on Nov. 9, the Irish made a statement that they had not lost a step from last year's outstanding season record of 29-3 for the men and 31-1 for the women.

The Penn State Open also provided the team with a measuring stick as they battled the top competition in the NCAA.

"We competed well with the top schools, and that's reason to be positive. The experience against that caliber of competition enables team members to raise their play to another level," the younger Auriol said.

With the women sweeping both events with first place finishes by Walsh and Krol, foil and epee respectively, the Irish proved the dominance they have exhibited as one of the top three teams in the nation the past three years. Strong showings were also given by sophomore Nicole Mustelli and Brown, who finished 6th in epee and 5th in foil, respectively.

The men were led in sabre by Lester and LaValle, who finished strong with 5th and 6th places. Siek gave a strong effort in finishing 5th for the foil team. The team realizes the road to a championship will certainly be difficult, but attitude will play a large part. This is where the leadership of coach Auriol shines.

"Coach Auriol teaches us to strive for perfection in technique and to be in constant pursuit of excellence in all areas," Siek said. "He is simply about class and determination."

With the complete combination of youth, experience, leadership and depth, the pieces of the puzzle are in place. Now the team must work throughout the season to put these pieces together and achieve their potential as national champions.

# SOFTBALL Team signs first ever southpaw hurler

Observer Staff Report

The University of Notre Dame softball team has signed four high school seniors to letters of intent, announced head coach Liz Miller.

"This is definitely one of the top recruiting classes overall," said Miller. "The combination of pitching, hitting, and speed make it one of our strongest classes. We lose seniors after this season so we will need all four players to come in and contribute immediately."

The signees include righthanded pitcher Melanie Alkire (Union City, Calif.), utility player Danielle Klayman (San Diego, Calif.), outfielder Lizzy Lemire (Irvine, Calif.) and left-handed pitcher Jennifer Sharron (Agoura Hills, Calif.)

Sharon will make Notre Dame history when she first steps on the mound as she will become the first left-handed pitcher in Irish history.

The southpaw struck out 293 batters in 1996 for Thousand Oaks High School in 224 innings pitched with an 0.34 earned run average, six no-hitters and four perfect games.

"Jennifer will team with Melanie as key players in our program the next four years," said Miller. "Jennifer is one of the premier pitchers coming out of high school and has the potential to be one of the top pitchers in the country. She has high goals for herself and for the team."

Alkire is a player who will help the Irish both on the mound and at bat. At James Logan High School Alkire compiled a 30-4 record on the mound where she can utilize her variety of pitches. The power hitter will bring her bat to Notre Dame as well, having batted .443, .429 and .357 through her junior year.

"Melanie will make an immediate impact on the pitching staff and in our lineup overall," said Miller. "Her hitting and defense in the infield will help us tremendously. She brings intense competitiveness to the field and knows what it takes to win."

The left-handed hitting Klayman comes to Notre Dame as the quintessential utility player. She has the talent and skills to play at nearly every position and will afford Miller the luxury of inserting Klayman into numerous positions to fill any gaps. Klayman, who brings a wealth of natural athletic ability to the field, has batted .417 at La Jolla High School and has garnered numerous all-academic awards.

"Danielle can do so many different things for us," said Miller. "She can step in and play in almost every position, depending on our needs. Danielle will bring another lefty bat into our lineup as well as her speed and intelligence."

Lemire has starred at Woodbridge High School, batting .347 at third base. She led her high school team to the league championship and was the team's 1996 scholar athlete. Her versatility will help the Irish our tremendously.

"Lizzy is a control hitter who can also hit for power," said Miller. "She is a very smart baserunner who plays with much consistency. Lizzy brings a lot of experience and is always ready to play when she steps on the field."

"We are really excited about the addition of these four players to our program. With the loss of five seniors after this year, we are fortunate to have their talent and ability on the way."

