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Student leaders from other schools defend Griffin

Other student presidents speak only well of him

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Editor-in-Chief

At the heart of Morrissey senior Jeremy Lingenfelter's petition to recall student body president Matt Griffin from office is the belief that because of Griffin's alleged misconduct, he is an "embarrassing" representative of the student's interests.

But student leaders at other universities say just the opposite about Griffin.

While Notre Dame administrators have remained neutral in discussing Griffin's effectiveness, Duke student body president Lino

Marrero and Boston College vice president Kristin Pugh say Griffin has been a responsible leader in working with them this semester.

Marrero, who has collaborated with Griffin for the past six weeks on a nationwide student government leadership conference, said that Griffin has been diligent in pushing forward the idea of the conference.

"[Our working relationship] has been very positive. He's been easy to work with," Marrero said. "I've had no problems with him and no doubts about him."

The idea of the student government conference developed in October when Marrero, whose sister Catherine is a sophomore in Pasquerilla West Hall, visited her at Notre Dame. Marrero and Griffin met and discussed several problems that both had encountered in their respective roles in student government.

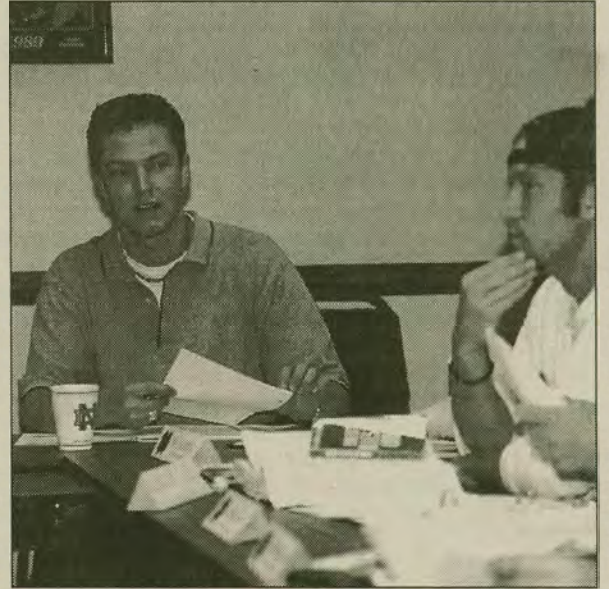
According to Marrero, Griffin suggested that the student government

officials of the top 25 schools, based on the rankings of U.S. News & World Report, meet for a weekend in February at Notre Dame to discuss the problems common to student governments nationwide.

University officials, concerned that Notre Dame's student government could not organize such a complex conference in such a short time, denied Griffin's request that Notre Dame student government formally sponsor the event. This was conveyed to him in a letter written Dec. 3 by Sister Jean Lenz, assistant vice president for Student Affairs.

But Duke student government plans to continue forth with the conference, according to Marrero.

"Matt opened up an opportunity that we could get involved in," Marrero said. "To help create a conference to discuss these issues is a certain sign" of effective leadership.



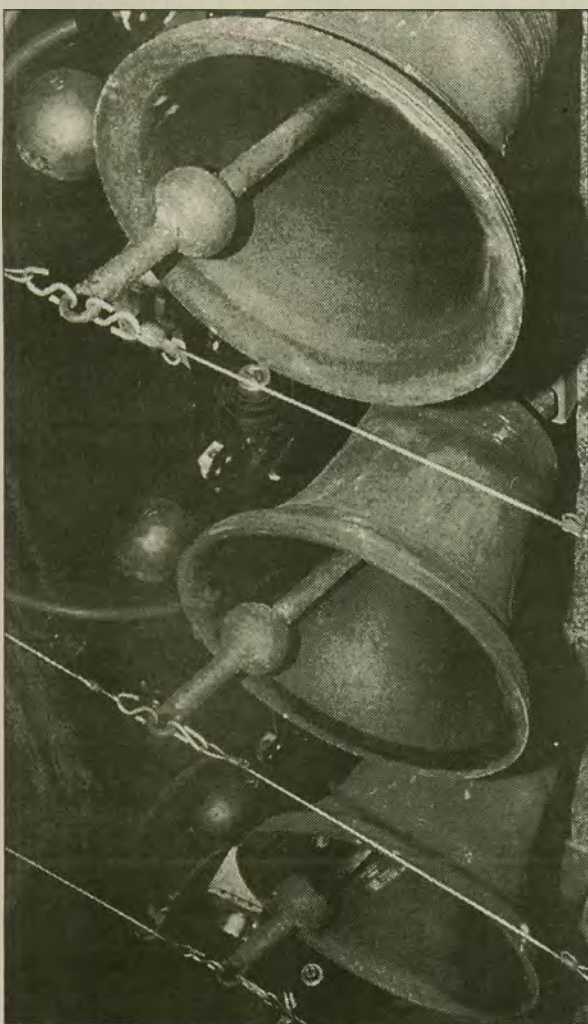
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Student body president Matt Griffin has recently run into problems. He faces a possible recall election next semester which could remove him from office. Here he addresses the Student Senate two months ago.

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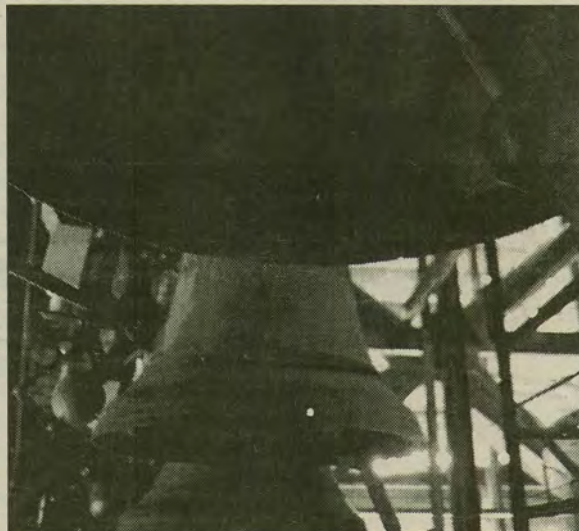
Ding, Dong!

BASILICA BELLS TURN 145 THIS YEAR



Observer Photos/Kevin Dalum

The bells in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart have been ringing the hour for nearly a century and a half.



'WE HOPE THAT [THE CARILLON'S] SOUND WILL NOT ONLY CALM AND GLADDEN HUMAN HEARTS, BUT THAT IT WILL ALSO CALL THOSE WHO HEAR IT TO FAITH AND THE CHRISTIAN TRUTH.'

POPE JOHN PAUL II IN A JANUARY 1992 LETTER

By SARAH J. HILTZ
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At the request of John Michael D'Arcy, bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Pope John Paul II officially gave what was then Sacred Heart church the status of Minor Basilica on Jan. 17, 1992.

The letter bearing this news, written by the pope and signed by the Secretary of State of the Vatican, included a reference to the building's carillon of bells, the oldest in North America.

"We know that the pleasant harmony of [America's oldest] carillon repeatedly resounds from Sacred Heart. We hope that its sound will not only calm and gladden human hearts, but that it will also call those who hear it to faith and Christian truth and that it will stir their spirits," reads the translation from Latin.

The carillon, a collection of 23 bells, was originally installed in 1852 in a wooden tower which stood in front of the "Old Church." The carillon is now kept in the bell tower of the

Basilica, where it chimes every 15 minutes, sounds the hour, rings for the Angelus at noon every day and plays music.

Also kept in the tower is a seven-ton great bell named St. Anthony of Padua. Originally, thick ropes supported and were responsible for swinging the enormous clapper. Although the ropes still hang from old wooden rafters, the bell is now rung electronically. It rings only a few times a year for special feasts and occasions.

A narrow, dark staircase leads from the vestibule to several successive landings and crawl-spaces that were once traversed regularly for the operations of the bells. A small room on one of these landings contains a keyboard that controls the carillon. Although this keyboard is still operational, a newer one is conveniently located in the sacristy.

Stairs provide access all the way to the top of the tower, but the narrowness and age of the staircases inhibit the nervous visitor from exploring these highest points.

■ STUDENT SENATE

Senators: We must address recall petition

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Associate News Editor

In what student body vice president Erek Nass described as an informal meeting, the Student Senate discussed last night whether or not it actually had to consider the petition to recall student body president Matt Griffin.

"Just because there are 15 percent of the students signing it doesn't mean that the petition isn't nonsensical," argued Chip Warden, senator from Fisher Hall. "It is easy to get people to sign something. If everything has been explained, then we can't entertain this petition because it is without grounds."

The petition, being circulated by Jeremy Lingenfelter, a senior from Morrissey Hall, cites a number of alleged abuses of the office of student body president as grounds for recall, including mismanagement of student government funds.

"If 15 percent of the student body signs this petition, the Student Union is obliged to conduct a recall vote," said Tim Keller, Student Senate parliamentarian, whose job is to advise the senate on constitutional matters.

Angie Sowar, senator from Lewis Hall, agreed. "The constitution says that all petitions must be considered," she said. "It does not say that we can judge the reasons for the petition, which was approved by Student Affairs."

The senate finally decided that they could not ignore the petition if it does get the 15 percent support that is required. Keller also

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Enough of this already

Unfortunately, some students in Notre Dame or Saint Mary's have decided that it is okay for them to commit what would be considered major crimes outside of this campus.

I refer to the series of prank calls and death threats that people have received on campus this year.

When Stacey Fuller and Catherine Syner made a bold, if misguided, attempt to speak their minds on Saint Mary's involvement with Notre Dame, students called them and threatened to beat them up or worse.

Dan Sullivan inadvertently upset a large contingent of students, across racial lines, with a cartoon in The Observer, and he was threatened.

Now Jeremy Lingenfelter, the student who is trying to have Matt Griffin recalled as student body president, has been threatened by some unknown phone assailants.

This most recent offense is no worse than the other two, but it shows that these threats are not just a rare occurrence.

I am not defending Lingenfelter's petition, nor am I saying that he should just be ignored. But threatening to kill the guy is just a little over the line.

What kind of a person would threaten a fellow student with death just for being politically active and expressing his opinions about Griffin?

Maybe the phone calls were a joke. But if they were, the person telling the joke has an extremely warped sense of humor. There is nothing funny about sitting at home, preparing for exams and answering the phone to hear someone describe in detail how they want to cut you up.

Notre Dame Security/Police can only do so much to try and catch the people responsible for pulling such a disgusting prank. They can tap phones and ask students to report any incidences of harassment. But these methods have their limits. They require the offending student to call and harass the person whose phone is tapped more than once.

Whether these calls and threats were made in anger, or induced by alcohol or a bet does not matter. There is no excuse.

To those people that have made the decision to pick up a phone and express their displeasure with someone by threatening them with physical violence, you are not brave.

It would have been truly daring to leave your name and phone number instead of saying that you are calling on behalf of someone else.

If you have a problem with anything that a student does on this campus, the answer is not to call up that student and threaten them with violence.

You can calmly discuss the issue with the person over e-mail or by contacting them on the phone.

If you don't like Lingenfelter's view of Matt Griffin, talk to your Student Senator about changing the constitution to make the guidelines for recall stricter.

There is always another way.

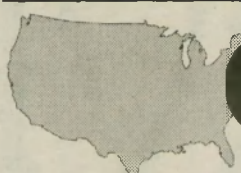
Violence is the refuge of the weak mind.

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Outside the Dome

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University of Nebraska scientists to build particle accelerator

LINCOLN, Neb.

Congress and two U.S. agencies signed a \$531-million promise Monday to help build and operate the largest piece of scientific equipment in the world by 2005, and a team of University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty members and students will take part.

Under Monday's agreement, the United States will invest in a new particle accelerator called the Large Hadron Collider now under construction near Geneva, Switzerland.

The \$6 billion accelerator will be seven times more powerful than the strongest accelerator now in use and will measure 16 miles in circumference. It will create collisions between streams of protons at higher energies than achieved before.

The collider is the "next step in the energy frontier," said Nebraska team leader Greg Snow, a UNL associate professor of high-energy physics. "This is a happy day for us."



The Nebraska team will receive about \$500,000 to create a device that measures the luminosity - the exact number - of proton collisions occurring inside the accelerator, where collisions occur at nearly the speed of light, Snow said.

The measurement of about 1 billion collisions per second will form the basis for evaluating all other data scientists hope to collect from the collisions, including the existence of the Higgs boson particle.

The particle is the last missing piece in the standard model of particle

physics and is responsible for the fact that particles have mass, Snow said. In other words, the elusive particle could help scientists understand the basis of material existence, he said.

Snow and another Nebraska team member, physics assistant professor Dan Claes, helped discover the next-to-last missing piece of the model, the Top Quark, in March 1995. The particle was discovered through experiments conducted at what is now the nation's best particle accelerator, the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory outside of Chicago.

To build the new accelerator, the Nebraska team members will join about 1,500 other physicists from around the globe in working on one of two particle detectors in the new accelerator called the Compact Muon Solenoid. When complete, the detectors will each measure five stories long. Construction costs will be about \$400 million.

■ UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Hallway chats may be monitored

STORRS, Conn.

Students at the University of Connecticut have discovered that intercoms located in hall ceilings have a listen feature that allows any activity that goes on in the halls, including conversations, to be monitored. Few residents know that the feature exists or that it can be used by R.A.s and hall directors. "I don't feel it is appropriate for anyone to listen to conversations going on in the halls," said Sweta Pandey, an R.A. who discovered the system. "The fact that the listen option is there gives people the access to violate the privacy of residents." Maureen Isleib, complex coordinator at UC, said she doesn't think R.A.s are listening in on conversations but said, "It sounds like a great idea. If it results in them being more prepared before walking into a dangerous situation, then yes, it's a good idea." Kellie Sylvester, a UC student, said, "The intercoms are necessary for safety precautions ... This is the only way these should be used. R.A.'s should be the primary instrument for monitoring activity on the floor."

■ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Student goes to jail for 'suspicious' notes

BERKELEY, Calif.

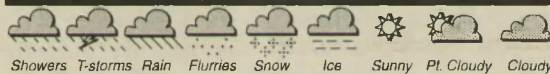
A UC Berkeley student has been wrongly arrested for possession of drugs with the intention to sell by the local police department and lost a semester of school due to jail time. Carlos Gonzalez was charged with running drugs after police mistook his engineering notes for notes depicting weights of drugs for sale. After conviction, Gonzalez found himself in jail for nearly two weeks. He had offered a former co-worker a ride without knowing his passenger was a part-time drug dealer. The passenger was on his way to sell methamphetamines to an undercover police officer. Police surrounded Gonzalez's car with guns drawn. Gonzalez allowed them to search his car, and they discovered his "suspicious" notes - part of a project on the design of local wastewater treatment plant. Gonzalez's lawyer told media sources that the charges would have been funny, except that Gonzalez's life had been "ruined."

