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A CENTER OF HOPE

Program provides Screens a new start

By ERICA THESING
News Writer

Bob Screens straightens his tie, drawing attention to the blue name tag he proudly wears. The design down its right side denotes him as a Bravo graduate, a fact of which he is proud. He gestures to the waiting room of the Center for the Homeless, noting that it is nearly empty as the guests occupy their time in class or job hunting. You can't stereotype a homeless person, he said.

Screens should know. He is a guest at the Center himself.

"People come in here for a variety of reasons," he said. "Myself, I was living with friends and I needed to make a change in my life, so I came here. I didn't want to come here ... because it was a homeless center. I've never thought of myself as a homeless person. I'm college educated. I've held management positions in South Bend factories. I've made a lot of money in South Bend."

But alcohol interfered in Screens' life and he came to the Center after 11 other treatment programs failed. He has nothing but praise for the Center and its staff, whom he credits with his sobriety.

"That was the start of my life again," he said. "They really care. It's really genuine. It's not a facade."

The Center for the Homeless, located at the corner of Sample and Michigan Streets in South Bend, opened its doors in 1988 after two Notre Dame faculty members encouraged University president Father Edward Malloy to address the issue of homelessness in the community. The faculty members, who volunteered at a traditional-style homeless shelter, told Malloy that there wasn't enough long-term help for people struggling to get back on their feet. After winning approval from the Board of Trustees, the University purchased and remodeled a 50,000

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The Observer/Jeff Hsu

"Just because I'm homeless doesn't mean I'm not a person," said Bob Screens. Screens is a Center resident getting back on his feet.

ND's ties are close

By JULIA GILLESPIE
News Writer

The Notre Dame community has worked closely with the Center for the Homeless in South Bend since helping to found the center in 1988, giving student volunteers an opportunity to develop close bonds with residents through campus organizations and service groups.

"The residents of the home have amazing lives and they bat-

tle unbelievable problems that volunteers help them to overcome," said Jordan Curnes, service commissioner of Keough Hall.

"It takes a lot of courage on the part of the residents to come in for help. Many residents want to hear about college and how they can achieve their goals and dreams."

Curnes said that he has formed friendships with resi-

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Security vows strict penalty for mischief

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
Associate News Editor

Although student leaders and University administrators are confident that the half-time hijinks of throwing marine life and other objects will not continue at this Saturday's game, some preventative measures will be instituted just in case.

"The consensus of the entire University family... is that we need to put a stop to the throwing," said Cappy Gagnon, coordinator of stadium personnel.

This Saturday, every student will have to enter the stadium through gate E.

Although the ushers always do "cursory checks for contraband ... This particular game we're going to do it way more," said Gagnon.

"If students do attempt to bring things in ... not only will the items be confiscated ... but their ticket will be confiscated as well," said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president of Residence Life.

Kirk described the admission policy for Saturday as "zero-tolerance."

In the past, those who attempted to bring inappropriate items into the stadium were asked to dispose of the item but were still allowed into the game. Approximately 30 bags of marshmallows were confiscated prior to the Baylor game, according to Rex Rakow, director of Security and Police. For this game, however, the penalty will be more severe.

"You can keep the contraband, but we keep the ticket," said Gagnon.

Once inside the stadium, fans should not feel that the coast is clear.

"We have a very powerful camera that we can zoom in and get people's faces on," said Rakow.

But the cameras can catch more than just squid-tossers — they also have the capability to capture tailgating activities outside the stadium as far away as Notre

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Keough freshman becomes 'bubble boy,' wins bet



The Observer/John Daily

By JOHN HUSTON
News Writer

Keough Hall freshman Sean Gocke spent this week living in a bubble after making a \$130 bet with his friends.

The bet originated Saturday when Gocke and his roommate, Tony Baldea, hosted a party in their room. They pushed their bunks against the walls and put tarp up to prevent partygoers from spilling anything on their desks. Gocke spent a couple hours inside the "bubble" under his bed, playing CDs for the party. His friends joked about it later and decided to test how long he could actually endure inside the cubicle.

Baldea and four others drafted a contract that outlined the details of the bet. A total of 18 people bet anywhere from \$2 to \$20 on whether Gocke could last the week in the bubble. Each morning Gocke, now known as "the Bubble Boy," was released from his five-foot space at 8

a.m. to shower and go to class. He was required to return to his bubble within 15 minutes after each class. He survived the week on Grab n Go's, which had to be brought to him.

"If he's not in class, he's in the bubble," said junior Joe Schneider, one of those involved with the bet.

The contract even stipulated that Gocke could not leave the bubble to go to the bathroom. He could, however, relieve himself during class-time.

Gocke said that he actually looked forward to his biology lab this week "because it's really long."

"People are keeping watch over him all the time, in order to ensure that he doesn't violate the contract," Schneider said.

The ordeal officially began Monday morning and lasted through Gocke's last class Thursday, which ended at 3:30 p.m. Gocke pulled in \$130 for his troubles.

"I did the math," Gocke said. "It's



well below minimum wage."

The only possessions Gocke had in his "bubble" were his chair, his books, his clothes and his computer.

"I really don't have much in here at all," he said.

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A makeshift party shelter becomes a more long-term home

INSIDE COLUMN

The art of understanding

Art is certainly a confusing, yet intriguing subject to ponder.

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Illustrations Editor

Despite how we define art, it is a very malleable thing. What is art to one is not to another. Even through history, conceptions of what is "quality" art have changed. This dissention is present in the art community today, with different opinions on what should be considered "good" art.

If there were such a difference of opinion within the art community, then it would not be unreasonable to assume that those who are not familiar with art would also not appreciate some forms of art. In fact, these outsiders of the art community may very well view strange and unfamiliar art with disdain and ridicule. And it is their lack of understanding of art that prompts them to disregard such pieces of art as mere trash or waste of materials.

What these people lack is an understanding not only of what art is and what it can be, but also how art is seen through the eyes of others. Indeed, much of our society places a value on art. This is quite evident in the number of museums, galleries, historians and critics dedicated to art and its many forms.

But because people do not understand something, then there is a tendency to either fear it or treat it with contempt. Those who are unfamiliar with art may view it as something foreign and then distance themselves from it. Sometimes, they openly attack art and denounce it as though it was a complete waste of resources. Their lack of understanding is, in a sense, xenophobia.

Now consider what you have just read, and replace art and artists with something such as Jews, Muslims, non-Christians, non-Catholics, gays, lesbians, homosexuals, bisexuals, foreigners, whites, blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asians, Europeans, Canadians, lawyers, police officers, gang members, poor people, rich people, people who listen to rap, people who listen to country, people who listen to John Tesh, vegetarians, people who like to eat flesh of animals (cows preferred), people who dress all in black, people who dress all in white, people who dress like Dennis Rodman, athletes, scholars, scholar-athletes, college students, people who don't have a college degree, mothers, fathers, parents or guardians, children, sons, daughters, single parents, divorced parents, children from broken homes, criminals, physically handicapped people, mentally handicapped people, engineers, scientists, writers, performers, musicians, business people, historians, capitalists, socialists, communists, fascists, anarchists, nihilists, revolutionaries, rebels, traditionalists, conservatives, liberals, Republicans, Democrats, feminists, girls from Saint Mary's College, guys from Zahm hall, guys from Fisher Hall, video game players, Playstation gamers, N64 game players, role-players, post-modern subculture goths, people who watch Japanimation, people who collect comic books, Notre Dame students, Boston College students, people in the military, people who work in fast food restaurants, martial artists, NRA members, pacifists, people who smoke, people who don't smoke, people who smoke curried ham... and any one else I left out (my apologies, space considerations).

Now just think how much better the world would be with all that understanding.

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Penn State student government president set for trial

BELLEFONTE, Penn. Jason Covener, former undergraduate student government senate president, was ordered yesterday to stand trial for computer tampering in the University Student Government office.

Covener will be tried on charges of interception of electronic or oral communications and unlawful use of a computer within the USG office. A charge of criminal conspiracy was dismissed.

Assistant District Attorney Karen Kuebler said Covener's trial should begin in early February.

"There was another case (in which a wire tap law was applied to e-mail) in Pittsburgh about six years ago, but this is the first in Centre County," Kuebler said.

Covener is accused of obtaining USG members' and other students' e-mail messages and distributing the information, according to court docu-



ments.

Karen Muir, Covener's attorney, motioned to dismiss several of the charges on grounds of insufficient testimony and evidence. Muir said the charge of criminal conspiracy should be dropped because no one else has been charged in the matter.

Kuebler argued the criminal conspiracy charge does not require others to be charged; however, District Justice Allen Sinclair ruled in Covener's favor.

Several USG members, an official

from the Penn State Network Security Office and Penn State Police officer Thomas Sowerby, the lead investigator in the case, testified at the hearing.

Fraternity senator James Hornick said he witnessed Covener viewing the logs of a keystroke monitoring program in the USG office during the summer. Hornick also testified that Covener highlighted a password and user ID retrieved by the program.

Keystroke monitoring is a process by which a person can view or record the commands entered and the computer's response, according to the National Institute of Standards and Technology. By recording characters as users type them, keystroke monitoring programs allow viewing of e-mail and other information.

Town senator Richard Sollman testified he retrieved the logs from the USG office on Covener's behalf.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Colleges make laptops mandatory

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

By the year 2000, the computer screen may replace the notebook. Colleges and universities are drafting and passing proposals to require students to own laptop computers, making technology an even more integral part of student life. Northern Michigan University will require students to lease one of the school's laptop computers by fall 2000, said Fred Joyal, assistant for academic administration and planning at the university. He said students will pay \$600 a year for an IBM laptop. "We think in order to be a part of the 21st Century, those people involved in the telecommunications world are those who have had access to information," Joyal said. Students should be as familiar with computers as they are with televisions and telephones, he added. "It will enable a lot more collaboration between students and faculty," Joyal said. Because NMU is a commuter school, laptops will allow students to do more work on campus instead of driving home to type.

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Citations, fine cause frat to go dry

CORVALLIS, Ore.

Oregon State's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity president John Seethoff announced yesterday that the fraternity will go dry, effective immediately and through the end of winter term. "Going dry" means there is no alcohol allowed on the fraternity premises. This decision came in reaction to events at a Saturday night "Sig-Eps" social function that drew the Corvallis Police, several citations to individuals and a \$45,000 fine to the fraternity. "We understand that we're responsible for our members and guests," Seethoff said. "We care about our members. We're willing to take action to improve our operations." Seethoff explained that he and other members feel that alcohol has become too accessible to members. He added that the fine of \$45,000 isn't as much of a concern to the chapter at the moment because the members are more concerned with dealing with the immediate problem at hand: alcohol accessibility and taking responsibility for their own actions.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Study finds fall in value of Pell grants

BOSTON, Mass.

Pell grants cover about half as much of the cost of college as they did 20 years ago, according to a study released yesterday. In 1996-1997, the average Pell grant covered 9 percent of the cost of a private four-year school. During 1976-77, the grant covered 19 percent, according to a study conducted by the Institute for Higher Education Policy and the Education Resources. The study also found that the average Pell grant is down 23 percent since 1976, while the price of college is up 49 percent. The figures adjust for inflation. More than 3.6 million students receive federal Pell grants, which are awarded by the U.S. Department of Education based on financial need. "Overall enrollments are up, the public is supportive and funding has modestly increased," IHEP president James Merisotis said. "But these trends mask the fact that there is a gap of almost 30 percentage points in enrollment between low-income and high-income students."

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Women's center denied space

WASHINGTON, D.C.

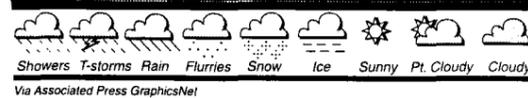
GW students trying to establish a women's center at the University said they were denied the space they requested in Strong Hall. Ruthie Vishlitzky, a member of the organization trying to set up the GW Women's Center, said Strong Hall community director Anna Cenatiempo informed the group Friday of the Community Living and Learning Center's decision. "Anna (Cenatiempo) said she did research of her own about what students in Strong Hall wanted," Vishlitzky said. "She said they wanted more study space, but we already said we were willing to compromise. We said we would designate study times." Cenatiempo declined to comment for this story. Assistant dean of students Mark Levine did not return phone calls requesting comment. Vishlitzky and Heather Hurwitz, another member of the organization, said they are unsure whether Cenatiempo explained all the pertinent information to Strong Hall residents.

SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

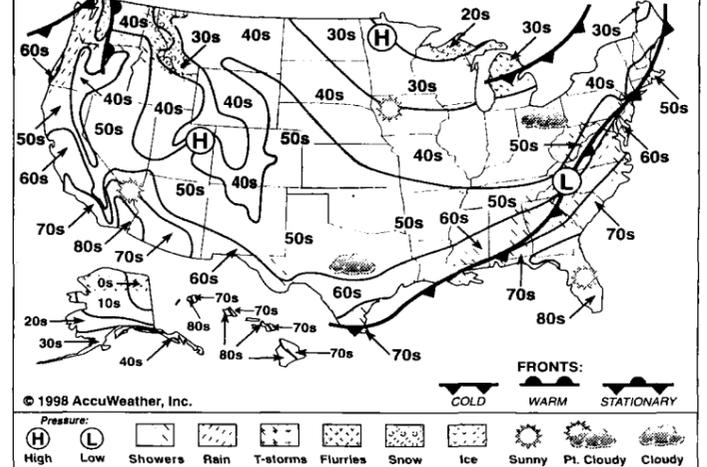
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Saturday	41	31
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NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Nov. 20. Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



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Boston	58	42	Louisville	47	30	Tampa	83	65
Dallas	59	41	Miami	84	72	Tucson	77	44
Houston	67	47	New Orleans	75	54	Tulsa	54	35

Jackie Bird performs Dakota tribal, folk music

By LAURA ROMPF
News Writer

Jackie Bird, a folk singer from the Dakota Indian Tribe, performed Thursday in the LaFortune Ballroom as part of Native American Heritage Week.

Bird, who specializes in blues, guitar music and hoop dancing, included a variety of material in her performance.

"Jackie plays contemporary Indian music with guitar," said Tamera Miyasato, a sophomore at Notre Dame and a member of the Santee Flandreau Sioux tribe in South Dakota. "Her act is very humorous. It's got that Indian humor to it."

Bird's sister was also present and performed a traditional tribal dance. The two were dressed in Indian apparel that carried special meaning to the women.

"The jacket I am wearing is in honor of my sister," Bird said. "It features a deer or elk whose antlers are said to receive beautiful tones from the uni-

verse. I gave it to my sister and asked if I could borrow it for this performance."

Those who attended the show said Bird has an impact through her message.

'HER ACT IS VERY HUMOROUS. IT'S GOT THAT INDIAN HUMOR TO IT.'

TAMERA MIYASATO
NOTRE DAME SOPHOMORE

"Jackie talked about the next outfit she is making for herself," said Sara Brandon, a graduate of Notre Dame who returned for the show. "The main color of the outfit is red which symbolizes new beginnings. Jackie said that she feels the new year gives a chance for a new beginning."

Brandon also noted the importance of tradition in the show.

"During one point of the show,

Jackie gave her sister the rite to hoop dance," Brandon said. "This showed how important the passing on of tradition is. It signified that even though Sherry (Bird's sister) was not old enough, she was given the privilege through tradition."

This was Bird's second visit to Notre Dame.

"Last year, when I was invited to sing here, I was on cloud nine," Bird said. "I am so excited to be back."

Since visiting Notre Dame last year, Bird has been quite busy.

"I actually got to do some recording," she said. "I got to help on the sequel to Sacred Spirits by Virgin Records.... I feel I'm really getting my foot in the door."

All this work, Bird said, does take its toll.

"The more busy I am, the more tired I feel, but this increases the current through my body," she said.

"This is good because the elders say that this helps to make my spirit stronger."



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Jackie Bird, a Dakota Indian folk singer, performed Thursday as part of Native American Heritage Week.

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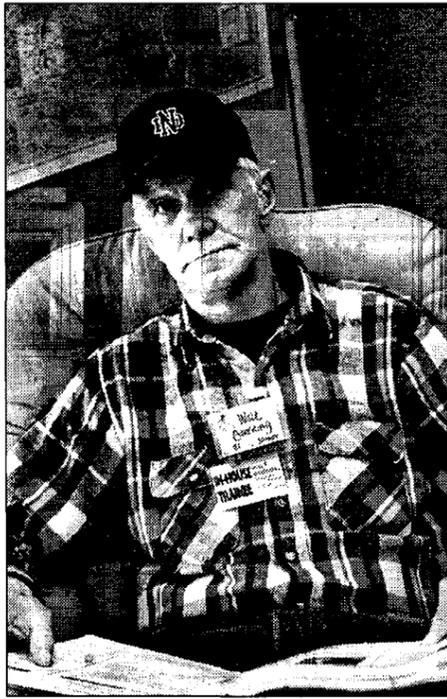
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*Eric Williams (L),
Walt Greening
(below) and Dayle
Stidham (below
right) live at the
Center.*

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Center

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square foot building, which it now leases to the Center for \$1 a year. The University also supplies the Center with volunteers, food supplies and jobs for some guests. The Center, in turn, provides internships and other programs for students to address homelessness problems.

The Center, with its three-fold mission statement and assortment of programs, strives to be unique from other homeless shelters by offering more than shelter and a few warm meals a day. The Center's program for helping people back to their feet is called the Continuum of Care and follows guests from their first night in the Center to their sixth month of home ownership.

The Bravo program, which graduated Screes and a group of his peers last Friday, is phase III of the continuum. It is a five-week program that provides job training and placement for the guests in a wide variety of positions, including some at Notre Dame.

The continuum also includes a drug and alcohol abuse treatment program, in which Screes participated after his arrival at the Center in July.

"It's an excellent treatment program," Screes said. "Alcoholism is a symptom. I had to figure out why I was drinking. I had to look at myself. You have to deal with life as it goes on. For me, it was very beneficial. I wouldn't be here talking to you today if it wasn't for [the program.]"

The Center is divided into a seven dormitories, where the guests sleep, in addition to its classrooms, social areas and on-site medical clinic. There is

a dorm for single women, a dorm for families and five dorms for single men.

Although the dorms hold enough beds for 80 men, 22 women and 15 families, it's not enough, Screes said.

"They estimate they turn away 15-20 families a month," he said. "That's tough, you know."

Volunteers are an essential part of the Center's existence. Volunteers staff many facets of the Center, from working with the children's day care or Montessori to helping plan the non-denominational religious services in the Center's chapel. Screes estimates that the Center has about 450 volunteers, many of them from the Notre Dame community.

"We have a lot of students come over here and volunteer," Screes said. "A lot of the guests here have been through hell or they're really down. The best thing a volunteer can do is smile."

Screes emphasizes the importance of smiling because he has watched many guests enter the Center's lobby. He knows about the burdens they carry in the front door.

"A lot of people come running from a problem," he said. "A lot of people come in with nothing. I've seen a lot of people come in here with just the clothes on their back."

Although Screes admitted that entering the Center was a traumatic experience, he feels that his own positive attitude has helped him get back on his feet.

"I gotta say I have a great attitude about this," he said. "Just because I'm homeless doesn't mean I'm not a person. I know in my past ... I've crashed and burned. I need to make a change."

For Screes, the Center is the place to make that change.

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dents at the Center by talking to them as they struggle with detoxification and job training.

"Student volunteers discuss campus events with the interested residents," he said. "This enables the residents to stay in touch with the world that extends beyond the Center so they feel less isolated and dependent."

Several other dorms on campus, including Pasquerilla East, adopt the Center for service activities.

"Women from P.E. make sack lunches for residents so that they can eat while they are at work," said Lori Friedman, Pasquerilla East service commissioner.

Volunteers from Dillon Hall help to prepare and serve meals at the center, said Ben Kutuyoo, Dillon's service

commissioner. Kutuyoo expressed gratitude for his volunteer experiences at the Center.

"Student volunteers share valuable experiences with the residents," he said. "Students show the residents that they care about them and that they learn from their interactions with people who live extremely different lives. It is important for volunteers to go into the Center and get involved right away."

The Center for Social Concerns facilitates campus service organizations that work with the Center for the Homeless, such as Food Share and the Children's Group, and provides vans to transport volunteers to and from the site.

Julia Dayton, president of Food Share, coordinates a service project where students bring left over food from the dining halls to the Center to feed the homeless every night. Dayton said that this is a worthwhile organization.

"From an environmental point of view, food does not go to waste and from a social point of view, students feed the hungry while they work with the homeless," she said.

