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COBA delivers verdicts in cheating scandal

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After an anxious Christmas break and a tenuous beginning of the semester, students involved in the Finance Department's Advanced Corporate Finance cheating investigation were notified of the University decisions on their cases earlier this week, sources close to the situation said.

Students found guilty of cheating received various punishments, including the reduction of their course grade by

one or two letter grades. According to one male senior, who wished to remain anonymous, students who had appeared at the January hearings and were found not-guilty, received their decisions two weeks ago.

The grade reduction poses a problem for some seniors in the class if the penalty caused a student to fail the course, one source said. Advanced Corporate Finance is not offered in Notre Dame's summer session, and the deadline for adding a course for the Spring Semester has passed. Because the class is required for finance majors to graduate, offenders could be

faced with an extra semester of school, sources said.

"Students who regularly had C's and D's are faced with the possibility that they might not graduate because they may have received F's," one student said.

Sam Gaglio, assistant dean of the College Of Business Administration said that investigations into the matter were complete, but he could not discuss specifics because of confidentiality provisions in the school's Honor Code.

"Yes, we are done with the formal hearings," he said. "I can't comment on anything that might implicate a student."

Last November members of four sections of Advanced Corporate Finance were accused of cheating on a departmental take home examination. The cheating allegedly took place in the College of Business Administration computer cluster where students were collaborating on the test. The professors who taught the classes, Robert Battalio and D. Katherine Spiess, requested written confessions from students involved. At that point according to the University Honor Code, The Finance Department Honesty Committee would begin to hold hearings into the matter.

Gaglio noted that any decision of the honesty committee can be appealed by students.

"The proceedings are finished, however, within the Honor Code there is an appeal procedure and the deadline for those appeals has not passed," he said. "Since the appeal procedures are not complete, subsequent action will not be taken before decisions are rendered on those appeals."

That leaves open the possibility for a reversal, Gaglio added.

"No action is final until the appeals are complete," he said.

James Peterson, assistant

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Mass celebrating the Grotto's one hundred year anniversary will be held on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 10 am at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The celebrant and homilist will be the Reverend Agostino Cacciavillan Titular Archbishop of Amiterno and the papal nuncio to the United States.

Grotto celebrates centennial

*Weekend marks
one century of
history, tradition*

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part series honoring the centennial of the Grotto at Notre Dame.

By GWENDOLYN NORGLÉ
Assistant News Editor

Peace. Reflection.
Inspiration.
Though the Grotto at Notre Dame may offer different

**100 years of
The Grotto**
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things to different people, it sits in the heart of the campus as a representation of one important aspect of the University - tradition. Marking its one hundredth year, Notre Dame will honor the shrine with a service on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes this

weekend.

An internationally renowned site of prayer and pilgrimage since 1896, the Grotto resembles a riverside cave near a town in southern France.

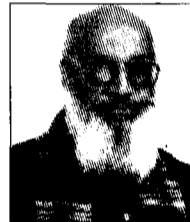
In Lourdes, apparitions of the Virgin Mary appeared 18 times to a French peasant girl between the months of February and July of 1858. The 14-year old, Bernadette Soubirous, was canonized on December 8, 1933, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. According to the story, when

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SDF President equates racial prejudice, power

By ERIN LUM
News Writer

"You can't live in the United States of America and not be mentally ill," said Reverend Albert McKnight, president of the Southern Development Foundation, to an audience at the Hesburgh Library Lounge last night.



McKnight

According to McKnight, a lecturer on racism in American society, racism has become a national disease comparable to mental illness, and it is the responsibility of every American to overcome it.

"Racism is more than just prejudice—it is the power to impose prejudices into public policy," he said.

According to McKnight, racism has been institutionalized into every area of American society. The result is a society where the relationship between black and white people is "sick" due to the lack of understanding between the two groups.

"To hate oneself and one's people is not normal...to try to be like other people is not normal," McKnight directed at the black members of the audience. He expressed the need for the African-American community to go back to its roots and get in touch with its history rather than continue to embrace the

white culture and values it has been educated with. "Culture affects how we perceive reality...and (American) blacks have become whiter than white folks in terms of white culture and values," he said.

To overcome racism, McKnight says people must discontinue relying on their left (white) brain, which is the materialistic, analytical brain, and return to the right (black) brain which acknowledges the importance of the soul.

"For a long time, black symbolized the divine, but this has been reversed by racism. The salvation of the world starts in the heart...for this salvation to be possible, for people to heal, blackness must be embraced," said McKnight.

As part of his endeavor to change the problem of racism in America, McKnight formed a program called B.U.S.T. (Black Unity and Spiritual Togetherness) which is organized into chapters of thirteen members who meet twice a month for the purposes of spiritual bonding, community action, and saving to invest in a national financial cooperative institution. Through B.U.S.T., McKnight hopes to improve the spiritual and economic situation of the black community in America and to combat the racism that now oppresses it.

For more information on how to get a B.U.S.T. chapter started, Father Albert McKnight can be contacted at the following address: P.O. Box 1088, Opelousas, Louisiana, 70571.

STUDENT SENATE

Imminent election sparks debate over equality of districts

By RUSSELL WILLIAMS
News Writer

In light of the completion of four new residence halls on Notre Dame's campus by the fall of 1997, redistricting was the main topic of concern at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The Senate unanimously approved of Student Government's proposal to redistribute residence halls for this year's and all future elec-

tions.

Because the Student Senate election is approaching rapidly, Student Government President Jonathan Patrick and Vice President Dennis McCarthy felt that the potential redistricting should take place in a timely manner.

The proposal will now go to the Hall President's Council, where a vote will be taken at its next meeting. If the proposal gets the 2/3 majority required for approval, it will

officially become an amendment to the Student Government constitution.

In the Student Government report submitted by McCarthy and Patrick to the Senate, there are three drafted proposals that would effectively deal with any potential problems arising upon completion of the new residence halls. These concerns include gender, numerical and geographic inequalities which could sur-

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Below is one of the proposals for re-districting the dorms put forth by Student Government to the Student Senate. This is one of three possible choices for districting. These figures represent the campus in 1997.