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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Wednesday	34	27
Thursday	32	23
Friday	34	26
Saturday	35	26
Sunday	36	23



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■ UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Sororities sign trial BYOB policy

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

Eight of the University of Michigan's 17 sororities signed an agreement Monday night to participate in a trial period for a new Bring-Your-Own-Beverage alcohol policy. If campus chapters do not sign the agreement, they can't participate in parties with the sororities who have signed, according to Katie Heid, president of the UM chapter of Delta Delta Delta. During the trial period, sororities bound by the policy will be required to sign a BYOB contract before each party, stating specific fraternities or sororities involved and the location and time of the party. The trial period will include fines for those fraternities or sororities that break the contract. "I think a lot of the reason people are not (signing) now is because they don't have a lot of knowledge about [the policy]," Heid said. When the trial period ends, officers of each sorority involved will evaluate the program. Adviser Mary Beth Seiler said the policy is a good idea from both a legal and safety standpoint. "People drink less when they bring their own beverages," she said.

■ UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON

Freshman found in garbage recovering

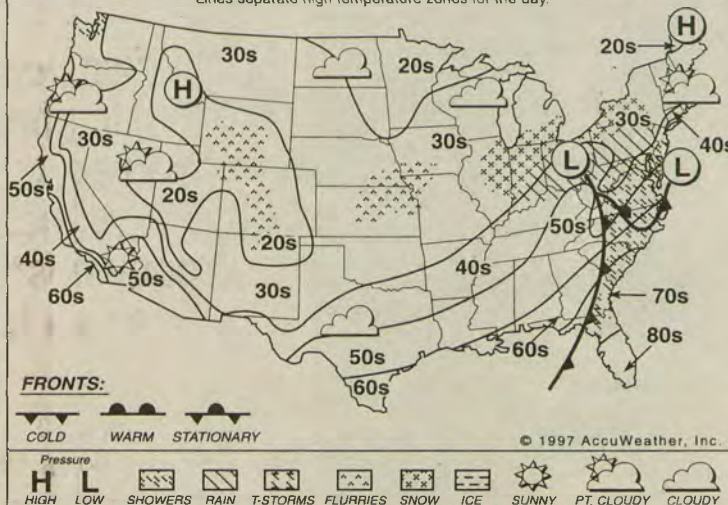
MADISON, Wis.

The University of Wisconsin freshman found at the bottom of a garbage chute after falling on Halloween has been transferred to a hospital closer to his home. Eighteen-year-old Eric Schwanke was found covered with garbage by a university worker on Sunday, Nov. 1. Authorities suspect he fell from the ninth floor. Schwanke remained in a coma until late November and gradually woke during the last week of November. However, he is still unable to talk. In addition to lapsing into a coma, Schwanke suffered several broken bones. Authorities suspect Schwanke landed on his feet because he would not have survived the fall if he had landed head first. UW Campus Police and administrators are still baffled about the cause of Schwanke's fall. "We have absolutely no information about the accident itself," said Mary Rouse, dean of students. "We have more questions than answers."

■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Dec. 10.

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Amarillo	47	24	Fargo	25	24	Kinnebunkport	30	19
Boise	39	29	Great Falls	33	14	Lubbock	53	32
Cincinnati	37	27	Helena	26	7	Midland-Odessa	57	41
Duluth	30	23	Iowa City	31	26	North Platte	30	24
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SMC archives open the doors of history

By MELANIE GARMAN
Saint Mary's Assistant News Editor

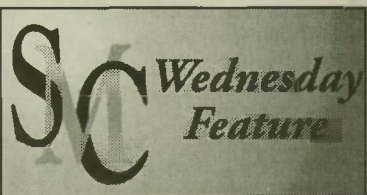
As the time for final papers approaches, anyone who is looking for information on a past event that has taken place on the Saint Mary's College campus, or who is doing research dealing with a previous college leader might try the archive department in the basement of the Cushwa-Leighton library.

The archives, which house memorabilia dating back to the mid-1800s, contain information on many aspects of the college, including past presidents, yearbooks, campus events, photos and copies of old handbooks.

And these are only a few of the sources of information on the college's history which can be found in the department.

In the early days of the college, each student was required to keep a diary of her daily activities and expenses, which were recorded in large notebooks. Excerpts from past student diaries dating as far back as 1847 have been found and restored.

Archivist John Kovach, who



has been heading the department for close to a year and a half, has many responsibilities within the department. Before coming to Saint Mary's, he spent the majority of his career as director of the Northern Indiana Center for History, which he credits for giving him the tools to becoming successful at Saint Mary's.

"There is a lot of difference between running a museum and operating the archive department. However, I thoroughly enjoy the students' interest in what we have to offer, and I am very excited to have a hand in the exhibits in the library," said Kovach. "The most interesting project I have worked on at Saint Mary's was the inaugural exhibit."

In addition to Kovach, three students are employed to work daily in the department. They are currently working on the

project of collecting articles from past South Bend community theater productions that took place on the campus of Saint Mary's.

"I enjoy going through the old playbills and notes on the plays to see how much South Bend has changed and grown," said sophomore Brooke Brumbaugh.

The students' jobs demand them to rewrite by hand a brief description of each play or circus they come across.

"Writing down all of the plays, which date from 1892-1920, is very exciting to be a part of," added sophomore Bea Bandarenko.

One of Kovach's major concerns is that students do not realize all that the department has to offer.

"Last year we had about 260 requests for archives, which we use as a gauge for the amount of advertising we need to do," said Kovach. "As of this past May we have had 77 inquiries for information."

The archive department is open to the public year round and will try to service any request it receives.

"The most interesting

request I had was from a family member of a graduate who was turning 100 years old, wanting some remembrances from her days at Saint Mary's," said Kovach. "We found some of the ledgers which contained her personal information on her daily activities and expenses which we offered to the family."

Kovach has many ideas for promoting the department, including a traveling exhibit on Sister Madeleva and a series of historical postcards and collector plates that could be sold in the bookstore.

"With the strong alumni base we have here at the college, those would be the primary people interested in the collector sets," said Kovach.

Even with a 40-hour work week and three student assistants, Kovach feels that he still needs more time to work on all that needs to be accomplished to keep the department up to date.

"I still have boxes to go through filled with Saint Mary's memorabilia, information on early commencements, and photos of past events," he said.

MULTICULTURAL BEAT

Prof speaks on Chicano experience

Special to The Observer

Ramón Gutiérrez, professor of history and ethnic studies at the University of California, San Diego, will speak on "Space, Time and the Chicano Experience" today at 7:30 p.m.



Gutiérrez

Gutiérrez will focus on the writing of Chicano history over the past 40 years to show how the grand narrative — a heroic male immigrant struggling to assimilate to the United States — has been shattered by narratives written from distinct gender and sexual subject positions.

His visit to Notre Dame is sponsored by the local and national chapters of Phi Beta Kappa and the history department.

La Alianza will also host a reception for the speaker today from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Lounge.

Gutiérrez will be available to meet with students tomorrow morning. Those interested may contact professor Mary Ann Mahoney at 631-5977.

His book, "When Jesus Came the Corn Mothers Went Away: Marriage, Sexuality and Power in New Mexico, 1500-1846" has won numerous awards, including the Bolton Prize for Best Book on Latin American History, the Sharlin Prize for Best Book in Social Science History and the John Hope Franklin Prize for the Best Book in American Studies.

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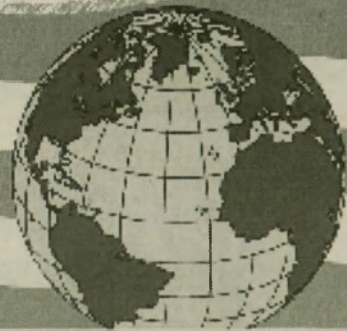
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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Palestinians remember uprising against Israel

JEBALIYA REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip
More than 1,000 Palestinians quietly marked the 10th anniversary Tuesday of their uprising against Israel in the refugee camp where it began. The celebration, truncated by rain, matched the generally muted atmosphere among Palestinians at a time when peace talks with Israel are bogged down and many are questioning whether the sacrifices of the six-year uprising were worthwhile. The "intifadeh" started with Palestinian stone throwing riots in the Jebaliya refugee camp and quickly grew into a full-blown struggle against Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, which it captured in the 1967 Mideast war. The 1,306 Palestinians killed by Israelis during the six-year uprising were remembered with a moment of silence. An additional 192 Israelis were killed by Palestinians and 822 Palestinians, accused of collaboration, were killed in intra-Arab violence. The camp was adorned with pictures of Yasser Arafat who was exile during the uprising, and now leads the Palestinian Authority established in 1994, and slain PLO leaders. Tayed Abdel Rahim, the Palestinian Authority's secretary general, said that while the Palestinians have chosen peace as a strategy for gaining independence, all options remain open.

Gore aims for HIV Medicaid coverage

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Vice President Al Gore said Tuesday he is extremely disappointed that the Department of Health and Human Services has been unable to extend Medicaid coverage to people with HIV to provide them with AIDS-fighting drugs before they become ill. Gore, who called for the initiative last spring, said efforts will continue to help people with HIV get the new generation of drugs. The drugs have proved highly effective in keeping patients healthier but cost about \$12,000 per person per year. "This administration understands the urgency of finding innovative ways to ensure that all people with HIV benefit from the promise of new and effective treatments," Gore said in a statement. He directed officials to keep looking for new strategies. Last April, Gore promised AIDS activists that the government would seriously consider extending Medicaid to people with HIV. But with no action to date, President Clinton's AIDS advisers issued a report over the weekend sharply critical of the administration's second-term AIDS activity. Officials had hoped the plan would pay for itself by keeping people healthy and saving money.

GOP demands Reno explain decision

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WASHINGTON, DC
Attorney General Janet Reno testily confronted Republican critics of her fund-raising investigation Tuesday while the FBI director told lawmakers his recommendation for an independent prosecutor didn't mean he believed a specific person had committed a crime.

FBI director Louis Freeh also questioned whether the White House has turned over all evidence. "I'm not confident we have all the documents yet," he declared.

In a daylong congressional hearing designed to air Republican anger over the failure to name an independent prosecutor, Reno stood her ground.

"This has all the appearances of an attorney general protecting the president," charged Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

Reno bristled at the suggestion she was hiding behind legal technicalities: "I'm not hiding ... I'm trying to do my duty."

"I will make the decisions based on the evidence and the law and not on newspaper headlines, newspaper editorials, polls or threats," she said.

Freeh, who watched for hours as Reno was grilled, addressed his own widely publicized disagreement with Reno. Freeh had advocated naming an independent



Attorney General Janet Reno confronts Republican critics of her investigation into the fund-raising tactics of FBI director Louis Freeh.

counsel, but he told lawmakers that did "not imply that I believe any particular person has committed a crime."

Freeh refused to say the basis for his decision.

Reacting to his comment about the possibility of additional documents, White House special counsel Lanny Davis said he would not be surprised if more turned up.

"It's impossible to guarantee in a complex this large with so many investigatory bodies making so many demands" that relevant has been found, Davis said at the White House.

Freeh denied his disagreement had created any rift with Reno, who rejected his advice last week. He did not deny that a concern that she may have a conflict of interest in investigating her boss, President Clinton, was among his reasons.

"That I made a recommendation different from the ultimate outcome in this instance does not mean there is a professional rift between us," he added.

Though Republicans refused to allow Reno and Freeh to testify together, the two law enforcement officers flashed solidarity by jointly

refusing to give the House panel a copy of Freeh's memo outlining his disagreements with her.

Both said they did not want to compromise the investigation by disclosing crucial evidence or investigative strategies.

Burton, whose own campaign finances are under investigation by a Justice Department task force, said he would have no objection if Reno referred the allegations against him to an independent counsel. "I have nothing to fear from an independent counsel," Burton said.

CDC: Food system leads to bacteria

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WASHINGTON, D.C.
The efficient, worldwide food system that gives grocery shoppers more choices and lower prices carries a troubling cost: an upsurge in food poisoning. Cases of salmonella illness alone have doubled over the past 20 years.

The way outbreaks occur also is changing. In the past, most cases originated in restaurants or at events like church suppers — caused mistakes in the kitchen.

Such cases still happen — one person died and 750 were sickened by salmonella at a Maryland church outing last month. But there is now a bigger problem: Food sometimes is tainted during processing at the growing number of huge food factories and is widely distributed before anyone gets sick.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 9,000 people die every year from food poisoning in the United States. Millions more are sickened; reported salmonella cases have risen from about 22,600 in 1975 to 46,000 in 1995.

"Industry consolidation and mass distribution of foods may lead to large outbreaks of foodborne disease," Dr. Sean Altekruze, a veterinary epidemiologist with the Food and Drug Administration, said in a

new CDC report on emerging microbes.

For example, about 224,000 people in many states were sickened by salmonella in 1994 because tanker trucks used to haul thousands of gallons of ice cream previously had been used to transport contaminated liquid eggs, according to the CDC.

"The huge epidemic was the result of a basic failure on an industrial scale to separate the raw from the cooked," said CDC researcher Robert Tauxe.

A single day's production at a modern ground beef plant can turn out hundreds of thousands of pounds of hamburger, which are then quickly trucked all over the country.

"That means any single problem that happens can be spread very quickly and cause massive illness before we even know about it," said Caroline Smith DeWaal, food safety director at the nonprofit Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Along with the industrial food processing system, Altekruze said the trend toward large-scale livestock operations in which thousands of animals are crowded together is another reason for increased problems with bacteria.

In 1945, for example, there were about 500 birds in a typical henhouse. By 1995, houses contained as many as 100,000 hens, which can spread salmonella through their eggs.

"Multiple houses were often linked

by common machinery, resulting in large flocks with common risk," Altekruze said. There have also recently been increases in food poisoning from imported and domestic produce such as cantaloupe, strawberries, raspberries and tomatoes. The CDC report identified several causes, including use of contaminated water to spray the produce and instances when animal manure containing E. coli touched fruit during picking.

Other factors cited by the CDC include: more people eating out, consumer ignorance about safe handling of food, and an increased chance of illness among the growing number of the elderly and people with suppressed immune systems, such as AIDS sufferers. Doctors are also getting better at diagnosing and reporting food illnesses.

One disturbing trend is that some microbes are developing resistance to antibiotics used to treat ill people. One reason: Antibiotics are frequently given to livestock to prevent disease, serving as an unintended inoculation for the bacteria that live with the animals.

In Britain, a strain of salmonella called DT104 has proven resistant to many antibiotics, including tetracycline, and has triggered a jump in human illnesses from the strain — from 259 in 1990 to 3,837 by 1995 — said E.M. Foster of the Food Research Institute in Madison, Wis.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME COMMUNITY FROM THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

We, the Committee responsible for the planning of the celebration surrounding the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, feel compelled to take this opportunity to publicly express our concerns with regard to this important and significant event. This open letter and the events which we are charged to plan are intended to awaken in our community the message of Dr. King and to encourage earnest and serious reflection on who we are as individuals and as a community in light of that message.

