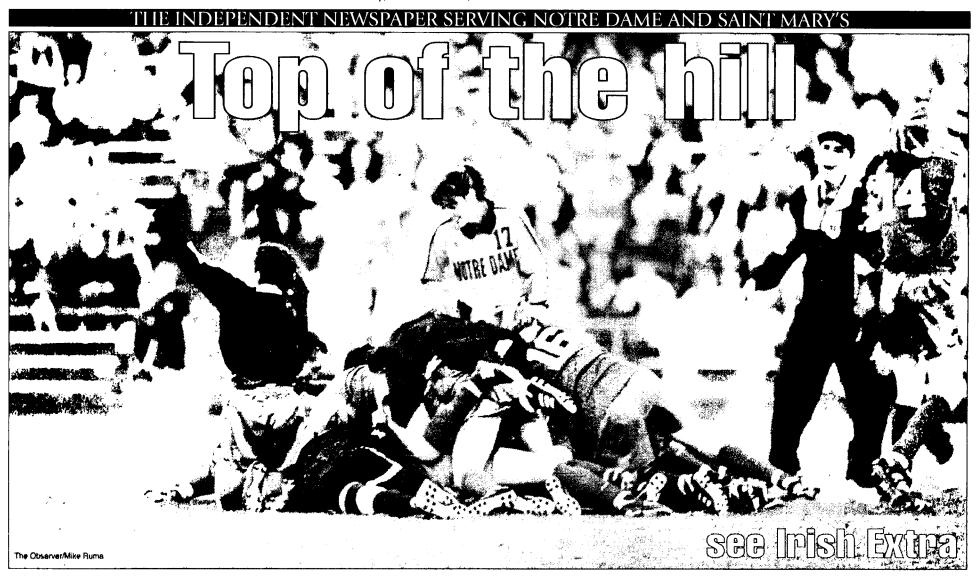
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The Notre Dame women's soccer team celebrates (top) after defeating the Portland Pilots 1-0 on Cindy Daws' direct kick. (Above) Shannon Boxx and Laura Vanderberg admire the National Championship trophy at Michiana Regional Airport.

Euphoric women's soccer team returns home with national title

By DAVE TYLER News Editor and BRAD PRENDERGAST

Associate News Editor

Then the Irish women's soccer team stepped off their plane at the Michiana Regional Airport last night, they were rather tired. And

They knocked off the undefeated, defending champion North Carolina Tar Heels in the semifinal round of the NCAA tournament. Then they went into three overtimes and shut down the vaunted offense of the University of

And, oh yes, they came home with the national championship.

Notre Dame became only the third team to win an NCAA women's soccer crown by downing the Pilots 1-0 Sunday in sudden death overtime. Junior midfielder Cindy Daws' direct kick from just outside the penalty area was a crowning moment for a program that has been playing women's soccer on the varsity level for just eight years.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," said a tired but jubilant Daws as she and her teammates were greeted by 30 or so loyal fans at the airport. "Right now, I'm just happy to be a part of this team."

Daws' goal put a quick and dramatic halt to a match that had already seen over 125 minutes of soccer. So rapid

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Academic Council " VDt

Council plans 'Women's Week'

By DONNA MIRANDOLA News Writer

The Saint Mary's College Student Academic Council (SAC) met last night to give updates on the upcoming Women's Week, the Saint Mary's College FIPSI grant, and the SAC pamphlet that will be presented at the Student Government Forum on January 23.

As Women's Week, February 5-9, draws closer, Council members are finalizing plans for the activities of the week. Updates were given by the members working on the Women's Health Fair, a possible self-defense session, and voter registration, which will take place during the week commemorating the 75th anniversary of women's suffrage.

One change was made to the schedule; the Keynote Speaker's address was moved to Tuesday, February 20. The speaker for the week will be Dr. Jean Kilbourne, addressing the issue of images of women in the

A Variety Show update was given by Chairwoman Racquel Mitchell who announced that a meeting concerning the show will be held on Wednesday, December 6, at 9 p.m. in Haggar Parlor. The meeting will be held to "determine the level of student interest in the idea and to encourage students to participate," Mitchell stated.

The importance and goals of the Fund to Improve Post Secondary Education (FIPSI) Grant awarded to Saint Mary's College were explained to the Council by alumna Melissa Peters, who is working on the grant.

"There are two primary goals of the fund. Firstly, to establish leadership models between faculty, administration, and students of the college; secondly, the fund strives to establish the leadership and identity of Saint Mary's as a catholic women's college," stated Peters.

An important aspect of the

straight annual improvement.

tive job market out there so the graduates by no means will find it easy hunting," said

Outlook gets brighter for recent college graduates

By JUDY DAUBENMIER Associated Press

LANSING, Mich.

New college graduates will find it slightly easier to turn their degrees into paychecks next spring, especially if they have an internship on their resume, a hiring survey released Monday shows.

The survey by Michigan State University projects a 4.7 percent increase in the number of new college graduates who can expect to get jobs, the third

'It remains a very competi-

Patrick Scheetz, the survey author. "It is a modest improvement.

Scheetz, director of the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at the school, also said the best job prospects are for engineers, computer scientists, business majors, health professionals and science majors.

Starting salaries offered to new college graduates will inch up only about half a percent compared to last year, he said.

Chemical engineers will draw the biggest pay — \$41,183 while journalists will be offered the lowest starting salaries -\$20,154.

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Another voice of division

How refreshing it was to stumble upon the inaugural issue of Right Reason this month.

Dylan Barmmer Sports Writer

What this University needs at this point is precisely yet another angry, pompous, divisive voice.

To quote perhaps the most famous (or infamous) felon/victim of this decaying decade, "Can't we all just get along?

Now don't get me wrong. I am in favor of probing, thought-provoking writing on this campus. After all, this is a university, and we are supposed to be questioning more than just who the football team will face in a Bowl Game come New Year's Day. There exist many issues on this campus, in this country, and on this planet that deserve to be examined at length.

My problem is with the method behind this analysis.

As if it isn't already enough to come across ill-informed, questionably constructed, often maliciously spiteful arguments in the pages of The Observer's Viewpoint section, we now have an entire publication devoted to promoting division.

What is perhaps most frightening about this is that while what appears in The Observer's Viewpoint section is presented as just that: a view, Right Reason wants us to accept much of the same rhetoric as "The Truth."

In proclaiming that "America has a special role in God's plan for mankind" and "we have an advantage that our secular counterparts cannot match: we know the Truth," is Right Reason not moving in the direction of an exclusivist, nationalistic, possibly quasifascist world view? Are the perceived attacks and snide comments on Protestants, multiculturalism, and folk music (of all things) really contributing to the benefit and progress of the Notre Dame "community"?

There is little doubt in my mind that this is a campus which is moving closer to division than unity. There is little apparent mixing among the races, and little to no tolerance among many for "different" students such as homosexuals

The fact remains that Notre Dame is a largely white, upper-middle class Catholic community. Much progress has been made towards a more diverse community, but we still have a long way to go in terms of understanding and loving one another.

If Notre Dame and members of the Notre Dame community want to justify the current trend in inflammatory, exclusivist rhetoric as a result of the relatively recent expansion of what was, merely thirty years ago, a lily white all-male, Catholic University, that is their choice. This fact probably goes a long way towards explaining the situation. But let's keep the focus on the supposed element of love and compassion that exists within the Catholic faith. Let the love and acceptance that Christ showed for others be the motivating factor in our approach towards those we encounter in our years under the

After all, who needs hate when you can have love?

Think about it.

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 GLANGE

Transportation strike poses threat to French economy

Faced with a massive strike that risks shutting down the French economy, the government said Sunday it was hiring 1,700 private buses so millions of commuters could get to work. Even the company that runs Paris' famed "Bateaux Mouches" tour boats said it will provide free shuttle service along the Seine so "harassed Parisians" could get around. The three tour boats each have 1,000 seats. Railroad, public transportation, postal and utilities workers have been striking for 10 days to protest the government's austerity measures, and on Sunday their leaders urged private-sector workers to join them the next day. Nevertheless, the conservative government, determined to stick to its tough belt-tightening plan, isn't backing down. Speaking in Benin, President Jacques Chirac defended the plan and urged the French to trust the government. "France is at a crossroads," he said in his first comment on the labor unrest. "I have chosen this path, the path of reforms that have been put off for far too long." To slash its huge budget deficit, the government is freezing all wages for its 5 million public employees and extending to 40 the number of years they must pay into the social security system before retiring. That would bring them in line with private-sector workers. To

France's rail cuts Current service **Proposed**

home suburban commuters from 13 points in Paris starting Monday evening. Beginning Tuesday, the buses will pick them up as well in 140 points in the region.

Gingrich will remain party spokesman

get around the transport strike, fleets of buses will bring

WASHINGTON



Republican leaders spoke approvingly Sunday of Rep. Newt Gingrich's decision to steer clear of TV cameras for a while, but said the speaker of the House will remain a top messenger for their party. "I think he himself feels that maybe it's best now to keep a low profile for a while, because there were some statements made that he re-

grets," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas said on CBS' "Face the Nation." Even some longtime supporters were angered by Gingrich's statement that he toughened the terms in last month's partial government shutdown because he felt President Clinton had snubbed him aboard Air Force One, Republicans returning to Capitol Hill after Thanksgiving reported. A Senate Democrat agreed that Gingrich should keep a lower profile. "Newt ought to just quiet down, cut out all that rat-a-tat-tat he's got going and let Dole take over," Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., said on NBC's "Meet the Press." Hollings accused Gingrich of wanting too much power.

Jordan tops Forbes' annual list

Michael Jordan was the top earner among athletes for the fourth consecutive year, increasing his annual income to \$43.9 million from \$30.01 million. Jordan earned \$3.9 million in salary and \$40 million in outside income, Forbes estimated in its Dec. 19 issue. The magazine said he earned \$36 million in 1993. Jordan has made \$170 million since 1990, the magazine said, and could become the first athlete ever listed in the Forbes 400 of wealthiest people. Mike Tyson, out of prison and back in boxing, was second on the list at \$40 million all from winnings. He made \$25 million from his one fight and \$15 million in signing bonuses. Deion Sanders, the only two-sport athlete, was third at \$22.5 million. The outfielder and cornerback, who was 38th in 1994, made \$16.5 million from salary and \$6 million in endorsements. Boxer Riddick Bowe, who wasn't listed in 1994, was fourth at \$22.2 million. Steffi Graf remained the only woman on the list, in 30th place at \$7.5 million.

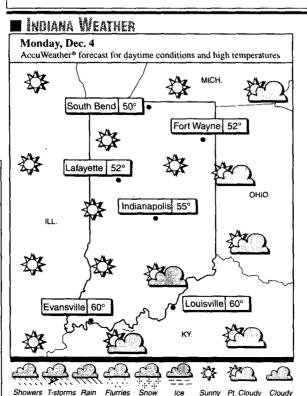
Pope canonizes 274th saint

A noble-born Frenchman who founded a missionary order that worked with American Eskimos and Indians is the Roman Catholic church's newest saint. Eugene de Mazenod was canonized Sunday, the 274th saint proclaimed by Pope John Paul II in his 17-year papacy. Among those who attended Sunday's ceremony in St. Peter's Basilica was a Mexican man the Vatican says was cured of cancer after praying to de Mazenod — one of two miracles attributed to the new saint. One miracle is required for someone to be beatified, the last main step before sainthood, and another for canonization. The first miracle attributed to de Mazenod involved a Canadian man who lost his sight in a car accident but who regained it after praying to the missionaries' founder. The next miracle occurred in Mexico City in 1986. Doctors discharged Jesus Serrano Fernandez from a hospital to die at home of liver cancer. Parishioners gathered nightly in his home to pray to de Mazenod for help. One morning, the man got up, asked to eat, and miraculously recovered. Serrano Fernandez with his wife and children attended Sunday's ceremony. De Mazenod died in 1861.

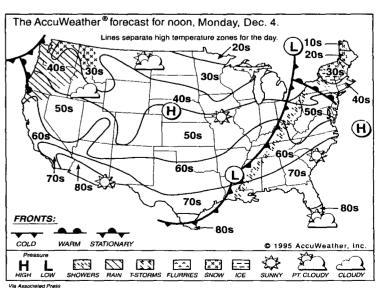
City bans Crazy Horse Malt Liquor

ST. PAUL, Minn.

Minnesota has banned the sale of Crazy Horse Malt Liquor, bowing to protests from American Indian groups and the estate of the revered 19th century Sioux leader, a state official said Sunday. The ban was not being enforced because G. Heileman Brewing Co. and the Hornell Brewing Co., which produce the malt liquor, have indicated they will appeal, said Kevin Burns, spokesman for the Public Safety Department. Public Safety Commissioner Michael Jordan issued the order Thursday banning the malt liquor, which is available in about 40 states and is banned in Washington and Nebraska. American Indians and others say using the Indian leader's name on a beer label is offensive, especially because Crazy Horse opposed alcohol consumption and predicted devastating consequences for his people if they drank. The estate of Crazy Horse has opposed using the Crazy Horse brand name for the malt liquor since it was developed in 1992.



■ NATIONAL WEATHER



Atlanta	63	45	Dallas	74	49	Milwaukee	37	32
Baltimore	51	27	Dayton	52	34	Philadelphia	46	32
Boston	42	29	Ft. Lauderdale	76	56	Phoenix	78	50
Calgary	33	13	Grand Prairie	29	12	Princeton	46	31
Chicago	42	35	Las Vegas	67	.44	Yonkers, N.Y.	47	35

Clinton approves first American forces into Bosnia

By TERENCE HUNT
Associated Press

MADRID

President Clinton authorized a vanguard of 700 American troops to open a risky mission in former Yugoslavia and rejected Bosnian Serb demands Sunday for rewriting the treaty U.S. forces will help enforce.

"When you make a peace agreement, not everybody is happy with it," Clinton said, referring to Bosnian Serb military leader Ratko Mladic's warning that Serbs in Sarajevo will never live under Muslim and Croat rule, as the agreement prescribes.

Despite the complaints of Mladic and others, Clinton said, "I don't think the treaty is in trouble and, no, I don't think it should be renegotiated." It is to be signed Dec. 14 in Paris.

Wrapping up a five-day European trip, Clinton announced he had given the go-ahead for sending into Bosnia 700 U.S. troops trained in logistics and communications.

Within a few days, the advance troops will establish a U.S. headquarters in the northeast town of Tuzla in preparation for nearly 20,000 Americans set to follow in a matter of weeks. The Americans, part of a 60,000-troop international peacekeeping effort, will spend the winter and the months after that trying to separate warring parties and disarming land mines hidden by snow-covered fields.

As he headed home from Europe, weary from long days and late nights, Clinton faced deep skepticism from Americans citizens and the Congress about the military mission.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said on CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday that around Wednesday this week the Senate will take up a resolution supporting American forces in Bosnia but also containing language on arming Bosnian Muslims and providing a clearcut exit strategy.

"If Bill Clinton is going to have the entry strategy, the rest of us should have the exit strategy," said Dole, who has agreed to put

aside his opposition to U.S. participation in the peacekeeping mission so that Americans sent to Bosnia know they have the full support of Congress.

"It will be in the great spirit of foreign policy that I think Republicans and Democrats will now be united to support the American troops," Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, another opponent of deployment, said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"I think the American people should know that we have a unique responsibility at this moment in history," Clinton said. America's status as a wealthy nation and the world's last superpower "imposes on us great responsibilities," he said.

Other nations have taken military risks when asked by the United States, such as in the Persian Gulf and Haiti, and Americans should be willing to do likewise for Europe, the president added.

