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Rice argues against death penalty



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Charles Rice
law professor

Professor questions government

By CHRIS YANT
News Writer

"I was a supporter of the death penalty and I've changed for very good reasons," said Professor Charles Rice to open his speech on capital punishment last night in the Walsh Hall chapel.

After a performance from Voices of Faith Gospel Choir and an impressive introduction highlighting his accomplishments, Rice stated that "the only two reasons, in principle, for intentionally killing someone are war and criminal punishment."

However, he questions whether or not these reasons, which are determined by state government, are truly just.

Pope John Paul II, under the new Catechism, maintains that in practice the state should not invoke capital punishment unless it is impossible to protect the surrounding society from the criminal.

Rice, who is a consultant to the U.S. Commission on Criminal Rights, supports this view and relates the story of Cain and Abel. Cain, after killing his brother Abel, is

marked by God for the sole purpose that he is not to be killed by others in return.

"God," Rice said, "did not intend on killing as a punishment for murder." Rice stated that the rights of the innocent are absolute; even though the rights of the guilty may be in question, it is not up to us or our government to decide whether or not someone's life should be taken. It is a decision for God to make.

Rice then discussed the rights of the unborn and those in a vegetative state. "Our law now allows the intentional killing by removal of food and water or the implementation of terminal sedation," he said. He argued that the government, in upholding these laws, no longer protects the right to life of the innocent.

"The question is," he stated, "Who is God?"

Rice pointed out the "corruptness" of our government and concluded that we have climbed unjustly to the point where we decide when human life ends.

"Through the use of contraceptives people have gained dominion over when life begins," Rice said in closing, "and now through government we have dominion over when life ends."

Rice is a professor at Notre Dame law school and also serves as a faculty advisor to Notre Dame's organization Right to Life.

Judge puts off Rita retrial for witnesses' ease

Observer Staff Report

SOUTH BEND

A new trial date of Feb. 2 was set on Friday for John Rita's second trial on the charge of leaving the scene of an injury accident. He faces allegations from the Nov. 13, 1993, traffic crash that killed Notre Dame freshman Mara Fox, 18, as she walked along a dark strip of Douglas Road.

The trial was scheduled to begin on Oct. 20, but defense attorney Charles Asher filed a motion with St. Joseph Superior Court Judge William Albright for a postponement. In his plea Asher noted that one witness who testified at Rita's first trial is in the late stages of pregnancy and may be difficult to travel and that finding hotel rooms for out-of-town witnesses may be difficult due to scheduled Notre Dame football games on three consecutive weekends.

Prosecutor Michael Barnes did not oppose Asher's request for a continuance.

The retrial comes after a jury was unable to reach a verdict on the leaving-the-scene charge, resulting in a mistrial in 1994. That jury did acquit Rita, a third-year Notre Dame law student at the time of the accident, on the charge of causing a death while driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Barnes decided to retry the count, and the trial was set after Rita exhausted his appeal on several related issues.

The South Bend Tribune contributed to this report.

Nursing students celebrate accomplishments

By SHANA'E TATE
News Writer

The nursing class of 1999 gathered together on Friday, Oct. 10 to celebrate its accomplishments and dedication to the field of nursing with family, friends, and professors. It was the Second Annual Nursing Dedication Ceremony held by the department of nursing in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto.

"This ceremony is a symbol that you are in the nursing program," said Jennifer Groszk, senior and member of the hospitality committee. "The junior nursing class accepted their call into nursing and now we are celebrating."

This is only the second nursing dedication put on by the nursing department. In the past, the department had held a capping ceremony for the new nursing class; however, the nurses no longer wear the caps due to changes in traditional professional nursing outfits, so the ceremony was discontinued.

This service "makes the students call to nursing public," said Mary Jo Regan-Kubinski, nursing

chairman. "Now they are really beginning their nursing career."

Following the call to service was a celebration of the word. Many different students and faculty participated in the prayer service.

"Everything went really well and everyone did their part in helping," said Renee Chulski, dedication co-chair and member of the 1999 nursing class.

The students had to maintain a high grade point average and take certain classes to be able to be part of this department. "The students were challenged to use not only knowledge and skill but also compassion," said Annette Peacock-Johnson, nursing professor.

The celebration of dedication included the call to ministry, dedication, Nightingale pledge, and the blessing. Each student was called by name to be blessed. A faculty member laid hands on the student and prayed that she may understand God's call in her life. The student then received a lighted lamp, which is a reminder of

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The Observer/Kristy Sutorius



The Observer/Kristy Sutorius

Nursing students from the Class of 1999 gathered at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto to celebrate their accomplishments with friends, family, and faculty.

INSIDE COLUMN

October Madness

My apartment is a mess. Clothes are strewn all over the living room. Discarded beer bottles, pizza boxes and bags of garbage make a four foot pile where my kitchen garbage can used to be. Maybe I will find it again someday.

What makes me sit, seemingly oblivious to the filth, on the only clear area in the entire place (the couch) and stare at the glowing tube while I shout insults through my open front door at an obnoxious next-door neighbor?



Matt Loughran
Associate News Editor

I'll give you two words: October baseball.

Maybe it is the fact that the Baltimore Orioles, the team that I have followed since before I could even remember what a baseball was, have survived the entire regular season in first-place in the American League East.

Maybe that they took down the supposedly mighty Seattle Mariners in four games.

Maybe that they are now up against the ropes against the upstart Cleveland Indians, who took three out of five games from the New York Yankees last week and look to make short work of my favorite team.

Maybe, but I doubt it.

This year's post season play is a prime example of why Major League Baseball needed a playoff system. Three years ago, when the system was first announced, many baseball fans screamed out that it was an unnecessary extension of the year (present company included).

But the 1997 division series showed an underdog team dethroning the defending World Series champions in five games (two of which were won by a 21-year-old rookie). In the National League, an expansion team (Florida Marlins) blew by the surging San Francisco Giants. The defending NL champion Atlanta Braves, led by Greg Maddux, arguably one of the best active pitchers, shut down the fearsome lineup of Bell, Bagwell and Biggio.

This playoff series has seen two pitchers in two days throw 15 strikeouts in a game (Mike Mussina for the Orioles in the AL and Livan Hernandez for the Marlins in the NL).

The Baltimore-Cleveland game on Saturday went 12 innings and ended with a score of 2-1 on an error. The next day, the same two teams combined for more than 24 hits in a full nine innings. (Meanwhile the Orioles hit three home-runs in an inning, a League Championship record.)

So, the way it stands today, the Braves are chasing the Marlins three games to two. My beloved Orioles, on the other hand, are down to the Indians by a count of three games to one.

The division series and now the championship series have produced some of the best baseball I have seen in years.

If Major League Baseball was looking for a remedy to the problem of faltering attendance, these games may be just that.

So, when you get a free moment, flip on your TV to Fox, NBC or ESPN. But be careful, even if your hometown team has been eliminated (To Be Read: New York Yankees, you heard me, Ferg.) You might just get caught up in the fever that is the playoffs and forget about everything else for a while.

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

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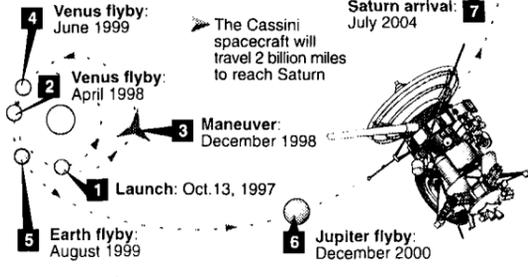
Cassini protestors flee Canaveral, fearing deadly accident

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. Nearly all the protestors left town: They didn't want to be around if the rocket carrying NASA's Cassini spacecraft blew up and 72 pounds of highly radioactive, highly carcinogenic plutonium rained down.

The engineers and scientists who devoted years to the project, on the other hand, brought their families to witness what they considered to be a historical, and safe, event: launch of the first spacecraft designed to orbit the ringed planet Saturn.

The moment of truth — liftoff of the mammoth Titan 4-B rocket with Cassini — was scheduled for the

CASSINI MISSION TO SATURN



Source: Jet Propulsion Laboratory

AP/Justin Gilbert

predawn hours of Monday. "I invited everyone I love to the launch," said Richard Spehalski, program manager for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Among the more than 30 Spehalski family members gathered at Cape Canaveral: his two granddaughters, ages 6 months and 4 years.

With just hours remaining before the scheduled launch of Cassini on an 11-year, \$3.4 billion mission to explore Saturn, its rings and moons, the grassy field normally used by anti-Cassini

protesters was empty Sunday.

"There's not a risk to the public," a spokesman for NASA insisted.

Michener removes his life-support

AUSTIN, Texas



Ninety-year-old James A. Michener has taken himself off life-sustaining kidney dialysis. His condition has not changed since his decision. "Basically, he's stable and resting at home," a spokeswoman said Sunday, referring questions to long-time Michener friend and associate John Kings. "Mr. Michener is undergoing evaluations. He is perfectly well and comfortable," Kings said in a brief statement. "He has spent his life respecting the press and what it has to do," Kings added. "He asks now that the press respect his privacy." Kings would not take any questions. An unnamed source told the (New York) Daily News: "He's decided he doesn't want to go on living like this." The writer has more than 40 titles to his name. He released his latest book, "A Century of Sonnets," earlier this year. Michener's literary success began with "Tales of the South Pacific." The book won the 1948 Pulitzer Prize and was the basis for "South Pacific," a long-running Broadway musical and later a motion picture. For decades, Michener, a former teacher, wandered the globe from Japan and Korea to Hungary, Hawaii, Afghanistan, Spain, South Africa, Colorado, Israel, Chesapeake Bay, Poland, Texas, Alaska and the Caribbean.

ISU student dies in plane crash

TERRE HAUTE, Indiana

An Indiana State University student died Sunday and another was injured after the single-engine plane they were flying crashed. Aerospace technology students Ryan Somerville and Ryan Stocksdale took off in a small Cessna 172-N plane from Clarksville in southern Indiana early this morning. Stockdale, 19, was flying the plane when he started having problems with the wind, investigators told WTWO-TV. Somerville, 19, was a student pilot. When they tried to land, Stockdale apparently tried to pull out of the wind, but failed and nose-dived into the grass next to the runway at Sky King Airport near Terre Haute around noon, investigators said. Sky King is a commuter airport often used by ISU students. "When the wind caught it, it blew sideways and dropped on its wing and that was it," witness Edith Action told WISH-TV. Both students were taken to Union Hospital in Terre Haute. Somerville was celebrating his 19th birthday on Sunday. He died from his injuries. Stockdale was listed in critical condition Sunday night. The Federal Aviation Administration was investigating the crash.

SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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Deane honored with prize for his acclaimed novel

By ANTHONY PERRI
News Writer

Professor Shamus Deane, chair of the Keough Institute of Irish Studies, was awarded two Irish Times fiction prizes for his critically acclaimed first novel, "Reading in the Dark." A long term project, the novel started in 1988 and culminated after four years of intense work from 1992 through 1996.

"Reading in the Dark" is the story of a boy growing up in the city of Derry in the north of Ireland in the 1940s and 50s. Partially autobiographical and partially a compilation of other families, it tells the tale of the

long-standing and violent conflict between the minority Catholic and nationalist community, to which the boy belongs, and the majority Protestant and unionist community, which wields the reins of power in this society. Growing up, he uncovers a terrible family secret rooted in that haunting and which has become a haunting and threatening presence in the family's life.

Though he somewhat expected a warm reception for this tale in his homeland of Ireland, Deane was surprised by the international acclaim it has gained. Already a sensation in the U.S. and U.K., it has been translated into French and

German and has achieved a similar popularity.

"The general situation of a family with a secret speaks to a wide range of people," Deane said. Some have even gone so far as to say that the themes expressed are so powerful as to make the book painful to read.

Deane himself experienced this torment during the long, arduous process of writing "Reading in the Dark." The pressures of work and the fact that deep down he "didn't want to confront the novel" himself, led him to a long procrastination in the late 80s. His long struggle came to fruition in 1996 leaving

him with a "satisfaction of having finally articulated his story."

Complementing the Irish Times Prize, "Reading in the Dark" received the Guardian Prize for Fiction and was the close second choice for last year's Booker Prize, the British equivalent of the Pulitzer.

Deane will receive the Irish Times prizes from former president of Ireland Patrick Hillery in a special ceremony on Nov. 20 at the Royal Dublin Society. Dean and the other honored authors in the competition will read from their work at the Irish Film Center in Dublin on Nov. 19.

Since 1993 Deane has been

sharing his genius with the Notre Dame community. He joined the University to head the creation of an Irish Studies Program that would become the premier program in North America. Having the "oldest, most complex, and only colonial and post-colonial European literature, along with all the tradition that ties Notre Dame to Ireland" makes the Irish Studies Program all the more important.

This labor of love too is reaching a cross roads. Under his careful tutelage the Irish Studies program will stabilize and "take a clear form by 1998, surpassing any other faculty in the New World."

ND alumnus receives prestigious education award

By MALIN STEARNS
News Writer

To celebrate his 20-year teaching career, a Notre Dame graduate has returned to be honored by his alma mater.

Michael Wilson, class of '73, received the Outstanding Educator's Award on Friday from the Notre Dame Alumni Association. The award was

part of the Alumni Association's three-day "Excellence in Teaching" conference.

Wilson has taught second grade in the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools for his entire career.

"Wilson has powerfully served his students, his colleagues and future teachers," said Karen Sullivan, chair of the computer department at the Laboratory

Schools. "If you are a student, having [Wilson] means, quite simply, having the best year of your school life."

The "Excellence in Teaching" conference was put on by the Alumni Association's Continuing Education office. All middle school and junior and senior high school teachers, principals, and counselors are welcome to participate.

"Participants in the program return to their schools re-committed to their vocations and more effective with students," said Kathleen Sullivan, director of Alumni Continuing Education.

"Participants from the program will become powerful ambassadors for Notre Dame at the Catholic, private, and public school levels," she said.

Participants are sponsored by Notre Dame alumni clubs and individual alumni. More than 2,500 alumni at the middle school and junior and senior high school levels have received invitations to the conference. Five current Notre Dame students were also among this year's participants.