The Children's Group student club brings Notre Dame volunteers to the Center every Sunday so that they can take the child residents on daily excursions into town that allow them the opportunity to enjoy experiences that would not otherwise be possible, such as trips to the movies.

"Volunteers help bridge the gap between current and past residents from the center so that people have a motivation to aim higher," said Friedman, president of the Children's Group.

"The most special part of the program is that residents of the mission help students bring food in and talk to them so students receive perspective on their own lives as they help residents regain independence in their own lives," Dayton said.



Bubble

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Those involved did their part to make the four days as miserable as possible. The room's temperature was turned up, people played "really [bad] CD's," and Gocke's computer was repeatedly unplugged while he was typing papers.

This harassment was not the low point of the experience, however.

"Sleeping is definitely the worst part," Gocke said. "This floor is hard."

Gocke's longest stretch in the bubble was 20.5 hours, from 11:30 a.m. Monday until his classes began Tuesday morning.

Many onlookers flocked to his room on the third floor of

Keough during the week to see the bubble or taunt him. Unfortunately, the attention cut back on his study time.

"You'd think that I'd get more done," Gocke said, estimating that he spent a total of 75 hours in confinement.

Baldea concurred that his roommate's studies were affected this week too.

"There's a lot of visitors, but it's a lot worse for the Bubble Boy," he said. "I'm not going to complain."

Gocke stressed that the situation was not intended to gain as much publicity as it did.

"This was not an attention grabber, this was a bet," he said.

But his friends are now pondering his sanity.

"I thought he was relatively normal," Schneider said. "But now I'm not so sure."

Security

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Dame Avenue.

"We use them to bring in people who need to be talked to in a disciplinary fashion," Rakow said.

Security continues to review tapes from the Baylor game to identify persons involved in putting various objects into orbit.

"I don't expect problems," said Kirk. "I'm hopeful — maybe too hopeful."

Both Kirk and student body president Peter Cesaro are confident that the problem will abate itself as a result of a student initiative.

"There are a lot of people that don't like being hit with dead animals," said Cesaro.

His office has been inundated with calls from various groups and individuals who expressed disappointment in the half-time trend and wanted something to be done to stop it.

"[I hope people will] focus on watching the passes thrown on the field, not on what's being thrown in the stands," Cesaro said.

But for those who manage to elude both the student initiative and the increased entrance security, several possible punishments have been discussed in the past couple of weeks. These include removal from the game, forfeiture of future student ticket options, loss of alumni ticket privileges and the relocation of the student section to less desirable locations in the stadium.

"I hope that's not something that will have to happen," said Kirk, "but it is a potential solu-

tion."

While some students may feel that the half-time hurling incidents are not a big deal and that the issue has been blown out of proportion, Gagnon summed up the bottom line: "People can be hurt and the University is subject to liability."

In addition to the 10-year-old girl who suffered facial lacerations resulting from the flying frog, three fans sought treatment at the first aid stand in the stadium with injuries such as a detached retina and a split lip. Other fans were reported to have sustained turned ankles and splinters in their efforts to avoid the marine life and spiked marshmallows.

"None of us want to curb student enthusiasm," said Gagnon. "[However], we're all inconvenienced because of the actions of a few."

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Film director Alan Pakula dies

NEW YORK

Alan Pakula, who directed the films "Kluge" and "All the President's Men," died Thursday in a car accident. He was 70. Pakula was driving on the Long Island Expressway when a metal pipe lying on the road was kicked up by another car and crashed through his windshield, striking him in the head, said Officer Santo DiStefano, a Suffolk County Police spokesman. Pakula lost control of his 1995 Volvo, veered off the road and crashed 35 miles east of New York City, and about three miles east of Plainville, the officer said. He was taken to North Shore Hospital in Plainville, where he was pronounced dead, DiStefano said.

Septuplets celebrate birthday

DES MOINES

The McCaughey septuplets piled into their big white van on Thursday and headed for the hospital where they made history to celebrate their first birthday with doctors and nurses. "Summarize the last year?" dad Kenny McCaughey asked. "There's many words — learning, exciting, trying, just all around wonderful." With the temperature hovering around 40 degrees, the babies were bundled — girls in pink and boys in brown — for the short walk from the van into Iowa Methodist Medical Center. The McCaughey brood went to a hospital staff meeting to surprise those who cared for the septuplets. They ran out of cake," said Chad Rohifs, a hospital spokesman. Many of the medical staff in on the odds-defying births Nov. 19, 1997, hadn't seen the septuplets in six or seven months.

'60 Minutes' will air Kevorkian death tape

NEW YORK

CBS's "60 Minutes" said it would air a videotape Sunday of a terminally ill patient dying after being administered a lethal dose of drugs by Dr. Jack Kevorkian. Kevorkian, the Michigan doctor who has acknowledged helping about 120 people commit suicide, tells Mike Wallace it is the first time he is admitting to killing a patient himself. He said he wants authorities to prosecute him for euthanasia. The doctor brought the videotape to "60 Minutes" less than two weeks ago. "We're just letting Dr. Kevorkian tell his story," he said. "He wants to use the videotape to tell it and that's an integral part of it. I really don't think there's a news organization in this country that would pass up this story." The patient and his family are interviewed on the videotape. It is being shown with their permission, he said.

Starr opens impeachment hearings

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

In a blend of constitutional drama and partisan struggle, Kenneth Starr laid out his evidence against President Clinton on Thursday in the third presidential impeachment inquiry in U.S. history, then fended off a withering attack by Democrats.

The independent counsel, in an appearance before the House Judiciary Committee that was televised nationally, also said the "plain language" of the Constitution makes clear that Clinton could be prosecuted for perjury after he leaves office, regardless of the outcome of the impeachment proceedings.

"I stand behind it because it is mine," Starr said as he was peppered with criticism of his report outlining grounds for possible impeachment arising from Clinton's sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Starr's opening statement accused Clinton of a months-long "scheme to conceal" his affair with the former White House intern.

Even before Starr began to speak, Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., accused the former federal judge of having "crossed the line into obsession" with his four-year, \$40 million investigation.

A second Democrat, Barney Frank of Massachusetts, asked why Starr had not told the public before the fall elections that he had found no evidence of impeachable offenses in inquiries into other areas covering FBI files, the dismissal of White House Travel Office employees and the Whitewater real estate deal in Arkansas.

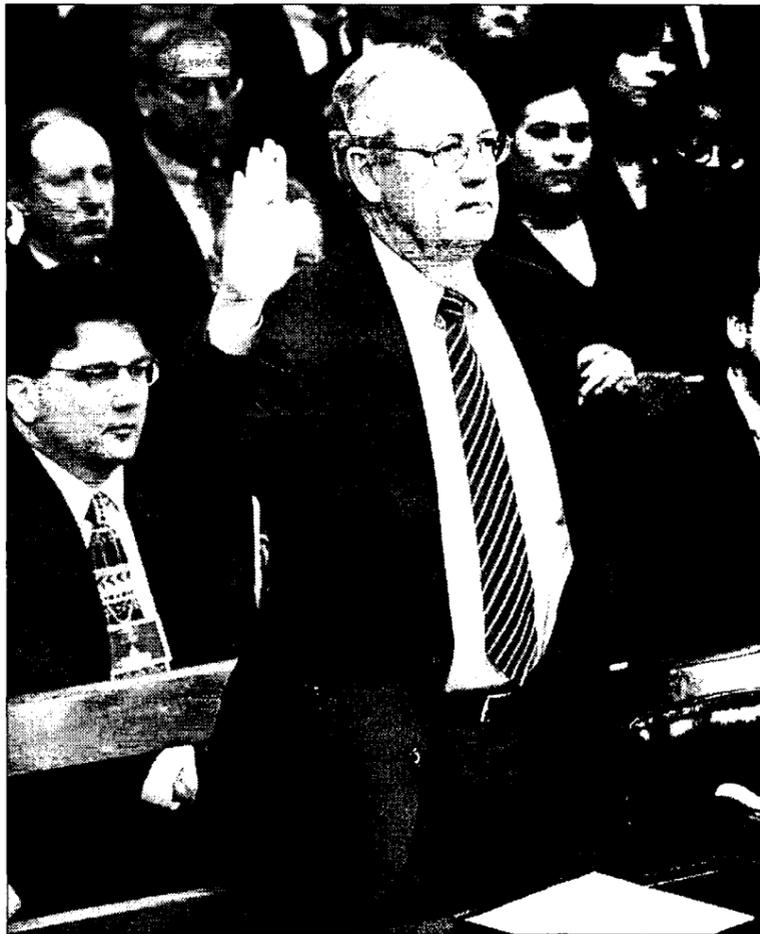
When Starr responded that his mandate under the law was only to report on evidence of potentially impeachable offenses, Frank said: "In other words, don't have anything to say unless you have something bad to say."

Clinton was in Asia beginning a five-day visit when Starr stood before the committee's chairman, Rep. Henry Hyde, raised his right hand and swore the traditional witness' oath to tell the truth.

A battery of the president's lawyers — private attorney David Kendall and White House counsel Charles Ruff among them — were also present in the committee room, awaiting their turn to question Starr.

Behind panel members were two big portraits — one of Hyde, the Illinois Republican at the helm of the current inquiry; the other of former Rep. Peter Rodino, the Democrat who oversaw the Watergate impeachment proceedings against Richard Nixon in the same room in 1974.

Starr's testimony was the first the committee had taken since receiving boxes of his evidence this fall. While the full GOP-controlled House has voted for an open-ended inquiry, Republican appetite for prolonged proceedings has diminished markedly in the wake of



AFP Photo

Independent counsel Kenneth Starr is sworn in before the House Judiciary Committee Thursday prior to his testimony. Starr's opening remarks lasted over two hours.

election setbacks. Thus, it was not clear whether — or when — articles of impeachment would ever emerge from the panel.

At the same time, Hyde denounced to the displeasure of Democrats that the committee would vote on issuing subpoenas to additional witnesses. Among them was Robert Bennett, the lawyer who represented Clinton in Paula Jones' sexual harassment case.

Peppered with questions about alleged inappropriateness of Ms. Lewinsky, grand jury leaks, his own private law clients and other matters, Starr had made only one concession as the hearing moved into the evening. He agreed to provide a list of clients from his former law firm.

He stoutly turned aside all sug-

gestions of prosecutorial misconduct, although at several points he told his questioners they might well have a different view of the law.

"Obviously this body is at liberty to reject" the evidence as not being "substantial, credible evidence" of impeachable offenses, he said.

He said the president was at the heart of a "pattern of obstruction" that was inconsistent with his duty.

Starr, himself the target of ceaseless attacks from Clinton's defenders, spoke calmly and methodically — but unambiguously — as he offered his first public accounting of his investigation into the president's relationship with Ms. Lewinsky and several other matters.

MEXICO

Active volcano likely to erupt

ASSOCIATED PRESS

YERBA BUENA

Army troops guarded an abandoned village on the slopes of Mexico's most active volcano Thursday while rockslides rumbled by.

Soldiers said they spent a nervous night listening to boulders tumble off the 12,533-foot peak of the smoking Colima Volcano, which geologists say could erupt at any time.

"You could hear it last night, a booming sound as rocks tumbled down the slope," Capt. Audelio Ramos said as he stood watch over the evacuated hamlet of Yerba Buena, 5 miles from the crater's white plume of gas and water vapor.

Geologists say there is also a 1 in 3 chance that pent-up lava could blow away the blocked passages of the cone in a massive explosion, possibly rivaling a 1913 eruption that showered ash and blew out windows far from the peak.

"The volcano's activity continues to rise ... which means that the possibilities of an eruption continue to increase," a committee of volcano experts and civil defense officials said in a joint statement released in the city of Colima, about 15 miles from the peak.

Geologists don't like to talk much about the other possibility — a massive explosion — but civil defense coordinator Melchior Urrutia said the Colima state government is pre-

pared to evacuate as many people as necessary.

"It's better to sin by being overcautious than to pick up bodies," Urrutia said.

Officials just hope the peak, also known as the "Volcano of Fire," will give warning enough for them to evacuate the towns nearest the base.

Soldiers tended to farm animals left behind by Yerba Buena's 140 residents when they were evacuated Wednesday. Plastic banners for an interrupted town festival still hung limply in the air.

The hamlet is built on a 25-foot thick layer of debris from ancient eruptions, which residents say makes the soil richer.

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Scholars to square off on TV

Special to The Observer

Two chaired professors at Notre Dame are the guests on this week's "Firing Line" program hosted by William Buckley, Jr.

The program will be aired locally at 10:30 a.m. Sunday on WNIT-TV, Channel 34.

Father Richard McBrien, Crowley-O'Brien-Walter professor of theology, and Ralph McInerney, Grace professor of medieval studies and director of the Jacques Maritain Center, are the participants in a debate on issues in Catholicism since the Second Vatican Council.

Both McBrien and McInerney are prolific authors. McBrien's books include "Catholicism," a widely used reference on the

Catholic faith; "The HarperCollins Encyclopedia of Catholicism," of which he was the general editor. He is a former chair of Notre Dame's theology department.

McInerney is known both as a leading Thomist with more than a dozen philosophical works to his credit and as a popular novelist whose work includes the Father Dowling and Andrew Broom mysteries. His most recent books include "The Lack of the Irish" and "What Went Wrong with Vatican II."

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Panel: Human rights touches many fields

By RUTH SNELL
News Writer

The issue of human rights covers a wide number of academic fields, according to members of a faculty panel at Saint Mary's.

"As a political scientist, when I talk about human rights... [I ask] 'Why is it that people in a particular context become capable of enormous cruelty or courage?'" said Marc Belanger, assistant professor of political science.

He also stressed the complexity of human rights and its morality.

In teaching political philosophy, George

Trey, assistant professor of philosophy, said he focuses on human wrongs, the bad people do to each other, instead of human rights.

"Philosophically, [you] get a couple of degrees of removal, to the point where you can say 'This is why something is wrong,'" Trey said.

Susan Alexander, assistant professor of sociology, stressed social problems, especially those stemming from poverty, when considering human rights. Her biggest challenge in teaching the course stems from combating students' perceptions that the poor are to be blamed for their prob-

lems. "What I hear, consistently, is that the poor are people who choose to be poor," Alexander said.

All members of the panel, which also included biology and economics professors, agreed that they must battle misconceptions about people and ethics in their courses.

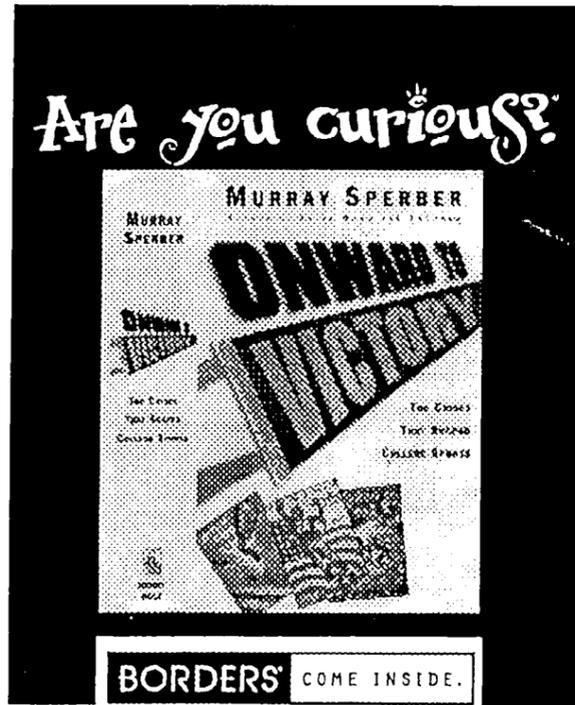
The presentation was part of the ongoing exploration into human rights sponsored by Human Rights Collaborative Leadership Team (COLT), inspired by the United Nations' 50th Declaration on Human Rights.

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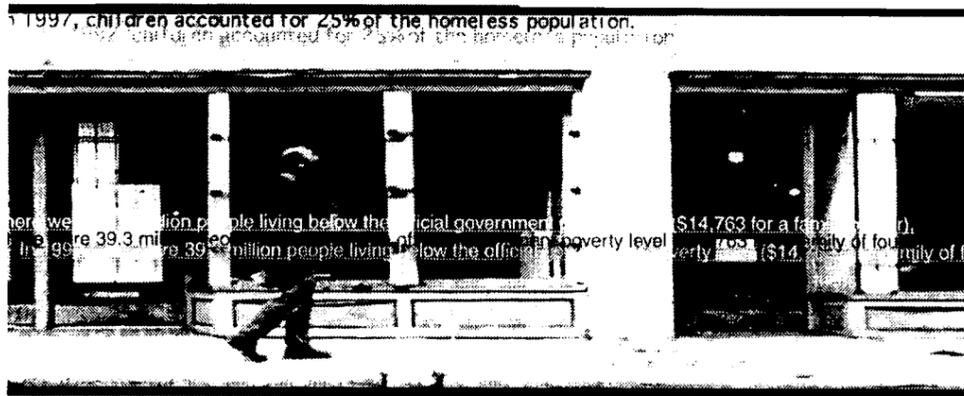


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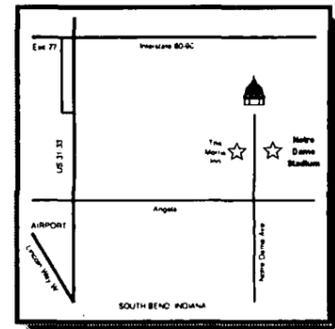
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Execs discuss helping community

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Saint Mary's News Editor

For Rose Meissner, president of the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, it took time to learn that bringing her business skills to a realm outside the corporate world would bring her fulfillment.

She has found that fulfillment in her work for nonprofit organizations and through community involvement.

"Now I can work for the Community Foundation, put all my energy into it and feel like I have the privilege of making a difference," said Meissner.

Three other women shared experiences similar to Meissner's in a panel discussion moderated by Saint Mary's 1998-99 executive-in-residence Ernestine Raclin, chairman emeritus of First Source Corporation. The discussion focused on combining business skills and outside talents with the desire to make communities stronger.

For Gladys Muhamed, executive director of the Charles Martin Youth Center, involvement in community service began when she was a teenager. She later became the first

African-American female director of a shelter for battered women in the U.S.

"This is a different kind of business," said Muhamed. "It may not be a lot of economics, but it is working to make change in our community."

Muhamed also emphasized the importance of being a part of decision making as a reason to be involved in the community.

"It is important for women to be at the table of power," she said. "It is important for me to be where decisions are made."

Recognizing the impact decisions have on others is also key, said Maritza Robles, bilingual education director of the South Bend Community School Corporation.

Robles emphasized the responsibility that comes with a decision-making position.

"When you to work, it doesn't matter where you are sitting. If you are a supervisor or an executive, always make sure the decisions you make are fair," said Robles. "When I reprimand or promote, I try to be fair. I ask you if you are ever in that position to take your responsibility very seriously."

Robles encouraged those in the

audience to go back to their communities and make them better places.

"It's our responsibility to make this a better planet for all," said Robles. "It's not my planet or your planet, but the planet of many who have not been born yet."

Kathleen Sparks, owner of 10 McDonald's restaurants and the Ronald McDonald House state president, encouraged people in the audience to become involved in a company that shares their goals.

For Sparks, being a part of McDonald's, which she said emphasizes community involvement, has helped her to fulfill her interest in business and her desire to give back to the community.

"I believe God blesses those who turn around to bless others," said Sparks. "I have received more in doing than I have even given."

Other panelists also spoke of this kind of fulfillment.

"If you have the heart, responsibility and desire to help, you will find yourself like all of us with an internal happiness that keeps you going everyday," said Robles.

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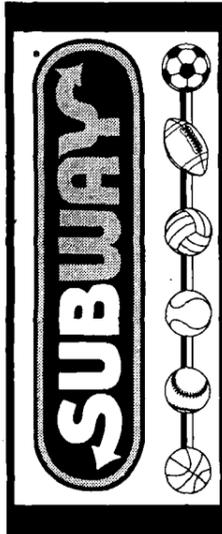
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■ ISRAEL

Government approves withdrawal from West Bank

Associated Press

JENIN, West Bank

After nearly two years of U.S. prodding and bitter disputes with the Palestinians, the Israeli government gave the final go-ahead Thursday to withdrawing troops from a chunk of the West Bank the size of Chicago.



Netanyahu

The Cabinet narrowly approved the decision, 7-5, with three abstentions, after acrimonious debate. It marked a point of no return for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who since taking office in May 1996 had zigzagged on the peace process and now faces the loss of sup-

port of key allies.