District #1	District #2	District #3	District #4
Alumni 269	Carroll 102	Stanford 268	Farley 248
Dillon 339	Lyons 203	Keenan 280	Breen-Philips 200
Fisher 189	Morrissey 320	Zahm 237	Siegtfried 235
Pangborn 201	Howard 164	Cavanaugh 227	Knott 228
Keough 275	Badin 126	St. Edward's 174	P.E. 226
O'Neill 275	Walsh 190	Lewis 282	P.W. 237
Welsh 275	Sorin 171		
New Dorm 275			

5 male	3 male	4 male	2 male
3 female	4 female	2 female	4 female
2,098 residents	1,306 residents	1,468 residents	1,374 residents

■ INSIDE COLUMN

My best friend for life

Nearly seventeen years ago, when mom called to tell me that I had a new baby sister, I had more important

things on my mind: Grandma allowed me to have both an orange soda and a milkshake with my McDonald's™ Happy Meal! I had enjoyed three and a half years as the only apple in my doting parents' eyes.

Soon I would learn that my new family member was more than just a rival for my parents' attention!

At first Kate was a fun new playmate—a live action Whack-A-Mole! My four-year-old freedom provided me with a distinct advantage over her protective confinement in the playpen. Therefore, when boredom or annoyance set in, attempting to hit the small head with an orange squeaky hammer provided me with loads of entertainment. This weapon of choice remains in the attic for posterity and the opportunity for mom to sufficiently embarrass us before boyfriends and families of the future.

At some point, though, Kate transformed from that playtoy to a friend (or enemy). Our squabbles were frequent and involved hair pulling, tears, and mom as referee.

However, a close friendship existed as well. Kate was my most loyal companion and we made a great pair. In the summer, freckles sprouted on Kate's nose. Adults were charmed by this button nose, her chubby cheeks and pigtails, and asked in that pesky adult tone, "And how many freckles are on your cute little nose?" Having used my superior addition skills, I had counted every freckle beforehand, allowing Kate to respond, most precociously, our recent total. We loved the floored expression with which adults always walked away.

As we now totter on the brink of adulthood, I do not believe that I ever appreciated the impact I had on my sister—I was a role model for her life. Kate was someone with whom I played and shared secrets, but it never occurred to me that, as three years her senior, my actions and beliefs would guide her as well. I find it odd that my sister learns so much from me, when I know I am always learning from her. She is my undying ally and strength, always challenging me and helping me reach my goals.

Kate and I share a special friendship and joke that we are "100% related"—she is my best friend for life. After being abroad for four months, I returned home and felt as if we had never been apart. At school, I miss Kate because our phone conversations do not convey the same emotions and concerns we share in person.

When we are together, we can read each others' joys and sorrows as easily as if they were our own. If my sister is on the brink of tears, my lip quavers as well and when she succeeds I feel a similar happiness along with an incredible amount of pride.

Kate and I share a past of secrets and special moments that only a sister can understand. I will never take for granted the friend who laughed and cried with me throughout my youth. We've come along way from the playpen and squeaky hammer days.

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Senate votes to revamp farm subsidies

WASHINGTON

The Senate voted Wednesday to break the decades-old link between farm prices and government subsidies, giving farmers instead a series of fixed but declining payments. The action could lead to the eventual end of farm payments.

The 64-32 vote came despite a last-ditch fight mostly by Midwestern Democrats who wanted to save at least some connection between prices and payments. Twenty Democrats joined the majority. Opponents charged that Republicans were offering welfare to farmers while cutting money for education, school lunches and health care for the poor.

In exchange for less government support, controls over most planting decisions would end, along with requirements that acres be idled. Freed from those controls, backers say, farmers will prosper, planting every free acre and shipping grain the world over to feed.

Democrats had a less optimistic view, saying farmers will be given hefty sums up front and left defenseless. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., called the overhaul a "tragic mistake."

"This bill comes at a time when agriculture is in transition," said Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. "It is becoming much better and much stronger."

"Farmers will finally plant for the market and not the government," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan. "Our patience and perseverance have resulted in

1996 Farm Bill

*The overhaul of how the government supports corn, cotton, rice, and wheat won't be debated in the House until after Feb. 26

Untouched Programs

- Quotas for peanuts & sugar
- Price Guarantees for peanuts & sugar
- Regionally diverse dairy

New Reforms

- Less government support
- Controls over most planting decisions would end
- No further required idle acres

the most significant changes in agricultural policy since Iowa's Henry Wallace was secretary of agriculture under FDR."

Both senators were headed for some heavy campaigning in that farm state, where the bill is popular. Another GOP presidential contender, Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, was campaigning in Iowa and did not vote.

Consumers may feel little impact from the bill, because raw ingredients make up a small share of supermarket costs. However, critics say that despite some reforms, the bill keeps in outdated quotas and price guarantees that make consumers pay more for sugar and peanuts. Complicated and regionally divisive dairy programs were left untouched.

The overhaul of how the government supports corn, cotton, rice and wheat won't be debated in the House until after Feb. 26.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, in a statement, said the bill "takes a step in the right direction" but is flawed

because prices and payments are decoupled. There was no veto threat. Some changes sought by the administration, including a guaranteed \$300 million, three-year fund for rural development projects such as water and sewer plants, were made in the Senate.

During Wednesday's rushed debate, Dole successfully led a 59-36 vote to block an amendment by freshman Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., that would further cut the government-guaranteed price for peanuts and ease limits on who can grow them.

Pope wins over former difficulties

MANAGUA, Nicaragua

Celebrating Mass before 150,000 worshippers, Pope John Paul II expressed happiness Wednesday at political changes that have brought peace here but tossed barbs at the former Sandinista government that spoiled his last visit. At one point, he alluded to the Sandinista period as "a long, dark night." Nicaraguans cheered and waved flags—both national and papal—at a dusty plaza on the shores of Lake Managua. President Violeta Chamorro, a cross dangling over her long white dress, escorted the pontiff hand-in-hand. Chamorro, a devout Catholic, called the pope's visit a dream come true and "a blessing from God." "In 1983 you found our country painfully divided by ideologies foreign to our nature," she said, her voice breaking with emotion.



AIDS marrow transplant fails

SAN FRANCISCO

Baboon bone marrow implanted in an AIDS patient to boost his failing immune system has apparently failed to work, doctors said Wednesday. But the AIDS patient, 38-year-old Jeff Getty, is doing "surprisingly well," perhaps due to chemotherapy, said Dr. Steven Deeks, who performed the transplant at San Francisco General Hospital on Dec. 14. Getty, a former University of California policy analyst who turned into an AIDS activist when he discovered he had the disease, said from his Oakland home that he had always known the chances of success were not good. "When I came into this, I rolled the dice," he said. "I didn't even know if I was going to live through thing. Now I'm looking forward to a long summer of sailing." Bone marrow produces the body's immune system, and the baboon cells were transplanted into Getty.