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Students rally against rape

By COLLEEN GAUGHEN
News Writer

"Stop rape! Organize! We will not be victimized!"

This chant was one of many echoing throughout the Notre Dame community during the "Take Back The Night" rally last night.

Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE) sponsored a rally Sunday evening to raise awareness of rape and sexual assault.

Beginning at Fieldhouse Mall with candles and signs, the rally processed through South Quad, over Highway 31, and concluded at The Clubhouse at Saint Mary's with the music of the Skolchohols.

Students were also given the opportunity to share experiences and discuss the issue of sexual assault in the Notre Dame community.

"It [rape] happens," CARE leader and Sex Offense Services volunteer Cara Stirts said. "So many people think it doesn't happen here, or can't happen here, but it does, more often than anyone realizes."

Two rapes were reported at Notre Dame last year. That doesn't include rapes or sexu-

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*Cara Stirts
CARE volunteer*

al assaults not reported or those that happened off-campus.

Nationally, one in six women will be assaulted during her college years, and one in three will be assaulted during her lifetime, according to participants in the rally.

CARE was started by a Saint Mary's student, and over the years students from both campuses have joined efforts to raise awareness.

"We're pretty active," said CARE leader Rebecca

Sanders and Adrian Duran. "We organize mandatory dorm presentations for Notre Dame freshmen, sponsor Sexual Assault Awareness Week in the spring, and many of us volunteer for Sex Offense Services."

Sexual assault awareness is also a mandatory part of freshman orientation at Saint Mary's.

RecSports offers a Women's Safety and Self-Defense program and there is the Women's Resource Center in LaFortune through Student Government.

Both programs encourage the awareness of assault prevention and safety.

DesRosiers leaves Educational Media

Special to The Observer

Sister Elaine DeRosiers has retired after serving for 21 years as the director of Educational Media at Notre Dame.

A specialist in closed circuit and broadcast television, DeRosiers had managed and supervised the University's audiovisual centers since 1976.

She also assisted faculty members in the use of new forms of teaching technology and serves as a consultant in

the design of new instructional space on campus. She played an integral role in the development of DeBartolo Hall, which is now recognized as one of the most technologically advanced learning centers in higher education.

Before coming to Notre Dame, DeRosiers served as a communication consultant and television teacher for the Boston Catholic Teaching Center. She previously taught in the archdiocesan school systems in Boston and Louisville, Ky.

Nurse

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received a lighted lamp, which is a reminder of the light of Christ she received at baptism. Finally, the student was called "to let her light shine" by sharing God's light in nursing and in everyday life.

To end the dedication, everyone stood and held their hands high to bless and pray for these nursing students in the years to come.

"It [the ceremony] was beautiful and so meaningful. Every time we do this it is like starting all over again. I love seeing the students dedicating themselves to God," said Andrea Kopp, nursing professor.

"The ceremony went very well," said Kubinski. "[This ceremony was] very serious. We will see a different

response in them [the students] in the coming week."

"The ceremony ties in the technical and spiritual aspect of nursing," added Chulski.

"It [the ceremony] was very sentimental. It added to the profession in general. It is something that I will always remember," said Latisha Merriman, member of the 1999 nursing class.

"I thought it was inspirational. It made me remember why I am part of this program and why I am striving to be a good student," said Marie Kane, member of the 1999 nursing class and head of the reception.

"The ceremony made me feel like I was part of the nursing department. I knew that nursing was what I wanted to do, but this ceremony made me feel even more sure," said Micaela Vergara, member of the 1999 nursing class.



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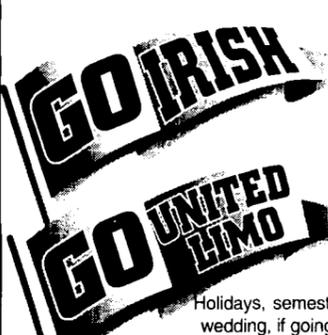
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Colorado prepares to execute Davis

By JUDITH KOHLER
Associated Press Writer

CANON CITY, Colo.

Colorado breaks what a prosecutor calls its 30-year "drought" on executions today when it puts to death a man who raped a woman and then riddled her with bullets, including nine in her face.

Gary Lee Davis is scheduled to die by lethal injection at 8 p.m. for the July 1986 murder of Virginia "Ginny" May.

May was 33 when Davis abducted her while her two small children watched and drove her with his wife to a secluded place. The victim was raped and Davis shot her to death.

"What are these criminals who have been sentenced to death and waiting in prison offering society?" asked May's sister, Jerri Cretti.

Colorado juries have been free to put people to death since 1978, two years after the U.S. Supreme Court ended a four-year moratorium on capital punishment. They have been so hesitant to do so, however, that Oklahoma residents opposed moving the Timothy McVeigh terror case to Colorado. McVeigh was sentenced to death in Denver in August.

Prosecutor Bob Grant, the lead prosecutor on the case, said the wait for justice has been too long.

"There shouldn't have been a 30-year drought," he said.

For others, Monday will be a dark day. Davis' death could help make 1997 the nation's highest year ever for executions. The total so far is 57, the highest since 1957, when 65 people were executed.

Despite the objection of groups including the American Civil Liberties Union, the 53-year-old Davis exhausted all his state and federal appeals and was denied clemency by Governor Roy Romer last month.

Davis' priests, his attorneys and his aunt say he has undergone a genuine spiritual transformation and has accepted his fate.

■ ARGENTINA

Airplane crashes, kills 74

By IAN PHILLIPS
Associated Press Writer

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — An Argentine airplane may have broken apart in the air before it crashed in Uruguay, killing all 74 people aboard, Uruguay's civil aviation chief said Sunday.

The Austral airline plane "may have come apart in the air because the remains are spread so far apart," Lt. Col. Walter Garcia said.

He also said lightning may have damaged the plane, but did not elaborate.

The Argentine newspaper Clarin on Sunday quoted unidentified investigators as saying they suspected the plane may have come apart in the air, possibly losing a wing, as a result of violent turbulence.

Storms bearing strong winds, rain, hail and lightning were raging at the time of the crash Friday night, and the "extremely difficult weather" may have been to blame, officials have said.

Garcia previously had told The Associated Press that the storm "explains only part" of the accident, but he did not elaborate on that statement at this conference.

He said the flight data recorders must be found to help determine the exact cause.

There was no sign of the recorders by late afternoon Sunday.

Fragments of shattered metal from the DC-9 and small, unrecognizable human remains lay scattered over farmland where the plane went down, near the town of Nuevo Berlin near the western border of Uruguay.

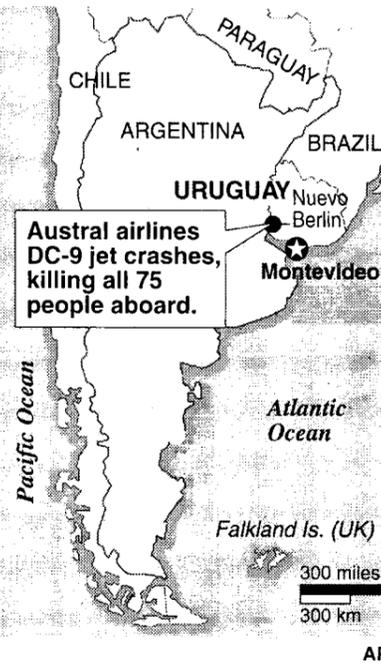
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Austral airlines DC-9 jet crashes, killing all 75 people aboard.

Sunday.

An Uruguayan judge and the Argentine Air Force were conducting separate investigations of the crash, the worst air tragedy in both countries' history.

Most of the victims were Argentine, but there were a few Uruguayans and one Swiss, officials said. Three infants were among the dead.

Argentina's Association of Aeronautical Technicians criticized the Austral airline Sunday, claiming in a statement that it "puts business profit before security." The airline is frequently criticized for flying in bad weather when other companies remain grounded.

Airline officials could not be reached immediately for comment Sunday.

The 28-year-old plane had made about 54,000 flights through June, officials said.

Seventy relatives of the victims were flown on Saturday afternoon from Buenos Aires to Fray Bentos, near the crash site.

But they abandoned the trip when told that the remains of the victims were unrecognizable.

"I can't come to terms with this. We have to bury a ghost. My dad disintegrated in midair," said Jose Luis Fuentes, who lost his 59-year-old father in the crash.

"We just have to come to terms with the fact that they are impossible to identify," Argentine Deputy Foreign Minister Andres Cisneros said in an interview with television channel Todo Noticias.

Uruguayan authorities may organize a memorial ceremony at the site of the crash this week.



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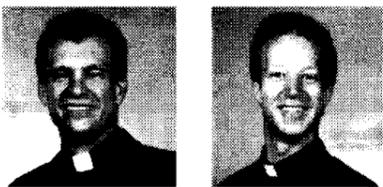
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... A SERGEANT EARNS HIS STRIPES...

JEDI MIND TRICKS

Deep Thoughts on the Porcelain God

I never wanted my column to be a bi-weekly "football" column. I know many people on the football team who do not want this to be a place where some joker can rant and rave about the football team. My opinion on the football team doesn't really help anything — even though I know one or two things about coaching football (although there is a segment of the population who does not believe I know squat). However, as the season unfolded, the most appropriate topic after each weekend was football.

Because I have been very critical of certain aspects

**Kevin
 Patrick**

of the team in the past, I feel it is only appropriate to at least praise the team for a portion of this column after its victory. To not write anything about the team's victory would be like a coach of an undefeated team resigning after the team's first loss. No matter how close he was to resigning before that loss, it still looks like the coach was only a front-runner.

For the Fighting Irish, credit must be given where credit is due. The offensive line was opening holes that interhall running backs could run through. Autry Denson and Clement Stokes were running hard and punishing the opposition. The offensive scheme even deserves credit. We ran the football, controlled the clock, and sprinkled in some passes. Just throw the ball deep to loosen things up and we'll be in great shape for USC.

This looked like a Notre Dame football team. Although I must ask: What was going on at the end of the first half with clock management? Call timeout and throw it into the end zone! We were playing Pittsburgh. This so called "playing not to lose" where you don't want to lose momentum going into half-time is a sure fire way to increase your odds of losing.

Was the coaching staff in the bathroom while this was going on? Speaking of bathrooms, why do they seem to have a unique influence in our daily activities — other than the obvious? If your dorm had an SYR

or formal this weekend, the bathrooms were a site for a lot of varied activity. Many dorms had to change their usual configuration and provide bathrooms for the opposite sex. How many times did someone enter the wrong bathroom (unintentionally)?

If you were the hall staff, bathrooms were the lightening-rod for mischief. Young lads and lasses sneaking drinks into the Senior Bar bathroom. Impromptu public drinking at urinals. Those same youths sprinting to the bathroom to leave regurgitated dinners as presents for unsuspecting resident assistants on their final round.

In a movie I watched over the weekend, bathroom activity provided a strange twist. In "Mallrats" the boyfriend asks his soon to be ex-girlfriend what she does for so long in the bathroom. She responds that she cries. She thinks of all the great things other people do and cries because her only accomplishment is sex with this guy. (Although if she had sex in a bathroom at Notre Dame, she could be expelled).

This got me thinking about bathrooms in movies. There is the great scene in "Weird Science" where the computer-generated girlfriend explains to the nerd's parents that he "tosses off" during his extended stays. The only thing funnier is his disbelieving mother crying, "You told us you were combing your hair!"

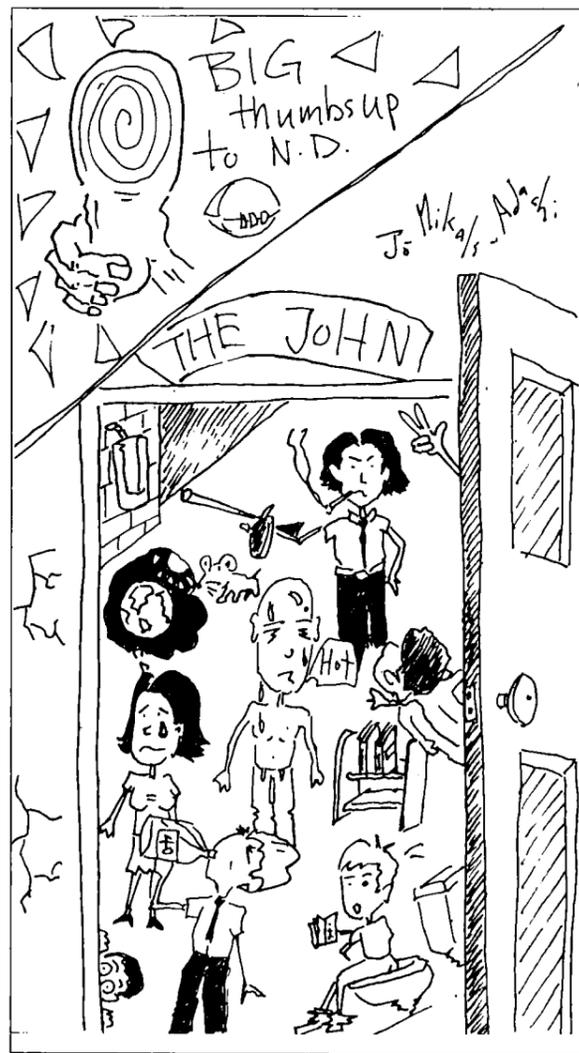
Anyway, one of the most well-known bathroom exposés is in Pulp Fiction where every time John Travolta goes to the restroom, something crazy happens.

What is the deal with the influence of bathrooms? I saw in the bookstore where they have condensed thousands of novels to under five pages so you can read them while in the bathroom. Some people have entire magazine racks at your disposal — although in West Virginia I bet they are just picture books (that is if they even have indoor plumbing).

Oddly enough when I was watching the Notre Dame game, one guy came out of the bathroom complaining about how hot he was. It was comfortable when he went in and it was comfortable to the rest of us when he came out. I don't know; you do the math.

Be careful how you let your desire to go to the bathroom affect your judgement. Some girl backed her car into me twice the other night, but I had no time to wait for information and she was gone by the time I got back. Why she didn't stay, I'll never know.