In anticipation of winning full or partial control of an additional 9.1 percent of the West Bank, the Palestinian Authority staged a jubilant parade Thursday to mark the 10th anniversary of the Palestine Liberation Organization's declaration of independence. The parade took place in the farming town of Jenin in the northern West Bank, near most of the land that is to be handed over.

Hundreds of Palestinian police officers in camouflage uniforms, their AK-47 assault rifles hoisted, marched in formation through the town's soccer stadium to the cheers of the crowd. Tractors draped with Palestinian flags circled the arena.

Two percent, or 44 square miles, of the West Bank land in the agreement approved

Thursday is being transferred from sole Israeli control to joint jurisdiction. In addition, 7.1 percent, or 160 square miles, of the land in the deal moves from joint jurisdiction to sole Palestinian control.

The Palestinians already have full control of 3 percent of the West Bank and joint jurisdiction over another 24 percent.

Unlike earlier pullbacks, this one held little promise of drama.

No army bases are being dismantled and all Israeli and Palestinian security forces have to do is move yellow-and-black road markers the size of washing machines to road junctions to demarcate the new dividing lines.

On Thursday night, the cement blocks were still lined up at the Israeli army base of Dotan, south of Jenin. On Friday

morning, Israeli and Palestinian officers were to meet to finalize the transfer with a handshake, followed by an evacuation of Israeli troops expected to be completed in a few hours.

To Jewish settlers in the area, the pullback meant new anxiety, and some were toying with the idea of returning to Israel.

"We moved here for peace and quiet, but if we don't feel safe, we are wasting our time," said Miri Deutsch, 47, a housewife in the Ganim settlement of 51 families which after the pullback will be surrounded on three sides by Palestinian-controlled areas.

In Qabatieh, a town of 17,000 Palestinians just south of Jenin, most residents were indifferent to the prospect of coming under full Palestinian rule. No Arafat posters or Palestinian flags decorated the streets.

"The Palestinian Authority does commit certain violations, but it's still better than the occupying power (Israel)," said Ibrahim Zidan, a 36-year-old farmer.

Israel's 17-member Cabinet just barely approved the first

stage of the peace accord under which Israel is to hand over 13 percent of the West Bank in three stages by the end of January, in exchange for a Palestinian crackdown on Islamic militants.

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MIRI DEUTSCH
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Only Netanyahu and six of his ministers backed stage one, with five voting against, three abstaining and two abroad. Surprisingly, Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who helped negotiate the accord at Wye Plantation in Maryland last month, abstained Thursday, saying he felt the Palestinians had not lived up to all their commitments.

The beginning of the withdrawal was expected to give new impetus to government hard-liners to try to topple Netanyahu. "Early elections are in the air," said Emanuel Rosen, a political commentator on Israel TV's Channel Two.

With a one-vote majority in parliament and hard-liners moving against him, Netanyahu could lose a no-confidence motion in Israel's parliament when he submits his budget in December.

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■ IRAQ

Officials cooperate with inspectors

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.N. arms inspectors and their Iraqi escorts stayed out of the spotlight Thursday, their second day of monitoring since Iraq's 11th-hour backdown in the face of U.S. and British military threats.

As inspectors left their barbed-wire compound in Baghdad, they did not greet their Iraqi escorts in view of news cameras. Nor did the escorts enter the compound to meet the inspectors, as they did before the latest showdown.

"We like it this way," said an Iraqi escort waiting outside in a car.

Charles Duelfer, deputy director of the U.N. Special Commission overseeing the arms inspections, suggested the low profile was intentional.

"We're coming out of a crisis," he said in a telephone interview from New York. "We're trying to keep the temperature down as much as possible."

The official Iraqi News

Agency said more than seven U.N. teams went out Thursday. Two visited nuclear sites, one a chemical site, a biological team visited a military hospital, a number of teams inspected missile sites and three teams visited monitoring camps.

"The Iraqi side provided all cooperation," INA said.

Duelfer said Thursday's inspections "went quite normally and no problems were reported."

At least seven monitoring teams visited similar types of weapons sites on Wednesday, also without a hitch, according to U.N. officials.

Those inspections were the first since Iraq refused to allow further visits on Oct. 31, only to back down Saturday under threats of imminent airstrikes.

The inspectors' job is to certify that Iraq has eliminated its weapons of mass destruction so that U.N. sanctions on Iraq can be lifted. Iraq insists it has destroyed such weapons.

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CHARLES DUELFER
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Court rejects admission policy

Associated Press

BOSTON

A federal appeals court ruled Thursday that the race-based admissions policy at the prestigious Boston Latin School is unconstitutional.

A three-judge panel of the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered Boston Latin to immediately admit 15-year-old Sarah Wessmann, a white student who complained that she was illegally denied admission in favor of less-qualified minorities.

A lower court judge in May had upheld Boston Latin's admissions policy.

Sarah's father, Henry Wessmann, said that when his

daughter heard about the decision, "she had a big smile on her face. There was a happiness about getting what she achieved all along."

Boston Latin is a public school, but a highly selective one. Its students have included Ralph Waldo Emerson, Cotton Mather and Ben Franklin.

Schools Superintendent Thomas Payzant said he was disappointed with the decision.

"We're every bit as committed to diversity today as we were when we decided to take this case forward," he said.

He said the school committee would decide whether to appeal, or change the admissions policy.

Sarah's lawyer, Michael

McLaughlin, had argued that the school's admissions system — administered by Boston's school board, the School Committee — was an illegal quota masked by "high-minded and amorphous terms" of diversity and fairness.

Half the school's students are selected solely on entrance exam scores and grades. Admissions for the remaining half are weighted by race. For example, if 15 percent of the remaining applicants are black, 15 percent of those admitted must be black.

The appeals court cited recent Supreme Court decisions that show the high court is "highly skeptical of racial preferences."

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The CIH virus is the more dangerous of the two, as it contains a trigger for the 26th of any month. On this date, the virus will attempt to overwrite the flash-BIOS of your computer. If the flash-BIOS is write-enabled (and it is in most computers), this virus will render the machine unusable because it will no longer boot. At the same time, the virus may also overwrite the hard disk with garbage. The Laroux virus is a macro virus which infects Microsoft Excel spreadsheets under Windows 3.1, Win95/98 and Win NT. This virus is not destructive, but will spread whenever an infected spreadsheet file is accessed.

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NT@ND computers already have an updated version of McAfee VirusScan. If you're using an NT@ND computer, check the icons in the task bar (opposite the Start button) and confirm that you have the "V" shield icon. Once this program is active, it monitors for viruses and prevents them from becoming active in memory and causing further infection. However, if you have files saved that are infected with a virus, it won't scan and clean them without your accessing the file, or specifically running the full scan component of the program. To run the full scan on an NT@ND machine, select Start/Programs/Basic/Utilities/McAfee VirusScan. In the Scan In field, select the drive to scan, select the All Files tab (necessary to detect macro viruses) and click the Scan Now button. Repeat this process for each drive that you have write access to (including your NDAcess space of H:).

Windows 3.1/95/98:

Because these viruses are new, you must be using a current version of anti-virus software to insure that your computer is monitored and protected from infection. Since the CIH virus can be very damaging to your computer and data, we encourage you to take extra precautions in checking for this virus. If your computer is already infected, you must boot from a known virus-free disk (see below for more details), and then scan all materials. Even if you already have anti-virus software installed on your computer, if it has not been updated to detect these new viruses, you are at risk.

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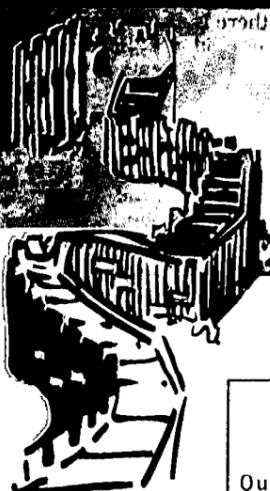
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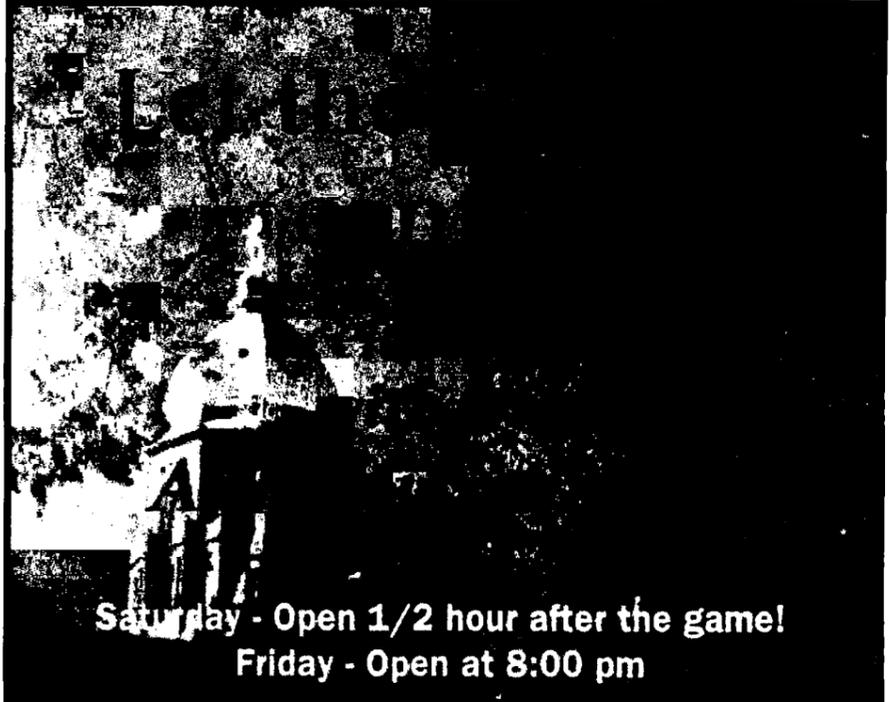
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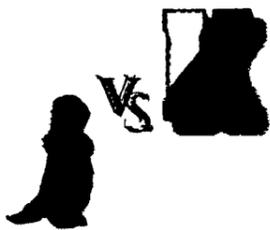
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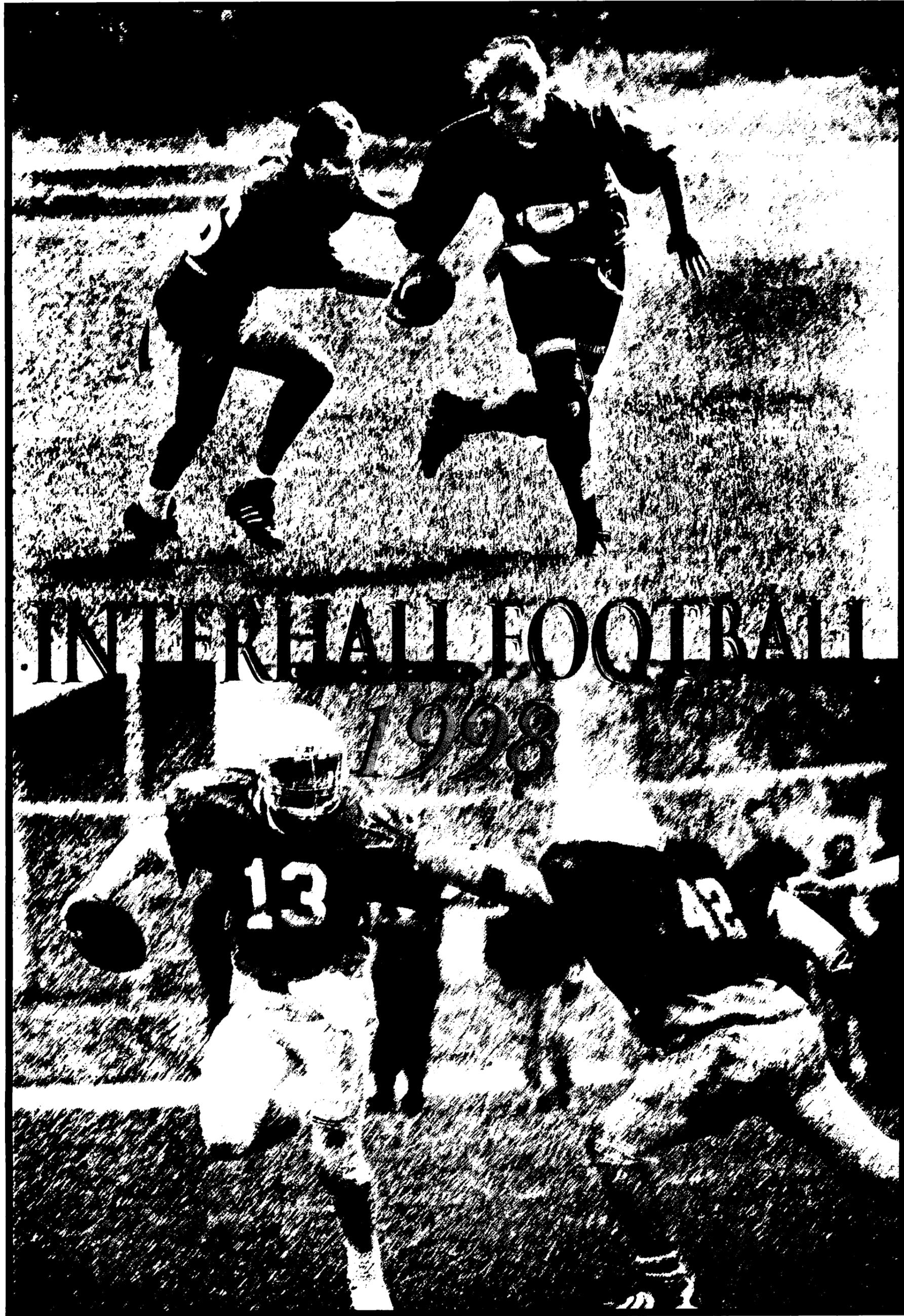
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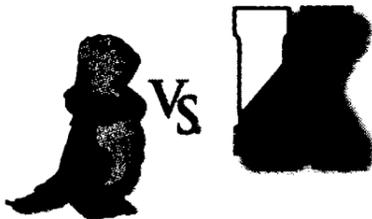
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•KEENAN vs. SORIN

Sorin fights to knock the Knights out

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

A match-up of top-seeded, undefeated teams in the championship game is always worth watching. And when a rematch of last year's championship is added to the equation, the game becomes a must-see.

This Sunday, the defending interhall champions from Keenan Hall take the field to battle the Sorin Otters for the second time in as many years.

Following their 8-0 defeat at the hands of Keenan last November, the Otters have been waiting for a rematch. Now the Otters will finally have their chance to unseat Keenan, the reigning interhall men's football champions.

"We have been waiting for this rematch since last year," said Sorin defensive end and offensive guard Mike Velten. "Last year we were just happy to be there. This year we are here to win."

This game takes on even more importance for the Sorin seniors.

"We have a lot of seniors and we want to send them out on top," Velten said. "This could be the last time that most of them ever play football."

But Keenan is not just going to roll over and let the Otters have the title. Keenan rides a 13-game winning streak into this year's championship.

The key to the Knights' winning streak has been their stingy defense. Allowing only 18 points in their last 13 games, the Knights' five-two defense has baffled opposing offenses all season.

The strength of their defensive unit has been the strong play of their linebackers. Joe Klopp and Mike Romanchek have combined to form perhaps the second-best linebacking corps on campus. Only a group that includes Jimmy Friday can be argued better.

Hoping to crack this brick wall of a defense is an Otter offense that has been inconsistent during the playoffs.

In the opening round match-up against Morrissey, the Otter offense was shut down before a botched punt gave them good field position. But the Otters were unable to capitalize, settling for a Dave Russo field goal and a 3-0 victory.

The offense managed a complete turnaround in the semi-finals. Quarterback Pete Belden led a 21-point explosion as the Otters downed the Alumni Dawgs 21-7.

"We executed a lot better that game," Velten said. "We had a good week of practice and came into the game much more focused."

Sorin runs an I-formation offense with Trevor Morris as its featured back. Morris' play has impressed even the Knights.

"Their tailback runs hard," Keenan captain Dong Min said. "He is a big kid."

"We are ready for this game," Velten said. "We have had a great week of practice and are well prepared for Keenan."

The Keenan offense is led by all-purpose threat Craig Venvertloh at quarterback. Venvertloh is a threat to run or pass at all times.

"[Venvertloh] is an excellent athlete," Min said. "He makes our offense go."

Keenan's pro-style offense features an equally dangerous running and passing attack. Romanchek and Nick Costanzo

are the featured backs in the rushing attack, while Nelson Rivera and Ben Carpenter are Venvertloh's favorite aerial targets.

The Keenan offense has impressed opponents all year.

"They controlled the ball extremely well," Matt Orenchuk of Dillon Hall said. "They don't make mistakes."

Keenan defeated Dillon 8-0 during the regular season.

The Otter defense charged with the task of stopping the Keenan offense has performed extremely well in the playoffs. Completely shutting down Morrissey and limiting Alumni to one touchdown, the Otters have only allowed seven points in two post-season games.

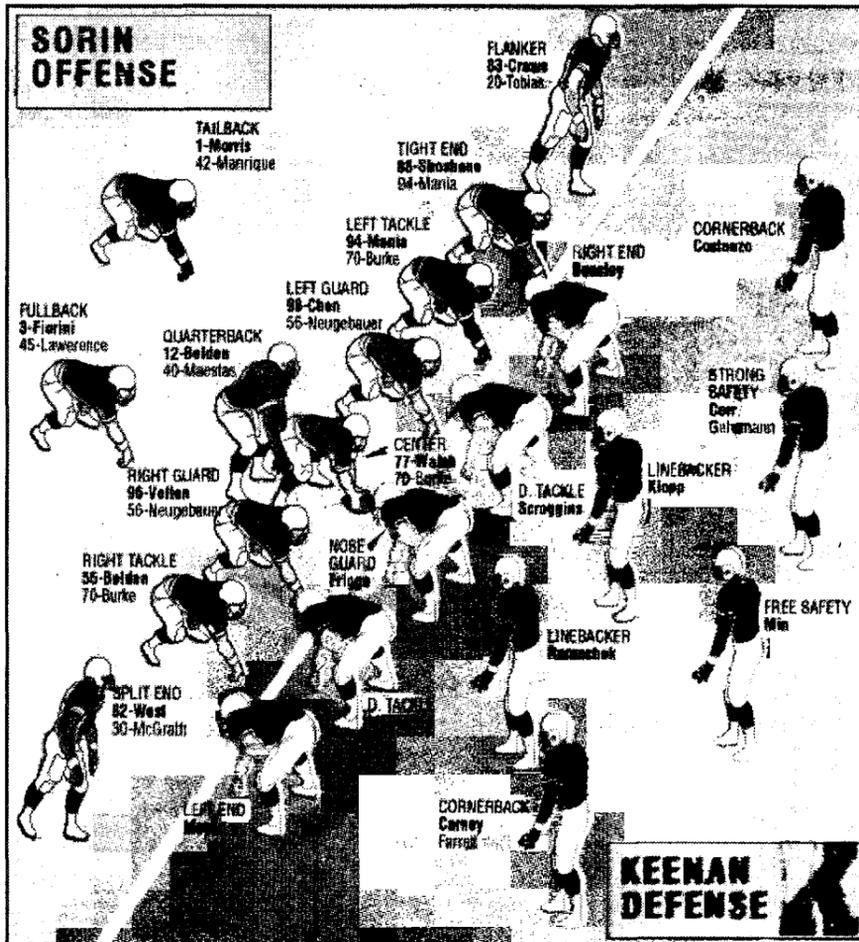
The Otter defense also features an excellent linebacking corps. Senior Greg Becton leads this experienced group.

If Keenan can get past the Otters this year, they may be on the verge of a dynasty. After losing many critical players from last year's team, many counted the Knights out this year.

The Knights, however, didn't rebuild; they reloaded. With a strong core of sophomore and juniors leading this year's squad, Keenan could be unstoppable in the next two years.

"If everybody comes back again next year," Min said. "We will have another solid team."

For the Sorin Otters, this could be their last chance. They are a senior-dominated squad with a "win now" attitude. It could be a few years before the Otters have another chance at the title.



