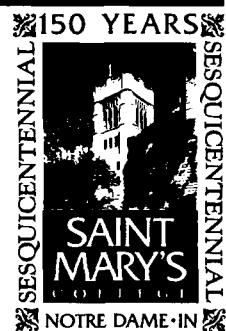


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Women led in early days of Church

By CHRISTINA TECSON
News Writer

"Women Leaders in the Beginnings of Christianity" was the subject of a presentation by Mary D'Angelo, associate professor in the theology department and director of gender studies, yesterday in the Decio Conference Room.

Angelo made reference to passages in the New Testament to bring attention to the many mentions of women in the Bible. These women were leaders in the early Christian mission.

"There were relatively low gender boundaries and a relatively high degree of social mobility," Angelo said. "There was quite a lot of crossings of boundaries."

She stressed the importance of the woman's role in Roman times, especially their social status and their family life. These characteristics were made distinguishable by a slide presentation of funerary monuments, mostly from the Augustinian period in history.

The presentation was the last of a semester-long series of lectures sponsored by the Notre Dame Gender Studies Concentration. The Gender Studies forum will continue each Thursday afternoon at 12:15 p.m. in the spring semester, where a different gender issue will be discussed each week.

"It's informal enough that people can ask questions. It's more of a discussion than a lecture," said Marie Krumb, coordinator of the gender studies concentration.

"The response has been very positive. We get anywhere from 10 to 25 people a week, mostly graduates and faculty," Krumb said. She indicated, however, that it is open to everyone and anyone may attend.



Student Body President and Vice President Dave Hungeling and Matt Orsagh say they have been effecting change in student government despite the failure of several planks of their platform.

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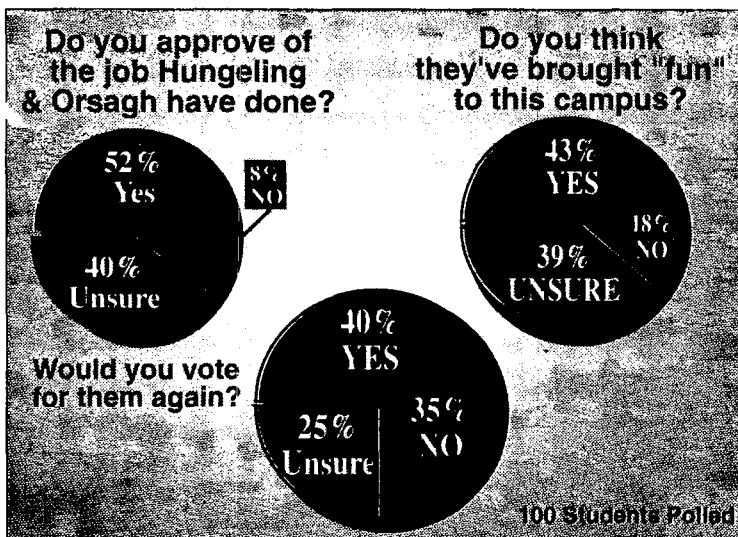
The more things change...

This is the last of a three part series examining student government and its projects.

By KATE CRISHAM
Associate News Editor

When 2,730 students cast their votes for the ticket of David Hungeling and Matt Orsagh in last February's student body elections, they did so for a variety of reasons.

Some were hoping for a chance to see Jerry Garcia perform at Notre Dame Stadium. Others were enticed by the idea of free football tickets. But most students realized that there was very little chance that Hungeling and Orsagh would be able to dissolve student government, bring the Grateful Dead to campus, or provide free football tickets to



the student body.

Instead, they joined the duo's self-described "campus wide, grass-roots social movement"

to change the staid attitude of student government in hope that it would provide more fun activities for students.

In their platform, Hungeling and Orsagh stated that student government should "work at bringing fun things to campus. There is no need to spend time or money on anything which will not result in the direct pleasure of our student body."

They promised that "we will stay committed to our goals and we promise that we will not run student government as it has been run in the past."

But seven months into their administration, with the exception of the decor, little seems to have changed in the student government office. Plans for a spring benefit concert have fallen through, while projects like The Guide and the Board of Trustees reports, which the duo promised to cut,

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Business College receives MBA society charter



Society of Human Resource Management President Patricia Gilmore awarded a charter to the Notre Dame School of Business.

The Observer/Mike Ruma

By JAMIE HEISLER
News Writer

The Notre Dame Business School recently received a charter from a division of the Society of Human Resources Management, an association for MBA students that is affiliated with both the regional and national Societies.

At the ceremony, held yesterday at the Hurley building, the club was officially presented with a national charter by Regional President Patricia Gilmore.

"Human Resources Management is a profession that focuses on the human element in an organization including the recruiting, selection, and training," stated the club faculty advisor Professor Bob Vecchio.

The regional and national levels of SHRM are oriented to the

professional side of the field with over 50,000 professionals as well as students composing its membership.

With the establishment of this division comes an opportunity for business students to view those actually involved in the work and related processes of human resources management.

The previously existing Human Resources Club at the Business School wanted to affiliate with this division in order to "interact with professionals in the field of Human Resources Management, giving the students a deeper quality of experience. The purpose of this club is to involve students with people on the professional side," said Professor Vecchio.

The interaction with other society members will offer the students possible opportunities such as intern-like experience during the summers, as well as

a shadowing program in which students follow a professional for a day, viewing first-hand what is actually involved in the field.

The local Michiana chapter also issues an annual scholarship to a Notre Dame MBA student "on the basis of grades, social involvement, as well as the ability and desire to remain in the field," according to Gilmore.

At the school level, the club

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This is the last issue of The Observer until January 18, 1995. Have a safe and happy holiday season. See you next year!

■ INSIDE COLUMN

It's that time of year again

Do you find that you have some pretty annoying habits that you'd like to lose? Or that procrastination really does not pay off? Or that making verbal contact with your parents in times not of need might be good thing? Well now is the time to change a few things. As the year draws to a close, we should start thinking about some New Year's Resolutions. Here are a few of my suggestions.



Patti Carson
Saint Mary's
Accent Editor

Our rooms are a good place to start. Perhaps we could resolve to put some sort of a lock on the snooze bar of our alarm clocks. Or maybe we could come to the realization that our sinks won't clean themselves. Neatness is key, so maybe we should live so as to find no excessive use for Lysol. We really should not have to go through more than one can per semester.

And then there is respect for our friends. Perhaps we could all resolve not to take the batteries from our roommates' cameras or remote controls for our walkmans. Or how about if we give our friends kinder, gentler nicknames that reflect their inner beauty instead of names like "Queeny," "Gimp," "Scratch," or "Fishy." Maybe we could resolve not to learn so many cruel jokes involving gypsies.

Next comes the laundry issue. We could resolve not to be that guy or girl who is so antsy as to throw other's clothes out of the washer and onto a table just so we can get our load in the machine. Furthermore, maybe we could stop wearing our jeans for three weeks before washing them. While we're at it, we can change our sheets more than one time per semester. And we should also wash our baseball caps before they get that brown ring around the inside.

Perhaps we could opt to live more economically, too. Maybe we shouldn't order so many late night pizzas. However, we should probably buy a box of Kleenex every now and again instead of continuously stealing rolls of toilet paper from the bathroom. Also, we should probably stop digging back through our laundry bags to find the "cleanest" of the dirty clothes. And we should resolve not to look through the lost and found box for warm, new mittens. We could also resolve to cut down on the moving or parking violations.

Lastly, I think we tend to be a bit lazy on Sundays. Maybe we could get some work done instead of sitting around watching the Star Wars Trilogy.

Maybe our campuses would be better places if we all would resolve that, in the future before making important decisions, we ask ourselves, "What would Greg Brady do in a situation like this?"

There are also those who resolve not to make resolutions since they often last only a week at best. Either way, here's hoping that 1995 is one of our best years yet.

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

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Commerce Dept. closes New England fishing grounds

GLOUCESTER, Mass. New England fishermen who once roamed freely are being forced to cast their nets on shrinking seas, increasing competition and causing overcrowding.

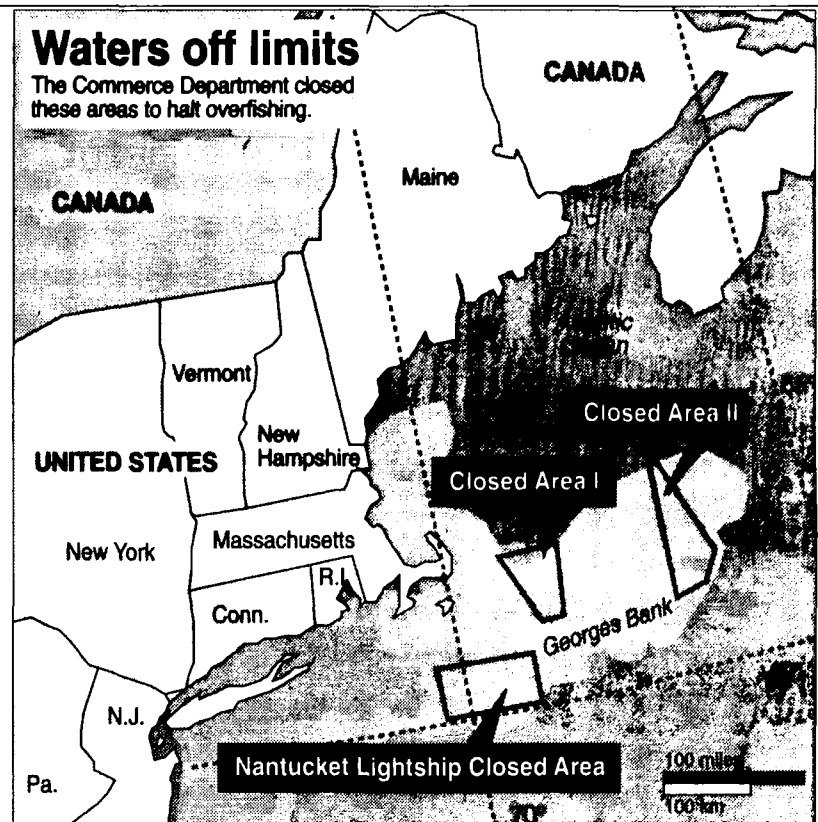
First the World Court gave half of Georges Bank to Canada. Then, on Wednesday, U.S. regulators ordered the 6,600 square mile area once considered the nation's richest fishing ground closed for three months starting Monday in an effort to rebuild depleted stocks of cod, haddock and flounder.

As the new restrictions force fishermen elsewhere, regulators are wondering how long it will take for other fishing grounds to become barren.

Jim McCauley, one of 17 members on the New England Fishery Management Council, warned that if the Gulf of Maine is not protected it could be depleted within two years.

On Thursday, the council voted unanimously to draw up proposals to allow fish stocks to recover from decades of overfishing.

Plans range from an all-out ban on fishing of cod, haddock and flounder in the Northeast, to a patchwork of bans on certain types of fishing gear in certain areas.



Source: National Marine Fisheries Service

AP/Wm. J. Castello

James Brown wanted — again

AIKEN, S.C.

James Brown, still on probation for aggravated assault and failing to stop for a police officer, is again a wanted man. This time it's for allegedly knocking his wife to the floor. An arrest warrant was issued Thursday charging the "Godfather of Soul" with criminal domestic violence for allegedly shoving his wife, Adrienne, during an argument at the couple's home in Beech Island. Aiken County Sheriff's spokesman Tim Hoffman said police responded to a 911 call from Mrs. Brown, 44, about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday. Mrs. Brown told deputies that during a scuffle, Brown, 61, shoved her to the floor, where she struck a chair, cutting her lip. Brown left before police arrived, but Hoffman said he was not considered a fugitive. "I think he'll turn himself in as soon as he finds out about the warrant," Hoffman said, who also noted that criminal domestic violence is a misdemeanor punishable by 30 days in prison and a \$200 fine.



"English Only" law unconstitutional

PHOENIX

States can encourage use of a common language, but not by outlawing other tongues, a federal appeals panel said in ruling Arizona's "official English" law unconstitutional. "Free speech includes choice of language," the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco said Wednesday. The law ordering the state and local governments to conduct all business in English interferes with the ability of non-English-speaking citizens to communicate with their government, the panel said. The Arizona law allowed other languages to be used in bilingual and foreign-language classes and as needed to protect public health or safety, protect the rights of defendants or victims, and comply with federal law. But it prevented non-English-speaking residents from communicating effectively with the government, Judge Stephen Reinhardt said in the decision. Furthermore, he said, state universities couldn't issue diplomas in Latin and judges presiding at Jewish weddings couldn't wish couples good luck by saying "Mazel tov."

Cocaine washes up on Texas beach

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas

It's not something anyone's likely to claim at Lost and Found: 92 pounds of cocaine washed up on the beach. A vacationer on a stroll came across the load Tuesday afternoon and flagged down a park ranger. "What probably happened is that it fell into the water during transfer," said a customs official. The U.S. Customs Service took possession of the 34 bricks of cocaine, each individually wrapped in plastic. Authorities said they thought the drugs had been in the water for at least two weeks. They had no suspects. Dale Wisley, group supervisor for the U.S. Customs Service, said anyone finding drugs should not touch them because they could be booby-trapped with explosives or chemicals. Moving the drugs might also subject the finder to a drug-possession charge, he said.

Russian ballet tumbles into new era

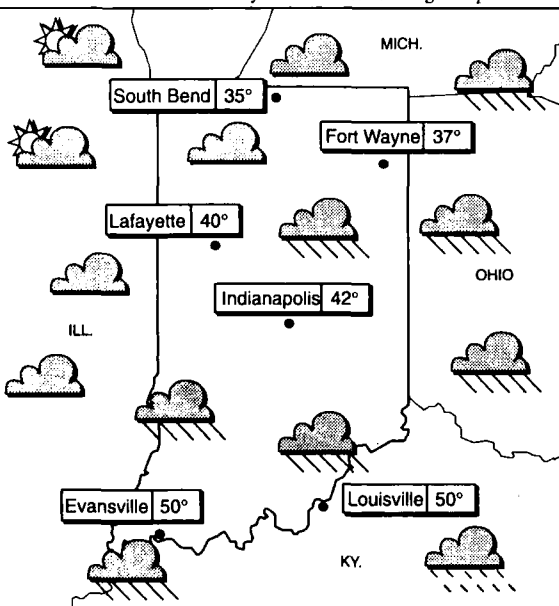
MOSCOW

Their Soviet-era privileges lost, dancers and musicians from the Bolshoi Theater staged a 20-minute strike at the start of the ballet "Giselle" today to demand higher pay and new management. The audience was apparently sympathetic to the performers' cause, explained by singer Yevgeny Raikov. The Bolshoi has suffered in recent years from insufficient funding, the flight of talent abroad and internal bickering. The theater has not produced a new ballet in nearly 15 years and its 218-year-old building needs an estimated \$300 million in repairs. The Ministry of Culture has proposed overhauling theater management by setting up a board of directors and a contract hiring system. Performers, however, fear a board of directors would reduce their influence, and throw injured and older employees out on the street.

■ INDIANA WEATHER

Friday, Dec. 9

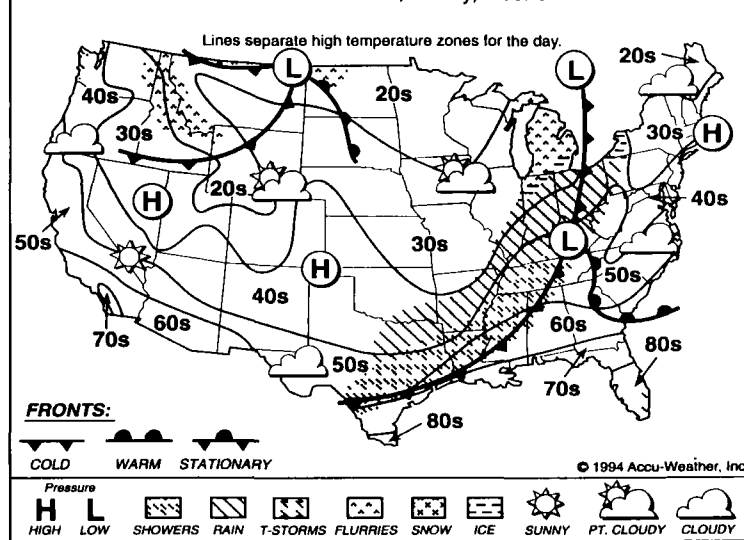
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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Chicago	33	21	Miami	83	71	Phoenix	68	43
Columbus	39	32	Minneapolis	28	17	St. Louis	40	27

Labeling, diversity, prime concerns

By WENDY LOWDERMILK
News Writer

Labeling and diversity are major concerns on campus, according to students gathered for an informal discussion on race and ethnicity. After showing a film about diversity in the workplace to the students gathered at Pasquerilla East, Carrie Pugh, assistant director of Multicultural Student Affairs, posed questions to the students.

Several students shared their personal experiences and offered their opinions on how to eliminate the problems of labeling on campus and "com-

munication" was the answer given by many.

"We need to get into positions where we're telling our story," said Sister Joris, the rector of Pasquerilla East. "We've got to get to know each other as persons."

Pugh said that the Multicultural Student Affairs Office enjoyed holding discussions in residence halls where they could get in touch with students directly and initiate discussion about issues such as stereotyping and differences between students on campus.

She also encouraged the students to utilize the resources the Office has to offer.



The Observer/Mike Ruma

"I wish I may, I wish I might ..."

A younger member of the Notre Dame family joins in a holiday festivity in Decio Hall.

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Murder rates linked to race

By LAURIE ASSEO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Young black men were almost 14 times more likely to be murdered during 1992 than the general population, the government reported Thursday.

Black males age 12 to 24 were victims of homicide at a rate of 114.9 per 100,000 that year, compared with 8.5 murder victims per 100,000 of the general U.S. population, the

Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics said.

Young black males constituted 17.7 percent of all homicide victims, even though they were only 1.3 percent of the U.S. population, the report said.

Young white males made up a smaller share — 10.3 percent — of those killed in single-victim homicides during 1992, although they were a larger share of the overall population at 7.4 percent, the report said. Young white males were killed at a rate of 11.7 per 100,000.

Black men over age 24 were victims of homicide at a rate of 67.5 per 100,000, compared with 7.8 per 100,000 for white men.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics also said that among males age 16 to 24, blacks were 1.5 times more likely than whites to be victims of all types of violent crime.

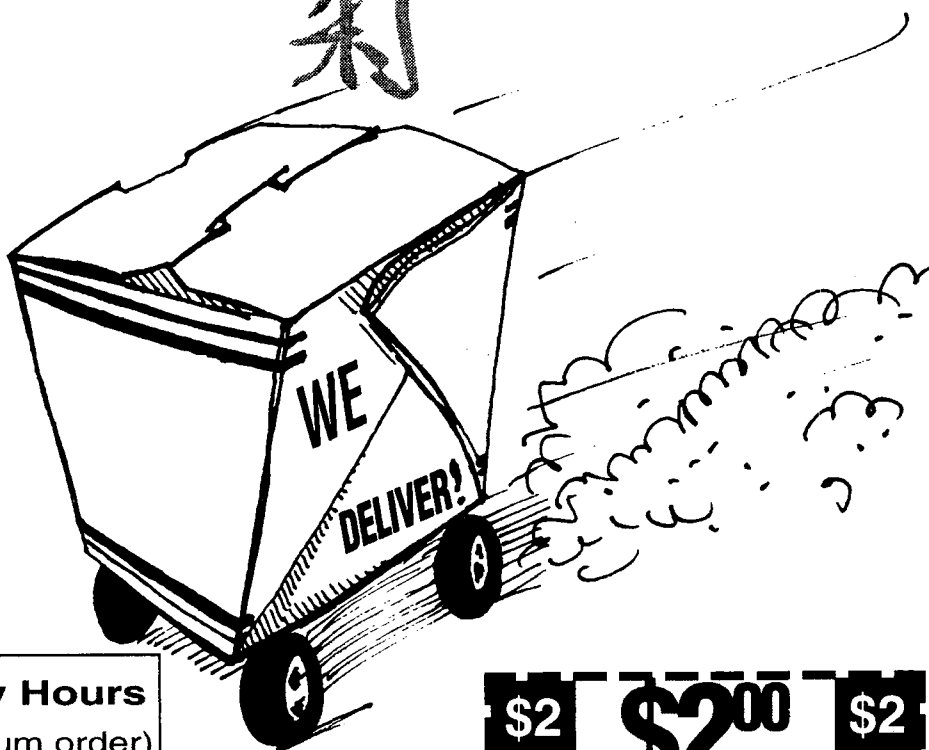
About two-thirds of the vio-

lent crimes suffered by black males age 12 to 24 were the most serious types of non-homicide violence, such as robberies and aggravated assaults. White males in the same age group suffered mostly simple assaults involving no weapons and resulting in little or no injury.

Two-thirds of the violent crimes against blacks under age 21 were committed by people who also were under 21, the study said. The overwhelming majority of crimes against black males were committed by other blacks, while whites committed the great majority of violent crimes against white males.

Criminologist Alfred Blumstein, a professor at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, said his research has shown that gun homicides committed by young people have doubled since the crack cocaine epidemic began around 1985.

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still exist. Rather than dissolving student government, Hungeling and Orsagh seem to be simply following in the footsteps of their predecessors.

"Students were promised less student government and a concert," said Hungeling Chief of Staff Tyler Farmer. "What they've gotten is student government bureaucracy as in past years and no concert. Students have a right to be dissatisfied."

"I don't think things have been going tragically," he said. "I just don't think we've worked diligently to get what we promised done. What we promised was a different mindset."

Hungeling and Orsagh, however, reject the idea that they have failed to keep their campaign promises.

"People who are intelligent and at Notre Dame should have realized that our campaign was more of a statement than a platform," said Hungeling. "If they were fooled, that wasn't something intentional."

"When we ran, we bit off a bit more than we could chew," he said. "Both Matt and I have done a lot of work, which most average students don't realize. Even if we're just giving money to different forums and speakers, we're still working to bring fun and diversity to campus."

According to Farmer, the problems began when Hungeling and Orsagh placed the organization of the benefit concert, which formed the crux of their campaign, under the auspices of ND Aid, the organization which was to receive the profits from the concert.

"By putting all our cookies into someone else's jar, we took our responsibility away from ourselves," said Farmer. "And since we were bored, we took up Frank Flynn's call to arms, things like The Guide and the Book Fair."

The publication of this year's Guide has been one of student government's more controversial actions. In their campaign platform, Hungeling and Orsagh pledged to cut funding for the \$5000-per-semester Guide.

A recent Observer poll revealed that 62% of the student body do not use The Guide. However, Hungeling remains optimistic that with time and effort, The Guide can effectively "improve the quality of undergraduate education."

"One thing we're working on for next semester is to get ads for The Guide," said Hungeling. "It's still new, and maybe we just haven't pursued enough pros to get behind it or maybe some pros just didn't think it's important."

Farmer said a bloated budget has prevented student government from focusing on fun, student-directed activities.

"This student government promised to be completely non-conventional," he said. "Now we're non-conventional on the side of spending money foolishly."

Farmer cited the Board of Trustees reports and posters warning off-campus students to have their homes watched over semester break in the residence halls as examples of financial irresponsibility.

"I thought we could functionally shut student government down, have fundraisers and service projects on a twice a semester basis, and give much more money over to an enter-

tainment effort," Farmer said. "Every thousand dollars that we blow is a thousand dollars less that we can give to SUB for their concert."

According to Hungeling, however, the projects such as the Board of Trustees reports and The Guide have served to benefit the student body.

"We're having a clothing drive in March, and we are going to have a student referendum on the cable issue that we submitted to the Board of Trustees," said Hungeling. "However the students respond, the University will listen."

"The Administration listens to us, and we've handled ourselves differently than in the past year," he said. "All their images of us before were negative, but now they realize that we're regular guys who are willing to work."

Student reaction is varied on the overall job that Hungeling and Orsagh are doing.

The Observer asked one hundred students in an unscientific poll for their opinions on the Hungeling Administration. 52 percent approved of the job Hungeling and Orsagh have done, while only eight percent said they did not. A startling 40 percent said were unsure or did not know if the pair had done a good job.

Thirty-five percent of the students asked said they thought the Hungeling/Orsagh government has not fulfilled its promise to bring fun to this campus, while 40 percent said they have achieved this goal. Twenty-five percent replied they were unsure.

But 43 percent of the respondents said if given the chance they'd vote for a Hungeling Orsagh ticket again, as opposed to 18 percent who said they

wouldn't. 39 percent of the students said they didn't know who if they would vote for the pair a second time.

"I think they're doing fine," said Pasquerilla West sophomore Beth McCarthy. "I thought they would actually take their position pretty seriously once they got in, and I think they've done a pretty good job."

While Zahm junior Mike Shaf didn't expect Hungeling and Orsagh to bring the Grateful Dead to campus, he did expect student government to sponsor more entertainment and student-directed activities.

"I think they've done an average job," said Shaf. "I expected them to be different than the previous presidencies, but they're not different."

"I think they could have cut

the little things and had just one big concert," he said.

According to Farmer, the problem does not lie in Hungeling and Orsagh, but rather in the institution of student government itself.

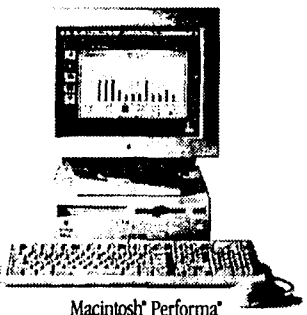
"The personalities of Dave and Matt haven't kept student government from being its own personality and entity," he said. "Student government has always produced costly, cumbersome projects that provide little tangible benefits for students."

"This is usual standard student government under a facade of wackiness," he said. "The Corbett-DuBay or King-LeFort ticket would have been exactly the same. There would have been no Fabio, no vibrating chair, and no hammock, but it would have otherwise been the same."

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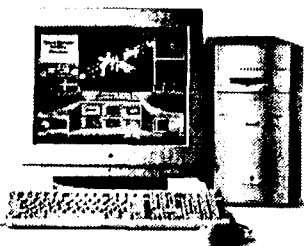
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will bring in guest speakers from the field of Human Resources Management and will hold discussions of current related issues. The student chap-

ter will also sponsor workshops as well as information exchanges with professionals.

The formation of this club and the experience it brings "will open people's eyes to the opportunities available and it will also develop and strengthen the department," said Club President Andrea Edington.

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Controversy surrounds Summit

By RITA BEAMISH
Associated Press

MIAMI
Latin American leaders threatened Thursday to raise such controversial subjects as Cuba and U.S. immigration at the Summit of the Americas. President Clinton is hoping to keep the focus on trade.

The weekend summit — featuring 34 of the Western Hemisphere's heads of state and excluding only Cuba — gets under way Friday evening with Clinton's formal greeting of the leaders and a ceremonial dinner.

Arriving Thursday night, Clinton told a group of summit volunteers and organizers that the leaders were "joining hands together not because we agree on everything but because we agree on the important things, and because we believe in the promise of freedom, the promise of democracy and the promise of open, free trade."

Participants agreed to make free trade the focal point for the summit, the first such gathering since 1967. Clinton wants to keep the momentum going from his recent successes in pursuing open markets around the world.

But Mexico's new president is promising to bring up the touchy topic of immigration.

Ernesto Zedillo said he will try to get summit presidents to repudiate California's Proposition 187, which would deny education and health services to undocumented aliens, the Miami Herald reported Thursday.

That would ruffle Clinton administration plans to keep the contentious subject off the summit agenda, though Clinton campaigned against the successful California ballot measure. Assistant Secretary of State Alec Watson declined to say how Clinton might respond to Zedillo's idea, saying of the Mexican, "He's free to raise any issue he wants."

Clinton also may get caught up discussing Cuba — another non-agenda item that puts the United States at odds with some Latin governments.

Argentine President Carlos Menem, a strong critic of Cuban President Fidel Castro, said Thursday that he will make sure the summit discusses democracy in Cuba "even if I have to struggle alone."

Chile's President Eduardo Frei said Clinton was right to exclude Cuba from the summit on grounds it is the only nation in the hemisphere without democracy. But he reiterated Chile's opposition, shared by some other Latin nations, to the longstanding U.S. trade embargo against Cuba and said he expected at least informal discussion of the subject.

The White House is billing the summit as the capstone of a successful U.S. trade liberalization effort, which saw congressional passage of the North

American Free Trade Agreement last year, followed by the Asia-Pacific trade conference last month and congressional approval this month of the international trade pact known as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Clinton on Thursday signed the legislation to approve the 22,000-page GATT, authorizing the United States to join 123 countries in lowering trade barriers.

Clinton, who has embraced free trade on the theory that new international markets will create U.S. jobs, said the United States "will not succeed and we will never restore stability to the lives of the working people of our country until we have more folks buying what we sell."