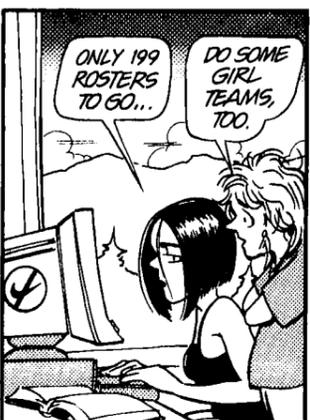
So what is the point of this column? Basically, spend less time in the bathroom, watch "Chasing Amy," and beat the Trojans.



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I refuse to accept the idea that the 'isness' of man's present nature makes him morally incapable of reaching up for the 'oughtness' that forever confronts him."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

A Tedious Tibetan Journey

Seven Years in Tibet

Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud

Starring Brad Pitt, David Thewlis, Jamyang Wangchuck, and B.D. Wong



(out of five shamrocks)

By JOE LENISKI
Accent Movie Critic

Before the green-light was given for this movie, the Hollywood executives charged with producing "Seven Years in Tibet" had to overcome a difficult question: how do you tell a story in which the hero is a Nazi, the Dalai Lama and the Buddhist heritage are central plot elements, the action takes place over seven years, and make it entertaining and appealing at the same time? The con-



The Dalai Lama (Jamyang Wangchuk, left) is fascinated with the blond hair of his Austrian visitor, Heinrich Harrer (Brad Pitt).

cept sounds about as fruitful as starring the pope in an action shoot-em up/urban drama. But the answer came careening into their ever-resourceful brains like a meteorite from the sky: thin out the plotline, place the focus on war, love, and survival in nature rather than religion, and downplay the Nazism by, of course, having cinema-stud Brad Pitt play the lead role. Such original, innovative ideas demonstrate precisely why these guys make the big bucks.

Pitt plays the handsome, cocky, Aryan yellow-head Heinrich Harrer, a German mountain climber (and yes, a Nazi) with a will of iron and a heart of lead. In the midst of World War II, he ditches his wife and his unborn child and travels to India to climb a mountain and prove his male virility. Here is where the archetypal "hero transformation" begins, spanning over 10 years where Heinrich and travel companion Peter (played with subtle dignity by David Thewlis) become POWs, fugitives from the British militia, wandering beggars, established citizens in the xenophobic realm of Tibet, and finally loyal confidants of the Buddhist spiritual leader the Dalai Lama. During the Tibetan war with China, our hero discovers the meaning of love, honor, and loyalty, and still retains that mischievous, boyish grin. By the close of the film, Harrer inevitably becomes the warm, caring person the audience has been expecting, and his hero journey comes to a satisfying, albeit predictable, close.

The plot of this movie is nei-



Brad Pitt stars as Heinrich Harrer, an Austrian mountain climber whose trip through the Himalayas changes his life in "Seven Years in Tibet."

ther surprising nor intricate; it is a true story based loosely on a decade's worth of Harrer's memoirs. What little established plot there is involving the survival in the Himalayan wilderness and war with China dissolves around the intimate, innocent relationship between Pitt and the 14-year-old Dalai Lama, the only element of the film that the audience truly cares about. Essentially this is movie about two kids: one child who is forced to act with an adult responsibility beyond his years, and the other an adult who behaves like a child. Jamyang Wangchuck gives a wonderful performance as the young Dalai Lama, Pitt mostly looks good yet turns in a convincing character despite a wavering German accent, and many of the background actors make the most out of their diminutive roles. But probably the most impressive thing about "Seven Years" is what we see on screen. The costumes look authentic, the cities and temples are realistic, and the backdrop,

shot in the Andes Mountains to simulate the roof of the world, is awe-inspiring and breathtaking. Even when this movie embarks into a tedious and repetitious shot sequence (and there are many of them), the viewer can still sit back and appreciate the majestic setting.

I hate straddling the proverbial barbed-wire fence of criticism, but this movie defines a three-shamrock rating. The backgrounds, acting, and intimacy between Harrer and the Dalai Lama make this an excellent film; the slow pace, sometimes dull filmmaking, and uninteresting plot developments make this movie subpar. This is a good film, nothing more, nothing less, and at the very least you should see it and decide for yourself. But if you want an excellent Brad Pitt film, instead of going out and seeing "Seven Years in Tibet," lop off a few words and just rent "Seven." And be looking for the pope's new action drama; I think it is due in theaters around Christmas.

A More Wanted Wayans

Most Wanted

Directed by David Glenn Hogan

Starring Keenan Ivory Wayans, Jon Voight, and Jill Hennessy



(out of five shamrocks)

By JOSH BECK
Accent Movie Critic

All I seem to be able to say after viewing the film "Most Wanted" is: Finally. Finally, Keenan Ivory Wayans has made a movie to be proud of. After such mediocre attempts as "A Low Down Dirty Shame" and "The Glimmer Man," Wayans has produced a film which is both subtle and entertaining at the same time. Smartly directed by David Glenn Hogan with a screenplay written by Wayans himself, "Most Wanted" definitely establishes itself as an action film worthy of viewing.

It seems to lack nothing in its entirety; it has a well-developed plot, fast-paced action, a superb villain (Jon Voight), and dashing lead characters, which of course seems to be the trend these days, i.e. George Clooney and Nicole Kidman in "The Peacemaker." While this movie does not have the star power of most other action flicks (let's face it: Wayans isn't a star YET), it does keep the audience riveted with well-developed scenes that portray a gritty action drama. But this movie isn't all drama and gore: it was above all surprisingly funny. Wayans showcases his acting ability with well-placed punchlines, and some of the film's situations are just so funny you can't help but laugh.

Although it doesn't live up to the billing of highly budgeted summer blockbusters, "Most Wanted" provides a welcome add-on and makes the viewer glad that the summer may not have ended yet. Unlike the summer megabusters which tend to be all action-

based, this film is intriguing because it keeps the audience guessing. From one situation to the next, nothing is certain, and this adds to the overall ambience which makes it good. Wayans plays a Marine who is imprisoned for a wrongful offense: he killed his commanding officer in self-defense. After being waylaid by the seemingly righteous conspirator Voight, Wayans is forced to carry out his dirty work or go back to death row. As a result he is forced to carry out an assassination which goes haywire and sends him into an intricate web of deceit as he is pursued by all levels of the federal government; hence, making him the 'Most Wanted.' What is likeable about this is the fact that Wayans plays a superb fugitive and is above all the most charming character. Jill Hennessy plays his reluctant partner-in-crime, Paul Sorvino the cool and collected CIA director, and Eric Roberts his seemingly innocent assistant, just to name a few of the recognizables.

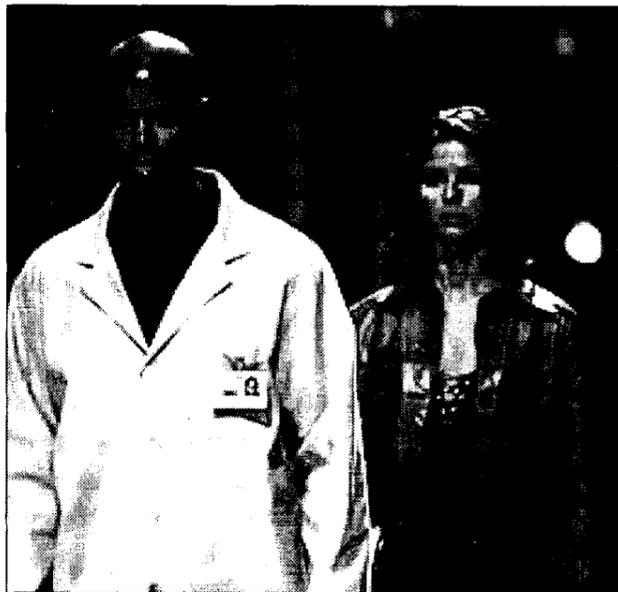
With the intelligent direction of Hogan, this movie has some great scenes. Watch for the hysterical clip where Wayans is chased through freeway traffic by a mob of screaming citizens. As for the cinematography, the scenes are well-developed but have little flashiness to them, which works out fine in the end since the film doesn't really need a lot of pizzazz to accomplish its goal. Its goal, of course, is to keep you on the edge of your seat, which it does throughout,

although it is one of the most subtle action films ever made. A cross between a detective drama and an action blockbuster, "Most Wanted" does what it sets out to do and there is no limit to the entertainment value. There are some inevitably bad facets to it, though. The acting could be better, with Wayans having some bland dialogue at times and Hennessy sadly not being given her chance to shine. And someone

needs to let Wayans know that when you are a fugitive, you never dress entirely in black all the time. Voight, as always, is the most entertaining character here, as his portrayal of a military general gone bad is extremely funny aside from being intimidating and scary as arch-villains are.

Overall, what will surprise you about this movie is the fact that it is so entertaining and well-done. After seeing Keenan Ivory Wayans' other tries on the big screen, this will be a welcome and much-needed relief. Although it isn't perfect, it is exciting and engaging, and this is what the viewer appreciates most of all in the end. Helped by the memorable performance of Voight and the humor of Wayans, "Most Wanted" takes off and rarely comes down, making it at least one of the more desirable movies of the fall season, when action thrillers are few and far between.

Summary: An action film with a well-developed plot, which can be hard to find these days. Fast-paced action scenes with plenty of guns, fists, and blood. Starts out quick but evens out, so don't get there late. Funny and subtle at the same time, a must-see for the action buff and Wayans fan.



Keenan Ivory Wayans (left) plays a tough Marine who makes a deal to get himself off death row and teams up with Jill Hennessy in "Most Wanted."

Notre Dame Pittsburgh

45-21

Stat of the Game
The Irish running game produced a season-high 317 yards.

Player of the Game
Clement Stokes
The senior tailback contributed 109 yards on 15 carries.

Quote of the game
"You gotta create your own momentum, and we created our own momentum by making plays today."
-head coach Bob Davie



Irish offense gets it going
Jamie Spencer and the ND running attack returned to prominence on Saturday against an overmatched Pitt defense.
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Irish Insider

Taming the Panthers

Notre Dame snaps four game losing streak

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Saturday marked Bob Davie's return to where his coaching career started as a graduate assistant.

As it turned out, Saturday was also the return to many things for the Irish. The most important return was one to the correct side of the win-loss column as Notre Dame disposed of the Pittsburgh Panthers, 45-21.

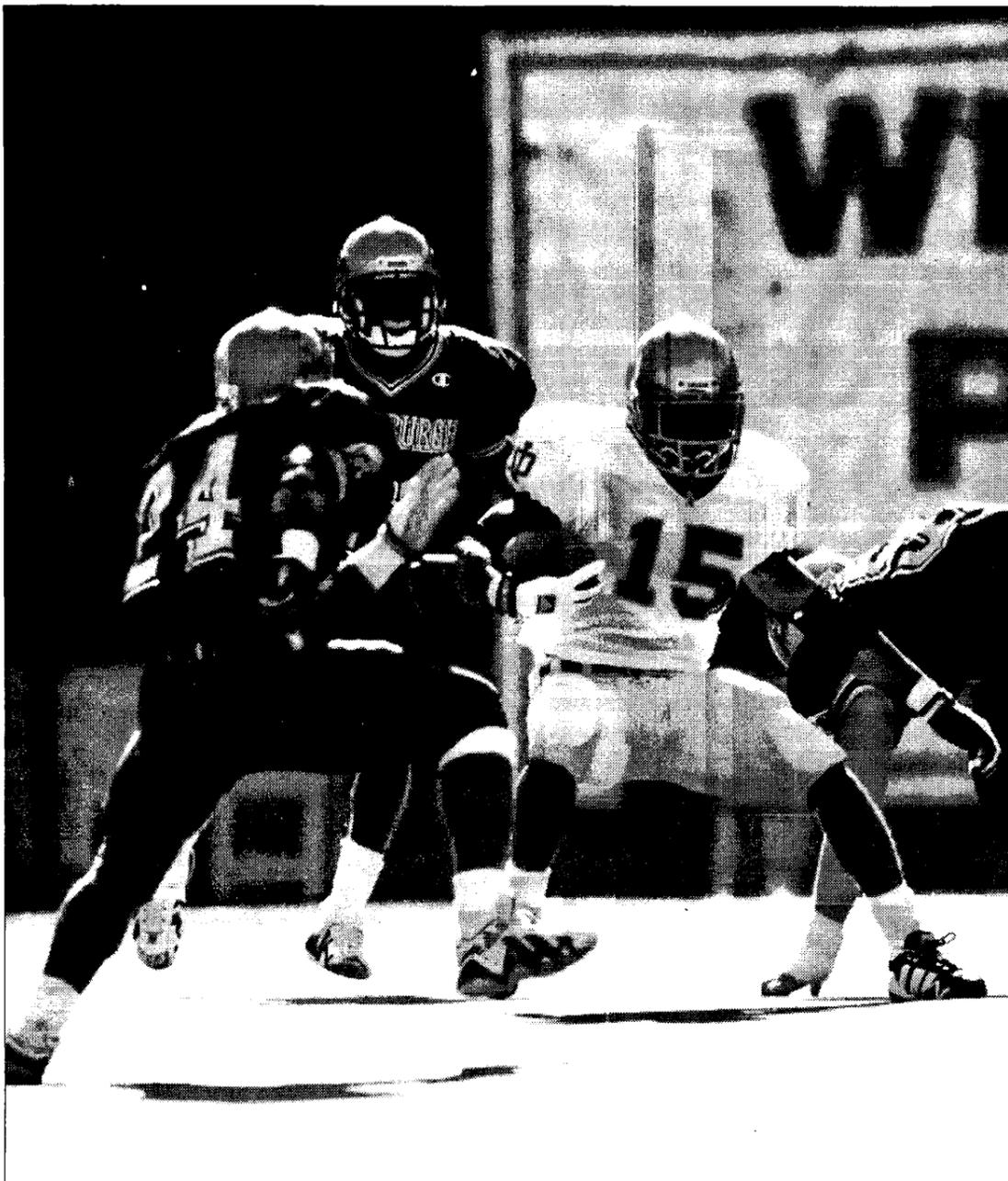
The coaches and players were in need of any kind of win, but a comfortable win made it much sweeter.