As a result of some of the unfortunate events which have taken place on this campus with regard to race relations and cultural sensitivity, we are frustrated. We are discouraged by the darkness that so often pervades the life of this community, especially for those among us who are of color. But we are not without hope. Our hope is rooted in the very hope of Dr. King, which was rooted in the light that dispels all darkness, that of Jesus Christ.

Even with that hope, however, we are not confident that the typical program of celebration is what this campus needs. As a committee, we do not feel as though our charge is to celebrate the life of a dead man. It is to engage and challenge a community to reflect upon the life of a man whose spirit is alive, and whose ideals will never die. We are not content to celebrate our accomplishments as a community when so much is left to be achieved; we are not content to rest on our laurels when our laurels are, at times, no more than a lifeless branch.

Nor will we surrender. For those of you who share our frustration, join with us in our hope. For those of you, regardless of skin color, who have no idea what we're talking about, join with us to learn more. For those of you committed to socio-economic justice, join with us in our work. For those of you who want to take up the challenge of justice and equality, of liberation and freedom, of solidarity and love, join with us. This is too important a moment for this community not to.

We as a committee, and please God, as a community, feel that it is time to step back, to consider who we are, and to pray. It is only with serious soul searching and with earnest desire that any of our efforts to move our community and our world will succeed. We believe that 1998 must be the year for prayer. It is the year during which each of us, in our own way, must take up the charge to live the challenge of Dr. King and of the Gospel. In the words of Dr. King, "We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly...this is the way God's universe is made; this is the way it is structured." (The last Sunday morning sermon of Dr. King delivered on Passion Sunday at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. on March 31, 1968.)

Therefore, we invite all to join with us in prayer on January 19, 1998, on the National Holiday in Commemoration of the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This prayer will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Cross located between Keenan and Stanford Halls.

It will not be the beginning nor the end of our celebration, but it will be the heart of it. Many have already honored and celebrated the memory of Dr. King by their contributions to this community. It is our hope that in 1998 many more will be encouraged and empowered to join in the quest for peace and freedom. As a committee, it is not our task alone. Please, join with us in our prayer, and in our hope, and in our work, that we might together see the Promised Land.

Sincerely,

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee

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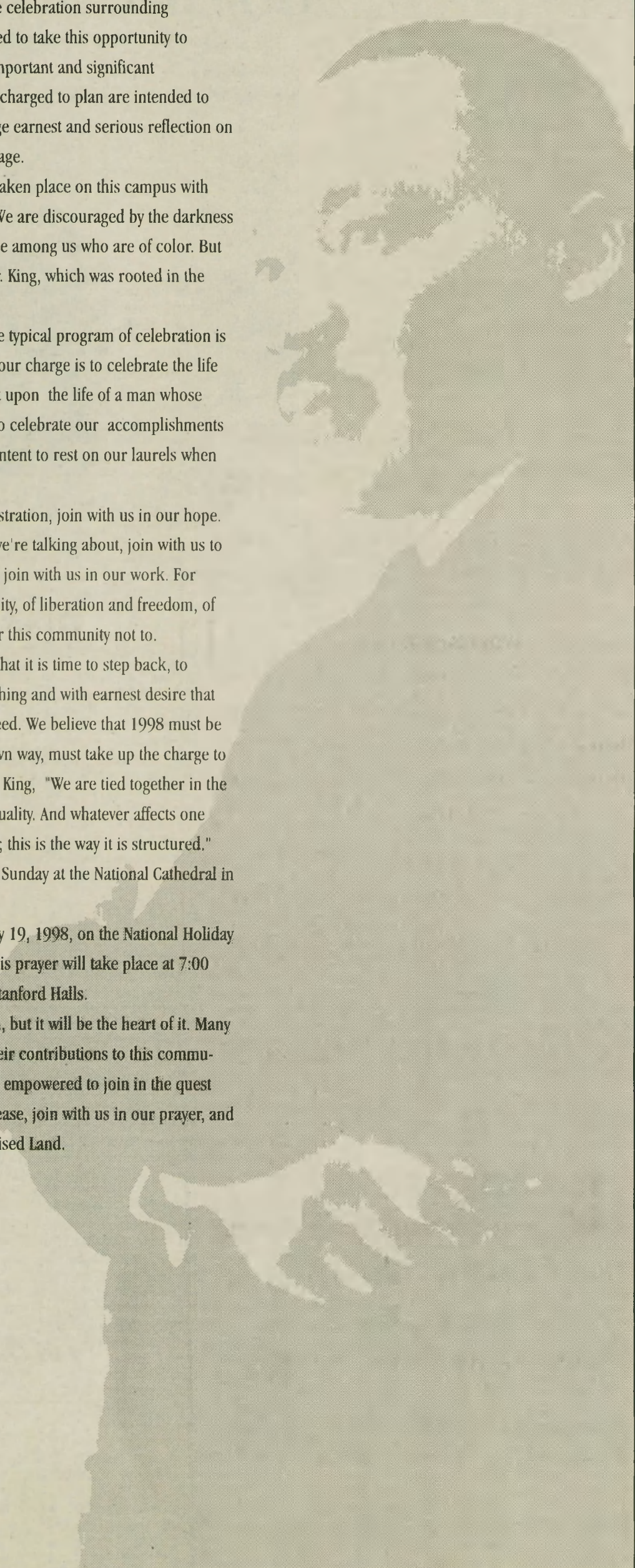
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Marines help put on 'Toys for Tots'

Special to The Observer

This Saturday morning, a platoon of television reporters and news anchors, a large contingent of area firefighters and the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Posse will join the United States Marine Corps effort to collect Toys For Tots "live" on television directly from Elkhart, Warsaw, South Bend, and Benton Harbor. "Live" television coverage will begin at 7 a.m. and continue as a theme throughout the broadcast of WNDU's "NewsCenter 16" on Saturday Morning until 10 a.m.

The three-hour television drive culminates a multiple-week public service campaign launched to encourage donations at every Toys For Tots drop-off site in Michiana and direct additional contributions to the four "live" television sites on Saturday morning. The special "live" television reports will emanate from the parking lots of Wal-Mart on Commerce Drive in Warsaw, Concord Mall in Elkhart, Orchards Mall in

Benton Harbor and WNDU-TV in South Bend.

The South Bend site (largest of the four) will feature dozens of Jr. ROTC officers, a gospel choir, volunteer members of the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Posse on horseback, the police and Fire Departments and more. Representatives of the Marine Corps Reserve will accept new unwrapped toys while volunteers from area church and high school choirs sing in the background and local celebrities stop by to show support at all four locations.

"We're excited about Saturday morning," says Lou Pierce, director of audience development and programming for the WNDU stations. "Last year we generated 6,000 toys for 6,000 local kids when we did this. This year we'll have free coffee, cocoa and donuts and lots of entertaining surprises for anyone who stops by with a toy for the Marines. And with the help of some pretty great volunteers, we expect to set a new record."

'Ceaurescu's Kids' on display

Moreau exhibits to stay through Christmas break

By SHANA'E TATE
News Writer

Last week marked the opening of two new art exhibits in the Moreau Galleries at Saint Mary's. The two exhibits are "Ceaurescu's Kids" by Lelen Bourgoignie and Patty Mitchell and "Decisive Light" painting by Steve Perrault.

Displayed in Hammes Gallery, Bourgoignie's and Mitchell's black and white photographs of Romanian orphans depict the world of the children once hidden away in orphanages by Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceaurescu.

The photographers explained, "Today, reputable authorities report that approximately two percent of Romanian citizens under the age of 18, or nearly 100,000 children, still live in state institutions. As economic conditions continue to deteriorate, many families unable to

support their children abandon them."

Bourgoignie and Mitchell said the children "sought refuge in the streets." Their photographs documented the life of children in 1995 when in Bucharest, Romania with funding from the Freedom Forum Grant and the

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JOHNSON BOWLES, DIRECTOR OF MOREAU ART GALLERIES

University of Miami, Fla.

"In Bucharest alone, there are now at least 2,000 homeless children and the number increases daily," they claimed.

"All of these photographs pull at one's heart strings," said Johnson Bowles, director of the Moreau Art Galleries.

Featured in the Little Theatre Gallery, Steve Perrault paints austere interi-

ors of open spaces with windows and doors that look out on land, water and sky.

"Architecture of functional clarity is used in [the] work as a vehicle for self-education and insight. The spaces represented in [my] paintings are intended as metaphors for the emotional states of life's psychological and spiritual journey," Perrault said.

"Both of these exhibits allow us to contemplate who we are and where we are," commented Bowles. "This is a good time of year for us to have these exhibits as we go into the holidays."

Bourgoignie is an assistant professor at Miami University. She is a former staff photographer for publications in the United States and Europe including The Ann Arbor News, the Fort Lauderdale News and Sun Sentinel, Prognosis (Prague) and Aide Autri (Brussels). Her work has appeared in more than 20 exhibitions in 1996 alone.

In addition, she has received awards from the National Press Photographers Association and Miami University.

Bourgoignie received her two master's degrees from Ohio University and her bachelor's degree in art from the Miami University.

Mitchell is the director for Art/Works! in Athens, Ohio. She has served on the faculty for a variety of Ohio University programs including the Ohio University in Prague and the Ohio University School of Arts. Her work has been exhibited in Ohio, New York, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Prague and London. Mitchell received her bachelor's and master's degrees in fine arts from Ohio University.

Perrault has earned graduate degrees in art education, psychology and theology. His experience includes work as a psycho-therapist with individuals, couples, families and the incarcerated in New York. Most recently, his work has been displayed at DePaul University, Aurora University, Chicago Botanical Garden and the Gwenda Jay Gallery in Chicago.

The exhibits will be displayed in the Moreau Galleries until Jan. 16.

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Griffin

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Pugh, who visited Griffin during the weekend of the Notre Dame-Boston College football game on Oct. 25, said she "had nothing but good things to say" about Griffin.

"He was easy to work with, responsible, and he's always returned our calls," Pugh said.

During Pugh's stay in South Bend, she and Boston College student body president Dean Bell stayed with Griffin in his off-campus apartment. She said she, Bell and Griffin were among a group of people who went out for drinks while she was there, and that Griffin was "responsible" with his drinking.

"We've had nothing but a positive experience when dealing with Notre Dame student government," Pugh said.

Notre Dame officials have declined to comment on Griffin's effectiveness in representing the student body to the University administration. Patricia O'Hara, vice president for Student Affairs, said yesterday that she has had a long-standing policy of not evaluating the student body president publicly while that president was in office.

"I have never thought it appropriate for me to comment in any year about the students' elected leaders during the middle of their term," O'Hara said.

Joe Cassidy, director of Student Activities and advisor to student government, also declined to give a final verdict on Griffin's ability to represent the students.

"I don't know if that's for anyone in the administration to say," Cassidy said. "During the election process [for student body president], the administration is very hands-off. It's up to the students to say, 'Here's who we want in office.'"

Cassidy did, however, offer his analysis of specific aspects of Griffin's term.

Cassidy said that Griffin has had several "pretty good ideas" —

including the creation of the "Campus Hook-Up," student government's weekly publication that begin this semester, and the student government leadership conference — but that he sometimes "hits a snag when it comes to implementation."

"It's tough to say if he knows how much time and money it takes to pull something off," Cassidy said. "But I don't know if that's a plus or minus. He certainly works hard and puts in a lot of hours."

Cassidy referred specifically to Griffin's failed efforts to receive permission to sponsor the leadership conference.

"The denial [of the request for permission] was not on the concept," Cassidy said. "Actually, the response from the administration has been positive about the concept, but the concern was in the timeline. It was going to take more than a few months for the conference to take off."

One item in Lingenfelter's petition criticized Griffin for

his and vice president Erik Nass' absence at the first half of the student government's three-day retreat in August. Cassidy said Griffin and Nass were excused from the morning of the second day because they had to attend a transfer

student orientation. Missing the first day was not excused, however, Cassidy said.

"I had a discussion with Matt and Erik that I was disappointed" that they missed the first day,

Cassidy said.

In a letter to the editor in yesterday's Observer, Lingenfelter said Griffin's alleged "failure to properly manage our student funds is our greatest concern about his presidency."

But Cassidy said Monday that Griffin's mistakes in handling funds on two occasions cited by Lingenfelter were simply a result of inexperience.

When Griffin sought to purchase a new computer for student government during the summer by signing his own name in place of the student treasurer's, he "just didn't know the correct process," Cassidy said.

"I don't think he was trying to pull something over. I think he was just naive," said Cassidy, who noted that Griffin, in his position last year as junior class president, had the authority to sign for such purchases as food and drink orders.

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KRISTIN PUGH
BOSTON COLLEGE STUDENT
BODY VICE PRESIDENT

Senate

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explained that the Student Senate would not actually conduct the election. That duty would be delegated to the Judicial Council.

"This petition is definitely not going to be submitted until after Christmas," said Patrick Coyle, senator from Dillon Hall.

"If we don't think that it is right, we have the time and the means to convince people of that. You can go back and tell your constituencies about it."

Keough Hall senator A.J. Boyd noted that last year's reform committee did not change the process for recall or referendum in the constitution in any way.

"We didn't touch them because we all knew that no one would use them," he said.

"And it is important to note that the petition only calls for a recall. No one is being impeached or has called for impeachment here."



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Clinton addresses Washington church, urges harmony

By SONYA ROSS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON
President Clinton told District of Columbia residents Sunday he's dedicated to making the nation's beleaguered capital "a shining city on the hill for all America."

"I don't believe our national government has always been the best neighbor to the city of Washington," Clinton admitted, but he added: "We are committed to becoming a better neighbor."

Mayor Marion Barry said he appreciated Clinton's comments.

"I think it was good he came to point out that the present government has not been good neighbors," Barry said during a later, unrelated White House reception. "I hope that (Senate Majority Leader) Trent Lott and (House Speaker) Newt Gingrich hear that."

Crumbling conditions in the District were the focus of Clinton's visit to Metropolitan Baptist Church, in the heart of the District's black community. But the subtext clearly was to show Clinton himself cross-

ing the invisible barriers that make religious worship one of America's most segregated practices.

The visit came as Clinton's yearlong campaign for racial reconciliation shifted into a higher gear after last week's town hall meeting in Akron, Ohio. That gathering was followed by several others convened by Clinton aides — one of which has drawn criticism for having a black-only audience.

Black Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater presided over the closed, invitation-only event last week at a Dallas museum, which organized by Dallas Municipal Court Judge Vonceil Hill, a friend of Slater's.

Sylvia Mathews, deputy chief of staff overseeing the race effort, said the Dallas meeting was an "isolated incident" that would not be repeated. Slater's spokesman Bill Schulz

said the reaction was an encouraging sign that people of all races are eager to talk.

"Clearly this was a missed opportunity," Schulz said.