"When we fought in Desert Storm and all those people came to help us," Clinton said, "you didn't hear them making speeches (saying), 'We really don't have a dog in this fight."

Spain's prime minister, Felipe Gonzalez, at a news conference with the president, said the U.S. deployment sends a signal "of utmost importance for international solidarity."

Clinton's advisers declared the trip a huge political success. "Unfortunately, I can't get the election held tomorrow," said Sen. Chris Dodd, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, traveling with the president on Air Force One.

And yet, Dodd acknowledged that calls to his congressional office on Bosnia have been running "six, seven, eight, nine, ten-to-one against."

Facing a tough budget fight with a Republican Congress, Clinton is likely to miss the rousing receptions and big crowds he saw over the past week traveling from London to Belfast, Londonderry to Dublin and then on to Germany to greet American troops training in Germany for Bosnia peacekeeping duties.

U.S. deployment to Bosnia

Cost aspects of the U.S. participation in Bosnia peacekeeping:

Troops: \$\frac{1}{20,000 \text{ troops}}\$

New partition line

5,000 troops in other parts
of the former Yugoslavia

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Bosnian government-Croat federation

\$1.2 billion

\$300 million

YUGO.

Rebel Serb

as of Nov. 22

Operation "Deny Flight" (continued operations):
U.S. F-16
Fighting Falcon

Support functions (missions outside Bosnia):

UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter

Vehicle mounted air-defence

\$500 million

system, Funds already budgeted:

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Base salaries
Day-to-day military operations

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Total estimated cost for one-year's military deployment: \$2 billion

AP/Wm. J. Castello

'Holy warriors' welcome U.S.

By BRYAN BRUMLEY Associated Press

Bosnia-Herzegovina The region where 20,000 U.S. Gls will be enforcing peace in Bosnia is also patrolled by several groups of Muslim mujahedeen — holy warriors, who

came to Bosnia to assist the Muslim-led government. Some mujahedeen joined special units of the Bosnian army.

From their base nestled in the stark hills amid coal slag heaps and strip mines above Tuzla, they say they welcome the Americans and hope to receive U.S. training and arms.

But others, more independent units who clashed with British troops earlier this year, are wild cards.

Some mujahedeen in the Bosnian army say they've already received clandestine training from former U.S. special forces officers near the small town of Lukavac.

U.S. officials have denied aiding the Bosnians. But one former mujahedeen said he fought alongside two American Muslims, who were acting independently of the U.S. government, on missions behind Serbian lines.

The 9th Muslim Brigade is

based at Meskovic, 9 miles west of Tuzla, where the Americans may be headquartered. It is attached to the 2nd Corps of the regular Bosnian army.

A former mujahedeen, Amir Sakic, rejected Western fears that the Bosnian mujahedeen may pose a threat to NATO forces.

"I'm afraid that the American people look at us like some kind of aborigines." Sakic said.

of aborigines," Sakic said.

A threat, however, might come from non-Bosnian mujahedeen units, the most militant warriors, said to include Afghan and Sudanese fighters funded in part by Iran.

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Interim Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs Submitted to Professor Patricia O'Hara, Vice President for Student Affairs

n your March 6, 1995, Open Letter to the Notre Dame community, you announced the creation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, and you asked that the committee consider the following questions:

- 1) How can the University, through Student Affairs, sponsor a facilitated setting respectful of Church teaching in which gay and lesbian students can come together as a group to explore common issues and find mutual support?
- 2) What types of programs should Student Affairs sponsor for rectors, hall staff and other Student Affairs professionals to better equip them to meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students?
- 3) What additional measures should Student Affairs take to promote an environment free of harassment based on sexual orientation?

As you know, the committee submitted a preliminary report to you on May 1, 1995, a copy of which appeared in the May 3 edition of the Observer, in which we reported on the status of our conversations as of the end of the 1995 spring semester. Our May 1 report contained several recommendations which dealt specifically with part (2) of our mandate. The committee is pleased to note the implementation of several of these recommendations, in particular the inclusion of a workshop on gay and lesbian issues in R.A. Orientation, your words of welcome at Freshman Orientation which made specific reference to gay and lesbian students, and the efforts of several residence hall rectors to welcome and support gay and lesbian students.

Early in our work together this semester, the committee determined that if we were truly to serve the needs of gay and lesbian students on this campus, it was imperative for us to listen to a number of voices within the Notre Dame community. We have spent most of the semester doing just this. We have met six times over the course of this semester. Of those six meetings, four were devoted to listening to approximately 45 people, most of whom are gay or lesbian students on this campus.

The committee has chosen to spend this semester listening, and we will spend the early part of next semester formulating and discussing our final recommendations. The complexity of the issues before us and the committee's desire to be open to the voices we have heard require that we take the time needed for careful reflection and honest dialogue among committee members. We have asked you to extend the time for the submission of our final report from the original December 6, 1995, date to March 1, 1996, and you have agreed to do so.

While we are not ready to offer our final recommendations, we did want to update you on the work of the committee during this 1995 fall semester. In listening to gay and lesbian students on this campus, both undergraduate and graduate, many expressed feelings of fear, frustration and isolation. The students spoke of the very real terror they experienced at the prospect of revealing their sexual orientation to roommates, friends and family. Several students reported feeling such a sense of isolation

that they contemplated suicide. Others chose to act out in ways that were equally self-destructive. While some have been encouraged by the recent efforts of the University to welcome and support them, most continue to question whether they are truly valued as members of this community.

The gay and lesbian students with whom we spoke talked about how very difficult it is to be gay at Notre Dame. These students have had to look to each other for support and assistance, feeling that their needs are largely ignored by the University. GLND/SMC has been the primary source of support for most of the students to whom we listened.

Many gay and lesbian students spoke about their commitment to their faith and their desire to find a way to live as adult Christians. They want the University to provide gay and lesbian students with the resources they need to integrate their sexuality and their faith lives. They expressed their need for gay and lesbian role models who can assist them in this process.

We have also listened to a small group of gay members of the faculty who shared their perspectives on the needs of gay and lesbian students at Notre Dame. The faculty members underscored many of the concerns raised by the students. Some described an atmosphere of fear among gay and lesbian faculty which impacts negatively upon students who are coming to terms with their own sexual identity. They urged that the non-discrimination clause found in University publications be amended to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Representatives from the local chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays (PFLAG) spoke with the committee from the vantage point of their experience. These representatives highlighted the discrimination and harassment that their gay and lesbian friends and children often face, and the erroneous assumptions so many of us make about homosexuality.

The committee has found these listening sessions with students, faculty and parents invaluable and is grateful to all who shared their insights. Each of us has been deeply moved by what we have heard over these past months. The members of the committee have grown in their awareness of the pain and sense of alienation experienced by gay and lesbian students on this campus. We have been inspired by the ways in which gay and lesbian students have cared for and assisted each other, and we have been impressed by the earnestness and faithfulness with which many seek to live out their lives as Christians.

In the weeks ahead, the committee will frame its final recommendations in light of what we have heard and within the context of our mandate. It is our hope that the recommendations of this committee will help to make Notre Dame the kind of safe and inclusive environment it should be and enhance the University's efforts to meet the needs of its gay and lesbian students.

On behalf of the committee, I thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted, Ann M. Firth, Chair December 1, 1995



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Childless question tax credit

By DAVE SKIDMORE Associated Press

WASHINGTON

From almost any angle, the Republicans' proposed \$500per-child tax credit looks like a sure crowd pleaser. But there's an undercurrent of discontent.

Although some lawmakers would rather cut the budget deficit, or want lower income eligibility caps, no one has doubted the credit's sheer political popularity.

However, resentment simmers among those left out. They include childless taxpayers, parents of children too old to qualify (those 18 and older) and divorced parents without custody.

"I do not have a chance to claim any exemptions, being single," Emerald Star of Hendersonville, Tenn., said in a letter to a GOP tax reform commission. "I have been working since I was 15 to support myself and frankly am sick of 'families' receiving aid."

In fact, she represents the majority of taxpayers. Only 29 million households will get the credit, in effect shifting some of the relative tax burden onto the other 86 million house-

The National Commission on Economic Growth and Tax Reform, headed by former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp, solicited one-page letters in Money magazine and in other forums.

Most focus on the long-range issue before the commission, whether a flat-rate income tax or a consumption tax should replace the current system. But many writers also commented on this year's legislation, which includes the credit.

Earlier this year, President Clinton proposed his own perchild credit. So some form of it seems to have the best chance of any tax provision to survive negotiations between the administration and Congress. But, whatever the outcome, not everyone will be happy.

"Do not limit the \$500 tax credit to just families," wrote Wayne Wealer of Newport, Ore. "Retirees and all other middle-class taxpayers need tax relief as well. Taxation is putting us all in the poor

John Mallah, a Miami Beach attorney and president of the Association of Separated American Parents, said divorced parents without custody deserve the credit as well as "Ozzie-and-Harriet" fami-

"We want to provide for our children. ... Unfortunately, we are often prevented from doing so because of our diminished living standard," he

Some, such as Joyce Ball of Danville, Ill., agreed with the Republican push to funnel tax relief to parents above the current \$2,450 exemption for dependents.

"Who can raise a child on \$2,450 a year?" she asked.

But others want stricter limits.
"A change ... to allow a de-

children would be an incentive to produce less children,' wrote Fred Chapman of Virginia Beach, Va.

And Delores Smith, a biofeedback and stress management therapist in Twin Falls, Idaho, said parents should pay higher, not lower, taxes.

GOP: New budget crucial to avert second shutdown

By JIM ABRAMS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Averting another government shutdown that would lay off federal workers just before Christmas depends on Presi-

dent Clinton coming up. with his own plan to balance the budget, congressional Republicans said Sunday. "It's going

to be up to the administration," said Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee. He said he was hopeful that a way could be found to keep the government operating, but only if the administration puts its ideas on the table. "We have not had any good faith negotiations yet.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., also pressed Clinton to produce a plan for balancing the budget in seven years, saying the burden would be on the president's shoulders if the government is forced to shut down for a second time when a temporary spending measure expires on Dec. 15.

Dole said Saturday that a repetition of the six-day shutdown in November was "not going to happen." But he conditioned that remark in his appearance on CBS' "Face the

"doesn't come forth with anything and make any serious offers, then we have to face up to a shutdown again on the 15th.

"Just as we are cooperating with the president on Bosnia, he needs to cooperate with us on the budget," Dole said.

The longest federal shutdown in history ended on Nov. 19 under an agreement between the White House and Congress that extended spending until Dec. 15 while committing the president to negotiating a seven-year timetable for balancing the budget.

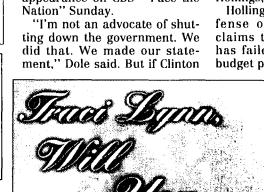
But the opening of those negotiations last week produced little but acrimony.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., joining Kasich on NBC's 'Meet the Press," said the lack of progress resulted from "a huge battle going on in the White House. Actually it's a battle for the soul of the president - does he really want a balanced budget in seven years?

Democrats appearing on NBC countered that it was the Republicans who cut off the talks on Thursday amid noisy political posturing. "The administration was there Thursday with a load of materials ready to talk," insisted Rep. Martin Sabo, D-Minn.

'To close the government down while this nonsensical pollster pap is going on is just stupidity," said Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C.

Hollings, in an offhanded defense of Clinton, said GOP claims that the White House has failed to come up with a budget plan weren't true.



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was the conclusion, it stunned even the players' and the coaches.

"I never saw the shot," said head coach Chris Petrucelli. "And then, when I saw everybody react, I thought, 'Oh my God, we won it."

A combination of confusion by the Pilots and heads-up thinking by Daws lead to the Irish score. After a Portland penalty gave the Irish a free kick, Pilot goalkeeper Erin Fahey was so preoccupied with setting up a wall of defenders that she was screened by the players from seeing the shot. Daws noticed her confusion and took advantage of it.

"It was a great play on Cindy's part," goalkeeper Jen Renola said. "We needed brains to win this game. We were too tired."

Daws would have never been in position to score if Renola had not made a clutch save on a breakaway shot from the Pilots' Kimberly Engesser (brother of Notre Dame men's team member Brian Engesser) at point-blank range in the first overtime.

"[Engesser] was wide open," said Renola. "As she came toward me, two things ran through my mind. I was think-

ing 'Wow, she is so wide open,' and then I thought that nothing was going to get through my

Fortunately, Engesser did not get a good shot. The freshman forward launched a kick that went directly into the calm arms of Renola.

"After that shot, I knew that someone wanted us to win," Renola said. "Someone was on our side."

That level of cool confidence was echoed by some of the Irish faithful as they waited at the airport terminal last night for the team to return. A collective gasp rose from Notre Dame students watching the game on television on campus as Renola made the save, but from that point on several students believed the Irish were destined to win

"My heart stopped [when Engesser took that shot]," said senior Alex Montoya, a self-described Irish soccer fanatic.
"But when I saw how calm Renola was, I knew we were okay"

Montoya is one of over a dozen members of an unofficial fan club for the women's soccer team. Dubbed the "Dog Pound," because of the members tendency to bark at opposing players as they walk past the group, the club attended all of the home games this year and made trips to away games

in nearby cities such as Indianapolis and Dayton.

Yesterday, Daws' goal simultaneously brought emotions of shock and euphoria to the group.

"I was utterly amazed, and then the realization that the dreams of the players and the fans had come true hit me," said Dog Pound member Brian Carpenter. "The team set out to accomplish this, and they did it"

The stage for yesterday's championship contest was set with a 1-0 win over the Tar Heels on Friday. Despite concerns that the Irish would experience a letdown after the semifinal triumph, Petrucelli had the team ready to go.

"Throughout the season, we kept talking about what our goals were, and one of our goals was to win the national championship," Petrucelli said. "We stuck with that goal."

Montoya, sporting a perpetual grin as he waited for the team's plane to arrive, agreed.

"Petrucelli was wise enough to keep the team focused after the North Carolina win. He made sure that the intensity of the championship matchup was not anticlimactic," Montoya said. "To win in the Tar Heels' house — that was big."

Notre Dame Executive vice-

president William Beauchamp said the championship earns a place in the storied history of sports at the University.

"This is great for Notre Dame. It's a tribute to Chris as a coach and all the women on this team...to include a victory over North Carolina on their home field and then to win it all is an incredible accomplishment."

While Beauchamp was able to appraise the win with a spectator's eye, some of the main characters in the drama were still trying to grasp the magnitude of their victory.

"It's so weird," said senior sweeper Ashley Scharff. "I don't think it has hit us yet. I don't know when it will."

90 minutes of regulation, 30 minutes of overtime and five minutes of sudden death will do that to a team.

"We were all so exhausted, so tired. [When the ball went in,] it was a relief," Scharff said.

Daws though knew there was only one bottom line.

"I've heard some people say we won ugly. It doesn't matter though because we're national champions." **Jobs**

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Scheetz said despite the projected increase, hiring still will be below the levels of 1988-89. Prospects are brightest in the nation's southeastern and north-central regions.

"There has been so much downsizing and re-engineering going on that many of the opportunities that once existed have disappeared. ... There are many jobs that have been lost in recent years and those probably will not return for many, many years," he said.

Federal agencies expecting tighter budgets are cutting staffing levels substantially while private employers are cautious about expanding too much, he said.

"The employers are all looking out of the corner of their eye at the economy," Scheetz said.

SAC

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fund is the level of student participation. "Students will make this grant happen," said Peters.

At the January 23 Student Government Forum, SAC will present a pamphlet detailing the responsibilities of the Council and the composition requirements for each department. Council member Emily Duncanson stated that the pamphlet will "define SAC and give people information as to who we are and what we do within the college community."