"Some say the answer is to try to just hunker down within our borders. That is clearly not an option. No country can escape the global economy," he said before leaving Washington.

In Miami, the summit leaders are expected to endorse a hemisphere-wide free-trade arrangement by 2005 — an earlier timetable than the recent agreement by Asia-Pacific partners to create free trade by 2020.

By 2005, Canada, the United States and its Latin and Caribbean neighbors will comprise a \$13 trillion market with more than 850 million people, according to U.S. projections that also show the United States stands to gain an increase of 2.5 million jobs.

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Post office to change commemorative stamp

By RANDOLPH SCHMID
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The post office, under heavy White House and diplomatic pressure, is scrapping plans for a stamp recalling the atomic bombing of Japan.

"We are changing the design of the stamp because of the importance of U.S.-Japan relations at this critical time in U.S. foreign policy, and because President Clinton conveyed his views that it was appropriate to do so," Postmaster General Marvin Runyon said Thursday.

The stamp — which was to depict a mushroom cloud following a bomb blast — will be replaced by a design showing President Truman preparing to announce the end of the war.

Controversy swirled around the stamp almost from the moment last month when its design was disclosed, along with many other stamps planned for 1995. Japanese officials were outraged over the design and filed protests.

The Postal Service initially

defended the stamp as commemorating a crucial event in the war that needed to be part of the series of World War II stamps spread over several years.

Runyon said he was particularly mindful of the feelings of veterans — who make up a large part of the postal work force. "Many gave their lives for their country and we will always be grateful for their paying the ultimate price," Runyon said.

The post office's governing board discussed the controversy at a closed meeting recently and directed Runyon not to change the stamp unless Clinton called for the move.

He acted after two calls from White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, who expressed Clinton's concern and urged that the stamp be changed.

White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers had commented Wednesday that while the atomic bomb helped speed the end of the war "there could be more appropriate ways to depict that event."

Military cuts announced

By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Army and Air Force announced personnel reductions Thursday that will cut tens of thousands from the military's uniformed and civilian ranks over the next two years.

The Army will go from 12 to 10 active-duty divisions and cut thousands more positions from the support ranks for a net reduction of about 10 percent over the next 19 months. Army cuts will fall most heavily on Kansas, Colorado and Texas with lesser reductions in California, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland and Kentucky.

An Air Force plan cuts 11,700 civilian positions from the work force in the next seven months as the first phase in a reduction of 38,000 civilian positions. As of Sept. 30, the Air Force had 152,747 civilians on its payroll.

Under the long-anticipated Army plan, the 194th Separate Armored Brigade at Fort Knox, Ky., and the 3rd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, will be inactivated in the next seven months.

In the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 1995, the Army will close down headquarters and supporting units of the 1st Infantry Division — the famed "Big Red One" — at Fort Riley, Kan., and the 4th Infantry (Mechanized) at Fort Carson, Colo.

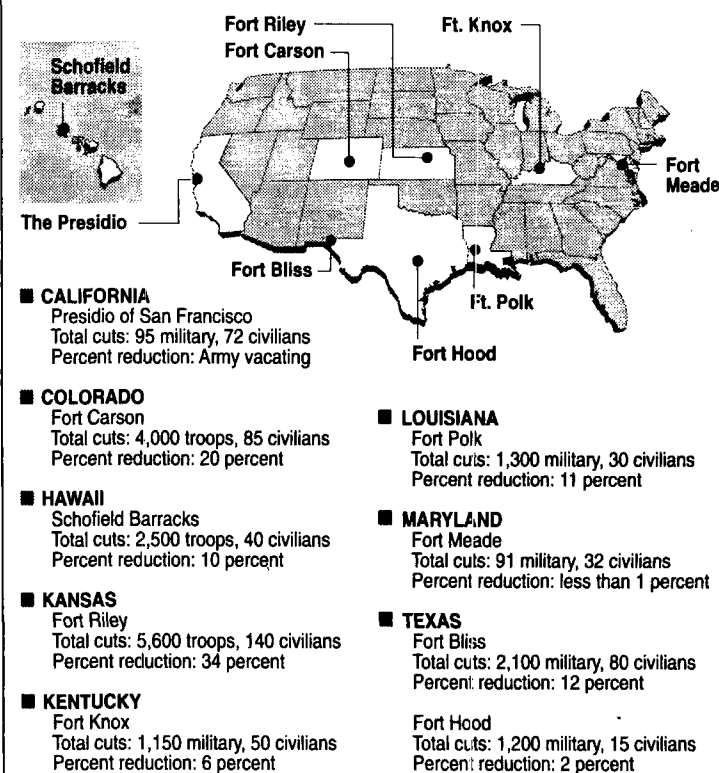
One brigade at Fort Carson will also be inactivated with the remaining brigade falling under the command of the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Bliss, Texas. Two brigades remaining at Fort Riley will be aligned with divisions stationed in Germany.

Two Continental Army Headquarters units, one at the Presidio in San Francisco, the



U.S. military base cuts

The Army and Air Force announced sweeping personnel cuts Thursday. The Air Force will trim 11,700 civilian jobs over the next seven months. The Army's cuts hit soldiers as well as civilians.



Source: Pentagon

AP/Carl Fox

other at Fort Meade, Md., will be inactivated with some of the relatively small number of people working there being reassigned to the two remaining headquarters units in Atlanta and Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The Army plan also involves shifting of several units in an effort to balance the force between the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of operation and to streamline overall operations.

Among other changes, the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment will move from Fort Bliss, Texas, to Fort Carson, Colo., and will share the post with the brigade that is to remain there. Two Patriot missile defense batteries, the 108th at Fort Polk, La., and the 31st at Fort Hood, will move to Fort Bliss, which is the Army's Air Defense Center.

In all, the Army plan cuts 45,000 active soldiers and 644 civilian positions and brings the active duty force down from a current level of 540,000 to 495,000. By comparison, when the down sizing of the Army began in 1989, the force stood at 770,000 active-duty soldiers

and 18 active divisions; at the end of 1996 the force will have been cut by 36 percent.

But the Army reduction from 12 to 10 divisions is not quite as large as it seems on paper because under the new configuration, each division will consist of a full three brigades. The current 12 divisions include several that have only two active-duty brigades.

Because of the peculiarities of the military, these reductions don't mean that thousands of soldiers will be receiving pink slips. Soldiers in units that are being deactivated will have the opportunity to be reassigned to other units. The reductions in the total Army force are being achieved by a combination of attrition and incentive buyouts. Recruitment of new soldiers continues despite the reductions.

The Army cuts that were detailed unit-by-unit in a Pentagon briefing Thursday add up to about 18,000. In addition, the Army will be reducing its 74,000-man force in Germany by about 10,000 over the next 19 months.



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Orange County reassures investors

By VIVIAN MARINO
Associated Press

NEW YORK

Financial advisers sought to assure the public Thursday that municipal bonds were still among the best long-term, tax-exempt investments despite the Orange County, Calif., bankruptcy filing.

The value of municipal bonds and municipal-bond mutual funds fell in reaction to the county's decision Tuesday to seek bankruptcy protection.

Among the biggest losers were uninsured bonds issued by governments in California, along with the more than two dozen mutual funds that invest in them.

By Thursday, prices in the municipal bond market appeared to have stabilized. Some dealers, in fact, said they saw buying opportunities ahead, even in California.

"You show me some Orange County bonds and I'd be interested in buying them," said James Crooner, who heads the tax-exempt bond-management division for the Bank of New York.

"I heard that some of them were selling for 50 cents on the dollar. I would mortgage my house and buy them at that price," he said.

The reason for Crooner's confidence is simple: Orange County bonds are likely to recover their losses in price because the region, home of Disneyland and the rich and famous, remains "a very, very strong, very affluent area of the country."

"Counties don't put up an

out-of-business sign as companies do. You're not going to see new maps of California with a hole in it where Orange County used to be," he said.

Other bond dealers agreed, speculating that the county would make good on the interest payments and principal owed thousands of bondholders. There's been no indication so far that payments would be suspended, but dealers said there could be some delay.

"The worst thing you can do is sell right now," when bond prices are low, Crooner said.

Orange County sought bankruptcy protection after disclosing a \$1.5 billion loss to its investment fund, where it puts taxpayer money and its own borrowings to work in the financial markets.

Whatever its outcome, the Orange County debacle underscores the simple fact that all

investments are risky.

The \$1.3 trillion municipal bond market is especially vulnerable given its wide diversity. More than 50,000 state and local government agencies issue bonds to build roads, sewage systems, airports or schools.

The value of each bond issue, including the interest rate it carries, depends on how the issuer is rated, based on financial health and ability to repay loans.

"If there's a lesson to be learned by Orange County ... it's that you should be fully informed about what you're holding," said Jeremy Diamond, publisher of the biweekly newsletter "Grant's Municipal Bond Observer."

Crooner said municipal investors should stick with issues rated AA or better by the three major rating services, Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch.



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Fight rages over orphanages

By NITA LELYVELD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Two Democratic senators — one an orphan — slammed incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich on Thursday for his proposal to send children of some poor, teen-age mothers to orphanages rather than give them welfare.

"Your proposal that poor kids be snatched out of their homes simply because their parent or parents are poor is callous and wrongheaded," North Dakota Sens. Byron Dorgan and Kent Conrad wrote Gingrich.

"It represents a coldhearted, anti-family retreat to the long-

failed past."

Conrad said at a news conference he was orphaned at age 5, when both his parents were killed by a driver who fell asleep at the wheel. He was in the car at the time.

He said he was very fortunate to have had loving grandparents who could take care of him.

"But if you look at what is happening across the country, there are millions of loving families who are poor and are on assistance."

Conrad said it was wrong to disrupt those family networks unnecessarily.

The welfare reform proposal in the Republican "Contract

With America" would deny welfare and housing payments to unwed teen-age mothers, sending the money saved to the states to set up alternative programs, including orphanages.

Dorgan and Conrad said they agreed with the Republicans that something had to be done to discourage children from giving birth to children, and to get rid of incentives that encourage unwed motherhood.

Conrad suggested that, instead of looking to orphanages as a model from the past, Congress instead look at the settlement houses that helped new immigrants learn the tools they needed to survive at the turn of the century. They also said Congress should continue to vigorously pursue programs to track down parents who do not provide child support.

In recent days, Gingrich has spoken of orphanages as an idea of last resort, implying that they would be used only in cases where parents were unfit or children were abused, for example.

"We say to a 13-year-old drug addict who is pregnant, you know, put your baby in a Dumpster, that's OK, but we're not going to give you a boarding school," he said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

But Conrad and Dorgan said the GOP proposal goes much farther.

Survey shows public divided over Gingrich

By JOHN KING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Newt Gingrich's early public reviews suggest he is on a path to becoming the most polarizing major figure in American politics, a distinction some Republicans worry could ultimately hurt the party.

In making this point, independent pollsters and some Republicans draw a comparison to President Clinton and data showing that support for policy positions slips when Clinton's name is attached.

But that dynamic is far more likely to affect a president than the speaker of the House, the job Gingrich, R-Ga., will assume Jan. 4. And in any event, the public's questions about Gingrich don't appear to have adversely affected its view of the GOP agenda.

A Times Mirror Center for the People and the Press survey released this week, for example, showed 52 percent supported the Republicans' plans while 28 percent opposed them and 20 percent

weren't sure.

But the same survey suggested Gingrich is not sharing in the glow of the Republican election victory: 25 percent said they have a favorable opinion of him, while 28 percent had an unfavorable view. Thirty percent said they had never heard of Gingrich, and 17 percent said they didn't know enough to offer an opinion.

Given Gingrich's prominent media profile since the election, it is somewhat surprising that nearly one-third of the public says it has never heard of him. But just five months ago, 65 percent said that, so his name identity is rising rapidly.

In May 1990, by comparison, nearly half of Americans had never heard of Rep. Thomas Foley, who by then had been House speaker for nearly a year. But of those who had, Foley was rated favorably by 20 percent and unfavorably by just 9 percent. By March 1991, Foley's name recognition has risen substantially, and 41 percent viewed him favorably while the percentage viewing him unfavorably ticked up to just 10 percent.


In Gingrich's case, the percentage viewing him unfavorably has gone from 12 percent in July to 28 percent in the survey conducted last weekend.

"Gingrich is a lot more partisan than Foley," said GOP pollster Neil Newhouse. But, he said, "How he is viewed this month is irrelevant to how he is viewed after he actually takes power."

Indeed, many Republicans predict Gingrich's ratings will improve dramatically if House Republicans cut committees, adopt a balanced budget amendment and move quickly on other reforms. "The message and agenda he has is exactly on the mark of what people want," said GOP pollster Ed Goetas.

Democrats are aggressively trying to muddy Gingrich's image, repeatedly attacking his politics as extreme as well as demanding an ethics investigation into the financing of a college course he taught. "He is the most dangerous man in America to the Democratic Party," Goetas said.

While optimistic Gingrich will use his formidable political skills to boost his image, even many of his biggest fans are worried about the early polling trends.



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Politicians trade blame for Bosnian debacle

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

PARIS
Is the United Nations at fault, or Western Europe? Does Washington raise false hopes? Solutions to Bosnia's war are scarce, but there is plenty of finger-pointing as governments dodge the blame for the debacle.

The nastiest name-calling is transatlantic, confronting NATO with perhaps its most bruising internal crisis.

U.S. politicians accuse Europeans of being gutless. European leaders snipe back that they at least placed peacekeepers in Bosnia. In all the Western powers, commentators depict their own governments as shameful appeasers.

"One is curious to know what the West will do if, God forbid, they one day have to do on a big scale what they were incapable of doing on a small scale," the French daily Liberation said in an editorial Thursday.

France and Britain, the two

biggest contributors of peacekeepers to Bosnia, were outraged last month when the U.S. government said it would no longer help enforce the arms embargo on Bosnia's Muslim-led government.

Worried about NATO's solidarity, the Clinton administration softened its rhetorical support for the Muslims.

Then Thursday, President Clinton offered to send up to 25,000 American troops to Bosnia to help the United Nations evacuate peacekeeping forces.

The decision represents a sharp turnaround for Clinton, who has been reluctant to commit ground forces to Bosnia.

The newly empowered Republican leadership in Congress has called for tougher NATO airstrikes on the Bosnian Serbs and arming the Muslim-led forces.

"That would be the worst possible policy," French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said Wednesday, suggesting French peacekeepers might soon be withdrawn.

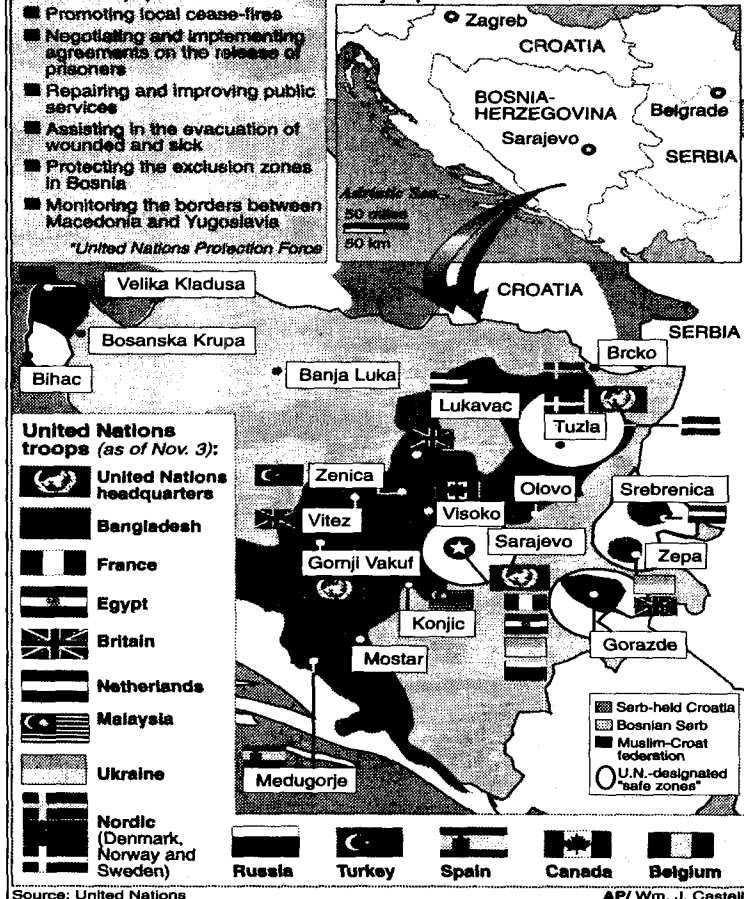
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The United Nations plans to withdraw half of the 1,200 poorly equipped and undersupplied Bangladeshi peacekeepers trapped by fighting in northwest Bosnia. Bosnian Serb shelling has been relentless in the region and the U.N. is lacking in its ability to protect its soldiers.



U.S. troops could help evacuation

By SUSANNE SCHAFER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Clinton is offering to send thousands of U.S. combat troops into Bosnia to help evacuate 24,000 U.N. peacekeepers, a mission U.S. officials said could put Americans soldiers in harm's way for weeks.

Until now, Clinton has steadfastly refused to insert American troops into the conflict in Bosnia. Now he has authorized their use to remove the peacekeepers that may be the only remaining blockade to Serb victory.

The U.N. Security Council has not decided yet to withdraw, and the Clinton administration still hopes such a step can be avoided, administration and Pentagon officials said Thursday.

The U.S. troops would be part of a larger NATO force. A senior military official, briefing reporters at the Pentagon, said the mission would take "some weeks, even under the most favorable conditions" since the U.N. force and its 8,000 vehicles are widely dispersed.

Given the strife that has raged among the factions in the former Yugoslav republics, attempts to block a withdrawal are expected. Planners expect even women and children who have been fed and protected by the U.N. to make such efforts.

Bosnian Serbs have crippled the U.N. mission, blocking humanitarian convoys and taking more than 300 peacekeepers hostage in an effort to thwart NATO air strikes.

"The president believes it is important the United States, as a leader of NATO, be ready to assist our allies if their forces are in danger," one administration official said.

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole said planning for the evacuation was "the appropriate course of action." But he added that he hoped American troops would not be needed and that "in any case, the Congress will want to discuss these contingency plans with the administration in detail."

Dole, a critic of current operations in Bosnia, said it was crucial that American troops not "be subject to United Nations decisions on their manner of operations, rules of engagement or ability to defend themselves, as is presently the case with NATO air forces."

U.S. troops would be limited to the evacuation operations and would not remain behind after the mission was completed. Final plans would be reviewed next week by top NATO military and defense officials in Brussels, Belgium.

Officials declined to cite a specific number or give a description of the U.S. troops involved.

However, a second senior Pentagon official, speaking privately, said NATO planning calls for about seven or eight brigades, which would translate into an overall force of some 35,000 to 40,000 troops depending upon whether the brigades are equipped with the heaviest tanks.

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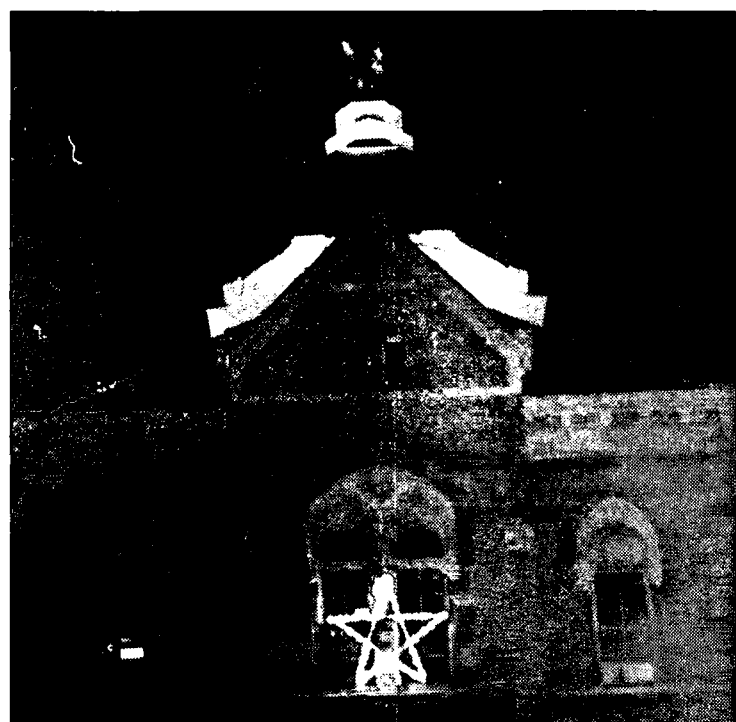
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The Observer/Mike Ruma

Woodstock doesn't end in love

By DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

ALBANY

The singing's over, let the suing begin.

The town that was host to the Woodstock concert is suing the promoters, claiming it was cheated out of thousands of dollars because flimsy security allowed thousands of gate-crashers.

The concert promoters also broke a promise to let the town know by mid-September how many tickets were sold, David Van Benschoten, a lawyer for Saugerties, said Thursday.

Michael Lang, partner in Woodstock Ventures Inc., which promoted the concert with Polygram Diversified Entertainment, said the security argument was nonsense.

He said there wouldn't have been as many gate-crashers if the town had allowed ticket

sales at the site. Instead, all tickets had to be bought in advance.

"I think it's a bit of an over-reaction," Lang said of the lawsuit.

An estimated 350,000 people — most of whom didn't pay the \$135 ticket price — turned out Aug. 13-15 for the concert featuring Metallica, Nine Inch Nails, Aerosmith, Bob Dylan, Green Day and others.

Promoters have yet to say ex-

actly how many tickets were sold. Lang said it will probably be just over 163,000, but that Polygram has been slow to get information from all ticket outlets.

Saugerties, whose town board voted Wednesday night to sue, is frustrated with the delay, Van Benschoten said.

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Progress slow in South Africa

By JOHN DANISZEWSKI
Associated Press

ORANGE FARM, SOUTH AFRICA

Seeking to blunt murmurs of disappointment among South Africa's poor seven months into his government, President Nelson Mandela visited shack settlements Thursday and pleaded for patience.

"You must know that the wheels of government grind very slowly. Don't expect us to do miracles," he told 2,000 people gathered on a soccer field, many of them barefoot children and adults in tattered clothes. "I bring you no good news."

But if there was any unhappiness with Mandela's message, it was not evident Thursday. The country's first black president was welcomed with delirious applause, joyful chanting, dances and drum-

beats.

The trip was designed in part to dampen expectations among the have-nots that all would immediately improve upon Mandela's election to a five-year term that expires in May 1999.

As president, Mandela has sought to balance reassurances to whites and the business community of sound financial policies and promises to the black majority that his government would brighten their lives.

Lately, there have been complaints that government policy under the 76-year-old former political prisoner is skewed too much in favor of whites and that not enough progress has been made to help blacks.

One day after his Cabinet approved a policy paper on a new national housing drive designed to produce 1 million homes, Mandela flew by gov-

ernment helicopter and motorcade to impoverished black communities in Orange Farm, Ivory Park and Swanville.

Here families live in small corrugated iron shacks that are broiling hot in summer and cold in winter. They get water from public taps and share out-houses where they exist.

"Before the election ... I went around telling all our people that we wanted to ensure a better life for everybody in this country. And that better life means the creation of jobs, the building of houses, of schools, of hospitals, of clinics," Mandela said, somberly taking a podium.

"I have brought today none of these things and I will not be able to bring you good news for next year and in the year after," he said.

He blamed the current budget, which was prepared by the former National Party government.

Although the spending plan was endorsed by his government, Mandela called it "the budget of the previous apartheid regime ... drawn up by people who wanted to create more privileges for the minority."

He promised that next year's budget, now in preparation, would lay down "the foundations for us to carry out all our promises."

Speaking in Sotho, Zulu and English, Mandela drew the loudest cheers when he spoke of his problem as president keeping in touch with the people.

Cuban refugees riot, injuring U.S. soldiers

By JUAN ZAMORANO
Associated Press

PANAMA CITY

About 1,000 Cuban refugees, angry at the slow pace of finding them permanent homes, threw stones at U.S. soldiers Thursday, injuring about 60 of them. An unknown number of Cubans also were injured.

The refugees, held in jungle camps near the Panama Canal, damaged 12 military vehicles when they broke through a barbed-wire fence encircling their camp. Several refugees escaped.

The United States has granted visas to some Cuban families being held in the camp, but said others in the camps weren't automatically entitled to entry.

About 8,500 refugees who fled Cuba this summer were taken to four camps in the Panama Canal Zone after President Clinton ordered U.S. warships to intercept their boats at sea.

The soldiers were being treated at a military hospital for minor injuries, mostly cuts and bruises. One injured Cuban was also being treated.

The American troops did not fire their weapons during the violence at two of the four camps, said military spokeswoman Melanie Reeder.

"This is the worst incident we have had. Our concern is the security of our troops," she said.

She said camp commanders were meeting with Cubans in an attempt to defuse the discontent.

U.S. forces tightened security by posting guards around the Empire Range Camp Complex about 12 miles west of Panama City. U.S. Army helicopters hovered overhead as troops set up roadblocks and searched for escapees.

The violence came as 119 refugees were flown to Spain or Miami. Those refugees apparently had not been involved in the melee.

A U.S. military communique said the fighting was caused by "the erroneous perception that ... transferring people to other countries was being deliberately delayed."

They have said they were disenchanted with the pace of efforts to find them a permanent home.

"One day they tell us that children will be sent to the United States and the next day they say something else," said Cuban refugee Antonio Giovanni.

Spain agreed to accept 72 refugees after receiving about 500 requests for residency, said Gloria Bodelon, a Spanish foreign ministry official in Madrid.

She said preference was given to refugees with relatives in Spain, women alone in the camps, married couples with small children, and people capable of finding work in Spain.

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Castro noticeably absent from Summit of Americas

By WILL LESTER
Associated Press

MIAMI

The smiling images of 34 Western Hemisphere leaders watch over Domino Park, a shady square of Little Havana where the older Cuban men drift down to click their dominoes, deal cards and make small talk.

But missing from the colorful wall mural prepared for the Summit of the Americas is the only one who matters to these Cuban exiles — Fidel Castro.

The communist dictator wasn't invited to the summit — he is the only leader in the hemisphere excluded — but that's not enough for the exiles. They want him out of power, and they want the leaders to address the issue.

Miami's huge exile community has little confidence the summit will accomplish much, said Orlando Menes, a 67-year-old retired furniture dealer born in Cuba. "They come here, they eat good food, they talk, blah, blah, blah. ..."

"Of all these people here, only that one will talk about Castro," Menes said motioning toward the painted image of Argentina's president. Carlos Menem has pledged to force Castro's leadership of Cuba, a divisive issue in Latin America, onto the agenda.

On Thursday, Menem addressed Cuban exiles in Coral Gables, challenging Castro to "open the gates of freedom" and pledging to lobby for summit action on Cuba.

Waving hundreds of Cuban flags, the crowd cheered Menem and yelled "Viva Argentina! Viva Menem! Viva Cuba libre!"

However, most of the leaders want trade and economic development to dominate this week's first hemispheric summit since 1967.

Miami leaders have the task of providing an appealing venue for the summit while allowing the dominant Cuban exile community — and any other protesters — their rights to free speech. Dade County's 564,000 Cuban residents are the county's largest ethnic group.

Fundamentalists violate rights

By ANWAR FARUQI
Associated Press

NICOSIA, CYPRUS

Governments battling Muslim fundamentalists commonly practice arbitrary arrests and torture, and are the worst violators of human rights in the Middle East, a rights group said Thursday.

Israel, Egypt, Algeria and Saudi Arabia were singled out for the worst abuses, according to the New York-based group Human Rights Watch.

In their showdown with Muslim fundamentalists fighting to overthrow the government, the Egyptian "security apparatus committed abuses with impunity," the group's annual report on the Middle East said.

It accused the Egyptian government of resorting to "extra-judicial executions" in some cases, detaining lawyers and

journalists, and dispersing peaceful protests "forcibly, and sometimes violently."

The group said that in Algeria, civilians were often caught in the war between Muslim militants and the government. Estimates of the number of people killed between 1992 and September 1994 ranged from 4,000 to 30,000, it said.

"In 1994, Saudi Arabia witnessed the largest roundup in recent history of opposition activists and a new low in the dismal human rights record of the kingdom," the report said.

"Arbitrary arrest, detention without trial and ill-treatment of prisoners remained the norm during the year, especially for

those accused of political offenses," said the group.

In the Israeli-occupied territories, the group said abuse was systematic, but "the level of certain abuses, including killings by the security forces, declined compared to previous years."

However, many Palestinian prisoners "were subject to torture or ill treatment at the hands of their interrogators."