Study: Diet won't prevent cancer

NEW YORK

Adopting a low-fat diet at midlife or later probably won't reduce a woman's risk of breast cancer, a study suggests. Pooling and analyzing the results of seven previous studies involving a total of 337,819 women, mostly middle-aged or older, scientists found that the amount of fat in the participants' diets had no effect on their risk of breast cancer. The researchers in the earlier studies didn't find out how long the women had been on their diets, so the results don't rule out the possibility that women who have avoided fat for most of their lives run a lower breast cancer risk. Indeed, other studies suggest that if a low-fat diet can influence that risk it would have to be adopted in childhood or adolescence to affect the decades-long processes that lead to cancer. "There are other, very good reasons to stick to a diet which is relatively low in red meat, and low in high-fat dairy products, and high in fruits and vegetables," said Dr. David Hunter.

Mom fights over food-intolerant kids

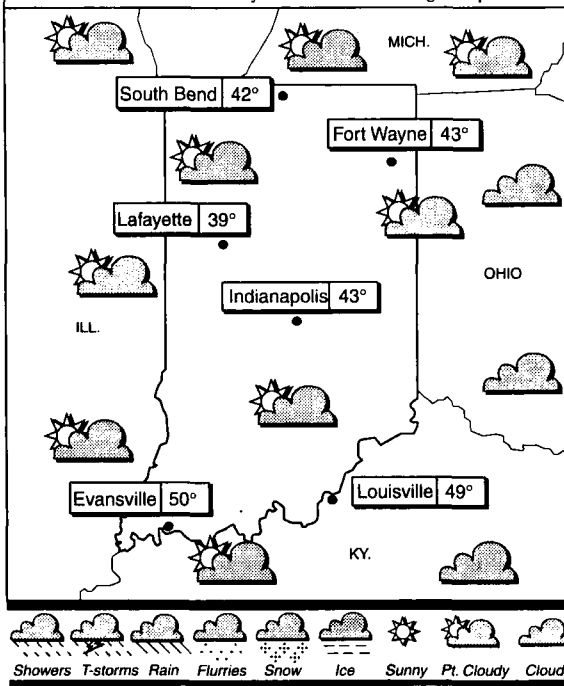
WARRENSBURG, N.Y.

Several times a day, Catherine Evans' three children drink down a little juice box containing a gooey, foul-tasting nutrient solution. The nutrient drink is necessary because Randi, Brooke and Drew can't digest the complex proteins in most foods. For Mrs. Evans, Neocate is an \$1,800-a-month miracle that has transformed her aching, nauseated children into relatively healthy kids. But for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of the Rochester Area, Neocate is not a covered expense. The insurance company contends that if it were forced to pay for the Neocate, it could set a precedent that could raise premiums for others. At issue is whether Neocate is a non-covered food supplement as defined under the insurance policy. Mrs. Evans said she first noticed problems with Randi shortly after the girl's birth 13 years ago.

■ INDIANA WEATHER

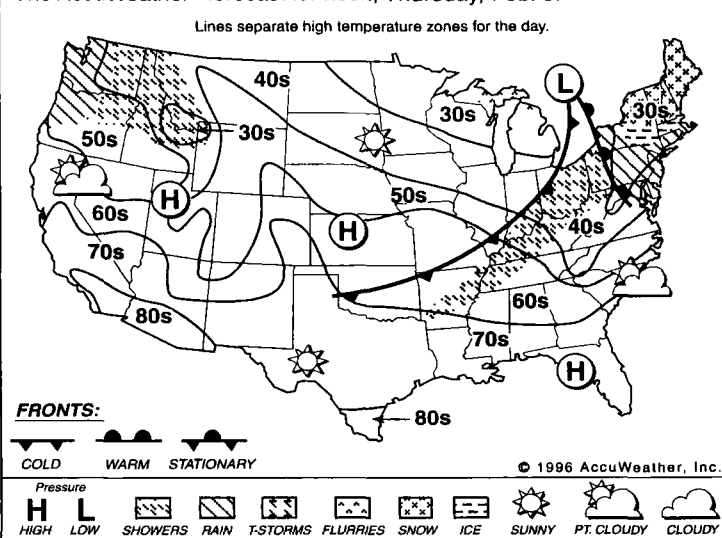
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Feb. 8.



Atlanta	62	41	Denver	72	40	Palatine	44	32
Baltimore	45	31	Indianapolis	47	32	Portland	38	27
Calgary	-5	-22	Los Angeles	83	56	St. Louis	63	35
Chicago	45	31	Madison	44	28	Tampa	76	55
Dallas	75	47	New Orleans	72	53	Yuma	85	59

Graduate program receives award

By DEBORAH SCHULTZ
News Writer

Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education, a program for graduates to teach in disadvantaged areas of the U.S., recently received the Western Association of Summer School Administrators Exemplary Program Award and a \$100,000 grant from the UPS Foundation.

ACE was founded in 1994 to provide committed Catholic teachers for understaffed parochial schools and to give recent college graduates intensive teacher training and opportunities for Christian community and personal growth.

The ACE program offers two years of teaching experience in the south and two summers of graduate courses, along with teaching positions in the South Bend community. Summer session courses are taught by faculty from both the Universities of Portland and Notre Dame.

"The University of Portland teaches our students, so the award we won is through the Western conference, and is an association of all summer schools. The award is basically for the most innovative summer

school programs in their district," said Louis Del Fra, associate director of ACE.

"I think we won the award due to our teacher training program, as we are so practice and experience oriented. The students receive a masters degree for what is mostly practice, which is a really new idea in education. There are only 16 weeks of coursework, so most of the credit is from the summer teaching in South Bend and the years spent in the south," said Del Fra.

ACE currently sends students to locations in eight southern states; it expands next year to include Texas. "Our goal is to revitalize elementary and secondary education. We send recent college graduates to parts of the country where resources are inadequate, financially and structurally," said Sister Lourdes Sheehan, director of ACE.

While teaching in the south, ACE participants are assigned a mentor for supervision; these people do not stay in the classroom. "This supervision enables the students and the mentors to develop a close relationship over the years. The mentors must do five evaluations per semester, so they are in the classroom every

three or four weeks, but they aren't always in there, telling the students what to do. I think this really improves their teaching skills," said Del Fra.

"It is such a gift to have Catholic graduates who want to teach and share their faith. They show such energy and generosity. The younger generation often gets such a bad rap; I wish everyone could meet the students I do. They really counter the stereotype, it is absolutely inspiring," stated Sheehan.