KEENAN ROSTER

Jon Beasley	RE	Nick Johnson	FL
Kevin Carney	CB/FB	Joe Klopp	LB
Ben Carpenter	SE	Brad McDonald	DT
Mike Collins	RT	Carlos Meade	SE
Tom Corr	S	Marty Meyer	LE
Nick Costanzo	TB/CB	Dong Min	S
Mark Crudo	TE	Eric Nelson	C
Matt Farrell	CB	Nelson Rivera	FL
JJ Frigge	NG	Mike Romanchek	LB/FB
Steve Gehrmann	S	Zach Schuller	RG
Herb Giorgio	LG	John Scroggins	DT
Kasey Hinchman	LT	Craig Venvertloh	QB

SORIN ROSTER

Greg Belden	RT/ILB	Leonard Mania	DL/TE
Pete Belden	QB	Xavier Manrique	TB/LE
Larry Burchett	S	Pat McGrath	SE/CB
Luke Burke	DT/OL	Trevor Morris	TB/LB
Paul Chen	LG/RE	Sean Neugebauer	DT/OL
Mike Crowe	FL/CB	Dave Russo	K
PJ DuWors	OLB	Ryan Shoshone	TE/P
Dave Fiorini	FB/ILB	Mike Stolze	RE/LB
Dan Hettinger	CB	Antonie Tobias	FL/S
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• PASQUERILLA EAST vs. BREEN-PHILLIPS

Banshee sprit looks to extinguish Pyros

By TED FOX
Sports Writer

Oddly enough, Sunday's women's interhall football championship game between No. 4 Breen-Phillips and No. 3 Pasquerilla East, the last game of the 1998 season, is actually a new beginning.

Whatever has happened before this point doesn't matter. The victories, the great plays and the heartbreaks have all fallen by the wayside. There's one game left to be played, and it's a winner-take-all affair.

The Pyros come into Sunday's contest as the defending champs, having knocked off Lewis in the final last year. However, familiarity with the Big Game hasn't dampened the team's enthusiasm, as junior cornerback and captain Alison Healy explained, the whole squad is "still excited to be in the Stadium."

Heading the PE offensive assault is senior quarterback Elizabeth Plummer. The versatile Plummer not only beats teams through the air but is also a key component of the Pyros' running game. When you add to the mix senior Ann Suarle and junior Melissa Gorman, both running backs, the threat of the option becomes a real concern for the defense.

According to Healy, once the "passing game gets going, [it] establishes the run." Creating and maintaining this balance is a key to PE's offensive success.

If Breen-Phillips hopes to contain the PE attack, senior captain and quarterback Jenny Choi said the team must "keep the intensity up" for the entire game.

In the semi-final against Farley, the defense allowed a touchdown on the first Farley drive, but blanked the Finest after that, showing the devastating effect of intensity.

As for the PE defense, the Pyros are "looking to be aggressive" and "knock stuff down," in the words of Healy. The responsibility for patrolling the Banshees' airways will fall primarily on the shoulders of

Healy and fellow defensive backs Donata Parillo, a junior cornerback, Anna Benjamin, a sophomore safety, and Susie Fanning, a freshman safety.

These PE backs have their work cut out for them, as they face Choi, another dominating quarterback. In the Banshees' semi-final against Farley, Choi dismantled the defensive backfield with three touchdowns thrown to three different receivers.

The senior quarterback will look to the offensive line of junior Mary Sullivan, senior Erin Smith, and senior Mary Finley for the same outstanding protection they provided against the Farley rush, a performance Choi called "awesome."

Despite being separated by only one spot in the playoff seedings, Breen-Phillips seems to come into the

game as the underdog. Not only does PE (7-1) boast a stronger record than BP (5-2-1), and the advantage of seven more players on the roster, but the Pyros also have the confidence and intimidation that come with being the defending champs.

"We've heard BP doesn't have a chance," Choi said.

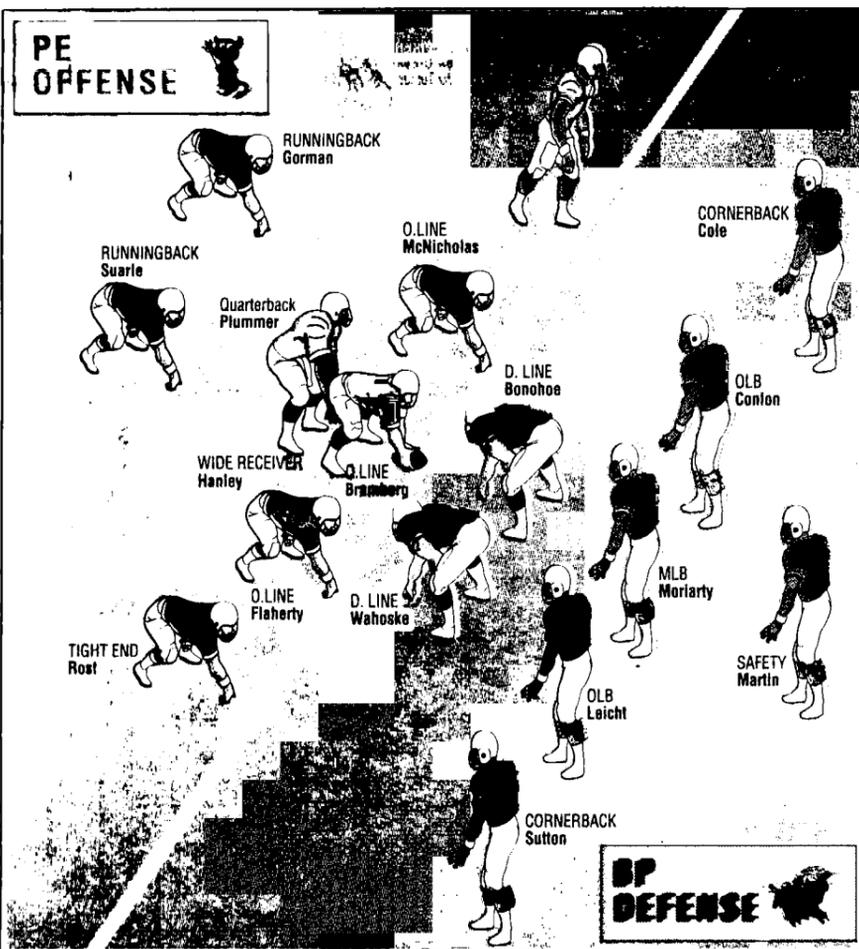
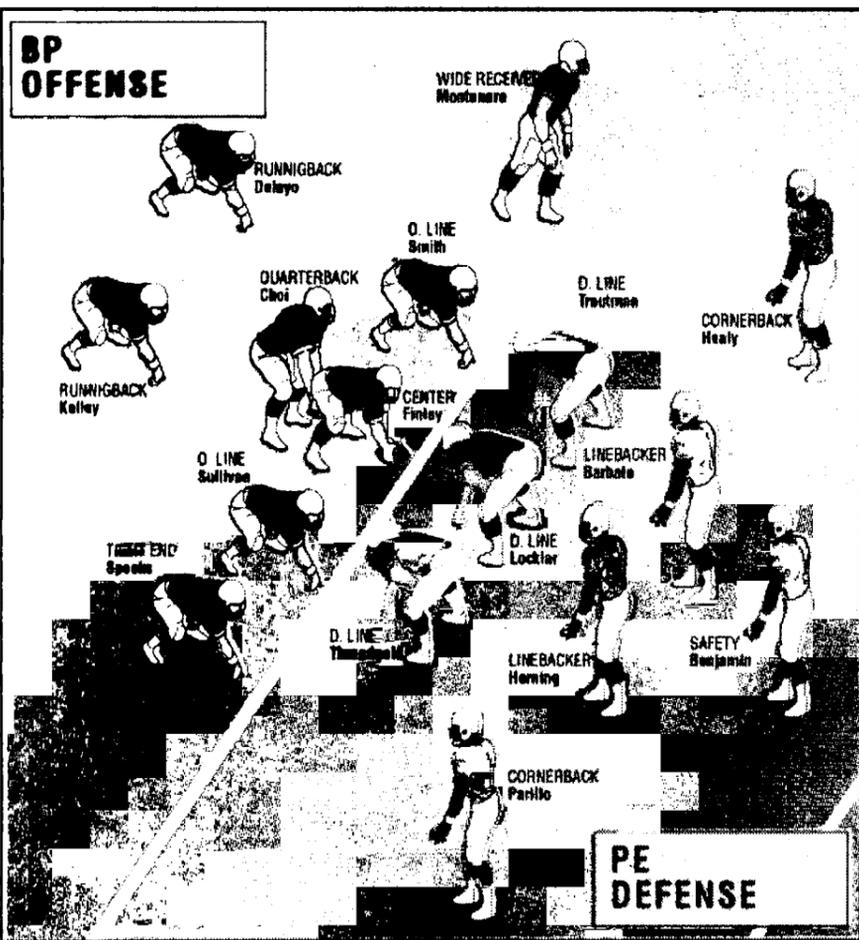
However, comments like these haven't dampened the team's confidence concerning its chances. When asked what her team's biggest key to winning the game will be, the captain replied: "Don't let them intimidate us."

Meanwhile, PE is ready to embark on the last stage of their quest for back-to-back titles. The team looks to be in good shape with no major injuries, good practices, a large number of players, and a positive attitude, as captain Healy said: "We're just looking forward to it [the game]."

The final test for both teams is on Sunday. Whatever the outcome may be, it should be a memorable game between two teams who have both proven that they know what it takes to win. But only one will emerge victorious.

'WE'VE HEARD BP DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE.'

BP CAPTAIN JENNY CHOI COMMENTING ON THE HYPE SURROUNDING THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH-UP.



BP ROSTER

Olivia Almeida-Duque	OLB	Jessica Martin	S
Katie Bonohoe	DL/C	Gina Montanaro	WR
Jenny Choi	QB	Ann Moriarty	MLB
Casey Cole	CB	Kristin Schank	RB
Donna Conlon	CB/OLB	Jill Schuler	OLB/S
Francesca Delayo	RB	Erin Smith	OL
Mary Finley	C	Meghan Speaks	TE
Tracy Hyduk	DL/OLB	Mary Sullivan	OL
Marita Keane	OLB/P/C	Lisa Sutton	CB
Natalie Kelley	RB/P	Jenny Wahoske	DL
Katy Leicht	OLB	Erin West	TE

PE ROSTER

Sofia Barbato	LB	Robin Horning	LB
Anna Benjamin	S	Kristin King	OL
Christie Bodnar	CB	Stacey Leicht	WR
Kate Bramberg	OL	Gina Locklar	DL
Kristin Carey	OL	Bridget McNicholas	OL
Meghan Cokely	DL	Biz McShane	LB
Laura Daniels	DL	Molly O'Rourke	CB
Kathleen Dunn	LB	Donata Parillo	CB
Susie Fanning	S	Elizabeth Plummer	QB
Meghan Flaherty	OL	Abby Ross	WR
Stephany Foster	DL	Molly Rost	WR/TE
Melissa Gorman	RB	Ann Suarle	RB
Kerrie Hanley	WR	Laura Threadgold	DL
Alison Healy	CB	Stephanie Troutman	DL
Tina Helquist	WR		



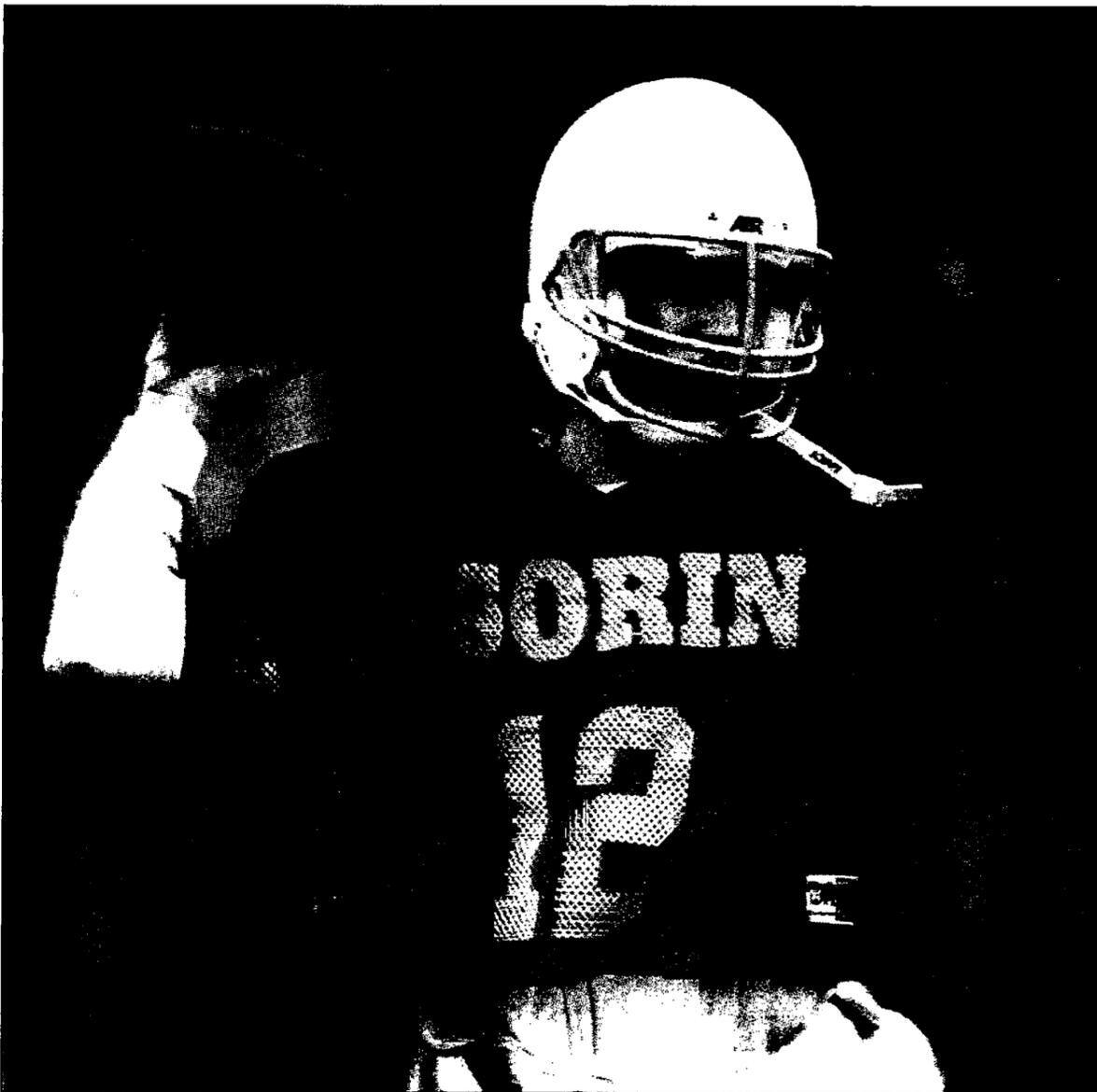
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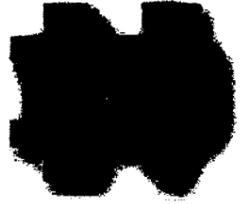
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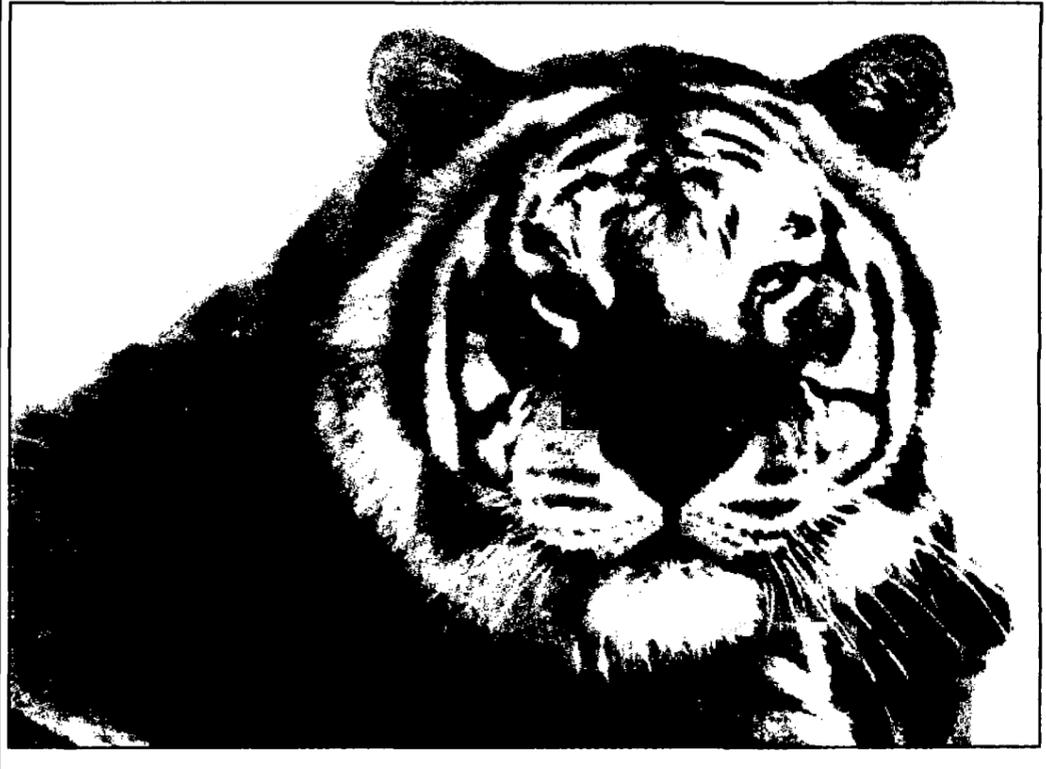
Last Notre Dame win:
1997 (24-6 at LSU)

Notre Dame and LSU meet for the ninth time this season, with the series tied at four wins apiece.

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The Tiger nickname was used for at least 50 years before Mike the live tiger became the official mascot. Since 1935, there have been four other "Mikes."



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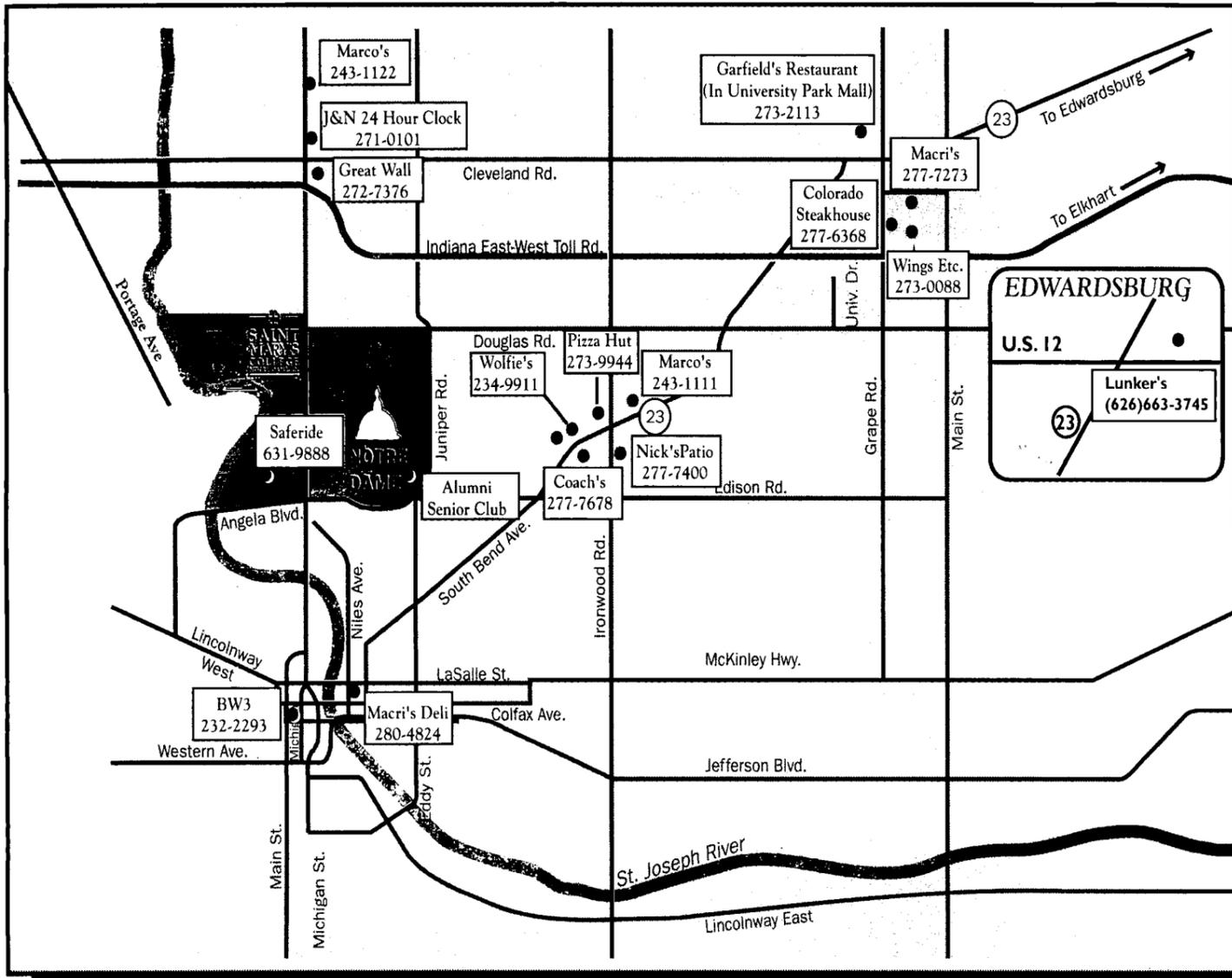
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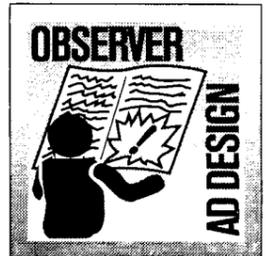
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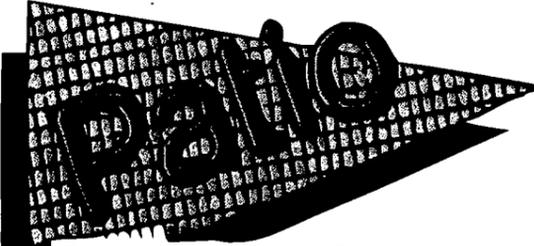
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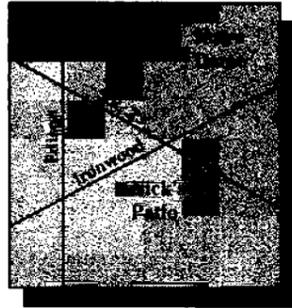


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■ HOCKEY

Irish look to down Broncos, Wolverines this weekend

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team will look to tighten its grip on first place in the CCHA tonight as they play host to conference foe Western Michigan, the same team that handed the Irish in their only loss of the season. Saturday night, the team will travel to Yost Ice Arena to put its No. 4 national ranking on the line against Michigan in a rematch of last weekend's 2-2 tie between the two rivals.