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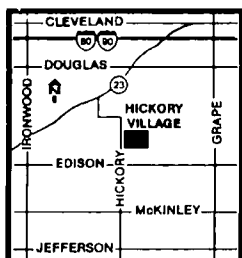


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Overpopulation not a myth Guide: Facts wrong

Dear Editor:

Can one prove overpopulation to be a myth? Here is one approach. Start with the empirical situation: consider the present size of human population and the historical depiction of population change. In the mid 1990s, there are ca. 5.6 billion humans. The change pattern is reflected in an exponential growth curve that illustrates the following: The first billion was reached ca. 1810; it took ca. 11 years to add a billion today. Population doubling time is ca. 40-50 years. At current rates of growth, there will be about 11 billion humans when today's college students are in their sixties, and ca. 22 billion when their children are in their seventies.

Ecologists tell us that exponential growth of populations cannot continue without limit: ecological systems have saturation points or carrying capacities, which when reached, are followed by popu-

lation die off through material causes.

Most analysts agree that, at some time, human population must stop growing exponentially. The decrease in growth will either be imposed by material causes such as catastrophe, disease, etc., or result from human action. Humans can choose to reduce the growth rate in one or more ways: stop having sexual intercourse, regulate births by rhythm or other technologically assisted means, abort, practice infanticide, allow the weak to starve; or go to war. Each of these occurs somewhere in the world today. What is your moral evaluation of these, and how do people of other moral traditions evaluate them?

Our view is that adequate moral respect for human life starts with moral respect for the ecological systems that support all life. Present population growth rates threaten basic life-support systems and thus

threatens human life itself. The point of "overpopulation" can be known empirically only after the fact (e.g., when a major life-support system fails, such as food production or the water cycle). Prudent estimates of "overpopulation" may not yet refer to a "fact," though it may in your lifetime. Certainly, overpopulation does not refer to a "myth."

Indeed, overpopulation refers to a deep moral challenge, namely, our empirical, spiritual, and reasoned understanding of relationships between population growth and sustaining ecological systems that support all life.

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Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the Dec. 7 article on Student Government's publication of The Guide by Gwendolyn Norgle. While I encourage the efforts of the Observer to take a critical look at this year's Student Government and its endeavors, I am disturbed by this first article that was riddled with misquotations and blotched facts and figures. Norgle's facts on the cost and procedures of the production of the Guide were completely wrong. Efforts were made to make sure that the facts she was using were correct, but this came to no avail.

The most serious mistake occurred in the role of the Academic Council in the production of The Guide. Instead of the \$2,000 paid directly to the organizers of The Guide as cited in the article, the Academic Council has pledged to match funds with Student Government to insure that in its infancy, The Guide might survive. We at Student Government are very grateful for this commitment by the Academic Council, and do not wish for the nature or extent of their commitment to be misconstrued.

Articles such as this one make it appear that students do not care about The Guide nor the ideas that it represents. Professors need to hear from students themselves that participation in The Guide is important to the student body. If a professor does not appear in this addition of The Guide, I encourage each student to approach that professor and ask them to participate.

We at Student Government feel certain of the success of The Guide. We are continuously striving to improve the quality and convenience of The Guide, and encourage any suggestions from either students or professors.

THAD NATION

Executive Coordinator of Intellectual Life
Student Government

Kelly's Bowl commentary on target

Dear Editor:

Rather than ridicule the feeble attempts of two recent writers to justify why a 6-4-1 Irish Team belongs in a Tier-1 Bowl Game, I would prefer to focus on the pathetic and misinformed character assaults leveled at Observer Sports writer Jason Kelly. In these 'All Hail to the Irish' manifestos, Kelly and his writing were defiled as being 'arrogant', 'ignorant' and 'sarcastic.' All this for simply extolling his opinion that an unranked Notre Dame team has no business being invited to the Fiesta Bowl to face #5 Colorado—a claim the majority of sportswriters in the country



would undoubtedly support.

Regardless, Kelly's stand is defensible, if not correct, and he in no way deserves to be denigrated so egregiously for an intelligent commentary on Notre Dame's bowl situation. As a sports fan and Observer reader, I have read countless articles penned by Jason Kelly. His knowledge of the sports world is outstanding, and his eye for the truth is to be commended. He has a commitment

to writing commentaries that are not only in accordance with the facts, but most appropriate in their appraisal of those deserving praise and those not.

Please, uneducated sports fans, if you wish to criticize his opinions, fine. But leave the character assaults of a fine sportswriter on the sidelines.

ANDY SILDINO

Off-Campus
Senior

Safety tips from HPC

Dear Editor:

In light of the recent, highly publicized series of crimes affecting Notre Dame students, the HPC would like to remind students that precautions can be taken to avoid becoming a victim. The following are recommendations from Security:

- Do not walk alone when off-campus, especially at night. Avoid walking in areas that have been made targets for crime, especially Courtney Ave., Eddy St., Notre Dame Ave., and Ivy Rd.
- When walking at night on campus, use Safe-Walk rather than walking alone.
- When parking your car in D2 at night, inform Security or Safe-Walk that you would like an escort to your dorm via either the East Gate attendant or security call box in the parking lot.
- Report any suspicious activity to Security immediately. Do not wait for a situation to become dangerous.
- Be alert for Security Watch bulletins posted around campus that provide information about trouble areas and suspicious activity.
- Do not drink and drive. Call a cab for your trip home.

Remember that avoiding a dangerous situation is much easier than dealing with its effects. Unfortunately, crime is a real danger, even at and around Notre Dame. We urge you to do your part and make use of the services available to protect you.

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DISPELLING MYTHS

Dahmer's injustice threatens everyone

Jeffrey Dahmer was perhaps the most violent and gruesome serial killer in recent time. He killed his victims with malice and forethought, dissected their corpses, and collected their body parts as trophies and for cannibalization. He was characterized as a beast, a monster, and a demon, which he may have been—but if you think his murder in prison served the principle of justice, you ought to stop and think about whether you too are a monster.

As disgusted as I was to hear of the unthinkable acts committed by Dahmer, I am now equally as disgusted to hear people refer to the brutal slaying of Jeffrey Dahmer as justice. The notion that justice is served when a human being has his head smashed open and is left to die in a pool of his own blood strikes me as barbaric. The notion that justice is served when a person has done onto a wrongdoer the same wrongful act they committed on others strikes me as hypocritical and un-Christian. The notion that justice is served when an individual breaks the law to seek his own justice on a person guilty of wrong doing, strikes me as being a characteristic of a lawless, anarchical society without order. The notion that justice was served when Jeffrey Dahmer was brutally slain in simply wrong.

The theory upon which this notion of justice is based is known "retributive justice." A system of retributive justice seeks to exact the same harm onto the

wrongdoer as they committed onto another. The punishment is said to be the fair and equitable response to wrongdoing because the person is given what he or she deserves. In the abstract, retributive justice makes sense, but in practice this type of retribution is largely useless and unproductive, and that is why it has been abandoned for hundreds of years.

The theory of retributive justice was a product of uncivilized societies of the

D.J.
Sarafa

past. It was a tool utilized by the most simplistic and barbaric societies because they had not evolved to the point of constructing criminal justice systems. They punished in this manner because they did not know better. But the vengefulness of retribution fails to compensate the victim, and decadently condones and vindicates the wrongdoers act by imitating it.

Of course, we all learned that revenge was wrong when our parents espoused the axiom that "two wrongs don't make a right." To claim that two wrongs can

make a right is hypocritical and, in the case of the Dahmer attack, hateful and violent. Too much violence already exists in the world. One need only to watch the news to discover that violence currently surrounds us: in South Carolina, Bosnia, and not so long ago, in Wisconsin, to name a few. The solution to these acts of violence cannot be more violence because a violent solution only exacerbates the problem.

Violence, by the very nature of willingly harming another, is a fundamentally un-Christian act. Retributive revenge is often justified in the religious realm by the Old Testament statement, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." To justify the slaying of Jeffrey Dahmer from a religious standpoint denies the teachings Jesus Christ gives to us in the New Testament. The Golden Rule did not teach us to do unto others as they do unto you, but rather, to do unto others as you would have done unto you. We must treat Dahmer as we would want to be treated ourselves. To this statement, vengeful people would respond by saying that he did not employ the Golden Rule when he killed maliciously, so why should we? The answer, also given to us by Jesus, is that we ought to "turn the other cheek," and pray for our enemies. Counterintuitive as this may be (we are often taught to hate our enemies), this rationale transcends vengefulness and attempts to create a more peaceful society.

Vengefulness not only threatens peace, but, in this context, it also threatens order. This vigilante justice, which has been largely praised by the general public, rewards lawbreaking. The United States, more than any other country, has largely rejected vigilantism. Our criminal justice system strives to protect both the rights of the individual, including the criminal, and also the rights of society. In the case of Jeffrey Dahmer the justice system worked effectively. He was given a fair trial, convicted, and sentenced to serve life in prison, which was what he deserved. He would have spent the rest of his life in solitude, to contemplate the severity of his wrongdoing. Justice was served.

An injustice was committed, however, when Dahmer was struck down and killed in a manner as violent as his own method of killing. This injustice has been worsened by a general public which, in part, has approved of this violent and lawless act. This injustice affects us all. I firmly believe, as Martin Luther King Jr. wrote: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny." When people approve of this horrific and unjust act, when people advocate the use of violence to punish wrongdoers—they threaten to abridge the justice of a society in wish we all live.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

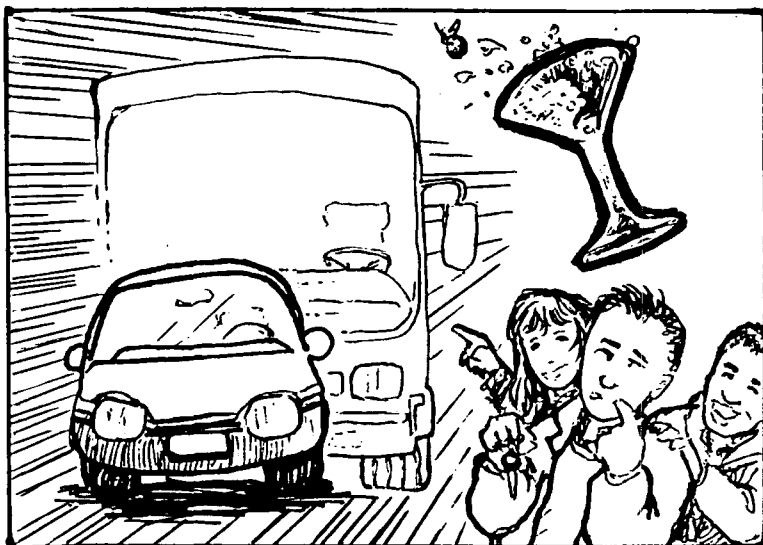
Wishful thinking won't work

Dear Editor:

Professor Morton Fuchs' sentiments as expressed in his letter "Students need a lesson in responsibility," Dec. 6, have left me frustrated and confused; they highlight a problem that I have run across all too often on this campus. Professor Fuchs has made the mistake of believing we live in a simple and idyllic world. This has left him without any real answers as to how to deal with the problem of drinking and driving, especially among the Notre Dame community.

To reduce the arguments for Weekend Wheels, to an attempt on the part of the students to skirt the responsibility of their actions is to miss the point. I believe all of us would like for people to see drinking and driving for the evil that it is, and I believe most of us realize the dangers involved. However, when alcohol is consumed, whether one deems it "stupid" as Professor Fuchs argues, judgment becomes impaired. Very few people know they are too intoxicated to drive and do so anyway. What happens is that one loses the ability to judge when it is that he/she can no longer drive. Therefore, people who should not be driving do so because they believe they can.

If Professor Fuchs, or anyone else for that matter, can come up with a realistic way to convince people that with one drink they are impaired, I would be among the first to en-



dorse it. However, the fact of the matter is that people, especially in college, go to bars to drink. This is not an assumption, as Fuchs asserts, it is a fact for the vast majority of our generation.

When there is no reasonable alternative, people are going to drive to these bars. And, knowing their car is right outside as a convenient form of travel, people are going to drive home from the bars, believing they are in fine condition to do so. It is not the fault of the university that these are facts.

Weekend Wheels, if operated differently, could be that reasonable alternative. If this were the case, less people would drive drunk, and less people would be hurt as a result. The University is obviously not responsible, ultimately, for the actions of those

who represent it. It should, however, care enough about those people to want to protect them. Notre Dame is in a position to affect some changes in the world, maybe save some lives. However, it hides behind insurance liabilities and claims such as Fuchs that we all must "grow up." I too, wish that Weekend Wheels wasn't necessary.

It is time for all of us to force the issue and make the University see the good it could do by taking a stand on something. Why not do something that puts the responsibility in the hands of people equipped to handle it. So what is it going to be Notre Dame, wishful thinking, or reality?

MARK MCKENNA

Zahm Hall
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Harmony inconsistent with 'American Dream'

Dear Editor:

I'd like to respond to Dec. 6 letter, "The night division fell, diversity conquered," submitted by Shankar Ramachandran and Celso France of "Peace House." Writing in bizarre prose, Ramachandran and Franca focused on a certain ideological abstraction called "world harmony." The two subjects sought to impose their ideals of "peace, harmony, togetherness, selfless personal-ness and inclusiveness" by slamming the system of capitalism.

Deep in the recesses of the vacuous liberal mind is this unyielding animosity for capitalism. Yet it is capitalism which inspire people to do great things with their lives. America is the land of opportunity as any successful person like Clarence Thomas, Michael Jordan, or Bill Gates will tell you. Yet Ramachandran and Franca have condemned this great economic system as an anathema.

My confusion is not a product of my white male ignorance and insidious closed-heartedness, but apparently stems from my failure to be as entirely selfless as these two are. Perhaps I am an achiever in our capitalist society because I want to accomplish something in addition to interpersonal harmony. I must endeavor to be productive with my intellect, for without a sense of integrity and peace within myself I can

be of no use to others. To exist solely in a sappy state of emotion—to feel, and not to think, as is the standard liberal modus operandi—is to lay to waste the mind that God had given each of us.

Ramachandran and Franca are driven by their fantasy-prone personalities to achieve their own interest. I am driven by the desire for a normal family, a respectable career, and a strong set of values. Yes, the stuff that the American dream is made of is values.

Unfortunately for Ramachandran and Franca, capitalism is one of our sacred values. When our two constituents suggest that we sacrifice who each of us is as a person to some pathetic notion of harmony, they are asking us to relinquish those things that God had given us which made us individuals. They are asking us to denounce whatever it is that makes each of us special. As people living in America, we should all loathe the thought of uniformity. It is the the nauseating discharge of a socialist world view. Remember that at the end of our lives it will be God, not a bunch of utopian liberals, who determines how much peace and harmony we sowed during our lives.

JASON MAIER

Off-Campus
Senior

BEYOND FREEDOM ROCK

Poor Shakespeare! Remembered

About the worst thing a theater company can do with a familiar classic is to fail in a conscious attempt to be innovative, for instance, by setting it to music or on another planet or in the Wild West. But there's something even worse than to fail in an attempt at innovation, and that's to fail without attempting innovation.

In December, 1969, the Notre Dame/St. Mary's Theater department came up with an innovation all right: Mixing classic tragedy with unintended comedy to create trauma-dy.

A straightforward, traditional production of "Romeo and Juliet." What could be easier? The acting was, well, below par, but the theater department had been setting a pretty high standard. We were due for a little sawing-of-the-air and bad English accents. But then things began to fall apart—literally—during the balcony scene opening night.

The main set was a pair of towers, separated by an arched wall with a walkway on the top and set on a wide platform with three full-width steps down to the stage. It was constructed from chicken wire covered with industrial, spray-on plastic foam and painted to look like stone. For the marketplace scenes, blue sky could be seen through the arch and flags flew from the balconies. For the party scene, a red velvet curtain was drawn behind the arch, and musicians played on the balconies. And, for the balcony scene, a dark curtain was drawn across the arch, bushes were placed on the darkened stage and a starry sky peeked over the top of the walkway.

Romeo came in and declaimed for awhile, working his way over towards the stage-left balcony, where Juliet was about to appear. In the darkness, you could see the maiden step out of the tower onto that balcony.

And you could see the spotlight hit the balcony at stage right. There was an uncomfortable pause, then Romeo spun on his heel to face the lighted balcony, and Juliet could be seen ducking back into her tower and sprinting across the walkway to the other balcony, where she made her appearance just as the lighting director realized his mistake, shut off the spotlight on the stage-right balcony and lighted the stage-left balcony.

Romeo turned back, Juliet ran back and the scene began. It went pretty well, too, until Romeo began to climb the balcony to kiss Juliet good-night. Parting was never such sweet sorrow as when the plastic foam, set

only that afternoon, parted, leaving Juliet standing amid chickenwire and boards, and Romeo sprawled on his back on the stage with a plastic balcony on his chest.

And the evening was not yet over. In the next scene, hot-tempered Tybalt fought Mercutio. The two circled, their swords clashed, and Tybalt's blade snapped off, leaving him facing Mercutio's foil with a handful of hilt. There was a horrified freeze while the entire theater watched to see how they were going to salvage Mercutio's famous death scene from what had suddenly become an obvious mismatch. Then Tybalt lunged, neatly skewering his foe on an invisible sword. How did he do it? Acting!

At any rate, it was hardly the least convincing moment of the evening. And, for that matter, it wasn't the worst on-stage fencing disaster of the year, either: That spring, in a production of "Servant of Two Masters," the sister—disguised-as-her-brother mixed up her blocking in a fencing scene and failed to parry a descending saber, which inscribed an inch-and-a-half gash in the middle of her forehead. Freshman Sue Baker's costume was finished for the evening, but Baker, in her first acting role,

was not; she completed the scene with blood pouring down her face, then rushed to get first aid and perform the quick-change for her next entrance, which she gamely made on cue, with a Band-Aid and fresh make-up over a good-sized lump.

They could have used some of that pluck in Verona, where the suffering audience was beginning to envy the title characters their death. The Observer critic showed more attitude than compassion, with a review that began "Poor Shakespeare!"

"After a devastating opening night," this kindly scribe wrote, "the cast seemed to rally, and Saturday night they hit a high level of practiced, well-honed mediocrity."

When I do these nostalgic looks at the past, I frequently phone some of the principles, to gain the benefit of their memories of the event. This time, I thought better of it. No one who saw the production will ever forget it, but I imagine those who performed in it would like to.

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Pete Peterson



Santa is real!

By PATTI CARSON
Accent Writer

Let's face it. Most of us are at that age now where we doubt a lot of things. As a matter of fact, we are taught to be critical thinkers and try to find the weak spots in every argument.

But some of us get carried away, especially when it comes to Santa Claus. The whole Santa scene, in my opinion, is one that should not be refuted. Let the man live. Let's not be so cynical.

It wasn't until I listened to a persuasive speech in my communications class that I began to think about this. (Affirming first and foremost that Jesus is the reason for the season, let's move on to heart of the commercialized Christmas). In her speech, Sophomore Allison Meagher tried to persuade her audience that Santa Claus does exist and to celebrate him. She made some very good points.

She said, "Come on. Even animals, who really have no capacity to think rationally, believe in and love Santa. Take Rudolph for instance. He even works for the guy, and he seems to have a pretty good time doing it. So Santa must exist."

Furthermore, who would end the parade on Thanksgiving day if there was no Santa? Hopefully not Barney! Could you imagine kids lining up to sit on Barney's lap during the Christmas season? Enough is enough already. Could you imagine hearing "I love you. You love me. That makes Christmas as good as can be" instead of the good old "Ho, ho, ho. Merry Christmas." Santa does it much better. What a class act.

Meagher read an altered version of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, pointing out that, if there really was no Santa, the holiday would not be as much fun. It read something like this:

"'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, the kids were all running around and even the mice were out; The stockings were hung in disarray. Who Cares? There would be no one to fill them on Christmas day."

How depressing Christmas would be if we had no Santa. There would be few good Christmas cartoon specials or movies. Who else would appear on Coca-Cola cans during the holiday season? Clinton?

And how else could parents threaten their children to behave during the holiday season besides saying, "Santa is watching. He's making his list and checking it twice." How else could parents get their kids to go to bed so early on Christmas Eve?

All of our traditional carols would be changed. Lyrics might possibly include "Nobody Special is Coming to Town," "Grandma Got Run Over By a Snow Plow," and "I Saw Mommy Kissing"—who, Daddy? That just doesn't flow.

Personally, I think we discover the truth all too early. Sophomore Anne Korte found out when she was only in third grade. "Santa left his glasses and a pack of cigarettes on the table near the plate of empty cookies I had left out the night before."

When Sophomore Ashley Denniston found out, she said to her mother, "Oh great! Now I suppose you're going to tell me there's no tooth fairy, either."

Once we encounter the truth, we seem to lose all belief in Santa. Instead of being so rational, perhaps we should get creative this Christmas and try to find how real Santa can be for us. As it's said in the movie The Santa Clause, "Seeing is not believing. Believing is seeing." Santa is a vital part of this holiday. So celebrate him any way you can. It makes the whole season a lot more fun.

On the first day of Christmas...

Holiday dances begin the season of giving

By THERESA ALEMAN
Accent Writer

We entered the South Dining Hall for the Morrissey Hall Christmas SYR Pancake Breakfast. Flowers, carefully selected toys from the dollar store, games, stuffed animals, hats, cookies... there was a parade of Christmas as impressive as Christmas morning. What happens to all these treasures the morning after? Do they end up like Christmas presents actually received on Christmas? As I settled into my bed that night, I glanced around the room at my new pot of poinsettias and a teddy bear with a



The Observer/ Brandon Candura
His SYR date was no numb-skull. She gave him something with "smarts."



The Observer/ Brandon Candura
Tim Lau sports a lion of a shave with the help of his SYR gift, a Lion King shaving kit.



The Observer/ Brandon Candura
Joel Elsesser had Pebbles and Bam-Bam for his dancing shoes.



The Observer/ Brandon Candura
Jim Kennedy's SYR date was as sweet as she could be for baking him cookies.

turtleneck Christmas sweater, and remembered how my treasures of Christmas past wound up before their time. The flowers seemed to quake in fright and the bear hid his head under my pillow as a settled in for my winter's nap.

As I nodded off, I journeyed into the linen closet of the abandoned gifts of Christmas past. I was about five when all I wanted was "Baby That-A-Way." She had these magical shoes that you were supposed to press to make her walk and move her arms.

Well Christmas morning, Santa had her there waiting for me. Shiny flowing golden hair, rosy cheeks, a cute little baby outfit, and best of all, white shiny magic shoes. Of course she didn't work quite like she did in the commercial, but anyway, her arms moved. My cousin Tricia had received a doll that actually ate and then dirtied her diaper! Well next to that, it wasn't long before "Baby That-A-Way" paled in comparison. First I cut her hair to make her look more like a real baby (Tricia's doll had very short hair.) Well, "Baby That-A-Way" didn't have a mouth opening, so I ripped off her head to feed her some Christmas cookies. The milk I gave her to wash it down must have shorted out the inner workings of poor "Baby That-A-Way" because her body never worked after that.

By Dusk on Christmas Day, "Baby That-A-Way" lay naked, her golden locks shorn from her decapitated head, stuffed with cookie like the holiday turkey the family had devoured. Magic shoes still shining white, wanting wear. Needless to say, "Baby That-A-Way" took that long walk to the closet sometime shortly thereafter.

Then there was the Christmas when I was about seven, I received, among other less memorable gifts, a brown corduroy blazer. I remember crying and begging not to wear that hideous thing to my grandmother's house, (Tricia had received a fur coat.) I remember my mother's admonishing look as she flashed me that "Don't ruin Christmas" smile. By the time we arrived at my grandmother's house, my face was completely swollen from crying and both my parents were disgusted with my ploy for sympathy from the grandparents. The blazer made it to the closet that same day.

While looking for a table cloth this Thanksgiving, I ran across that infernal blazer, just as unworn as the day I got it. As I peered into the mirror, hunched over, squeezing into that wretched blazer, I realized that once a gift makes its way into the closet, it is never meant to escape.

Piled up in that linen closet sit all the gifts of Christmas past worth keeping. Gifts that I could not live without, and gifts that I never wanted along with the same types of gifts my parents and brothers received. There's an electric guitar that my little brother and I needed about eight years ago. We take it out to look at and strum from time to time, but neither of us can play. There's that damn picture of dots where you're supposed to find a picture. My brothers claimed to see trees, sunshine, skyscrapers, dinosaurs... all I saw were dots. There's the indestructible 20-year old Tonka truck, countless pieces of Legos and action figure sets mixed with Barbie doll heads and body parts. All have made their way into the closet of no return. Some take longer than others to arrive there, but all are destined to spend eternity in their wretched broken or altogether undesirable states.

My brothers and I can't bring ourselves to throw these worthless toys pieces and forgotten gifts out. Maybe because to us, they're not worthless. In that closet lies a gold mine of the spirit of giving. Year after year, loved ones give without thought of the closet of fallen gifts.

In my dream all of the toys were

repaired. The hidden clothes became our most prized. "Baby That-A-Way" had her body back. We could strum that guitar better than Prince, and our grandchildren still found that Tonka truck amusing.

When I awoke the next morning, the Christmas sweater from my new bear was under the bed, teddy shivering in the cold reminiscent of "Baby That-A-Way", and the poinsettias seemed to wilt. Determined not to let these gifts end up like the others, I watered the plant and replaced the bear's little sweater. I'll see to it that these gifts don't make it into the closet too soon before their time.



The Observer/ Brandon Candura
Renee Lareau's date gave her a cuddly Christmas napping buddy.



The Observer/ Brandon Candura
Francesca Go's Holiday date gave her a one of a kind statue that he made.



The Observer/ Brandon Candura
Alison Roscoe trims a special kind of Christmas Bonsai Tree her date gave her.



The Observer/ Cynthia Exconde
Cara Calcagno finds entertainment in an ever-changing Mr. Potato-Head.

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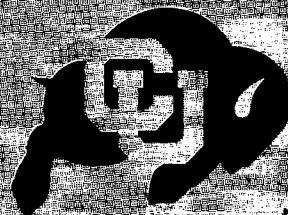
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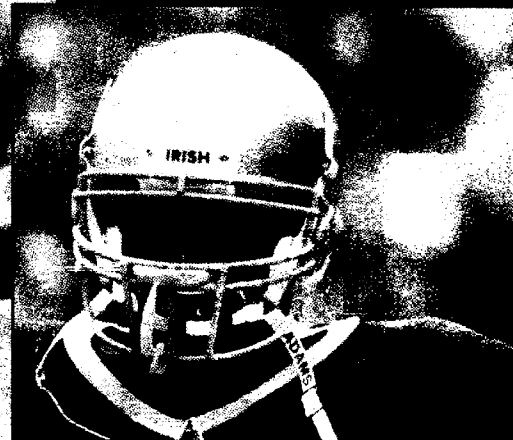
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A MALIGNED SENIOR CLASS PLAYS FOR ANSWERS

By George
Dohrmann

Traditionally, insults come in whispers. They pass from person to person like a dirty joke, told in a soft voice and in a private place. They fall like a soft rain, the real storm only breaking when the words have built over time. Never all at once.

But not in this case. Not for this class.

The majority of the 24 men who came to Notre Dame in the fall of 1991 as freshman, have spent their college days hearing the same words they heard as high school seniors, when on February 6, 1991

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Derrick Mayes ran away
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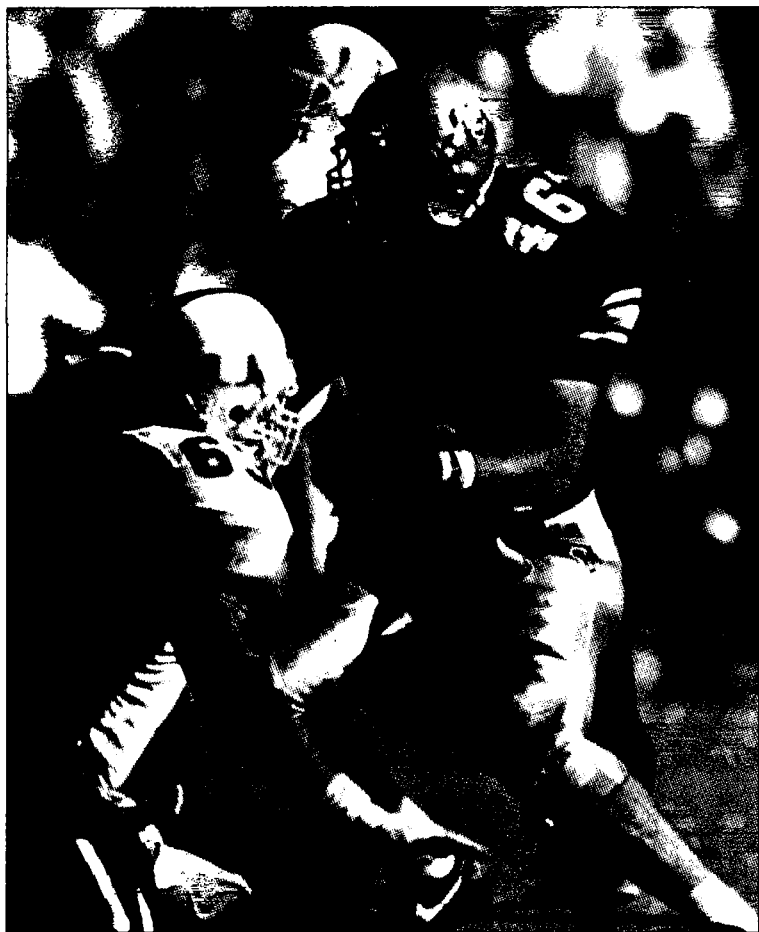


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Irish offense needs air under its wings

By MIKE NORBUT
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame offense shouldn't hope to compete with the mighty trio from Colorado. They should just try to keep up.