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■ ISRAEL

Rabin's assassin suggests bodyguard helped him

By DAN PERRY Associated Press

TEL AVIV

Yitzhak Rabin's confessed assassin suggested Sunday that one of the prime minister's bodyguards helped him, saying that the truth about the slaying would "turn the country upside down."

Yigal Amir fed rumors of a wider conspiracy in the assassination when he said that authorities killed a Rabin bodyguard who helped him by creating confusion during the Nov. 4 shooting at a Tel Aviv peace rally.

"Why don't you publicize that they killed one of Rabin's body-guards? The one who shouted 'The bullets are dummies,'" Amir yelled to reporters as he was brought into a Tel Aviv courtroom to have his detention extended.

Amir, 25, has in the past insisted that he acted alone, and previous reports indicated Amir was the one who shouted the bullets were fake. No evi-

dence has surfaced so far to support his claim that one of Rabin's bodyguards was killed.

"I can say something that will destroy everything ... Everything until now was a mask," said Amir, wearing a white Tshirt with a gray sweater draped over his shoulders as he entered the court.

"I did not think they would start killing people," he muttered.

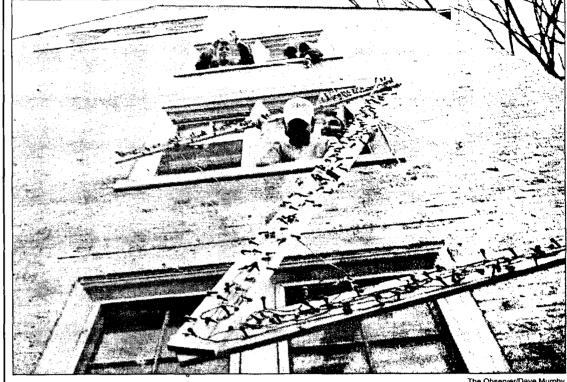
"You are killing people," retorted Judge Dan Arbel.

"If I tell the truth, it would turn the country upside down," Amir said, waving his hand dismissively and sitting down.

A government spokesman called Amir's comments "non-sense."

Police investigator Arieh Silverman requested Amir's detention be extended eight days beyond the maximum 30 days without charge. The contents of the document were not revealed.

The judge agreed to extend Amir's detention by four days.



Give me a 'Z'...

Zahm Hall junior Mike Tobin helps put up the dorm's traditional Christmas decoration, a large 'Z' adorned with red lights.

WEST BANK

Palestinian police enter Bethlehem

By NASSER SHIOUKHI Associated Press

BEIT JALA

The first Palestinian police who will take control of Bethlehem from Israeli troops by Christmas raised the Palestinian flag on a hill overlooking the biblical city Sunday.

About 400 people turned out to welcome the 12 officers who opened the Israel-Palestinian liaison office in this neighboring village. They raised the red, green, black and white Palestinian flag over the office.

Residents clapped and chanted "We will sacrifice soul and blood for Palestine" when the officers marched in, carrying handguns, flags and pictures of

PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

"This is the sweetest moment in my life," said Khalil Dakadeka from the nearby village of Beit Fajjar.

"We have waited for this moment for many years," said Bethlehem merchant Nader Hidweh.

As he raised the flag, Brig. Gen. Ziad Atrash, a senior police commander, announced: "Christmas will be under the auspices of the Palestinian Authority, and Arafat will attend the ceremonies."

Thirty thousand people are expected to attend Christmas celebrations in Bethlehem's Manger Square, the traditional birthplace of Jesus, for the first Christmas under Palestinian

control.

In past years, visitors passed through Israeli metal detectors to reach Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity, and Israeli army snipers were posted on rooftops.

Israeli troops are to leave Bethlehem on Dec. 18, but there has been talk of troops retaining control of the Bethlehem main road and military headquarters if a bypass road around the city for Jewish settlers has not been finished.

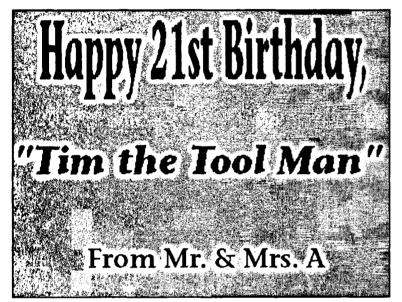
Earlier Sunday, dozens of Palestinians tried in vain to block bulldozers clearing land for a bypass road around Hebron, 12 miles south of Bethlehem. The road cuts through cultivated olive groves and grape vineyards in Halhoul, a Palestinian village outside of

"This is my land, and it is the only thing I have," said Ali Akel, 45. "I understand that this peace is a peace for land, but the Israeli government has both the peace and the land."

Soldiers pushed the protesters back and kept them from blocking the bulldozers.

Under the Israel-PLO agreement signed in September, Israel is supposed to be out of six Palestinian cities by the end of the year, and out of Hebron in March.

Israel's Cabinet said Sunday that the redeployment of Israeli troops in the West Bank will proceed on schedule.



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■ Russia

Communists gaining support

By JULIA RUBIN Associated Press

VOLGOGRAD
Outside the huge Volgograd
Tractor Factory, where half the
workers have been laid off,
campaign fliers are posted every yard or so — all for Communist Alevtina Aparina.

The photograph of the 54year-old parliament member and regional Communist Party leader is tiny next to the factory's giant Soviet-era murals of muscled construction workers. But her influence is bigger.

The Communists swept the election for Volgograd's City Council in October, winning 22 of the 24 seats in this depressed industrial city once known as Stalingrad. Party leaders portray the city as a stronghold in a "Red Belt" of growing Communist support in Russia's heartland.

Actually, the Communists on the city council are having trouble even following through on their plan to change its name to "City Soviet," the term used in the days when the party held sway over all of the Soviet Union.

And nobody expects the Communists to win the same kind of margin in the national parliamentary elections Dec. 17.

But the local victory does hold clues to the Communists' strength — and the limitations they may face if they do win more power.

Aparina says the Communist victory in Volgograd resulted from voters' despair and disgust with free-market and political reforms.

"People vote for Communists because when Communists were in power, this country was to be reckoned with. When Communists were in power, children got the very best. Old



people were guaranteed a secure future," she said, sipping coffee at her desk beneath a bust of Vladimir Lenin.

Nostalgia for the Soviet past is strong among workers, the old and infirm and others unable to find a niche in the new Russia. They blame democracy for the crime and poverty that has hit many Russians, forgetting the problems that brought down the Soviet Union.

The Communist victory in October was also a display of their still unique organizing skills. They essentially won by just showing up. In one district, the victorious Communist can-

didate was supported by just 7 percent of the eligible voters.

Other parties say they were caught unprepared or were concentrating on more important races — such as the mayoral race, which was won by a non-Communist, and the national elections.

"The return of the Communists is a myth — a bluff," said Alexander Petrov, the Volgograd representative of Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin's Our Home Is Russia bloc.

But while most of the 43 competing parties are still looking for their niches and battling voter apathy, the Communists have their troops: mainly poor retirees who are determined to go to the polls. The old political network that reached every Soviet village and factory still breathes.

In factories like Volgograd Tractor, Communist activists are quietly recreating the party political committees banned by President Boris Yeltsin three years ago.

"Since we're not in power, we're obligated to be more prepared," said Aparina.

■ JAPAN

Rape trial threatens US-Japanese relations

By MARI YAMAGUCHI Associated Press

NAHA
Three American servicemen accused of raping a 12-year-old schoolgirl return to court on Monday in a case that has enraged Japan and threatens the U.S.-Japanese military alliance.

The September rape triggered huge anti-military rallies on Okinawa, which is host to about 27,000 of the more than 45,000 U.S. troops stationed in Japan.

At the trial's opening session on Nov. 7, Navy Seaman Marcus Gill, 22, of Woodville, Texas, pleaded guilty to raping the girl.

Marine Pfc. Kendrick Ledet, 20, of Waycross, Ga. and Pfc. Rodrico Harp, 21, of Griffin, Ga., acknowledged that they helped plan and carry out the attack.

Prosecutors said the girl was forced into a car by the trio when she stepped out of

a stationery store where she had been buying a school notebook. Then she was driven to a remote sugar-cane field, raped and dumped from the car, they said.

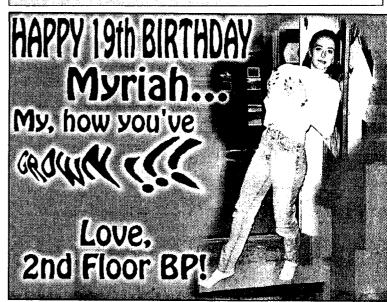
At Monday's session, officials said the court would hear character testimony from military superiors of the accused — and possibly by family members of Ledet and Harp.

In the same courthouse, closing arguments were set Monday morning in the case of Marine Pfc. Joshua Hill, who has admitted to bludgeoning an Okinawan woman to death in May. Verdicts and sentencing were expected at later sessions.

Amid the outcry, American officials have taken some steps to try to mollify the Japanese.

They have agreed that in some cases they may turn over servicemen accused of crimes more quickly to Japanese authorities.







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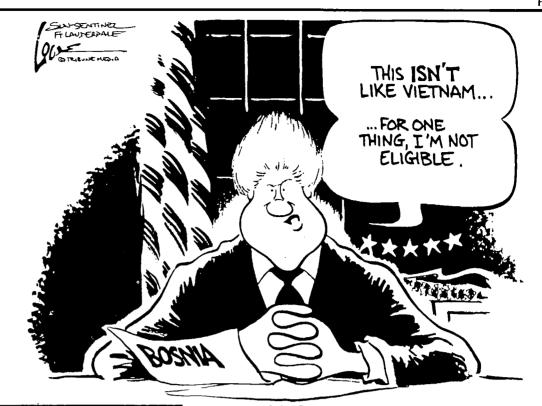
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■ God 'n Life

BY JULIE FERRARO



Make a difference this holiday

Julie

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"All work and no play..."

No one can deny that college students work hard - often at more than one project in a 24-hour stretch (classes, part-time job, athletics, community service, etc.). And, with exams coming up, that work load increases.

is it the storm before the calm? After a week of brain-teasing knowledge-cramming, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students will have a month to relax, recover and celebrate any ap-

propriate holy days. The cheers or relief will rise above the harsh, icy winds.

It is that time of year when Christmas decorations and attitudes runneth over. In these northern locales, snow adds to that festive atmosphere. Also in abundance is the spirit of charity - giving from our abundance to those with less, so their holidays will

be warm, sheltered, healthy and well-fed.

After all the hard work of this school year's first semester, it might be quite relaxing and restful to nurture one's individual spirit of charity. It can almost be fun, thinking of ways to really help others above and beyond the usual "money in the Salvation Army can" or donations to a church.

Why not, once you make the trip home, investigate the possibility of "adopting" a family (or some senior citizens) for the season? Go all out: take the children to choose a Christmas tree (if it suits the family's tradition), help decorate it, provide a few gifts for beneath the tree and a whole-

some holiday meal. Then, don't just disappear on Dec. 26.

Continue to interact with this family. If part of their difficulty is an unemployed member of the household, use the knowledge gained from your own life experience to assist with a job search, or help that person find a skills training program. If it is just that there are too many bills and too little money (haven't we all been there at some point?) maybe contribute a bag or two of gro-

ceries each week, or think of other ways to be of assistance. Keep up this contact, as much as possible, throughout the year.

Of course, some people will reject offers of kindness out of pride. It does take a bit of tact to be helpful without being pushy. That is a skill we all have to learn, though, be it in preparation for a job inter-

view or simply in our day-to-day dealings with our fellow inhabitants of the planet. Knowing how to say a kind word is just as important as actually saying it.

Don't let fear of offending someone stifle charitable efforts during the upcoming break. As you drive, fly or bus home - after the grueling torture of exams - cheer yourself with the thought that you can spend a month revitalizing your mind, body and spirit and, perhaps, help others do the same.

ane. It could make all the difference.

Julie Ferraro is secretary of the Freimann Life Science Center.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Talk raises important issues about WWII actions, morals

Dear Editor

A recent Observer article summarized a talk by Wilson Miscamble concerning the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A number of important issues were raised by Miscamble's talk, regarding both history and morality.

One critical historical question raised by the talk is whether the use of the atomic bomb was necessary militarily to bring about an end to WWII. This is, of course, a hotly debated topic. In reflecting upon it, it seems imperative to realize that arguments against the necessity of the bombings are not at all new, but in fact represent the position taken by high-ranking U.S. military officers both before and after the bombs were dropped. General Dwight Eisenhower, for example, has written that in his view "dropping the bomb was completely unnecessary" to bring about an end to the war, arguing that the Japanese would have surrendered without the bombings and without a U.S. invasion. Similarly, Admiral William Leahy, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the time the bombs were used, argued after the bombings that "in my opinion the use of this barbarous weapon at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was of no material assistance in our war against Japan."

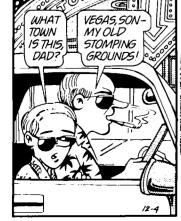
Others, including General Douglas MacArthur, General Henry Arnold, and Air Force Major General Curtis LeMay expressed similar views. In a study commissioned by the U.S. government after the war, the US Strategic Bombing Survey concluded that "Japan would have surrendered even if the atomic bombs had not been dropped...and eyen if no invasion had been planned or contemplated". Documentation of all of these statements along with extensive helpful commentary can be found in a recent book by Gar Alperovitz entitled The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb: The Architecture of an American Myth.

Admiral Leahy in his comments on the bombings cited above goes on to address the moral implications, arguing that in dropping the bombs the United States "adopted an ethical standard common to the barbarians of the Dark Ages." These moral issues I believe are crucial. According to some, such as the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church, indiscriminate bombings such as that represented by Hiroshima and Nagasaki (and earlier indiscriminate fire-bombings) can never be morally justified, for they violate the very core of just war principles. Pope Paul VI, for example, referred to the atomic bombings as "a butchery of untold magnitude" (World Day of Peace Message, 1976).

In one of the strongest statements of the Second Vatican Council, the pope and bishops state: "Any act of war aimed indiscriminately at the destruction of entire cities or of extensive areas along with their population is a crime against God and man himself. It merits unequivocal and unhesitating condemnation~. (Gaudium et Spes, 80) This view has been repeatedly reaffirmed by Pope John Paul II and the U.S. Catholic bishops.

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■ DODNESBURY



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GARRY TRUDEAU

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

hat is not clear is not French."

-Antoine de Rivarol

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Funding the cost of a college education

The future graduates in last year's freshman class will receive two documents when they complete their studies - a hard-earned diploma and loan papers with an average debt of \$13,600 per student borrower.

Helping students manage such a large debt is a big reason why the Clinton Administration created the

direct-lending program.

Direct lending is simple: college student aid offices issue federal loan funds directly to students. lending eliminates a lot of the red tape from the old, guaranteed loan system. Whereas students waited six weeks or more for lan checks under the old system, the typical turnaround in direct lending is three or four days because funds are transmitted electronically. Now in its second year of operation, direct lending is being hailed by more than 1,350 participating colleges and almost two million student borrowers as a hit.

In Washington, D.C., however, a program that works is not necessarily the same as a program that lasts. why? In this case, take a look at who is for direct lend-

ing and who is opposed to it.

Who favors direct lending? Bush Administration officials first proposed it. The clinton Administration and a bipartisan majority in the Congress passed it two years ago. The colleges enrolled in the program report that it is working well, as evidenced by the fact that none of them has asked to get out. The roster of schools includes many of the nation's leading universi-

ties, such as Ohio State University, MIT, Rice University, the University of Colorado, and the University of florida.