Hill told the Dallas Morning News that having an all-black audience did not hurt the discussion. "I don't believe the president has indicated that

don't have a monologue here."

Although Sunday's event also played to a largely black audience, aides hoped images of Clinton reading letters from black children, singing along with soulful hymns and entering the debate over the District's future would nudge the national conversation further beyond the feel-good platitudes that resulted from the events in Akron.

Metropolitan's pastor, the Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Hicks Jr., took it there, saying blacks must not use the legacy of slavery as an excuse for perpetuating wretched conditions in Washington.

"There comes a moment in my life when I must declare liberation from my past," Hicks said. "We will not lay all of our problems at the feet of racism. Nor will we wink at mismanagement and incompetence that we have heaped upon ourselves."

Clinton did not promise new

policies or tax relief for the District. He reiterated his support for local home rule and pledged to pay closer attention to the problems of those who live in the White House's shadow.

"One of the gifts I hope I and our administration can leave for the 21st century is a national capital that is a shining city on the hill for all America," he said.

Currently, District government is overseen by a congressionally appointed control board, and Congress has final say over the District's budget. Many citizens believe the controls exist because Washington's population is mostly black, and the city's voters have placed mostly blacks among their governmental leaders.

"Washington has gotten a lot of lectures from people in national politics about being more responsible," Clinton said. "But in the essence of our Constitution is the idea that responsibility requires freedom. I want Washington, D.C., to be able to run its own affairs."

As Clinton spoke, Barry, and congressional delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton nodded in agreement, as did poet Maya Angelou. The president left the church with Norton.

Clinton said he chose to attend Metropolitan, with a black membership, rather than his usual place of worship, the racially diverse Foundry United Methodist, to encourage more Americans to worship at least once with people of different races, beliefs, or faiths. The two churches are only 10 blocks apart.

"It is not enough to say we are all equal in the eyes of God," Clinton said. "We are all also connected in the eyes of God."



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PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON

every dialogue must start in the same way," she said.

But Abigail Thernstrom, a conservative author who took part in the Akron dialogue, told "Fox News Sunday" that the exclusion of whites was unfair. She urged Clinton to add divergent views to his advisory board on race.

"I want to hear the White House say it is racist," Thernstrom said. "You can make more of an effort so we

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■ ISRAEL

Deal ends national strike

By DAN FA LINZER
Associated Press Writer

TEL AVIV

Hard-pressed union and government negotiators struck a deal Sunday to end a nationwide public-employee strike that had shut down much of Israel for five days.

The walkout by more than 600,000 workers had stranded travelers at the national airport and closed banks, post offices, kindergartens and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Histadrut union leader Amir Peretz announced Sunday that a meeting with Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman produced a compromise over pensions, sending strikers back to work late Sunday.

The massive protest had been prompted in part by a Finance Ministry proposal to roll back a pension agreement signed by the previous Labor government.

Army Radio said talks on ways to honor the agreement would begin immediately. The government has already agreed to cancel plans to retroactively tighten the conditions of retirement savings plans, the radio said.

"I hope the citizens of Israel have understood the need for this strike despite the hardship it brought about," Peretz said.

Neeman maintained that "most of the things agreed upon now could have been worked out days ago without the need for such a crippling strike."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he was pleased that the work stoppage was over. Israel TV reported.

Earlier Sunday, hundreds of striking workers blocked major intersections. About a third of the country's bus drivers joined in, while oil refineries said they would stop supplying crude oil to the electric company.

Israel Radio said more than 60,000 people in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv were without phone service because repair workers were striking.

Workers burned tires and demanded Neeman's resignation outside the Jerusalem Labor Court, which had been asked to decide whether strikers were in contempt of court for ignoring a back-to-work order issued last week.

In Haifa, dozens of taxi and bus drivers drove slowly down main streets, purposely snarling traffic. Gasoline stations said they would soon start running out of fuel. In Tel Aviv, garbage piled up on the streets.

Many ATMs throughout the country ran out of funds, leaving Israelis short of cash.

Shuki Abramovich, head of the economics division at the Manufacturers Association of Israel, estimated total damage to the economy at \$57 million.

Ben-Gurion International Airport was a scene of mayhem Sunday as thousands of tourists who had been stranded by the strike fought for seats on flights out of the country.

■ SOUTH AFRICA

Winnie Mandela denies atrocities

By TOM COHEN
Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG

A defiant Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, her volatile temper flaring at times during her long-awaited testimony, denied Sunday she ordered killings or committed atrocities and dismissed allegations against her as lunacy and lies.

Composed and unrepentant before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the ex-wife of President Nelson Mandela denied all allegations against her and insisted some of her accusers made them up.

But at the end of almost 10 hours of testimony, Madikizela-Mandela offered an apology after an emotional appeal by commission chairman Desmond Tutu.

"I am saying it is true, things went horribly wrong. I fully agree with that," Madikizela-Mandela said. "And for that part of those painful years, when things went horribly wrong, and

we were aware of the factors that led to that, for that, I am deeply sorry."

Earlier, Commissioner Yasmin Sooka told Madikizela-Mandela, "If your evidence is to be believed today, then everyone else who testified here is lying."

Citing the names of several of her strongest accusers, Madikizela-Mandela replied, "Yes, it is true that most of the witnesses who testified here were lying."

The commission is investigating 18 human rights abuses — including murder and torture — allegedly committed by Madikizela-Mandela and her bodyguards, known as the Mandela United Football Club.

She described as "ludicrous, and the worst lunacy," the charge that she ordered the death of 14-year-old Stompie Seipei in late 1988 or early 1989. And she said the allegation she ordered her former chief bodyguard Jerry Richardson to kill others was "ridiculous."

Keller sets goals for OIT improvement

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Associate News Editor

This year, the Office of Information Technologies has implemented several new programs, and in the aftermath, student government computing representative Tim Keller has made it his duty to alleviate students' feelings of being lost in the technological shuffle.

Through student senators' communication with their constituents, Keller has received reactions about the programs with which students have dealt and is working closely with the OIT to fix any problems.

"Computing services went to the Residence Life Committee [of Student Senate] and asked for feedback, and the senators came back with issues that their people in their dorms were concerned with. We took those to the OIT, and they've been very cooperative," Keller said.

He sees four basic needs that his office and the OIT must correct, including a need for

more personal assistance from the OIT Help Desk, quicker networking, fewer unannounced service disruptions in the Debartolo cluster and shared printing services in dorms to free up cluster computers.

Larry Rapagnani, assistant provost of the OIT, has been working with Keller and student government to accommodate these needs. Rapagnani noted that the service office has scheduled student computer training programs to be held in various residence halls to aid the OIT in determining the students' need for technological education.

The OIT has already planned to upgrade all cluster RAM from 32 M to 64 M to decrease network delays.

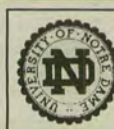
Keller is also working with the idea of an on-line "rider board" to help students find rides during academic breaks, an on-line teacher/course evaluation system and an electronic "market place" for students to buy, sell and trade used books and other items.



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EDITORIAL

Griffin should stay

While the administration of student body president Matt Griffin has been less than perfect, enough concerns about the petition of recall suggest that Griffin should not be removed from office.

To begin, some of the accusations made by Jeremy Lingenfelter are suspect. First, two independent observers, Student Activities director Joe Cassidy and student body treasurer Nerea Arrien, have said that Griffin did not intentionally mismanage funds. Secondly, Lingenfelter chastises Griffin for not rubber-stamping a resolution passed by the Student Senate; if Griffin as a separate entity has to agree with what the senate decides — an obvious overlap between the executive and legislative branches of student government — that's a problem with how the constitution is written, not with Griffin. Third, Lingenfelter's claim that the Student Union's name is damaged because Griffin's alleged personal exploits are reported in the Gipper is silly at best.

The remaining allegations consist of actions unbecoming to his position and of negligent performance. The student body constitution states that the Student Senate and its ethics committee should handle the allegations, and the ethics committee has already investigated the charges in the petition, ruled that some of Griffin's actions were "inappropriate," and verbally warned him. That was two months ago, committee chairman A.J. Boyd has said, noting that Griffin has done nothing since then to merit investigation.

Lingenfelter's petition for recall essentially is a quest to have the degree of Griffin's guilt be determined by a vote of 7,800. Such a scenario, however seemingly democratic, is also extremely dangerous; indeed, how many students have signed the petition for recall simply because it would be "cool" to see a president ousted?

Opening debate to a campus-wide vote is tantamount to holding a national referendum on the O.J. Simpson case. There's a reason that our legal system keeps the number of jurors at a trial out of the thousands; the logistics of sifting through all the evidence to arrive at an informed conclusion would be impossible. Similarly, the Student Senate and its ethics committee should handle this debate, not the entire campus.

And as we've seen, the ethics committee has already made its ruling and determined the punishment for Griffin.

The allegations against Griffin boil down to one simple question: Is Griffin representing the student body effectively? Other schools' student governments have said yes. Leaders at Boston College and Duke have said they "have nothing but good things to say" about Griffin's abilities.

Notre Dame's administration, however, has been less clear. Both Patricia O'Hara, vice president for Student Affairs, and Cassidy have declined to criticize or praise Griffin. But neither has said the student body is suffering because of Griffin's representation. Until the administration does, removing Griffin on that basis is unjust.

Lastly, a recall vote four weeks before the next presidential election will place an incredible strain on the outgoing administration to accomplish its goals. The result is that student government will be less able to serve the students, the very people Lingenfelter seeks to protect.

However noble Lingenfelter's crusade for more upstanding presidents is, Griffin's term is not the place to fight that battle. The severity of the allegations doesn't reach the level Lingenfelter claims, the ethics committee has already ruled on the issues, and the allegations have not been shown to damage Griffin's ability to represent the students, both with University administrators and with students at other schools. Griffin should remain in office.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Diversity and Spirituality Ignored

On Dec. 7, Voices of Faith, the Notre Dame gospel choir, performed "The Storm is Passing Over Now" concert to a sparse audience at Washington Hall. This beautiful celebration of God through music and dance was not denigrated by the glare of vacant seats; however, the intense lack of support is embarrassing.

The under-attendance of this concert warrants numerous criticisms, including inadequate provision for the arts at Notre Dame (Voices of Faith raises all its own funding) as well as an absence of faculty and administrative support for student activities. However, the most glaring offense is the lack of majority support for a minority event. The meager audience was predominantly black, no doubt a high percentage of a minority population at our racially homogeneous University. Simple ratios show the empty seats as white. This lack of support clashes with the lip service the Notre Dame community pays to multiculturalism; we complain about this sea of whiteness,

criticizing our homogeneity. However, we grossly neglect the few minorities at Notre Dame, disregarding their contributions.

"Praising God" may be the greatest irony and sadness of this issue. As a religious institution we are united by faith, following God's call to responsibility, morality, and awareness through higher education. What could have been an example of spiritual unity became an absence, not of obligation, but of desire. Faculty, administrators, and foremost, students, missed a display of spiritual charisma unique to the black community, a wonderful energy from which white Catholic celebration could learn a great deal. This letter is both a criticism and an expression of loss: disgust for our hypocrisy towards diversity and sadness as a spiritual invitation from our black community was so completely ignored.

Megan Greene
Senior, Lyons Hall
December 8, 1997

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Judge Not, Lest Ye Be Judged

Why does The Observer continue to grant so much of its front page space to the Student Senate? This is a question that has baffled me over the past four years. The Student Senate is nothing more than another campus organization representing an insular group of students. The results of its weekly meetings should not be held in any higher esteem than the weekly meetings of any other group of students. In actuality, the Student Senate has had no impact on the lives of students on this campus over the four years that I have attended Notre Dame.

Naturally, the recent action by the ethics committee to "investigate" the presidency of Matt Griffin leads me to write today. This "investigation" is a farce, a sham, perpetrated by an elitist clique with no leg to stand on. I have seen allegations of incompetence and laziness directed toward Matt Griffin and, by association, Erik Nass and Mary Gillard. Regardless of if these allegations are consistent with the truth, and I firmly believe they are not, the Student Senate has no room to talk. How much time has this organization wasted

in the name of representing students? Do you recall the month-long fight over whether Mr. Hambright could hold two positions as a financial manager in the Student Union? (I don't blame you if you don't remember because you probably pay as little attention to the Student Senate as I do.) Or how about when the senate spent three weeks talking about how great Saint Mary's College was following the letter from Ms. Syner and Ms. Fuller? When has the Student Senate ever had an impact on any student's life but the lives of their own members?

I guess today we have an answer to that last question. The recent efforts of the ethics committee to "investigate" Mr. Griffin have smeared his name and, by association, the entire student government. In doing so, the committee members have satisfied their own political fantasies and once again wasted time. Instead of pointing a finger at someone else, why don't you in the senate take a look at yourselves?

Matthew Barrette
Senior, Off-campus
December 7, 1997

DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Work consists of whatever a body is obliged to do. ... Play consists of whatever a body is not obliged to do."

—Mark Twain

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gender Equity, Athletics and Economics at ND

The University's use of athletes for profit, as described by Isaac Ruiz, is often ignored. Ruiz accurately described the reality that is served most high profile athletes that attend Notre Dame. His point has even more significance if one takes a closer look at the social and economic environment into which these students suddenly find themselves.

In the spring of 1993, the student body asked me to be part of the year 2000 study on gender equity. Though I didn't understand the choice, considering my academic performance at the time and my ever wavering status as a member of the swimming team, I was honored with the position and tried my best to put together a valid report. The report was based on interviews of athletes and Athletic Department personnel and a survey given to students exactly half of whom were athletes.

There was a clear line drawn in the description of Notre Dame athletic teams in regard to their ability to generate profit. Two sports, football and men's basketball, are the only two that fall into this category. While tickets are sold for other events, in 1993 no other sports could support their own expense.

It is necessary to interject that this distinction is not a creation of the University. Then-athletic director Dick Rosenthal persevered to make the experience of every athlete at the school equally privileged. The coaches and athletes interviewed, representing various "revenue generating" and "Olympic" sports believed that this goal had been achieved. The few exceptions seemed to be out of the University's direct control.

Women's athletics at the school were usually described by local and campus media with sex distinguishing adjectives. Writers did not stoop as low as using terms such as "Lady Irish." Unfortunately, one could consistently find articles in *The Observer*, *Irish Sports Report*, and *Blue and Gold Illustrated* describing men's basketball as "Notre Dame basketball" and women's basketball as "Notre Dame women's basketball." This treatment was present in all non-gender specific sports but was most noticeable in the one woman's sport with the revenue generating counterpart, basketball. One could argue about the weight Notre Dame could levee on the external publications. The responsibility for the articles in *The Observer* fall in the hands of the writers, Notre Dame students.