"It's nice to see the players smile again," Davie said.

"It's easier to go to practice Monday and get up Sunday when you feel good about yourself," Ron Powlus said.

Saturday also marked the return of the type of Notre Dame football that everyone is used to seeing. The Irish ran 52 times for 317 yards and had only 20 pass attempts. In the first five games, the Blue and Gold averaged just 130 yards a game on the ground, but the offensive line was able to dominate the smaller Panthers.

"They're competitive, but not as physical as us," offensive coordinator Jim Colletto said. "I think that wore on them."



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Kick returner Allen Rossum opened things up for the Irish with a bang, taking the opening kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown. It was the first this season for the preseason all-American candidate.

The offensive line simply took care of business as running backs Autry Denson and Clement Stokes ran wild for 128 and 109 yards respectively, while the offense did not have to rely on the arm of Powlus to move the team.

"It was great blocking," Denson said. "I don't think it was anything special I did. We just came out and executed. We're still not clicking on all cylinders."

"Our offensive linemen made up their minds that they were going to play well," Powlus said. "I believe in our linemen and backs."

Something else that returned to the Irish was the

threat of a big play and Awesome Rossum.

In dire need of a spark to end the four-game losing streak, Rossum took the opening kickoff 93 yards, proving to the Panthers that history does repeat itself.

After the defense did its part and forced a punt on Pitt's initial possession, Denson broke free for the longest play from scrimmage on the year. With 8:12 left in the first quarter, Denson took the Powlus hand-off, and 50 yards later, the lead was increased to 13-0. Jim Sanson's extra point closed

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IRISH INSIGHT

Smiles and silence a refreshing post-game change

"I missed seeing those white teeth," Notre Dame head coach Bob Davie said after Saturday's 45-21 win over Pittsburgh. "It's nice to see the players smile again."

Actually, it seems like it's the first time at all this season that the Notre Dame football team was seen with true smiles of satisfaction for what



Betsy Baker
Associate Sports Editor

it has accomplished.

They weren't smiles of anticipation as seen before the opening game against Georgia Tech, and they weren't forced smiles of optimism after the team's first or second loss. And we sure haven't seen any smiles in the last four weeks.

For the first time this season, the players sighed and smiled, and Davie was not forced to explain his team's performance. He was allowed to just relax and bask in the victory — a victory that he claimed was for the players, but the pride that exuded from his

voice, as he downplayed how nice it was to return to his hometown and have his dad on the field after the victory, told a different story.

In fact, even the Irish fans seemed to let the team enjoy the victory, and maybe even relax a little bit and take part in the celebration themselves. Granted, it wasn't the prettiest victory, and if it weren't for Jarious Jackson's two late-game touchdowns, it might have looked a little more like an offensive battle than a blowout. Still, the Irish gave themselves a much-needed

boost of confidence going into this week's game against Southern Cal, one that could essentially save the season.

There appears to be a light, regardless of how bright or bleak, emerging at the end of the tunnel. The Irish seem to have found the rhythm for which they had searched five games without results. More importantly, the Irish may have finally shut up accusations of lack of talent or heart.

Allen Rossum's 93-yard opening kick-

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Offense finally explodes

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

Maybe it was because head coach Bob Davie and quarterback Ron Powlus were returning to their home state. Maybe it was Allen Rossum's 93-yard opening kickoff return for a quick 7-0 lead. Maybe it was because tailback Clement Stokes finally got the opportunity to make a contribution. Maybe it was the appearance of Jarious Jackson and the "T-team" offense.

Whatever it was, something went right for the Notre Dame offense on Saturday, and nothing proves this better than the 45-21 score.

The offense finally shed the adjective "futile" in its win over Pittsburgh and began to show signs of life.

Despite going up against an undersized Panther defense, the Irish were able to control the ball at the line of scrimmage and avoid what has also become an overused phrase to describe the Irish offense: "shooting themselves in the foot."

With the exception of a failed fourth-and-one attempt at the goal line and a second-quarter interception by Powlus, the offense was effective in its movement of the ball, and managed to do so by using a variety of weapons.

The story of the day for the offense, however, was the return of the running game. Many have criticized the Irish this season for their inability to run the ball, especially because the ground attack has been the strong point in the past.

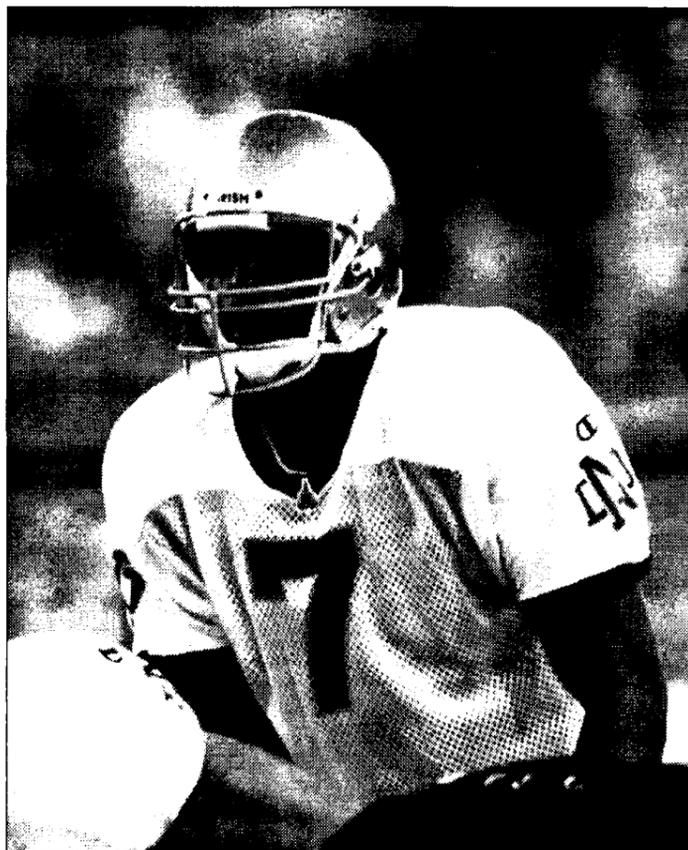
Autry Denson once again led the Irish with another 100-plus yard performance by compiling 128 yards on 19 carries. Senior tailback Clement Stokes saw significant action for the first time on Saturday and did not disappoint anyone with 109 yards on 15 carries. Davie awarded Stokes' work ethic throughout the season by giving him a chance to show what he could do, resulting in the first time this season that two Irish runners have rushed for over 100 yards.

"He deserves to play," Davie commented. "[Freshman tailback] Tony Driver has gotten an awful lot of publicity and has done well. Clement hasn't stopped working. He has given 100 percent in practice and on special teams. He deserved some playing time."

Stokes was obviously happy about the chance to play, but was even happier about the outcome of the game.

"I'm glad I got the opportunity to play," Stokes commented. "I figured if I kept working hard, it would pay off eventually. So it wasn't a matter of Driver playing early; it was just a matter of us winning games. And today was a good opportunity for me to play, and I'm just glad it went positive."

Another new face on offense was quarterback Jarious Jackson, who came in to lead the team's short-yardage "T-team" offense. The offense's inability to complete necessary short yardage plays has been one of the main areas of concern, and Jackson was able to



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Backup quarterback Jarious Jackson saw his first action of the season and responded with a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns.

come in and provide some unpredictability, and more importantly, points on the short-yard plays. Jackson's three-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter added some insurance to the victory, and his 43-yard return of a Panther onside-kick with 18 seconds left in the game turned the game into a full-fledged rout.

Like Stokes, Jackson was grateful to perform a role in the victory, especially with the kick return.

"I visualized the return on the kickoff before it ever happened," Jackson said. "The ball took a perfect bounce, and all I saw was open space."

In addition to the emergence

of two new offensive threats, the Irish took full advantage of its already-proven consistent performers. Powlus completed 13 of 20 passes for 160 yards, and fullback Jamie Spencer, who has been fighting injury throughout the season, contributed a 23-yard touchdown run.

It might be a little early to say that the Irish offensive problems have been solved after going up against a defense that, on Saturday, looked as though it would have had trouble defending a good high school team. However, the offense has finally been able to get a glimpse of its potential, and what can happen when it develops.



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Junior tailback Clement Stokes gave the Irish a much-needed lift on Saturday, rushing for 109 yards on just 15 carries.

Victory

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the scoring for the quarter and the half.

Pitt's best scoring chance came after Panther cornerback Hank Poteat intercepted Powlus and returned it to the Irish nine. The Irish defense would not give in with Melvin Dansby stonewalling Chris Schneider for a loss on second and goal.

After a Pete Gonzalez incompleteness in the back of the end zone with Benny Guilbeaux on the coverage of John Jones, the Panthers missed a 32-yard field goal, erasing Powlus' interception.

"Our defense made some big plays, especially after the interception," Davie said.

Having yet to score in the third quarter this year, the Blue and Gold has worked on making the proper adjustments at halftime. On Saturday, they broke the third quarter jinx with a 22-yard Jim Sanson field goal after the defense forced Pitt to punt from its own 10.

"We knew we needed to play well in the third quarter," Powlus said. "We had an opportunity to get the ball down field, and we made some things happen."

Kory Minor helped set up the Irish offense on their first possession, when on third-and-four, he drove the Panther tackle back into his quarterback before disposing of him and wrapping up Gonzalez for an 11-yard loss to force a punt.

The Panthers showed that they still had some fight in them, getting right back in the game with a six-play, 80-yard drive. The march was aided by a flea-flicker with Gonzalez hitting Terry Murphy with a 34-yard completion to move the ball to the Irish 18-yard line. A Dwayne Schulters eight-yard run ran the score to 17-7.

The offensive responded and refused to let the momentum swing Pitt's way with Powlus engineering a nine-play,

65-yard drive, ending in Jaime Spencer's 22-yard romp to the end zone to push the score to 24-7.

Again, the resilient Panthers answered with a nine yard Kevin Barlow run completing a 59-yard drive. However, the Irish said "whatever you can do, we can do better," with Autry Denson scoring on a two-yard run to give the Irish a 31-14 lead with 12:56 left in the contest.

"The way we reacted to them was real

encouraging," Denson said. "I think that's just an example of what our offense can be like."

Whenever things started to go the Panthers' way, the Irish responded, pleasing the coaching staff.

"The encouraging thing was that every time Pitt scored, we were able to answer it," Davie said.

"We didn't let the bad things hurt us. We made up our minds to control what we can control."

REPORT CARD

Quarterbacks: B+

The success of the running game precluded any need for an outstanding passing effort. The interception was a poor decision by Powlus, but a handful of significant third-down completions compensated for the mistake. Jackson played his role effectively.

Running Backs: A

Denson and Stokes rekindled memories of the old Irish rushing attack as they punished the Panther defense and combined for 137 yards. Spencer was effective, amassing 40 additional yards on six carries, including a 23-yard score.

Receivers: A-

The receiving corps also got the job done when they were called on to do so. Despite the lack of action through the air, Brown and Johnson are finally making more of each individual catch by running longer routes and advancing the ball after the catch.

Offensive Line: B+

Pitt was small, but the men in the trenches took care of business and allowed the backfield to run wild as it should against that kind of opponent — a definite improvement.

Defensive Line: B-

Schulters victimized the down lineman at times, but he was held under 100 yards, and the Panthers were only able to manage 133 yards rushing for the day.

Linebackers: B-

Sacks from Minor and Bryant help the grade, but

Pittsburgh had way too easy of a time going around the ends, especially on their two touchdown runs.

Defensive Backs: C

Another unit that was in need of improvement came through in satisfactory way. A number of solid coverage jobs held Gonzalez's passing stats to a minimum, especially in the first half. A few deep balls down the stretch did not reflect extremely well on the secondary as a whole.

Special Teams: B+

Rossum to the rescue. His kickoff return to open the game may have been the spark that the Irish have been so desperately searching for. Sanson was effective, and Jackson embarrassed Pitt's onside kicking crew.

Coaching: C+

The gold helmets were ready to play from the opening whistle and took advantage of their early momentum. Or did they? Any lead, let alone a 17-0 bulge in the first half, is a comforting situation for Davie and his staff, but they could not put the dagger in the Pittsburgh's collective heart when the ball was inside the five yard line in the second quarter.

Overall: 3.04

The Irish played their best 60 consecutive minutes of football on Saturday. The offense faltered momentarily in the middle of the game, but opened and closed the contest with authority. The defense could have played better, but the offense finally gave them the points they deserve, so it did not matter. It was a much needed confidence booster as rival USC heads for South Bend this week.

-Brian Reinthaler

Irish defense bends but refuses to break

Much-maligned defense finally comes up big

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

It may have taken over a month, but better late than never. On Saturday, the "bend but don't break" defensive philosophy finally prevailed.

Although the Pittsburgh offense looked about as lifeless as the stadium they play in, the Irish displayed a knack for stepping up and making the big play at the right time. And when it was all said and done, Notre Dame walked away with its head held high and a 45-21 vic-

tory in its back pocket.

"I thought we played well on defense, especially in the first half," said head coach Bob Davie.

Late in the first half, the defense gave Irish fans a sense that this day was finally going to be different than the four previous Saturdays.

After Panther defensive back Hank Poteat intercepted a Ron Powlus pass, the Pittsburgh offense was given a golden opportunity to score with a first-and-goal at the Notre Dame nine-yard line.

While the Irish did hold a 14-0 lead, all of the scoring came within the first six minutes of the game, and with the offense briefly falling back into its season-long hibernation, it appeared they were in for a dog fight.

However, with Pittsburgh threatening for the first time in the game, Notre Dame responded with its biggest defensive series of the season. On first down, the Irish defensive front forced an

errant pass from Panther quarterback Pete Gonzalez.

Gonzalez then handed off to tailback Chris Schneider on second down, and the Irish defense was once again ready. Senior defensive end Melvin Dansby stepped up like a captain should, stuffing Schneider for a one-yard loss.