Students love it. one student told Rolling Stone that it is "the best thing since microwaveable brownies." direct lending means no more trips to the bank, no more long lines to turn in loan papers. Students also like having a choice among several repayment options, rather than having a bank set their payment. Borrowers can choose to pay less in their first years out of school, when they are likely to earn less. Borrowers can set their monthly payment as a percentage of their income, a big help for those entering lowpaying public service work.

Direct lending also gives a break to the taxpayer by eliminating expensive subsidies to the financial institutions. According to a member of the Federal Reserve Board appointed by President Bush, "Aslong as it is necessary to provide a profit to induce lenders to guarantee student loans, direct lending will be cheaper.

So who opposes direct lending/ The guardians of the status quo — the banks and various middlemen agencies that earn billions of dollars in profits while assuming virtually no financial risk. that's because the guaranteed loan system gives them a federal guarantee to replace their money if a borrower defaults.

When it gets down to it, it's as simple as the old adage: "Follow the money." The bankers are threatened and their lobbyists have made clear tomembers of congress that they expect to be protected. As one student loan official from Bank America recnetly put it to the American Banker magazine, "Obviously, my goal would be to get rid of direct loans.

Their victory is now in sight, with the help of a Congressional majority that is putting special interests ahead of the public interest. One indication: congress changed federal accounting rules only as they apply to direct lending, a move that made the guaranteed program appear on paper to be cheaper. The leaders of the majority in Congress say that they are prepared to shrink direct lending or kill it outright, thereby forcing almost two million student borrowers back into the old system. And when there is no competition, the incentive to simplify the system for students and families will disappear.

The congressional campaign to kill direct lending is just one small piece of the enormous budget plan that congress is expected to vote on next week. To this point, the special interests have not had any trouble making their voices heard. Their high-powered lobbyists have been able to protect their access to congress.

Now it is up to students to protect their access to college. Stand up for yourselves. Stand up foryour future. stand up for public investment in education. We will stand with you — and we will prevail.

> **RICHARD RILEY** U.S. Secretary of Education

QUESTIONING ROLE OF WOMEN IN CHURCH Females in priesthood

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the Nov. 15 edition of Inside Column entitled "A conflict of Church and faith." First off, Margee Husemann needs to be commended in her questioning of and exploration of the Church's teaching on Male-only ordination. For it is through this type of serious dialogue and reflection of the Church teachings, that we come to a deeper and more appreciative understanding of the rich tradition that we all share.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church "through baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission." Husemann has been led to believe that this sacrament gives women the "right" to pursue ordination. Simply put, the gift of baptism does not grant a person the "right" to priesthood and the consecration of the Eucharist. The fact is, we are not dealing with a question of "rights" at all. For no one has the "right" to ordination, male or female. If this were the case, the Church would not have any say in who becomes priests. Often candidates are excluded from the priesthood due to health, intelligence or moral living. No, a call to the priesthood comes from the

Church and not from the person.

The column also mentions that "the idea that Jesus selected only men for the priesthood is ridiculous. Jesus never ordained any disciple - male or female.' Pope John Paul II answers this charge in his apostolic letter on "Reserving Priestly Ordination to Men Alone. He states "The church has always acknowledged as a perennial norm her Lord's way of acting in choosing the twelve men whom he made the foundation of his Church (Rev 21:14). These men did not in fact receive only a function which could thereafter be exercised by any member of the church: rather they were specifically and intimately associated in the mission of the Incarnate Word himself." (Matt 10:1,7-8; 28:16-20; Mk 3:13-16; 16:14-15). These are powerful words, supported by scripture, and need to be

Next, the point is made that "the words of Christ are filtered through the current hierarchy in the form of translators." Is this a suggestion that our current form of scriptures and the Bible is not the inspired word of God? This is a dangerous accusation to make. Perhaps a bigger question at stake is one faith and

not just the question of ordination.

On another issue, the author asks the question "am I supposed to believe that I am somehow less of a disciple because of my gender?" The answer to the question is an emphatic "absolutely not." One just has to look at Mary, the Mother of God. She is the bearer of God, the Immaculate Conception, and is "full of grace." Mary is the most elevated creature the world has known. Certainly, the female gender does not relegate someone to being a "lessor disciple."

Next, the point is made that neither male or female "deserve to be excluded from a vocation because of their sex." Well, I don't know what is "deserved" in a life freely given to us by God, but I do know that men and women are different! As a male, I am excluded, due to my biology from the vocation of mother. Hard as I may try, lobby, or demand my "right," I will never be able to hold the vocation of a "mother." And what a gift I am excluded from! I dare say, no man will ever know the incredible and supernatural phenomenon of giving birth. It is more important to realize who we are, and live in accordance to how God made

Lastly, the author makes the point that "Vatican II broke tradition by such innovations as a non-Latin mass. The time has come to change again." The best argument against the ordination of women is that it has never happened before, Quite simply, the Pope does not feel he has the authority to make a change and contradict scripture and the tradition of the Church. In response to the Vatican II argument, no other change would have been more controversial than the ordination of women. There was already precedence for a vernacular liturgy, permanent deacons, and even married priests. But there is no precedent for the ordination of women.

In conclusion, it is encouraging that people like Margee Husemann are taking a closer look at their faith and grappling with often controversial subjects. It is through open dialogue and communication that we can come to realize the beautiful gift that God gave us in his Church.

> **BRET LEWIS** Senior Fisher Hall

Learning from sins of the past; Making the future world better

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Dear Editor:

Slavery is one of the oldest institutions in the world. Historically, the losers of battles and the poor were the main victims of slavery, not a single race or culture. Since we are all so fond of history, let's review slavery in the past. one of the earliest groups to have slaves were the Chinese. We know that the Chinese had slaves as early as 19th century B.C.E. Almost every Asian state practiced slavery. Slavery was also used in the Middle East and Africa. Europe also had its fair share of slaves. Before white men came to the New World the Indians of North America, and in South America

had slaves. The owning of slaves was not confined to whites, blacks or any race. Everyone had them. In Africa, slave traders were encouraged to come. The African slave holders would then sell the slaves they owned in exchange for goods. In most cases, whites did not enslave Africans. They were already in the condition of being slaves. In some African states more than 50 percent of the population were slaves, and whites did not own you have a lot in comthem.. Whites were not mon. I don't let race the only people to trade slaves as goods. Arabs, Asians, and others were have many friends in the market of trading slaves. Christians and Muslims fought each other and often the prisoners would become slaves.. Portions of every European group

of people were enslaved. Many cultures have fallen victim to slave raids, and then traded like stock. Celts, Slavs, Jews, Greeks, Romans, Germans, etc., were all enslaved. Obviously, not only whites enslaved people, and blacks were not the only victims. All of our races had slaves and were slaves at one time or another. We have all been victimized,, and we are all guilty.

The second thing I would like to point out is that we are all prejudiced. We all stereotype and make presumptions about others without even knowing it. We all have beliefs as to what are the basic attributes of a race or group of people. We do not base these ideas on fact, but on opinion. Some individuals can have no knowledge of a person or

group of people, and they will still formulate opinions. These opinions (prejudice) can be good or bad ideas about the subject. A simple example is the common belief of Notre Dame students that all Holy Cross students are "wanna be Domers," when in fact, they have no clue. I know I do not want to go to Notre Dame. But overall, prejudice is bad because it limits our chances to experience a full life in this world. Malcolm X was a good example of someone who saw the "light." He went to Mecca and discovered Elijah Muhammed and the Nation of Islam was wrong. After his pilgrimage he said, "In the past, yes, I

have made sweeping indictments of all white people. I never will be guilty of that again-as I know now that some white people are capable of being brotherly toward a black man. The true Islam has shown me that a blanket indictments against blacks." Insight is a dangerous Malcolm learned that when he was gunned leaving the Nation.

None of us are above prejudiced, because we all are. The goal is not to let your prejudice stand as a wall between you and people who are different. I believe if you sat down with someone of another race or religion you would find you have a lot in common. I don't let race become a barrier. I have many friends

because of that, many of which are black, white, Cuban, Mexican, Chinese, Japanese, Arab, African, Muslim, Mormon, Jewish and so on. We have many similarities, and many differences. I take the differences as a chance to learn and the similarities as a chance for friendship.

One final note. Without the wrongs of the past, some people's lives would undoubtedly be better. The past has made us what we are today, for better or worse. Hopefully we can learn from the past and not make the same stupid

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1995 Women's Soccer

Champions!

Irish capture first national championship in history of program

By DAVE TREACY Sports Writer

CHAPEL HILL, NC No one knew exactly what happened. In the blink of an eye, Cindy Daws made soccer history.

It happened too fast for Portland goalie Erin Fahey, stuck to the wrong side of the goal post, shifting a wall of Pilot players. It even happened too quickly for Daws to be sure the ball was in the goal.

But Daws' quick restart of a free direct kick finalized a dream for the Notre Dame women's soccer program.

A long day and a long season culminated in a single moment of victory, a 1-0 triumph in the final game of the 1995 NCAA tournament, to give Notre Dame its first national championship in its eight-year history.

"I didn't see the goal," Irish coach Chris Petrucelli said. "At the end of the (second) overtime period, we had a free kick over on the left side that Holly (Manthei) took. She came back into the huddle during the break and said if we get a freekick, let's try to take it quick, 'cause the keeper is setting up the wall and we should have a chance to finish it."

Petrucelli may not have seen

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The scoreboard (above) says it all--the Notre Dame women's soccer team has captured its first national championship. The players (below) prove it by hoisting up the trophy.



History made with semifinal win over UNC

By JOE VILLINSKI Assistant Sports Editor

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. On a magical night last Friday in Chapel Hill, the women's soccer team

was smiling. In that night's context, those smiles reflected Notre Dame's historic 1-0 victory over nine-time defending NCAA champion North Carolina that provided the Irish with their second straight shot to claim the national title.

In a larger sense, their joyful expressions told so much more.

Those expressions could be located both before, and certainly after, Notre Dame handed the Tar Heels only their tenth loss in 17 years.

"I could tell before the game that we were ready to play," Irish coach Chris Petrucelli said. "We met at the hotel before we came out and everyone was smiling. And I said to myself, 'God that's a good sign."

It was a sign of confidence that only comes from going through painful times and never wanting to experience those feelings again. Adversity only helped to strengthen Notre Dame's

resolution heading into the game.

"We're fortunate there were 24 people who believed we could win," Petrucelli added. "And they all sat in our locker room before the game. Beyond those 24, I don't know how many thought we could win. These guvs knew they could."

In front of the largest crowd to witness a women's college soccer game in the United States, North Carolina encountered some adversity of their own. After entering the game 25-0, the Tar Heels could not overcome the tenacious Irish defense, and lost for only the second time in 157 games at Fetzer field.

"There was a lot of emotion out there," North Carolina forward Debbie Keller said as she tried to fight back the tears. "I think their hearts beat us tonight."

It was the type of heart that added to Notre Dame's rich school history of legendary victories. The superlatives of excellence, defining North Carolina women's soccer, that could put this win in perspective, are far too long too

Let's just say the Tar heels did not

attend the NCAA championship game for the first time since 1982.

They will not be participating because the Tar heels could not put the ball in the net all night.

Well, maybe not their net. The Irish still haven't scored on North Carolina, but that simply doesn't seem to mat-

After being unable to score on the Tar Heels in their previous four meetings. Notre Dame was credited with an own goal at the 19:21 mark of the first half. North Carolina freshman Cindy Parlow headed the ball backward into her own net from the right wing after goalie Tracy Noonan came off her line to retrieve the ball.

"On the initial cross, I cleared it out," Parlow said. "But then they (Notre Dame) put it back in, and I was fighting for the header and unfortunately it went the wrong way.'

The goal was set up by an Irish free kick as Parlow hit the initial clearing attempt right to Notre Dame co-captain Cindy Daws. Daws then headed the back on goal for Parlow's fateful **■** Jock Strip

Irish always had a reason to believe

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. efore the women's soccer team left for Chapel Hill, Michelle McCarthy professed a simple idea.

It was an idea rooted in

In her soft, genuine manner, McCarthy thought that all the Irish would need to do to win a national championship was believe.

This belief entailed believing in themselves and in each other, no matter what happened. As long as this faith existed, the irrelevant

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critics could not stand in their way. And in a blink of an eye, on a lazy Sunday afternoon at Fetzer Field, Cindy Daws affirmed McCarthy's ultimate belief. Always thinking quickly, Daws used the old dropand-kick to surprise Portland goalie Erin Fahey in sudden death.

At that point, everyone became a believer. Most of the crowd at Fetzer could not help but smile after witnessing how much the Irish accomplished in two games.

For the players, however, Daws' goal did not make them believers. It made them champions.

They were winners of their first NCAA national title which the Irish believed they could attain as they closed out the season with eleven wins.

It was the time before those eleven wins that aided Notre Dame in reaching this plateau. This period involved a few doubts that went through the players' minds after two losses and two ties.

The belief that the goal could be fulfilled never left them, though.

"We went through so many hard times that I knew it was going to come together," said a jubilant McCarthy. "We have too many great players and we believe in ourselves too much to let things like that get in our way."

As these faithful words flowed from her lips, McCarthy flashed a smile that could illuminate the Golden Dome itself.

"It just feels awesome," she said elatedly. "I can believe it, but I don't know if its hit me yet."

Never one to let a person know how she feels on the field, the whole campus should have been there to see her expression off it.

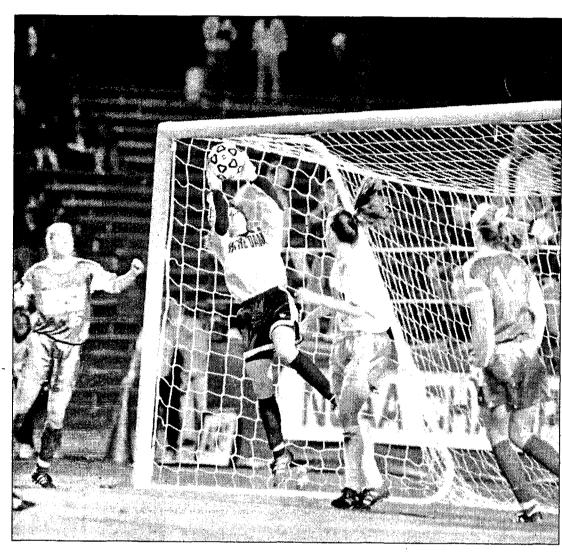
After all, Prime Network can only show so

The moments after a championship win like this reveal a glimpse of the human spirit. For it is this spirit that drives everyone in pursuit of a goal, that at times, appears unreachable. When the goal has been reached and one can feel it, as the Irish can today and for years to come, it is the soft side of this spirit that is a joy to behold.

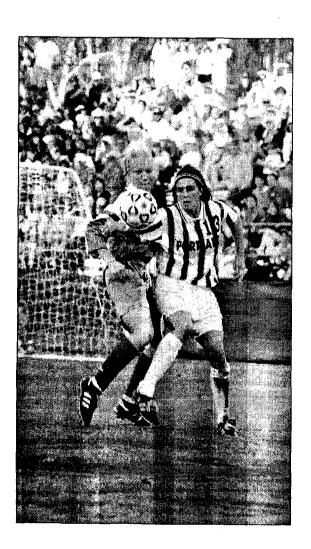
Afterwards, Daws talked poignantly about the type of spirit present on this year's national championship squad. Her words reflected a history that can put this win in perspective.