Following their disappointing ninth-place finish last season, the Broncos of Western Michigan have had a respectable beginning to their 1998-99 campaign. Although a 1-3-4 conference record may not look impressive, consider that the Broncos' win came against No. 4 Notre Dame, and that one of their ties came at No. 5 Michigan State and another against Ohio State.

The Broncos' formula for success is simple. If senior goaltender Matt Barnes is on his game, Western Michigan can compete with anyone.

In CCHA games this season, Barnes has a record of only 1-2-4, but with a goals against average of 2.46 and a .914 save percentage.

In fact, Barnes was not in goal against Notre Dame in the first meeting of the season between the two squads, which Notre Dame won at the Joyce Center. The Irish used four third-period goals to wax the Broncos 7-1.

The story of the night was the power play, which managed four goals against Western Michigan in nine power play opportunities.

Perhaps the second meeting against Western Michigan was a let-down game for the Irish. The team was coming

off of a 3-0 shutout of No. 9 Ohio State the night before at the Joyce Center, and the game took place in Kalamazoo.

That night, the Irish power play failed to score a goal and the team's lackluster offense that night dragged them to a 2-1 defeat, which remains the team's only loss to date.

"I don't think [Friday] is a pay-back game for us, but we learned our lesson last time. They have a good team and a great goaltender," captain Brian Urick said of the loss. "There are no walkovers in the CCHA."

One question mark for Notre Dame this weekend is the health of senior left wing Aniket Dhadphale, who suffered an injury last Friday against Bowling Green. He missed last Saturday's game against Michigan, and it looks as if he may miss one or perhaps both games this weekend as well.

Dhadphale is clearly the team leader on the power play, and his presence was sorely missed against the Wolverines. He leads the team and is second in the conference with four power play goals, and he also ranks tied for fourth in the conference with 16 points (9 goals, 7 assists).

On Saturday night in Ann Arbor, Michigan will host a Notre Dame team ranked ahead of them in the national polls, something Yost Arena fans have never seen before. Luckily for the Irish, the Wolverines are also scheduled to square off against archrival Michigan State this Friday night.

Last Saturday, Notre Dame and Michigan skated to a hard-fought 2-2 tie at the Joyce Center.

Of concern for the Irish that night was the performance of

the power play. While they did manage to tie the score early in the third period on the power play, the unit was handed a chance to win the game and came up empty.

Midway through the third period, Michigan senior Sean Ritchlin took a major penalty for checking from behind. On the ensuing five-minute, power-play opportunity, the Irish failed to get a shot on goal in the first three and a half minutes and ultimately wasted the entire opportunity.

Michigan's roster is missing two main contributors to last year's national championship team on offense, Bill Muckalt and Matt Herr, a New Jersey native who captained the Wolverines last season.

Filling their big shoes, however, so far this season has been Mike Comrie. The freshman sensation already centers the team's top scoring line, and he leads the Wolverines in scoring as well with 14 points (5 goals, 9 assists).

Last Saturday, Comrie's prowess in the face-off circle landed him an assist on Michigan's first goal, which tied the game on the power play.

If the Irish are to beat the Wolverines in their back yard, they will need the power play to boost the offense the way it has in so many games so far this season. Of course, if Aniket Dhadphale misses Saturday's game, the chances of a power play explosion shrink significantly.

One big reason for Notre Dame's success so far this year has been the steady play in goal they have enjoyed from senior Forrest Karr. It is interesting, however, to point out that no other Irish goaltender has seen any action in the team's first 11 games. Consider that when Karr was



Photo courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Info
Brian Urick and the Icercs look to continue the Irish athletic dominance over the Wolverines of Ann Arbor on Saturday.

backing up Matt Eisler in goal last year, he got his first start in the team's 10th game, which he won on the road against Ohio State.

Is it about time that head coach Dave Poulin start another goaltender to give Karr a rest?

Not when things are going the way they are so far, says Urick: "Confidence adds a lot to a goaltender's game, and Forrest is playing with a lot of confidence right now. When things are going this well, perhaps we shouldn't mess with it."

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Young team looks to lead Belles into hoops heaven

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

Eleven freshman and four upperclassmen look to take Saint Mary's basketball to their first NCAA tournament ever this year.

The Belles have an exciting year ahead of them in many ways. It is their first year as full members of the MIAA conference. This season also marks the first time in the College's history there has been a junior varsity team. In addition, this is one of the youngest teams in recent history.

The Belles return only two of their five starters from last year, sophomore Julie Norman and senior Charlotte Albrecht. The Belles could very well start three or four freshman in their first game tomorrow.

The lack of experience would worry a lot of other teams, but Saint Mary's is excited about the youth and talent on the roster.

"We have more talent this year than Saint Mary's may have ever seen," Norman said. "These players had offers from division one and two schools but chose to come here to play."

Head coach Dave Roeder says there is no definite starting roster as of now, but some of the freshman have been standing out. They will have to fill the shoes of three strong starters, especially Darcy Nikes, who holds the records for steals in a season for Saint Mary's and many individual game scoring records. Roeder believes they will step and get

the job done very well.

"What we've lost in our senior starters, we've gained in better talent, more depth and more competition," says Roeder.

The Belles start with a non-conference tournament this weekend at Wilmington College. Here Saint Mary's hopes to show the MIAA that it

is much better than its 8th place pre-season ranking.

"Until we prove we can play," Roeder said, "we'll just have to earn their respect."

The upperclassmen hope to provide strong leadership and the freshmen would like to give the team the spark they need to take Saint Mary's basketball to the next level.

"We're only going to keep getting better every game and we'll learn from the older girls," freshman guard Jaime Dineen said. "We're all just

excited to get out there and start playing."

Conference play for Saint Mary's begins on Dec. 1 at Hope College.



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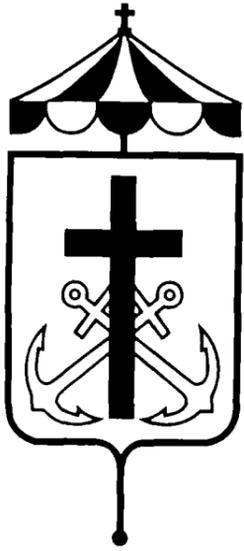
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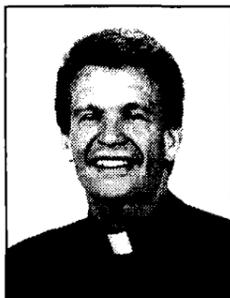
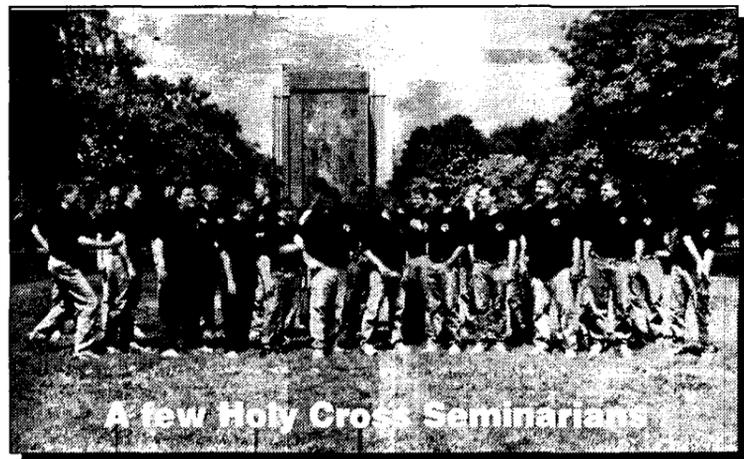
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Last undefeated Harvard-Yale game was memorable

Associated Press

BOSTON

It may have been The Game of all The Games.

Thirty years ago, one of the most memorable meetings in the rivalry between Harvard and Yale — both 8-0 heading into that season finale — ended with a stunning last-minute comeback and the realization that a tie can be anything but boring.

Then-Yale coach Carm Cozza says he watched the complete game film just once, to grade the officials, and can't bear to see Harvard's rally from a 29-13 deficit to a 29-29 tie on Nov. 23, 1968.

There will be a lot of special games around the nation Saturday — longtime rivalries like Michigan-Ohio State, Southern California-UCLA, and Auburn-Alabama. And, on a

smaller scale, Yale against Harvard for the 115th time.

"It's the event," Varney said, "the same as all the other rivalries that will be going on."

Just as in 1968, when Yale was nationally ranked going into the Harvard game, the Bulldogs, 0-7 in the Ivy League last season, can share the conference title with a win if Penn loses to Cornell. Harvard is the defending champion.

While the Ivy League has lost its luster since 1968, Saturday's renewal of The Game still stirs up the blood of the alumni of both prestigious schools.

And it evokes memories of that game that produced the famous headline in the Harvard student newspaper, "Harvard Beats Yale 29-29," and left both teams with a share of the Ivy championship.

Future movie star Tommy Lee Jones was an offensive tackle for

Harvard. Future NFL star Calvin Hill was favored Yale's top runner. Brian Dowling was its quarterback in his final collegiate game.

"It was a disappointing way to end a college career that was very rewarding," Dowling says. "But, on the flip side, [it's nice] to be in a game that's remembered 30 years later. What's the next time Harvard and Yale will enter a game undefeated? Probably never."

Yale, which had a 16-game winning streak, led 22-0 in the second quarter when Harvard coach John Yovicsin replaced starting quarterback George Lalich with Frank Champi. Still, the Crimson trailed 29-13 with four minutes left in the game.

"At the end, everything was totally out of our control," says Cozza, who didn't agree with some late penalty calls. "You

could almost sense it was going to happen."

It did. Harvard's Bill Kelly recovered the onside kick at the Yale 49. Champi's 14-yard run and a face-mask penalty put the ball at the 20, but Champi followed with two incompletions. There were 20 seconds left.

"I asked Cozza if I could go in," Dowling says. "I had played safety in high school. As a quarterback, I understood pass offenses and I considered myself a pretty good athlete."

Instead, Dowling watched from the sidelines as Crim ran 14 yards and Champi lost two, leaving the ball at the 8 with three seconds to go.

"It starts like a wave but the initial plays don't seem to be all that significant," Gatto says. "You still can see by the score you've got a vague shot and each

play just builds that wave."

Gatto, who returned for the final series after missing most of the game with a hamstring injury, ran to the left. Champi rolled right and fired across the field. Gatto caught the ball in the corner of the end zone with no time remaining.

"When I caught the ball, my immediate feeling was to get away from the half-dozen fans that tackled me and get back to the huddle to talk about a 2-point conversion," Gatto says.

Harvard ran a play with Gatto and Varney crossing, and Champi connected with Varney just inside the end zone.

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Kara Brown and the Irish hope to continue their dominating defensive effort against the visiting Cornhuskers of Nebraska in the third round of the NCAA tournament.

NCAA

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Nebraska's Kim Engesser, who is fourth in the nation in both goals per game (1.29) and points per game (2.86). Engesser leads the 'Huskers with 27 goals on the season, while her teammate, junior Lindsay Eddleman, has found the net 11 times.

Karina LeBlanc has been brilliant in goal for the Big 12 tournament champions. The

sophomore boasts a 0.63 goals against average and has recorded 11 shutouts on the season.

The Irish, however, are unbeaten in their last 44 home games and are 11-0 at home in the NCAA tournament.

"I think we definitely have a home field advantage," Gerardo said. "We love to play at home under the lights on a Friday night. There's just something about the atmosphere. So I don't think we'll have any problem getting up for this game."

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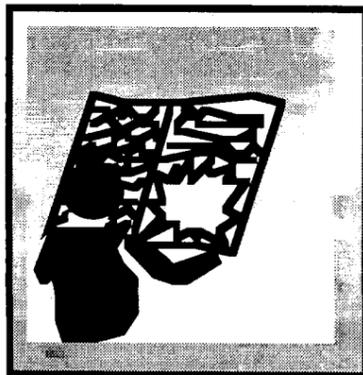
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- ### STANDINGS

The Observer/Joe Mueller

By TED FOX
Sports Writer

Some things in this world just don't mix: oil and water, homework and Friday nights, college football rankings and universal satisfaction with what they have to say.

For an example that hits close to home, look at Notre Dame's 1993 season, the year of the great Florida State win and the Boston College debacle.

That year, despite having the same record as the Seminoles and having beat them in head-to-head competition, Florida State finished No. 1 and the Irish ended the season ranked second.

Huh?

And this is just one instance of a problem that we see in college football every year. You can't go one week of the season without people saying something to the effect of: "How did they get ranked there?"

The reason?

A bunch of sports writers get together to vote and make up one

poll while all the coaches vote on another. While these writers and coaches are a lot more qualified to make these judgments than any of us are, there is still a lot of room for personal biases.

And then there's those rumored cases you hear of a coach who, assuming an understanding with his assistant, allows him to cast the votes.

Simple enough, right? It is, until the assistant decides to vote a little differently than he and the coach — who is really supposed to be voting — had discussed.

Even if this seldom happens, it still does not seem right that writers and coaches, no matter how much they know, should be allowed to "elect" a champion. The title of "The Best" should be determined on the field.

This year, the powers-that-be took a large step in fixing this problem by establishing the Bowl Championship Series (BCS).

Basically, a team's BCS ranking is determined by its strength of schedule, the average of the AP and Coaches' polls, the average

of three other polls, and the number of losses the team suffers.

The BCS is a large improvement because it removes a lot of the individual subjectivity by compiling averages of all the polls.

Finally, it sets up a national title game between the teams that finish Nos. 1 and 2, something all of us have been longing to see.

But, in the category of big surprises, people are still arguing.

The votes of writers and coaches still play a big role, even if it is reduced. A team really could be the best but just have a bad schedule.

Who's to say a team ranked third or fourth isn't the true best, but just hasn't had the opportunity to move up?

Like everyone else, I have my own idea on how to fix this — one that's probably not too original — but I think it could work.

The proposal? Keep the BCS in place; although flawed, it is the best way to determine rankings. Then, follow the example of NCAA basketball, and every other division of college football besides I-A: implement a playoff system.

Instead of 64 teams, which would obviously never be feasible at one game per week, narrow the opening pool down to eight teams. Namely, the top eight ranked teams in the country. Just about any team with a legitimate shot at the title would fall into this pool.

Next, match the games up just as they do in basketball: 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5. The last team standing wins the title.

To compensate for playing a possible three postseason games instead of one, the regular season could be reduced by one game, so only one extra game would be played.

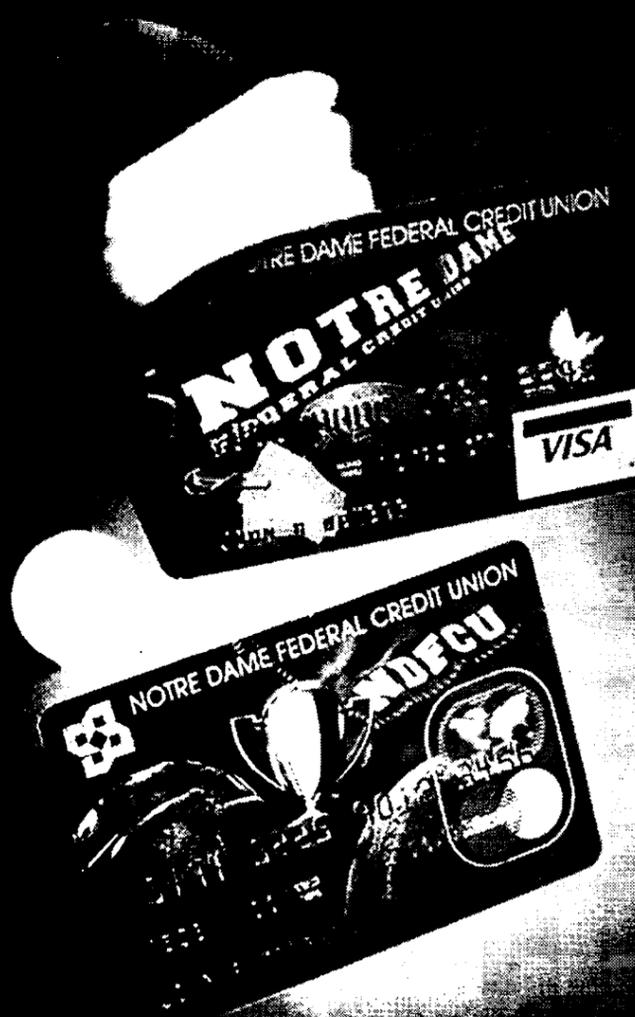
Some might say this is a brutal finish to the season that no team should have to go through, but if that team really is "The Best", it should be up to the challenge.

We could even keep three of the four major bowl games in this playoff series. For example, the Orange Bowl and Sugar Bowl could be the two semifinals, and the Fiesta Bowl could be the championship game. The Rose Bowl, or whichever one was not incorporated, could be left for whatever other deserving teams weren't in the top eight.

Still, I think this idea goes one more step in solving the problem of determining the national champion. Otherwise, I might one day be picking who this champion is.

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court. In addition to being effective with the outside jumper, Browne's play has caught the attention of Riley going into this game.

"She's really quick and tough to get out of the paint," said Riley.

While Browne wasn't able to capitalize last season against Notre Dame only scoring 12 points, her teammate Nicole Erickson was able to find room all game long to amass a game-high 18 points. She also hit six of Duke's seven three-point goals in the contest, being able to find the room to shoot unchecked.

"Last year [Erickson] hit a bunch of threes in the game," commented junior guard Niele Ivey. "This time, we have to know where they are on the court at all times."

With the way that Ivey and fellow guard Danielle Green have lit up the court thus far, Duke is the team that will have to guard the perimeter tighter to muffle the Irish at both ends of the court.

"If they can do what they've been doing the first two games," pointed out captain Sheila McMillen, "we'll have a great defense to get our offense going."

Green is coming off of back-to-back career-high 23 point games that have kept the opponents behind for all forty minutes of play. Ivey's similar early-season edge has earned her the season's first Big East player of the week honors. But the real edge this duo has given Notre Dame is the ability to step up and shut down an attacking opposition.

"I've worked really hard in the preseason to be a leader," commented Ivey. "It really has worked so far this season."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Davie is 'coach of year' finalist

Observer Staff Report

Bob Davie has been named one of the 10 finalists for the 1998 Walter Camp/Street & Smith's Coach of the Year Award.