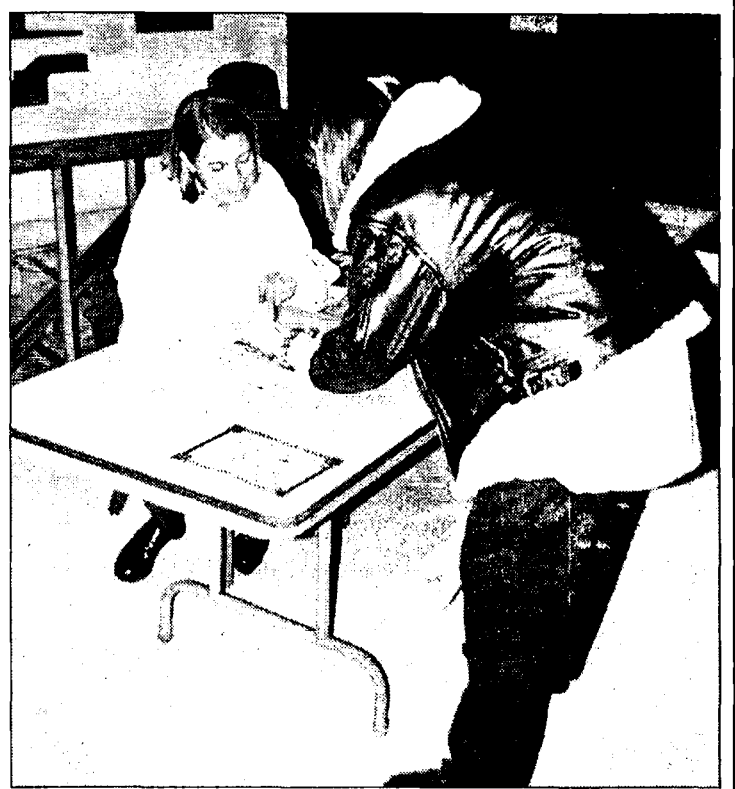
Since its first year of operation, ACE has doubled in size. Under Sheehan's direction, ACE has sent 80 teachers to disadvantaged parochial schools in urban and rural communities of the southeastern United States.

"We thought the first year that only about eight students would apply but over 100 people came to our first meeting. That year we placed 40 students and 32 continued into the second year. This year we have about 50-60 spots and we are presently in the selection process. We are very excited because this will be the first year our students will graduate from their second year of teaching," said Sheehan.

The grant from the UPS Foundation will enable ACE to cover their expenses and begin planning for the future.

"We run about a \$200,000 a year deficit. After the fees are deducted from the salaries, we still need to find about \$200,000 for expenses. By the year 2000, we would like to have between three and four million dollars in an endowment, because then we wouldn't have to go through fundraising. Since the money from the UPS is a grant, it will go into the fund for the endowment," said Sheehan.

The UPS Foundation began in 1989 to address adult literacy and hunger relief. It distributed approximately \$13.3 million in 1994 through the U.S. and Canada, according to Sheehan.



The Observer/Margaret Kensinger

Adding to the List

Saint Mary's freshman Nicole Ludwig registers to vote in the dining hall. The drive is a part of the Women's Week festivities currently taking place.

Discussion pinpoints women's health issues

'Beneficial' forum answers students' queries, concerns

By DONNA MIRANDOLA
News Writer

In an effort to address Saint Mary's College students' concerns about women's health, Judy Kenney, director of Health Services at Saint Mary's College, led a Women's Health Issues forum last night in Haggard Parlor.

Books and pamphlets on preventative and general health care were available, and the staff of Health Services answered questions from the students.

Saint Mary's College Health Services believes in treatment as well as the importance of students gaining knowledge of current health care issues. Students have the opportunity to ask questions and learn.

"General health care knowledge is essential. If you know

how to protect yourself and treat yourself, this will empower you when you leave the college and are out on your own," says Kenney.

A commonly asked question was what college students can do to stay healthy and maintain a nutritious diet.

"A combination of low fat and low calorie foods, fresh vegetables and exercise is your best bet for staying fit," states Dr. June Ferguson.

Other issues addressed included how to help a friend with an eating disorder, vegetarianism, and breast and ovarian cancers.

"I think that the forum was a good idea. It is beneficial to learn information about our general health and especially the important issues in women's health," says student Karen Hardy.

Saint Mary's College's Health Services is located on the lower level of Holy Cross Hall and is open Monday through Friday from 9-5, and Saturday from 10-4.

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Grotto

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the girl asked the vision to identify itself on the last occasion, the apparition said, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Mary told Bernadette to dig in the dry ground, where a spring arose that no one had seen before. Several million visitors go to Lourdes every year, and in this same spring, half a million people bathe in what are believed to be miraculous waters (National Catholic News on August 4, 1983).

The Virgin's request to build a chapel at the Grotto in Lourdes was granted in 1862 after four years of examination established the credibility of the apparitions.

Even before she was canonized, Bernadette was regarded as a saint in the Catholic Church. Many Church leaders have revealed their belief in the divinity of the original Grotto and of Bernadette's experience. On July 18, 1981, a wounded Pope John Paul II gave a pre-recorded speech from his hospital room, wounded after a failed attempt on his life. The speech was meant to be presented for the Eucharistic Congress in Lourdes during the Pope's scheduled visit to the Grotto in August of 1983 - a speech intended as an act of devotion to Mary. Despite the fact that the speech was postponed, the pope illustrated his faith in the Grotto's healing power: "God has permitted that I myself currently experience suffering and weakness in my own body, which makes me feel all the closer to you," he told the sick who sought cures at Lourdes.

At Notre Dame's Grotto, a small piece of rock from the shrine at Lourdes is embedded in the wall in honor of Bernadette and the original cave.

Despite the obvious reverence that has been demonstrated at both the Grotto at Lourdes and the Grotto at Notre Dame, the actual construction of the latter was not as easily accomplished as one might expect.

After the prompting of the Reverend William Corby, a former president of Notre Dame and provincial superior of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the University awaited a benefaction allowing the Grotto to be built. Priest-alumnus Father Thomas Carroll of the diocese of Erie, Oil City, Penn., eventually enabled the construction of a scaled-down Grotto of Lourdes on campus.

Notre Dame's version of the shrine was originally meant to be an exact "facsimile" of the Grotto at Lourdes, according to an 1896 record from the Provincial Archives at Notre Dame. However, despite Corby's efforts in bringing with him the exact dimensions of the Grotto at Lourdes to Notre Dame from France, the Grotto is actually only about one-seventh the size of the original.

Although today the Grotto is impressive in appearance, the site was not always appealing to the eye. The spot where the Grotto now sits on campus was formerly a "dump heap," according to Father Joseph Maguire.