While Kordell Stewart, Rashaan Salaam, and Michael Westbrook will be strutting their stuff for all to see on January 2, the Irish will be methodically plodding along, mixing a lot of run with a pass here and there.

The fireworks that Colorado's offense creates will probably make Notre Dame's efforts on the field look like a small side show.

But the bright lights and big plays could all be for naught. Because if the Irish offense plays half as well as the Buffaloes', they should have a chance to win.

"I think this will be a good yardstick for us," Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said. "I think we can play with them, I really do. I think our players will approach this game with a positive attitude and with seriousness."

The Buffaloes didn't go 10-1 this year because they're lucky. They did because they're good.

But that quality is slightly off-balanced. It's tipped a bit towards the offensive side of the ball.

That's not to say that the Colorado defense is poor. But it can be beaten.

No. 1 Nebraska proved it on October 29. The Cornhuskers were able to stop the potent Buff attack and hold them to only seven points. But, more importantly, they scored 24 to make the game look somewhat lopsided.

If Notre Dame's offense is to emulate this performance, the pressure will be on quarterback Ron Powlus. The sophomore has had a year of experience. January 2 will serve as a final exam of sorts.

"I think (Ron) Powlus will be a lot better by then," Holtz continued. "Unfortunately, we aren't going to get many injured players back and we aren't going to be able to add any more until then."

Two of those injuries are very important to Powlus. Center Mark Zataveski (sprained neck) and guard Jeremy Akers (dislocated shoulder) will not be available for the game.

In their place, junior Dusty Ziegler will be at center, while Steve Misetic will take over at left guard. Ryan Leahy will be the other guard, while sophomores Mike Doughty and Chris Clevenger will be the tackles.

They will be facing a strong Colorado front seven, led by linebackers Ted Johnson and Matt Russell. The two leading tacklers are the main reason why the Buffaloes give up only 114.2 yards per game on the ground.

This front will be facing a rejuvenated tandem of Lee Becton and Ray Zellars, both of whom had to fight off mid-season injuries and are just now getting back into the form they displayed the first few weeks of the season.

The Buffalo defensive line will probably not have to worry as much about the Irish running game as they will with Powlus' throwing ability. A strong pass rush will be needed to take the pressure off a secondary that does not boast a



single senior starter.

Free safety Steve Rosga leads the team with four interceptions, but the Buffaloes give up an average of 229.5 yards passing per game.

Because of coverage problems, the Buffaloes have had to resort to blitzing on numerous occasions. They thrive on pressure. The more the better.

Linebackers Greg Jones and Mike Phillips are the team sack leaders with 6.5 and 4.5 on the season. And their pressure has opened the door for the linemen many times. Defensive tackle Shannon Clavelle has five sacks and ten tackles for losses, while fellow trench warrior Darius Holland three sacks and eight tackles for losses.

And if there's anything that can save Colorado from the lethal Powlus-to-Mayes combination, pressure on the quarterback can.

And it better. The pair has hooked up for eleven touchdowns and a two-point conversion on the year.

They have been the only consistent offensive threat for Notre Dame this year, and will need to continue their domination to give the Irish a chance.

That is, a chance to keep up with Colorado.

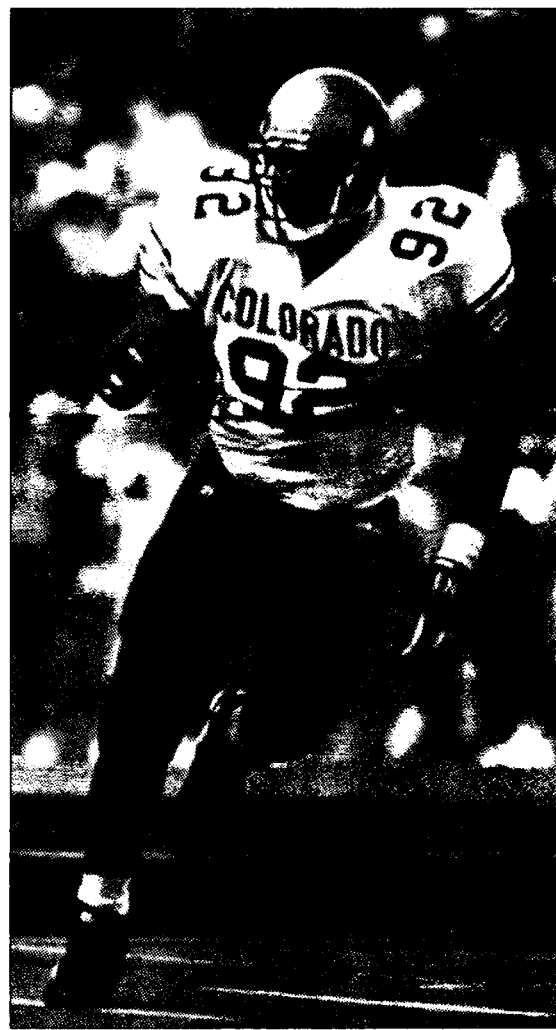


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Defensive tackle Shannon Clavelle has five sacks and ten tackles for losses this year for the Buffaloes.

PLAYER TO WATCH. . . TED JOHNSON

Most teams relish the opportunity to run to the wide side of the field. A chance to use more open turf could mean the difference between a touchdown and a loss of yardage.

A defense usually tries to stop teams from running to the wide side. But Colorado downright challenges their opponents.

They don't say anything. They don't do anything dramatic either, like hold a sign up to the offense. It's all implied.

The sight of inside linebacker Ted Johnson lining up as the boundary, or short, side linebacker should be enough to make anyone run to the wide side.

But teams have yet to pick up on the hint.

The proof is that Johnson is the team leader in both solo and total tackles. The senior has recorded 147 on the year.

Maybe opponents don't bother to pay attention to Johnson. Or the entire defense for that matter.

When a team has an offensive attack like Colorado's, others tend to forget the defense. Why does it matter that you score 40 points when they can score 50 or 60?



Johnson

The Buffalo defense is pretty much a bunch of no-names. And they have an undercover superstar in Johnson.

He doesn't try to show off or strut for the cameras. He just brings his lunch box to Colorado practice every day and works hard.

The Buffaloes have even tried to give opponents a fighting chance this year. Johnson started as the wide side inside linebacker last season, and led the team in tackles.

So the coaching staff figured they'd move him to a different side to give him a tougher challenge.

The result? More tackles this season, even before the bowl game. 16 stops on third down, tops on the team. An interception and a fumble recovery. Three fumbles caused.

These are statistics that dwarf his numbers from last year. And they're numbers that could put him on the All-America team.

He started this year 12th all-time in tackles in Colorado history. His effort this year could put him near the top.

Or, at the very least, not short by much.

—MIKE NORBUT

RATING THE IRISH

Quarterback 4

Two strong games against Air Force and USC has made Ron Powlus a better quarterback. Decisions still need to be made quicker, though.

Running Back 4

Seeing Lee Becton and Ray Zellars back together in the Irish backfield is something that any Notre Dame fan loves and any opponent hates to see.

Wide Receiver 4

Granted, Derrick Mayes is the only proven quality receiver that the Irish can boast, but he's just so good. No one can cover him.

Offensive Line 3

Drastic improvements were made against Air Force and USC. But oh, to have just a tiny bit of consistency week to week. Who's to say what five will start and which will actually play come January 2.

Defensive Line 3

Much maligned throughout the season, Oliver Gibson and Paul Grasmanis have had strong showings week after week.

Linebackers 4

The strongest unit on the Irish defense, but one that can't afford to miss tackles against Colorado.

Secondary 2

With the loss of Bobby Taylor, the secondary may have problems chasing Michael Westbrook. Lots of problems.

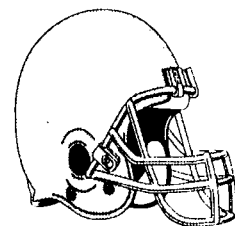
Special Teams 2

Notre Dame boasts punters that can't punt and kickers that can't kick. The coaching staff must be proud.

Coaching 4

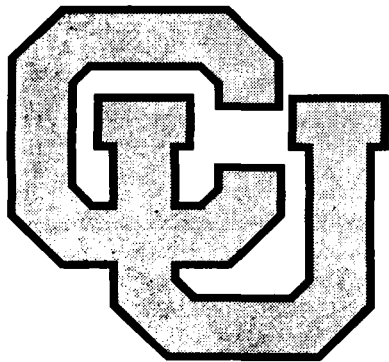
Lou Holtz has more than a month to prepare for this one, but the odds may be a bit overwhelming.

—MIKE NORBUT



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If any team can win when it looks bleak, it's Notre Dame. A win would be a bittersweet end to this year and a springboard for next year.



Buffaloes boast a Great Triumverate

By TIM SHERMAN
Assistant Sports Editor

In 1984, it was Converse sneakers. You know, Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, and Isaiah Thomas. The theme for the ads were "choose your weapon".

In 1994, it is the Colorado offense. You know, Rashaan Salaam, Kordell Stewart, and Michael Westbrook. For departing coach Bill McCartney, the theme is the same - choose your weapon.

"Colorado very well may have the Heisman Trophy winner in Rashaan Salaam," Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz noted. "Kordell Stewart is a great quarterback and Michael Westbrook is a fine receiver."

Obviously, Holtz and his Irish know what they are up against. You stop Salaam, then Stewart and Westbrook will burn you. Shut down the passing attack, and Rashaan will run roughshod.

At least that is how the argument looks on paper. The problem for Notre Dame - it is a pretty convincing one.

Salaam, a 6-foot-1, 210-lb tailback, is slightly

bigger than Lee Becton of the Irish, yet still possesses better speed. That has translated into over 2,000 yards and 24 touchdowns this season.

With the possible exception of FSU's Warrick Dunn, the Irish have not faced a back this season who even approximates the combination of talent and tenacity that the CU's star junior does.

Joining Salaam in the Buffalo backfield is quarterback Stewart. The 6-foot-3, 210-lb senior struck stardom earlier this season with his Doug Flutie-like last-gasp bomb to Westbrook to nip Michigan, but that is not even close to all he has done.

Completing over 62% of his passes, the three-year starter from Marrero, La. threw for over 2,000 yards for McCartney's now well-balanced offense. Quite possibly just as athletic as ex-FSU quarterback and current New York Knick Charlie Ward, Stewart is just as dangerous on foot as he is with his arm.

Evoking favorable comparisons to former CU signal-caller Darian Hagan, Stewart rushed for more yards this year (818) than Notre Dame leading carrier (Randy Kinder with 735).

In the 1990 and 1991 Orange Bowls, a stifling Irish defense allowed Hagan to complete just 8 of 25 passes for a mere 94 yards.

Granted, Westbrook may be too good of a receiver to let Stewart suffer so mightily, but the early 90's Buffs also featured Michael Pritchard, a very talented target in his own right. In addition, the CU rushing attack boasted Eric Bieniemy, a back who seemingly garnered just as much attention as Salaam.

So, maybe a Notre Dame defense has seen an offense with as many weapons as this season's Colorado club. But that was a defense with the likes of Chris Zorich and Todd Lyght. This year's edition is nowhere near as talented and will take the field without their one true playmaker, the suspended Bobby Taylor.

So, what, if anything, can Holtz and defensive coordinator Bob Davie do to slow down the running (and passing) Buffaloes?

Well, if the past two games are any indication, the answer will likely involve a lot of blitzing.

Against FSU and USC, the Irish knew they were up against teams with both a ground and aerial attack, so they resorted to the blitz.

When asked after the game in Orlando was the blitz designed to stop the run or the pass, he shot back, "Both."

It didn't stop the run against FSU, but Tailback U. was unable to get the chains moving on the ground.

That is the type of effort the Irish will need on January 2nd.

Without Taylor, an impact player must step up. In recent games, Jeremy Sample has shown that knack. In Tempe, those like Lyrion Cobbins and Bert Berry, who have yet to really show all they has to offer, must be accounted for. If not, it may be a long day in the sun for the Irish.

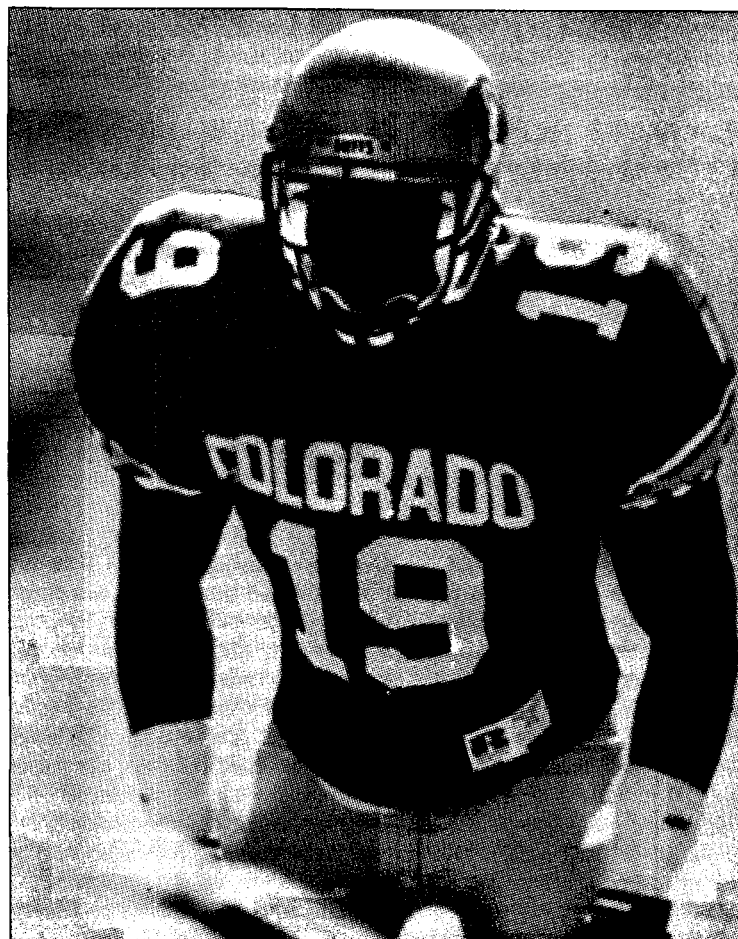


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PLAYER TO WATCH... RASHAAN SALAAM

The Sports Illustrated cover jinx. No one knows why or how it happens, but it does. If you're on the cover, that's it. Something bad is bound to happen to you. Inexplicable, yet reality. Just ask Steve McNair.



Salaam

If you remember, SI wanted to "Hand him the Heisman" earlier on this fall. Well, "Air" had a tough time with the handoff and fumbled. Out of nowhere (actually Boulder, CO, but close enough) came Colorado's Rashaan Salaam, who picked it up and has been "off to the races" ever since. Odds are, tomorrow, Mr. Salaam will cross the goal line at the Downtown Athletic Club with the Heisman Trophy tucked tightly under his arm.

Does he deserve it? A quick look at the stat book would leave little doubt that the answer is a resounding yes. The only question is where should you look.

An appropriate point of departure would be the yardage column. The San Diego native covered 2055

yards in his eleven games. Not 1000. Not 1500. Over 2000 yards. If he would have played in more than just six fourth quarters, he would have rushed for more yards than the entire Notre Dame rushing

attack (2372). Not too shabby. In the history of Division IA football, just three players, Barry Sanders, Marcus Allen, and Mike Rozier have rushed for 2,000 yards. For all you not up on your Heisman trivia, let be noted that all three struck the famous pose. This year should be no different.

If yards aren't enough to convince you, take a gander at the scoring column. 24 times he has rushed for touchdowns, including four games when he crossed the goal line at least three times. He scored nearly half of CU's touchdowns.

That's enough for Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz.

"Colorado may very well have the Heisman trophy winner in Rashaan Salaam," he said.

-TIM SHERMAN

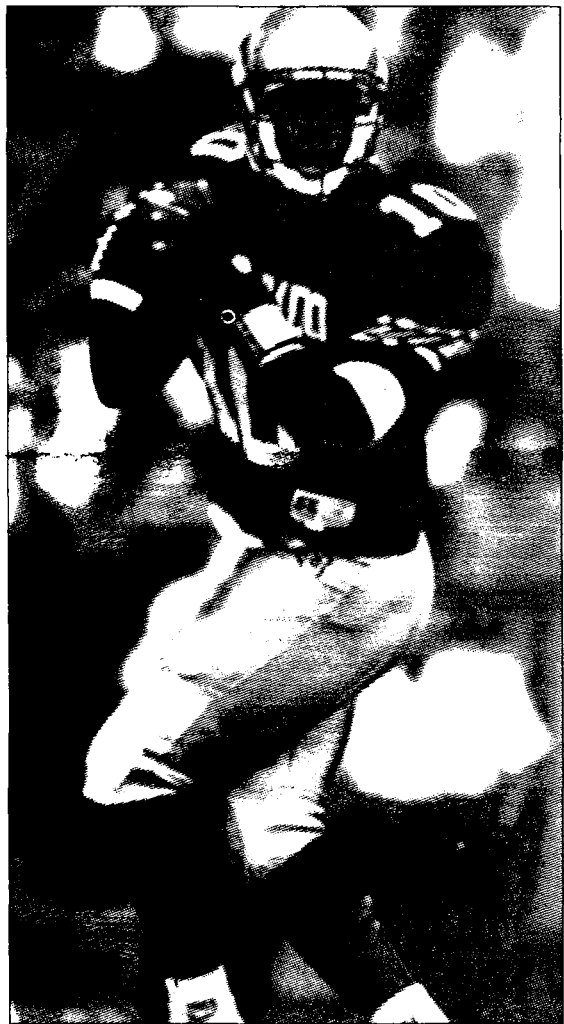


Photo courtesy of Colorado University
Quarterback Kordell Stewart was a preseason candidate for the Heisman Trophy.



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Colorado could be the second best team in the nation, considering their only loss was to No. 1 Nebraska. The might not take kindly to the Irish.

Quarterback 5

Kordell Stewart can beat you by throwing or by running with the football. But make no mistake, he will beat you.

Running Back 5

Rashaan Salaam is the frontrunner for the Heisman Trophy this year, and is by far the best the Irish will see this year. The problem is, with his speed and balance, Notre Dame might not see him all game, either.

Wide Receiver 5

Michael Westbrook proved that he can the ball no matter where it is on the field with his catch against Michigan. And he has a very capable counterpart in Christian Fauria.

Offensive Line 4

Stewart and Salaam could not have had such terrific seasons without a terrific offensive line, but this unit is susceptible to a decent pass rush.

Defensive Line 5

Shannon Clavelle and Darius Holland have combined for eight sacks and almost 20 tackles for losses this year.

Linebackers 4

Ted Johnson and Matt Russell are the two leading tacklers for Colorado. This unit is tough against the run.

Secondary 4

Steve Rosga heads up an experienced unit, but it is a weak link for the Buffalo defense.

Special Teams 3

Andy Mitchell is a decent punter and Neil Voskeritchian is deadly inside 40 yards. Each unit is solid, not terrific.

Coaching 5

Bill McCartney will be coaching his final game as the Buffaloes head coach. He has the talent to destroy Notre Dame, and his players will have the emotion to do it.

—MIKE NORBUT

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THE STATS . . .

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First downs						253				204				Westbrook				36	689	19.1	4	64	Mitchell				35	38.3		1	57	
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Percentage						43.8				36.2				Paruia				0	356	0	356	32.4	Russel				63	42	105	1	2	0.0
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RUSHING						Yds/Gm	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	SCORING				TD	2XP	1XP	FG	Saf	Pts											
Salaam						186.8	298	2055	6.9	24	67	Salaam				24	0	0-0	0	0	144	Rosga				44	30	74	0	4	0.0	
Stewart						58.1	122	639	5.2	7	60	Voskeritchian				0	0	50-51	10	0	80	Jones				43	24	67	0	4	6.5	
Troutman						24.4	49	244	5.0	8	17	Troutman				8	0	0-0	0	0	48	Hicks				31	25	56	0	3	2.0	
Henry						18.8	25	113	4.5	1	12	Stewart				7	0	0-0	0	0	42	Lecmiti				26	20	46	2	3	0.0	
Barnes						12.5	6	25	4.2	0	8	Westbrook				4	0	0-0	0	0	24	Phillips				26	18	44	0	4	4.5	
Carruth						4.6	3	41	13.7	0	32	Fauria				3	0	0-0	0	0	18	Simmons				26	12	38	1	5	0.0	
Westbrook						4.5	2	36	18.0	0	40											Hudson				27	10	37	0	6	0.0	

THE STARS . . .

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Vance Joseph	RB	5-10	205	SR
2	James Kidd	WR	5-8	160	SO
2	Billy T. Kidd				
3	Donnell Lemoti	S	6-0	195	JR
4	Erik Mitchell	CB	5-9	160	JR
4	Ryan Sutter	CB	6-1	185	FR
5	Blake Anderson	WR	6-0	185	SR
5	Keith Miller	RB	6-0	225	SO
6	Ryan Black	S	5-10	185	FR
7	Dalton Simmons	CB	6-0	185	JR
7	John Hessler	QB	6-2	185	FR
8	T.J. Cunningham	S	6-0	185	JR
9	Leon Merritt	TE	6-3	235	FR
10	Kordell Stewart	QB	6-3	210	SR
14	Koy Detmer	QB	6-1	170	SO
15	Steve Rosga	S	6-1	205	SO
16	Matt Russell	LB	6-2	235	SO
17	Ayyub Abdul-Rahmaan	QB	6-0	200	FR
17	Neil Voskeritchian	K	5-9	160	JR
18	Joe Itchigan	P	5-10	123	FR
18	Jason Burney	QB	6-2	195	FR
19	Rashaan Salaam	RB	6-1	210	JR
20	Kenny Wilkins	S	6-2	205	SO
21	Rae Carruth	WR	6-0	180	SO
22	Elton Davis	CB	5-9	185	FR
22	Shay Davis	RB	6-0	185	SO
23	Eric Davis	WR	6-2	170	FR
23	Allen Wilbon	LB	6-0	230	SO
25	Michael Slevin	K	6-1	185	FR
26	Herchell Troutman	RB	5-8	185	FR
27	Deren Tadlock	CB	6-0	190	SO
28	Andy Mitchell	P	6-2	195	FR
29	Tim Ross	S	6-2	200	JR
31	Robert Portis	CB	5-8	155	FR
32	Rafael Cooper	RB	6-0	190	FR
32	Rafael Gonzalez	FR	5-9	130	JR
33	Ron Merkerson	LB	6-3	245	FR
34	Nathan Campbell	CB	5-10	195	SO
35	Marlon Barnes	RB	5-10	190	FR
35	Marlon Brando	QB	6-3	280	SR
36	Jon Knutson	LB	6-4	240	SR
37	Marcus Washington	S	6-3	205	FR
39	Lendon Henry	RB	6-1	200	FR
39	Lenda Hand	RB	5-10	210	JR
40	Adam Dietz	CB	6-0	180	SO
41	Tennyson McCarty	TE	6-3	240	FR
41	Alfred Lord	WR	5-9	230	SR
42	Sulu Petara	S	6-0	190	FR
42	James Teekird	QB	6-2	180	SR
42	Curtis Musfeldt	CB	5-11	175	JR
44	Jason Rice	S	5-8	185	FR
45	Maurice Henriques	S	6-1	195	SO
46	Ted Johnson	LB	6-4	240	SR
47	Chris Hudson	CB	5-11	195	SR
50	Tony Berti	OT	6-6	270	SR
52	Kyle Smith	OT	6-5	270	SO
54	Jeff Nabholz	LB	6-5	240	SO
55	Ryan Olson	NT	6-2	250	FR
57	Terrell Cade	LB	6-4	210	FR
59	Greg Jones	LB	6-5	230	SO
60	Coleman Johnson	C	6-2	290	FR
60	Coleman Lantern	G	6-9	112	SO
61	Pat Corcoran	C	6-3	275	SO
63	Heath Irwin	OG	6-5	285	JR
65	Chris Naeole	OG	6-4	290	SO
66	Clint Moore	NT	6-4	285	JR
68	Gerald Ancar	OG	6-2	260	SO
69	Ken Browne	OT	6-6	270	SR
70	Ben Nichols	OG	6-6	275	FR
70	Ben Pennies	DT	6-2	420	SO
71	Lee Hipp	OG	6-3	270	JR
71	Lee Genes	NG	5-2	380	SR
72	Derek West	OT	6-8	285	SR
73	Nick Ziegler	OT	6-6	240	FR
74	Andrew Welsh	C	6-6	245	FR
75	Aaron Wade	OT	6-6	290	FR
76	Chad Hammond	OG	6-4	250	JR
77	Viliani Maumau	DT	6-2	285	FR
78	Melvin Thomas	OT	6-3	280	FR
79	Matt Jones	OT	6-5	265	SO
80	Phil Savoy	WR	6-2	180	FR
80	Savoy Special	WR	6-1	189	SO
81	Michael Westbrook	WR	6-4	210	SR
82	Chris Anderson	WR	6-4	220	FR
84	Jeff Blackmon	TE	6-4	240	FR
86	Christian Fauria	TE	6-4	235	SR
87	Clifton Peters	TE	6-3	220	FR
88	Matt Lapsis	TE	6-5	265	SO
89	Desmon Dennis	TE	6-3	250	SO
90	Aaron Marshall	DT	6-4	220	FR
91	Mike Lorentz	DT	6-4	265	FR
92	Shannon Clavelle	DT	6-3	270	JR
93	Darius Holland	DT	6-5	285	SR
94	Kerry Hicks	NT	6-6	260	JR
94	Adam Hicks	DB	5-10	155	JR
95	Daryl Price	LB	6-5	240	JR
95	Prices Right	DT	6-3	344	SO
96	Mike Fomey	LB	6-4	210	FR
97	Mike Phillips	LB	6-3	205	FR
97	Norm Barnett	TE	6-1	255	SR
99	Stacy Patterson	DT	6-1	275	FR

THE STRATEGIST . . .



BILL McCARTNEY
13th season at Colorado
Career Record at Air Force: 92-55-5
Against Notre Dame: 1-3
Highlights: Coached the Buffs to a National Championship in 1990 after finishing the season with an 11-1-1 record. Won three straight Big Eight titles between 1989-1991.

THE SERIES . . .

LAST TIME

Colorado 10
Notre Dame 9

A punt return for a touch-down by Raghieb Ismail (right) in the 1991 Orange Bowl was called back because of a clipping penalty, giving the Buffs the win and National Title.



THE SCHEDULE . . .

COLORADO

Sept. 3	N.E. LOUISIANA	48-13, W
Sept. 17	WISCONSIN	55-17, W
Sept. 24	at Michigan	27-26, W
Oct. 1	at Texas	34-31, W
Oct. 8	at Missouri	38-23, W
Oct. 15	OKLAHOMA	45-7, W
Oct. 22	KANSAS STATE	35-21, W
Oct. 29	at Nebraska	7-24, L
Nov. 5	OKLAHOMA ST.	17-3, W
Nov. 12	at Kansas	51-26, W
Nov. 19	IOWA STATE	41-20, W

RECORDS

ND leads 3-1
Last ND win
21-6, 1990
Last Colorado win
10-9, 1991
Streak 1 by CU
At Notre Dame Stadium
Notre Dame leads 1-0
At Neutral Sites
Tied 1-1

STARTERS . . .

WR	21-Rae Carruth, 6-0, 180, SO
	2-James Kidd, 5-8, 160, SO
TE	86-Christian Fauria, 6-4, 235, SR
	41-T. McCarty, 6-3, 240, FR
LT	50-Tony Berti, 6-6, 280,



FIGHTING IRISH



THE STATS . . .