Davie has put together a remarkable turn-around from last year's 7-6 season by leading the Irish to a 8-1 record and a no. 10 ranking in both the AP and the coaches poll.

He joins nine other front runners in early voting:

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- Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez (9-1)

- Tulane's Tommy Bowden (9-0)
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- Arkansas' Houston Nutt (8-1)
- UCLA's Bob Toledo (9-0)
- Arizona's Dick Torriey (10-1)

prepares his players not only for game competition but also on how to deal with the complex and demanding challenges of their non-athletic endeavors."

The 10 finalists were determined through early voting by the 101 Division I-A coaches and sports information directors in a balloting conducted by the Walter Camp Foundation.

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travel to Nashville for a meeting with Vanderbilt (3-1), the last stop before their Thanksgiving trip to the Carrs Great Alaska Shootout and a nationally televised date with Duke.

With a tough road ahead, Notre Dame is looking for a solid game against the Commodores. Consistency and composure will be key in the early going, if the inexperienced Irish hope to handle the rigors of the Big East conference season.

"We're focusing on defense because defense can keep you in a game even when you're struggling offensively, like we did in the first two games," Hickey said.

Vanderbilt presents a formidable opponent for Notre Dame, especially with an undefeated mark on its home floor. Forward Dan Langhi leads the team with 17 points and five rebounds per game. The 6-foot-11 junior anchors a tall trio underneath, as the Commodores also boast 6-foot-10 sophomore Greg

LaPointe and 6-foot-7 sophomore Mike LeBlanc in their starting lineup.

"They've also got to stop us," said Hickey. "Their two main scorers are underneath, but we've got other guys on our bench, guys like Harold and Hans, who are good players too."

Vanderbilt also has a tendency to start slow, having come from behind in all three of their victories this season. A fast start for the Irish could put the game out

of reach early, but if not, Notre Dame must then match the Commodores' strong finish.

The all-time series with Vanderbilt is tied 2-2, but the last time the two teams met, the Irish emerged with an 81-65 victory in the 1989 NCAA tournament.

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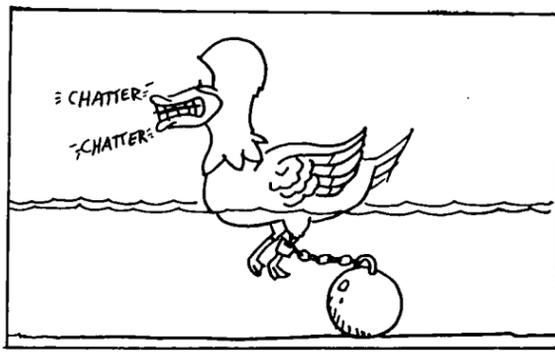
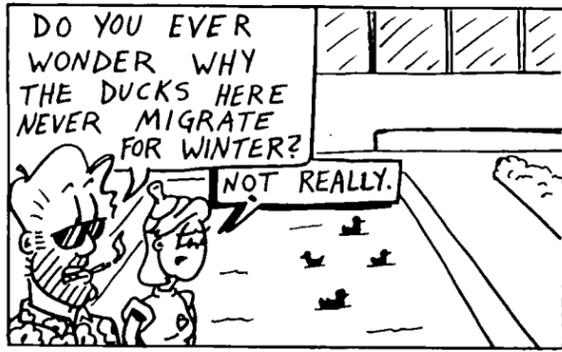
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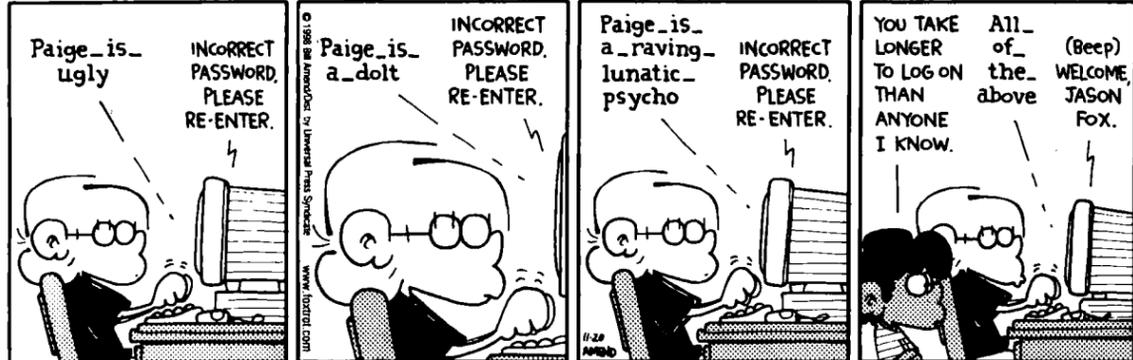
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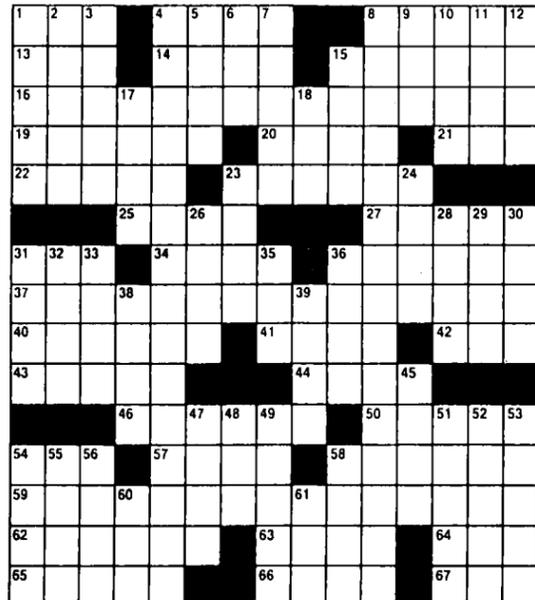
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

'Huskers hope to unseat 4th ranked Irish tonight

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The fourth-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team (20-2-1) continues the road to the National Championship tonight with a third-round NCAA tournament game against 13th-ranked Nebraska (17-3-1) at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Irish advanced with a 3-0 blanking over No. 18 Michigan in the second round and now the Huskers serve as the next possible roadblock.

Notre Dame is riding an eight-game winning streak, including a victory over Connecticut in the Big East Championship game.

The Irish have been on a roll and are playing perhaps their best soccer of the season.

"I definitely think we're playing well right now," senior forward Monica Gerardo said. "We struggled early, but our confidence is up now."

Co-captain Shannon Boxx and Gerardo have both stepped up their play in recent weeks. The two seniors combined for all three goals in last week's victory over the Wolverines: Boxx had a goal and two assists, while Gerardo scored twice, raising her school-record total to 72.

"As a senior, you know there's no next year," Gerardo said. "This could be your last game, but you don't want it to be. So you go out there and give it your best and try to win."

Junior Jenny Heft leads the nation's top-ranked offense. She has scored 26 goals for the Irish, who are averaging 4.17 goals per game. Junior co-captain Jen Grubb is fourth in the country in assists, while Anne Makinen is 12th in points.

To say the Irish defense has been stingy would be an understatement. Notre Dame's defense ranks seventh in the nation (0.55 goals per game) and have recorded 16 shutouts in 23 games. Over the last eight games, Notre Dame has outscored its opponents, 31-2. The Irish didn't allow a shot in the final 55 minutes of the Michigan game and junior Big East goalkeeper of the year LaKeysia Beene tallied her 12th solo shutout.

"Our defense has played really well," Gerardo said. "The backs have started to gel better the last few weeks and all four are working well back there. That has definitely helped us."

Few defenses, however, have been able to shut down



Jenny Streiffer and the fourth-ranked Fighting Irish hope to continue on their road to the Final Four and a possible rematch with archrival North Carolina. The Irish take on the Cornhuskers tonight at Alumni Field.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Duke comes to town to upset

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

With a grueling start to their season, the Irish could not have hoped for better results to get the momentum going.

After setting an early tone for their season with an upset win against No. 6 UCLA, the Irish rolled over Butler on Wednesday 71-60. With a 2-0 start on the early season, the Irish hope that is the spark that will grow into fire against the Duke Blue Devils.

Duke, which began the season ranked No. 4 in the polls, opened its season and fell behind 1-2. Its latest loss came Wednesday night in the home opener against unranked Virginia Tech.

Despite Duke's slow start, the Irish are not ready to let their guard down.

"We're looking for [Duke] to come out strong," said Notre Dame center Ruth Riley. "After losing their first two games, we know that for them, winning this game is crucial."

A year ago, Duke played the same starting lineup it possess this season to hand the Irish their first loss of the season, 80-62. Because of that, the Irish know exactly where the Blue Devils stand when they take to the Joyce Center hardwood.

Duke's biggest threat comes from the player that best describes their gameplan — varied. Junior forward/guard Peppi Browne has come off of two excellent seasons and poses a threat from all angles of the



Danielle Green and the streaking Fighting Irish will look to continue slumping Duke's early season troubles this Saturday.

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MEANS BASKETBALL

Murphy make first

By AETISON KRILLA
Assistant Sports Editor

It took an enigmatic game from the newcomers and a clutch performance by a veteran to help the Irish pull out a two-point win over Yale last weekend.

If this season continues at this pace, it could be a long one for men's basketball coach John Marland.

But for freshmen David Graves and Trey Murphy, hard-fought wins and losses signal opportunities to adjust to the college game and mature rapidly. After establishing themselves as starters in the pre-season, the rookies showed they belong with standout performances in Notre Dame's opening games against Miami (Ohio) and Yale.

Graves netted 25 points in his first two games in an Irish uniform.

contributing 16 in the two-point win over the Bulldogs. He had six rebounds and three assists.

Murphy, however, has posted a more consistent performance. He scored 12 points in the win over the Bulldogs.

loss. The Irish were down 10-0 in the first quarter. East... the Irish... Notre Dame... Irish player has been... nized as such.

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They're both good players. Senior center Phil Hickey said, "So while it may be difficult just seeing different things for the first time... they'll be able to work through it."

Several other important pieces are already in place. Senior captains Antoni Wyche and Hickey know their roles. Wyche stepped up with a game-winning trey in game two, and Hickey, recognizing the team's lack of height, has stayed out of foul trouble. Their leadership is essential to the development of Graves, Murphy and even point guard Martin Inglesby, who has only one year of college basketball under his belt.

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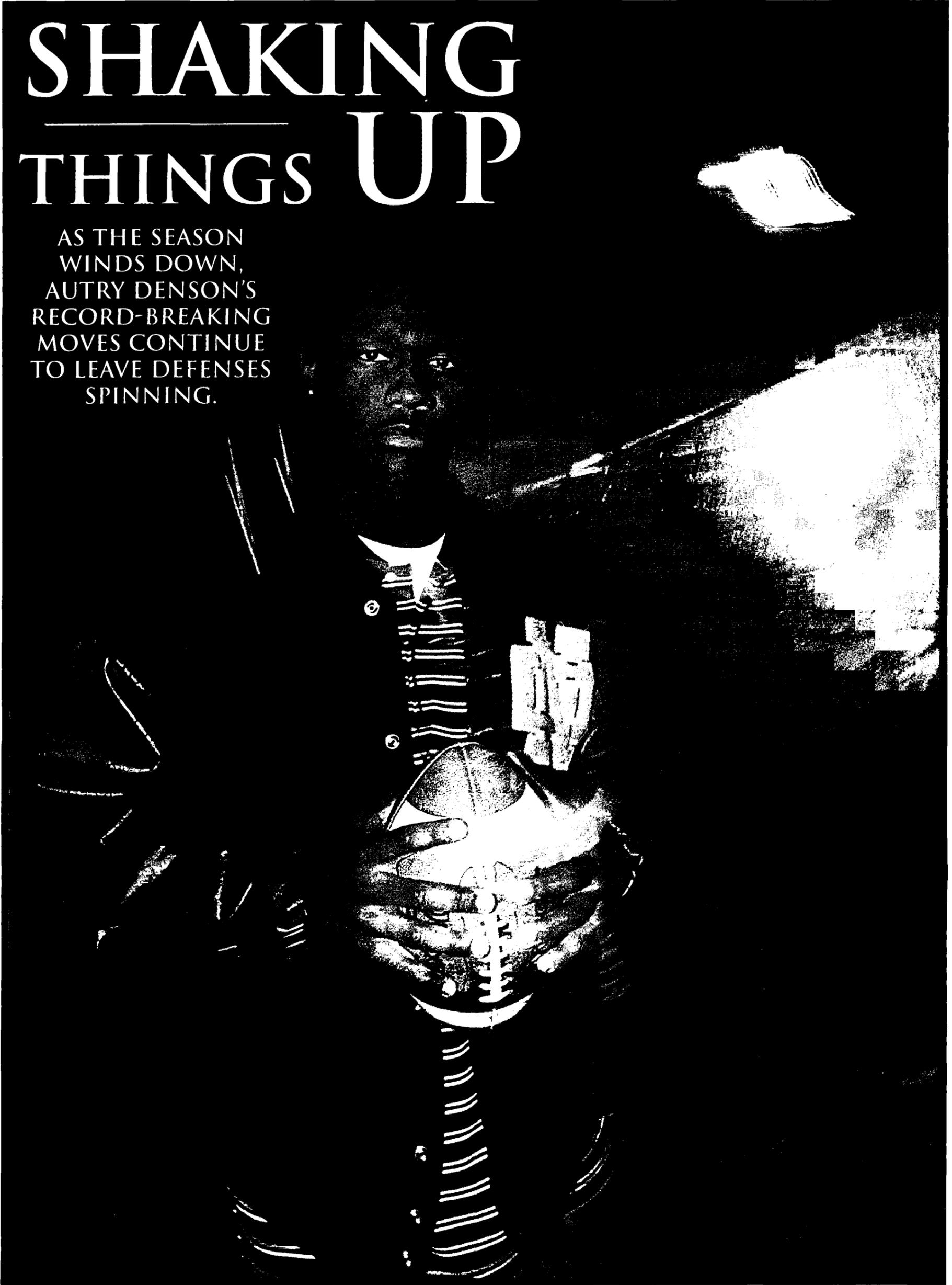
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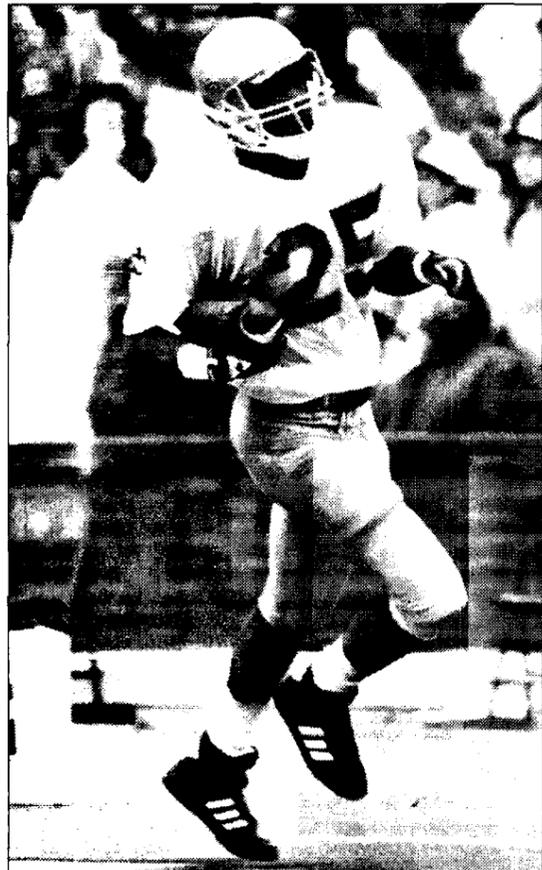
ROAD TO THE '88 CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTRE DAME VS. RICE

Irish serve up Rice for 54 points en route to victory

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Irish fans got the first glimpse of why Raghieb Ismail earned the nickname the Rocket back in eighth grade.



Courtesy of Sports Information
Freshman Raghieb Ismail returned two kickoffs for touchdowns in Notre Dame's 54-11 rout of Rice.

The freshman standout burned Rice for kickoff returns of 83 and 87 yards, in the Irish's 54-11 shellacking of the Owls.

"I thought Raghieb Ismail's kickoff returns were crisp," said Irish head coach Lou Holtz, who saw his team successfully defend its number-one ranking. "He has outstanding speed and talent."

Ismail flashed his break-away speed and, in the process, emerged atop the leaders in kickoff returns, averaging over 37 yards per return.

"I have to give credit where credit is due, and none of it goes to me," Ismail said. "The whole key to the returns was getting through the first line of blocking, and nobody got a clean shot at me. That is good blocking. I returned kickoffs in high school, but I get all my confidence from the blocking the kick return gives me."

Notre Dame scored on a perfect 9-0 and quickly ran up the score on the 0-8 Owls. Rice's 3-0 lead lasted all of 13 seconds, as Ismail raced to the endzone for the first of his two touchdown returns.

Notre Dame scored on four of their first five possessions, with a Ricky Watters fumble on the Rice 21 halting the only non-scoring drive. Anthony Johnson and Tony Brooks both found the end zone in the first half and helped pad the Irish lead.

The two teams swapped

field goals before the end of the half and the Irish found themselves in front, 31-6.

The second half wasn't much different, as the Irish served up a little more steamed Rice.

Rodney Culver added a touchdown run and following a Rice field goal, Ismail was off to the races once again and Notre Dame was ahead, 48-9.

Late in the fourth quarter, Joe Jarosz scored on a six-yard touchdown run to close out the scoring for the Irish and Billy Hackett's ensuing extra point provided the lone Rice highlight.

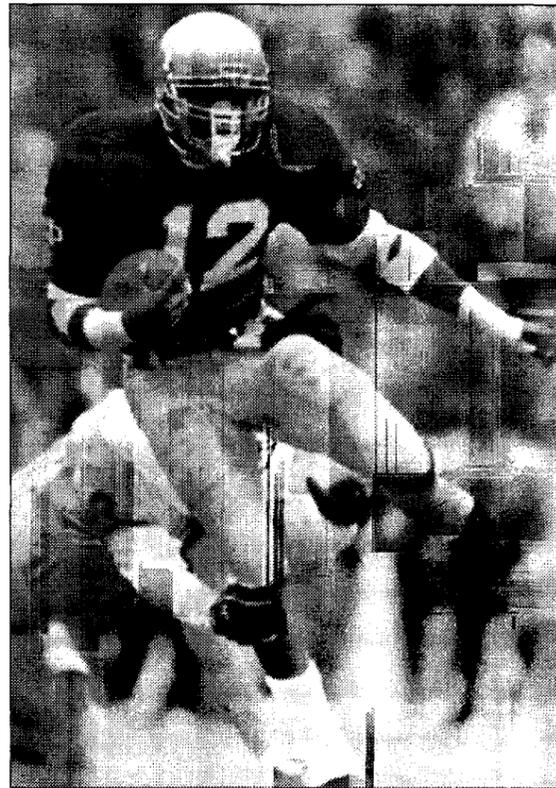
The PAT was blocked and returned 85 yards for two points by Billy Stone, marking the first time in NCAA Division I history that the conversion rule had come into effect.

Fourteen different Irish players carried the ball as Notre Dame amassed nearly 300 yards on the ground. Mark Green led the Irish with 66 yards on five rushes. Quarterback Tony Rice completed just 3-of-8 passes, but backup Kent Graham filled in nicely, going 6-of-10 for 65 yards.

"I thought offensively, we played awfully well up front," Holtz said. "I was a little bit disappointed with our ability to execute in our passing game."

Holtz had nothing negative to say about his defense.

Frank Stams, Chris Zorich and Wes



Courtesy of Sports Information
Tailback Ricky Watters' fumble on the Rice 21-yard line halted the only non-scoring drive for the Irish.

Pritchett each took turns sacking Rice quarterback Quentis Roper.

Michael Stonebreaker led the Irish with 13 tackles, while Jeff Alm and D'Juan Francisco each had an interception.

The Irish kept their National Championship hopes alive and also saw the emergence of a "Rocket."

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Tigers' eyes focus on Irish after home loss to 'Bama



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Kevin Faulk has rushed for 1,077 yards and 10 touchdowns this season.

By TRAE THOMPSON
Sports Editor

If he had a second chance, LSU football coach Gerry DiNardo probably would have done things differently against Alabama two weeks ago.

"I would have probably called some different plays in that last series," he said Tuesday at his weekly press conference. "But I don't think that would have necessarily ensured us a victory."

That's what DiNardo and the Tigers (4-5) will try to get this Saturday at 12:30 p.m. when they travel to South Bend, Ind., to face No.10 Notre Dame (8-1).