"When it was decided to build the Grotto there, old Brother Phillip had his crew clean up the rubbish before the work was begun," Maguire said in a letter to Father McAvoy. Prior to the construction of the

shrine, the site was a place where "everything from old shoes and tin cans or what-have-you were thrown," Maguire wrote.

From a garbage dump to a sacred site of inspiration, the Grotto is constructed on unhewn boulders weighing as much as three tons.

Though its dedication was a century ago, the Grotto's aesthetic aspects have enjoyed continual attention.

Fifty years after it was erected on August 5, 1896, a procession to the Grotto was held in honor of the Blessed Virgin on August 15, the feast of the Assumption, in 1946. During those rites, pilgrims and their families followed priests, brothers and nuns as a small statue of the Virgin was carried down the aisles of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The statue was a gift from members of the Schmidt family, who started making yearly pilgrimages to the Grotto in 1902 and who, according to a South Bend Tribune article, were continuing to visit the shrine in 1946 (South Bend Tribune August 16, 1946).

Augmenting the sacredness of the Grotto is the inclusion of the emotional letter by humanitarian and Notre Dame alumnus Dr. Thomas Dooley, placed before the kneelers just over thirty years ago. From his deathbed in 1960, Dooley expressed his affection for the site to the Reverend Theodore Hesburgh, then University president. Because he knew Dooley's words would serve as a source of inspiration and reflection for Grotto visitors, Hesburgh had a copy of the letter mounted and placed on display at the special place of serenity on Notre Dame's campus.

Dooley's adoration for the

Grotto is apparently shared by the countless visitors from all over the world who, along with the numerous Notre Dame students, alumni, faculty and staff, have come to the Grotto in the last hundred years.

Although it may serve as a place of solace, the atmosphere at the Grotto has not always been peaceful. On September 23, 1985, a fire threatened to destroy the area. However, with the help of workers who chipped and scaled the heavy carbon residue by hand, cleaned the rocks with blasts from a high-pressure water and detergent spray, and secured the loosened boulders by tuck pointing them, the Grotto was saved. Today, as a result of an order by the Notre Dame fire chief at that time, there is an established maximum number of candles that can be safely lighted at one time (October 2, 1985, South Bend Tribune-Metro).

In an effort to honor the University's century-old Grotto and all it represents, a mass will be held on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 10 am at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The celebrant and homilist will be the Reverend Agostino Cacciavillan Titular Archbishop of Amitero and the papal nuncio to the United States. Bishop John D'Arcy of the Fort Wayne/South Bend diocese will offer words of welcome at the beginning of the mass. A 9:30 am prayer service will precede the mass; both events are open to the public.

Another public observation of the Grotto's centennial will be held in May during the spring meeting of the University's Board of Trustees when a plaque marking the anniversary will be placed in the

One-man play to highlight abortion issue

Special to The Observer

A One-man play, entitled "Born/Unborn," will be performed by 1959 Notre Dame graduate Dan Ferrone on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Written by the late playwright and novelist Martin Chervin, the play addresses the moral, social, political, and spiritual dimensions of legalized abortion by examining the impact of an abortion on the lives of a young couple and five other characters, four of whom operate an abortion clinic. A reviewer in the National Catholic Register called it "a searing and unblinking look at the abortion issue."

According to Ferrone, the play "proposes no resolution of the dilemma of abortion other than that won by prayer. What good will it do to have abortion clinics shuttered, to outlaw the practice, if, in our hearts, there's no desire to persevere in our response to God's love, to choose life in the fullest sense?"

The Notre Dame performance of "Born/Unborn" is sponsored by the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Right to Life group and the Campus Ministry office.

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professor of finance and chief of the Finance Honesty committee, declined to comment and referred all calls to the Dean's Office.

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China warned against 'grave' military action

U.S. officials view attack as unwise, unlikely

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
China's military threats against Taiwan are mostly political posturing to dampen Taiwan's independence movement, U.S. officials said Wednesday. But they warned Beijing that any attack would have "very grave consequences."

Officials would not say if that means American military force would defend Taiwan, but they said China has been made well aware of the dangers of military action.

"There is absolutely no doubt in Beijing's mind and in Taiwan's mind that we would be very seriously involved" in the event of a military confrontation, said Winston Lord, the assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs.

Such a situation, Lord's De-

fense Department counterpart Kurt Campbell said, "would have very grave consequences."

The two testified at a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee hearing on a recent string of events, including Chinese military exercises and missile launches near Taiwan and statements by Chinese leaders, which heightened fears of armed attack across the Taiwan Strait.

Lord said China's recent beligerence was primarily "psychological warfare designed to influence the voting" in Taiwan's March 23 presidential election. The voting will be a testing ground for the strength of the island's independence movement, although anti-independence President Lee Teng-hui is favored to win re-election.

"All evidence at our disposal at this time leads to the conclusion that the People's Republic of China has no intention to initiate military action," Lord, a former U.S. ambassador to China, said.

Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo.,

NEWS ANALYSIS

True motive behind threat is uncertain

By EMILY DIXON
News Writer

The legitimacy of China's recent threats toward Taiwan in an effort to influence the island's politics hinges on Taiwan's first democratic presidential election in March.

Peter Moody, professor of government and director of the Asian Studies Program, says he would be surprised if China wages war with Taiwan, yet he feels the danger still exists. "In addition," he says, "I suppose they're also hoping to intimidate the U.S., to make us stop what tepid support we have given to Taiwan. The threats, however, may have

the opposite effect, driving us toward more open acknowledgment of Taiwan's de facto independence."

Beijing has regarded Taiwan as a renegade province since the end of the 1949 civil war. It maintains a general threat to attack Taiwan if the island attempts to become independent from China. Tensions between Taiwan and the mainland have been problematic since Lee's unofficial visit to the U.S. last June.

Beijing viewed the trip as a move to promote Taiwan's independence and subsequently "began publishing impolite personal attacks" on Lee and conducted missile tests

over Taiwan's waters, says Moody.

Due to adverse weather conditions, the USS Nimitz, an American aircraft carrier, was forced to travel in the straits between Taiwan and China last month. The presence of this U.S. Naval vessel served as concern for China. The China Times reported that China viewed the action as a display of U.S. military power in its waters.

Moody says China's threats stem from its own chaotic political atmosphere. "The lack of flexibility on China's behalf," says Moody, could only bring about negative consequences for China.

chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs subcommittee, said China also appears to be signaling Congress "that we should rein in our support of Taiwan" and withhold future arms sales to Taipei.

Beijing's official stand always has been that it will use force, if necessary, to regain control on Taiwan, the Nationalist stronghold since communist forces drove them from the mainland

in 1949.