"Melvin really came through for us there," said linebacker Kory Minor. "That was an important moment in the game for us. We had to have a big play, and Melvin provided it for us."

On third down, Gonzalez's pass sailed beyond the reach of the intended receiver, and the Panthers were forced to settle for a field goal.

After Chris Ferencik's 32-yard field goal attempt sailed wide, the Panthers' bubble seemed to deflate, while the Irish gained confidence.

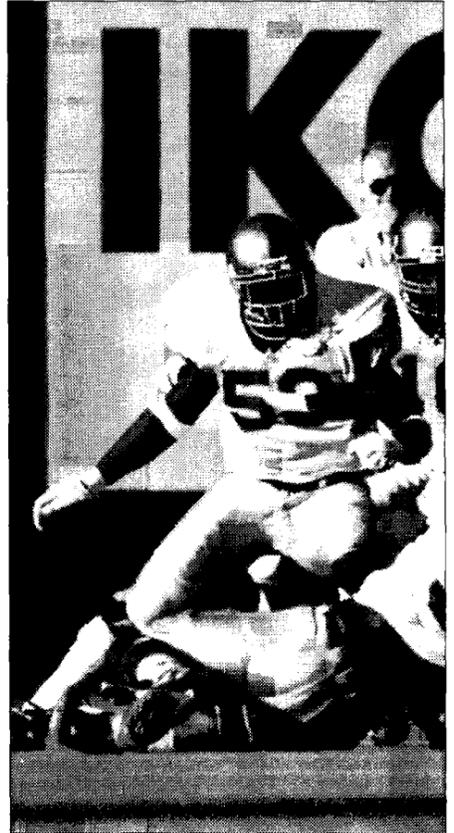
"I think stopping them really helped our confidence," said cornerback Allen Rossum. "We did give up some yards in the second half, but we never panicked. I think the guys out there really felt like we were going to win this game."

It wasn't the only time the Irish stepped up when they had to. After giving up 14 points in the third quarter to watch the Panthers narrow the gap at 24-14, the unit responded in the fourth quarter, giving the Notre Dame offense a chance to put the game away.

"I thought the defense really came through for us in the fourth quarter when we needed some stops," said quarterback Ron Powlus. "It enabled us [the offense] to keep the ball and score some points and eventually put the game away."

All in all, it wasn't pretty, but it was effective. The Notre Dame defense, after falling apart a week ago in a 33-15 loss to Stanford, bounced back against a Pittsburgh offense that entered the game averaging nearly 400 yards per contest.

Freshman Grant Irons, who entered the game after starter Ronnie Nicks suf-



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Linebacker Lamont Bryant registered a key sack in the first quarter that helped curtail a Panther scoring opportunity.

ferred a knee injury six minutes into the contest, led the Irish with seven tackles. Fellow linebackers Jimmy Friday and Minor added six tackles apiece for the linebacking corps.

"I think we [the linebackers] felt particularly responsible for what happened in the second half against Stanford," said Minor. "We took it upon ourselves to step up today, and I think we were able to do that."

Better late than never.



The Observer/John Daily

Freshman linebacker Grant Irons filled in for the injured Ronnie Nicks and responded with a team-high seven tackles.

AP TOP 25 AP

TEAM	RECORD	POINTS	PREVIOUS
1. Penn St (51)	5-0	1724	2
2. Nebraska (14)	5-0	1668	3
3. Florida St (3)	5-0	1603	4
4. No. Carolina (2)	6-0	1521	5
5. Michigan	5-0	1490	6
6. Auburn	6-0	1366	8
7. Florida	5-1	1280	1
8. LSU	5-1	1199	14
9. Tennessee	4-1	1126	9
10. Washington	4-1	1121	10
11. Ohio St	5-1	1113	7
12. Michigan St	5-0	1058	11
13. Washington St	5-0	958	12
14. Texas A&M	5-0	827	15
15. Iowa	4-1	703	17
16. Oklahoma St	6-0	665	30
17. UCLA	4-2	637	18
18. Air Force	7-0	516	19
19. Georgia	4-1	446	13
20. Kansas St	4-1	388	22
21. Georgia Tech	4-1	281	25
22. Virginia Tech	5-1	274	23
23. West Virginia	5-1	182	-
24. Wisconsin	6-1	134	-
25. Stanford	4-2	119	16

Others receiving votes: Arizona St 69, New Mexico 57, Toledo 46, Purdue 38, Wyoming 26, Virginia 20, Alabama 15, Colorado 15, BYU 14, Miami, Ohio 11, Ohio 9, Clemson 8, Marshall 8, So Mississippi 5, Colorado St 4, Rice 4, No Carolina St 2.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

	1	2	3	4	F
Notre Dame	14	0	10	21	45
Pittsburgh	0	0	14	7	21

Team Statistics	ND	PITT
First Downs	27	22
Net Yards Rushing	317	133
Net Yards Passing	160	216
Passes attempted	20	34
Passes completed	13	16
Total Net Yards	477	349
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	0-0
Possession Time	31:17	28:43

Individual Statistics

Rushing
 ND-Denson 19-128, 2 touchdowns, Stokes 15-109, Spencer 6-40, 1 touchdown, Barry 5-19, Jackson 1-3, 1 touchdown, Powlus 2-3
 Pitt. Schulters 17-91, 1 touchdown, Barlow 11-40, 1 touchdown, Gonzalez 7-3, Schneider 1-(-1)

Passing
 ND-Powlus 13-20-1, 160
 Pitt.-Gonzalez 16-32-0, 216 yards 1 touchdown, Barlow 0-1, Lytle 0-1

Receiving
 ND- Johnson 5-64, Brown 3-60, Nelson 2-16, Stokes 1-6, Denson 1-2
 Pitt.- Hoffart 6-77, Murphy 3-86, 1 touchdown, Schulters 3-20, Jones 1-14, McMullen 1-11, Williams 1-6, Angel 1-2

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter
 Notre Dame- Rossum 93 yard return (Sanson kick)
 Notre Dame- Denson 50 yard run (Sanson kick)

2nd Quarter- no scoring

3rd Quarter
 Notre Dame- FG Sanson 22 yards
 Pittsburgh- Achulters 6 yard run (Ferencik kick)
 Notre Dame- Spencer 33 yard run (Sanson kick)
 Pittsburgh- Barlow 9 yard run (Ferencik kick)

4th Quarter
 Notre Dame- Denson 2 yard run (Sanson kick)
 Notre Dame- Jackson 3 yard run (Sanson kick)
 Pittsburgh- Murphy 9 yard pass from Gonzalez
 Notre Dame- Jackson 43 yard return (Sanson kick)

Insight

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off return set the tone for an offensive effort that quieted critics who speculated about the talent level of the team, and the ability of the offensive line to allow two Irish runners to amass more than 100 yards answered any doubts about heart. The seemingly unattainable key to the internal struggle of the Notre Dame football has been turned, and it now has the confidence to face the outside world.

Former Irish coach Lou Holtz, who has received the brunt of the lack-of-talent accusations, defended both Davie and the players in his halftime commentary on CBS, looking outside the team for the source of the problem.

"I'm employed by CBS, but my heart is still at Notre Dame," Holtz said. "Bob Davie's a great coach, and he has a lot of potential. It's not talent, and it's not coaching. It's confidence. It's time to stop pointing fingers, and I'm not talking about the media or the coaches or the players. I'm talking about the alumni and the surrounding community."

Well, for another first time this season, a pleasant silence blanketed the post-game Irish fans, and even though the performance was less than awe-inspiring, the team itself (versus the Monday-morning quarterbacks) provided the answers to the questions that have been lingering for the first half of the season.

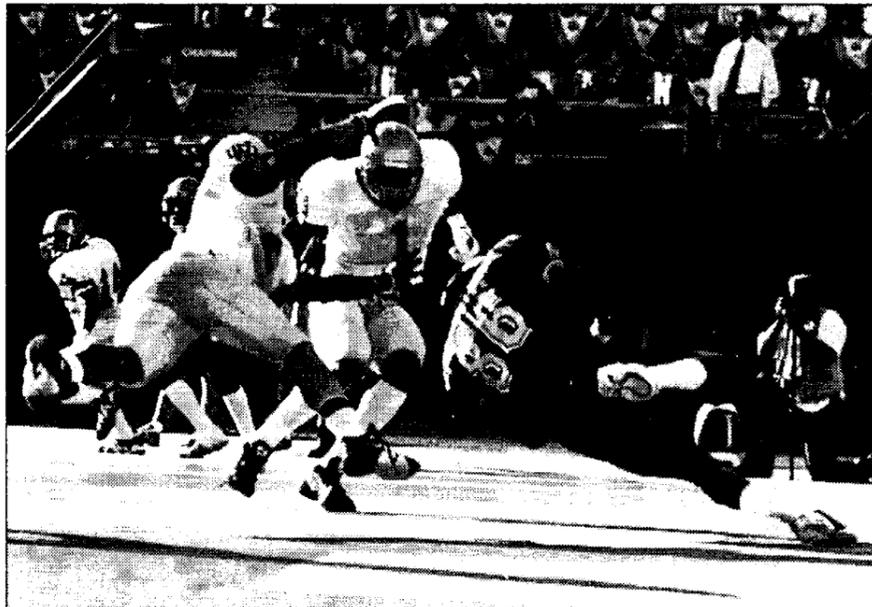
So where do the Irish go from here? I think it is safe to assume that a 6-0, or for that matter, a winning record would be the status of choice for the Irish right now. However, as Irish fans have learned this season, reality is a harsh lesson, one that is often dealt with by denial and deferral of blame. Still, wins like Saturday's can teach us that, while it may not be the most fun or exciting way to go about it, reality, added to a touch of confidence, can bring forth a threatening calm going into one of the biggest rivalries in the nation. And even though this year's game might be between two mediocre teams fighting for a .500 record, the reassurance provided by Saturday's win, in addition to the long-awaited silence of Irish critics, could hopefully prove deadly for the Trojans.

“To overcome adversity someone has to step up and make a play.”

—Bob Davie



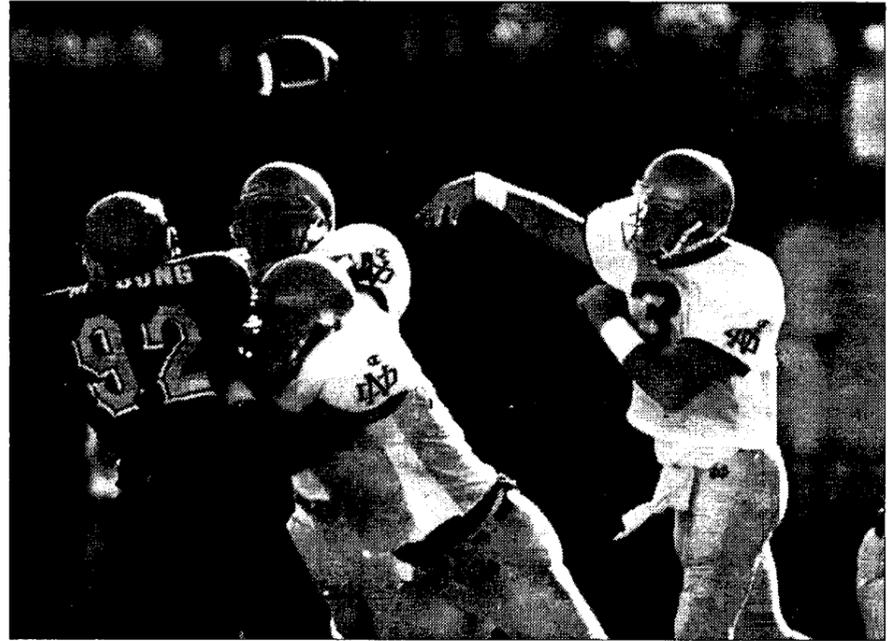
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Sophomore defensive end Brad Williams hurries Panther quarterback Pete Gonzalez on Saturday at Pitt Stadium. Notre Dame limited Pittsburgh to 133 yards on 36 carries for a mediocre 3.7 average.



The Observer/Katie Kroemer
Pittsburgh tight end John Jenkins dives for a catch in front of Irish safeties Benny Guilbeaux and Deke Cooper. Although the Panthers amassed 216 yards through the air, many of them came after the game was decided.



The Observer/John Daily
Linebacker Kory Minor and the Irish defense were able to put plenty of pressure on Pittsburgh quarterback Pete Gonzalez. For the game, Gonzalez completed just half of his passes and was sacked twice.



The Observer/John Daily
It may not have been pretty, but quarterback Ron Powlus and the Irish offense were effective Saturday afternoon at Pitt Stadium. On the day, Powlus completed 13 of 20 passes for 160 yards.

Notre Dame 45 Pittsburgh 21

Pitt Stadium
October 11, 1997

■ GAME NOTES & QUOTES

HOME SWEET HOME — Saturday's game was a homecoming for Notre Dame head coach Bob Davie and running backs coach Desmond Robinson. Davie began his coaching career at Pittsburgh in 1977 as a graduate assistant and then returned to the Panthers in 1980 for a three-year stint as a linebackers coach. Robinson played for the Panthers in the mid-'70s and was a linebacker on the 1976 national champion team.

Robinson's return was especially grand as indicated by the Irish running backs' (Autry Denson and Clement Stokes) performances.

"What makes it sweet is to have two backs go over 100 yards," Robinson said. "I've never had that happen before."

ROAD WOES OVER — The win over Pitt broke a four-game losing streak on the road for the Irish. The last time the Irish won away from home was at Boston College on Nov. 9 of last year.

THIRD-QUARTER TEN — Jim Sanson's field goal was the first time the Irish have scored in the third quarter all season. Jamie Spencer's touchdown was the first third-quarter touchdown scored all season for the Irish.

IRISH INJURY REPORT:

• **Out** — Inside linebacker Ronnie Nicks tore cartilage in his right knee. He will have the knee scoped as soon as possible, and the rehabilitation period will be determined then.

• Due back for this week's game against USC — Defensive end Corey Bennett (knee injury), inside linebacker Bobbie Howard (knee injury), tight end Dan O'Leary (ankle/shoulder injury), and fullback Joey Goodspeed (shoulder injury) are all listed as probable.