Some of the Tigers said it was hard last week to recover from the 22-16 loss to Alabama.

"I was just shocked," said offensive lineman Louis Williams. "I was shocked they came back and scored two touchdowns. My jaw just dropped."

Brandon Winey grimaced when thinking back to the loss.

"It was very frustrating," he said. "It was hard. It was hard knowing we had our chances, and it was frustrating they got to come back. We've just got to work harder."

Defensive end Jarvis Green agreed. "It was really hard, but we've got to move on," he said.

Heading into this weekend's matchup, DiNardo said all of his teams losses so far this year have one thing in common.

"All those games have come down to who's playing better in the end," he said.

They've also been extremely close, prompting some to say the Tigers might be jinxed.

"It seems like something's going on, you know," Winey said. "Something jinx or something."

While most fans would unanimously agree that has not applied for the Tigers, others would also say coaching has played a factor in what has happened this season.

And some say changes need to be made, which DiNardo bluntly addressed.

"Right now, I'm not ready to make a comment about that," he said.

But DiNardo discussed what will happen once the season ends.

"When this season is over, we need to evaluate our program, and we need to do whatever we have to to move it in the direction we want to move it in," he said.

"That program," Williams said, "could regain some luster as it plays a Notre Dame team on national television."

"I think it's going to be a great thing," he said. "We'll be on national television, and we could really win some respect back for LSU with a win."

This will be the ninth meeting between the two schools, as both teams enter Saturday with four wins apiece in the series.

The last time LSU played in South Bend was 13 years ago, with the Tigers winning 10-7.

For some LSU players, a trip to Notre Dame Stadium is definitely a reason for excitement.

"I mean, it seems like everyone's childhood dream is to go to Notre Dame," Winey said. "Back in the days, when they had Rocket Ismail and Jerome Bettis, I always thought, 'Man, I wouldn't mind playing for Notre Dame.'"

Williams said it is the tradition he is impressed with.

"Ever since the place opened, they've always had great football teams," he said. "It's just all that tradition."

Winey said he hoped the Tigers might use that tradition to get a win Saturday, then follow up with another victory against Arkansas.

"Hopefully we'll win these two, and may make it to a bowl," he said. "That's our ultimate goal, you know."

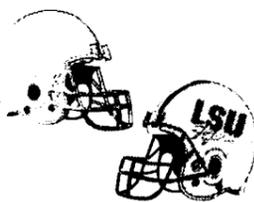
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Quarterbacks - Even



Saturday will be another chance for Jackson to make a pass at perfection. Last week he completed 12 straight passes and finished 12 of 14. LSU's signal-caller will be a challenge though. Herb Tyler has been on target, completing more than 60 percent of his 229 attempts and ranking as the 17th most efficient passer in the nation. Neither is more interception-prone than the other. Jackson's passing has been above average, but it will be his running game that evens things up with Tyler's passing ability.

Running Backs - ND



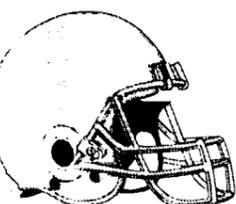
Autry Denson has broken two records, rushed for 1,050 yards and scored 14 touchdowns. LSU's Kevin Faulk is nothing to scoff at, however. The running back has rumbled for 1,077 yards this season, averaging 119.7 yards a game — just three more yards than Denson. Although Faulk and Denson each pound the turf as hard as the other, the difference is the Irish have more than Denson. Spencer and Goodspeed have each rushed for more than 200 yards, while LSU has only one other runner above 200 yards rushing.

Receivers - LSU



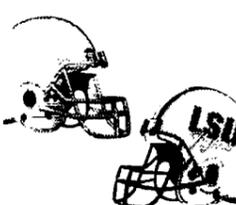
The Tigers' have been able to get their paws on just about everything that has come their way this season. LSU's fourth-ranked receiver, Reggie Robinson, has almost 100 more yards receiving than Notre Dame's No. 2 man, Jabari Holloway (191). Abram Booty and Larry Foster have been highlights in the Tigers' dim season, pulling down 44 receptions for a little over 600 yards a piece. If Malcolm Johnson continues to reel in catches like he has been, he could pose a threat in favor of the Irish.

Offensive Line - ND



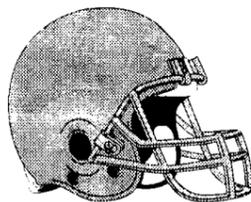
Wisne's knee injury is a big blow to the Irish line, which has allowed only seven sacks this year. Tim Ridder will slide into the quick guard position from strong guard and inexperienced Mike Gandy will have to battle the Anthony McFarland, who has tallied eight sacks single-handedly. The Tigers' weak-linked line has allowed 16 sacks this season, tilting the scales in favor of the Irish.

Defensive Line - Even



LSU's defense has cleaned out opponents' quarterbacks for 26 sacks. They also boast "Booger" McFarland, who has had two sacks in a game on four occasions, and Jarvis Green. Each has eight sacks this season. Notre Dame has taken down 13 quarterbacks, and has made some key plays when the pressure is on. Weaver and Williams provide confidence up front for the Irish. Against Navy, the defense helped cut the top-ranked rushing team's yardage by more than half.

Linebackers - ND



Bobbie Howard and Kory Minor are likely to continue as the muscle in the Irish defense. The momentum from the last two games should roll over into the LSU matchup. Grant Irons made a pleasant return last week and Lamont Bryant has kept up his game too. The LSU linebackers will have a tough time plugging the Irish run. If Notre Dame does not let the tough McFarland manhandle their offense, then the Irish have an edge.

Secondary - LSU



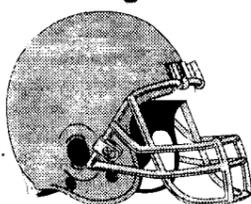
The Irish backfield must be prepared to keep up with the Tigers and their incessant passing. LSU has so far been able to average 13.3 yards per catch, gaining five yards after each reception. They have also racked up 16 passing touchdowns. The Irish have allowed nine TD passes and let their opponents average more than 200 yards passing per game.

Special Teams - Even



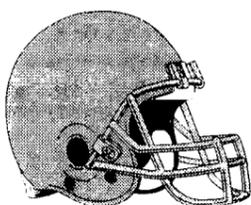
The Irish and Tigers are almost identical as far as punt and kickoff return averages and punting yardage. The Irish may hold an edge as Sanson has made good on 11 of 13 attempts, while the Tigers' kickers have miscued their boots, going 5-9. Faulk has a better presence and chance of big returns, as he has been more consistent than the Irish returnmen.

Coaching - ND



The Irish have slithered out of some close ones, but Davie has managed to stack up an 8-1 record. On the other side of the field, DiNardo's squad has spiraled from a No. 6 ranking to a miserable record of 4-5. Not that the Irish will have problems getting pumped up for the last home game of the season, but Davie can always use the revenge factor to his advantage.

Overall - ND



The Irish are favored by three points, which actually puts the odds more heavily in their favor. If it's a close one, Notre Dame should be able to pull out a win, having won three victories by six points or less. LSU has had the opposite experience, allowing four games to slip from their grasp by a touchdown's difference or less.

A DIZZYING PACE

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Editor

This feat stands alone. It stands alone not only in the mind of Notre Dame fans but in the mind of senior tailback Autry Denson.

With all the records that he has broken in the past season, last Saturday's record breaking performance holds a special place in Denson's career. He marked the moment with one thing, a football.

It is the only one that he has kept. "The accomplishment is a team accomplishment," Denson said. "I couldn't have done it without my linemen, without the defense or without the scout guys that prepare us every week to go out there and play."

He shies away from the limelight that has found him over his four years. In fact, Denson never takes any of the credit.

Perhaps he is the one that deserves it the most. Last Saturday's performance of 107 yards against the Midshipmen of Navy brought his career rushing total to 4,192 yards and broke Allen Pinkett's unattainable record with two regular games still to play.

"I mean it is an honor to me just to be mentioned in the same breath with Jerome Bettis and Alan Pinkett," Denson said. "I mean it is just an honor and that is all that I can say."

"He is definitely one of the biggest assets to this team," senior quarterback Jarious Jackson said. "He is one of the people that keeps this team going. I am happy for him. He has the Notre Dame rushing record. He is they type of guy that deserves it."

His feats do not stop at the career rushing record. Denson is only the second player in Notre Dame history to rush for 1,000 yards in three consecutive years. On 209 carries, he has 1,050 yards, averaging five yards a carry this season.

"Notre Dame has always run the ball, so to say he's the all-time leading rusher is a strong statement," Irish head coach Bob Davie said.

"My heart is at running back," Denson said. "I have been blessed with the ability to play other positions. I just think more of my heart is in it in the backfield."

It is evident in every game that he plays. Fans could tell that Denson's heart is in his senior season, especially in the opening game against Michigan when he had a 58-yard run on the first play from scrimmage.

Denson's career has not always been consumed with playing tailback. In his freshman campaign, he played with the special team unit and suited up as a reserve cornerback in the game against Northwestern. He made his switch to tailback the following week.

"At the time, I went and talked to Coach Holtz earlier that week. He told me that the position he was in was that he didn't have any defensive backs," Denson said. "I was kind of versatile so he thought I could make the transition to defensive back. But he assured me that in the spring he would give me a shot at running back."

The next week, Denson got the shot he needed, gaining 72 yards against Purdue. He proved to Holtz and others that the future of the Notre Dame running game lay with the young Denson.

In his freshman campaign, he racked up four starts, 695 yards, eight touchdowns and finished third on the team in rushing.

No matter what kind of performance Denson gives, he does it for the team. Team to him means family — people that you would do anything for. He fits the definition by suiting up every Saturday not for himself but for the members of his team. With his final campaign rapidly drawing to a close, he said after the Navy game that he will be glad to see the hype surrounding the record dwindle. When the majority of the spotlight is focused on a single individual, it is hard to maintain a team atmosphere.

To Denson, it is not important whether he gets the respect he deserves but that his team receives accolades.

"It doesn't surprise me at all," Denson said about the record. "I just felt like I needed the opportunity. Fortunately enough, I was given the opportunity to get the carries to have an offensive line, to have a defense and to just have guys around me that love to play."

Notre Dame and its fans are grateful that Denson chose to display his talent here, considering who he was courted by. The tailback, who currently ranks 12th nationally in rushing, was recruited by the likes of Colorado, Auburn, Florida State and other national football powerhouses.

What captured the heart of Denson was not the football program but the Notre Dame mystique.

"I just came and it was one of those things," Denson said. "I didn't know what I was looking for when I got here. They always talk about how you get that feeling and I got that strange feeling. And I decided to come."

"I'm sure each individual kind of perceives things different or looks at different challenges," Davie said about the comparison between Denson and LSU's Kevin Faulk and Rondell Mealey. "And I think in Autry's case, he's so even-keeled and so team-oriented that I doubt that he puts a whole lot of thought into that."

This weekend's game could prove a crucial game for Denson and Co. It could clear up the ever evasive bowl picture. Despite having already broken the record, don't look for Denson to give up any time soon. Currently, he ranks second in career rushing touchdowns list with 42 behind none other than Allen Pinkett.

Denson's accomplishments have kept his cup overflowing almost since the minute he stepped on campus. While a majority of the records have been broken, he still is in pursuit of another victory for the team.

"As a senior you realize that it is the last go around of the season," Denson said. "You just look for your seniors to be more vocal, more assertive than ever because they do realize that it is winding down."

Denson and the team have a saying that every Saturday they never know who is going to step up but they know somebody will. Last Saturday's game, Denson stepped up to meet his challenge. Now he wants nothing more than to pass the torch on to one of his teammates.

Once the spotlight fades and Denson graduates, one thing will stand alone. His new rushing record.



Tony Brooks, 2,274 yards

Randy Kinder, 2,295 yards

Vagas Ferguson, 3,472 yards

George Gipp, 2,341 yards

Allen Pinkett, 4,131 yards

Autry Denson; 4,192 yards and still going

NOTRE DAME SCHEDULE

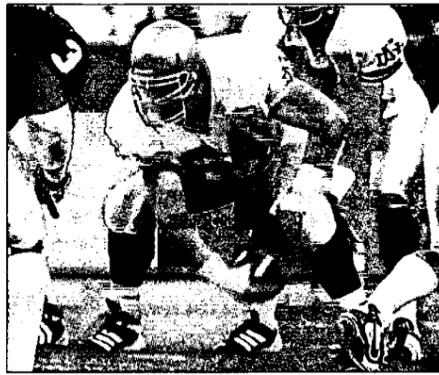
Sept. 5	MICHIGAN	W 36-20
Sept. 12	at Michigan State	L 41-28
Sept. 20	PURDUE	W 31-30
Oct. 3	STANFORD	W 30-17
Oct. 10	at Arizona State	W 28-9
Oct. 24	ARMY	W 20-17
Oct. 31	BAYLOR	W 27-3
Nov. 7	at Boston College	W 31-26
Nov. 14	at Navy	W 30-0
Nov. 21	LSU	
Nov. 28	at USC	

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

THE OFFENSIVE LINE



The Observer/Liz Lang
Jerry Wisne's knee injury, suffered last week at Navy, will keep him out of the Irish lineup.



The Observer/Liz Lang
Junior center John Merandi has been a valuable asset on Notre Dame's offensive line.

With Jerry Wisne's right knee injury, the Irish offensive line is going to be hurting.

Tim Ridder will slide into the quick guard position from strong guard and inexperienced Mike Gandy will have to battle the fierce Anthony "Booger" McFarland.

McFarland and Jarvis Green have slammed opposing quarterbacks, each tallying eight sacks this season. So far, their defense has made 26 sacks.

The Irish offensive line remains

strong, however, having allowed only seven sacks this season.

The Tigers' offensive line has had a few weak links. Defenders have managed to sneak by to register 16 quarterback sacks.

Luke Petitgout, Tim Ridder, Gandy and Mike Rosenthal will have to work a little harder than usual to open the gaps for Autry Denson and Jarious Jackson.

All in all, the game's winner probably will be determined in the trenches.

LSU SCHEDULE

Sept. 12	ARKANSAS STATE	W 42-6
Sept. 19	at Auburn	W 31-19
Sept. 26	IDAHO	W 33-20
Oct. 3	GEORGIA	L 27-28
Oct. 10	at Florida	L 10-22
Oct. 17	KENTUCKY	L 36-39
Oct. 24	MISSISSIPPI STATE	W 41-6
Oct. 31	at Old Miss	L 31-37
Nov. 7	ALABAMA	L 16-22
Nov. 21	at Notre Dame	
Nov. 27	ARKANSAS	



Bob Davie

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ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Duke Cooper	FS	6-3	221	JR
2	Benny Guilbeaux	SS	6-2	215	SR
3	Arnaz Battle	QB	6-1	195	FR
4	Kory Minor	OLB	6-1	245	SR
5	A'Jam Sanders	FS	5-11	191	SR
6	Malcolm Johnson	SE	6-5	215	SR
7	Jarious Jackson	QB	6-0	220	SR
8	Eric Chappell	QB	6-4	225	FR
8	Anthony Brannan	OLB	5-11	203	JR
9	Raki Nelson	FL	5-11	178	JR
10	Deveron Harper	CB	5-11	187	JR
11	Jay Johnson	SE	6-0	187	JR
12	Tony Fisher	RB	6-1	202	FR
13	Jimmy Friday	ILB	6-2	236	SR
14	David Givens	WR	6-0	214	FR
15	Clifford Jefferson	DB	5-9	165	FR
16	John Shingler	TE	6-1	250	SR
17	Hunter Smith	P	6-2	218	SR
18	Joey Getherall	SE	5-7	172	SO
19	Jim Sanson	K	5-9	189	JR
20	Carlos Pierre-Antoine	LB	6-2	240	FR
21	Javin Hunter	WR	5-11	172	FR
22	Jay Vickers	TB	6-0	215	JR
23	Autry Denson	TB	5-10	202	SR
24	Ty Goode	CB	5-11	192	SR
25	Tony Driver	FS	6-2	214	SO
26	Lee Lafayette	SS	5-10	198	JR
27	Bobbie Howard	ILB	5-10	232	SR
28	Donald Dykes	DB	5-10	186	FR
28	Mike Grady	FS	5-11	200	JR
29	Justin Smith	CB	6-2	188	SO
30	Rocky Boiman	DB	6-3	222	FR
31	Eric Himan	CB	5-11	179	SR
32	Terrance Howard	RB	6-1	181	RB
32	Justin Meko	SS	5-11	209	SR
33	Jamie Spencer	FB	6-1	245	SR
33	Phil Sicuso	CB	5-11	188	SR
34	Ronnie Nicks	ILB	6-1	234	JR
35	David Miller	K-P	5-11	177	FR
35	Jascint Vukelich	FB	6-0	224	SO
36	Tom Lopienski	FB	6-2	240	FR
36	Tim Lynch	CB	5-9	177	SR
37	Ron Israel	CB	6-0	198	SO
37	Kevin Rice	SS	6-0	212	SR
38	Brock Williams	CB	5-10	189	SO
39	Anthony Denman	OLB	6-1	231	SO
39	Chris Leck	SS	5-10	195	JR
40	Jason Murray	FB	6-1	254	SO
40	Brendan Farrell	ILB	5-10	220	JR
41	Joe Ferrer	OLB	6-2	231	JR
42	Antwoine Wellington	NG	6-0	261	JR
43	Hugh Holmes	ILB	6-1	212	SO
44	Grant Irons	OLB	6-5	256	SO
45	Joey Goodspeed	FB	6-0	241	JR
46	Kevin Dansby	OLB	6-1	228	SO
46	Benjamin Robinson	TE	6-2	241	SR
47	Mike McNair	FB	6-0	221	FR
48	Johnathan Hebert	SE	5-11	202	JR
49	Joe Thomas	ILB	6-2	227	SR
50	David Payne	OG	6-1	287	SR
51	Tyreo Harrison	LB	6-2	238	FR
53	Lamont Bryant	DE	6-3	258	SR
54	Luke Petitgout	OT	6-6	300	SR
55	Jim Jones	OG	6-3	295	JR
58	Brendan O'Connor	OG	6-2	292	JR
62	Casey Robin	OT	6-6	300	SO
63	Mike Tribe	ILB	5-10	220	JR
64	John Merandi	C	6-3	292	JR
66	JW Jordan	C	6-0	289	SO
67	John Wagner	OT	6-7	300	SR
68	Matt Brennan	OT	6-7	295	JR
69	Mike Gandy	OG	6-4	296	JR
70	Tim Ridder	OG	6-7	298	SR
71	Jerry Wisne	OG	6-7	298	SR
72	Ryan Scarola	OL	6-4	310	FR
73	Jeff Roehl	OL	6-4	287	FR
74	Rob Mowl	C	6-5	295	JR
76	John Teasdale	OT	6-5	295	SO
77	Brad Williams	DE	6-5	286	JR
78	Jordan Black	OL	6-5	310	FR
79	Mike Rosenthal	OT	6-7	300	SR
81	Lewis Dawson	FL	6-0	185	JR
83	Patrick Reynolds	WR	5-11	179	FR
84	Gerald Morgan	TE	6-3	263	FR
85	Antwon Jones	NG	6-3	280	SR
85	Mark Rule	WR	6-2	218	SR
86	Dan O'Leary	TE	6-5	256	JR
87	Jabari Holloway	TE	6-3	254	SO
88	Bobby Brown	FL	6-3	194	SR
89	John Day-Owens	TE	6-3	228	FR
90	Lance Legree	NG	6-1	292	JR
91	Noah VanHook-Drucker	DE	6-2	245	JR
92	Adam Tibble	K	5-11	183	FR
93	BJ Scott	DE	6-4	282	JR
94	Andy Wisne	NG	6-3	285	SO
95	Ryan Roberts	LB	6-1	235	FR
96	Sean Mahan	DL	6-3	262	FR
97	Kurt Vollers	DT	6-7	280	SO
98	Anthony Weaver	DL	6-3	249	FR
98	Eric Glass	DT	6-4	235	JR
99	Jason Ching	DE	6-3	280	JR