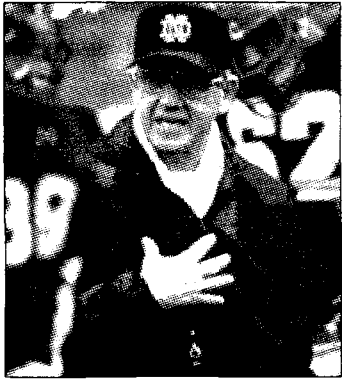
SCORE BY QUARTERS						1	2	3	4	T	PASSING	Comp	Att	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Lg	FIELD GOALS	0-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Tot									
Notre Dame						50	117	82	69	318	Powlus	119	222	53.6	1729	19	9	60	Schroffner	4-5	2-5	0-0	0-0	6-10									
Opponents						26	63	47	103	239	Krug	7	16	43.8	98	1	1	31	Cengia	0-0	4-6	1-2	0-0	5-8									
TEAM STATS						ND						Opp	RECEIVING					Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	PUNTING					No	Avg	Bk	Lg		
First downs						222						218	Mayes					47	847	18.0	11	60	Ford					34	39.8	0	61		
Total yards						4230						3661	Stafford					18	254	14.1	3	34	Wachtel					12	35.7	1	48		
Total yards per game						384.5						332.8	Zellars					12	114	9.5	2	21											
Total offensive plays						757						779	Mosley					11	118	10.7	0	37	KICKOFF RETURNS					No	Avg	TD	Lg		
Avg. yards per play						5.59						4.70	McBride					6	57	9.5	0	19	Mosley					13	24.6	0	47		
Rushing yards						2372						1538	Becton					6	50	8.3	1	21	Farmer					5	12.0	0	14		
Rushing yards per game						215.6						139.8	Edwards					5	58	11.6	0	39	Zellars					5	11.8	0	23		
Rushing plays						513						444											PUNT RETURNS					No	Avg	TD	Lg		
Passing yards						1858						2123	ALL-PURPOSE					Rush	Rec	Ret	Tot	Avg	Mosley					8	4.4	0	12		
Passing yards per game						168.9						193.0	Becton					550	50	17	617	88.1	Maiden					1	44	1	44		
Passes completed						129						190	Zellars					466	114	59	639	79.9	Taylor					1	38	0	38		
Passes attempted						244						335	Mayes					0	847	0	847	77.0	Magee					1	31	0	31		
Passes intercepted						11						7	Mosley					187	118	355	660	66.0	Davis					1	11	0	11		
Fumbles / Fumbles lost						22 / 10						30 / 15	Kinder					702	12	0	714	64.9											
Penalties-Penalty yards						55-437						50-433	Edwards					307	58	0	365	33.2											
Third down conversions						58-149						48-154	Stafford					24	254	29	307	27.9											
Percentage						38.9						31.2	Farmer					131	15	60	206	22.9											
Fourth down conversions						11-16						12-19											DEFENSE					T	A	Tot	FR	PBU	Sac
RUSHING						Yds/Gm	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	SCORING					TD	2XP	1XP	FG	Saf	Pts	Magee					61	21	82	0	5	0.0
Becton						78.6	100	550	5.5	3	37	Mayes					11	1	0-0	0	0	68	Sample					51	18	69	0	1	5.0
Kinder						63.8	119	702	5.9	4	41	Schroffner					0	0	30-30	6	0	48	Goheen					42	19	61	2	4	4.0
Zellars						58.2	79	466	5.9	3	62	Zellars					5	0	0-0	0	0	30	Gibson					38	22	60	1	0	3.0
Edwards						27.9	48	307	6.4	2	37	Becton					4	0	0-0	0	0	24	Wooden					49	10	59	1	8	0.0
Mosley						18.7	34	187	5.5	4	24	Kinder					4	0	0-0	0	0	24	Davis					38	15	53	1	1	0.0
Farmer						14.6	26	131	5.0	0	22	Mosley					4	0	0-0	0	0	24	Wynn					35	14	49	1	1	1.0
Klusas						3.8	3	15	5.0	0	14	Cengia					0	0	4-7	5	0	19	Grasmanis					27	20	47	0	2	2.5
												Stafford					3	0	0-0	0	0	18	Nau					31	11	42	0	1	4.0

THE SCHEDULE . . .

NOTRE DAME

Sept. 3	at Northwestern	42-15, W
Sept. 10	at Michigan	24-26, L
Sept. 17	at Michigan State	21-20, W
Sept. 24	at Purdue	30-21, W
Oct. 1	at Stanford	34-15, W
Oct. 8	at Boston College	1-30, L
Oct. 15	at BYU	14-21, L
Oct. 22	at Navy	58-21, W
Nov. 5	at Florida State	16-23, L
Nov. 12	at Air Force	42-30, W
Nov. 26	at USC	17-17, T

THE STRATEGIST . . .



LOU HOLTZ

Ninth season at Notre Dame
Career Record at ND: 83-23-2
Against Colorado: 1-1
Highlights: Won the 1988 national championship and finished second in both 1989 and 1993.

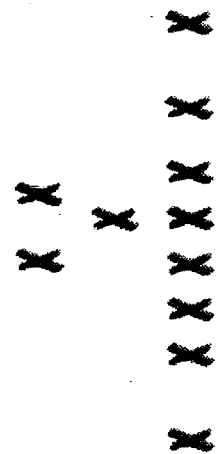
THE STARS . . .

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Derrick Mayes	WR	6-1	205	JR
2	LeShane Saddler	S	5-11	196	SR
3	Dan Farrell	WR	6-0	166	SR
4	Rob Powlus	QB	6-4	218	SO
5	Lee Becton	RB	6-0	191	SR
6	Emmett Mosley	WR	5-9	179	SO
7	Leon Blunt	QB	5-9	173	FR
8	Gus OrNSTEIN	QB	6-5	210	FR
9	LaRon Moore	CB	5-9	193	SR
10	Mike Perona	QB	6-1	186	SO
10	Larry Wright	ATH	5-11	190	FR
11	Tom Krug	QB	6-5	199	SO
12	Scott Cengia	K	5-9	167	FR
13	Brian Ford	P	6-4	193	SO
13	John Bishop	CB	6-0	171	SO
14	Ivory Covington	DB	5-11	160	FR
15	Paul Rogers	QB	6-1	204	SO
15	Allen Rossum	DB	5-9	175	FR
16	Brian Perry	S	6-1	197	SO
16	Mark McKenna	QB	5-10	188	SO
17	Brian Magee	S	5-10	201	JR
18	Cikai Champion	SE	5-11	176	SO
18	Chris Wachtel	P	6-0	200	SO
20	Malcom Johnson	WR	6-5	193	FR
21	Bobby Taylor	CB	6-3	201	JR
22	Shawn Wooden	CB	5-11	183	SR
23	Billy Gibbs	SS	5-10	178	SO
24	Charles Stafford	WR	5-10	183	SR
25	Randy Kinder	RB	6-1	200	SO
26	Mark Monohan	S	6-0	178	JR
27	Tracy Graham	CB	5-10	190	SR
28	Ken Barry	RB	6-1	195	FR
29	Brian Meter	CB	5-7	152	SR
31	Robert Farmer	RB	6-1	210	SO
32	Clement Stokes	RB	6-0	200	FR
33	John McLaughlin	DB	6-4	225	FR
34	Ray Zellars	RB	5-11	221	SR
35	Richard Rolle	WR	6-1	159	FR
36	Jeremy Sample	LB	5-11	223	SR
37	Travis Davis	S	6-0	197	SR
38	Sim Stokes	CB	6-2	191	SO
39	Kinnon Tatum	LB	6-1	209	SO
40	Kevin Carretta	LB	6-1	227	JR
41	Joe Babey	LB	6-2	225	JR
42	Alton Maiden	LB	6-4	248	SR
43	Bill Wagasy	LB	6-2	228	JR
44	Marc Edwards	RB	6-2	221	SO
45	Jeff Kilburg	DE	6-4	258	SO
47	Bill Mitoulas	LB	6-0	210	FR
48	Renaldo Wynn	LB	6-3	254	JR
49	Lyron Cobbins	LB	6-2	230	SO
50	Greg Stec	C	6-2	265	SR
51	Melvin Dansby	DE	6-4	245	SO
52	Germaine Holden	DE	6-4	252	SR
53	Jim Kordas	OG	6-5	269	SR
54	Justin Goheen	LB	6-2	228	SR
55	Oliver Gibson	NG	6-3	275	SR
56	Steve Armbruster	C	6-0	220	SR
57	Rick Kaczinski	C	6-4	251	SO
58	Jeremy Nau	LB	6-4	226	SR
59	Jon Bergman	LB	6-1	220	SR
60	Bert Berry	LB	6-4	221	SO
61	Jeff Kramer	LB	6-3	215	FR
62	Mike McCullough	OG	6-3	295	JR
63	Joe Adent	LB	6-2	210	SR
64	Steve Misetic	OG	6-5	280	JR
65	Brett Galley	LB	5-9	188	SO
66	Kurt Belisle	LB	6-3	220	FR
67	Mark Zlatavski	C	6-6	300	SR
68	Paul Mickelbart	OL	6-4	265	FR
69	David Quist	OT	6-5	264	JR
70	Mike McGlinn	OT	6-6	285	SR
71	Herb Gibson	OT	6-5	309	SR
72	Ryan Leahy	OG	6-4	285	SR
73	Mike Doughty	OT	6-8	280	SO
74	Will Lyell	C	6-5	274	JR
75	Chris Clevenger	OT	6-7	250	SO
76	Jeremy Akers	OT	6-5	286	SR
77	Dusty Zeigler	OG	6-6	264	JR
78	Jon Spickelmier	OL	6-4	250	FR
79	Damian Peter	OL	6-7	295	FR
80	Oscar McBride	TE	6-5	258	SR
81	John Lynch	WR	6-2	188	JR
82	Joe Carroll	WR	5-10	182	SR
83	Mike Denvir	TE	6-3	231	SO
84	Dan McConnell	WR	5-10	178	JR
85	Ben Herrig	WR	5-10	168	JR
86	Ben Foos	DE	6-4	244	JR
87	Cikai Champion	WR	5-11	176	SO
88	Leon Wallace	TE	6-3	275	JR
89	Ty Goode	WR	6-1	173	FR
90	Brian Hamilton	DE	6-3	276	SR
91	Darnell Smith	DE	6-5	265	SO
92	Luke Pettigout	TE	6-7	260	FR
93	Paul Grasmanis	NG	6-3	277	JR
94	Reggie Fleurima	NG	6-3	266	SR
95	Corey Bennett	LB	6-2	205	FR
96	Stefan Schroffner	K	5-9	164	SR
97	Corey Redder	LB	6-2	215	FR
98	Pete Chryplewicz	TE	6-5	255	JR
99	Cliff Stroud	DE	6-3	274	JR

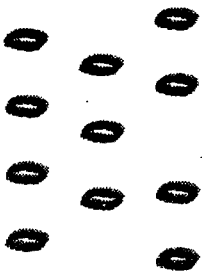
THE STARTERS . . .

TE	80-Oscar McBride, 6-5, 271, SR
	88-Leon Wallace, 6-3, 275, JR
T	95-Chris Clevenger, 6-7, 250, SO
	69-David Quist, 6-4, 289, JR
G	64-Steve Misetic, 6-4, 291, JR
	62-Mike McCullough, 6-3, 295, JR
C	77-Dusty Zeigler, 6-5, 264, JR
	57-Rick Kaczinski, 6-4, 251, SO
G	72-Ryan Leahy, 6-3, 290, SR
	62-Mike McCullough, 6-3, 295, JR
T	73-Mike Doughty, 6-8, 280, SO
	70-Mike McGlinn, 6-5, 297, SR
QB	3-Ron Powlus, 6-2, 217, SO
	11-Thomas Krug, 6-4, 200, SO
FL	24-Charles Stafford, 5-9, 187, SR
	83-Scott Sollmann, 5-8, 165, SO
SE	1-Derrick Mayes, 6-0, 199, JR
	18-Cikai Champion, 5-11, 176, SO
TB	4-Lee Becton, 6-0, 191, SR
	25-Randy Kinder, 6-0, 207, SO
FB	34-Ray Zellars, 5-11, 221, SO
	44-Mark Edwards, 6-0, 228, SO

IRISH OFFENSE



IRISH DEFENSE



LE	48-Renaldo Wynn, 6-3, 244, JR
	51-Melvin Dansby, 6-4, 245, SO
DT	93-Paul Grasmanis, 6-3, 286, JR
	90-Brian Hamilton, 6-3, 288, SR
NG	55-Oliver Gibson, 6-2, 275, SR
	42-Alton Maiden, 6-2, 259, JR
RE	58-Jeremy Nau, 6-4, 233, SR
	52-Germaine Holden, 6-3, 271, SR
OLB	60-Bertrand Berry, 6-4, 221, SO
	95-Corey Bennett, 6-2, 205, FR
ILB	36-Jeremy Sample, 5-11, 229, SR
	39-Kinnon Tatum, 5-11, 214, SO
ILB	54-Justin Goheen, 6-3, 235, SR
	49-Lyron Cobbins, 6-0, 234, SO
LCB	14-Ivory Covington, 5-11, 160, FR
	15-Allen Rossum, 5-9, 175, FR
FS	17-Brian Magee, 5-9, 204, JR
	2-LeShane Saddler, 5-11, 196, SR
SS	9-LaRon Moore, 5-9, 193, SR
	37-Travis Davis, 6-0, 198, SR
RCB	22-Shawn Wooden, 5-10, 190, SR
	15-Allen Rossum, 5-9, 175, FR

Seniors

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they signed on to play for the Irish and were told. . . *You're not worthy.*

Jeremy Sample heard it the day after he signed. Sitting at his home near Chicago reading *USA Today* and the *Chicago Tribune*, seeing the quotes that said his class was unlike any other Irish coach Lou Holtz had brought in. He looked for the names of his future teammates among the list of All-Americans but found few.

"The illegitimate class, that's what they called us," Sample said.

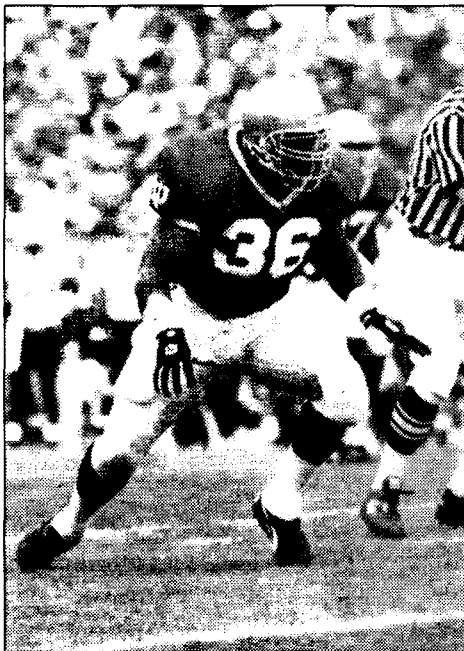
The class was not full of promise but full of promises. Players like Sample hoping to silence the critics and make their mark. To put an end to the question. . . were we worthy? And as that group of seniors prepares to face Colorado (10-1) in the Fiesta Bowl the question still rises and sets like the sun on an Arizona desert.

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The numbers. The numbers. They hope you will not judge solely on the numbers. Of the 24 men who came in as freshman in 1991, 22 remain on campus. Linemen Eric Kuechenberg and Tyler Young transferred after the 1991 and 1992 season. Of those that stayed, nine are starters and 16 will graduate with a varsity letter. By comparison, there were eighteen starters and 21 monogram winners in the class of 1990.

The most devastating of numbers: Last year 11-1. This year 6-4-1.

The number of starters and letter winners may tell the most about the amount of talent brought in by Holtz and company following a 1990 season which ended with a 10-9 loss to Colorado in the Orange Bowl.

The class of 1991 was ranked among the top-20 recruiting groups by the narrowest of margins. Notre Dame boasted four straight No. 1 groups before their



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Jeremy Sample went from throw in recruit to a starter for the Irish.

arrival, classes bursting with All-Americans. The 1991 group had only two so-called blue-chippers, Huntley Bakich and Michael Miller. Bakich's career never materialized because of a back injury. Miller was billed as the next Raghib "Rocket" Ismail but then fell short and was dismissed from the team this past fall because of his role in a check-writing scandal in Texas.

The group came in without much fanfare and will undoubtedly leave the same way. None are projected first-round picks according to Mel Kiper Jr's Draft Publications Inc. In the past two years, seven Notre Dame players have been selected in the opening round, the most of any school in the country.

Only one senior, linebacker Justin Goheen has earned honorable mention All-American honors. Last year, ten players earned such an honor or were first or second team.

"I imagine all the prognosticators are saying they were right," Mark Zataveski said. "But it is not as bad as it could be. It didn't help that we followed the class we did. They were the most talented class to go through Notre Dame. Anyone would have paled by comparison."

...
"We have 24 very, very good competitors," Holtz said the day he signed the class of 1991. "You cannot play the game if you are not tough."

There are certain things even toughness cannot overcome. Players like Bakich, John Taliaferro, and Jeff Riney all were lost at one time or another because of injury. Bakich had the back. Taliaferro tried to play through two shoulder surgeries. Riney's neck forced him to retire.

The three career-ending injuries, two transfers and Paul Failla's decision to stick to baseball left Notre Dame with six players not contributing during their final year, triple what was unavailable in 1991.

Throw in injuries to Ray Zellars and Lee Becton and the class of 1991 played most of this year without one-third of its original base.

It also didn't help the class that Holtz's hands were tied when he began recruiting the class. Although Notre Dame's coach downplayed it at the time, it was rumored that nearly 30 players the coaching staff targeted as players they wished to recruit were stamped unacceptable by the admissions office. Director of admissions Kevin Rooney said that the standards had not been raised just that it was a year when certain student-athletes didn't make the grade as Notre Dame student athletes.

The reality for Holtz and company was a number of scholarships available and a lack of top-flight players to fill them. That is why, some say, so many seniors never lettered and never pushed for a starting spot. They were last minute replacements.

"A lot of us have had to fight that stig-

ma all the way through," Sample said. "When we were freshmen we talked about it, but all you can do is try and fight it."

Fighting it in the weight room and in practice and in studying more and more film than the rest. That is what Sample and Zataveski did, and that is why they went from fill-ins to starters, and on more than one occasion, starters.

"Most of the guys work hard, its not just work. Sometimes injuries come and things you can't control," Zataveski said. "I'm not going to say that the work didn't pay off for me or for Jeremy, because it did. But there's more to it than that."

There's also more to the criticism then knocks from the media and poor rankings from the Tom Lemmings and Max Emfingers of this world. There is Holtz.

Throughout their time here, Holtz has made it public his dislike for the class. Not as people, but as talent. He wondered early this season where the senior leadership would come from. He answered questions about his seniors beginning with, "There not the most talented of groups, but. . ."

And that "but" has never clearly defined this class as anything but illegitimate.

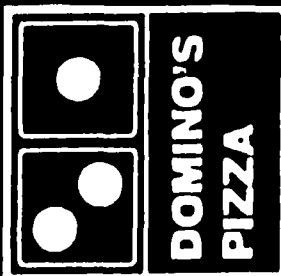
"He tried to use (our lack of talent) as a motivational tool," Zataveski said. "Whether or not it worked I don't know. He was confronted with what the media said about us and maybe that had a lot to do with what he said."

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What the media and Holtz has said will matter little when the class of 1991 takes the field in Tempe.

"This groups been tremendous," Holtz said. "They've been through some hard times, but they keep hanging in there."

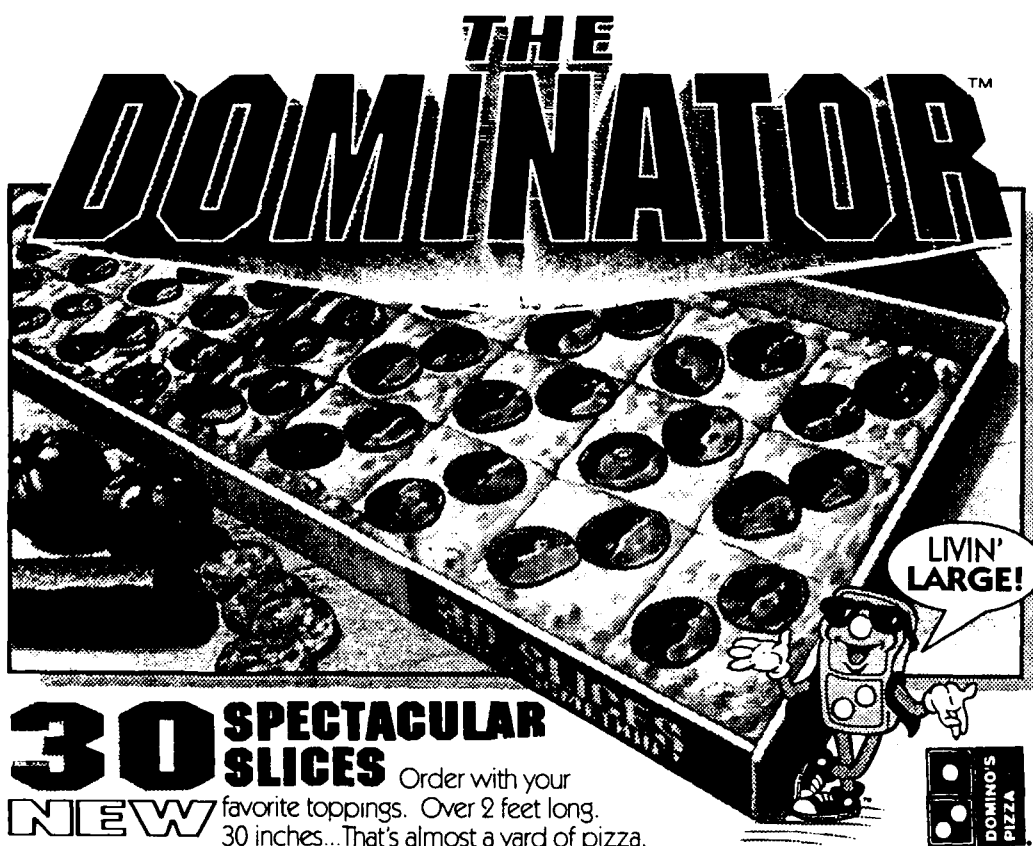
And they will continue, holding on till the season is long over and the rain stops and each player can ask himself the question everyone has poured on them since the day they signed.

"Was I worthy?"



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By
Jason
Kelly

The junior proved game in and game out why he is the Observer Player of the Year

Derrick Mayes walks funny. His knees curve inward, almost rubbing together with each step, and his toes point outward at opposite angles. It's an unusual stride that belies his acute athleticism.

When that stride turns into a sprint, and all of a sudden he's on the other side of some unfortunate cornerback, Mayes' ability is immediately evident.

But his legs are not what separate him from the middle of the pack. Every

major college wide receiver worth a pair of Reeboks can run.

It's those hands. Bare or wrapped in a pair of Neumann gloves, Mayes' fingers always seem to cling to any football thrown in his direction.

"He's incredible. You know every time you throw it that he's got a chance to get it," Notre Dame quarterback Ron Powlus said. "He makes it so easy from my end, and so much fun."

Mayes caught at least one pass in

every game and snared more touchdown passes in a single season (11) than any other player in Notre Dame history.

It was that steady and often spectacular play that made Mayes the obvious choice for the 1994 Observer Player of the Year award.

Watching Mayes make a tough catch is a study in acrobatics. He leaps and twists and flips, somehow bringing the ball back to earth with him.

He did it last year against Boston College, igniting the late drive that gave the Irish their short-lived lead with an impossible diving, twisting grab.

He did it again this year against Michigan, rising to snatch a Powlus pass in the back of the endzone, giving Notre Dame another late lead it would watch slip away.

And he does it in practice every day.

"It's not all that impressive to us anymore," Powlus said. "We see him do it all the time."

Even when the Irish are supposed to be taking it easy, Mayes does it, endangering his limbs and frightening his coaches.

"On Mondays and Thursdays (during the regular season) we practice without pads and I mentioned to (offensive coordinator) Dave Roberts that it was important that we keep Derrick from diving for balls," Irish coach Lou Holtz said. "He's always diving all over the field, landing on his shoulder, on his nose, on his chest. He just loves the game."

That love bore the dedication that has made Mayes one of the best ever to run pass patterns for Notre Dame.

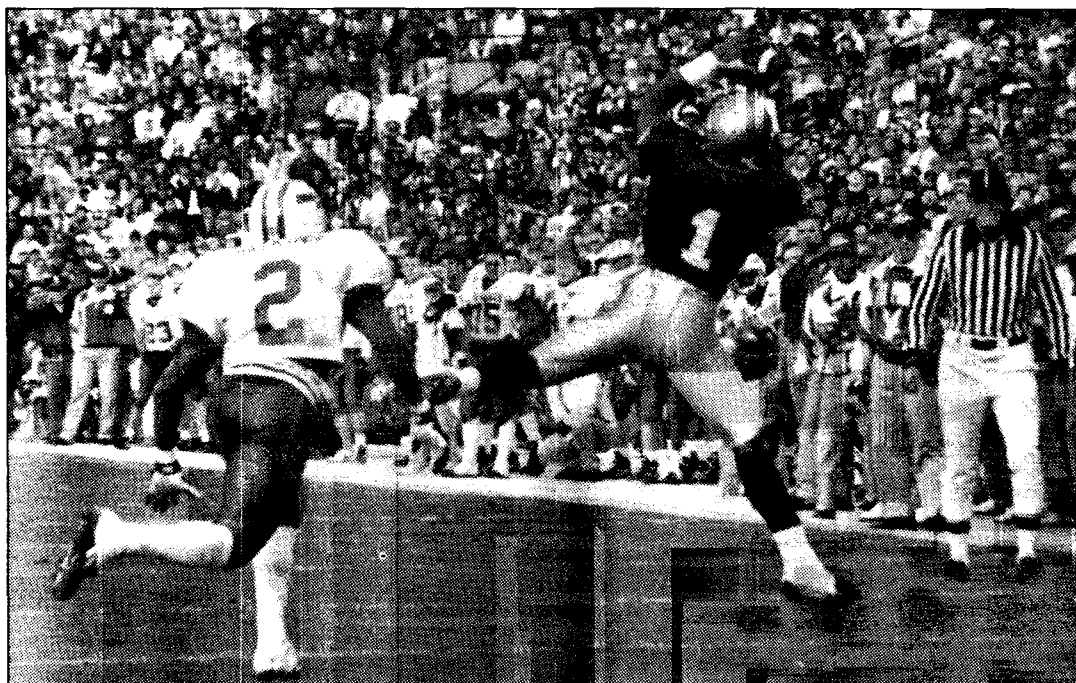
He emerged almost immediately, scoring on his first three catches as a college player. But he exploded last season against Boston College.

"He made a lot of big plays for us last year," Holtz said. "But he particularly came of age against Boston College."

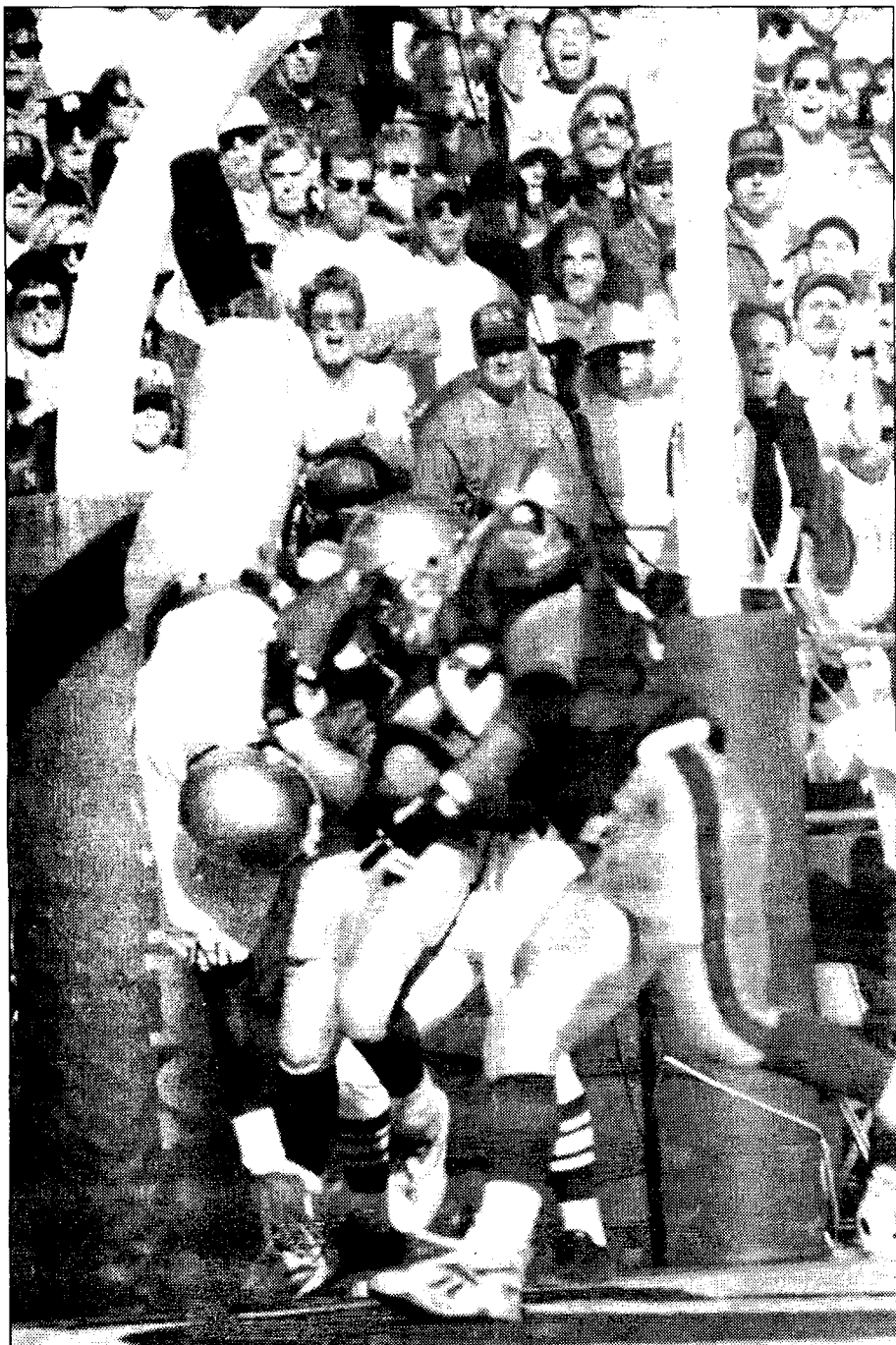
Since that game, Mayes has been Notre Dame's No. 1 offensive threat, the only consistent weapon in the Irish arsenal.