STANFORD BAND BANNED — After last week's halftime parody of the Irish potato famine performed by the Leland Stanford Junior Marching Band, University athletic director Ted Leland has announced that the Stanford Band will be officially banned from performing at any Stanford-Notre Dame game through the year 2000. Leland had already publicly apologized for the performance, but additional criticism from local Catholic school administrators (who criticized the band's performance as "bigoted") provoked Leland and University president Gerhard Casper to take further action. The ban includes a performance at Stanford Stadium in 1999, and two performances at Notre Dame Stadium in 1998 and 2000.

QUOTE ON THE GAME:

Bob Davie on the team's philosophy going into the second half of the season:

"We're going to try to approach the rest of the season like we've really got a chance to show some unique character to everyone in the country."

"I think we can continue to eliminate the mistakes and get better. It's so much easier to do when there's a positive attitude and positive atmosphere."

■ VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

'Happy Gilmore'

By SARA BRANDON
and MARTY HARRIS
Accent Movie Critics

Grandma-lovin'-hockey-player-wanna-be Adam Sandler is hilarious in this classic video rental. Sandler, best known for his Saturday Night Live "Halloween Trick or Treat" skit, makes a smooth transition to the big screen in "Happy Gilmore." So, if you are the one person left on campus who has not seen this treasure, this column goes out to you.

Hockey is the tragic downfall of Sandler's life: his dad dies by the puck, he himself cannot play for the love of God, and his girlfriend falls off a cliff and dies on impact (which is code for "she left him because he's a loser"). None of these pitiful events can tear Sandler's clinging hands from his beloved hockey stick — that is, until his grandma has her house repossessed and goes to a nursing home. His grandma hasn't paid her taxes in years and Sandler must turn golf pro to pay back the money, reclaim the house, and save the day.

Enter Chubbs — the wooden-hand-sportin', alligator-hatin', crazy-glue-usin' golf mentor. Chubbs is our pick for funniest character (behind Adam, of course, who is strangely ... no oddly ... no strangely, attractive). Who can deny the mile-long wing span of Chubbs wooden arm? He cannot give up the dream as he glues the hand together after a close encounter with a Mack truck.

The plot is quirky and playful. Adam keeps you interested with his whiny voice saying "grandma" every five minutes. Sandler's bitter humor and outrageously violent temper keep the laughter rolling. An example of his short fuse includes a brawl with tanned and cheesy game show host, Bob Barker. The two duke it out on the course. Other highlights involve nails through the head, homeless caddies, midgets on tricycles, Happy's place, random hook-ups with old women, and three-mile drives to the green.

Our favorite scene takes place at the old peoples' home. Sandler (who treasures grandma) has no idea the home is a sweat shop for the retirees, a.k.a. the male attendant/nurse runs an underground quilting scam. The best scene is when a crazed, big haired, old chick throws her body on the hood of Sandler's car screaming: "Get me OUT OF HERE!"

Our Ratings:

Best hair: Sandler's first caddie wins our vote. His bleached and big hair give him an "I just smoked pot five minutes ago" look. Or maybe he just got back from a semester abroad in London?

Best clothes: Sandler's flannel shirts combined with sweats and Timberland boots scream hockey player. We would not recommend this outfit for the masses but Sandler looks, well, hot. Call us crazy, but the nastier he looks the better!

Best line: Sandler seducing press agent: "What? Friends listen to 'Endless Love' in the dark!"

Best accomplishment: For Sandler it was not winning the golf championship with no prior experience or making hundreds of thousands of dollars or becoming Subway's celebrity spokesperson. No, as Sandler says: "I am the only hockey player who took off his skate to try to stab someone."

In conclusion, this movie is perfect for unwinding with your friends after a tough week. All should appreciate the random spiral into oblivion. It is just funny.

Top Ten At the Box Office

1. Kiss the Girls
2. Seven Years in Tibet
3. Soul Food
4. In & Out
5. The Peacemaker
6. Rocket Man
7. L.A. Confidential
8. The Edge
9. Most Wanted
10. Gang Related

Source: Associated Press

■ SOAP OPERA UPDATES

General Hospital

By GENEVIEVE MORRILL
General Hospital Correspondent

This past week in Port Charles, Lorraine, upon discovering that Carly is involved with both a doctor and a Quartermaine, raises her price and begins stalking Carly at home and the hospital. This is bad news for the Doc and his pregnant bride-to-be who are shopping for baby stuff and moving into their new house. A.J. and Carly go for round No. 567 after she wants to know why they are no longer friends.

Luck's home and is giving attitude to everyone from Lucky ("Must go to Switzerland") to Carly ("You bad") to Stefan ("You evil"). Uncle Luke shows up and tears into Carly for getting pregnant; he's convinced she's working an angle. She tries to convince Luke she's changed, but he's not buying it. When she accepts a package for A.J. he asks if something is up and threatens to go over and talk to A.J. Carly, like an idiot, makes too much of making nothing of it and Luke is now on the scent like a bloodhound. Carly's luck gets worse when Bobbie sees her paying Lorraine off, and is only too pleased to tell Tony. Carly brushes it off as a nursing school loan, but Lorraine still calls Tony and tells him about the sonogram.

Monica and A.J. bond over orange juice and she asks him to let her back in his life. When Carly comes over, Monica refuses to let her in and reminds her to stay the heck away from A.J. Although he is grateful that she cares, A.J. still refuses to let Monica tell Alan about his slip. Later, Keesha and A.J. bond over sodas and plan a date — a date which he can't keep since he's locked in the supply closet with Carly.

Overcome with emotion, Nik and Sarah do some major making out, then go to their own suspicions about who is responsible. He confronts Lizzie who denies everything. She then turns around and tells Audrey that Nik is working to turn Sarah against her. Memo to Lizzie: you don't need any help in that department. Audrey promises her support if Lizzie is telling the truth. If she really did frame her sister ... burning at the stake! Audrey's wise to her game, but not Sarah. But when Lizzie tells Sarah to dump loser Nikolas (Whoa! Cute plus rich plus adores you doesn't equal loser!), and reveals her knowledge of the lucky pen, Sarah's long underused brain begins to crank.

Alexis tries to revive Katherine, as Stefan, with love in his voice, begs her to live. He asks Alexis why she hates her own flesh and blood enough to push her down the stairs. A grim Alexis refuses to be interrogated. After she gets off the floor, Kathy tears into Stefan: "When you thought I was dead, you sounded like you cared." She then goes to Edward and asks him to plead her case before the GH Board. At the meeting, the entire Q Clan stands up for her, but is shot down when Stefan produces doctored figures that accuse her of misusing hospital funds. Shocked, Katherine withdraws her request; heartbroken, she asks Stefan why. His response? See ya! Bobbie offers her comfort, and Luke offers her revenge.

Brenda almost has everyone convinced she's fine, but then she performs grand theft cellular when she mistakenly thinks Jason is talking to Sonny. She manages to scare Emily and drive herself nuts. Jax takes her to the penthouse and invites her to stay. YES, YES, I'll be there after my French midterm! — Oh, Brenda, not me, got it. She doesn't want to take advantage, but is convinced. She even bonds with V. when she comes over. Brenda, here's your chance, throw that annoying Miranda lookalike off the balcony for the good of the show.

Good luck on midterms, GH fans, and don't forget to put GH in your break schedule!

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Days of Our Lives

By NAOMI FREEMAN,
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Days of Our Lives' Correspondents

Hello "Days" fans! Wow, what a week! Not only did Notre Dame pull out a victory, but Eric Brady finally got his hair cut! We're a bit mixed on the verdict, though. As it stands amongst the three of us, we've got two votes in favor and one (vehemently) against. We'd be interested in getting a reaction from some of YOU. Why not e-mail us? But now, on to weightier concerns.

After rescuing Jen from the lascivious advances of T.C., Jack flees with Jen to his cell where she hides under the bed while T.C. and some of his buddies kick the crap out of Jack. Later, while Jen tends to his wounds, the cell door closes: LOCKDOWN! So Jen decides to make the most of the situation, snuggling down with Jack with nary a thought of what she will do in the morning. And we thought breaking parietals was a serious offense!

Vivian and Ivan finally move out of their little apartment with the help of Big Bertha. Over at the mansion, Jonesy is awakened by a mysterious phone call in which he assures the speaker that he "is watching all your stuff, Sir, just like I always do." Apparently Viv is in for a shock when she finds out that all the antiques she plans to steal from Jonesy aren't really his!

Roman and Marlena decide to spend a crisp October day out at the Horton Cabin on Smith Island. Apparently they used to do this quite a bit; we got an entire series of "fake" flashbacks involving the two of them. (Why do they think that a ponytail will automatically make Marlena look 10 years younger?). Roman's medication has been losing effectiveness, though, and when he collapses he has to be air-lifted to the hospital. John had better get back with that cure soon!

Speaking of Mr. Black, he and Hope survive the cliff adventure with minimal injuries, seeking refuge in an "empty" cave. Of course the natives pop out as soon as the two of them go to sleep, and the very next scene shows Hope tied up to a pole with war paint all over her "fancy face." After hallucinating about a rescue from Bo, she's finally saved by John. The two of them press onward, but are thwarted again by the natives. Luckily they are spotted by Kristin and Stefano, who went out in a helicopter after Kristin held Stefano at gunpoint. As Hope begins to climb the ladder, though, one can only wonder whether John will follow. It's not like John Black to abandon a mission.

"Days" had some more psychic moments this week when Bo started having feelings of "danger." Of course we all know it was for Hope, but when he calls Kate about it, she tells him that Hope and Franco are off having a "wonderful time together." Poor Bo decides that Hope is gone forever and, in an effort to get on with his life, he tells Billie that he wants to give their love another chance. She, of course, LOVES this idea and we get to see the two of them kiss a few times. Apparently the "Days" writers have decided that Billie has been redeemed by her near-death experience, and now she is worthy of a Brady man.

Also in Rome, the agonizing story of Carrie/Austin/Mike/Debra continues. Mike decides to give Debra a chance, and even kisses her once (though he thought she was Carrie). The four of them tour the Roman Catacombs and Carrie reads a story about Claudius, who lost his true love and is buried there. Basically the whole "Claudius" tale is a reworked version of Dr. Mike's romantic frustrations, and both he and Carrie are noticeably moved by the ending (Claudius died of loneliness.) Will Mike continue to pine for Austin's wife, or will he settle for Debra? We hate to see him sad, but we've got to go with Carrie. MIKE+CARRIE=MAGIC.

(By the way, PW interhall football rules! We promised we'd mention them. ...)

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SMC SOCCER

Belles defense falls short

Saint Mary's drops two tight contests

By LYNETTE MALECKI
Sports Writer

It was a long weekend for the Saint Mary's soccer team after facing two more challenging opponents.

On Saturday the Belles lost 3-1 to Albion College (5-7-1), and Sunday resulted in a 2-1 loss to Wisconsin-Whitewater (9-6-0) in sudden death overtime.

The Belles' offense improved this weekend with good passing and plenty of shot opportunities. However, they just could not seem to find the net.

"We had plenty of opportunities; we just need to focus on shooting more for the post and getting it into the net," head coach Bob Sharp said.

In Saturday's game, the Belles started out aggressive, but it was Albion that scored four minutes into the game. Albion was able to score 11 minutes later after a critical missed pass by the Belles deep in their own territory. At the end of the first half, Albion led 3-0.

During the second half, the Belles' defense stepped up after some of the players were

switched around. This allowed the defense to be more effective, holding Albion off from any additional goals. Senior forward Debbie Diemer was able to score the Belles' only goal midway through the second half.

"The problem during the first half was that we didn't have the right people in the right places. The second half was much better after we switched Debbie back to mid-field. That created more shot opportunities," Sharp said.

Sharp also added that the Belles' defensive errors were due to a communication problem between him and the players. "It was not anything the girls were doing wrong, it was a coaching error," he said.

Sunday's game against Wisconsin-Whitewater proved to be equally challenging. Once again, the Belles came out fighting with a heightened intensity.

They had several solid shots on Wisconsin-Whitewater's goalie but once again had trouble scoring. About 20 minutes into the first half, Wisconsin scored the first goal of the game, slamming it into the upper left corner of the net. At the half, the score remained 1-0.

Early into the second half, junior Katie Wagner tied the game for the Belles, sending the ball soaring over the head

of Wisconsin's goalie. Both teams continued to play a very physical game and excellent defense. At the end of the half, the game remained tied 1-1, and the Belles went into sudden death overtime.

"We were playing very good. We really wanted to get a quick score, but we were playing into the wind which made it difficult," Sharp said.

After the first 15-minute period, neither team had scored. Finally, halfway into the second 15-minute period, Wisconsin-Whitewater fought for a hard-earned goal, sending it over the head of junior goalie Jo Wagner.

"We are still playing individually which is harming the performance of the team," junior midfielder Monica Cernacek said.

At Monday's practice the Belles will focus on shooting goals amongst dense defenders at a close proximity since this seems to be where the Belles are having the most difficulty. With plenty of scoring opportunities, all the Belles need now are the goals.

"Persistence and determination will determine the outcome of the team's performance on Tuesday," said Wagner.

The Belles' next game is Tuesday at home against Defiance College (0-10) at 3 p.m.

Hockey

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with a multiple-point game on Friday night, Dhadphale seems back on track.

"I was very, very pleased with the way we played tonight," summarized Poulin.

"There definitely were a lot of positives," added Noble.

Perhaps the biggest positive was winning their first close game. Sometimes, winning the first close game can give a team the confidence it needs to win the next game.

"This will definitely help us to win other close games," said Noble. "We just showed a lot of mental toughness and kept going when it was tied in the third period. I also think that they were getting tired, but we just kept coming at them. That's a tribute to our conditioning program. We were not fatigued."

A contributing factor to the energy of the Irish was the fact that they used most of their bench during the whole game.

"Usually you shorten your bench as the game proceeds," stated Poulin. "But there was no need for that tonight because

everyone played well, and they all demanded ice time."