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Gerry DiNardo

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ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
1	Fred Booker	CB	5-9	189	So.
2	Brandon Dale	CB	5-11	176	So.
3	Kevin Faulk	TB	5-10	192	So.
4	Nate Gates	CB	6-0	187	So.
5	Ryan Clark	FS	6-0	180	Fr.
6	Rohan Davey	QB	6-3	227	Fr.
7	Rondell Mealey	TB	6-0	203	Jr.
8	Mark Roman	FS	6-0	185	Jr.
9	Robert Davis	CB	5-9	182	Fr.
10	LaVar Johnson	TB	6-1	188	Fr.
11	Michael Hayes	SE	6-5	220	Fr.
12	Kris Kessler	PK	6-2	199	Fr.
13	Damien James	QB	5-11	195	Fr.
14	Herb Tyler	QB	6-0	203	Fr.
15	Walter Moreham	ILB	6-0	222	Fr.
16	Craig Nall	QB	6-3	231	Fr.
17	Bubba Alexander	ILB	6-2	212	So.
18	Clarence LeBlanc	SS	6-3	200	Jr.
19	Chris Cummings	CB	5-9	180	SR
21	Raion Hill	SS	6-1	201	SR
22	Larry Foster	FL	5-10	190	Jr.
23	Jeremy Witten	P	5-10	170	Jr.
24	Michael Stamps	CB	5-11	175	Jr.
25	Josh Reed	TB	5-11	197	Fr.
25	Danny Wheeland	TB	6-2	210	CKS
26	Cory Gibbs	P	6-0	203	Jr.
27	Damien Woods	CB	5-10	186	Jr.
28	Bryant Scott	WR	5-9	184	SR
29	Terrence O'Bryant	SS	6-4	208	FR
30	Solomon Lee	FB	6-1	226	FR
31	Shane O'Toole	CB	5-11	172	FR
31	Isiah Franklin	SE	6-0	183	Jr.
32	Kendall Cleveland	TB	6-1	228	SR
33	Nemesis Bates	FL	5-10	198	Jr.
34	Willie Elias	FB	6-0	245	Fr.
35	Charles Smith	ILB	6-2	220	Jr.
36	Daniel Desselte	SE	5-7	160	So.
36	Ricky Burke	FL	5-10	180	Jr.
37	Joseph Barreca	FB	5-10	255	SR
37	Aaron Adams	OLB	6-3	225	SR
38	Andy Stroup	SE	6-3	195	Jr.
39	Broderick Williams	ILB	6-1	231	Fr.
40	Lionel Thomas	FS	6-0	190	Fr.
41	Cisco Perkins	FB	6-0	213	Fr.
42	Markeith Spears	ILB	5-11	239	SR
43	Tommy Banks	FB	6-0	249	So.
44	Robert Tyler	FB	6-0	247	Jr.
45	Jamal Hill	OLB	6-2	231	So.
46	Wardell Sykes	ILB	6-1	230	So.
47	Reginald Robinson	SE	6-1	190	Fr.
48	Joe Wesley	ILB	6-2	233	SR
49	Korey Wales	FB	5-8	221	SR
51	Jason Green	OLB	6-1	228	FR
52	Thomas Dunson	ILB	6-3	232	FR
53	Chris Cooper	ILB	5-11	234	FR
54	Kenderick Allen	DE	6-6	291	FR
55	Willie Gray	NG	6-1	272	FR
56	Jeremy Lawrence	OLB	6-2	220	FR
57	Blaine McCorkle	SNP	6-1	225	SR
58	Adam McConathy	OLB	6-3	236	FR
59	Jarvis Green	DE	6-3	252	FR
60	Ryan Hebert	OG	6-4	293	SR
60	Wendell York	SNP	5-11	190	FR
61	Sam Forehand	OT	6-6	362	FR
62	Tim Donelon	OT	6-5	315	Jr.
63	Jesse Harmon	OT	6-5	306	Jr.
64	John Compton	C	6-3	280	So.
65	Ryan Thomassie	OG	6-2	282	So.
66	John Young	C	6-2	279	Fr.
67	Alvin Puckett	C	6-3	290	So.
68	Brandon Winey	OT	6-7	294	So.
69	Damien Salassi	OLB	6-2	232	FR
69	Brandon Small	OG	5-11	282	FR
70	Louis Williams	OT	6-6	292	So.
71	Al Jackson	OG	6-3	307	Jr.
72	Todd McClure	C	6-2	280	SR
73	Rob Sale	OG	6-2	313	FR
74	Brad Smalling	OG	6-8	348	FR
74	Eric Duhon	OG	6-3	327	FR
75	Trey Langley	OT	6-5	305	So.
76	Bob Wynne	OT	6-3	325	FR
77	Nathan Turner	DE	6-1	265	SR
78	Dwayne Pierce	OG	6-2	308	So.
78	Charles Thomas	DT	6-4	268	FR
79	Jason Underwood	OG	6-4	253	FR
80	Zack Pendarvis	TE	6-6	256	FR
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83	Danny Boyd	PK	6-0	220	Jr.
84	Christian Chauvin	PK	5-10	178	FR
84	Robert Wilson	PK	5-10	181	FR
85	Kyle Kipps	TE	6-5	259	FR
85	Billy Dressler	P	6-3	205	So.
86	Robert Royal	F-B	6-5	229	So.
87	Joe Domingaux	TE	6-6	267	So.
87	Brandon Smith	P/SE	6-2	190	SR
88	Abram Booty	SE	6-2	185	So.
89	Ed Dangerfield	FL	6-4	209	FR
90	Willie Harvey	DE	6-4	254	So.
91	Musking				

■ IRISH INSIGHT

Davie looks for seniors to lead Irish to finish

By JOEY CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

This weekend a football team knocking on the door of the top 10 and looking forward to an exciting way to spend its Christmas break welcomes a team with a record its fans and alumni won't accept and are just looking to salvage a season. Sound familiar?

Notre Dame whipped the Tigers 24-6 in Tiger Stadium last November, a victory that helped earn a post-season berth.

This year, the LSU Tigers have been licking their wounds since the end of September. After starting 3-0 the Tigers have lost five of their last six games.

With another trip to the Independence Bowl as a post-season possibility for the Tigers, their trip to Notre Dame Stadium will serve as their bowl game.

LSU head coach and Notre Dame alum Gerry DiNardo's only good memory about this season will be if he can do to the Irish what the Irish did to his squad last year.

There's just one thing standing in DiNardo's way.

Make that 21 things.

Those 21 things form one of the stronger senior classes in recent years.

"Let's face it, we've got a tremendous group of seniors on this football team that have been through a lot of different situations at Notre Dame," head coach Bob Davie said. "With the magnitude of this game and the next game being their last regular season game in the LA

Coliseum, the motivation and the focus of team lies squarely on the shoulders of these seniors."

Those shoulders can carry quite a load.

Davie pointed to people like Mike Rosenthal, who Davie has called another coach on the offensive line. People like linebackers Kory Minor, Bobbie Howard and Jimmy Friday, who put together one of their best efforts against the always-pesky wishbone that isn't much fun to play against.

People like all-time leading rusher Atray Denson, who cursed himself after a fumble at half-time.

People like Jamie Spencer, who offered to become a part of any special teams. People like Benny Guilbeaux, who came back after injury to find his starting role taken by an underclassmen, but who has still come out to play some of his best football and aid in Tony Driver's development as a playmaker in the secondary.

"The point is they bring out the best in each other and that's important to me," Davie said.

After his squad's 30-0 loss to the Irish, Navy coach Charlie Weatherbie admired the type of team the Davie has put together.

"This was the best team we have played all year," Weatherbie said. "They are playing with a different attitude. It used to be you would see a guy taking a down off every now and then. They do not do that."

Coaches would like to instill that "different attitude" in their team, but it takes more than

just coaches to do it. It takes leadership from within the team.

"Right now its in the hands of the seniors," Guilbeaux said. "We've prepared in the off-season real well and the pre-season real well, right now its just in the seniors hands."

Said Denson, "When you're a senior you realize it's your last go-around, you're a little more vocal, a little more assertive. It's our time."

The seniors time started further back than a shocking season opening win over the

'THIS WAS THE BEST TEAM WE HAVE PLAYED ALL YEAR. THEY ARE PLAYING WITH A DIFFERENT ATTITUDE.'

CHARLIE WEATHERBIE
NAVY HEAD COACH COMMENTING
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defending champs. It started further back than the start of fall camp, it even started further back than the beginning of spring ball back in March.

"In a lot of people's eyes they look at it as the seniors times now, but it's been the seniors time ever since we walked off the field Dec. 28 against LSU," Spencer said, referring to the Independence Bowl 27-9 loss to the Tigers. "We've taken over and we've set the standard to where we go out and work as hard as we could in the off-season. We got better in a lot of

areas, we addressed some concerns on our own, then we got to camp, and it wasn't a question of who was running this team. Even though coaches make the calls it was up to us to set the standard and set the tone with every practice."

This Saturday those seniors will make the trip up the tunnel for the final time, riding an eight-game winning streak at home.

"To be undefeated at home your senior year is a huge accomplishment," Davie said. "Especially since your first game you lost to Northwestern in that Stadium."

The seniors aren't looking at the emotions of this being their final time under the shadows of Touchdown Jesus or the last time saluting the student section after the game. The seniors even voted unanimously not to conduct any senior recognition at the pep rally tonight. The main reason was to not distract the team from the task at hand.

"It's going to be emotional because it's our last game playing with the senior class and we're like brothers," Spencer said. "But we know that our mission isn't complete and I don't think this game is going to be as emotional as if we're able to put ourselves in position to play for all the marbles at the end of the year."

We haven't heard title talk in a while and although it's premature and would take a quite of bit of luck, this class is on the verge of doing exactly what is was suppose to do when it came to Notre Dame in 1995. Bring Notre Dame back to the elite.

"We've been here all four years and we've worked our butts of for four years to do the things we have done," Spencer said. "Now I'm striving to get that other level in terms of my senior year and this team hopefully being able to run for the national title."

After that pretty win over Michigan in the opener, the Irish took the autobahn to the top 10, only to plummet the next week. Though the second trip to the top 10 has resembled a gravel road to farmer uncle Bob's farm, it has gotten them there.

The Class of 1999 has been through, losses to Stanford, Purdue and Northwestern, coaching changes and off the field controversies. LSU and USC are the remaining hurdles to a major bowl and a possible top five finish.

"Our class has been tight ever since we got here," Spencer said. "We've been through a lot and that exemplifies what we're all about. No matter what we've been through, it's always us and we're right there. We're going to keep a positive outlook."

We're going to do what's best for the team and work hard."

DiNardo may have the advantage of a week off to prepare for the Irish, who are three-point favorites. But Davie has something else working to his advantage.

"I know what kind of senior leadership we have," Davie said. "There's a lot riding on these last two games, but particularly for these seniors. This is a game that I know our team's looking forward to."



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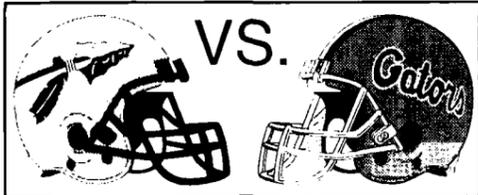
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THE IRISH INSIDER LOOKS AT THIS WEEK'S TOP COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAMES

Gators look to snap jaws on Seminoles

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Possibly the most competitive intrastate rivalry enters another chapter this season, as top-five powers Florida and Florida State fight it out in a battle with implications that extend far beyond that of bragging rights. This weekend's game is more important than ever, considering that a win for either team will probably place them in the Bowl Championship Series, while a late-season loss would be disastrous.

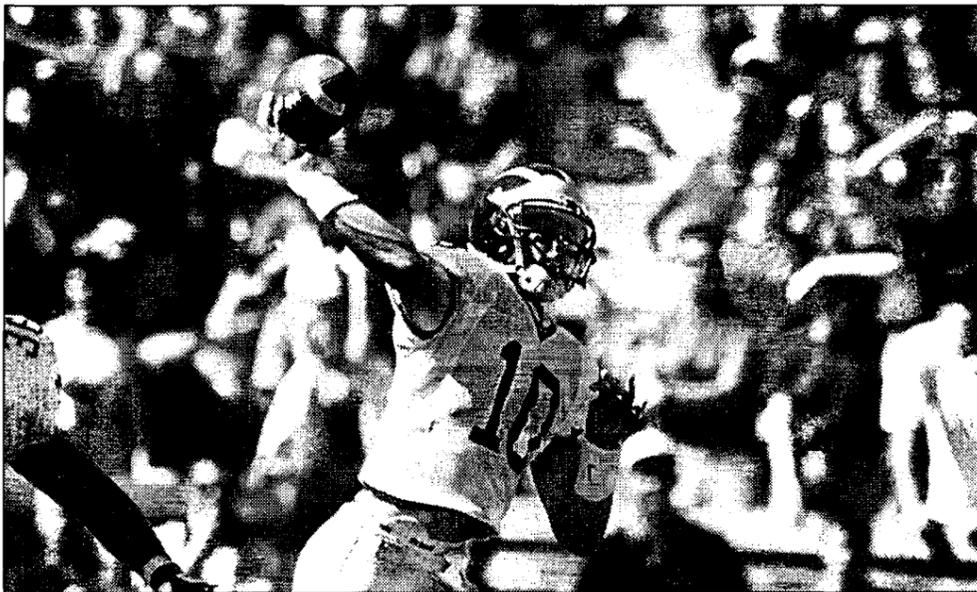
Even though top-ranked Tennessee's run will probably deny Florida the SEC championship, that hasn't stopped it from destroying opponents right and left. Following their early season 20-17 loss in Knoxville, the fourth-ranked Gators went on a seven-game winning streak, capped by a 33-14 win over conference cellar-dweller South Carolina last week.

Part of Florida's success can be attributed to junior quarterback Doug Johnson, who has led his team to victory through his strong arm and lightning speed. Despite a personal rift between himself and head coach Steve Spurrier, Johnson is leaving his mark in college football, ranking 8th nationally in passing efficiency. Against the Gamecocks, he connected on 23-of-42 passes for 360 yards and 4 touchdowns. Johnson threw for 460 yards against Vanderbilt two weeks ago, just two yards shy of the school record set last year by Danny Wuerffel.

Still, there are some dents in the Gator armor, on both sides of the ball. Injured tailback Terry Jackson has been out for most of the season, hampering the Gators' offensive might. Also, defensive end Willie Cohens is expected to be out for the season with a knee injury.

If anything has hurt the Seminoles' chances at a national title this season, it has been their season-long quarterback soap opera. Two weeks ago against Virginia, backup quarterback Chris Weinke had a season-ending injury when a sack resulted in a concussion. Marcus Outzen, the replacement for the position, completed 5-of-6 passes for 67 yards, but was sacked three times. His performance was marginally better in last weekend's 24-7 win over Wake Forest, when he completed 11-of-19 passes for 164 yards, but threw one interception and was pancaked five times.

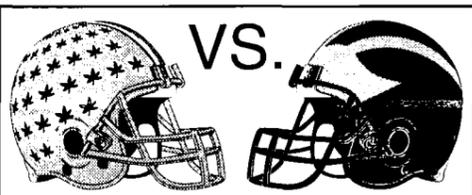
Rumors out of Tallahassee said that head coach Bobby Bowden intends to start true



Quarterback Tom Brady and the 11th-ranked Wolverines hope to defend their Big Ten title this weekend when they travel to No. 7 Ohio State.

freshman Jared Jones, who was initially slated for a redshirt year. Because of Outzen's ineffectiveness in both games, Jones played sparingly against the Deacons and could start this weekend.

As for Dan Kendra, the projected No. 1 quarterback for the Seminoles at the start of the season, he intends not to return to action this weekend. In a press conference last weekend, he stated that he was presently at "80 percent mobility" after suffering a major knee injury during spring practice that kept him out for the season.



The legendary "Big Game" returns for another go-around this season, and once again, the Big Ten title is on the line. The stakes in this battle are about as high as they can get: the winner of this game will probably end up playing in the Rose Bowl this holiday season.

With national title hopes out of the way, the Buckeyes are forced to revert to their backup plan: win the Big Ten championship and head for Pasadena. Despite holding a 24-9 lead going into the third quarter, Michigan State pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the season with a 28-24 upset of top-ranked Ohio State. It was the third time in four seasons that they slipped from the national title hunt in November, the other two times prompted by losses to Michigan.

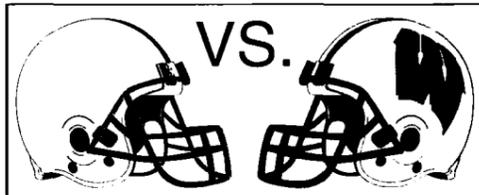
Last weekend, Ohio State wasted no time in reasserting themselves, manhandling Iowa 45-14 to get back into the BCS hunt. While the Hawkeyes were able to score on the first possession of the game, the Buckeyes scored three consecutive touchdowns and never looked back.

The two stars for the team were, as usual, quarterback Joe Germaine and running back David Boston. Germaine threw for 319 yards on the day with three TDs and no interceptions, while Boston had five catches for 163 yards. Boston is one of only three receivers in school history to collect more than 1,000 yards in a season, along with NFL players Cris Carter and Terry Glenn. The Ohio

State defense also had a field day, recording 11 sacks and holding the Hawkeyes to 21 rushing yards on 41 rushing attempts.

But in order for the Buckeyes to capture the Big Ten crown, they must first get past the current conference leaders, 11th-ranked Michigan. After stumbling to an 0-2 start against Notre Dame and Syracuse, the Wolverines pulled one of the quickest turn-arounds in college football, winning seven straight conference games in an attempt to repeat as Big Ten champs. Their mid-season rally was capped by a 27-0 shutout of then-No. 9 Penn State followed by a 27-10 win over No. 6 Wisconsin. The latter victory secured at least a share of the conference title, but a win by the Buckeyes would give them the Rose Bowl bid.

In their victory over Wisconsin, Michigan was led by quarterback Tom Brady, who completed 15-of-24 passes for 202 yards, one touchdown and an interception. Tailback Clarence Williams rushed for 121 yards on 21 carries, while flanker Marcus Knight caught three passes for a total of 60 yards. The Wolverine defense also had a fine day, recording four sacks while holding the Badgers to 58 rushing yards and just nine first downs.



Bowl hopes abound in this late season classic, pitting two Big Ten teams with late-season losses to Michigan that had disastrous consequences.

No. 13 Wisconsin saw its chances for an undefeated season slip through their fingers at the hands of the Wolverines last week. Heading into that game, the Badgers were looking for their first 10-0 record in school history. Despite the loss, Wisconsin is having a better season than anyone would have thought during the summer, partially due to running back Ron Dayne's performance on the field. Going into this weekend, Dayne has rushed for 11 touchdowns and 1,153 yards, more than 700 yards better than the nearest Badger. Last weekend, however, he rushed for a season-low 53 yards on 17 carries, proving that shutting Dayne down is the biggest key to beating Wisconsin.

The Nittany Lions rebounded nicely from their embarrassing shutout to the Wolverines by posting a 41-10 mauling of Northwestern. While the offense provided most of the fireworks, it was the Penn State defense that saved the day, recording five sacks and three interceptions to clinch head coach Joe Paterno's 31st consecutive winning season.

While both of these teams have little chance of the conference title, a decisive victory by either team, along with a few major upsets, could give the victor a shot at a high bowl. This is the final game of the year for Wisconsin, but Penn State will close out the season at home against upset-minded Michigan State, who has upset two top 10 teams already this season.

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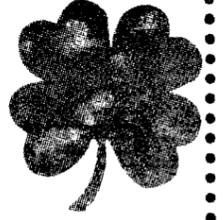
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TEAM	RECORD	POINTS	TEAM	RECORD	POINTS
1. Tennessee (37)	9-0	1,709	10. Florida	9-1	1,526
2. Kansas St. (29)	10-0	1,699	11. Michigan	8-2	1,054
3. UCLA (4)	9-0	1,618	12. Tulane	9-0	869
4. Florida	9-1	1,526	13. Wisconsin	9-1	849
5. Florida St.	10-1	1,489	14. Georgia	7-2	788
6. Texas A&M	10-1	1,361	15. Oregon	8-2	754
7. Ohio State	9-1	1,350	16. Penn St.	7-2	705
8. Arizona	10-1	1,262	17. Nebraska	8-3	616
9. Arkansas	8-1	1,127	18. Virginia	8-2	528
10. Notre Dame	8-1	1,081	19. Missouri	7-3	456
11. Michigan	8-2	1,054	20. Air Force	9-1	434
12. Tulane	9-0	869	21. Georgia Tech	7-2	398
13. Wisconsin	9-1	849	22. Miami	6-2	365
14. Georgia	7-2	788	23. Virginia Tech	7-2	206
15. Oregon	8-2	754	24. Syracuse	6-3	140
16. Penn St.	7-2	705	25. Texas	7-3	117
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