Tensions have eased considerably in recent years, with Taiwan investors playing a key role in China's economic development and tens of thousands of Taiwan residents allowed to visit relatives on the mainland.

But Beijing leaders have been outraged by the actions of Lee, Taiwan's first native-born president, to promote democratic reform and increase Taiwan's

international status. They interpreted his private visit to the United States last June as intended to undermine U.S.-China relations.

The South China Morning Post, an English-language daily in Hong Kong, reported Wednesday that Chinese President Jiang Zemin has been unable to countermand the generals of the People's Liberation Army.

Student art explores women's issues

By BERNADETTE PAMPUCH
News Writer

In conjunction with the celebration of Women's Week at Saint Mary's College, the Saint Mary's Arts Club is sponsoring its first Women's Week Art Exhibition.

The exhibition focuses on women by presenting and questioning issues like fear, violence and self-image and by challenging traditional women's roles.

Senior art major Jeannine Gaubert, one of several artists featured in the exhibition, says that her artwork deals in particular with the media's images of women.

"Pretty much all of my artwork deals with women and their portrayal in the media and the type of roles they put women in," she said.

Gaubert added that "they set these standards for women which are pretty much unattainable."

One notable feature of the exhibit is its use of everyday themes and household objects.

"I enjoyed Tiffany Matula's work on household oppression, specifically her quilt made out of Brillo pads and steel wool," said Saint Mary's senior Kristen Johannes, a philosophy major with an interest in women's studies who is one of many students who have seen the exhibit since its opening on Monday.

Another of Matula's pieces

utilized human hair and a hairdryer to explore the ritual of waxing common to many women.

Coordinated by Arts Club members Lisa Lentz and Tiffany Matula, with support from the Student Academic Council, one of the main goals of the Women's Week art exhibition was to provoke the audience into questioning their own images of women.

The exhibit runs in the LeMans Hall Lobby at Saint Mary's through Feb. 9.



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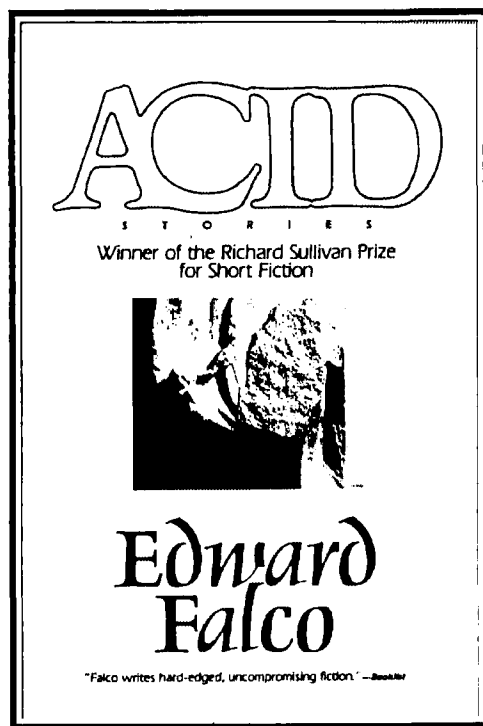
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face if the redistricting is not done.

Each of the three proposals calls for four voting districts. The first proposal was endorsed by Student Government and submitted to the Senate. It calls for the South Quad to be divided into two different districts. Under the endorsed proposal, Fisher, Pangborn, Alumni, and Dillon Halls will be included in the same voting area. These residence halls, along with four new West Quad residence halls, will make up District One.

District Two will consist of all remaining South Quad dorms, as well as Carroll, Sorin and Walsh Halls. This would be the smallest voting district, with 1,306 students.

Lewis Hall and all the North Quad halls except Breen-Phillips and Farley would compose District Three; Farley, Breen-Phillips and the Mod Quad dorms would constitute District Four.

The proposal takes into account the various discrepancies which will exist in district equality during next year's transition period in which only two of the new halls, Keough and O'Neill, will be open, and Flanner hall will also remain full. According to Vice President McCarthy, "We are trying to deal with the problem of what to do with Flanner and Grace as best we can right now."

If Hall Presidents Council approves the plan, all of Grace Hall's votes will be included into the District One total, and Flanner Hall will be included in District Four for the 1996 student elections only. McCarthy and Patrick admitted that there will be gender inequalities in this year's election, with District One consisting of a disproportionate number of male dorms, and District Four experiencing the same problem for women's dorms; however, they stressed that the plan is aimed at the long term, and the inequalities will only be temporary. With the conversion and closing of two sets of dorms, and the completion of a West Quad by 1997, the plan effectively strikes a balance that creates districts which will be proportionally equal with regards to geography and gen-

der.

McCarthy referred to the first proposal as the "most fair numerically." Acknowledging the difficulty of dealing with redistricting on a campus which is changing so drastically, Student Activities Director Joe Cassidy called redistricting a "very tough issue to keep up with."

The second and third redistricting proposals, which were not endorsed by the Student Government, were also thoroughly researched. The second proposal calls for a split of the South Quad that differs geographically from that in the first proposal. The number and gender splits were the same as the first proposal, but the potential for confusion among students was increased. The third proposal, according to the report, was created "simply to give the alternative of maintaining a separate and distinct Mod-Quad rather than including it in part of the North Quad."

This proposal was not endorsed by Student Government due to the gender and number inequalities that would remain in the South Quad.

Another topic discussed at the meeting was the need for a new representative from Hall Presidents Council on the Senate. The Senate discussed possibly leaving the spot vacant, but no final decision was made.

Senator Alfonso Kennard suggested that he look into the possibility of preparing a proposal to paint the water tower on the northeast side of campus.

He stated that the idea of investigating this stemmed from hearing the inquiries of many of his constituents on this matter. McCarthy alerted Kennard to the difficulties of making this happen, but encouraged Kennard to look into the possibility of submitting a proposal.

At the next Senate meeting, nominations for awards given by the Senate will be accepted. These awards include the O'Malley Undergraduate Teaching Award, which is sponsored by the Student Senate and the Alumni Association, and the Irish Clover Award, given to both an undergraduate student leader and a faculty member who performs exemplary duties to serve student organizations.

School bus kills 14-year-old

Driver escapes with year-long probation, no fine

By DAVID LIEB
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. The air was cool and the ground wet, so 14-year-old Ryan Sayles wore a jacket May 17 as he stepped off a school bus in front of his Kansas City home.

Halfway across Missouri, the Statehouse was quiet, the legislative session over.

But a little-noticed law passed just a few days earlier would soon come into play in the tragic sequence of events that followed.