# WOMEN'S LACROSSE Program inks first prospect

#### Observer Staff Report

Lael O'Shaughnessy (Alexandria, Va.) has signed a national letter of intent to attend the University of Notre Dame and play for the women's lacrosse team. She becomes the first recruit in the history of the Irish women's lacrosse program which participates for the first time in the spring of 1997 as a goals and dished off 58 assists (141 points). As a junior, she netted 44 goals and had 27 assists. Over the past two seasons, St. Stephens-St. Agnes has posted a 38-3 record.

A member of the United States Lacrosse Association honorable mention All-America team in 1996, O'Shaughnessy was selected to the Washington Post's all-metro team after she USWLA South I tournament crown.

"We're excited to have a player of Lael's caliber join our program," says firstyear head coach Tracy Coyne. "Lael is one of the top recruits in the country this year and we feel very fortunate to get a commitment from her early."

varsity sport.

O'Shaughnessy, a midfielder, has been a three-year starter at St. Stephens-St. Agnes. During her career, she has scored 83

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### SAINT MARY'S SWIMMING SMC swimmers rely on experience

By DEBRA DIEMER Saint Mary's Sports Writer

Earlier this season in the Grand Valley Relay Meet, the Belles competed against Albion and Olivete. From that experience, Saint Mary's is anticipating the results.

Albion, a strong, solid team led by a returning coach, finished third in the Grand Valley Meet.

On the other hand, Olivete just revived its smaller pro-

gram and finished behind the Belles in the Grand Valley Meet.

Yet, Saint Mary's coach Angela Addington hopes the Belles will step up to Albion and challenge them in the pool.

The team is motivated coming off a one point loss to Calvin last week. After Michelle Samreta broke the breaststroke record, all the swimmers realized that anything was within their reach. "The Belles adrenaline level has been pushed up with all the progress," commented coach Addington.

Again, Saint Mary's will focus on strong swimmers to anchor the team. Allison Smith and Shannon Kelleher are expected to finish will the 1000 and 500 freestyle events while Tara Thomas will lead the 100 backstroke for the Belles. Samreta will use her previous record breaker to fire her up in the water during the breaststroke event.





Coach Mike Berticelli hopes to rally his team against UNC-Greensboro.

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21-1 on the season, the Spartans possess the best Division I record in the nation.

Due to the experience of coaching Greensboro during a national championship season, Berticelli is well aware of the fan support that the Spartans will have backing them on Sunday.

"It's an exciting place to go back to," commented the Irish coach. "It'll be a good crowd."

Berticelli added that he did not believe that the crowd would have any negative effect on his players. The Irish have played a number of solid road games this season, including regular season wins against Syracuse and Georgetown, as well as their Big East Championship run which consisted of wins over Connecticut and nationally ranked Rutgers, at Rutgers. Berticelli is also quite familiar with the UNCG Soccer Stadium, in which Sunday's showdown will take place. This experience may prove to be an asset for Notre Dame, especially because it allows the coach to keep a positive outlook, despite the fact that this weekend will mark the sixth time that the Irish have traveled to the East Coast for a match in 1996. "I have no problem with (where Notre Dame was placed by the NCAA committee)," explained Berticelli. "You have to be able to win on the road sooner or later and we have plenty of experience in the East." The coach was actually able to find some advantages in playing at Greensboro against the No. 3 seed. "I'm glad we do not have to

back to I.U. (where the Irish lost their first round tournament games in 1993 and 1994)," admitted Berticelli. "This gives the players who were here the first two times a chance at something new and different. Sometimes it is better to meet seeded teams in the first round. More seeded teams get beat early, rather than late."

Berticelli, despite his own upbeat attitude about Notre Dame's tournament prospects, feels that it is the confidence of the men who play for him that will carry the team.

"The ones that really believe in themselves are the players," acknowledged the coach. "(Right now) I am extra proud of the team. We overcame an awful lot of adversity and (by winning the Big East Championship) we put a lot of that behind us."