There also was a discrepancy felt by students, student-athletes and coaches that the advertising of women's sports was not equal. While the University-sponsored advertising seemed fairly equivalent, the revenue generating sports, men's basketball and football, clearly got more University-generated and third party funding. The advertising, however, seemed equal among the Olympic sports regardless of the sex of the athlete. If one could rationalize that athletic advertising is based on revenue, the point to further discuss the issue was moot until a Notre Dame women's sport reached that goal. The question of "Which came first ..." still nags my conscience

regarding this issue.

The most dumfounding issue was that of the high profile athletes from revenue generating sports. There was an almost 100 percent consensus that high profile athletes were discriminated against because of their celebrity status, and often their race and class. The athletes in the survey who answered anonymously and were from revenue-generating sports felt they were under surveillance by their school, classmates, the media and local civil authorities. Those who "stuck out" because of size or recognition felt as if their every move was being scrutinized in the classroom, on campus, and at public events on and off campus. The coaches of those sports mentioned that they warned incoming athletes that such inspection was probable and to defend themselves against it.

This feeling was not far from the same feelings many felt who did not fit the "cookie cutter" image of being upper-middle class, white and Catholic. The demographics of the high-profile athletes and the entire student body does not match. Those athletes who felt like they represented a group every time they spoke or did something felt discriminated against, and were. One cannot empathize enough to really feel what this is like without going through it first hand (not that I know either).

The same year, such athletes were picked out of a party of drunken Notre Dame students and were the only ones taken by the local police, even though they showed no evidence of inebriation.

As a student of law, still attending the University many of us love, what can be done about this Ruiz? A similar example of scrutiny is being curtailed at a West Coast university student with a fairly good record so far. Could the Notre Dame family tolerate for example a "No Ron" rule? Are the athletes just expected to take the environment for what it is, and deal with the pressures as part of their scholarships and fame? Clearly, high profile athletes at Notre Dame are under stress that is out of bounds for any young person. Those who do well should be more than commended for their ability to survive their four years.

Ruiz mentions that Notre Dame's retention rate is among the highest. The effort that the Athletic Department extends to their athletes is perhaps superior to any in the nation. Notre Dame athletes do work hard and deserve the help given them. Any protection and support the Notre Dame family can provide to the most vulnerable students, should be justly accorded.

Furthermore, this issue should be studied in more depth with more time and ability than was available to me in 1993. If you are interested Ruiz, I'll send you the little information I still have.

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■ WRONG SIDE UP

Hallucinations and the Lack of Common Sense in the World

I heard the distant "trip-trop" of hooves trotting on the frozen ground just before I felt a small sting on the back of my neck. "Grumph," I mumbled and rolled my head over. It was only when the stings were coming in time with the Notre Dame Fight Song that I realized Father Sorin was once again hovering over me.

"Margaret! You gotta stay awake in these darned classes!"
"I know, Father, but it's not easy."

"Not easy? Not easy? Let me tell you what's not easy! Not easy is trying to build a university in the dead of winter in an Indiana forest when you are fully aware that it will be months before your beard even thaws out."

"Yeah, and decades before they build the first North Face store. You sure had it rough, Father Sorin."

"That's right; I did, Margaret. But I made it through okay and do you know why?"

"Because you had a flask of Maker's Mark in your knapsack?"

"No, Margaret! I made it through because I had common sense."

"Common sense? Haven't heard of it. Do they sell that in Indiana or do you have to cross over into Michigan to get some? How's the flavor? Is it smooth? You know I like my whiskey smooth, Father."

"Margaret! Would you lay off the sauce for a minute here! I am trying to make a point."

"Oops. Sorry, Father. Go ahead. What's your point?"

"The point is that everything worked out all right for me because I used my common sense. The problem with people today is that no one uses the common sense God gave a termite."

"What do you mean, Father?"

"I mean there are a lot of morons out there, Margaret. Did you hear that the creator of the Dilbert comic strip,

Scott Adams, pretended to be an expert consultant and duped a whole group of executives?"

"No, what happened?"

"Well, Adams disguised himself as an expert consultant

whose job was to help some executives draft a new mission statement for a company in California that makes computer mice — not to be confused with dorm mice, Margaret."

"Of course, Father."

"Because many of Adams' cartoons were posted throughout the office, along with his picture, Adams wore the typical 'expert consultant' disguise — a wig and fake mustache. During the meeting he

boasted that he was the wizard behind Procter & Gamble's 'Taste Bright Project' — a 'secret' effort to boost sales by improving the taste of soap. None of the executives thought that this was the least bit peculiar. In fact, one big shot even admitted to having tasted his soap on multiple occasions and was overjoyed at the thought of washing up with a bar of 'Grandma's Meat Loaf' soap. When Adams finally outlined his mission statement, it was full of gibberish. It sounded nice, but it made no sense at all! Yet, all of the executives nodded and agreed that the idea was the best thing since flavored soap."

"Yikes, Father. Not the sharpest tools in the shed, are they?"

"Nope, Margaret. Certainly not the fastest birds in flight."

"You know, Father, in Colorado Springs, there was a first-grader who was suspended from school for handing out 'controlled substances' in the sand box."

"Really, what was he distributing? Crack? Cocaine? Anabolic steroids?"

"Lemon drops."

"Lemon drops?"

"Yeah, the six-year old gave his friends some organic lemon drops. The principal was unfamiliar with that

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Candy Canes Exposed

Do you know what the candy cane stands for? I didn't until I read the other day about its history and its significance. We always placed candy canes on our Christmas trees. They have a very special meaning, and are one of the oldest symbols of Christmas. It is shaped like a shepherd's crook because the shepherds were the first to experience Christmas. Also, if you turn it upside down, it is the letter J for Jesus.

The colors of the candy cane have a special meaning, too. The larger red stripe represents the sacrifice of Christ. "For with His stripes we are healed." The smaller red stripes represent our own sacrifice of giving. The white stripe is a symbol of purity.

The peppermint plant is a member of the hyssop family, referred to in the Old Testament as a medicinal herb used for cleansing.

As we eat our candy cane, you might want to break it as Christ's body was broken for us, and share it with a friend. Thus, sharing is the true meaning of Christmas.

Brother Edward Vincent Courtney, C.S.C.



particular brand of lemon candy and was certain the young boy was involved in some shady undertakings, so he immediately called the fire department and ambulance rescue, who quickly declared the lemon drops harmless and the principal a moron. The makers of the lemon drops said that the principal really didn't need to go to such extremes. 'If the principal would have just smelled [the candy], he would have gotten a nose full of lemon scent' and naturally, the problem would have been solved."

"I always knew they were nut-cases over there in Colorado. Not enough oxygen in the air."

"Hey now, Father. You'd better watch yourself."

"Oh, right. Well, there are some real wackos in Philadelphia, too. There's a guy over there who thought that his failing heart, diabetes and dementia were caused by an evil spell cast by his wife of 20 years. He was terrified that one day his wife would use her wicked voodoo to kill him off. So, one morning, while still recovering from heart surgery, he grabbed his .38 caliber pistol and shot her in the chest. Not only that, the judge heard this guy's voodoo defense and thought it sounded reasonable, so he cleared him of murder and charged him with involuntary manslaughter."

"I think you are right, Father. Common sense has just flown right out the window!"

"It sure has. You know in my day, Margaret, we never acted as stupid as people today act. In fact, compared to the people of today, I am practically a genius."

"A genius, huh, Father?"

"Yep."

"Then how would you explain that little blunder with the lakes when you first arrived? Do geniuses have trouble counting to two?"

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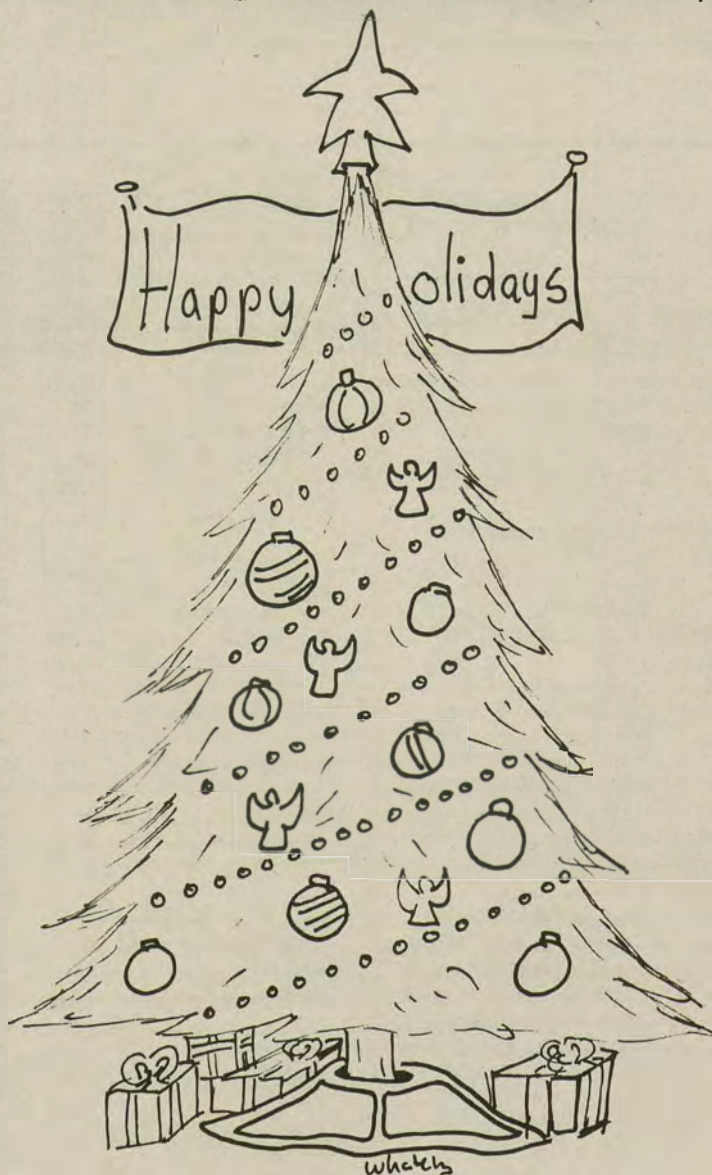
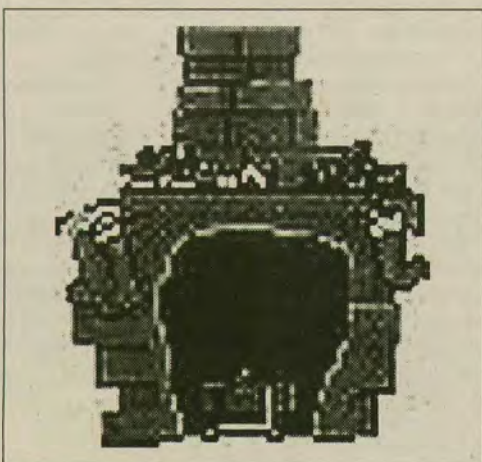
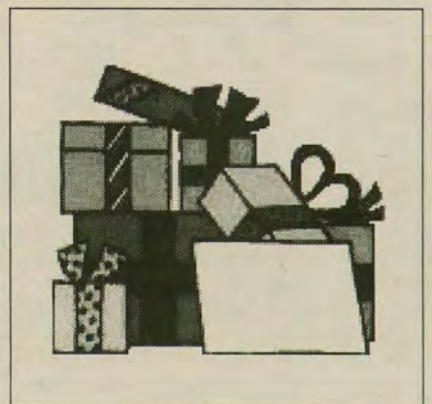
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Margaret Shaheen





Merry Christmas from The Observer



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And Happy New Year...

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Manning, Woodson and Moss top all-American list

Associated Press

NEW YORK Peyton Manning, the classy Tennessee quarterback who led the Volunteers to the Southeastern Conference title, and a pair of game-breakers — Michigan's Charles Woodson and Marshall's Randy Moss — were selected to The Associated Press' All-America team on Tuesday. Manning, who opted to play his senior season rather than jump to the NFL, directed the third-ranked Vols to an 11-1 record and Orange Bowl matchup against No. 2 Nebraska, with a possible national title on the line. The 6-foot-5, 222-pound son of former quarterback Archie Manning completed 287 of 477 passes for 3,819 yards and 36 touchdowns.

"It's a great honor to be named to the All-America team," Manning, the Vols' first AP All-America quarterback, said.



Photo courtesy of Texas Sports Information
Texas running back Ricky Williams was the nation's leading rusher.

"It's the team everyone talks about and I'm proud to be part of it."

Woodson, the Wolverines' cornerback/receiver/punt returner, may have been the nation's most exciting player this season. He had seven interceptions and four touchdowns — two on pass receptions, one on a 33-yard reverse and the other a 78-yard punt return against Ohio State.

Moss, the flashy wide receiver for the Thundering Herd, set an NCAA record with 25 touchdown catches this season, including three in last week's 34-14 win over Toledo in the Mid-American Conference title game. The 6-5, 210-pound

sophomore caught 90 passes for 1,647 yards — an average of 18.3 yards per catch.

Also making the team were a trio of North Carolina defenders — end Greg Ellis, line-backer Brian



Michigan Sports Info
Heisman hopeful Charles Woodson surprised no one was selected to the AP All-America team yesterday. Woodson, a cornerback, receiver, and returner, was one of the nation's most exciting players.

Simmons and cornerback Dre' Bly. The threesome helped the Tar Heels finish with the nation's second ranked defense, behind Michigan.

Ellis had 17 tackles for losses and nine sacks, while Simmons chipped in with 119 tackles and three sacks and Bly added five interceptions.

Nebraska also placed three players on the team — guard Aaron Taylor and defensive linemen Grant Wistrom and Jason Peter. Wistrom had 17 tackles for losses, 8 1/2 sacks and forced three fumbles, while Peter had six sacks and two fumble recoveries.

Three schools — Florida State, LSU and Washington — each placed two players on the AP team.

The running backs were Ricky Williams of Texas and Curtis Enis of Penn State. Williams, despite playing for

a 4-7 team, led the nation in rushing with 1,893 yards on 279 carries. He also had 25 touchdowns and led the nation in scoring with 152 points. Enis ran for 1,363 yards and 20 touchdowns. He also caught 25 passes for 215 yards.

Joining Moss at wideout was Florida's Jacquez Green, who caught 61 passes for 1,024 yards and nine TDs. The tight end was Alonzo Mayes of Oklahoma State, who missed the Cowboys' final four games with a separated shoulder after catching 29 passes for 424 yards and seven TDs.

Joining Taylor along the offensive line were LSU's Alan Faneca, Washington's Benji Olson and UCLA's Chad Overhauser. Olin Kreutz of Washington was the center.

Tim Dwight of Iowa was the all-purpose player. The 5-9, 185-pound senior, returned

three punts for TDs and led the nation with a 19.4-yard average on 19 returns. He also caught 39 passes for 653 yards and eight TDs and completed 2 of 2 passes for 86 yards and a TD.

Completing the offense was Kansas State placekicker Martin Gramatica, who hit on 19 of 20 field goals and 37 of 38 extra points.