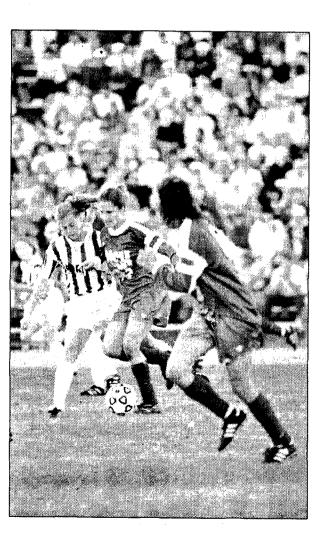
"I think that we've really been through a long and hard year," she remarked. "There's been a lot of doubts and people who stopped believing. I was one of those people who was on the edge of quitting. At the beginning of the year, I was on the verge of red-shirting."

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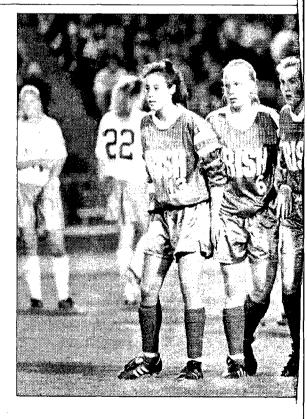








Clockwise, from left: Jen Renola (top, left) makes a leaping save i North Carolina. Renola, with her teammates, (above) strike a ch Portland. (Above, right) Sophomore Kate Sobrero races for the brithe first half Sunday. (Below, far right) Irish coach Chris Petrucelli of the North Carolina game. Senior Michelle McCarthy (below, rigin the midfield, baffling UNC and Portland defenders with her ball of the Championship Tournament, as defenders Sobrero, Julie Vi wall to stop a Tar Heel direct kick. Cindy Daws (below, left) navi the national championship game, as she alertly put a direct kick (below, far left) fights for position against Portland's Wynne McInt



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n the second half of Notre Dame's 1-0 semifinal victory over ampion's pose following their 1-0 overtime triumph against II against Portland All-American Shannon MacMillan during exchanges words with a tournament referee during halftinie t) takes a shot against Portland. McCarthy was the general nandling skills. The Irish defense (below) was the true story lel, Kate Fisher, Ashley Scharff and Monica Gerardo form a ates through the Pilot defense. Daws was the difference in to the corner of the net in sudden death overtime. Vogel







I Champions

■ Jack Strip

Irish hang on tight to ride out emotional roller coaster

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

So many emotions ran rampant through my head throughout Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over North Carolina on Friday.

Surprise and pride when the team shed their warm-ups to reveal the green uniforms of inspiration.

Pure excitement from the own-goal that I couldn't professionally release while

seated in press row.

Nervous tension as the Tar Heels put shot after shot into

the Irish box.

Giddy anticipation of knowing that Carolina was begin-

ning to panic.

Butterflies the size of soccer balls colliding in my stomach

as keeper Jen Renola jumped for and caught the last North Carolina shot to end the game, and keep the dream alive. Exhilaration as Notre Dame piled on top of each other in

a display of team unity while the 'Heels fell scattered on the ground in solitude and defeat.

I'm just a reporter taking a ride on the emotional roller-

I'm just a reporter taking a ride on the emotional rollercoaster. Imagine being a player.

But Notre Dame was more composed as a team before, during, and after the game than Judge Ito was on the bench during the "trial of the century."

Head coach Chris Petrucelli planted a seed into the minds of his players before the NCAA tournament. He emphasized that the only goal Notre Dame should have is to win the national championship. And the only road to being the best is to take it one game at a time. As a team.

This attitude got them through Wisconsin. Then UConn. And now, UNC.

They weren't passive about playing the most recognized team in women's soccer history, the dynasty in Carolina blue. They just were determined to put forth their best effort mentally, physically, and emotionally, in every game. And it worked.

"I could tell before the game that we were ready to play by two things," recalled head coach Chris Petrucelli. "One, at the hotel before we came out, they were all smiling, and I though to myself, 'God, that's a good sign.'

"And then right before we came out on the field to warm up (before the UNC game), they were all singing 'Lean On Me' together. And to me, that meant that they were loose and they were excited to play."

The levity of this win cannot be diminished by any player or coach, no matter how many times they'll insist that they "came to win the tournament, not to beat North Carolina."

Notre Dame had never beaten North Carolina before. In seventeen seasons, the Tar Heels had only lost one other game at Fetzer Field. Losing in the semi-final round was the first time North Carolina had lost in an NCAA tournament other than in the finals. The Irish needed to beat Carolina before they could ascend to the top.

Virtually no one expected the Irish to win but themselves. They did win. And the silence was deafening as the capacity crowd full of Carolina supporters, the Tar Heel pep band, NCAA tournament officials, and regional reporters had nothing to say as the clock closed out the 1-0 Irish victory. Notre Dame did more than beat UNC. They turned the soccer world on its ear.

What made the victory more confusing to spectators everywhere was the own-goal scored by NC's Cindy Parlow. Not to the Irish.

"I would rather win ugly than lose pretty," co-captain Cindy Daws said with confidence. Daws' presence in the Carolina box created the confusion that led to the own-goal.

Excitement, anticipation, and determination oozed from every pore during the game. Looking into the wide eyes of the players during the 90 minute battle offered insight into the hunger of both teams.

As the minutes trickled down, Notre Dame exuded confidence and poise, while Carolina grew frightened, presented for the first time all season with the prospect of losing. And the pain of the Tar Heel squad conflicted dramatically with the relief, pride, and sense of accomplishment shining on the faces of the Irish. They believed in themselves.

Holding onto the emotional roller coaster can be a dangerous thing, but then again, it was a fun ride.

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Dave Treacy

Sports Writer

"I don't know exactly how far out I was, but I was trying to get it up into the box as far as possible," said Daws of the header.

Defender Nel Fetting tried to stop the winning goal, but could not get there before the ball slipped inside the right post.

"Noonan came out and it just went the wrong way," Fettig added.

After the goal, the gigantic number one on the Notre Dame side of the scoreboard was too immense to overcome.

"As a coach I never get nervous when we go down a goal," North Carolina coach Anson Dorrance said. "Even when they scored, I didn't panic and the players certainly didn't."

As the Carolina surge came, the Irish leaned on each other.

"Right before we came on the field to warm up, I had come on the field early and then went back to the locker room," Petrucelli narrated. "And they we're all singing "Lean On Me" together. To me that meant they were loose and were excited to play. I don't think we showed any nerves which we did last year in the finals."

The Irish's ability to carry a tune almost reflected their ability to carry each other past a number of possible Carolina scores. The Irish leaned on each other during the game and also on the sacred green uniforms which they donned for the game. In the first half, a tireless defensive effort along with a crossbar kept the Tar Heels at bay.

"One of the big differences in this game was that we were settled in our play," Petrucelli noted. "And we got a little help from the post. We got a little help from some green jerseys. We got a little help from the lady on the dome. We had everything going our way. It was just an unbelievably determined effort by some pretty tough kids."

Some of that help manifested itself late in the first half when Carolina forward Robin Confer fired a rocket from 30 years out that hit the crossbar and landed gently in front of Irish goalie Jen Repola

To describe the effort as lucky, however, is to undermine the entire team defense.

"I felt confident in the way we were playing in the back," defender Kate Fisher said. "We were all staying with our man tightly.

And what more can be said about the defense. Sweeper Ashley Scharff made sure every ball was taken out of dangerous waters. Kate Sobrero and Fisher provided the physical play, letting Carolina know the Irish were not going to be pushed around. Last, but not least, Julie Vogel stuck to

Parlow all night as the star freshman had only one open look at the Irish net.

"Early in the game we talked about planting a seed of doubt in their head," Petrucelli said. "We wanted them to think that maybe there was a chance that they would get beat. At one point we saw how the seed was growing. With about 35 minutes left, I turned to the bench and said, 'They're not going to score."

Part of Petrucelli's confidence was due to who he had in the net. Renola made four saves, but more importantly, controlled the box. Twice during the contest, Renola was labeled by charging Tar Heels players, desperately trying to tie the game. Even though Renola watched balls fly over the crossbar like overhead airplanes, those Carolina attempts would be in vain.

"Jen played great," Petrucelli commented. "That's not the first time it's ever happened. It's always a consistent effort by Jen Renola. She's the most underrated All-American I've ever seen. There's nobody I'm more proud of today than Jen."

North Carolina never did score. Petrucelli was right.

The Tar Heels could only watch as Renola leaped to grab a last second shot to seal the win.

After that, they could only watch Notre Dame leap for joy.

Those Irish smiles were almost as big as the victory they had just won.

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the goal, but he put forward a pretty accurate synopsis.

Michelle McCarthy, who finished her playing career with a superior effort, was fouled outside the box by several Pilot defenders. As the Irish set up for the free kick and Portland attempted to create a wall in front of the ball, Daws recognized the opportunity before her.

"When I set the ball, I just realized that the goalie was over setting up the wall, and some of the (Portland) players were turned around, so I just took a shot," Daws recounted. "I didn't even see it go in."

The ball flew over the half-assembled wall and bounced once into the open net to Fahey's left. The Pilot keeper, along with everyone witnessing the game, was taken completely by surprise, and she was unable to get to the ball in time.

"I was lining the wall up, trying to ask the ref if it was indirect or direct, but, of course, he didn't hear me because of the crowd noise," Fahey recalled. "Then she hit the ball and it went in."

The triple-overtime goal was the only scoring chance converted as outstanding defensive play and misfortune turned the best scoring bids away.

"We had a couple of good

chances earlier on that we should have put away," Petrucelli said.

"I had some good shots out there, but I just couldn't finish on them," Pilot forward and national team member Shannon MacMillan added.

MacMillan, Portland's leading scorer, had the weight of Portland's dreams on her shoulders, and Kate Sobrero in her face. The Irish defender stymied MacMillan, allowing the Pilot five shots in 85 minutes of play.

"As coach told me, her definite strength is running at people," Sobrero said. "I felt that I should stay on her back. I just tried to stay as close to her as possible."

The best offensive chances for either team were stopped by the keepers. In the second half, Shannon Boxx hit a wide-open Manthei on a cross fifteen yards out in a one-on-one situation with the Portland goalie. Fahey ran out to meet Manthei, who attempted to send a sliding shot over the keeper's head. Fahey slid and deflected the shot with her body, saving the sure goal.

Six minutes into the first overtime, UP's Kimberly Engesser received a cross from midfielder Michelle French with no one but keeper Jen Renola in front of her. French had time to wind up and shoot, but sent the bullet right into the waiting hands of the Notre Dame netminder.

"The toughest save I had was on Kim Engesser in the first overtime," Renola said. "She had some time and some space. It wasn't a great save, but it was kind of a scary moment."

There weren't many of those moments for Renola on the afternoon, which can be attributed to the team's defensive prowess. The Irish defense started with the forwards and ended with the sweeper in a concerted effort to stop the Pilot offense. But the back line protected Renola.

"Ashley Scharff, Kate Sobrero, Julie Vogel and Kate Fisher. They did a tremendous job defensively," Renola said of the defense which helped her shut out Notre Dame's last six opponents. "It wasn't just them. We played great team defense and that's what we knew it would take to win."

If there ever was an evenly matched final game, it was between last night's opponents. In the tournament's 17 year history, Sunday's contest was the first to go into an overtime period, and the only 1-0 decision.

"A difficult thing about soccer is that somebody has to lose," noted Clive Charles, head coach of the Pilots. "Neither team deserved to lose today."

"It was a great effort." Petrucelli agreed. "There were two champions out there today."

There were two champions,, but only one won the game: the ones in the green uniforms.

"In the end, it was a big-time goal from a big-time player," Petrucelli closed.

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Those doubts eventually turned into success for the cocaptain and the team.

"I think we all kind of got together and we all realized our goal was to win the national championship." Daws said. "And the only way we were going to do it was together. From that point on, when we made that commitment to each other and to our goal, there

was no turning back and that was evident.

"We just got better and better. Not only on the field but off. Just the way our team was, it's a 100% turnaround. A lot of people need to get credit for that like the people who didn't even dress and we're still out there practicing every day. It was a team effort and we did it."

Hey Cindy, what about that goal?

"Anybody could have done what I did," she added. "I put

it away and this is the best thing our team could have ever done. We've come a long way."

Indeed, the Irish have come a long way since those tough times. It was these tough times that allowed the doubters to crawl out of the closet.

Open any newspaper in Chapel Hill after the Carolina upset and the headline read, "Luck of the Irish."

"I think the tendency is going to be to write about our loss," North Carolina head coach Anson Dorrance said of Friday night's game. "But I would hope you would congratulate a tremendous winner and support all the positive things they did."

So maybe the North Carolina press didn't listen. They would still doubt the Irish victory.

Oh well. That's the press for you.

The only real opinions that mattered belonged to the 24 people in the Notre Dame locker room before each game as head coach Chris Petrucelli noted after the Carolina victory.

Maybe the most unshakable faith belonged to the man who offered those thoughts and his coaching staff. In six short years, Petrucelli has raised a program from obscurity to national prominence. It is a program that operates with class and deserves nothing less than the best.

And that's what the 1995 women's soccer team represents today.

The best.

Who would have believed it? Well, you know.

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■ JUST ANOTHER SINGLE DADDY. . . A MOVIE REVIEW

Scorcese hits the jackpot with 'Casino

DeNiro, Pesci, and Stone roll sevens in front of the camera

By SCOTT BOZIK Accent Movie Critic



∀ynopsis: The latest gem in Martin Scorcese's directing crown, "Casino" is a redemptive return to the seedy world of organized crime populated by a gangster aristocracy with ignoble roots. However, "Casino" represents a relative departure from recent mob movies in that its narrative unfolds amidst a background constructed by the best depiction of underworld Las Vegas Francis Ford Coppola's "Godfather.

"Casino" affords its audience with the opportunity to witness the triumphant ascensions and tragic falls of a triumvirate of potent actors who contribute performances of near monolithic dimensions. A film that adeptly creates the atmosphere of its subject matter's environment, "Casino" documents the arduous transition of power in Las Vegas, when casino ownership passed from the brutal and overt hands of the traditional mafia to the more discretely criminal and institutionalized ones of corporate America.

addy: There might not exist, at least where I am concerned, a more rewarding experience than watching a movie that you have most anxiously and eagerly anticipated the arrival of. Often times, we complete the first stage of this double movement, only to have our preliminary hopes dashed on the cruel rocks of a film that horribly fails to satisfy even our lowest expectations. On other occasions, we might find ourselves pleasantly surprised by flicks of inherent beauty that we happen to

stumble upon absent of preconceived notions of doing so. While this second instance is no less of a boon in its own right, I still contend that nothing is more pleasing than finally enjoying a movie that we have waited in such a faithful fashion for. Such is the case with "Casino," a film that is easily the best Daddy has witnessed this year--and possibly the best in the first half of this hitherto barren decade. "Casino" delights both the intellect

and the aesthetic. It is one of those increasingly rare movies that has been blessed with an intriguing plot and the actors and director to bring it vividly to life on the silver screen. From the opening sequence (complete with a savvy "body floating in the air" scene, the likes of which not seen since the opening "The World According to Garp") that sets the table for the story line's flashback format, to the temporal return to the present

that marks the film's resolution, "Casino" is a visually stunning narratively wellendowed cinematic selection guaranteed to delight all those Scorcese's new gangster flick, "Casino." open to

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Martin Scorcese, Daddy's personal

favorite director, reunites Robert DeNiro with Joe Pesci and adds Sharon Stone to this already sassy mix in the cinematic adaptation of the latest work from the author, who in writing "Wiseguy," also created the literary impetus for "Good Fellas." Like this past Academy nominee for best picture, "Casino" finds it impossible to disappoint and promises to produce its own cornucopia of possible Oscar destinations. Dust off your fireplace mantles Martin, Robert, Joe, and Sharon. It is quite possible that your efforts might bring you some very impressive vernal accolades in '96.