The game was an excellent opportunity for the freshmen to mature, and it was an opportunity that they took advantage of.

"You just can't simulate a game atmosphere in practice," explained Eaton. "You can only talk about what it's going to be like for a while, but eventually you just have to experience it for yourself. This game was definitely helpful for us to understand what it feels like to play in a collegiate game."

According to Eaton, the Mustangs certainly aren't the toughest team they will face all season. This weekend, the Irish travel to play St. Cloud State for another pair of non-conference games in preparation for the CCHA season, which officially begins on Halloween at home against Michigan State.

"We didn't have any glaring errors," said Noble. "But there are always things that you need to work on. I think that we're going to have a very good week of practice. We'll probably work on a few set plays and on our positioning. We have to keep improving and fighting because we are going to face tougher competition down the road."

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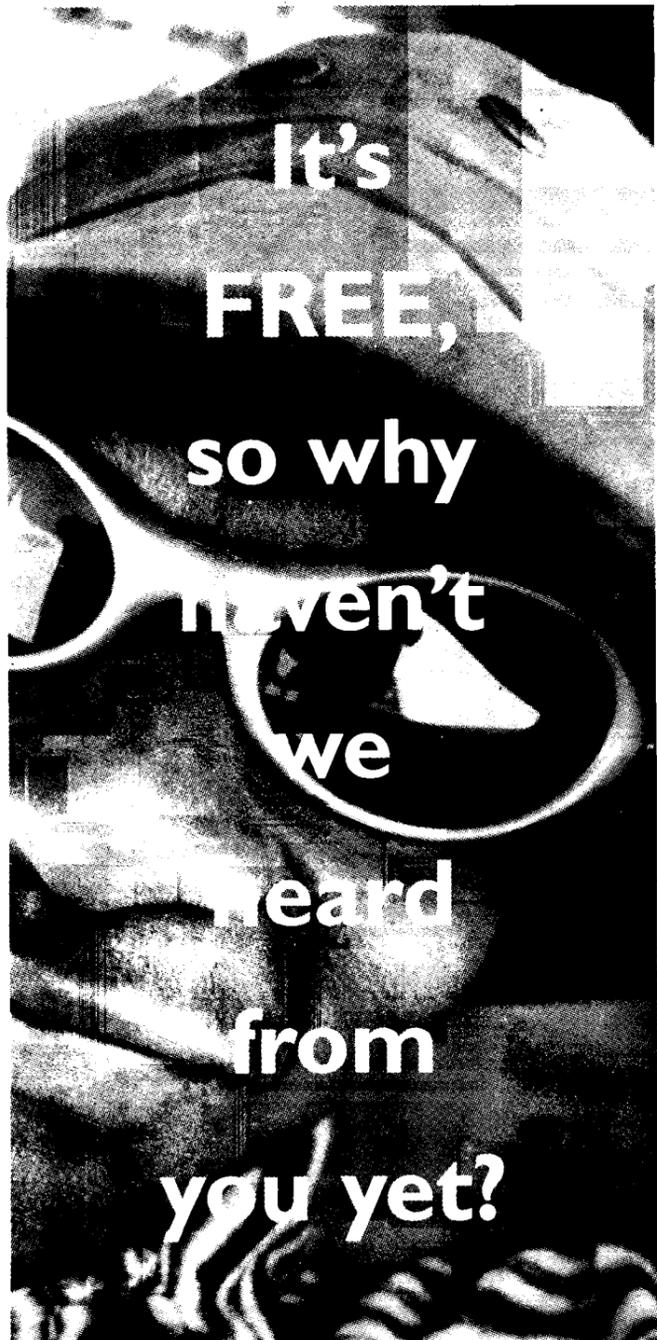
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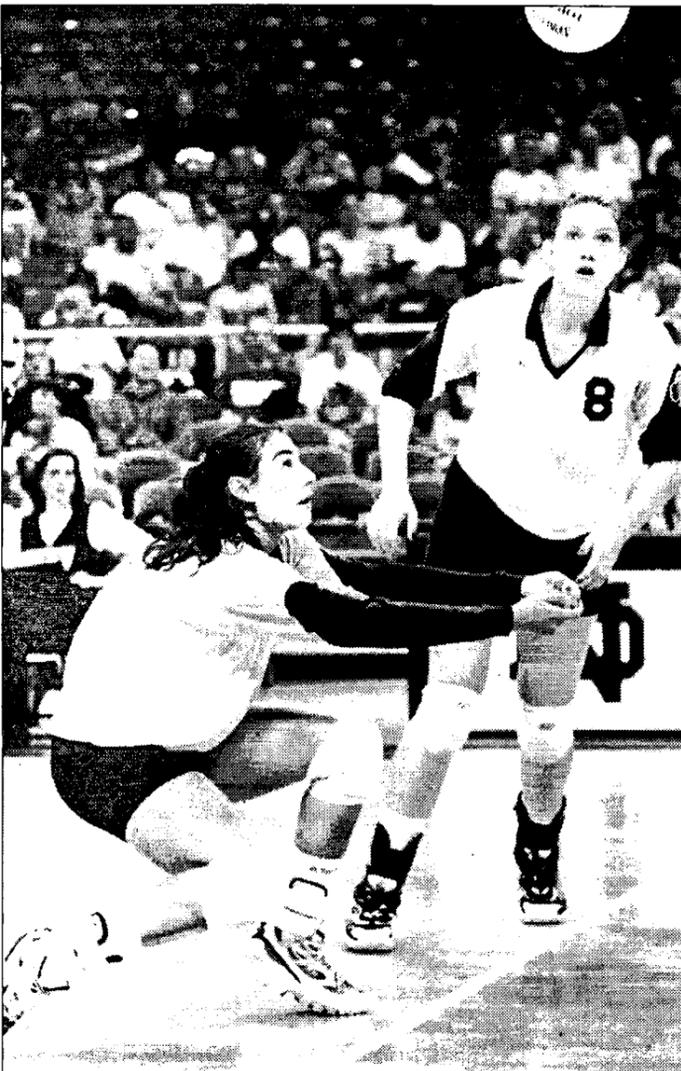
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Senior hitter Angie Harris(left) and sophomore Mary Leffers aided the Irish squad with 34 kills between them against Boston College.

Volleyball

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onship match of the Big East tournament last season.

With the loss, the Eagles fall to 5-16 on the season and 1-3 in Big East action.

On Sunday afternoon, the Irish faced off against a Providence squad that did not have much success against Notre Dame in recent years. The Friars' luck did not change this year, as they lost to the Irish in three games, 15-7, 15-5, 15-4.

The Irish were led by senior hitter Angie Harris, who recorded 17 kills, while Lee tallied 12 kills. The team had an overall hitting percentage of .371 while holding the Friars to .189 hitting.

Providence was led by senior captain Heidi Brady and freshman hitter Heidi Filippi, who each tallied 10 kills for the Friars.

Junior Missy Crotty also helped the losing cause, making eight kills on 13 attempts for a team-best .461 hitting percentage. Providence drops to 15-9 overall and 1-3 in conference play.

The series extended Notre Dame's winning streak to a season-high six matches. During this streak, the team has averaged .364 hitting, with the team of Harris, Lee, Leffers and Treadwell each totaling between 40 and 66 kills. Leffers did not commit a single hitting error during both matches this weekend.

With the two victories, Notre Dame improves to 12-5 on the season and 4-0 in Big East play.

The Irish will return to the court this Friday against North Carolina before heading off on a five-match road trip, the longest of the season. The match against the Tar Heels starts at 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

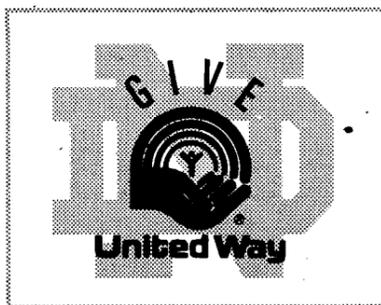
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"It's frustrating to lose when we played a very good game," coach Mike Berticelli said. "To Syracuse's credit, they played well, and we were just unable to score; and we need to score goals to win. Though we played as well as we have all year and created some good chances, we were just unlucky."

The first half saw both teams trying to grab control of the game. Both were able to create scoring opportunities but could not capitalize to give their team the edge going into the locker rooms.

Twenty minutes into the second half, Syracuse was able to beat the Irish defense for the lone goal of the game. Junior Jeff Knittel's seven-yard volley off of a rebound put the Orangemen up 1-0.

Knittel's goal came after freshman Matt Torok's ten-yard shot which was deflected by sophomore Irish defenseman Alan Woods as it headed toward the goal. It was the first goal allowed by the Irish in the

Big East season.

Notre Dame responded by putting relentless pressure on the Syracuse defense, creating many chances to tie the game. On one of the Irish's many scoring opportunities, the ball was put past Orangemen goalie Dan Hobson, only to have a defender head the ball away at the goal line. Notre Dame was able to collect the ball on the rebound and get off another shot which was blocked again by a defender on the goal line.

Another great chance came off the foot of sophomore Andrew Aris. Aris was able to weave through two Syracuse defensemen and hit a shot from the top of the box. The shot got by Hobson only to be turned away by the post with Syracuse clearing the rebound.

"You can never prepare for games like these where the ball just doesn't bounce your way, but if you're playing soccer its bound to happen," Berticelli commented. "It's tough to lose a Big East game to Syracuse at this time in the season, and it makes the upcoming games even more important."

The Irish hope to rebound against Western Michigan on Tuesday night at Alumni Field.



The single goal which the team gave up against the Orangemen was its first against a Big East opponent.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Streiffer's four goals lead team to shutout

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's soccer team continued its domination of the Big East, posting a 9-0 win over Georgetown to remain a perfect 7-0 in conference play this season.

The nine goals for the Irish were the most they have scored this season and was their highest total since posting a 10-1 win over Villanova on Nov. 3, 1996.

"We did fairly well against Georgetown," said Monica Gerardo. "We played pretty consistently even though it is difficult sometimes to get up for a game like this."

Jenny Streiffer paced the Irish (12-0-1) with four goals, giving her 10 on the year. The sophomore mid-

fielder connected on two of her first three shots in the contest, opening the scoring for Notre Dame at 13:14 by heading in a cross from Kara Brown.

Just over one minute later, senior midfielder Holly Manthei dished off one of her four assists to Streiffer for the game's second goal. Manthei now has 18 assists in 13 games for the Irish.

Gerardo, returning from an ankle injury suffered against Boston College on Oct. 5, teamed up with Manthei, scoring the team's third goal off a give-and-go.

"(High scoring) games like these are a lot of fun," said Gerardo, "but they're just as tough as close games because its hard to finish your chances all the time."

"They're helping us gel together. We get better at moving the ball and passing which will help us in the postseason."

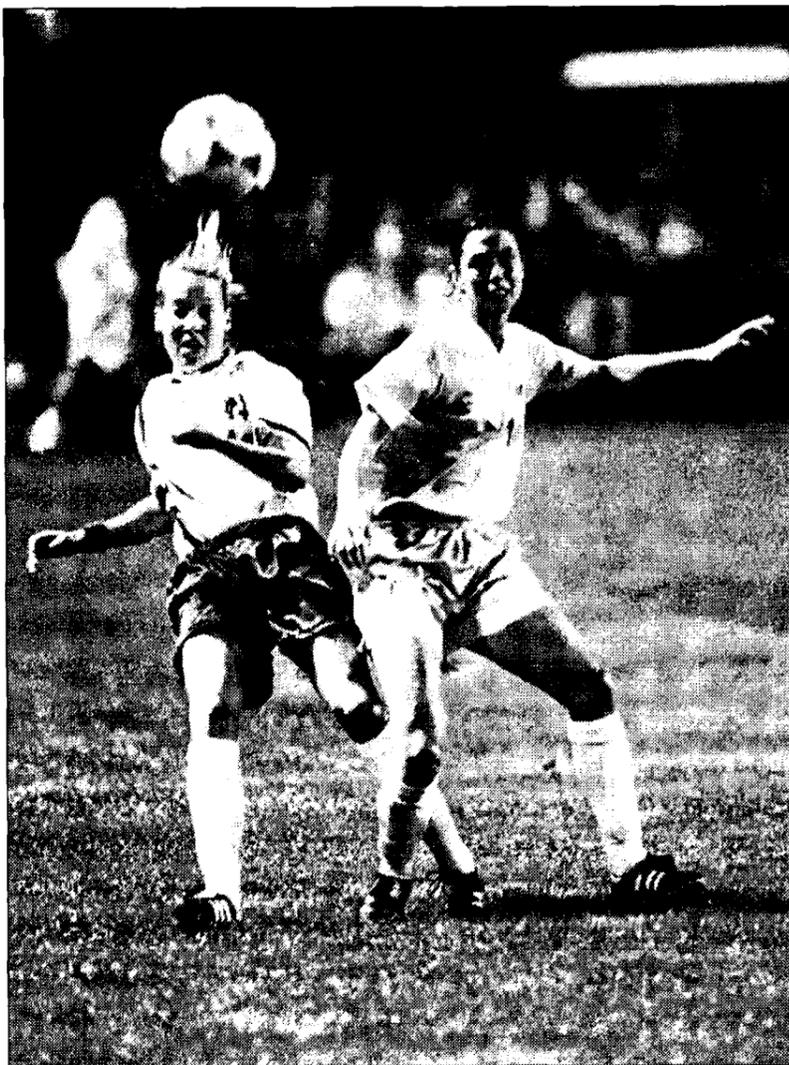
Before the half, Anne Makinen put the Irish ahead 4-0, taking a pass from Shannon Boxx and Monica Gonzalez and firing a rocket through the hands of the Hoyas' goalkeeper from 20 yards out.

In the second half, Boxx volleyed in a pass from Manthei at 48:53, and Streiffer found the back of the net with another Manthei feed 10 minutes later.