As Ryan got off the bus, the drawstring of his jacket got caught in the door. The bus driver, Saladin Anderson, pulled away.

The ninth-grader's best buddy, Conrad Wright, said Ryan "ran alongside it knocking on the door trying to get the bus to stop. Then I saw him fly up in the air and hit the ground."

Conrad, 12, said Ryan fell to his death under the big wheels after keeping up with the bus for half a block.

What the Legislature did before it adjourned would ensure that the bus driver would escape serious penalties for careless and imprudent driving.

"We screwed up," said Rep. Gary Witt. "Occasionally, we make a mistake."

Witt has since helped the state House pass an amendment to restore the higher penalties.

The Senate has not acted, but Gov. Mel Carnahan considers the change a high priority, his spokesman said Wednesday.

The intent of last year's law was to lower the criminal status of speeding to avoid costly, time-consuming jury trials.

But the legislation failed to specify the targeted subsection of the law, and as a result also reduced careless and imprudent driving from a misdemeanor to an infraction.

Under the old law, the offense carried up to a year in jail and a fine of \$1,000. An infraction has a fine of up to \$200 and no jail time.

Circuit Judge Jay Daugherty found Anderson guilty of careless and imprudent driving and placed him without explanation on probation for a year.

'The loss of life here resulted in nothing more than an aggravated parking ticket...and I don't think that is appropriate.'

Lawyer Claire McCaskill

after which his driving record could be wiped clean. He was not fined.

Jackson County Prosecutor Claire McCaskill said she would have sought a tougher sentence and a jury trial under the old law.

"The loss of life here resulted in nothing more than an aggravated parking ticket," she said, "and I don't think that is appropriate."

Sen. Harold Caskey, whose legislation contained the weakened penalty, questioned why prosecutors didn't file tougher charges.

But the prosecutor said no other charge fit. "We had sufficient evidence to prove operating in a reckless manner, but not enough evidence to charge something more," she said.

McCaskill said the driver should have waited to see that the boy was clear of the bus before driving off. Youngsters on the bus said Ryan was waving to get the driver's attention, but Anderson's lawyer said the driver didn't see the boy.

McCaskill refused to speculate on why the driver did not stop.

Ryan's grandfather, George Sayles, said he is angry and disappointed with Missouri government.

"Death was involved," he said, "and that bus driver should have to pay some sort of personal penalty for what he's done. He should have to repent."

Sayles added: "I am not a vengeful person. I just want what's right."

Anderson, 33, who is no longer a bus driver, has suffered enough, said his lawyer, Chuck McKeon.

"This is something he lives with every day. It is a tragic accident, and it is a horrible, horrible thing that happened to him," McKeon said.

Anderson is being sued for wrongful death by the Sayles family.

Also named in the lawsuit are the Kansas City School District and the bus company, Vancom Inc., which the Sayles contend did not properly train Anderson or review his driving record.

Anderson has been cited since 1992 for speeding in Missouri and Illinois, and was ticketed in Missouri for improper lane usage.

McCaskill, a former state representative, said there is a lesson for legislators in Ryan's death.

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■ DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Authorities investigate cause of massive crash

By KERNAN TURNER
Associated Press

PUERTO PLATA

Working among sharks and floating debris, rescuers in inflatable rafts pulled more than 100 bodies from the deep waters of the Atlantic on Wednesday after a chartered jet loaded with German tourists crashed with 189 people aboard.

There were no signs of survivors, and the cause of the crash was unknown.

The Boeing 757 was carrying the tourists home from the Caribbean on Tuesday night when it crashed about 12 miles northeast of this oceanside resort.

There were differing accounts over who operated the flight.

The German tour operator said the Dominican airline, Alas Transporte de Internacional, was responsible, having leased the aircraft from a Turkish company, Birgenair. But Gen. Hector Roman, director of the country's civil aviation agency, said Alas was not responsible because it did not own the plane.

An air and sea search by the U.S. Coast Guard and Dominican military on Wednesday turned up only debris from the aircraft.

"You can see at least 50 bodies floating. It doesn't look like anybody would have survived that," said Coast Guard helicopter pilot Scott Matthews.

At least 105 bodies were recovered, the Coast Guard said. The search was suspended at nightfall with a heavy rain and was to resume Thursday.

Boeing spokesman Dick Kenny said the plane — the second Boeing 757 ever to crash — was built in 1985. An American Airlines Boeing 757 crashed Dec. 20 as it approached Cali, Colombia, killing 160 people.

Flight 301, operated by Alas, took off from the Puerto Plata International Airport about 11:45 p.m. (10:45 p.m. EST) Tuesday in a light rain. It reached an altitude of 7,000 feet and appeared on radar screens to veer right, as if turning back, before going down, Dominican officials said.

The civil aviation director said the pilot radioed that he

was returning to Puerto Plata, and the last message from the crew was "Stand by."

Roman's account, however, was disputed by an air traffic controller on duty in the tower Wednesday and by Maj. Alan Arias Batlle, a member of a committee assigned by the country's Civil Aeronautics Office to investigate the crash.

"He just called in to air traffic controllers his position and then the aircraft disappeared from the screen," said the controller, who refused to give his name.

"All the communication was normal," Arias Batlle said. "In no moment did they speak of an emergency."

Bound for Frankfurt and Berlin, the Birgenair plane was chosen at the last minute to replace a Boeing 767 owned by Alas which developed mechanical trouble, Dominican officials said.

Birgenair's owner, Gulperi Peri, told The Associated Press that Alas had asked Birgenair to lease the plane because another plane, a 767, had technical trouble. The plane was leased Tuesday night to Alas, Peri said.

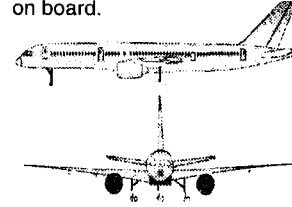
She also said there was a report that lightning may have struck the jetliner, but investigators said no cause had been determined.

An Alas employee, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the 767 had problems with its landing gear. Mechanics were working on the aircraft at the Puerto Plata airport Wednesday.

Rosamarie Meichsner, a spokeswoman for Schoenefeld airport in Berlin, gave a conflicting account. She said the planes had been switched because the flight was underbooked for a 767, which holds about 300 people. The 757

Jetliner crash

The Alas Airline charter was carrying German tourists back to Berlin and Frankfurt when it crashed shortly after takeoff. There were 189 people on board.