Undoubtedly there are some who by now must be wondering what exactly could foster such obsequious flattery on

about Martin Scorcese makes me as giddy as a young school lass? In order to address these queries it is imperative that I first make you all aware of the fact that I love mob movies! Few other films have the subject matter and the visceral puissance make Daddy want abandon his insulated life of academia for an existence spent in the pursuit of illicitly gained Robert DeNiro gives an Oscar-caliber performance in Martin wealth. Movies about the

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mafia encourage me to adopt a Sicilian persona and acquire a band of tough, reactionary and under-educated thugs. I figure, hell, if Pesci can do it, even I and my diminutive physical stature stand a chance to do the same.

However, my insatiable hunger for gangster stories (not those of the Dogg Pound variety) does not allow me to stomach such ignominious platters as served by crappy movies like "Mobsters" or "Wise Guys." I am only inspired by good movies and this verity is the reason I worship Martin Scorcese. This creative genius frequently breathes new life into a genre that is anything but nascent in nature.

There are few directors left that can make a movie both interesting and simultaneously visually striking as well. The days of Orson Welles appear to be long past and the now archaic art of establishing a balanced middle-ground between story and cinematography is sadly seemingly lost as well. Scorcese's ability to use various camera angles and vantage points when combined with his almost ethereal use of lighting in certain circumstances make him the virtual Tsar of Hollywood that he is

One need only to see the scene in "Casino" where the audience witnesses the detonation of a car bomb through the eyes of Sam "Ace" Rothstein (DeNiro) to divine the meaning of this assertion. This same gift is what still separates directors like Coppola and Scorcese from pretenders to the throne like Tarentino Opie. The rest of this community is just always seemingly two steps behind Martin Scorcese.

Now a word about the acting! Pesci and DeNiro once again form a potent double entendre; and, surprisingly, Sharon Stone proves to be a capable thespian in "Casino" as well. Despite these stunning performances, "Casino" simultaneously provides a wealth of talent on its periphery. This movie is not only jammed packed with fine acting, it is bursting at its very seams with future stars waiting for their opportunities to emerge. Furthermore, although I cannot yet concretely confirm this contention, I believe that "Casino" even comes complete with a brief cameo done by "Dirty Dozen" leader Lee Marvin! All in all, the quite eclectic cast and the flair of Scorcese combine to make "Casino" the most important movie you can see this year.

I would now like to bid a hearty farewell for '95 and wish the devotees of this column the most merry of Christmases and the happiest of New Years. Remember, the yuletide season brings with it the arrival of not only a fat man in red, but also the return of the Fat Man who lives in our hearts. When next we meet, I will be accompanied once again the rotund one, John Tiberius Zach.

You can hardly wait.....



By CHRISTINA FTICSAR AND ERIN KELSEY Days of Our Lives Correspondents

Tes, "Days of Our Lives" fans. Tony is finally

How did it come about you ask? Well, it all began at Peter and Jennifer's wedding. Although Jack made a good run at attempting to stop the ceremony, they exchanged vows with some of Salem's finest looking on. Afterwards, everyone moved on to the reception area, where John got a call from a disguised Tony. "Tony" proceded to tell John that he was responsible for Father Francis's heart attack. An angry John then ran to Tony's suite where they

had an intense argument. Thanks to Tony opening all of the balcony windows, Mickey, Maggie, and Kristen heard the whole thing.

John decided the argument was getting ridiculous and left. Unfortunately, he took the servants' door and no one saw him. Meanwhile, the three who were outside ran to the other door, which was strategically locked. Tony pretended to yell at John, to make everyone think they were still arguing. He then pushed a button on his pen, his gun fired, and Tony went down with a bullet near his heart.

Needless to say, everyone but Marlena thinks John did it; even Kristen has doubts. Tony stayed alive long enough to condemn John as his killer. If it wasn't for doctor-know-all Mike, who worked all night in one of Peter's guest rooms, Tony would have died without saying good-bye to Kristen.

Stefano had more memories of himself, the Lady-in-white, and John. The Lady-in-white does not want Stefano to get his memory back and seems to be crying even more than usual. (Someone should call Charter!) She also grabbed Tony's diary as he tried-with hoses and IV's intact-to toss it in the fire. So far, Tony is the only one she has revealed herself to. Unfortunately, he's dead. But, if the look on his face was any indication, Salem is in for trouble. In fact, just before he croaked, he whispered the word "beware" to

While at Aremid, Hope had a run-in with Jude, who snuck into her hotel room and preceded to call her "Babe" and rub her underwear with his face all night. He held back from attacking the "high society snob" because Sean D. was there. However, he did catch her later and bring her to a love shack in the woods, but she managed to get away and run to Bo. Jude ran off, but vowed revenge on Hope.

Back in Salem, Will lived and a proud Austin stood by Sami as she cried with Joy. Sounds lovely. Actually, it was a heinous sight. Carrie decided she wanted Austin back. Unfortunately, Austin decided that it was better if they staved apart so he could devote all of his time to Sami and Will. All it took was one breast-feeding and he was hooked.

Did anvone else think those bridesmaid dresses were absolutely repulsive? Also, we hope you didn't miss the special appearance by Leeza Gibbons on Monday. We did a little research, and a paternity test can be done on Will at anytime. Watch out Lucas!

That's it for the semester, folks. Keep watching over the break but don't fret if you miss a day or two--the "Days" update will be back with the scoop in January.

Miami stretches winning streak to five

Associated Press

TORONTO

Alonzo Mourning scored nine points during a 13-point fourthquarter run Sunday night, and the Miami Heat stretched their winning streak to five by beating the Toronto Raptors 112-94.

Mourning, 12-for-12 from the free-throw line, was perfect in a 13-point first half, making all four shots and all five freethrow attempts. He was held scoreless in the third quarter but scored 15 points in the fourth, helping the Heat stop the Raptors' four-game home winning streak.

Miami led 28-23 after one quarter and 54-46 at the half. The Heat was a perfect 13-for-13 from the free-throw line until Kevin Willis missed the second of two with just under a minute to play in the half.

After the Raptors pulled even at 64 on Tracy Murray's basket with 6:08 to play in the third quarter, Billy Owens scored six of the next seven Heat points to put Miami up 71-64.

Oliver Miller, who scored a season-high 29 points, made three straight shots to pull the Raptors even at 72 with just under two minutes to play in the third quarter. But the Heat went on a six-point run and closed out the quarter with a 78-74 lead.

Kevin Willis had 13 points and 14 rebounds for the Heat, while Owens finished with 19 points.

Damon Stoudamire, who played just over 47 minutes, became the first Heat opponent to reach double figures in assists, dishing off 15. He added 13

Ed Pinckney continued his strong rebounding with a teamhigh 12 to go along with 12

Trailblazers 93, Magic 82

PORTLAND, Ore. That big sigh of relief whooshing out of the Pacific Northwest is from Randolph Childress.

The rookie from Wake Forest finally got his big chance, and he made the most of it, sinking four of six 3-pointers and scoring 18 points Sunday night as the Portland Trail Blazers handed the Orlando Magic their second loss in as many nights, 93-82.

The Blazers had an incredible 67-31 advantage in rebounds but still trailed much of the game until they used a 15-0 run to take an 84-71 lead on Clifford Robinson's 15-footer with 6:46 left.

"I felt great about tonight's game. I felt great about the minutes. I felt great about coach Carlesimo leaving me in the game," Childress said. "He just supported me, even when I made some mistakes down the stretch. He didn't say much about it. He just patted me on the back and said 'Keep going.'

"I really, really fed off of that. It kept me going. Honestly, it felt like I was in college again."

Childress, who had averaged just seven minutes per game and shot 27 percent from the field in the first 15 games, said his confidence had eroded as he watched game after game from the bench.

Childress said things got so bad he met with coach P.J. Carlesimo about a week ago.

"I asked him if he had given up on me, and he said, 'No, it looks like you've given up on yourself," Childress said.

The talk motivated Childress to keep at it and wait for more playing time, where he could comfortably get into the flow of a game again. asked

Childress played eight minutes and made two 3-pointers in the second quarter.

Strickland, who was just 3for-10 shooting, went to the bench with his fourth foul with 6:43 left in the third quarter. Childress then came back and played the rest of the way.

Strickland said his bruised right shin would have kept him out of the rest of the game anyway.

Robinson scored 22 and Aaron McKie 17 for Portland. Dennis Scott and Horace Grant scored 20 apiece for the Magic, playing their second of four road games in five nights. They began the trip with a 109-106 loss at Sacramento on Saturday

"I don't remember being beat that bad on the boards," Orlando coach Brian Hill said. "They're a big team, working hard on the boards, and they're one of the best rebounding teams in the league."

Anfernee Hardaway scored 15 points but was only 6-for-18 as the Magic shot 38 percent, including 4-for-23 from 3-point range. Nick Anderson was just 1-for-11. Scott was 7-for-22.

Hardaway is 12-for-39 in the last two games.

"I felt good tonight, and it just wasn't working for me,' Hardaway said. "I got good shots, open shots, but they weren't dropping for me, or for any of our 3-point shooters.'

Hill couldn't believe that Portland took 21 free throws in the fourth quarter, while the Magic didn't take any.

"Until the last six minutes, we were making every effort to get to the basket," Hill said. "Penny, in particular, couldn't get a call.'

Portland's guards outscored their better-known Orlando counterparts 50-26.

Orlando is 13-4 but just 3-4 on the road. The Blazers had lost six straight to the Magic. Portland's last win against Orlando was on Jan. 7, 1992.

The Magic's 82 points were a season low. The Blazers won despite 23 turnovers. Orlando had just eight.

Lakers 104, Pacers 96

INGLEWOOD, Calif. Elden Campbell snapped a 91-91 tie with four straight points in the final 2:20 and Nick Van Exel scored 26 points Sunday night, leading the Los Angeles Lakers past the Indiana Pacers 104-96.

Antonio Davis forged the tie for Indiana by making the second of two free-throw attempts with 2:40 to play.

Campbell and Van Exel then took over. Campbell hit two free throws and a basket and Van Exel scored five straight to put the Lakers ahead 100-91 with 37.2 seconds remaining.

Van Exel led six Lakers in double figures with 26 points. Cedric Ceballos had 19 points and a career-high six steals. Campbell finished with 16 points, while Eddie Jones had 15 in his first start of the season as replacement for the injury Anthony Peeler.

Dale Davis led the Pacers with 21 points. Reggie Miller, who sat out most of the second quarter, was held to eight points — 18 below his average.

Duane Ferrell scored Indiana's first four points of the fourth to cut the Lakers' lead to 82-81 with 8:38 remaining. Ferrell then was called for goaltending on a basket by Ceballos that kept the Lakers up 84-81.

Indiana took its first lead, 85-84, on two straight baskets by Dale Davis with 6:39 remaining. But Eddie Jones restored the Lakers' advantage to 86-85 on a jumper, and they never trailed again.

The Pacers committed key turnovers down the stretch, including two 3-second violations in the final 7:39.

Indiana went 1-3 on its fourgame West Coast trip, losing three straight for the first time this season. The Pacers have won just three times in 22 games at the Forum, the last time a 114-87 victory on Jan. 3,

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The wedas are four in number.

Leezer - hope you cleaned the room up after the wild weekend. ■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SWC bids farewell to illustrious past

By JAIME ARON
Associated Press

HOUSTON

After 81 years, four national champions, five Heisman Trophy winners and several hundred All-Americans, Southwest Conference football is a memory.

The ending came Saturday with two games, although the end had been in sight for years, long before league officials signed the papers.

The league was great during its early days when there was nothing better for a Texas kid to do than grow up and play football at a Texas college. Then the schools began cheating to get those kids, got in trouble for it and those players began migrating out of state.

Teams began losing games and tarnishing its national image. Television no longer was interested in the one-state league and neither were many fans. Attendance plummeted, although the growth of professional sports was a major contributor.

Befitting the way the conference stumbled to its grave, the SWC couldn't even get the farewell party straight.

Instead of history showing the final game having been between Texas and Texas A&M, the conference's two winningest programs, the last line on the all-time list of games played will show: Houston 18, Rice 17.

Fittingly, it should have Texas' 16-6 victory over Texas A&M for the final conference title.

By losing, Rice gave the conference convenient bookends to

its four-score and one year ledger. Rice also lost the first game, 26-0 to Baylor on Oct. 8, 1915.

Rice's refusal to give up the historical claim of having played the last game was typical of the jealousy and bitterness among teams — especially aimed at Texas and A&M — that splintered the SWC.

And it was hard to swallow some of the farewell SWC memories played out at Rice Stadium Saturday with things like "WAC "96" painted behind both end zones and names of the schools in Rice's new league lining the facade between the upper and lower decks

Houston, the league's youngest member, also spent Saturday looking ahead more than behind as people entering the stadium near the Cougars Alumni booth were handed a flyer entitled "What Is Conference USA?" to explain its future league. Curiously, the names of the other 11 C-USA schools were not included.

Still, there were plenty of memories of the good old days Saturday.

There was the "Last SWC Coin Toss" featuring at least one notable representative from all current league teams except A&M and one more from Arkansas, a final fun half-time show by the Rice band and a postgame "Turning Out The Lights" ceremony during which the scoreboard went blank, the entire stadium got black and a fireworks show was set to music.

Then it was all over. But it was good while it last■ NFL

Bears face Lions

By HARRY ATKINS
Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. These are the games NFL junkies live for.

The Chicago Bears against the Detroit Lions. Erik Kramer against Scott Mitchell. Barry Sanders against the world. Make or break time for a berth in the playoffs. It doesn't get much better than this.

The Bears (7-5) snapped a three-game losing streak last week with a 27-24 victory over the New York Giants. The Lions (6-6) kept one of their patented late-seasons rolls alive with a 44-38 shootout win over Minnesota, extending their winning streak to three games.

"If we win the rest of our games, we've got to be in," Lions coach Wayne Fontes said. "No question about that."

Maybe. Maybe not. In a race this tight, a 10-6 record might not be good enough. Stranger things have happened.

"I think that it's just at this time of year, anyone who has a chance with six or seven wins at this point of the season, it all turns into one-game seasons, and that's where our team is right now," Chicago coach Dave Wannstedt said.

For the Lions to keep win tonight's game, they will need Scott Mitchell to continue the play that has produced the No. 1 offense in the NFL. The Lions have rolled up 4,580 yards and 35 touchdowns. Mitchell has passed for 3,150 yards and 23 touchdowns.

Kramer also has turned the Bears into an offensive machine. Chicago is averaging 27 points per game. Kramer has thrown 26 touchdown passes, two short of Sid Luckman's single-season club record of 28 in

1943

"Kramer is very confident now in what he's doing," Wannstedt said. "I don't think you can measure what that confidence means."

Sanders needs 96 rushing yards to become the 10th NFL player in history to rush for 10,000 yards. This will be the 100th regular-season start for Sanders, who ran for 120 yards and two touchdowns two weeks ago when the Lions defeated the Bears 24-17 in Chicago.

"You've got guys performing at a higher level than I think they ever have in the past, and obviously the quarterback is doing a very good job and Barry Sanders is Barry Sanders," Wannstedt said.

In Detroit's traditional Thanksgiving Day game, Minnesota frequently stacked eight defenders at the line of scrimmage. The idea was to stop Sanders.

But the plan fell through when Mitchell burned the Vikings secondary for a clubrecord 410 yards and four touchdowns.

Brett Perriman, Herman Moore and Johnnie Morton all had over 100 receiving yards in that game as Mitchell was masterful at spreading the ball around.

"I think Minnesota found out, as other teams, that if you let them throw for 300 yards, they'll throw for 300 yards on you," Wannstedt said. "That's the scary thing.

"I think we've got to be smart and mix it up as far as how we try to slow them down a little bit. You're not going to stop them. You just hope you get them to punt a couple of times."