With Notre Dame's normally powerful running attack faltering for much of the season, and no consistently reliable receivers other than Mayes, he became a

Whether he leaped (top), dove, or flipped (left), Derrick Mayes was always there to make the catch. His eleven touchdown catches broke a Notre Dame single season record, last set by Jack Snow in 1964.



The Observer/Brian Hardy



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focal point of defensive plans to stop the Irish.

But he always managed to get open, and he always made the catch, no matter how impossible it seemed. Well, almost always.

"Derrick Mayes catching touchdown passes isn't news, but dropping a pass over the middle is," Holtz said. "That's something I've never seen before."

Wide open in the middle of an Air Force zone, Mayes dropped a pass Powlus put right in his gut. Gasps of surprise came from the crowd that had witnessed Mayes' most impressive performance of the season to that point with eight catches and two touchdowns against the Falcons.

The latter scoring catch made him the all-time single-season leader at Notre Dame. But he couldn't catch the simplest of passes.

"I was thinking about another record (three touchdown catches in a single game)," Mayes admitted. "I just lost my concentration."

But it didn't matter. The game was over and his coronation already complete, a made-for-television crowning.

NBC sideline reporter John Dockery promised to deliver the football from Mayes' record-breaking touchdown catch to his parents, seated somewhere near the top of Notre Dame Stadium.

When he crossed the goal line, Dockery was waiting and Mayes handed him the ball and stripped off his gloves, memorabilia of his greatest moment.

"It was a really special moment, I'm glad (my parents) could be there to share it," Mayes said.

But now that he has done something no other receiver in Irish history could do, now that he has carved a niche for himself as arguably the best receiver ever to wear blue and gold, what challenge remains for Mayes at this level.

His teammates have named him this year's Most Valuable Player. And his statistics are without peer, considering Notre Dame's ground-oriented offense.

Mayes has long been considered a candidate to leave school a year early to seek new challenges in the NFL. It's a decision he must make soon and Notre Dame fans have their fingers crossed that he'll choose to stay in South Bend.

"I think about pro ball, but I want to get a ring," Mayes said earlier this season. "That's all I'm concentrating on right now—being No. 1."

Come April, he may be concentrating on being a No. 1 draft pick. If not, he'll likely find himself filling this space again next season.

■ JOCK STRIP

The bottom line is: Like it or not, we're destined for the desert

It doesn't matter. It just don't matter. Argue all you want. The front-runners are beside themselves with venom.

"How can we be going to a bowl like the Fiesta Bowl", they scream. "We're terrible. Let B.C. go. Let USC go. Let Sam Houston Institute of Technology go for all I care. We don't belong."

They see four losses and visions of Prairie View A&M come dancing into their heads. If we're not undefeated, we're unworthy.

"Colorado is gonna crush us. We have less of a chance than the sun does of coming out in South Bend in January. That guy Salami or ham-on-rye or whatever the hell his name is, is going to run all over us. It's gonna be embarrassing, I tell ya."

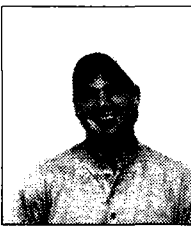
Then there are those of the more loyal persuasion. You know the type. They have a certain ensemble, almost like a uniform, that must be worn to Irish games. They think it really matters to Lee Becton what shoes, socks, or belt they have on that day. It matters even more to Justin Goheen whether or not they have their lucky Celtic Cross dangling from their necks. They vehemently maintain that "We are N.D.," that we belong against the best.

"We got screwed last year because they hate us. They just can't stand us. Take advantage of it when they want us. Hey, we'll show 'em. Just like in '92. It'll be the Sugar Bowl and Florida all over again. Go Irish."

Hate to break it to, fellas (gals, too) but all the arguing in Arizona won't change a thing. We're going. That's it.

If they want us, they can have us. As the ever-pragmatic Steve Miller once sang, "Take the money and run."

Not to be greedy, but you all know here at Notre Dame money talks and, pride walks.



Tim Sherman
Assistant Sports Editor

Maybe we'd like to think otherwise, but we're all pretty smart kids here. We know greed when we see it.

But it's not just Dick Rosenthal and Father Beauchamp that spend thier days and nights dream of little dollars signs, the Fiesta Bowl brass also knows the bottom line is where it's at. The Fightin' Irish mean ratings, which means bucks. You've heard it before, you'll hear it again. You either love Notre Dame or hate them. It's really pretty elementary.

If you love the Irish, you will watch with all your optimism that the ghost of Jerome Bettis will return, maybe in the form of Ray Zellars, and once again, what tho' the odds be great or small, old Notre Dame will win over all.

If you're a Holtz-hater, you'll be tuned into NBC to see the boys in blue and gold get what they deserve - a good, ol' fashioned butt-whoppin' (most effective when said with a deep Alabama drawl).

Either way, a decent amount of those football-watching Americans will tune in. If we're on, those who prefer to spend their New Year's Day, or as is the case this season, their New Year's Second Day, stuck in front of the TV under a mountainous pile of Doritos (or for the more diet-conscious, Fat Free Rold Gold Pretzels) and six-packs of Coors, will watch.


Things happen for a reason. So far, the Irish are two for two in these types of games. In both the aforementioned Sugar Bowl and the '93 Cotton Bowl, Notre Dame was courted despite the existence of supposedly better teams. But, as luck would have, we won both.

Still, it doesn't matter. It just don't matter.

So let's all just drop the Great Debate. Accept it. As Lionel Richie once said, it's Fiesta, forever.

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 1. Nebraska(38)	12-0-0	1526	1
2. Penn St.(24)	11-0-0	1511	2
3. Miami	10-1-0	1398	4
4. Colorado	10-1-0	1345	5
5. Florida	10-1-1	1313	6
6. Alabama	11-1-0	1217	3
7. Florida St.	9-1-1	1211	7
8. Texas A&M	10-0-1	1081	8
9. Auburn	9-1-1	1059	9
10. Colorado St.	10-1-0	968	10
11. Kansas St.	9-2-0	943	11
12. Oregon	9-3-0	916	12
13. Ohio St.	9-3-0	751	13
14. Utah	9-2-0	700	14
15. Arizona	8-3-0	625	15
16. Mississippi St.	8-3-0	560	16
17. Virginia Tech	8-3-0	486	17
18. Virginia	8-3-0	416	19
19. N. Carolina	8-3-0	402	18
20. Michigan	7-4-0	372	20
21. USC	7-3-1	355	21
22. BYU	9-3-0	237	22
23. N.C. State	8-3-0	222	23
24. Washington St.	7-4-0	186	24
25. Duke	8-3-0	99	25

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Dancing of students brings *The Nutcracker* to life



Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students perform as dancers in the Southold Dance Theater's *The Nutcracker* Ballet. Long hours of rehearsal and performance compound the women's work as University students and dancers.

By LAURA SMITH

Accent Writer

With finals quickly approaching, many students are cramming day and night for the upcoming tests. Imagine taking out several hours every day, right before finals.

Maryann Schwoyer, Angie Horvath, and Eileen Sullivan are doing just that. It is a good thing they are doing something they love.

Schwoyer, Horvath, and Sullivan are full company members of the Southold Dance Theater located in South Bend. This weekend, Southold Dance Theater is presenting *The Nutcracker* Ballet in O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

The *Nutcracker* is a ballet in two acts

with music by Peter Illyich Tchaikovsky and original choreography by Ivanov. The traditional Christmas ballet is about a young girl, Clara, who receives a toy nutcracker from her Uncle Drosselmeyer.

In her dreams the nutcracker comes to life and takes Clara to the Land of Snow and the Kingdom of Sweets. Christa Clous, Saint Mary's sophomore, is attending this weekend's performance because, "It's a cute story. I've seen parts, but I've never seen the whole thing."

In this weekend's performances of *The Nutcracker* Ballet, Southold Dance Theater will be accompanied by the South Bend Symphony Orchestra and guest artists Diana White and John Summers.

Whit, a member of the New York City Ballet, will dance the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Snow Princess. Summers is a member of the American Ballet Theater and will dance the roles of the Snow Prince and the Cavalier.

Schwoyer, a freshman Biology major at Saint Mary's, is excited about performing this weekend. "It's a whole new experience, learning a new ballet and being with a new company" she said.

Schwoyer read an article in the Observer about Saint Mary's. She while visiting Saint Mary's she liked it and was inspired to join.

Horvath, a member of Southold Dance Theater, has already performed in the *Nutcracker* six times. The Saint Mary's freshman fondly remembers the performances of her freshman year of high school when she was Clara. "It was a little girl's dream come true" said Horvath.

From September to May, the Southold Dance Theater dancers practice about 14 hours a week and this week rehearsals for the *Nutcracker* are even longer, often lasting from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. every day. How do these busy college students keep up with everything? According to Sullivan, Notre Dame junior and Biology major, "You can't waste time."

"It's a daily thing. I keep cal-

endars everywhere so I can look ahead" said Schwoyer. For Horvath, sympathetic friends are very important. "My friends understand why I can't go out all the time or talk on the phone for hours and that helps" she said.

For these women, dancing has become an important part of their lives, one they would not give up in spite of the long hours.

Sullivan has been dancing since she was 5 and would like to continue after graduation. Schwoyer agrees with Sullivan. She said, "I hope to keep in shape after college and maybe audition for some companies and be able to perform."

The Southold Dance Theater consists of 14 apprentices and 13 company members. The company's message is "To dance is to live in."

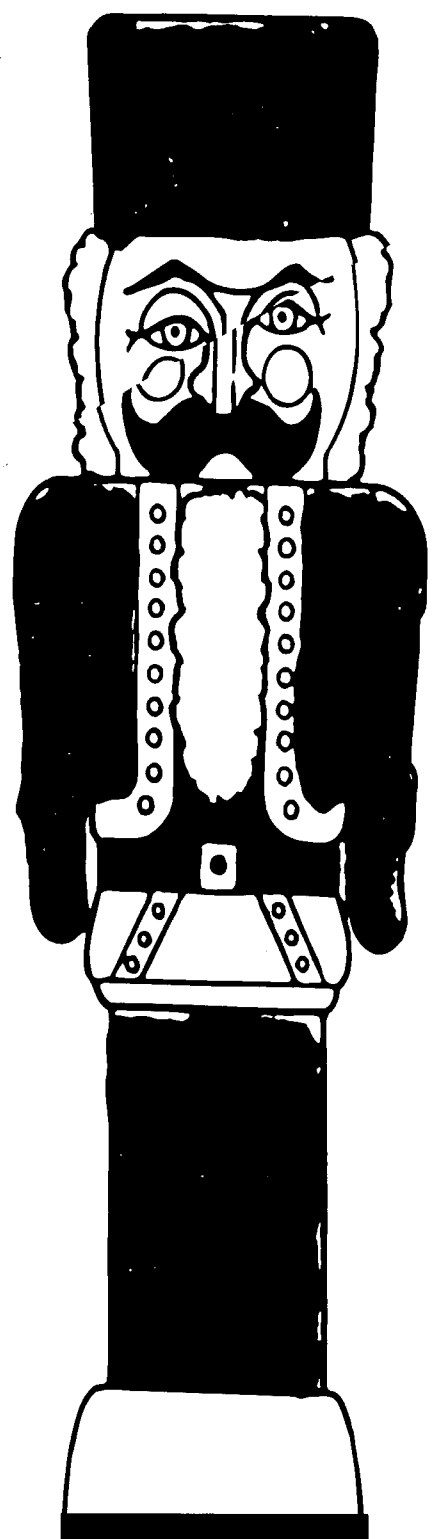
Members are enrolled in middle school, high school, and college students. The company will perform three concerts this year at O'Laughlin Auditorium. They include *The Nutcracker*, Family Concert, and Spring Concert. Experience will be performed at the Colfax Cultural Center.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Southold performed six abbreviated versions of *The Nutcracker* with three more scheduled for Monday. Southold Dance Theater will perform *The Nutcracker* for over 12,000 area school children.

The public performances are Friday, December 9 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, December 10 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, December 11 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. All performances are in O'Laughlin Auditorium on the Saint Mary's campus.

Tickets can be purchased in the box office at O'Laughlin. Tickets for the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening performances and the Sunday matinee are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students, and \$10 for children.

Saturday's matinee has recorded music instead of the live orchestra and is \$15 for adults, \$12 for students, and \$8 for children.



The Observer/ Cynthia Exconde

Visions of Sugar Plums dance across the stage.

Christmas: The Coney Island of the mind?

I wonder which mail order houses God uses when He does His Christmas shopping? Does He buy His cards at Hallmark's, when He cares enough to send the very best? Does He window-shop at Tiffany's, convinced that diamonds are forever? Does He send many crosses to those for whom life has been a school of hard knocks, which He will exchange in eternity for a starry crown, up where the sun shines ever? Thomas Hardy wrote: "The President of the Immortals (in Aeschylean phrase) had ended his sport with Tess." Do you ever feel that the Deity needs watching?

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Christmas should be a moveable feast, which we can celebrate every day in our hearts. Coming, as Eliot mentions in his "Journey of the Magi," "in the dead of winter, the very worst time of the year, we might wonder if we are celebrating Birth or Death. "There was a Birth certainly...this Birth was/Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death." Did the Magi understand the three trees on

Father Robert Griffin *Letters to a Lonely God*



the low sky and "the six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver" as a foreshadowing of the Cross?

Among the poems in Ferlinghetti's "A Coney Island of the Mind," is a piece called, "Christ Climbed Down." "Christ climbed down/from His bare Tree/this year/And ran away to where/no intrepid Bible salesmen/covered the territory/in two-tone cadillacs and where no Sears Roebuck creches/complete with plastic babe in manger/arrived by parcel post/the babe by special delivery/and where no televised Wise Men/praised the Lord Calvert Whiskey."

Who can blame this Beat poet of the Fifties and Sixties for being sickened by the hypocrisy of the Christian tradition? Still, it seems easier to light one candle by believing in Christmas (as the churches do) than it does to surrender to the darkness. Thomas Hardy wrote of hearing an aged thrush in winter, flinging his soul upon a landscape of death. "So little cause for carolings/Of such ecstatic sound/Was written on terrestrial things/Afar or nigh around,/That I could think there trembled through/ His happy good-night air/Some blessed Hope, where of he knew/And I was unaware."

To be overtaken and astonished by Christmas as a December hope is as uplifting as the music of the thrush's caroling.

At age 69, I no longer wish that I could be a child at Christmas, able to believe in magic. At my age, I wish for grace (which is God's magic) to believe that there are, for the sake of the children, hearts above the snow line. If I can believe that at Christmas, God gave us His only-begotten Son as our brother in the flesh, then I can believe that history, with its endless sorrows and tragedies, has been unfolding as a love story centered on an all-caring Father Who writes straight with twisted lines. I don't suppose that a child who is starving ever wonders if he should forgive God for could leaving him abandoned. But when, as a grown up, you see the pinched faces, you could wonder if Divine Providence is irresponsible. When you remember all the throwaway children, you could wonder if the hearts above the snowline are all cracked and chilled.

Christmas is an important feast for children, and because there there are children everywhere more wretched than the shorn lamb for whom the chilled wind has not been tem-

pered. There are also athletes dying young, and the battle dead; sick mothers and out-of-work fathers, and senior citizens who need a light for the night to keep the fear of death away.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," begins the Gospel of John, updating the Creation story in Genesis. Can we believe that in addition to the sun, moon, and other planets, God created the Christmas star, to guide shepherds and kings to the place of the Nativity? Can we believe that Bethlehem was the first of the Lord's stations on the way to Calvary, where God His face in the overhanging darkness?

O Lord, I do believe. Help Thou my unbelief.

The confusing part of Christmas is the way the malls and the media try to make the

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season meaningful. It strikes me as more than tasteless when breast implants are advertised as an appropriate gift for a woman to receive from her significant-other; and apparently Roseanne has had herself artificially inseminated, as a Christmas gift to herself. But I do not believe that the sleazing of America would tempt Christ to climb down from His lonely, wooden tower, washing His

hands of us. The closer America comes to losing its soul, the more Christmas needs to be retold as a love story every year.

As a child imaginative enough to believe in unicorns, I remember how awesome it was to see the empty dishes on the dining room table at our house, which was proof that Santa Claus had eaten the lunch we had left out for him, while his sleigh and reindeer waited on the roof. This wholesome belief in the visitor from the North eating pumpkin pie, and smoking a Camel from the pack my father gave him, was the closest I ever came to pure magic. Now that I am old, I wouldn't know how to greet the Lord as a child on the morning of His Nativity, since the Christ I am acquainted with in the Eucharist is the stranger of Galilee.

Still, Rudolph, the Little Drummer Boy, and the story of how the Grinch stole Christmas remind me of myself as a young Christian, when life was a child's garden of verses whose highlight was Tannenbaum and Toyland. Seeing the lights and hearing the carols, I thought I might have died and gone to heaven.

If we didn't have an event like the birthday of God at the death of the year, we would have to invent one. The children don't know that yet. The reason I know it is because I believe in children whose guardian angels see God's face.

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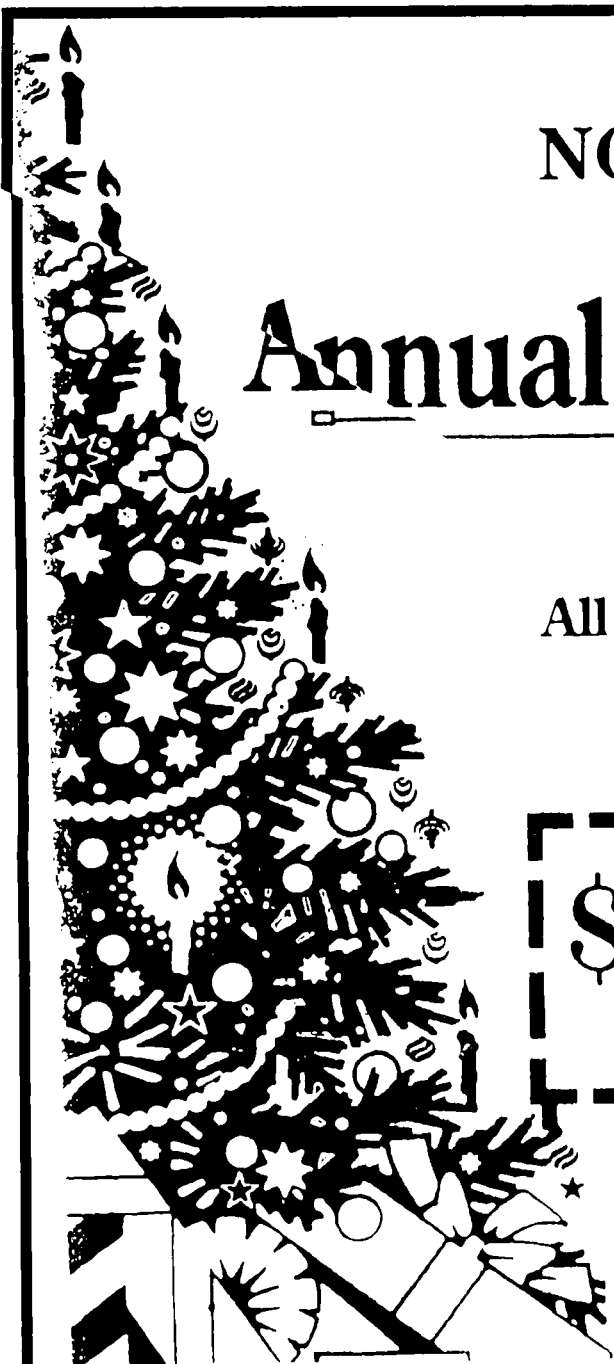
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■ NFL

Buffalo gives Moon bad memories

By JIMMY GOLEN
Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — If any of his teammates have any questions about the Buffalo Bills, Vikings quarterback Warren Moon would be happy to share his experiences with them.

Minnesota hasn't played the Bills since 1988. But Moon hasn't been so lucky.

From his days in the AFC with Houston, Moon has plenty of not-so-fond memories of the four-time conference champions and their asylum of an arena, Rich Stadium. The weather, the noise and a pretty

good football team have combined to give Moon an 0-5 record here, including a 1992 playoff game when the Bills came back from a 32-point deficit to beat the Oilers in overtime, 41-38.

"I can describe the crowd to everybody, but until they experience it and see it, they still won't believe me. They're as bad or as good as it gets, whichever way you want to put it," Moon said.

"It's a total intimidation package that they've been very successful with for a number of years. ... But this is a new team, a new situation. And I think we

can get this one done."

Several scenarios would allow Minnesota (8-5) to clinch a playoff berth with a victory. The Bills (7-6) probably need to win each of their last three games to sustain their quest for a sixth AFC East title in seven years.

"This is not a good time to be going in there, especially since they still have a breath of air left as far as the playoffs are concerned," Moon said. "They're a team that has a lot of pride. They've been champions for a long time, and they're going to go down swinging."

The Bills would have been in

last place and their streak of four consecutive AFC titles might have been finished had they lost to Miami last week. The win kept them alive, but a tendency to relax after other big victories has taught them that momentum isn't going to help them win.

"Normally, I'd say it would," Bills center Kent Hull said. "This year, it seems to be our downfall."

The Vikings are also coming off an important win, beating Chicago in overtime to snap a three-game losing streak and move back into first place in the NFC Central.

"I don't know if the season

would have gone down the drain" if they'd lost to Chicago, Moon said. "But it would have been a lot tougher to get into the playoffs."

Both teams expect this game to be decided in the middle, where two newcomers on Buffalo's offensive line will try to protect Jim Kelly from Minnesota's star tackles, John Randle and Henry Thomas.

"I can't sleep at night thinking about it," offensive lineman Mike Devlin said. "They're so quick, and so good. We've just got to try and outthrust them."

Devlin will help out right guard John Davis, who is nursing a sore neck and knee.

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■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Salaam's 2,000 may be magic number

By RICK WARNER
Associated Press

NEW YORK

Like the 4-minute mile in track and a .300 batting average in baseball, a 2,000-yard rushing season is a benchmark in college football.

Prior to this year, only three Division I-A players had reached that total, and they all won the Heisman Trophy. Colorado tailback Rashaan Salaam is expected to complete the rare double on Saturday night.

Salaam, who led the nation in rushing with 2,055 yards and scoring with 24 touchdowns, is favored to win the Heisman over Penn State teammates Kerry Collins and Ki-Jana Carter and Alcorn State quarterback Steve McNair.

The winner will be announced at the Downtown Athletic Club.

"I think Salaam clinched it when he got 2,000 yards," said Lee Corso of ESPN, which will televise the ceremony. "It's a mark of excellence that fans can relate to."

Marcus Allen of Southern Cal, Mike Rozier of Nebraska and Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State were the first three players to gain 2,000 yards in a season. Allen won the Heisman in 1981, Rozier in 1983 and Sanders in 1988.

Salaam went over the 2,000-yard mark in his final regular-season game, a 259-yard effort against Iowa State. It was his fourth game over 200 yards, including a career-high 317 against Texas.

"Everyone else who's gained 2,000 yards has won the

Heisman; I don't see why he should be any different," said Mark Blandschun of the Boston Globe. "He not only gained 2,000 yards, but he did it against top competition."

Six of Colorado's opponents are going to bowl games, including top-ranked Nebraska, No. 11 Kansas State and No. 20 Michigan.

"To me, it's a no-brainer," said Ivan Maisel of Newsday. "When you get 2,000 yards against that kind of schedule, you should win the Heisman."

Not everyone agrees.

ESPN's Beano Cook voted for Collins, who nearly set an NCAA mark for passing efficiency.

Collins' greatest moment was Penn State's 96-yard touchdown drive against Illinois. He completed all seven of his pass-

es while leading the Lions to the winning score in the final minute.

"Fifty years from now, the two things people will remember about this season are Colorado's Hail Mary pass against Michigan and Penn State's drive against Illinois," Cook said.

Carter made a late push for the Heisman, rushing for 227 yards and five touchdowns in Penn State's regular-season finale against Michigan State. He finished with fewer yards (1,539) and one less touchdown than Salaam, but Salaam had 100 more carries. Carter gained almost a yard more per carry, 7.8 to 6.9.

"If he had carried as many times as Salaam, I think it's a safe bet he would have gained more yards," said John Tucker of The Union Leader in Manchester, N.H. "I think he was the best player on the best offense in the country."

Because they shared the spotlight at Penn State, however, Carter and Collins probably will split much of the Eastern vote, preventing either from winning

the Heisman.

McNair's candidacy got an early boost from "Sports Illustrated," which put him on the cover with the caption, "Hand Him The Heisman." But despite his mind-boggling numbers in I-AA, including total offense records for a season (5,799) and career (15,887), he still has skeptics who feel his stats were inflated by weak competition.

"He had a great year, but he didn't do it against big-time opponents," Blandschun said. "It's not his fault, but you just can't compare I-AA with I-A."

Michael Wilbon of the Washington Post disagrees.

"We're supposed to be voting on the best college football player in the country, and he (McNair) is the best I've seen," Wilbon said. "I don't buy into this lack of competition thing. A lot of those defensive backs he played against are going to be in the NFL."

Salaam, Carter, Collins and McNair have been invited to the Heisman ceremony along with Alabama quarterback Jay Barker and Miami defensive tackle Warren Sapp.

Reports put Willingham at Stanford

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

Tyrone Willingham, a Minnesota Vikings assistant coach and former running backs coach at Stanford, is going back to the school as head coaching, the San Francisco Examiner reported today.

Details of an agreement reached with athletic director Ted Leland will be finalized today and the formal announcement could come Friday, according to the newspaper.

Leland refused to substantiate the report.

"I cannot confirm or deny at this time that a candidate has accepted the position," he said in a statement issued to the press.

Willingham, 40, met with Leland and advisory committee members Tuesday, then flew back to Minnesota. He would replace Bill Walsh, who resigned last week.

Willingham was considered one of three candidates along with Chicago Bears offensive coordinator Ron Turner and Stanford offensive coordinator Terry Shea.

"Ty is an extremely demanding coach," said Minnesota

OU, Akron fields narrow

Associated Press

The searches for new head football coaches at Ohio University and the University of Akron have entered their final stages.

Both schools have narrowed the list to four candidates. Ohio State assistant coach Lee Owens is a finalist at both schools.

Akron is considering Owens, former Ohio State and current Florida assistant Ron Zook, North Carolina assistant Gerald Carr and Bob Junko, defensive coordinator last year at Akron under the fired Gerry Faust.

Owens, a Bluffton College graduate, coached at Lancaster, Galion, Crestview,

Waynesfield and Massillon Washington high schools before coming to Ohio State as an offensive tackles and tight ends coach in 1992.

Zook, a graduate of Miami of Ohio, is the outside linebacker and special teams coach at Florida. He also coached at Orrville High School. Carr is a former Akron assistant who is the quarterbacks coach at North Carolina. Junko has spent the last seven years at Akron.

In addition to Owens, Ohio U. is looking at South Carolina assistant John Eason, Air Force assistant Jim Grobe and James Madison head coach William "Rip" Scherer.

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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Walk-on Martin keys Ohio State

By RUSTY MILLER
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Kevin Martin had always hoped to play basketball for a major college. But a torn and scarred knee all but turned those hopes to cinders.

Yet last spring, after playing a

pivotal role as Westerville North won the big-school state high school championship, it occurred to Martin that maybe he could walk on at the colossus a few miles from home. Maybe he might even get in a few games.