The words of the Irish coach appear to indicate that Notre

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Dame is right where they want to be.

The team, which has been making progress and improvements throughout the season, is peaking right now. They have sneaked up on a number of teams already this season, and there is nothing to suggest that it couldn't happen again.

In fact, as Berticelli pointed out, Greensboro may have never been as confident as they are right now.

"They feel that they have their strongest and deepest team since they've been in Division I."

So the stage is set.

The old Spartan coach is in position to return to the place where he won back-to-back Division III titles 13 years ago, and make his former team the initial stepping stone to Notre Dame's and his first Division I national championship.





Defensive coordinator Bob Davies could inherit the newly vacated head coaching position.

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### Successors

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character, he has integrity, he has intelligence."

Athletic Director Michael Wadsworth refused to name candidates for the position in order to "protect the rights of the individuals with whom we will be speaking," but he did cite stringent requirements for Holtz's successor.

"First of all, we will be looking for a coach who will be able to achieve superior athletic results, much along the lines of what Coach Holtz has achieved himself in 11 years. Secondly, we will be looking for a person who will be a role model for the student-athletes and the students at Notre Dame.

"The third key objective is a person who has the dimension to be an outstanding representative of the University because of the very public high profile position that the head coach of the football program at Notre Dame enjoys."

Wadsworth noted that the country is full of excellent coaches, but few possess the culture and values of Notre Dame.

The List, then, is short. It is fewer than a half-dozen, which could be interpreted as few as three or four candidates. While Barnett and Davie are the clear front-runners, LSU's Gerry DiNardo and Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez lurk in the background. Both possess phenomenal credentials, particularly the ability to light a blazing fire under the teams they take over.

Coming into 1995, LSU had not compiled a winning season since 1988 and it had not played in a bowl game since that season. But first-year coach DiNardo changed all that. Under DiNardo, the Tigers grabbed the nation's attention and stunned No. 5 Auburn, later rising as high as No. 14 in the country.

This season, LSU has but two losses. The Tigers are led by former No. 1 recruit Kevin Faulk, who DiNardo virtually stole from Notre Dame last year.

In all, DiNardo has played in three bowl games and coached in five, and he has both played and coached for national championship teams, as a player at Notre Dame in 1973 and as offensive coordinator at Colorado in 1990.

Like DiNardo, Alvarez's pursuit of excellence is hardly matched.

Alvarez was the architect of one of the best rebuilding jobs in college football this decade. After a 1-10 rookie campaign at Wisconsin, the former Notre Dame assistant guided the Badgers to the Rose Bowl in his fourth year in 1993.

It was, of course, Alvarez who also coordinated the defense of the 1988 undefeated Fighting Irish squad. These connections to Notre Dame, like DiNardo's, will serve as crucial down the stretch in the decision of both Wadsworth and Father Beauchamp.

On the other hand, it remains highly

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unlikely that either DiNardo or Alvarez will be named coach. One source close to the football program said yesterday that it will not be Alvarez, and upon scrutiny of the bare facts, the statement makes sense.

Since Wisconsin's Cinderella season in 1993, drug problems and other allegations have peppered the program's image, the most prominent case being that of running back Brent Moss, who faced severe penalties for cocaine abuse in 1994.

Wadsworth and Beauchamp would shudder at the thought of such a scandal at Notre Dame. For even under the iron fist of Holtz, the program in recent years has had its own share of problems.

At the same time, word is out that DiNardo is under litigation from Vanderbilt for breach of contract. Therefore, the chance that he will up and bolt for Notre Dame is already slim as it is.

Still, at this point nothing is out of the question. Certainly wilder things have happened. The Irish named a high school coach to lead its football team in 1980, and the call on Holtz was no less shocking. At this point, the time table within which to hire the new coach ranges from five days to two weeks, according to Wadsworth.

"We're still putting the names together as we speak, but we're pretty settled with who we're going to speak to," stated the athletic director.