The defense has an Atlantic Coast Conference flavor, with end Andre Wadsworth and line-backer Sam Cowart of Florida State and linebacker Anthony Simmons of Clemson joining the three Carolina players. The other linebacker was Ohio State's Andy Katzenmoyer.

Wadsworth, the ACC's player of the year, led the nation with 19 sacks, while Cowart, who was out last season with a knee injury, led the Seminoles with 116 tackles.

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so when is movie night? and who is making the selection?

i'm never admitting to the interest or the follow through though

MC, AK, HV --
So, only a few more days of legitimate co-habitation... Good luck on finals. It's been one hell of a semester!

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

-- MK :--)

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Temple dominates, picks up first win in new arena

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

It would have been tough to have scripted a better opening night.

No. 20 Temple opened its new arena Tuesday night with a 76-61 victory over No. 17 Fresno State in a game in which the outcome was known within a few minutes of the pregame ceremonies.

It wasn't long after the politicians and dignitaries cleared the court at The Apollo of Temple that the Owls (5-1) had their 2-3 zone defense working and the Bulldogs (3-2) totally frustrated.

Three consecutive steals led to fast-break baskets, Temple had an 8-3 lead within the first two minutes and the decibel level was given a good test from the sellout crowd of 10,205.

A 30-7 run had the lead to 45-18 with 1:43 left in the first half and McGonigle Hall, the 3,900-seat former home of the Owls that still stands next door on campus, had become a distant thought despite a 177-29 record there over 28 years.

Lynard Stewart had 16 points on 7-of-9 shooting, a career-high 15 rebounds and five steals for Temple, Rasheed Brokenborough added 16 points and Lamont Barnes had

14.

Rafer Alston had 17 points, all in the second half, and Terrance Roberson added 15 for the Bulldogs, whose lowest output this season had been 69 points in a one-point loss to Arkansas.

Temple scored with ease in the first half while Fresno State struggled against the zone, committing 14 turnovers and shooting just 28 percent (8-of-29).

The Owls, who had 13 steals at halftime, turned those 14 turnovers into 25 points.

Brokenborough and Stewart each had 10 points at halftime, many on ahead-of-the-field

layups and dunks off steals by the zone.

Alston, Fresno State's point guard, went scoreless in the first half, missing three shots, and had six turnovers.

The Owls' biggest lead of the second half was 68-35 with 8:29 to play. The Bulldogs closed the game with an 18-3 run as the noise level evened off in a ragged second half.

In a ceremony before the game, the center circle was named in honor current Temple coach John Chaney and longtime Owls coach and Basketball Hall of Famer Harry Litwack.

The only flaw on opening

night was a small fire in the overhead scoreboard after some pregame fireworks. The string that was on fire burned for two or three minutes before petering out.

Northern Iowa 84, Iowa 78

Chris Burdine scored 17 points and Northern Iowa used a pesky man-to-man defense to defeat No. 10 Iowa 84-78 on Tuesday night, the Hawkeyes' first loss in seven games.

Darian DeVries finished with 13 points and TyJuan Finley 11 for Northern Iowa (4-1), which had lost seven straight and nine of 11 to Iowa.

Ryan Bowen scored 17 points, Ricky Davis 16 and Darryl Moore 12 for Iowa, which had been averaging 95 points a game and winning by an average margin of 35 points before playing its first road game.

Northern Iowa grabbed a 41-36 lead at the half — the largest margin by either team — during which there were 11 lead changes.

Finley scored Northern Iowa's first two baskets of the second half, keying a 9-0 spurt that pushed the Panthers' lead to 50-36 with 16:19 remaining. A bank shot by Finley with 8:23 gave Northern Iowa its biggest lead at 64-46 before Iowa rallied.

Bowen scored seven points in a 16-6 spurt that brought the Hawkeyes back to 70-62 with 3:41 remaining. Davis' two free throws a little more than two minutes later chopped the deficit to 76-71.

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■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Robinson's 'crowning end' to legendary a career

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Eddie Robinson was in the third grade when he decided to be a football coach.

On Tuesday, some 70 years later, college football's winningest coach called his enshrinement into the Hall of Fame the "crowning end" to his 58 years at Grambling.

"Today is perhaps the greatest moment in my life — my heart is humbled and grateful," Robinson, who won 408 games at Grambling, said during a luncheon before Tuesday night's induction dinner.

"The Hall of Fame, as the world knows, is the elite circle where many of the truly great contributors to the game of football are enshrined. I am thankful and very, very proud that you have chosen me on my

merits and my career as a coach ranking with the truly immortals of this game."

The 78-year-old coach then talked about what football has meant to him.

"I love this game, but I love the young men who play the game more than I love the game," he said. "One thing I learned was how to win without bragging, and I learned how to lose without offering excuses."

"A lot has been given to Eddie Robinson and I always felt that it's fitting to give something back, so that's what we tried to do in our profession. It's a profession of love ... and I feel that I could crank it up and go another 50 years and get it right."

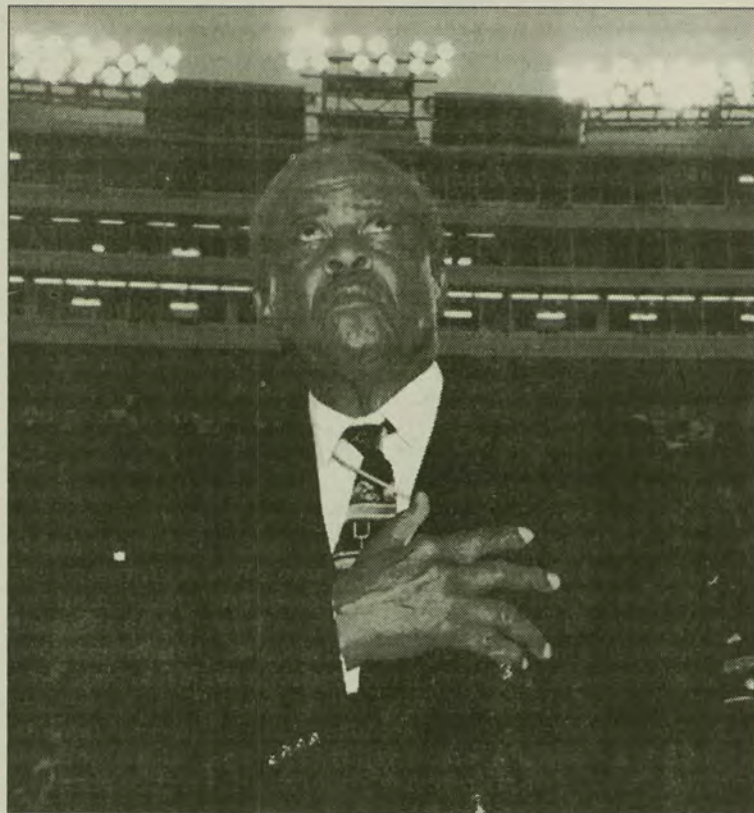
He smiled, and after the laughter subsided, Robinson again turned serious about his enshrinement.

"My family, my friends and I will always cherish this moment," he said. "It is a moment I share with all the players I coached at Grambling and the Grambling administration — past and present — and for all of the other people who supported me and Grambling through the years."

When he was growing up, Robinson said he had a hard time telling his friends all he wanted to do was coach.

"I wanted to coach ever since I was in the third grade, and I make no bones about it," Robinson said.

"Many times, though, I was afraid when I was in a group to say it," he added. "That's all you want to be? A coach? But that's all I wanted to be. I fell in love with this football and fell in love with coaching and this is the way I ended up."



KRT Photo
Former Grambling head coach, Eddie Robinson, is the all-time winningest coach in college football history.

Nebraska's Osborne may retire after Huskers' bowl appearance

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb.

The buzz across Nebraska this week is that Tom Osborne doesn't have too many more coaching milestones to pass and he's had some trouble with an irregular heartbeat this fall.

So that means he's ready to retire. Right?

"There are things you need to know about my retirement," Osborne, 60, told about 30 reporters during his weekly news conference Tuesday.

"The first thing I will do is talk to the assistant coaches. Then I will talk to the players. Then I'll talk to you, and you're not going to hear it from me until I've done that," he said.

Rumors swirled in barber shops and Internet chat rooms after Nebraska's 54-15 victory over Texas A&M on Saturday in the Big 12 championship.

The unconfirmed word was that Osborne was expected to announce his retirement Tuesday, handing the reigns to assistant Frank Solich.

Osborne, who has spent 25 seasons as coach, reached his 250th career victory on Nov. 1 with a 69-7 defeat of Oklahoma. He insists all the retirement rumors are just talk.

If he chose to retire, Osborne would do so at the top of his game.

The Cornhuskers are 59-3 over the past five years with five straight 11-win seasons.

But Osborne said he puts in long hours, like other members of his coaching staff, because he wants to lead the No. 2 Cornhuskers (12-0) to an Orange Bowl victory against No. 3 Tennessee (11-1).

"If you want to call the plays, you want to make the adjustments on Saturdays and you want to be actively involved, that's what you've got to do," Osborne said.

"There is another way to do it — to turn it over to coordinators and kind of be a supervisor. ... In my case, that would be self-defeating because that's not what I enjoy. I enjoy football. I enjoy the players," he said.

Then in the same breath, Osborne admitted that he doesn't see himself hanging on forever.

"I don't think I can do that until I'm 70," said Osborne, who turns 61 in February.

There's frequent talk about Osborne's health. After

Nebraska's 77-14 victory over Iowa State on Nov. 15, Osborne was hospitalized overnight for tests related to an irregular heartbeat.

Osborne has repeatedly insisted he's fine. On Tuesday, he even offered reporters a medical briefing on what's been diagnosed — a condition called atrial fibrillation.

"Atrial fibrillation is something people can live with," he said. "It can cause strokes. It can cause heart attacks. It's not a good condition to have, and it

probably will come back."

According to Blackstone's Gould Medical Dictionary, an atrial fibrillation patient usually has varied heartbeats — from 60 to 180 beats per minute. The beating is "grossly irregular in intensity and rhythm."

Osborne said he still works out — running or lifting weights — about 30 minutes daily. A few weeks ago, he even jokingly challenged reporters to a three-mile run.

"I'm doing OK at the present time," Osborne said Tuesday.



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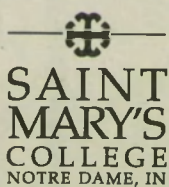
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■ NBA

Bulls rally behind Jordan, defeat NY

Associated Press

CHICAGO
Michael Jordan became the third-leading scorer in NBA history Tuesday night, scoring 29 points to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 100-82 victory over the slumping New York Knicks.
Toni Kukoc added 20 points, going 4-for-4 from 3-point range and 6-for-6 overall, in helping the Bulls to their first four-game winning streak this season.
Patrick Ewing scored 22 points for the Knicks, who shot 36 percent in los-

ing for the fifth time in seven games. New York has lost five straight on the road.
Jordan, the NBA's nine-time scoring leader, has 27,432 points in 867 games over 13 seasons. He moved past Moses Malone, who scored 27,409 points in 1,045 games during his 19-year career.
Jordan's 31.6-point average is the league's best ever.
Only Wilt Chamberlain (31,419) and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,387) had more points than Jordan, who said he'll probably retire at season's end because coach Phil Jackson is being squeezed out by management.
Jordan also was involved in an alterca-

tion with 2:52 to go that resulted in the ejection of Knicks guard Chris Childs.
As New York's Charlie Ward made a 3-pointer, Jordan and Childs battled for rebounding position. Jordan elbowed Childs in the head, Childs threw the basketball at Jordan and the two exchanged chest bumps and words.
Each was assessed a technical foul, and Childs had to leave because it was his second of the night.
Jordan missed his first three shots but then made four straight to move two points ahead of Malone. He had three consecutive baskets as the Bulls finished the first quarter with a 12-3 run to take a 26-18 lead, and the Knicks never pulled closer than eight the rest of the way.
New York had a chance to get within six with eight minutes left, but John Starks missed a 3-pointer and the Bulls used a 7-2 spurt, capped by Jordan's five points, to go up 82-68.



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Michael Jordan became the third-leading scorer in NBA history when he dropped 29 on the Knicks, leading the Bulls to victory, 100-82.

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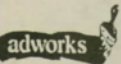
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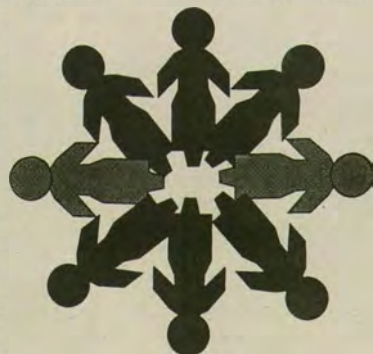


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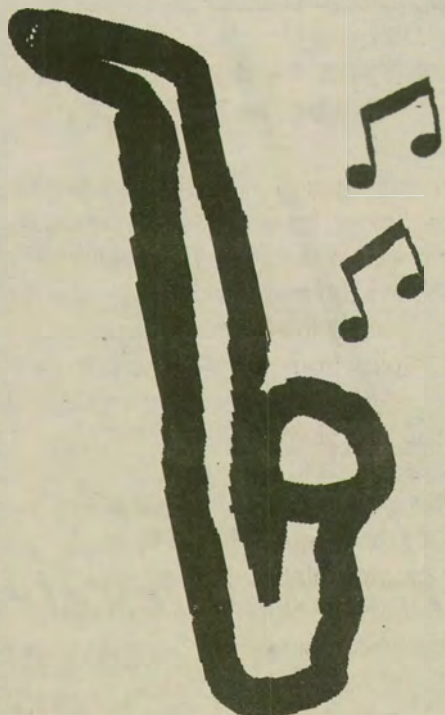
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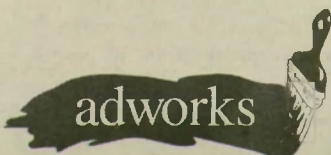


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■ SWIMMING

Men swim to victory at Notre Dame Invitational

By MATT YUNG
Sports Writer

Last Thursday through Friday at the Notre Dame Invitational, the Irish men's swimming and diving team added another merit to its already accomplished season. The men decisively won the four-team meet, scoring 889 points to finish ahead of Syracuse (779), Ohio University (617), and University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (109).

The first day of action started with a bang. Syracuse set two new pool records (Dan Karlson, 200 individual medley in 1:51.44; and the 400 medley relay in 3:23.66), but was unable to stop Notre Dame's talented attack. Notre Dame's 200 freestyle relay raced off and brought back the first place finish in 1:24.56. Sophomore diver Herb Huesman hit his cue, chipping in a valuable win in the one-meter dive. The day ended with Notre Dame holding a strong 317-211 lead over second place Syracuse.

Friday was another strong day for the Irish. Huesman continued to dominate the diving board, easily winning the three-meter dive with 552.8 points.