Now Martin, 2 1/2 years after being a limp-on with his high

school team, is a starter as a walk-on at Ohio State.

It even astounds him.

"I was hoping coming in here that I could contribute to the team, maybe play some minutes," says the 6-foot-5, 190-pound freshman. "But with everything that's gone on, I've had the opportunity to play a lot more than a lot of people expected me to."

"Then I got the opportunity to start a game my freshman year," Martin said, hesitating for a second while he laughed at the thought. "Which is nothing that I expected."

Opportunity is a key word in Martin's vocabulary. He used it 12 times during a 10-minute conversation.

Opportunity came knocking when Ohio State graduated three players, three others were kicked off the team for disciplinary reasons and two others transferred. Players, even ones still coming back from a damaged knee, were at

a premium. And Martin saw his opening.

Martin is at Ohio State and not on scholarship at another Division I program because of a knee injury. It is because of another knee injury, this one suffered by Ohio State's leading scorer and rebounder, Rick Yudt, that Martin is starting.

Yudt, averaging 19 points and 6 rebounds a game, noticed some pain in his left knee after Ohio State's season-opening 78-67 loss to Ohio University in the Preseason National Invitation Tournament. He played two more games on it and didn't miss a practice. But last week he underwent tests that showed he had a slight tear of the ligaments that would require arthroscopic surgery.

Yudt, a transfer from Austin Peay who was seeing his first action for Ohio State, is expected to miss at least two more games. Yudt would prefer to be playing, but he said Martin and the current

Buckeyes are a perfect match.

"We're going to play hard and if you play hard, you're always going to be in the game," Yudt said. "That's not to say we're going to pull 'em all out, but I'm convinced we're going to be a good team before all is said and done."

Of Martin, he said, "He's capable. He plays hard. I'm sure he's going to play well."

Martin had nine points, two rebounds and three assists in Ohio State's 91-71 loss at Penn Saturday. Playing against a team that made it to the NCAA tournament last year was a world away from the Division III schools that had sought his services last spring.

Martin tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during a camp at Otterbein College after his sophomore season at Westerville North. He was bitterly disappointed because his hopes of playing at the Division I were put on hold, if not eliminated.



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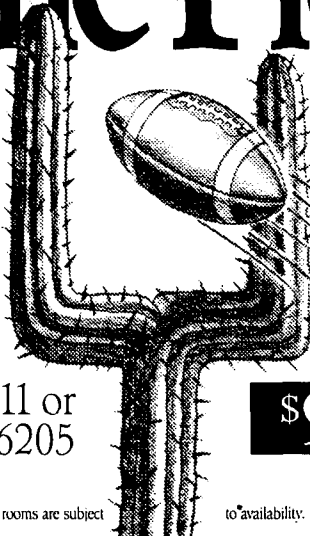
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Gillespie scores high marks at UTEP

By EDUARDO MONTES
Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas

Antoine Gillespie is not a man of modest goals. Playing in his final season with Texas-El Paso, the Miners' scoring wizard is going for a place in the record books.

"I've never had a chance to play in the NCAA or win the WAC tournament," said Gillespie, who led the Miners in scoring last season. "Those are my goals and dreams this year."

If that's what Gillespie has set his sights on, then that might also be in UTEP's future. Because as Gillespie goes, so go the Miners. The 6-3 guard is the driving force behind the Miners' offense, boasting a 20.3-point average and a quickness that helps him slip

away from defenders and free himself up for open jump shots.

Gillespie again is expected to be a major factor in the Miners' success as he pursues his goals of championship trophies and making it to the NBA.

The man known simply as "Toine" to fans also has the added impetus of chasing Tim Hardaway's scoring record.

Hardaway, the Miners' all-time leading scorer, amassed 1,586 points in his four years at UTEP and is now a standout with the Golden State Warriors.

In his three-year career, Gillespie has accumulated 1,169 points.

UTEP coach Don Haskins said Gillespie is a better player than he was last year. That's impressive, considering Gillespie already was a formidable scorer.

Gillespie, an All-WAC selection last year, is only the second player in UTEP history to score more than 1,000 points in the first two years.

He scored in double figures in every game last season, finishing with a 23.7 point average, and was the league's second-leading scorer. He racked up at least 20 points in 16 games and went over 20 five times.

His single game best is 45 points scored in an 104-103 overtime loss to Hawaii on Feb. 17. He also turned in a 37-point effort to lead the Miners to a victory over Virginia Commonwealth in the Sun Carnival Classic championship game a year ago.

Gillespie hasn't shown any signs of slackening his pace, looking impressive in exhibition games and turning in 26 points in the Miners' season opener against Bellhaven College and 25 in a loss to No. 22 New Mexico State.

He had only 11 as UTEP beat the Aggies 77-68 in the rematch. But it was also a game where Gillespie began to show he is maturing into a team player, leaving behind some of his showboating.

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■ COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Cooper getting comfortable at Ohio State

By RUSTY MILLER
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio

Ohio State's John Cooper, surrounded by the artifacts of 33 years as a college football coach, leaned back in the leather executive chair behind the desk in his office at the Woody Hayes Athletic Center.

He looked relaxed. He should be.

How long has it been since Cooper hasn't been confronted by a controversy? How long has it been since his critics have had to bite their tongues?

Three weeks ago, he picked up his first Ohio State win over rival Michigan. Last week he

agreed in principle to a new five-year contract that could give him the third-longest tenure in Ohio State's 105 years of football.

And they said it wouldn't last.

"That's two of the big things on the list," Cooper said this week of the Michigan victory and the new contract. "But I never have worried about that stuff. I keep telling you guys that all the time. I'm going to come to the office and work. There's always going to be something to do, whether you're worried about that or you're looking at film or working on recruiting."

Ever since he took over at

Ohio State in 1988 after three years at Arizona State and eight years as head coach at Tulsa, Cooper has been assailed for a variety of reasons, from the commercials he did to the games he didn't win (his first four bowls, his first six meetings with Michigan).

No longer does he hawk groceries on TV. Last year he led the Buckeyes past Brigham Young in the Holiday Bowl. Then came the 22-6 victory over Michigan Nov. 19.

That victory capped a 9-3 season for a team and maybe a coach that few visualized as any better than fourth or fifth in the Big Ten. They finished second to No. 2 Penn State. And

they did it with three impressive victories after Penn State hung a 63-14 black eye on them Oct. 29.

"The last three games, after the Penn State situation, for our kids to come back and play like they did ... there's no question I'm very proud of them," Cooper said.

Cooper said he wasn't worried about a new contract. He felt 27 victories over the last three years spoke volumes about him and his program.

When initial negotiations with Ohio State Athletics Director Andy Geiger yielded little in the days immediately after the Michigan game, Cooper was

contacted by officials from LSU. He talked to them about their vacant position.

"We had a few restless nights around here in my family," Cooper said.

Soon after, Geiger anted up a five-year contract that, even though it isn't signed, reportedly contains rollover-type incentives and a raise in pay.

In return, Cooper reaffirmed his devotion to Ohio State.

"When you get a new contract like I have, people have shown confidence in you," Cooper said. "And you want to do everything you can within the framework of NCAA rules to prove to those people that they made the right decision."

Rutgers a darkhorse in final four

By PAUL NOWELL
Associated Press

DAVIDSON, N.C.

Hamisi Amani-Dove, who has been nursing a heel injury all season, has shined for Rutgers in the postseason to help the Scarlet Knights make it into the NCAA men's soccer Final Four.

One could argue the Scarlet Knights have been dragging their heels all year.

Until now.

Entering the season ranked in the top five in the nation, they stumbled into the playoffs at 8-9-3. They're now on a six-game tear, thanks in part to Amani-Dove's three goals and three assists.

"A lot of people might say we don't deserve to be here," Amani-Dove said Thursday after Rutgers finished its final practice before taking on three-time defending national champion Virginia in Friday's semifinals. "We earned it."

"We may be the bottom of the barrel but I think we're as good as anyone here," said Amani-Dove, a junior from Columbia, Md.

Unranked Rutgers (14-9-3) faces the fifth-ranked Cavaliers (20-3-1) in the first semifinal at 2 p.m. Friday at Davidson College's Richardson Field. That will be followed by a 4:30 p.m. game pitting No. 2 Indiana (22-2) vs. No. 7 UCLA (18-4).

"Virginia has set itself apart from other programs in the country," said Rutgers coach Bob Reasso. "But we're used to playing against good competition. These guys aren't in awe of anybody."

Reasso refuses to call the Scarlet Knights a surprise finalist.

"We don't worry about those kinds of things," he said. "We just look at our next task and that is Virginia. We are in their way to the title and they are in our way."

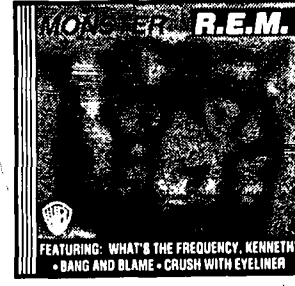
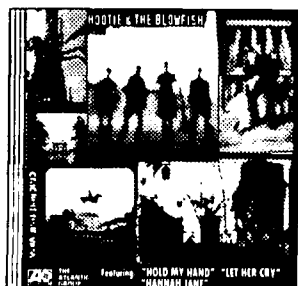
The Cavaliers have proven to be quite an obstacle in recent years. They are in the Final Four for the fourth straight year, the first team to do so since San Francisco did it in 1975-78. Virginia has beaten Rutgers all four times they have met, including a 3-0 victory in the 1989 NCAA semifinals.

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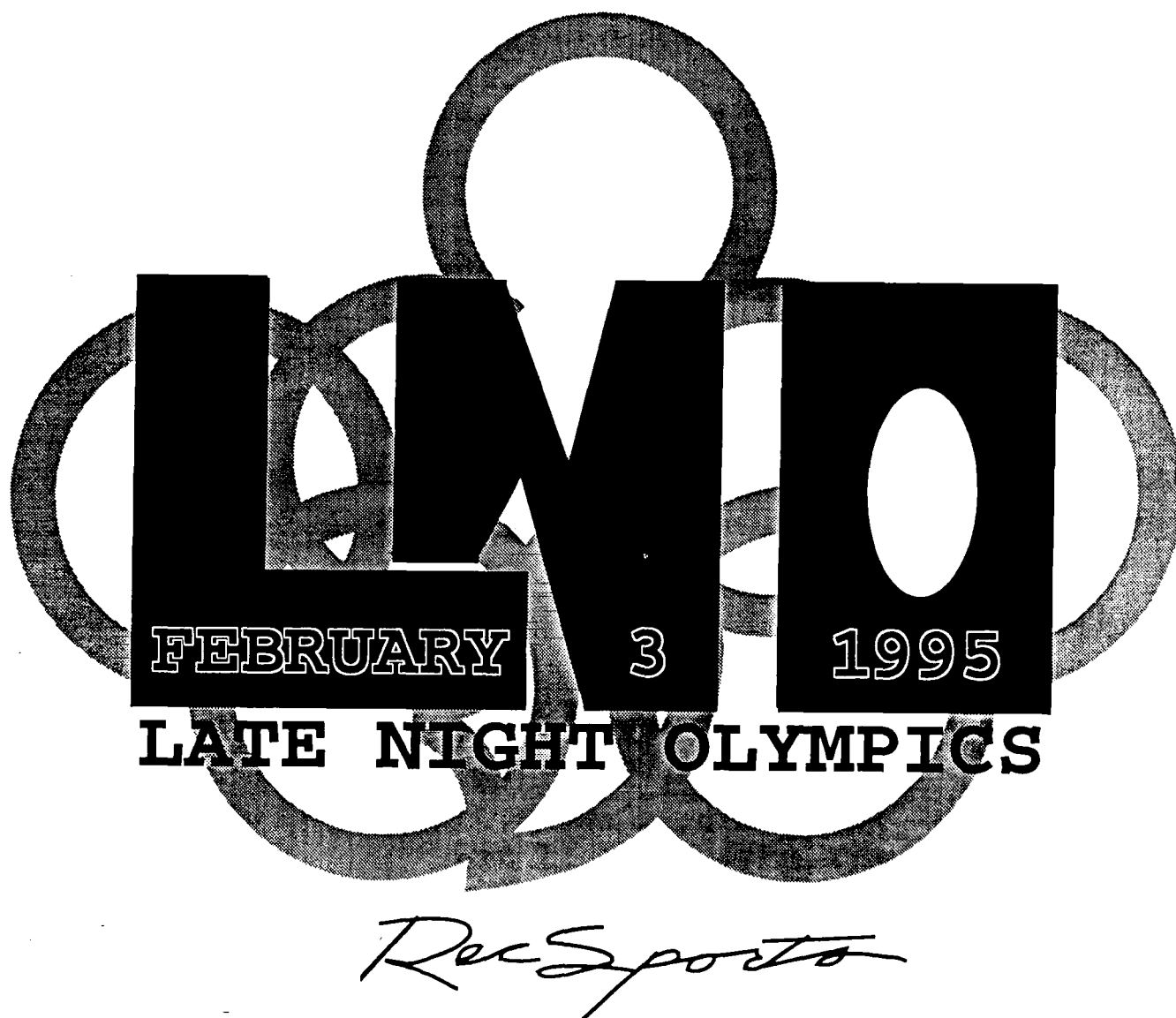
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■ COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Jackson rails against hiring practices

By MOLLY HALL
Associated Press

DENVER

Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson said Thursday the University of Colorado's decision to promote a white assistant football coach over a more qualified black typifies hiring practices at schools nationwide.

"The case is fairly clear that the pattern is from Miami to Colorado and points beyond," he said.

Jackson, speaking during a conference call, called the practice "white male affirmative action."

He contrasted the high number of black athletes in NCAA football and basketball in

Division I with the fact that only 6.2 percent of athletic administrators are black.

He hopes criticism of Colorado by his civil rights organization, the Rainbow Coalition, will highlight the disparity.

"If we holler it from a 'Mile High,' maybe they can hear it in all the valleys," Jackson said.

Jackson is protesting the appointment of Rick Neuheisel, who is white, over assistant head coach Bob Simmons, who is black, to replace Bill McCartney as head coach. They say Simmons was excluded from serious contention because of his ethnic background.

"What makes a 33-year-old white (man) with less experience, less time in the arena, fewer stripes on his shoulder, more qualified than Bob

Simmons," Jackson said. "We're not saying appoint someone with less experience just because he's black. We're saying do not exclude us from the pool."

Colorado president Judith Albino has defended the decision and the university's efforts toward diversity. She will meet with Colorado Rainbow Coalition coordinator Chet Whey Friday in Denver to discuss the issue.

"When the ministers meet with the president, they will make our case for reconsideration," Jackson said, adding the coalition is considering several actions of protest, including talking to potential recruits, picketing bowl games and contacting the Justice Department.

"This is a state institution and

they are obligated to follow the law," Jackson said.

CAA executive director Cedric Dempsey has agreed to meet with Jackson during next month's NCAA Convention in San Diego.

The Rainbow Coalition for Fairness in Athletics has begun to rate NCAA Division I institutions for several factors, including the number of black athletes, graduation rates for blacks and the number of blacks in coaching and administrative positions.

"This fairness index will give our children and community a basis on which to judge how individual institutions are treating us," Jackson said.

The Coalition compiled data showing that 47 percent of Colorado's football players are black and 8 percent of the non-playing positions, including coaching, are held by blacks.

"On the field, where the standards are objective, we do well," Jackson said. "But off the field, where the rules are subjective and behind closed doors, we don't do so well."

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■ NFL

Krumrie announces retirement

By JOHN NOLAN
Associated Press

CINCINNATI

Tim Krumrie, a 10th-round draft choice from Wisconsin in 1983 who became a fixture on the Cincinnati Bengals' defensive line, said Thursday that he will retire at the end of the season.

Krumrie, 34, said he has achieved all his goals, including

playing in the Super Bowl and the Pro Bowl, getting 1,000 career tackles and not missing a game since the seventh grade.

"The time is right," he told a news conference at Spinney Field, the Bengals' practice field. "I played 12 years. I did it all. It's just time to move on."

Krumrie said he would not announce his future plans until after the Bengals' three remaining games.

Bengals general manager Mike Brown said he has not offered Krumrie anything yet.

"We're going to wait until after the season ends," Brown said. "I respect him a great deal. He represents everything I think a football player should. I think he would make a fine coach."

Brown recalled that after the Bengals drafted Krumrie as a 6-foot-2, 260-pound rookie, the team still had doubts he would make it in the NFL and didn't invite him to mini-camp. Krumrie showed up on his own. That impressed Brown's father, Bengals founder Paul Brown, who had done the same thing when he was a player.

"He (Krumrie) proved to be not only a good player," Mike Brown said. "He's one of the very best players the Bengals

ever had."

Coach Dave Shula praised Krumrie's work ethic.

"He was here early, he stayed late," Shula said. "Tim Krumrie won't be replaced. We'll have a guy who will take his place on the roster, but he'll never be replaced."

Krumrie spent 11 seasons as an undisputed starter at defensive tackle. He has been splitting playing time this season with 25-year-old teammate Keith Rucker in a Bengals' strategy to keep Krumrie fresh. Krumrie, a fierce competitor known for pacing the sidelines and getting into training camp fights with teammates, grudgingly accepted the arrangement.

Krumrie broke his left leg during the first quarter of the Bengals' January 1989 Super

Bowl loss to the San Francisco 49ers. He had a steel rod inserted in the leg and continued his NFL career unabated, playing in the Bengals' 1989 season opener against Chicago.

He plans to have the rod removed after his retirement.

He was a two-time Pro Bowl selection before his Super Bowl injury.

He often said he motivated himself by recalling the perceived slight of not being drafted until the 10th round. He also said he wanted to finish his career with the Bengals, and he passed up opportunities to go to other teams as a free agent.

In 1992, Krumrie wound up leading the Bengals in tackles for the fifth time. Last year, second-year player Mike Frier was chosen to split time with Krumrie, but Krumrie kept him on the bench. The Bengals released Frier in October.

Entering 1994, Krumrie had started 160 of the last 161 games for Cincinnati, excluding the 1987 players' strike.

Krumrie has seen the Bengals' fortunes decline since the Super Bowl year. The team had a franchise-worst record of 3-13 in 1991, Sam Wyche's last as head coach. In two full seasons under coach Dave Shula, the Bengals went 5-11 and 3-13, and are 2-11 this season.



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■ NFL

Ex-Bear finds home in Green Bay

By ARNIE STAPLETON
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Wide receiver Anthony Morgan isn't the Deion Sanders type.

So don't expect him to do any gloating if he gets his chance Sunday when Green Bay (6-7) faces his former team, the resurgent Chicago Bears (8-5), who are out to bury the Packers' plans for the playoffs.

The Packers are counting on Morgan to help them complete their first undefeated season at Lambeau Field since 1962.

Green Bay has won eight straight games at home and Chicago hasn't won on the road in December since 1987.

The Packers claimed Morgan off waivers in November 1993 after Bears coach Dave Wannstedt gave up on him following two-plus injury-riddled seasons.

Morgan has become the Packers' No. 3 receiver behind Sterling Sharpe and Robert Brooks, who is nursing a hamstring pull and could be limited Sunday.

Morgan lets his actions speak for him, however.

"I'm kind of tired of talking about Chicago," he said. "They made a decision. I'm happy here. They're happy there."

Morgan preferred to prepare quietly for the Bears, surprising co-leaders in the NFC Central, where the Packers now sit in fourth place after a disastrous three-game stretch of losses at Buffalo, Dallas and Detroit despite 13 touchdown passes by Brett Favre.

Since becoming the third receiver when Ron Lewis retired just before the Packers' 33-6 demolishing of Chicago on Halloween night, Morgan has 14 receptions for 214 yards (15.3 average) and three touchdowns in the last six games.

At Detroit last week, Morgan had his first 100-yard receiving day, grabbing six catches for 103 yards, including touchdowns 47 and 26 yards.

Morgan was a fifth-round pick from Tennessee in 1991 and appeared headed to a promising career in Chicago as a receiver and returner under

then-coach Mike Ditka. He started twice as a rookie and averaged 16.2 yards on 13 catches. In his second year, he started four times and averaged 23.1 yards on 14 receptions, but missed the first four games while recovering from knee surgery.

Slated to start under Wannstedt in 1993, Morgan was plagued by a concussion delivered by Phoenix safety Chuck Cecil, then by a hamstring pull. Tired of waiting for him to get healthy, the Bears finally waived Morgan.

"Anthony did a great job in our offseason program. He was going to be a starter for us in training camp. Things just didn't work out," Wannstedt said.

"It was just one of those decisions where he was not going to be the starter and he wasn't doing much work on special teams at the time, so we decided to make a change," Wannstedt said. "I have no problem with Anthony Morgan. He did everything we asked when he was here."

"I'm glad that he's having

some success."

So are the Packers, of course. Morgan, at 6-foot-1 and 195 pounds, has outstanding speed for his size, and has allowed Favre to fulfill his preseason pledge to spread the ball around.

Morgan's development took time, because his knee still was healing and he was busy learning the offense, Holmgren said.

"When you bring in somebody new it takes some time," Holmgren said. "I've said this before and I don't want to make more of it than it is, but we ask our receivers to do a lot more than other teams ask their receivers to do."

"There's a little subtlety involved as far as pattern adjustment, reading defenses, different types of routes they run. Blocking, we ask our guys to block a lot more than some teams."

Another Packer who hasn't had much to say about his former team is defensive tackle Steve McMichael, who signed with Green Bay when Wannstedt cut him last summer after 13 years in Chicago. McMichael did address the matchup in training camp, saying that facing the Bears was nothing special.

"When you're a purist, it doesn't matter where you line up," he said. "It's all football, no matter where you are. It's just another game. I can't get any more fired up to play any football game than I already do."

The Bears are 4-point underdogs even though quarterback Steve Walsh is 7-1 as a starter. Since Week 4, when Walsh became the starter, the Bears have led the NFL in average time of possession (32:35). They ranked last in the first three weeks.

Playoff bye on line for Cowboys

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
Associated Press

IRVING, Texas

The Cleveland-Dallas games were big back in the 1960s when the teams were Eastern Conference rivals. Saturday's meeting has that same important feel.

The Cowboys (11-2), who are already in the playoffs, can clinch a first round NFC bye in the Dec. 31-Jan. 1 games with a victory over the Browns.

Troy Aikman, who has been nursing a sprained left knee ligament the last two weeks while Jason Garrett and Rodney Peete won games, will start for the Cowboys. Vinny Testaverde will start for the Browns.

Cleveland (9-4) trails Pittsburgh by a game in the AFC Central. The Browns have to travel to Pittsburgh next

week before finishing the season at home against Seattle. They can all but clinch a wildcard with a win against Dallas.

If the Browns win, all they would need would be a Denver loss or tie to the Los Angeles Raiders, a Kansas City loss or tie with Miami, or a Buffalo loss or tie with Minnesota.

"We're playing them at their place in a short week," Cleveland coach Bill Belichick said. "It will be tough. But I think this team has really responded to adverse conditions. After we've lost games, we've bounced back."

Cleveland hasn't been in the NFL playoffs since 1989.

"I would like to see what it's like in Cleveland during the month of January," wide receiver Michael Jackson said.

The Browns hold a 16-10 ad-

vantage over the Cowboys. The last time the teams met was in 1991 when the Cowboys spoiled Belichick's first NFL game as coach with a 26-14 victory. Cleveland last defeated Dallas in 1988 by taking a 24-21 decision.

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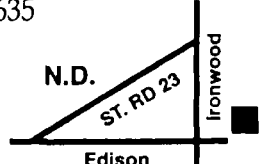
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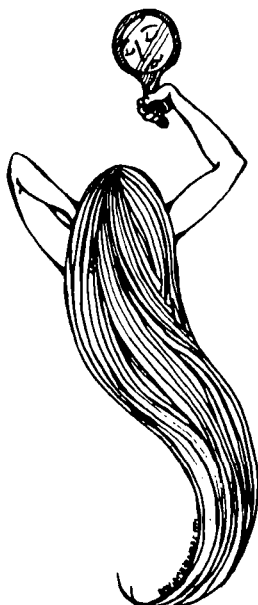
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■ NFL

Raiders take streak, history to Denver

By JOHN NADEL
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Raiders play their favorite patsy on Sunday at perhaps the optimum time.

Then again, maybe the law of averages will catch up with them.

The Raiders face the Denver

Broncos, a team they've beaten 10 times in 11 games since Art Shell became head coach following the fourth game of the 1989 season.

Both teams have 7-6 records, having overcome horrendous starts to move into playoff contention.

The Raiders have a seven-game winning streak against

Denver at the Los Angeles Coliseum, site of Sunday's game, and the status of Broncos quarterback John Elway is uncertain. Elway strained a muscle behind his left knee during Denver's 20-17 overtime victory over Kansas City last Sunday.

"It may be a game-day decision as far as whether he plays or not," Broncos coach Wade Phillips said. "Certainly, we'd like to have him. I know John wants to play, but we'll have to see medically how he is."

If Elway can't go, veteran backup Hugh Millen, who guided the Broncos to their game-winning field goal at Kansas City, will be the starter.

"John's assuming he's going to play and it's my job to assume that I'm playing," Millen

said. "That's the mindset I have to have."

Elway said he won't be pressured to play if he's not healthy.

"I look at it as a 16-game season," he said. "It's just a matter of if I can play and be close to myself. Hugh is not a second- or third-year guy. He's played a lot of football in this league."

Elway, who's listed as questionable, has missed only six games because of injury since joining the Broncos in 1983. Two of those six were in Los Angeles against the Raiders, including in 1992, when Tommy Maddox filled in and the Raiders won 24-0.

The Raiders have won five of their last seven games after starting 2-4. The Broncos have won six of seven, including

their last four.

The teams are tied for second place in the AFC West with Kansas City. San Diego sits atop the division with a 9-4 record and needs just one win in its final three games to clinch the title.

So it's likely the Raiders, Broncos and Chiefs are seeking a wild-card playoff berth.

The Broncos hope to become the second team in NFL history to make the playoffs after an 0-4 start. San Diego did so two years ago, winning 11 of its final 12 games to earn the AFC West title.

The Raiders continued their recent domination of the Broncos with a 48-16 victory at Mile High Stadium on Sept. 18, a game Shell called his team's best of the season.

"They just beat the heck out of us last time," Phillips said. "They scored at will and stuffed us every time we tried to move the ball. They've got to be looking forward to playing us again, because they probably think they're a whole lot better than we are."

"But we're a different team and, hopefully, a better team than we were at that time."

Shell has a simple explanation for his team's domination of the Broncos; the Raiders beat Denver three times last year, including a 42-24 victory in an AFC wild-card playoff game.

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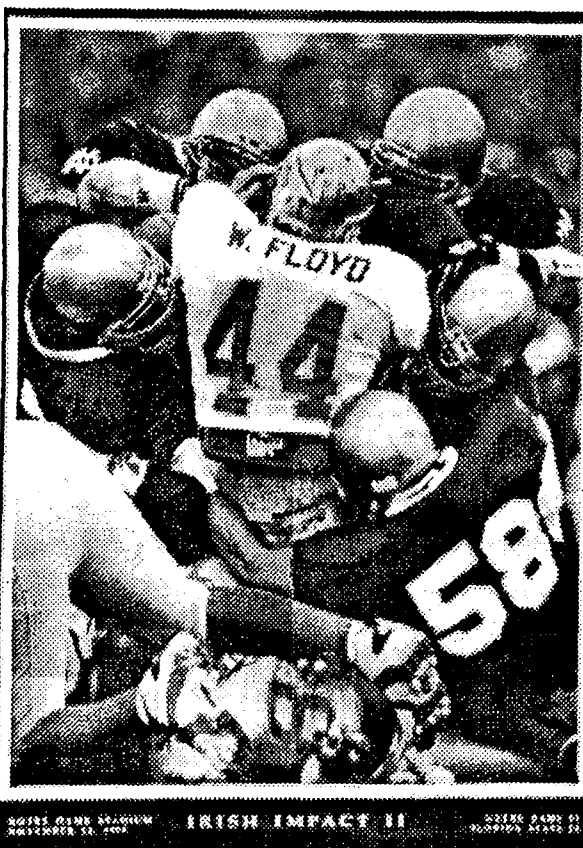
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■ NFL

Chargers need it all against 49ers

By BERNIE WILSON
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

The current state of the San Francisco 49ers and San Diego Chargers can be summed up rather concisely by the coaches:

—"It feels good to have a loaded gun," said George Seifert, coach of Steve Young, Jerry Rice, Deion Sanders and Co.

—"We've just lost a little bit of our oomph," said Bobby Ross, whose Chargers once were the best team in the league at 6-0, but have since failed to win consecutive games.