Some things seem to never stop. And for some, like Bob Davie, the dreams never die.

# Reaction

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reacted in similar fashion to Farmer.

"It comes as a surprise," declared Chryplewicz.

"Right now, it's all so sudden," said Akers. "It's just happened, so it hasn't really sunk in yet."

Many were not only surprised, but saddened, and wondered aloud what Notre Dame football would be like without their leader.

"He obviously has the

returner extraordinaire Allen Rossum acknowledged that, although he would rather Holtz stay, he harbors no resentment or bitter feelings toward his friend and former coach. "It's sad of course to see

Coach leave, but I've got to move on," said Rossum. "I've got to respect his decision."

Cooper was not so amiable about the transition he must now make to a new head coach, and possibly a entire new staff.

"It's going to be like coming out of high school again. If he's (the new coach) going to come in here and change things...," said Cooper as his voice faded. Emotions notwithstanding, both players and coaches noted that Holtz is a man of great prudence, and would not have made such a significant decision without exhaustively weighing all his options. "I do believe that, knowing the man for five years, anything he does is well thought out," said Chryplewicz. "Anything he does is a smart decision on his part. As hard as it may seem, I think he knows what's best for Notre Dame and himself, and that is the course of action he took."

he is so successful."

Despite all the disappointment, hype, and subsequent reaction involved in seeing Holtz leave, the players realize that only one thing really matters at this point: Holtz has indeed touched the lives of all those connected with the University.

"He means a lot to me," noted Chryplewicz. "He's been here since my freshman year. He's done a lot for the University."

"We all love the guy," said Farmer. "He's a great coach. Everything he's done has been very positive for us. We're really going to miss him."



respect of all the players," commented Akers. "It's going to be pretty hard to replace that. They're going to have to find somebody to equal the task. It's going to be tough."

Freshman safety Deke Cooper could not imagine Irish football without Holtz.

"It's going to be hard getting along without him because I can't really picture anyone else coaching for Notre Dame," stated Cooper.

"Since I've been growing up, it's been Lou Holtz and Notre Dame. They've been kind of connected."

The ties between Holtz and his players are strong, and with the resignation of a college coach indubitably come the questions concerning the younger players who still have eligibility remaining at Notre Dame.

Junior cornerback/punt

Stated defensive coordinator and possible successor Bob Davie, "Coach puts more thought into all situations than any guy I've ever been around, and that's why "Everybody's going to miss him, the University is going to miss him," added senior Emmett Mosely. "Everybody wants to send him out on a winning note."

Victories in their final two regular season games as well as a likely bowl game, would be a fitting way to end the "Coach Holtz Era."

The coach leaves behind a group of young men who obviously cared for him a great deal.

As far as these players and coaches are concerned, Lou Holtz will sorely be missed.

Farmer spoke on behalf of the team in general, and the seniors in particular, when he echoed these sentiments.

"I got a chance to play for a legend."

And it's always sad to see a legend go. The Observer/Rob Finch Holtz's resignation caught numerous players off guard. With two regular season games and a possible bowl game left, many players feel that his departure equals the end of an era.





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#### **FOOTBALL**

# Announcement marks an end of an era



IRISH INSIGHT Holtz made a difference

Yesterday was a sad day in the storied history of the University of Notre Dame.

Losing a member of the Notre Dame family, in any way, shape, or form, causes everyone to step back,

reflect, and acknowledge that the individual will be missed, and has left an important and distinct



**Dave Treacy** mark on Associate Sports Our Lady's Editor University. Lou Holtz,

as everyone knows, resigned on November 19, 1996 as the head coach of the Fighting Irish, effective at the end of this season. Notre Dame simply will not be the same without him.

The loss of Holtz goes far beyond his position as a coach on the gridiron. Coaches simply come and go, many are successful, and most give their best to the school.