Neither team plays defense very well.

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Stars hand Avalanche first home defeat

Associated Press

DENVER

The formula for beating the Colorado Avalanche on their own ice should have required a team other than the defensive-minded Dallas Stars.

The Stars, tied with Hartford with the lowest scoring output in the NHL, stepped out of character for one night and beat Colorado 7-6 Sunday night, the Avalanche's first home loss of the season.

Colorado, which lost its third straight overall, was the last team in the NHL to be unbeaten at home. The Avalanche fell to 8-1-2 at McNichols Arena.

"I would guess it would be the formula that we would use," Dallas coach Bob Gainey said. "Realistically, I thought our team would have to win with three or perhaps four goals and to be able to hold them to two or three goals."

Instead it took a seven-goal explosion and Kevin Hatcher's goal with 3:52 to play to earn Dallas its second road win in nine games this season.

"It was a game where the last shot was going to win it," Colorado coach Marc Crawford said. "Unfortunately, we didn't get the last shot."

Brent Gilchrist had two goals for the Stars, who are unbeaten in their last four games.

The game featured four shorthanded goals, two by each team. Claude Lemieux and Peter Forsberg scored for the Avalanche while they were a man down, while Gilchrist and Mike Modano did the same for the Stars.

"We were confident that opportunities would come, and they did," Modano said. "Although this wasn't the place we thought it would happen."

Andrei Kovalenko scored two goals for Colorado.

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■ TENNIS

Pete Sampras magnificent as U.S. reclaims Davis Cup against Russia

By DAVE CARPENTER

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Pete Sampras was Peter the Great against Russia, leading the U.S. team to the Davis Cup title by defeating Yevgeny Kafelnikov on Sunday for his third victory of the weekend.

Sampras, urgently needing a quick victory because of an ever-tightening hamstring, downed Kafelnikov 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), ending the match emphatically with an ace down the middle, and giving the Americans their first Davis Cup

The victory gave the U.S. team an insurmountable 3-1 lead in the best-of-5 final. Andrei Chesnokov closed the final margin to 3-2 with a 6-7 (7-1), 7-5, 6-0 victory over Jim Courier in a match played only as a formality and shortened from a best-of-5 sets to a best-

It was the second straight year of disappointment for the Russians in the final in Moscow's Olympic Stadium, despite a sometimes boisterous crowd of 14,000. The Russians were seeking their first cup.

The Russians had installed a red clay court last month especially to slow down the powerful Sampras, whose record on clay is unspectacular.

But the world's No. 1 acted as if it were his favorite surface throughout the weekend. He beat Chesnokov in a grueling five-set match Friday that saw him collapse with leg cramps afterward and teamed with Todd Martin to overwhelm Russia's respected doubles team in straight sets Saturday.

He saved his best for last on Sunday, calling it his top performance ever on clay.

'I think the Russians were looking at me as being the weak link on the slow red clay," Sampras said. "But I played some good tennis when I had to."

ing Kafelnikov

today, and he didn't leave any chances for me," Kafelnikov

Sampras lost only four points in his first eight service games, reeling off 11 points in a row during one stretch of the second set as his cheering U.S. teammates, including Andre Agassi, leaped to their feet to cheer him on.

Kafelnikov, now 0-4 lifetime against Sampras, was reduced to waving helplessly as winners smoked past him, shaking his head in disgust. At one point, after muffing a volley, the 21year-old Russian belted a ball into the upper deck in frustra-

The third set turned out to be critical, however. Stretching his sore hamstring gingerly during changeovers, Sampras began chasing down fewer balls and it was clear he might not be able

"If I would have lost the

the energy to keep on playing, " Sampras said. "But how effective I would have been, I don't know.'

Trailing 3-1, Kafelnikov began firing winners from the baseline and coming to the net more often, gaining confidence as he broke Sampras' serve to tie the set 3-3.

The two exchanged service breaks and headed into a tiebreaker, where Sampras' serve-and-volley strength prevailed as he won three points to go up 5-2. On his second match point, he drilled an ace down the middle and thrust his hands into the air, then was embraced by his teammates.

Sampras admitted that the thrill didn't compare with winning Wimbledon or the U.S. Open, which he did this year. But it was particularly poignant to win it in a year when his long-time coach, Tim Gullikson, was battling cancer and Gullikson's twin brother, Tom, captained the Americans to the

"I'm extremely happy for the team and for Tom," Sampras said. "I thought about Tom, and about Tim, during the match. It's been an emotional

Kafelnikov, meanwhile, got a 2 hour, 1-minute lesson on the difference between Nos. 1 and 6 in the rankings.

"I felt very calm today," he said. "I felt I could beat Sampras. But his serve was faultless. If your serve is strong, it's two-thirds of success on any surface.'

PGA

Pavin flawless

By PATRICK McDOWELL Associated Press

Playing flawless golf, U.S. Open winner Corey Pavin scored a 5-stroke victory over Zimbabwe's Nick Price in the Million Dollar Challenge golf tournament Sunday.

Pavin earned the richest prize in golf — \$1 million — by firing a 6-under par 66 for a total of 12-under 276. The disappointed Price, who won in 1993 and was tied with Pavin going into the final round, finished at 281 after a

Germany's two-time winner, Bernhard Langer, and Scotland's Sam Torrance, two strokes behind the co-leaders starting the final round, fell out of contention during the opening nine. Langer wound up third at 283, after a 71, while Torrance shot a 72 for

American Tom Lehman carded a 73 for 287 and was

''l feel — can I say it — I feel like a million dollars ... before taxes," Pavin said jokingly.

The winning paycheck increased Pavin's earnings for the year to \$2,773,000.

He played steadily over the four days on a tough course

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that bedeviled the 12-player field. The tucked pins and menacing roughs forced Pavin to shoot high onto the greens, an approach he usually finds uncomfortable.

wait for mistakes.

title since 1992.

He was brilliant for much of the match, cracking cross-court and down-the-line winners, blasting 16 aces and dominat-

Pete played wonderfully

to win a long match.

third, I think I would have had

"I didn't make any mis-takes," Pavin said. "That's the only way to beat a guy like Nick, to beat a field like this. You just have to play solid and

Pavin went ahead on the first hole Sunday on the par-72, 7,597-yard Gary Player Country Club course, his second shot at the par-4 hole stopping a foot from the pin for an easy birdie.

But Price birdied the next two holes for a one-stroke lead. He maintained the lead when both players parred the fourth hole and birdied the

Disaster struck Price at the par-4 sixth. He outdrove Pavin by 30 yards, but overshot the green on his second shot and landed in sand. He chipped to the edge of the green and twoputted for a bogey.

Pavin, meanwhile, hit onto

the green and sank a 10-foot putt for a birdie and a onestroke lead. Pavin edged farther ahead with a birdie at the short seventh, followed by a Price bogey on a missed 6-foot putt at the eighth.



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■ NFL

Down-and-out Redskins shock Cowboys

By DENNE FREEMAN Associated Press

IRVING, Texas Norv Turner did it again to the Dallas Cowboys.

With a brilliant gameplan centered around Heath Shuler and Terry Allen, Washington used Turner's knowledge of his former employers to stun the Cowboys 24-17 on Sunday and sweep the two-game series for the first time since 1987.

Allen scored two touchdowns and Shuler passed for another as the Redskins (4-9) snapped a four-game losing streak. The Cowboys' loss to their former offensive coordinator prevented Dallas (10-3) from clinching a playoff spot.

The Redskins beat Dallas 27-23 in the fifth game of the season when Allen scored twice and gained 123 yards.

In the third quarter, Shuler

drove the Redskins 83 yards for a touchdown that put his team ahead 14-10. Shuler hit tight end Jamie Asher with a 20yard pass on the drive, Allen ran 13 yards and Shuler found Henry Ellard with a 10-yard TD

The Redskins made it 21-10 after Stanley Richard intercepted a pass by Troy Aikman and returned it 24 yards to the Dallas 27. Shuler hit Asher with a 12-yard pass to the 1 and Allen scored on the next play.

Dallas got to the Redskins 12 with 5:37 to play but Richard caused Emmitt Smith to fumble. Smith picked up the ball at the goal but officials ruled he was out-of-bounds and the Redskins were given a touch-

Eddie Murray, a former Cowboy, kicked a 47-yard field goal with 3:30 to go to up the lead to 24-10.

a 3-yard touchdown pass with 1:48 left but an onsides kick failed and Washington ran out the clock.

Allen got 98 yards on 25 carries this time and Shuler completed 11 of 24 passes for 154 yards.

The Cowboys led the Redskins, 17-point underdogs, 10-7 at halftime thanks to a 37-yard field goal by Chris Boniol as time ran out.

Dallas had to punt the first four times it had the ball before putting together a 69-yard scoring drive helped along by a 21-yard pass interference penalty against Darrell Green on Irvin.

The penalty put Dallas on the Redskins 7 and, after an incomplete pass, Smith scored a touchdown, his 22nd of the sea-

The Redskins retaliated with a 63-yard drive with Allen scoring from 2 yards out. Allen got 41 of the yards after a 20-yard Shuler to Brian Mitchell shovel pass got the drive going.

Smith rushed 21 times for 91 yards and Irvin caught 10 passes for 101 yards. Irvin set an NFL record with his 11th 100yard receiving game.

Panthers 13, Colts 10

CLEMSON, S.C. It's getting so the Carolina Panthers can count on big performances from their defense. On Sunday, they got something they didn't anticipate — an assist from

Indianapolis defensive back

Derwin Gray. Gray's face-mask penalty set

up a 38-yard field goal by John Kasay with eight seconds left, giving Carolina a 13-10 victory over the Colts and adding

Aikman hit Michael Irvin with another chapter in the Panthers' stunning first-year

> Carolina (6-7) has doubled the record for victories by an expansion team. The 1961 Minnesota Vikings won three games, as did the 1966 Atlanta Falcons and the 1967 New Orleans Saints.

> "If people want to continue to act surprised by us, then let them," said linebacker Darion Conner, who led the Panthers with three sacks. "At some point, they're going to learn that our defense isn't ranked seventh in the NFL for nothing.'

The Colts played almost the entire second half without Jim Harbaugh, the NFL's top-rated passer. Harbaugh was sacked six times before leaving in the third quarter with what was originally diagnosed as a sprained right knee. He was scheduled for further tests Monday.

His replacement, Paul Justin, also struggled, allowing the Panthers to win their fourth consecutive home game.

Indianapolis (7-6) had a hard time all day with the Carolina defense, which recorded seven sacks, one better than the Panthers' previous high this sea-

"We have the capability of going out and having some real big games," said linebacker Sam Mills, the NFC defensive player of the month for November, who began December with eight tackles Sunday. "This defense, there's no limit to what we can do.'

Carolina, which came in allowing an average of 307 yards per game, held the Colts to 200 — almost 118 below

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their norm.

"I've said all along there were going to be peaks and valleys, and the play today was certainly a valley," Colts coach Ted Marchibroda said. "We couldn't run the football, couldn't throw the football, and you're not going to win too many games that way."

The winning score was set up by a 17-yard punt return by Eric Guliford, putting the ball at the Indianapolis 43 with two minutes remaining.

Kerry Collins' pass to Guliford on a third-and-five from the 38 fell incomplete, but Gray was called for a personal foul for grabbing Guliford's face mask as the pass zipped by the two players.

"I guess my hand touched his face mask and the ref felt that was the appropriate call to make," Gray said. "It's really unfortunate, but I guess that's just the way it goes, and you've got to move on."

The penalty, with 1:09 left, put the ball at the 23, and four plays later, Kasay connected on a line drive that was about 10 feet over the cross bar.

Harbaugh, who took numerous hard hits in the pocket, came up limping after he was leveled from behind by Conner early in the third quarter. He was replaced by Justin, who had thrown just 19 passes this season.

The Panthers also turned over the ball twice inside the Indianapolis 20. Guliford pulled up on a reverse and threw into double coverage in the Colts' end zone in the second quarter, a pass that was intercepted by Ray Buchanan.

And Panthers tight end Matthew Campbell fumbled the ball away on the 19 to linebacker Stephen Grant in the third quarter.

Carolina struggled early before scoring twice in the final 4:15 of the second quarter to force a 10-10 halftime tie.

Indianapolis, which one week earlier had built a 24-0 lead on its first four possessions against Miami, had another fast start .

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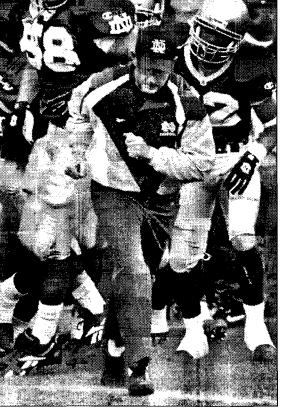
the No. 1 team in the nation in 1993. The Seminoles knocked off the Irish 23-16 in 1994. But playing around the holiday season makes the Seminoles an especially tough opponent.

Florida State has played in 13 bowl games without a loss, including ten straight. He won the national championship with a win over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl in 1993.

"You couldn't have picked a tougher team to play," Holtz said. "The last time Bobby lost a bowl game, he was eligible to be drafted by the armed services."

The announcement was the culmination of a busy weekend for the Irish players, who spent much of the weekend hosting recruits. Friday night was the annual football banquet, during which Leahy was named the Lineman of the Year and Derrick Mayes was voted the team MVP for the second consecutive year. Marcus Thorne and Mark Monahan were named student-athletes of the year, and Richard Rolle was given Nick Pietrosante Award.

Linebacker Lyron Cobbins, fullback Marc Edwards and quarterback Ron Powlus were named captains for the 1996 squad.



Coach Lou Holtz and the Irish are Orange Bowl bound. They will face the Florida State Seminoles.

Kinder may stay home for bowl

By MIKE NORBUT Sports Editor

Notre Dame tailback Randy Kinder may miss his second straight bowl game because of a violation of university policy. Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz did not go into detail about the problem.

"I can't tell you anything about that," he said. "I don't know enough about it. Any comment would have to come

from the university."

Kinder missed the 1995 Fiesta Bowl because of a knee injury, but returned for spring practice. He has been a major contributor to a strong Irish running attack, but recently lost his starting job to freshman Autry Denson.

Saturday was Notre Dame's first practice in preparation for the bowl game. Kinder was not in attendance. At Friday night's annual football banquet, Holtz did not announce Kinder, the team's leading rusher with 809 yards, as a letterwinner.

While Kinder is still enrolled at the university, his status on the football team is uncertain.

Kinder and fellow running back Robert Farmer were involved in a disciplinary case last year, when they were accused with assault by a female Notre Dame student. The two were cleared of

Belles struggle through the Roundball Classic

By KATHLEEN POLICY Sports Writer

After a troubling weekend at home in the Roundball Classic, the Saint Mary's basketball team can only look to the future and try to improve. The Belles lost two straight, finishing a last place fourth in the tournament.

The team battled Huntington Friday night, losing in the final seconds 66-65.

"The difference between winning and losing that first game was a bounce of the ball or a missed defensive play, but all the pieces were there," said Head Coach Marvin Wood.

The rest of the journey traveled downhill. The team's shooting percentage fell in addition to their efforts in their next game against Bethel College, 56-48.

"Execution is the name of the game, and our girls just did not do this," said Wood. "Bethel just took us to task with better hustle and positioning. We did not have the timing or the position that we needed to execute properly."

Bethel's coach, Sonya Martinez, felt that rebounding

was the key to their win. 'We boxed out in the second half and did not allow [Saint Mary's] to get the second shot

up," said Martinez. The Saint Mary's players feel that improvement is neccesary before the team's play comes together.