The Chargers (9-4) will need all their oomph, and probably more, in Sunday's home game against San Francisco. The 49ers (11-2) have won eight straight and come into Jack Murphy Stadium as 7 1/2-point favorites.

Since losing 40-8 to Philadelphia on Oct. 2, the 49ers have been relentless in pursuing home field advantage in the NFC. They hold the tiebreaking edge based on their 21-14 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Nov. 13, and became the NFL's first division winner by clinching the NFC West two weeks ago.

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Their winning streak includes three victories of more than 40 points, including last Sunday's 50-14 blowout of Atlanta. And their defense, loaded with free agents such as former Chargers inside linebacker Gary Plummer, has come together.

"That (Philadelphia) game kind of shook everyone up and kind of humiliated us," said Young, the NFL's top-rated passer who has thrown 20 touchdown passes and only two interceptions during the winning streak. "Certainly from that point on we turned around and said, 'Well, let's quit walking on eggshells. Everyone's a 49er, let's just go play like it.'"

"I think that humiliation made a big difference in the way we played football. We've played much more intense since then, and really a lot more error-free since then."

Several weeks ago, 49ers-Chargers looked it might be a

Super Bowl preview.

"It could still be, there's no doubt about that," Young said. "Either one of us could still be there."

"We've got a lot to work for this week," he added. "We're looking at bye weeks, we're looking at home-field advantage, we're looking at all kinds of things that are very important to us, and you know that the Chargers have a lot riding this week. So we're looking at a big ballgame."

The Chargers still need one win to clinch the AFC West title. They could have won it Monday night, but lost at home to the Los Angeles Raiders 24-17.

"I would go as far as saying if there were a game that would make a big change in our season, since probably against New Orleans, this is it," said defensive tackle Shawn Lee, a key link in trying to contain the scrambling Young. "Monday

night, that was a must win, and we didn't win. So that makes this game much more of a must-win game."

Although the Chargers won 36-22 at New Orleans on Oct. 16 to go 6-0, that's when their breakdowns began, mostly on offense.

"After a period of time, it caught up to us," Lee said. "It's fixable, if everyone decides that we'd like to go not only to the playoffs, but further than the playoffs, and put the rest of the season behind us."

Each loss has brought a different breakdown — dropped passes, poor pass protection, poor run blocking. Injuries are mounting on the offensive line, and quarterback Stan Humphries bruised his right thumb in the first half Monday, requiring a cortisone shot.

Defenses are bottling up Natrone Means, whose 1,142 yards leave him 84 short of breaking the club single-season rushing record of 1,225. And the Chargers can't hit the big pass play.



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■ NFL

Patriots, Colts face must-win situation

By HOWARD ULMAN
Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass.

Just because New England beat Indianapolis only two weeks ago, the Patriots don't expect an easy rematch Sunday. After all, the final margin was a narrow 12-10.

"That game in Indianapolis was hard," Patriots coach Bill Parcells said. "It was like Chinese arithmetic."

And that's almost as hard as NFL arithmetic. The playoff possibilities are numerous and complex. With only three games left, 12 of the 14 AFC teams remain in the race for postseason berths. But for the Colts (6-7) and Patriots (7-6), the task is simple: win Sunday.

"It's a single-game elimination, as far as we're concerned," Indianapolis coach Ted Marchibroda said. "This is the first one. It's one we have to take, and I think the uphill climb could be extremely tough."

He knows a loss probably would render meaningless the remaining two games, both at home against AFC East rivals

Miami and Buffalo.

The Colts haven't won or lost two straight games in their last 10. They need to change that after rebounding from the loss to New England by beating Seattle 31-19 last Sunday.

The Patriots' position is a little better heading into their home finale, although they need to inch past the other four AFC teams with 7-6 records. Two of them, Buffalo and the Los Angeles Raiders, upset division leaders last week.

"We're not getting a lot of help around us from other teams, so the only thing we can do is take care of our business," Patriots running back Leroy Thompson said.

The Patriots have shifted from a pass-oriented attack to a more balanced offense. In last Sunday's 24-13 win over the New York Jets, New England had more runs than passes for only the second time this season.

Parcells knows he has to modify his plan for every game, even against a team he beat just two weeks ago, in order to minimize mistakes.

"I don't think, experience-

wise, that I have to get hit in the face with a skunk four times before I smell it," he said. "I know that if we let this thing get going in a certain direction, then probably the skunk's going to come back."

After losing four in a row, the Patriots have won four straight in pursuit of their first playoff berth in eight years.

New England expects Marshall Faulk to play a bigger role than in their first meeting, when he ran 11 times for 48 yards, his second-lowest output of the season. Against Seattle he had his second-highest rushing total, 129 yards.

The Colts held the ball for only 21 minutes, 55 seconds and had just 48 offensive plays against the Patriots.

"Sometimes you never really totally get into your game plan, because you don't have the ball enough," Marchibroda said in explaining Faulk's lack of work.

Faulk was hospitalized with a virus on Thursday, but Marchibroda expected him to be ready for New England. The last time the Colts had the ball against the Patriots, quarterback Don Majkowski's third-

down lateral to Faulk was caught by New England's Harlon Barnett with 2:41 left, preserving the win.

"I'm always looking to make a big play," Majkowski said. "It was a desperate situation right there and it didn't turn out the way I wanted, but I don't regret the effort."

Parcells doesn't plan to try to rattle Majkowski more than normal early in the game to remind him of that play.

"He's experienced enough," Parcells said. "I think he can deal with it fairly well."

Even though both teams are familiar with each other because of that recent exposure, the Patriots didn't exactly run away with the game. They reached the Colts' 25-yard line six times and managed just four field goals.

"A play here, a play there could have meant the game for either team," Barnett said. "We can't look at it as, hey, we beat them, and be overconfident."

"We know they're preparing to come in here with a different game plan," Thompson said.

"With us winning this last weekend, we're right back in

it," said Majkowski. "It makes this week's game that much more important."

Against Seattle, the Colts had five takeaways and five sacks. They had just one takeaway and two sacks against the Patriots. New England has committed just five turnovers in the last four games.

The need to avoid them means Drew Bledsoe probably pass as much as he did earlier in the season.

"As the weather gets worse and as our defense continues to play better, the role of our passing game changes a little bit," he said. "We have to be careful to take a shot here and there but, for the most part, eliminate mistakes."

That's even more important for the Colts. They have an excellent chance to move up in the playoff picture by finishing with two home games against division rivals.

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■ VOLLEYBALL

Nebraska is Mideast favorite

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. Nebraska coach Terry Pettit knows he has had better talent and more dominating individuals but his top-ranked Cornhusker women may be the best volleyball team he has ever coached.

Pettit's Huskers head into Friday night's semifinals of the NCAA Mideast Regional with a 30-0 record, the only perfect mark in Division I-A this season.

Nebraska meets Colorado (24-7) at 6 p.m., followed by Notre Dame (33-3) against Penn State (29-3) at 8 p.m. Winners of Friday night's matches face off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday to earn a spot in the Final Four at Austin, Texas.

Before the Big Eight

Conference tournament, Pettit said his team had not had a bad match all season. However, it had not been a dominating team like some of his past squads.

Nebraska has been to the Final Four in 1986, 1989 and 1990 so it is not like Pettit has been without talent in 17 years at the school. But earning a trip to Austin as a Final Four participant has been a driving force for this year's team.

Six of Nebraska's top seven players had major roles on a team that was uncharacteristically unorganized in a humbling loss to Notre Dame in the second round of last year's NCAA tournament. This team is different because of that experience, Pettit said.

"Your experienced players know how to keep pushing at

the end of the year," Pettit said. "A lot of times you'll see freshman head south at about this point because they just aren't used to making a grind for this long. But your experienced players understand that this is a different time of year, and you just have to keep getting better."

The Huskers are gifted ball handlers, play solid defense and have a reliable big gun in Big Eight player of the year Allison Weston at middle blocker.

"Our team plays off her energy," Pettit said. "I think every player on the team is playing significantly better than they did last year. A lot of it is in little ways you might not see statistically."

Pettit said the 1993 Husker team had only one player —

setter Nikki Stricker — who entered that season with significant experience. She was replaced by redshirt junior Christy Johnson, who Pettit has said could play with any setter in the nation.

Friday, Nebraska will be playing a Colorado team it has faced three times this season and Johnson is a key. She is matched against Colorado sophomore setter Tracy Seiler, who has struggled at times this season.

"I think the more important the match, the more it magnifies the setter's importance," Pettit said. "When there's more pressure, more noise and faster play, the inexperienced player or the player that does not play at a high level is not apt to make good decisions."

Irish

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"This is a very important match for us," said Peters, "especially for the seniors." "We will be a completely different team."

Penn State's 29-3 record is no farce. Two out of three of the Lions' losses were to fourth-ranked Ohio State, and the other loss was to Michigan State. The Spartans accounted for the first of the three Irish defeats earlier this season.

Penn State's potent weapon is senior setter Salima Davidson, who was selected to the first team All-Big-Ten.

Senior outside hitter Laura Cook also wreaks havoc in the court of opponents with a team-leading 422 kills and 381 digs.

"Penn State has their entire starting line-up back," said Coach Brown. "They are not going to make errors."

Brown is prepared for the task that lies ahead of her team, but has full confidence that if her team plays up to its potential, it will have no problem defeating the Lions.

"We are going to have to be patient and have endurance through the long rallies," said Brown.

And, Brown thinks, that style of match may be in the favor of the Irish.

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HOCKEY

Irish skaters need CCHA wins 'badly'

By MICHAEL DAY
Sports Writer

The opportunity is here for the taking.

With a pair of struggling teams heading into town this weekend in Alaska-Fairbanks and Miami of Ohio, it could be the perfect chance for the Notre Dame hockey team to turn around a disappointing season.

"We know we need to win these two games badly," said goaltender Wade Salzman. "We've been struggling, but if we can get a couple of wins here, it should pick us up for the rest of the season."

After falling to Michigan 11-2 last weekend, the Irish's record has fallen to 3-11 overall, including a 1-9 mark in CCHA play. However, the squad

hopes to snap their six-game losing streak tonight against a struggling 4-9-1 Alaska-Fairbanks team.

For the Irish to win for the first time since November 11, they must receive more consistent play out of their defense. The unit currently ranks last in the CCHA, giving up an average of 5.90 goals per game.

"We need better play from our defense," said coach Ric Schafer.

Alaska-Fairbanks enters the game averaging just 3.17 goals per game. As bad as the Nanooks have been on offense, they have been worse on the defensive end. UAF gives up 4.50 goals per game, so Notre Dame should be able to take advantage of struggling goaltenders Larry Moberg and

Brian Fish.

"We just need to get back to the basics and start doing the things that we do well," said Jamie Ling. "We have the talent to beat anybody we play."

Saturday's game against Miami at the Joyce Fieldhouse should pose a tougher challenge. Coming off two wins over the Nanooks last weekend, the Redskins currently stand at 7-7 overall, including a 5-4 mark in CCHA competition.

Offensively, Miami is led by the outstanding trio of junior center Kevyn Adams, left wing Marc Boxer, and center Andrew Miller. Each rank among the CCHA leaders in goals and assists.

The Irish will attempt to counter the Redskin offense with Ling and sophomore cen-

ter Tim Harberts. Ling is currently sixth in the CCHA in scoring with 20 points, and Harberts leads the team in goals with seven.

With freshman goaltender Matt Eisler out with a injured hamstring, Salzman will again earn the starting nod at goaltender. Despite struggling in

last Saturday's route at Michigan, the junior goalie is confident that he and his teammates will be able to turn things around this weekend.

"It's been very frustrating," said Salzman. "But we're working hard and giving it all we got. We know what we got to do-it's just a matter of going out and doing it."

Hoops

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Kurowski, Ryan Hoover, Pat Garrity and Lamarr Justice have done by committee what Monty Williams had to do all by himself last season.

The difference has been dramatic.

"It's healthy that we have this kind of balance," MacLeod said. "It's a good pattern to see develop."

An even better pattern has been the victories that have resulted from the newfound scoring distribution.

Another victory Saturday would catapult the Irish into their 12-day layoff on a high note. But regardless of the outcome, Saturday's game offers the scenario for another Notre Dame-DePaul classic.

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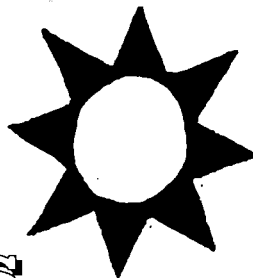
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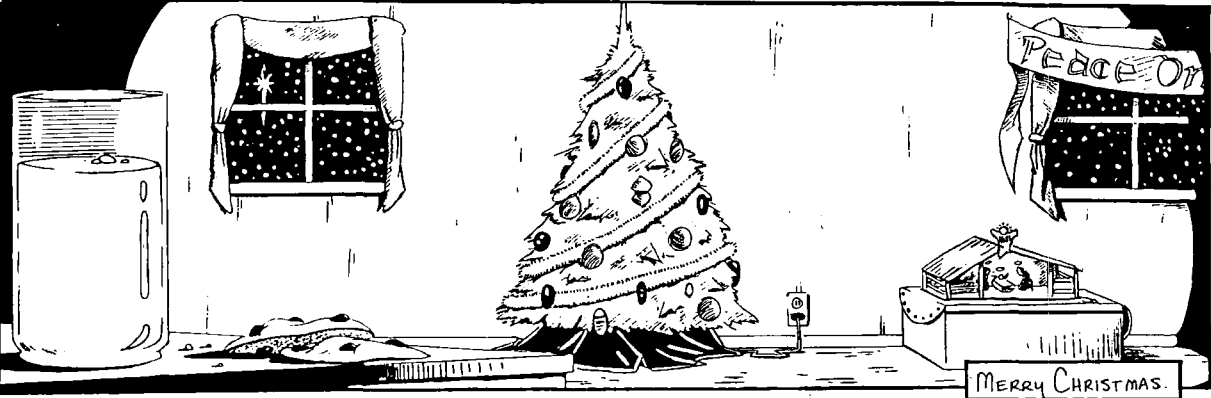
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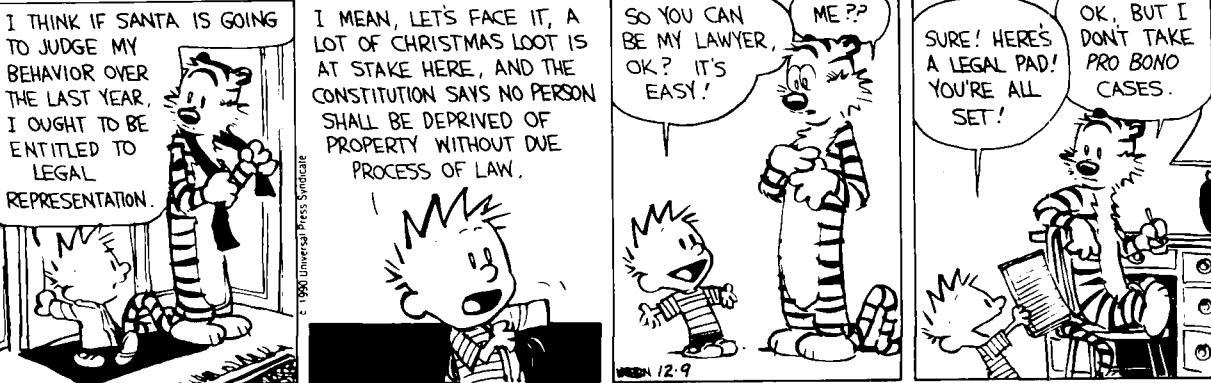
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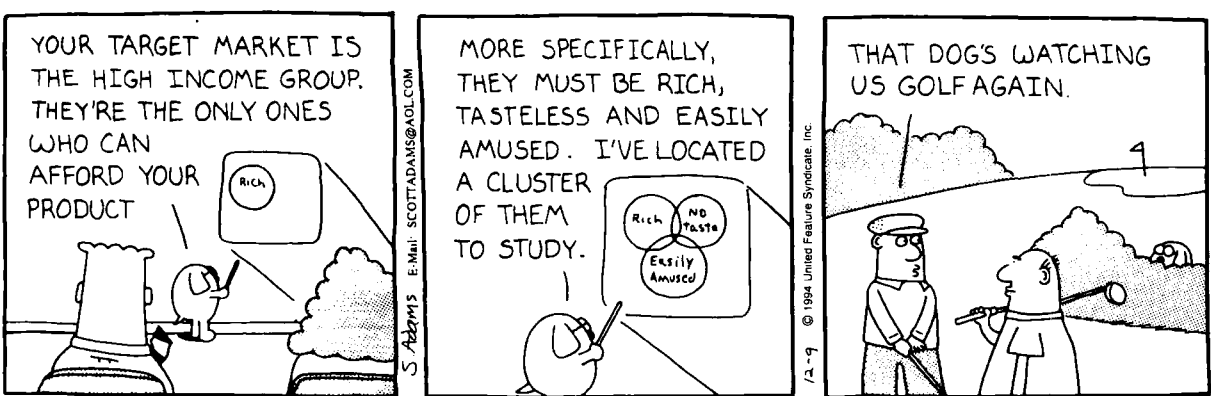
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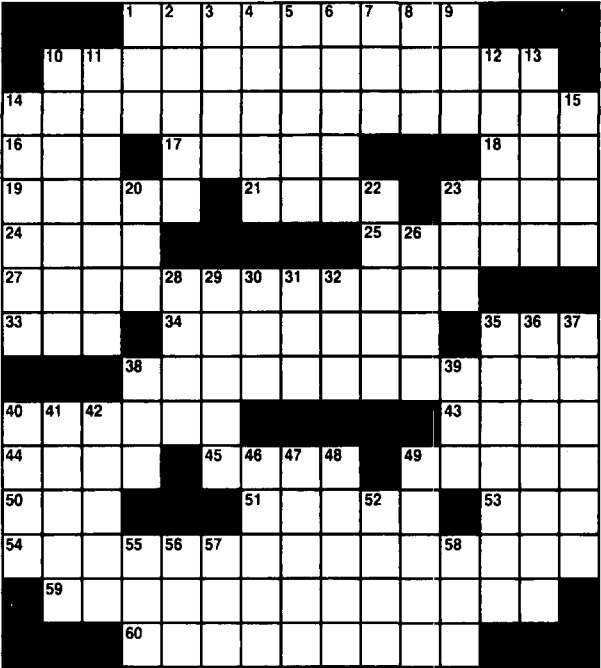
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OUTLOOK
DePaul's Tom Kleinschmidt normally the team's go-to player, was hobbled with an ankle injury in an 80-68 loss to Bradley, scoring just eight points. He has been far and away the Blue Demons leading scorer this season, pouring in 22.3 points per game.
"Even if he's not at full strength, we still have to worry about him because of his ability to pass the ball," Irish coach John MacLeod said. "He's a very clever player."
But DePaul's offense no longer revolves only around Kleinschmidt. Brandon Cole and Bryant Bowden each score about 14 points per game and Will Macon adds 10.
"They're more than just Kleinschmidt," MacLeod said. "Cole has the ability to really get hot and Bowden's scoring has given them even more of a dimension."
Notre Dame brings four double-figure scorers of its own into the game, with Pat Garity, Ryan Hoover and Keith Kurowski each scoring about 13 points a game. Lamarr Justice averages 11.

ND-DePaul a meaningful match

By JASON KELLY
Associate Sports Editor

This rivalry reaches across generations, cluttering the past of both programs with memories and melodrama.

It has lost some of its national appeal in recent years as both teams have struggled to revive lost traditions. But Notre Dame-DePaul still matters, if only to the participating schools and their most ardent followers.

The teams will add another chapter to their age-old men's basketball rivalry in a brand new building Saturday afternoon. Tipoff is set for 3 p.m. (South Bend time) at Chicago's United Center.

"This rivalry has existed over many years," Irish coach John MacLeod said. "It's traditional. That's what makes it so great."

He indicated that this will be one of three series that definitely will be maintained when the Irish begin Big East play next season. Indiana and UCLA will be the others.

But neither team has time to get too gooey-eyed with nostalgia.

Notre Dame (3-1) sees only an opportunity to continue its early-season success. DePaul, on the other hand, hopes to do an abrupt about-face and improve on its 1-2 start. These are more immediate concerns.

"Anytime a team plays

Georgetown as well as DePaul did (in a 74-68 loss) it shows what kind of team they have," MacLeod said. "Our biggest concern is DePaul's ability to pound the offensive boards."

Opponents have had 62 offensive rebounds against Notre Dame already this season, while the Irish have grabbed just 36.

But if one of DePaul's quartet of potent offensive weapons starts to find the range, offensive rebounding may not be an issue.

Tom Kleinschmidt has tormented the Irish in recent seasons and, despite nursing a sore ankle that limited him to just eight points in a loss to Bradley, MacLeod expects him

to be his old Irish-infuriating self.

"Tom is really a tremendous player. We've had little success against him in the last three years," MacLeod said. "He was on crutches that day and still played against Bradley, that shows what kind of competitor he is."

With Brandon Cole, Bryant Bowden and Will Macon also scoring in double-figures, DePaul has become multi-dimensional.

But Notre Dame has a few extra weapons of its own this season. A different player has led the Irish in scoring in each of their first four games. Keith

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Irish looking for sweeter sixteen

No. 5 Penn State a familiar foe

By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

The 12th-ranked Notre Dame volleyball team will be looking to go from being sweet to elite tonight as they take on fifth-ranked Penn State in the sweet sixteen round of the NCAA volleyball championship.

The Irish, now 33-3, have had little success against the Nittany Lions. In seven confrontations, Penn State has posted a 6-1 record against the Irish, including three victories which have knocked them out of the NCAA tournament. The Lions have erased Irish hopes of a national championship the last two years, in the first round of the 1992 tournament and in the "Elite 8" round of last year's championship.

The Irish arrive in the Regionals after a first-round bye and an exhausting come-from-behind 9-15, 15-11, 15-13, 15-13 victory over Pitt last Sunday. Penn State defeated Illinois and Ball State to arrive Lincoln, Nebraska, the sight of this weekend's Midwest Regionals.

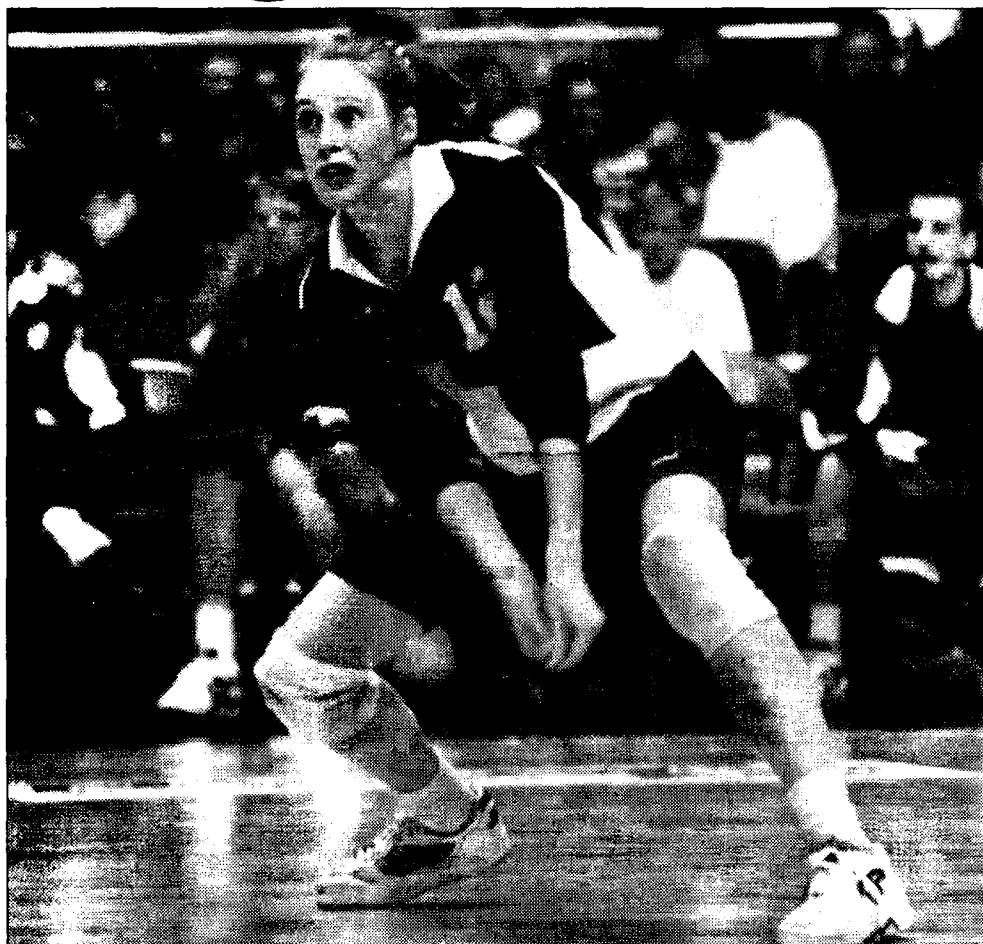
"We're thrilled to have the opportunity to keep on playing," said Irish head coach Debbie Brown after the Pitt victory.

"We have high expectations and we are looking forward to meeting them."

The Irish are prepared for tonight's match, mentally and physically. Senior co-captain Christy Peters and sophomore Kristina have returned from injuries, so the Irish look to have a full roster. With one of the keys to the team's success being its depth, a full roster is definitely in favor of the Irish.

The Irish also hope to have the mental edge in the match, mostly because the team, especially the upperclassmen, are looking for revenge for Penn State's defeats of the Irish the last two years.

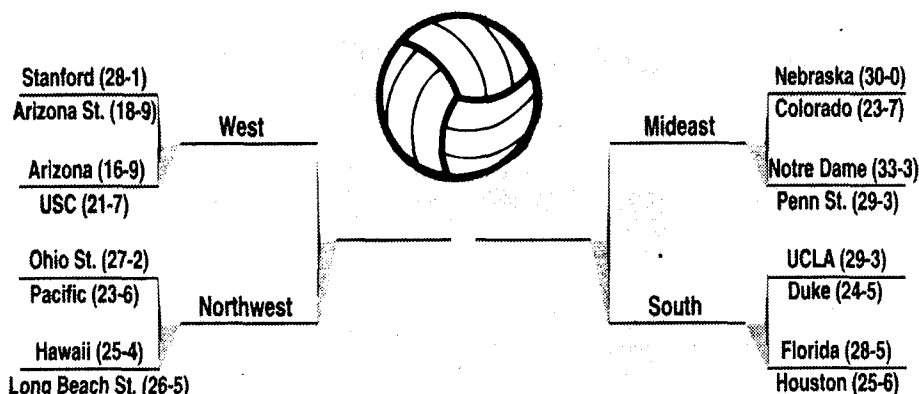
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With two wins this weekend, Jenny Birkner and the Irish would advance to the final four. Last year Notre Dame qualified for the quarterfinals before being eliminated by Penn State.

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Midwest regional may be toughest

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Although the Notre Dame volleyball team was fortunate enough to draw a first-round bye in the NCAA Volleyball Championship, luck has made a turn in the wrong direction, as the Irish head into the Midwest Regionals in Lincoln, Nebraska this weekend.

The first obstacle in the way of the Irish is Penn State, who has knocked the Irish out of the NCAA tournament the last two years. If the Irish defeat the Nittany Lions, they will most likely face Nebraska, who at 30-0 is the only undefeated team right now in women's college volleyball.

In other regional action, the winner of the Midwest Regional will take on the winner of the West Regional. That team may be no. 2 Stanford who plays 15th-ranked Arizona State Friday night, and then would play the winner of 10th-ranked Southern Cal and 16th-ranked Arizona to head to the Final Four in Austin, Texas.

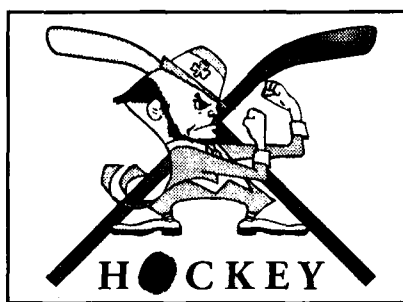
In the South Regional, it will be No. 3 UCLA versus No. 21 Duke, and No. 14 Florida versus No. 17 Houston in the Sweet Sixteen round. Barring a major upset, UCLA should emerge from the South Regional.

The West Regional looks to be the most exciting, or at least the most competitive, of the four regionals. Fourth-ranked Ohio State takes on 11th-ranked Pacific, and it will be No. 6 versus No. 7 when Hawaii plays Long Beach State. Ohio State's ranking and record would obviously make them the favorite, but the caliber of volleyball on the west coast gives either Hawaii, Long Beach State, or Pacific good credibility and potential for the trip to Austin. The winner of the West plays the winner of the South in the Final Four.

IRISH HOCKEY

The struggling Notre Dame hockey team hopes to rebound this weekend against Alaska-Anchorage and Miami of Ohio.

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