Not everyone has always agreed with Holtz the coach; his play-calling has angered armchair quarterbacks across the globe, his tendency to rule with an iron fist upsets others, his unique ability to win the big game and lose the little one, especially at home, puzzles the most stout-hearted of fans.

The Observer/Mike Ruma Junior Bill Mitoulas (47) and sophomores Antwon Jones (85) and Kory Minor (4) have only two regular season games and a possible bowl game left to play under the direction of head coach Lou Holtz.

# **Retirement startles** majority of team

#### By TIM MCCONN Sports Writer

With Tuesday's press conference finally came head coach Lou Holtz's confirmation of the rampant rumors of his imminent resigpus for almost a week now, not one player really thought the rumors would come to fruition, that Holtz would resign.

That is, until it actually happened.

"I'm just kind of taken aback by all this," stated senior tailback Robert Farmer, who was obviously a bit disheartened over his coach's decision. "It was just kind of upsetting to hear that Coach Holtz was going to resign."

Several rumors swirl over replacements

By T. RYAN KENNEDY Sports Writer

The media circus surrounding coach Lou Holtz's resignation has finally quelled, but the chatter regarding Holtz's successor has only begun. Holtz claimed yesterday that he has neither recommended anyone directly to administrators nor been asked for suggestions. Still, the coach's hints at the press conference did not go unnoticed. "I hope it is one of our able assistants," stated the Notre Dame head coach, who later rattled off Dave Roberts as an outstanding prospect. Holtz also praised Bob Davie, the obvious front-runner for the position from the pool of Notre Dame's assistant coaches.

nation.

Although he has touched the lives of both fans and critics alike, it is obvious that no one has been more influenced by Holtz than those closest to him: his players.

After practice Tuesday, the reaction among team members was unanimous. Despite the rumors that have swirled around the cam-

Fifth-year seniors Pete Chryplewicz and Jeremy Akers

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"Bob Davie's just exceptional," lauded Holtz. "He has

But the look on the face of

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# Fencers focus on the future

#### **By DAVID FRICK** Sports Writer

The men's and women's fencing squads have only one place where they would like to be on Mar. 23 in Colorado Springs,

Colo., and that is on top as national champions. Though certainly a lofty the goal, teams have good reason



to have such

optimism. With a quality combination of

believes they can not only return to the NCAA tournament in force, but prove their dominance as the best team in the nation.

"The second place finish last year gave us the motivation to work harder this year to achieve our goal of a national championship," says sophomore foil team member Stephane Auriol.

The thoughts of a championship are echoed by Auriol's father, head coach Yves Auriol, who enters his second year as coach of both the men and women fencing teams.

"Every coach has the goal of winning the national championship each year, but for this

year's team I think it is realistic," says coach Auriol. "I would not tell the team this if I didn't think that they had a shot at winning it."

With seven out of eight members from last year's NCAA tournament returning to the strip for the Irish, no one can consider these goals as out of reach. The experienced men's team are led by senior captains Jeremy Siek and Bill Lester, who have been the strong points of the program for the past three years.

"Our captains, Jeremy Siek and Bill Lester, have been the

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# to postseason play

**Berticelli no stranger** 

By BRIAN REINTHALER Sports Writer

■ MEN'S SOCCER

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The men's soccer team will journey to Greensboro, N.C. this weekend to play in the first round of the NCAA tournament. But this is nothing new for Irish head coach Mike Berticelli. In fact, almost every aspect of Sunday's matchup with UNC-Greensboro will be quite familiar.

Not only has the seven year Notre Dame coach taken the Irish to two past NCAA tournaments and carried two previous teams to national titles, but he accomplished the latter as the coach at UNC-Greensboro.

"It's an important part of my memories," Berticelli said of the program. "A lot of my (personal) highlights from the past (are from Greensboro)."

In 1982 and 1983, Coach Berticelli led the Spartans to back-to-back Division III championships (the school's first national titles). Since then, Greensboro has developed into a legitimate championship contender in Division I. In fact, at

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