Sophomore Antonio Fonseca turned heads with his winning 57.28-second performance in the 100-meter breaststroke, Notre Dame's seventh fastest in history. Scott Zumbach and Ray Fitzpatrick recorded second place finishes in the 400 individual medley and 200 freestyle, allowing the Irish breathing room and a comfortable lead.

Saturday's three Irish victories showed that the team saved its best performances for last. Zumbach fiercely competed in the 200 butterfly and was rewarded with a split-second win in 1:51.69, the ninth fastest time by any Notre Dame swimmer.

Freshman Dan Szilier lived up to his reputation as "The

Money-Man," recording the eighth fastest Irish 200 breaststroke and a 2:05.07 win. To seal the deal, the Irish 400 freestyle relay swam four tough legs before touching the wall first.

The Notre Dame Invitational's results bode well for the team's tournament in mid-January at Milwaukee and mid-February home dual against UW-Milwaukee. With the first half of the season nearly over, the Irish have shown that they are a force to be reckoned with and have set the stage for a much improved record from last year's 6-8 showing.

With four dual wins, two first place tournament finishes, and a single loss, the Irish feel confident in their chances for continued success and seem undaunted by the opposition.



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Notre Dame's impressive performance at the ND Invitational led the Irish to decisive wins over Syracuse, Ohio, and University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Free-agent Boggs headed to expansion Devil Rays

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. It won't be enough for Wade Boggs to get 3,000 hits. He still has a hunger for winning.

The free agent third baseman agreed Tuesday to a \$750,000, one-year contract with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, saying he's as intent on helping the new American League team be an immediate success as he is on achieving a personal milestone.

"I've come here to help an organization on a commitment to win," the five-time AL batting champion said. "Just

because it's the first year, I don't want people to come in here with the attitude of 'Oh, we'll do it down the road.' I've been on winners in the past. I've won a World Series. I know what it takes to win. ... I've been on losing teams, too, and it's no fun."

Boggs, 39, will start his 17th major league season needing 200 hits to reach 3,000 for his career. He overcame a slow start to hit .292 in 103 games for the New York Yankees in 1997.

After making \$2 million last year, Boggs' contract with the Devil Rays calls for a base

salary of \$500,000 in 1998 with a club option for 1999 at \$750,000 with a \$250,000 buy-out.

The option year becomes guaranteed if Boggs makes 500 plate appearances next season. He can earn up to \$750,000 in performance bonuses: \$250,000 for 400 plate appearances and \$50,000 for each 10 plate appearances after that up to 500.

Despite his age, the Devil Rays view him as an everyday player. And so does Boggs.

He recovered from back trouble that bothered him during the 1996 World Series to win

the Yankees' starting third base job last spring, then struggled during the first half and wound up playing behind Charlie Hayes again.

"I went to spring training with the intentions of winning my job back, and that's exactly what I did," Boggs said.

"I had some contact lens problems in the beginning of May and that sort of led to my demise. I was hitting .234 at the All-Star game, sat on the couch for three days and said to myself, 'I don't like what I'm seeing.'"

He corrected his vision by changing the strength of his

contacts, and hit .374 the remainder of the year to raise his average to .292. It was only the second time in his career that he finished below .302.

Still, after being a regular for 11 seasons with the Boston Red Sox and most of the five years he spent with the Yankees, Boggs had difficulty adjusting to a role as a part-time player.

"I was sort of sequestered to the bench for a portion of the season," he said. "It was sort of ironic that I spent 15 years of playing in pain. And last year, I was pain-free and sitting on the bench. There was something wrong with that scenario."

The .331 career hitter was the fourth free agent signed by the Devil Rays in six days.

Tampa Bay got pitcher Wilson Alvarez (\$35 million for five years) and outfielder Dave Martinez (\$3.75 million for two years) last week, then added designated hitter Paul Sorrento (\$5.25 million for two years) on Monday. And as with each of those signings, as well as the acquisition of closer Roberto Hernandez (\$22.5 million for four years), the desire to live year-round in the Tampa Bay area was a factor.

"This is a special day in my career because I get to come home," Boggs said.

"I've spent 21 years in professional baseball — 16 on the big-league level — and done a lot of traveling, packed a lot of UPS boxes, along with my wife, and I felt it was time to come home."

While Boggs' contract includes a club option for a second season, he and the Devil Rays would be tickled if he hits well enough to get 3,000 hits by the end of 1997.

"I don't think it'll take that long. I need 200 more, and the countdown's on," he said.

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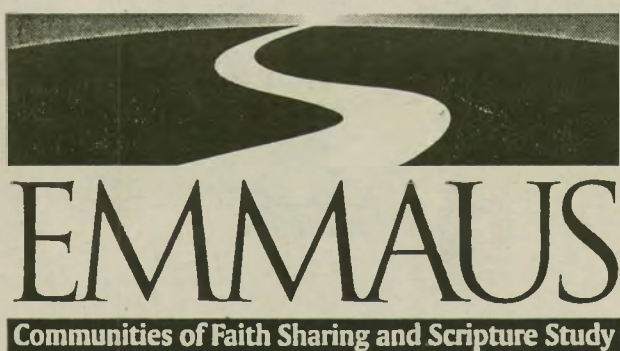


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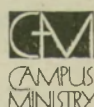
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■ BASKETBALL

Irish win exhibition behind Friel's hot shooting

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Christmas came early for Notre Dame fans at the Joyce Center last night. The Irish connected on 14 three-pointers and every time a they dialed long distance the cheerleaders tossed t-shirts into the gleeful crowd.

Coach John MacLeod's team hosted a team sponsored by Marathon Oil in an exhibition contest that would not count in the record books.

Apparently, no one told Keith Friel that. The sophomore guard played Santa Claus as he hit nine from behind the arc leading his squad to a 91-81 victory.

"It was good to see Keith get rocking here," MacLeod said. "He's gaining more and more confidence. He was really on fire and our guys recognized it and kept getting the ball to him."

In the first half Friel defined what it means to be in "The Zone," hitting all six of his field-goal attempts for 18 points in the first 11 minutes. The sophomore guard finished with 27 points on 9-of-16 shooting including 9-of-13 from three point land.

"That shows a certain sense of maturity," MacLeod said of Friel's performance. "You could tell he was in a rhythm. He cracked the first one and you could tell he was on fire."

Friel sparked an explosive Irish offense in the first half as Notre Dame got out to a 21-8 lead in the first five minutes. Pat Garrity hit his three field goal attempts for six points, and he only played the first six minutes of the contest to allow the younger players to get much needed experience.

"It was a good chance to get the younger players a chance to run the offense," junior guard Antoni Wyche said. "It was good for them to play against real competition."

"Winning wasn't the key thing tonight," MacLeod said. "We wanted the players to keep executing and getting better and play against a bigger, more experienced team."

That is exactly what MacLeod got.

Freshman forward Leviticus Williamson took advantage of that opportunity. The Texas

native saw his most extensive action of the year, playing 26 minutes and finishing with 14 points.

Williamson added seven rebounds, five on the offensive end, and also flashed some of his athleticism in a first-half, crowd-pleasing dunk.

"That was a thunderous dunk with conviction," MacLeod said. "He knows how to score the ball, he scored a lot of points in Texas. But, he's just starting out and he is just a pup. It's fun watching these young players develop."

What was also fun to watch was the shooting exhibition put on by the Irish in the first 12 minutes of play, giving Notre Dame 41 points by the eight minute mark.

Point guard Martin Ingelsby kept the offense running smoothly with seven assists in the first half on his way to 12 in the game. But the way Friel and the Irish were shooting, assists were not difficult to come by.

Notre Dame shot 52 percent from the field and 60 percent from three-point land in the first as the home team got out to a 46-22 lead with just over seven minutes left in the half.

Marathon managed to pull within eight by the break.

Dayrl Cunningham, a Kansas State product, had 10 of his team high 22 points in the first as the ferocious pace of the Irish attack slowed down and the lead was trimmed to 50-42.

Friel started the second half the same way he did the first, but after his seventh consecutive three he finally cooled off.

Damon Flint, a former

Cincinnati Bearcat standout, lead another Marathon comeback with 14 second-half points as the lead was trimmed to four points with just over ten minutes left in the contest.

Phil Hickey had nine of his 11 points in the second half and Antoni Wyche had eight of his 11 in the second.

"We'll have some situations where Pat is in foul trouble or maybe injured, and Phil and I are going to be the leaders next year," Wyche explained. "So, coach gave us the opportunity to try to provide some leadership and get an idea of how we can score when Pat is not on the floor."

Forward Todd Palmer also got in on the fun with eight points. The sophomore had six rebounds, including three on the offensive end, leading to most of his points. Freshman forward Hans Rasmussen also turned in a good effort with seven rebounds in 18 minutes.

The Irish continued to shoot well in the second half finishing the game shooting 54 percent from three point land and 47 percent overall.

The sharp shooting of the Irish was certainly a welcome sight to MacLeod, who entered the year unsure of his team's capabilities from the outside.

Though the season is still young, the confidence of the 4-2 Irish is soaring as their losses have come to perennial NCAA Tournament participants Marquette and Indiana. But Notre Dame has recovered from those two road losses and is fresh off something that has been as elusive as bowl games for the football team: a Big East



The Observer/John Daily
Sophomore Keith Friel poured in nine three-pointers as the Irish rolled to victory over Marathon Oil, 91-81.

road win.

"Our guys are feeling real good about themselves," MacLeod said. "What happened Saturday (beating Pittsburgh) is a key factor. It's a confidence booster to get a conference win on the road, it's a shot in the arm because we've struggled."

"We lost our first two road games and we needed to break that trend and bounce back against Pittsburgh," Wyche said. "That gave us a lot of confidence and we have a couple of games over break and hopefully it will carry over to our next Big East game against St. John's."

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■ HOCKEY

Irish prepare for Wisconsin

Home-away series with the Badgers

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team (8-6-2 overall, 5-5-2 CCHA) travels to Wisconsin tonight for a non-Central Collegiate Hockey Association contest.

The teams return to the Joyce Center for a 7 p.m. game on Friday night.

"In the past we have fared well in non-conference games," stated head coach Dave Poulin.

Indeed they have. Already this season, Notre Dame has defeated national powerhouses St. Cloud State and Michigan State. They also played Boston

College dead even before eventually losing.

"You're always trying to get better," commented Poulin. "So when we schedule these non-CCHA games, we want to play the best teams in the country. We want to go and play in hostile environments, because that's how you improve. These games are a good test for us."

Wisconsin, which was ranked as high as No. 8 nationally, will definitely challenge Poulin's Boys of Winter.

Following this two game set, Notre Dame has a 15-day lay-off, not returning to action until Dec. 27 against Northeastern. They do not return to CCHA action until Jan. 2, when they play Miami University.

Two big reasons for Notre Dame's success so far lie in the stellar play of two of its forwards: junior Aniket Dhadphale and sophomore Ben Simon.

Dhadphale has converted on 78 percent of his shots (an average of one goal per 3.6 shots on goal). With 10 goals already this season, he has already doubled his goal total from last year.

He stands in second in the CCHA for goals scored, trailing only Michigan's Bill Meukalt, who has 14.

Simon has been Mr. Consistency for the Irish this season. He has recorded at least one point in 12 of the Notre Dame's last 15 games.

With 16 points, he leads the Irish and stands seventh in the CCHA.

Simon's seven goals are nearly double his total from last year (4 goals), and his three power-play goals equal his freshman year total, while his two short-handed ones equal Notre Dame's team total for all of 1996-97.



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Chad Chipchase and the Irish will have their hands full when they battle Wisconsin on Wednesday and Friday.

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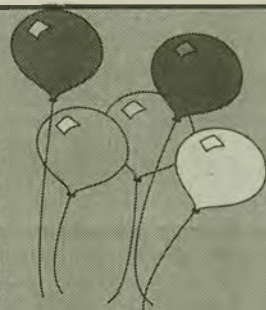


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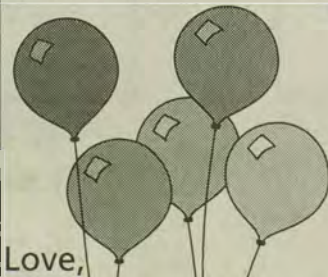


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■ NBA

Sprewell apologizes for his threats to Carlesimo

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. In his first public comments since attacking Golden State coach P.J. Carlesimo and losing his job, Latrell Sprewell said Tuesday he had to learn to control his temper but that his career should not be ruined by one mistake.

"I know this conduct is not acceptable in society and professional sports. I accept responsibility for what I've done," he said during a news conference with five former teammates standing behind him and lawyer Johnnie Cochran Jr. and agent Arn Tellem at his side.

Sprewell had called Carlesimo on Sunday to apologize for choking and threatening to kill him during practice Dec. 1. Sprewell said he didn't want to apologize publicly before talking to Carlesimo privately.

"I am a good person and I've never had any situation like this come up before," the 27-year-old Sprewell said. "I feel 10 years of hard work shouldn't be taken away for one mistake. My career didn't happen overnight and I don't feel it should be taken away overnight."

"I know I will do a better job controlling my temper and watching what I do."

Sprewell, a three-time All-Star guard, was fired by the Warriors last Wednesday, costing him the \$25 million he was to be paid over the final three years of his four-year contract. The next day, the NBA suspended him for one year, the

longest nondrug suspension in league history.

The players' union has filed grievances against the NBA and the Warriors, arguing the penalties were excessive. And Sprewell himself said he never got a chance to tell his side of the story, a point the NBA disputes. The case will be heard no sooner than Jan. 4 by arbitrator John Feerick, dean of Fordham Law School.

LATRELL SPREWELL

Houston Rockets forward Charles Barkley said Tuesday that some players may boycott the NBA All-Star game or the World Championships in Greece if the league doesn't ease the punishment.

"I think I'd have great sup-

port for a boycott," Barkley said. "I've talked with several players about it. ... If we don't make a stand, it's going to be bad."

Barkley declined to name the players he contacted.

The attack not only rippled across the NBA and all of sports but sparked a national debate over sportsmanship, role models and authority figures.

Tellem and Billy Hunter, executive director of the National Basketball Players Association, said at the news conference that race was not a factor in the attack, although the agent had hinted over the weekend that he thought it may have played a role.

Sprewell, who gave no details of the attack, had said Carlesimo provoked him with verbal abuse. Carlesimo, who has an intense, in-your-face coaching style, has had run-ins with other players and feuded with Rod Strickland while

coach of the Portland Trail Blazers.

Sprewell said his problems had been mounting with Carlesimo, who is in his first

season with the Warriors.

"There were times I reached out and tried to rectify the situation here at Golden State," he said.