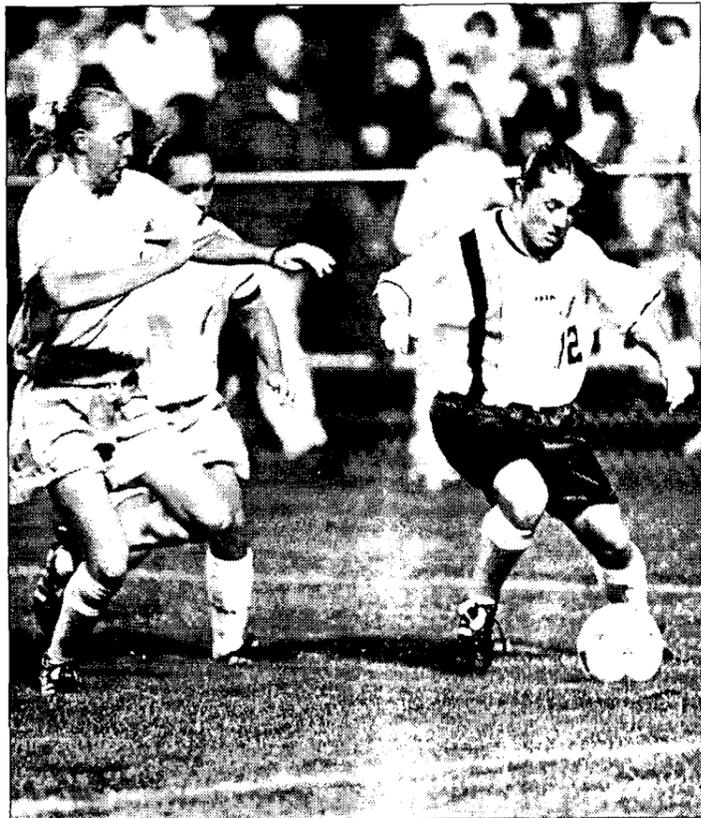
After stealing the ball from a Hoyas defender as she tried to clear the ball from 25 yards out, Streiffer beat three defenders and netted her fourth goal from eight yards.

At 62:20, Makinen connected on a strike from Kelly Lindsey, her second assist of the game. Meotis Erikson closed out the scoring for Notre Dame at 82:49, giving the Irish a 9-0 victory.

Notre Dame outshot the Hoyas 40-1, allowing the only shot on goal with less than



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Sophomore Jenny Streiffer's four goals paced the Irish this weekend.

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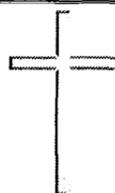
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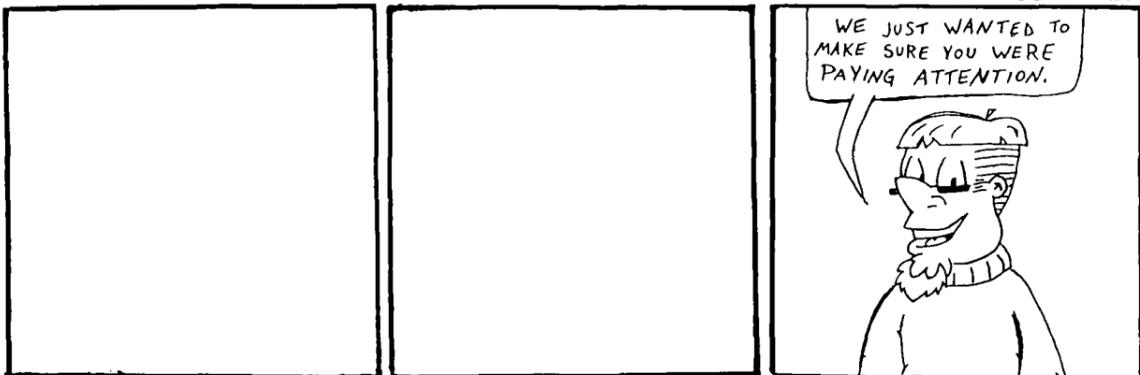
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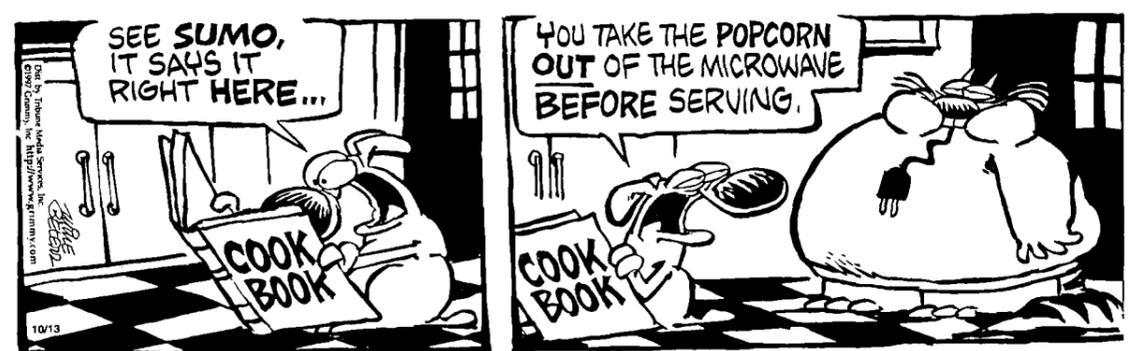
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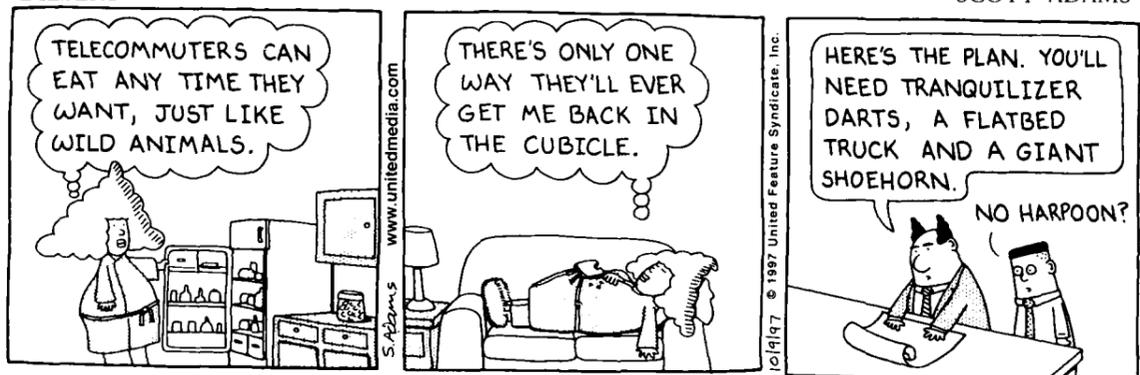
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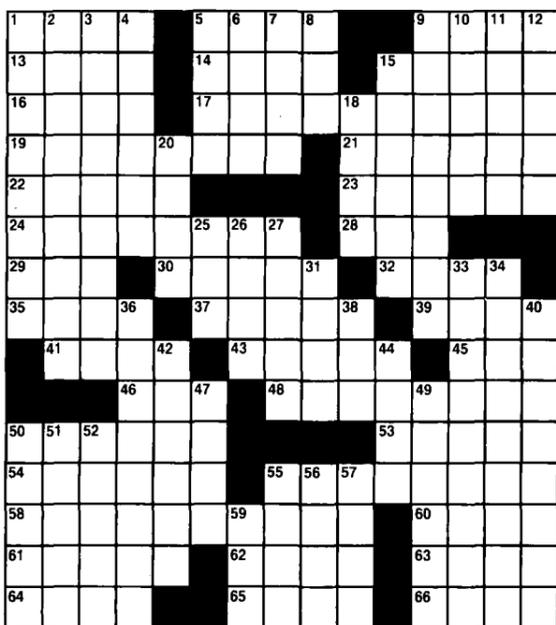
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 - 14 Apartment next to the super's, maybe
 - 15 Sponge
 - 16 Bumble Bee, e.g.
 - 17 Whence the phrase "to give the devil his due"
 - 19 Not moving
 - 21 Sawyer of logs
 - 22 Author with a book subtitled "The Saga of an American Family"
 - 23 Dinner wear
 - 24 Imposes without invitation
 - 28 — Z (everything)
 - 29 "You can't mean me!?"
 - 30 Word of the Prophet
 - 32 Retreat
 - 35 Preceding periods
 - 37 W.W. II enlistee
 - 39 Refrigerator bar?
 - 41 Many A.B.A. members
 - 43 His last work was "Pocketful of Miracles," 1961
 - 45 Get up and it's gone
 - 46 Kind of delivery
 - 48 Token
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 - 53 Like Cheerios
 - 54 "Yoo-hoo!"
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 - 11 Didn't wait
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 - 15 Advertising unit
 - 18 Singles' grp.?
 - 20 Curly cue?
 - 25 Utter failure, in slang
 - 26 Davis of baseball
 - 27 Exerciser of spin control?
 - 31 "Don't think so"
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Gemini: Today you have the sense that you won't get what you want if you want it too badly. Approach a problem creatively and save your theatrical assault for another time. A busybody could ruin your day if you let her.

Cancer: If traveling today, take the water route to enhance the seamless flow of your thoughts. Others find you deep and enthusiastic, if a bit vague. You will be at your best before dawn or after dusk.

Leo: If you don't get the respect you want, consider for a moment how much of it you deserve. This is a day to spend time rather than money in pursuit of your goals. Reinforce your instincts with research.

Virgo: A change in your eating habits effects a unique mind-body relationship. Your critical analysis of a situation or process abruptly lands you in the driver's seat. Being able to tell fact from fiction is crucial today.

Libra: A working relationship is strained by a disagreement over money. Negotiate business matters promptly before the discord reaches a personal level. A methodical approach may be best today.

Scorpio: People assume you are a visionary today because of the prophetic ring to your statements. Mystery and philosophy play greater roles in the every day world. You enjoy your influence over others.

Sagittarius: You experience a minor crisis of spirit when you misplace something important. Getting in touch with a close relative is a useful reality check. Try to do one small thing differently every day.

Capricorn: Even if you don't work in the design department, you may be the one whose creative approach makes the difference. Someone confirms your delightful suspicions. Take a chance on something about which you feel secure.

Aquarius: An unexpected event puts you back in touch with your humanity. Be gentle but firm with others as you set your own house in order. Electronic communications play an important role in your day.

Pisces: You are given a free hand to get things done in your own mysterious, non-linear way. Use confidential information to your best advantage. You turn the flow of events into a forward surge.

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The Job Search: Beyond On-Campus Recruiting will be the topic of a talk given by Paul Reynold of Career and Placement today from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune. Topics to be covered include: identifying and contacting prospective employers, sending correspondence, appropriate follow-up techniques, and writing a successful cover letter.

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■ HOCKEY

Irish put Mustangs on ice

Notre Dame dominates third period play

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

In a game that eerily resembled so many of their losses last season, the Boys of Winter took a game knotted at one goal apiece and turned it into a 5-1 win.

"Those goals at the end were rewarding and significant because those are the goals that we didn't get last year," remarked benchminder Dave Poulin.

The Irish suffered 12 one-goal losses last season. Had they won just half of those close games they would have made

the elusive Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs. For whatever reason, they had simply lost that finishing capability, but the Boys found big time in the offseason, much to the chagrin of the Western Ontario Mustangs.

The tied score with 5:18 to play in the third belied the course of the game. The Irish had simply dominated their opponents and finished with an enormous 55-15 shot advantage. At the 14:42 mark, senior center Lyle Andrusiak won a left-circle faceoff in the Mustangs' end.

Freshman forward Matt Van Arkel corralled the puck and sent it into the left corner, where sophomore right wing Troy Bagne flicked a pass towards the crease. An opportunistic Andrusiak, patiently waiting near the left post like a tiger for its prey, one-timed a low shot

into the net for what would prove to be the gamewinner.

Andrusiak's goal initiated a flurry of goal scoring. Sophomore forward Brian Urick netted an empty-netter with 58 seconds to play. Thirty-three seconds later, Van Arkel added a power-play goal. He took a pass from junior Aniket Dhadphale and slid the biscuit past Mustang goaltender Mike Hall for his first goal under the Golden Dome. The Irish weren't finished yet: 14 seconds later, freshman defender Mark Eaton recorded the first goal of his Notre Dame career. Sophomore defender Benoit Cotnoir passed the puck to Eaton, who buried the Irish third goal in 58 seconds.

"It was a great feeling to score," stated Eaton. "It was exciting, and it's always good to get one under your belt. Let's hope that it's the first of many."

Dhadphale gave the Boys their first goal of the season, a rebound off a senior captain Steve Noble shot. Dhadphale led the team in goals in his freshman year with 13 but experienced a bit of a sophomore slump last season, scoring just five times on 109 shots. But



The Observer/ Joe Stark
Sophomore Tyson Frasier and the Irish defense allowed one goal.

Hockey Results

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Western Ontario 1

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■ VOLLEYBALL

Squad topples two in Big East play

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team continued its recent success this weekend with two wins against Big East adversaries Boston College and Providence. The Irish started off their weekend in New England with a four-game win over a relatively inexperienced Boston College squad, 15-4, 15-11, 13-15, 15-2.

The Irish were led by sophomore blocker Mary Leffers, who totaled 18 kills on 21 attempts. The Irish

cause was helped also by senior hitter Jaimie Lee, who had 21 kills on 704 hitting, the second-best hitting percentage in Irish history for a four-game match.

Boston College was led by freshman Julia El-Hag, who scored 16 kills. She was aided by teammates Eileen Broderick and Amy Laurence, who had 10 kills each. The third game of the match was the first time the Irish had lost a game in a conference match since defeating Pittsburgh in the champi-

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■ MEN'S SOCCER

Syracuse squeezes out a win

By TOM STUDEBAKER
and DAN LUZIETTI
Sports Writers

The Notre Dame men's soccer team suffered its first Big East loss Saturday night when it fell to the Syracuse Orangemen by a score of 1-0. The team's overall record drops to 7-4-2 and its conference record to 4-1-1.

However, the score was not a true indication of how the game was played. Notre Dame dominated play and controlled the tempo for the majority of the game. They outshot Syracuse 18-8 and had an 11-0 advantage in corner kicks. The Irish simply put the ball everywhere but the back of the net.



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Sophomore Alan Woods could not withstand the Syracuse offense.

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