We went in spurts, but in order to win we have to play for the full forty minutes," said senior guard, Michelle Limb.

Limb finished with four assists, as did freshman center Sheila Sandine. Sandine had nine points and six rebounds.

"The game was a learning experience," Sandine said. "Hopefully it will help us in the future."

The team's next contest will be with Concordia at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Angela Athletic Facility. Concordia lost to the Belles last year due to an array of injuries. This year the Belles anticipate a close battle with their opponents due to Concordia's tallest player (6'4) and their great recruiting this year.

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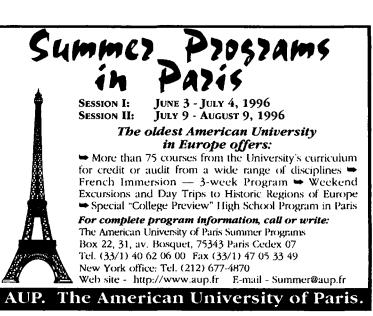
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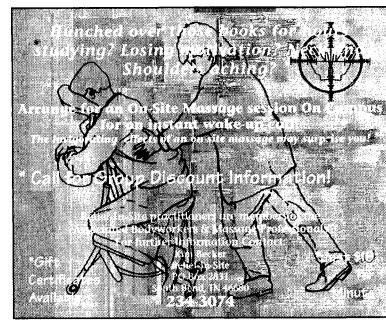
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pressive 29-2 record and surprised many with the upset over Washington State to get to the Regionals.

The Irish will have three days of practice before boarding the plane to Palo Alto and hope that a good scouting report will help them prepare.

"In practice, we will gear a lot of what we do to getting our players familiar with their players, Brown said. "And continuing to do what we did well and decrease the number



The Observer/Brent Tadser

Outside hitter Jenny Birkner and freshman Lindsey Treadwell go up for a block against lowa State. Both women contributed heavily to the

Patrick Roy suspended

Associated Press

MONTREAL

Patrick Roy, the star Montreal goalie who argued with the team's coach and president after an 11-1 rout, was suspended indefinitely Sunday by the Canadiens and placed on the trading block.

Roy had an angry exchange with coach Mario Tremblay and club president Ronald Corey when he was lifted from an 11-1 blowout loss to the **Detroit Red Wings on Saturday**

Roy, who had allowed nine goals on 26 shots, is reported to have told Corey, "It's either him (Tremblay) or me.'

Canadiens general manager Rejean Houle announced the suspension at a news conference and said he will contact five or six NHL teams who might be interested in Roy.

Hockey

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After the Bulldogs reeled off a pair of quick goals, Notre Dame struck back late in the second period when freshman left wing Aniket Dhadphale beat Blashill for his fourth goal of the season. Defenseman Brian McCarthy and Lorenz were credited with assists on the play.

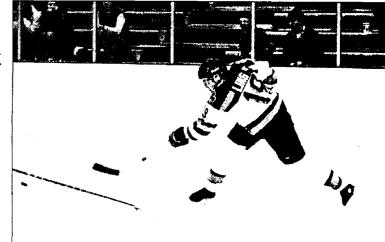
"There is no question that our confidence is a little higher now than it was earlier in the year," said Lorenz. "We're making the plays now that we weren't making in the earlier part of the season.

Irish seniors have been instrumental in the quick turnaround over the last three weeks of the year, and they stepped up once again at FSU. With 14:13 to go in the third period, senior right wing Brett Bruininks received a pass from senior center Jaimie Ling and found the back of the net to give the Irish a 3-2 advantage.

After the Bulldogs tied the game, Dhadphale was determined to make sure the Irish did not leave town without their fourth victory of the sea-

The freshman left wing notched his second goal of the evening off a pass from Lorenz to secure the 4-3 victory.

"The team is starting to finally come together like we knew we could," said sophomore goaltender Matt Eisler who continues to frustrate opponents inside the net. "The defense has been strong for the past few games, and when we



Senior Jaimie Ling tallied an assist in the Irish victory over the Ferris State Bulldogs

get four goals, we know we can win.'

No. 7 ranked Lake Superior State, still seething from being upset last weekend at the hands of the Irish, refused to let the same fate meet them twice in two weekends. After falling behind 1-0 when Bruininks scored for the fifth time in five games, the Lake State roared back furiously in front of their home crowd at the Taffy Abel Arena.

The Lakers exploded for five unanswered goals in the fifth period, and the Irish, despite fighting hard from start to finish, were never able to recover. Dhadphale added a late goal to cap the best weekend of his short Notre Dame career, and Lorenz notched his fifth goal of the season, but it was not enough to overcome a fired up LSSU squad and an enthusiastic Laker crowd.

'We played well enough to win on Saturday, but it just didn't happen," said Lorenz. "They pretty much dominated

the second period, but we held our own with them in the first and third. We know that we can play with them.'

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■ Men's Basketball

Irish drop first conference game at Rutgers



Forward Pat Garrity scored 18 for the Irish, but fouled out 17 seconds into overtime in Notre Dame's 86-80 loss to Rutgers.

Club Column

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They did almost everything right. The problem was, for Notre Dame in the Big East, almost everything will translate into an almost win.

That's exactly what happened Saturday afternoon, as the Irish experienced first hand the perils of the road, losing their Big East debut 86-80 in overtime at Rutgers.

Before the season began, Notre Dame head coach John MacLeod stressed a number of fundamentals that would directly correspond to Notre Dame's success in its new surroundings. Rebounding, frontcourt point production, and taking care of the ball were the imperitives.

Two out of three isn't bad, but it wasn't enough.

Notre Dame outrebounded the Scarlet Knights 44-33 and got a combined 29 points from forward Pat Garrity and center Matt Gotsch.

25 Irish turnovers, however, contributed to Notre Dame's

demise, allowing Rutgers to post its first-ever conference win

"We are glad to be part of a historic event, and glad it turned out this way," said Rutgers coach Bob Wenzel.

In the first half, that historical milestone looked to be heading Notre Dame's way. Behind 52% shooting, the Irish rushed out to a 17 point lead before going into the half up 13.

The second half proved a different story, as the Scarlet Knights caught fire from three-point land, dropping in their first four baskets of the half from behind the arc to put themselves back in the game.

"Today was a special moment for Notre Dame basketball," stated MacLeod. "But we just didn't come out in the second half with the juice we had in the first."

Part of that juice was sitting on the bench, as foul trouble plagued the Irish throughout the contest. Due to a death in the family, center Marcus Young did not make the trip, leaving MacLeod the services of

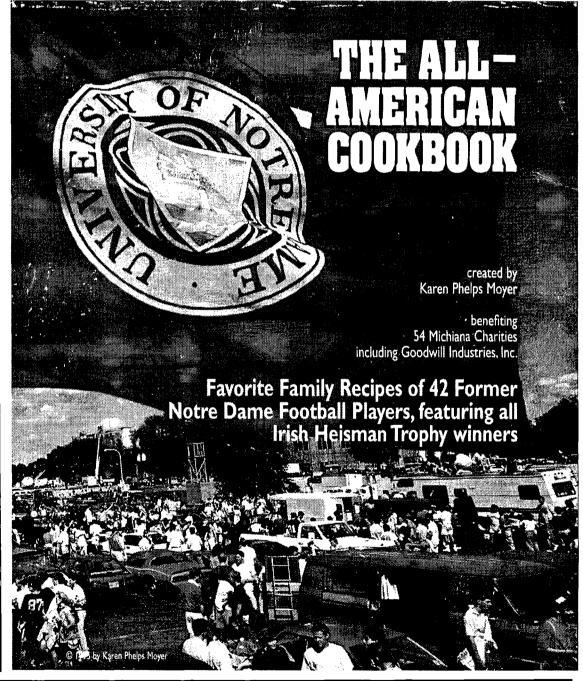
only Garrity, Gotsch, and fresh man Phil Hickey in the post.

All three endured foul trouble throughout, and Garrity exited only 17 seconds into overtime. Things were so bad at one point that shooting guard Pete Miller, playing his first game back from injury, came in at the power forward spot.

Despite these personnel problems, however, rallying from a six point deficit at the end of regulation to tie the game at 73. An unlikely three-pointer by the 6-11 Gotsch with twelve seconds left ensured the extra period, but a 7-0 Scarlet Knight run in overtime sealed the out-

Freshman Geoff Billet scored 22 to lead the Scarlet Knights, while senior Ryan Hoover paced the Irish with 20, but finished only 4-15 from three point land.

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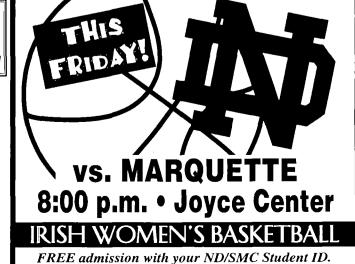
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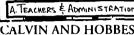
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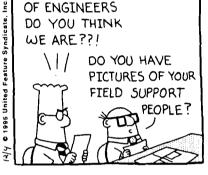


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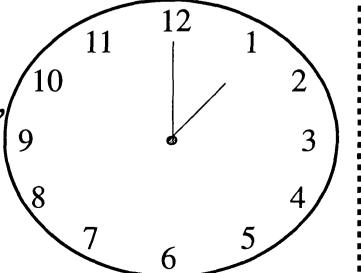
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■ FOOTBALL

Notre Dame set to face Florida State in Orange Bowl

By MIKE NORBUT Sports Editor

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finally put their tarot cards

reading their horoscopes.

People can actually compare their attempts at mind-reading with the actual results.

In short, the Bowl Alliance made public Sunday the matchups for the nation's top three bowls. Notre Dame will meet Florida State in the Orange Bowl on January 1,

It will be the final Orange Bowl to be played in the stadium of the same name. The 1997 Orange Bowl will stay in Miami, Fla., but will be moved to Joe Robie Stadium. It will be Notre Dame's first appearance since 1991, when the Irish fell to Colorado 10-9 after a "Rocket" Ismail punt return for a touchdown was called back because of a clipping penalty.

"We've been to the Orange Bowl, but we haven't been back there for about five years, so we're excited to have that opportunity," Irish coach Lou Holtz said. "We don't have anybody on that team presently



who's played in the Orange Bowl.'

The announcement came as a surprise to Holtz, literally. He found out where the team was going a little after 5 p.m., and then had to go on live via satellite on CBS' "Great Games Selection Show" at 5:30 to dis-

'We're having a press confer-

ence so I can find out where we're going," he joked Sunday. "I can honestly say I didn't have any idea of who we'd play. Last night I felt we'd be playing the University of Texas. This morning I told our staff I really felt we'd play Florida State."

With the first and second selections, the Fiesta Bowl chose No. 1 Nebraska and No. 2 Florida to play January 2 for the national championship. The Irish were chosen third and the Seminoles fifth by the Orange Bowl, while the Sugar Bowl took Texas with their fourth pick and Virginia Tech with the final selection.

But who the Irish play pales in comparison to the actual event of playing in a bowl.

"It's just great to be going," offensive guard Ryan Leahy said. "Choosing an opponent is like asking, 'What kind of car do you want?"

But the prospects of playing Florida State is a nice one in Holtz's eyes.

"I enjoy (Seminole coach) Bobby Bowden's companionship, and we're looking forward to playing down there," he said. "We're playing Florida State at a neutral site in Florida. We see any land in Florida Seminole territory.

State 31-24 to replace them as

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■ VOLLEYBALL

Fighting for survival in the NCAA's

Irish claim spot in 'Sweet Sixteen' with close victory

By BETSY BAKER Sports Writer

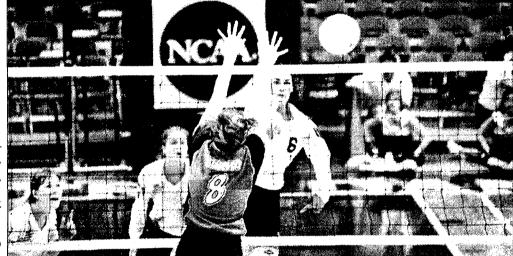
The motivation was there. The intensity was there. The lead was there, but Iowa State just couldn't capitalize.

The Notre Dame volleyball team was just too much for the Cyclones to handle..

The fifteenth-ranked Irish were forced to fight back from a 14-9 deficit in game two, after annihilating the Cyclones 15-3 in the first game, to win the game 16-14. The Irish held the lead for the rest of the match, however, the Cyclones never lost hope. Iowa State forced the Irish to fight through fifteen sideouts at game point, until they finally capped off the third game and the match at 15-10.

"We had our opportunity to finish the game, in game two, but we didn't capitalized," Cyclone head coach Jackie Nunez

"I think that if we had won the second



Sophomore outside hitter Angie Harris led the Irish both offensively and defensively with 19 kills and 19 digs in the comeback victory over the Cyclones.

game, it would have set an entirely different tone for the match.

Despite some ball-handling and serving errors, the Irish, whose record now stands at 27-6, played consistently and confidently, an essential factor as they now head to the Pacific Regional next week in

"Iowa State came out very emotional and

played very well," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "We had a bit of a mental let-down in the second game, but picked right back and

"I am pleased with how the team responded after game two.'

With the exception of the letdown in game two, the Irish dominated the match from the first serve of the match, an over-powering jump serve from sophomore Angie Harris. Harris had another banner day for the Irish, leading the victory with 19 kills and 19 digs. She also continues to make her newly-broken career service ace record unattainable for future Irish players as she compiled four more in the match against the Cyclones.

"Angie had a phenomenal game," Brown said. "Hitting, serv-

ing, defense — she led us all the way."

Right behind Harris was classmate Jaimie Lee who had 16 kills and freshman middle blocker Lindsay Treadwell who had 8 kills. Treadwell continues to progress as an offensive force for the Irish in her first season of collegiate volleyball and has contributed many key kills and blocks for the team.

Treadwell was definitely a key contributor in Saturday's match and attributes the victory to a winning attitude.

"We never thought that we were going to lose the match," Treadwell said. "You can never think you're going to lose because if you do, you're done.'

'Done' is where Iowa State now stands. The Cyclones finished off their historical season at 22-12 with their first trip to the NCAA tournament considered a success. Senior Kirstin Hugdahl, whose nickname 'The Terminator' adequately describes her match-high 21 kills, cites this year as a precedent for years to come.

'We've taken that next step," Hugdahl said. "We've set the foundation for the program to proceed to the next level.'

The Irish will proceed to the next level, as they will play Oral Roberts University on Friday night in the Sweet Sixteen round

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Notre Dame defeated Florida

■ HOCKEY

Irish garner confidence throughout weekend

By MIKE DAY Sports Writer

No one can question the improvement.

It can no longer be deemed a

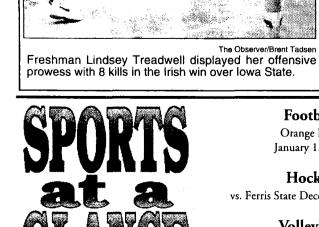
In what is becoming the norm rather than the exception, the Notre Dame hockey team continued to show signs of improvement this weekend, defeating Ferris State 4-3 on Friday before falling 5-3 to Lake Superior State on Saturday in a hard fought, well contested battle.

'We played well both nights, and the results are finally starting to fall our way," said junior center Terry Lorenz. When we play the way we are capable of playing, it's tough to

When the Irish visited Ewigleben Ice Arena on Friday evening, the Bulldogs thought they would see the same struggling Irish squad they had finished ahead of last season in the CCHA. Little did they know, this Notre Dame team has a renewed sense of confidence.

With 15:57 remaining in the opening period, the Irish showed the Bulldogs just how much they've improved. Senior defenseman received an outlet pass from junior right wing Tim Harberts and powered the puck past FSU goaltender Jeff Blashill for a 1-0

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