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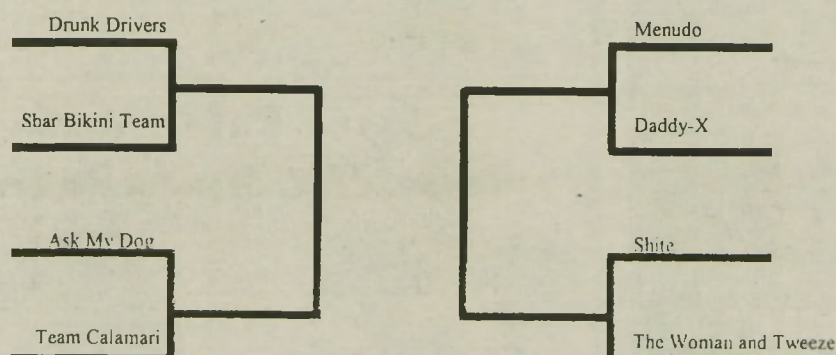
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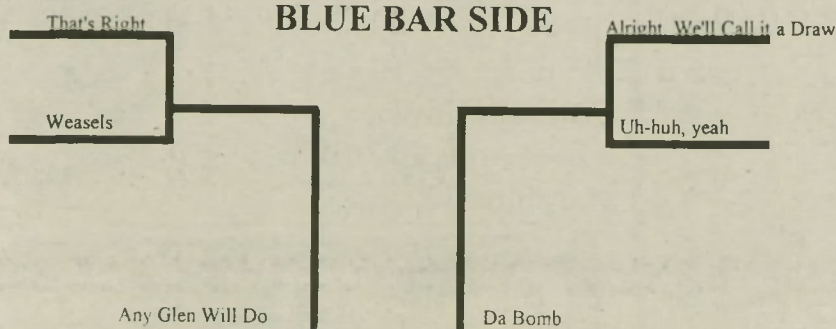
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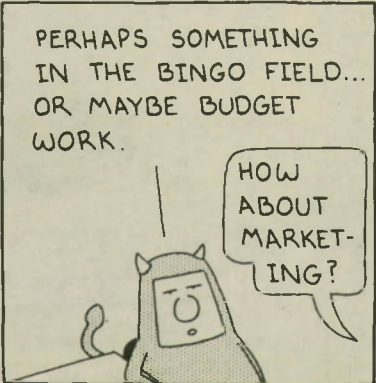
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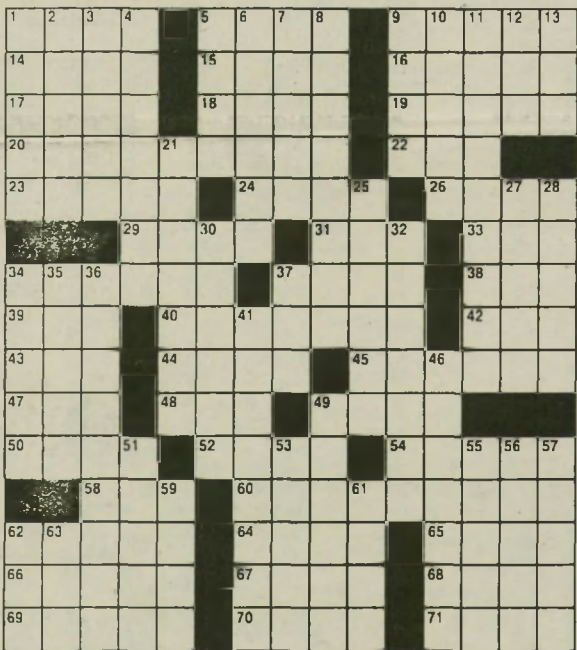
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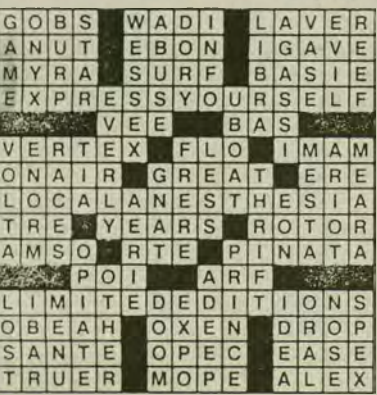
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Taurus: Since everyone thinks your words are golden today, you might as well say something worth hearing. You look and feel good. Mistakes seem impossible. Take this day and run with it.

Gemini: Your road to success is littered with obstacles. Frustration is only natural, but find a way to use it productively. Doing something in a different way will produce different results.

Cancer: An influential friend turns your day around. You may be offered a lot, but take only what you need. Excess in the face of generosity is the height of bad manners.

Leo: Today you are reaching for the brass ring. The quickest way to the top is over the bodies of friends and co-workers. The longer way around may be more work, but at least you'll have someone there to help you celebrate.

Virgo: This will be a happy, positive day. You re-learn some forgotten knowledge and are able to use it in a different way this time around. What appears obvious may not necessarily be so.

Libra: Appreciate what you have and hope for what you lack. Of course, you are welcome to try and change the situation. Work from a position of harmony rather than one of discord.

Scorpio: You may need to set other things aside in order to handle a relationship. Joint finances and shared possessions speak louder than emotional bonds. Today's misunderstanding could return to haunt you.

Sagittarius: The opinions of others make them rigid and, in some cases, ridiculous. Do not stoop to someone else's level in a battle of wills. Smile politely and refuse to be manipulated by an unnecessary tantrum.

Capricorn: Let yourself have a little fun today. Take real enjoyment in your work, or set it all aside and do nothing but play. A small break in the routine leaves you feeling energized and ready for more.

Aquarius: Property ownership or large real estate purchases can be a sensitive subject today. The appearance of greed masks a deep insecurity. It's easy to feel possessive of your assets if not everyone is playing fairly.

Pisces: Today you meet someone who could turn into the best friend you'll ever have. Communication is clear and connections are easy. Creative spirits interact in a place of shared imagination.

■ OF INTEREST

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra present George Frederic Handel's Messiah on Thurs. Dec. 11, and Friday Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Box Office (\$6 General Admission and \$3 Students/Seniors). For more information call 1-6201.

The Notre Dame Glee Club presents its annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, Dec. 13. Two identical shows will be performed, one at 6 p.m. and the other at 8:30 p.m., both in Stepan Center. Tickets, \$2 each, are available at the LaFortune Box Office. Proceeds benefit the South Bend Center for the Homeless. Call 1-6201 for more information.

A mandatory WSND All-Staff Meeting will take place on Friday at 2 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, 2nd floor LaFortune. Those interested in continuing next semester must be in attendance. New equipment will be installed over break. Look for info next semester if interested in joining Notre Dame's Public Radio station, WSND, 88.9 F.M. For more information call 1-4069.

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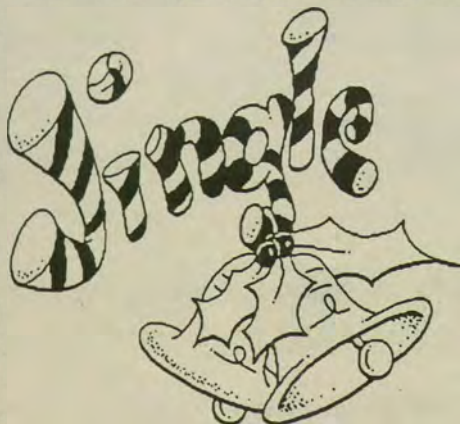
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VOLLEYBALL

Irish to face the No. 4 Badgers in NCAA regionals

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

While most students are busy preparing for final exams and Christmas break, the members of Notre Dame's volleyball team have their eyes on advancing further in N C A A Central Regional action, set to begin this weekend in Madison, Wis.



Lee

However, standing in the path of the Irish in the regional semifinals are the fourth-ranked Wisconsin Badgers, one of the most surprising teams in Division I volleyball this year.

Currently 29-2 on the season, the Badgers advanced to the regional after posting a three-game win over Central Florida. Wisconsin was one of only eight teams to receive a bye in the first round. They earned a share of the Big Ten conference title after splitting two matches against current No. 1 seed Penn State.

"I think we'll have a chance to prepare this week and when we have a chance to prepare, we do a real good job," Wisconsin head coach John Cook said about the upcoming match. "I know Notre Dame will probably be pretty motivated when they come in here. When you get down to the final 16 teams in the NCAA tournament, it's going to be war ball every point."

In its win over Central

Florida, Wisconsin used its height to dominate, hitting .313 percent and tallying 58 kills compared to a .174 hitting percentage and 44 kills for the Golden Knights. Kelly Kennedy, a 6-4 middle blocker, tied for match-high honors with 15 kills while the Badgers' Amy Lee and Kate Fitzgerald each put down 11 kills. Kennedy led all blockers with eight stuffs, including one solo, as Wisconsin outblocked Central Florida, 11-5.

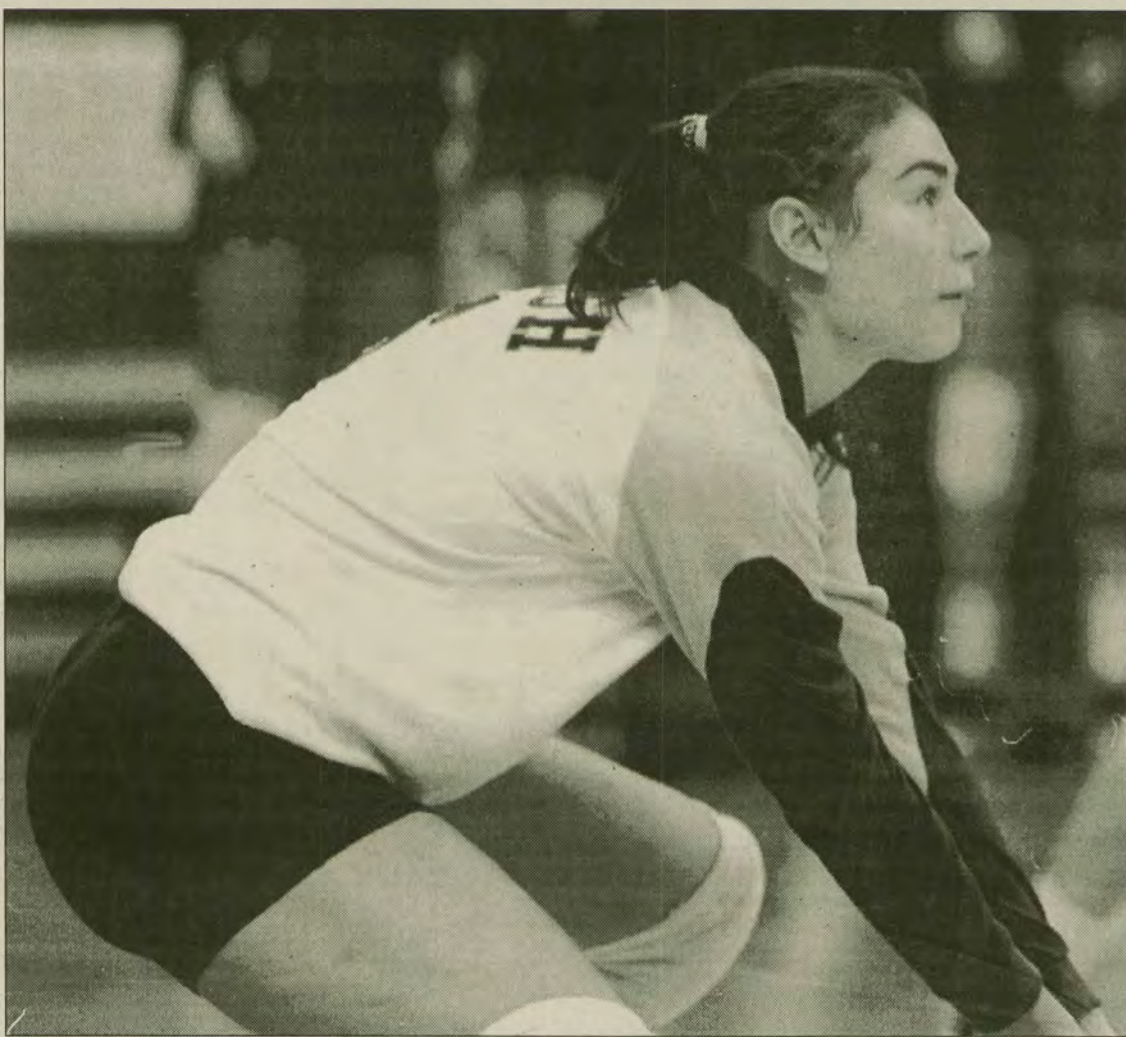
"They have a few players which are key to their team," head coach Debbie Brown remarked about the Badgers. "Amy Lee is one of their 'go-to' people who's very effective. She took a lot of swings at us earlier in the season. Kennedy, the middle blocker, is also very important to their team."

Notre Dame is making its fourth appearance in the NCAA regional, after upsetting No. 18 Arkansas on Saturday in four games, 9-15, 15-7, 15-10, 16-14. The Irish are the only unranked team to advance to the Sweet 16, and join No. 25 Ohio State as the only team to win both its first and second round matches on the road.

In the win against the Razorbacks, the team was

led by senior hitters Angie Harris and Jaimie Lee, who each had 19 kills. Over the last five games, Lee has tallied 100 kills for the Irish. Sophomore Mary Leffers scored 15 kills in another fine performance, while junior Lindsay Treadwell had 13 kills on a team-best .321 hitting.

Wisconsin and Notre Dame



Angie Harris had 19 kills in the volleyball team's upset over the eighteenth-ranked Razorbacks. The Irish will need production like that from their key players if they hope to knock off No. 4 Wisconsin.

faced each other early on in the championship match of Shamrock Invitational on Aug. 30. In that contest, the Badgers managed to defeat the Irish in four games, 10-15, 15-11, 4-15, 11-15. Senior hitter Jaimie Lee made a surprise appearance midway through the second game of the match, after returning directly from the World University Games in Sicily.

"Our offense was not good at all that match," Brown commented. "I think that if we improve our offense this weekend, and neutralize some of their key players, we should have a good chance."

Over the space of the next nine days, Notre Dame would face the other two teams in the Central Region, Washington State and Florida. The weekend after the match against Wisconsin, WSU defeated the Irish in three games during the "Spikeoff Spokane," the site of this year's volleyball Final Four. Less than two days later, the squad dropped another match to the then-No. 2 Gators, by a score of 7-15, 15-10, 6-15, 3-15.

However, the Irish are a much improved team, having won 12 of their last 14 matches. After going a perfect 11-0 in conference play, Notre Dame claimed its third consecutive conference title by winning the Big East Tournament. But, Brown believes that Wisconsin will be improved as well.

"I think it would be pretty

rare if a team has gone through an entire season and not improved by much," Brown said. "We've analyzed our match against Arkansas, though, because we feel that that match will be what they will focus on when preparing for us. So, we know what they

will expect."

The Central Regional's first match will be between No. 6 Florida and No. 11 Washington at 3 p.m. central time on Dec. 13. Depending on the length of the match, the clash between the Irish and the Badgers will start approximately at 5 p.m.



Notre Dame faced Wisconsin back on Aug. 30 in the final of the Shamrock Classic, falling to the Badgers in four games.



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