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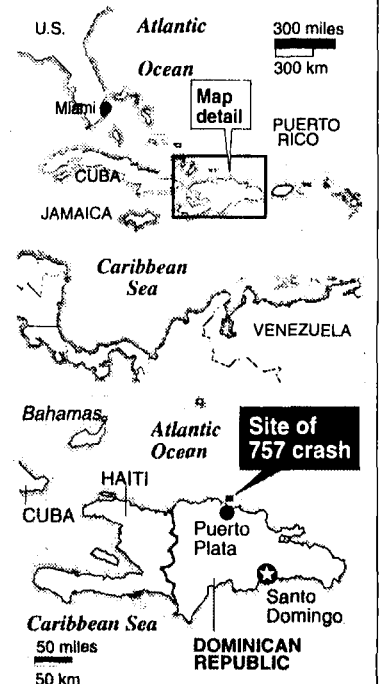
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Alas de Transporte Internacional was shut down temporarily in 1993 after failing to meet international safety standards.

The plane carried 176 passengers, including four children, and 13 crew members. Most of the passengers were German tourists, while 11 crew members were Turkish and two were Dominican.

Aircraft from the U.S. Coast Guard and Navy and the Dominican military flew low over the crash site Wednesday, directing rescue workers in inflatable boats to bodies. Volunteer boaters from Puerto Plata and nearby towns joined the search for survivors as rain squalls in the morning gave way to calm seas.

The bodies were taken to a makeshift morgue at Puerto Plata, protected by heavily

armed Dominican guards.

Coast Guard officials initially said sharks in the crash area prevented divers from entering the water. Later, Coast Guard Cmdr. Tom Nies, part of the search team, said sharks were not hampering the search.

Still, the water's depth — about 4,300 feet — makes "normal scuba diving ... impossible," said Coast Guard Petty Officer Timothy Lavier in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The U.S. Navy has offered a dive team to try to retrieve the aircraft's flight data and cockpit voice recorders, he said.

Dominican Air Force Col. Manuel Mendez Segura said Dominican investigators speculated that the plane struck the water nose down.

"It's a relatively new aircraft and I believe it did not have prior mechanical problems," Mendez Segura said.

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■ GUATEMALA

President purges army, police force

By CHRISTENA COLCLOUGH
Associated Press Writer

GUATEMALA CITY

In his first week in office, Guatemala's new president fired several top military commanders and purged more than 100 police officers — kindling hope that Alvaro Arzu would begin to rein in the notorious state security forces.

Analysts stopped short of saying President Arzu is trying to rein in the Guatemalan army, which has dominated civilian governments in this Central American nation since military rule ended in 1986.

But he is taking unprecedented steps to distance himself from Guatemala's security forces.

The international community and human rights groups applauded Alvaro Arzu's apparent cleansing of the nation's security forces, which have appalling human rights records and have been linked to drug-trafficking, car-theft and kidnapping rings.

Both Arzu and Defense Minister Gen. Julio Balconi said the changes were routine. On Jan. 19, 118 police officers suspected of criminal involvement and corruption were fired. Four top army generals were retired early, and three were temporarily suspended.

But the changes were subject to interpretation.

Analysts said one wing of the army is trying to improve its image after being blasted for covering up the deaths of U.S. innkeeper Michael DeVine and rebel commander Efraim Bamaca. Bamaca's American wife, Jennifer Harbury, staged hunger strikes in Guatemala and Washington to call attention to the army's regular use of torture.

"It is not Arzu single-handedly removing the military high command but it is also a product of factions struggling within the army," said human rights lawyer Frank LaRue.

He said the faction leading the army is the so-called "institutional" group, willing to negotiate peace with Guatemalan rebels.

■ HAITI

Leader takes power despite waning support

By MICHELLE FAUL
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE

Rene Preval, an agronomist who turned his back on elite society to fight for democracy, took power Wednesday in the first peaceful and democratic changing of the guard in Haiti.

The event, however, was overshadowed by challenges he inherits: a population frustrated by continuing poverty; a near-empty treasury and stagnant economy; and the prospect of imposing unpopular economic austerity to get foreign aid.

And Haitians didn't exactly give him a hearty welcome.

Fewer than 200 people gathered outside the white Parliament building for the inauguration, and they gave Preval, 53, a quieter greeting than they gave outgoing President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, 42, Haiti's most popular politician.

An agronomist and busi-

nessman, Preval was involved in grass-roots organizations against the dictatorship of Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier in the 1970s and 1980s. He met Aristide, a Roman Catholic priest, at a homeless children's center Aristide operated in Port-au-Prince, and the two became close friends.

Despite his association with Aristide, Preval assumed office with a less than overwhelming mandate.

Most Haitians boycotted the December election Preval won with 87.9 percent of votes. Only 27.9 percent of the electorate voted, apparently because most wanted Aristide to stay on even though the constitution barred him from serving two consecutive terms.

"Aristide, we're waiting for you in the year 2001," people outside Parliament shouted, referring to the date when the next president takes office.

Preval took the oath of office, swearing to uphold the constitution and the rights of Haiti's 7 million people.

Aristide symbolically handed over power by placing the red-and-blue presidential sash over Preval's shoulder.

The two men embraced, and held hands during the national anthem.

It was the first peaceful transition of power from one popularly elected president to another since Haiti declared independence in 1804.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali sent Preval a letter of congratulations, urging him to "continue the progress on the path toward democracy." He also sent Aristide a letter commending him on the "great democratic gesture" he made by handing over power.

In one of his final acts as president, Aristide late Tuesday renewed diplomatic relations

with communist Cuba, which had been suspended in 1959. The move was considered a slap to the United States and to President Clinton, who sent 20,000 American troops to Haiti in September 1994 to oust a bloody military regime and restore Aristide to power.

Aristide was elected in 1990 but overthrown by Haiti's military in September 1991. In the three years that followed, the army and its auxiliaries killed 4,000 people.

Aristide disbanded Haiti's military after the U.S. intervention, but he kept one remnant: a brass band that played the national anthem Wednesday in spotless white dress uniform.

When Aristide left the Parliament, the band played the presidential song for Preval for the first time. Outside, bystanders sang a farewell to Aristide, to the tune of Auld Lang Syne.

'Anti-smut' law elicits angry response

Annoyed users protest threat of 'Net censorship'

By JEANNINE AVERSA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Opponents of legislation restricting smut on computer networks are staging a protest today in cyberspace.

About 150 people and groups have pledged to turn their home page on the global computer network, Internet, "black," said Shabbir Safdar, head of the Voters Telecommunications Watch, a coordinator of the protest.

What that means is protesters will change the background color of their home page — the electronic equivalent of a calling card with lots more information — to black.

Voters Telecommunications Watch is an on-line group that organizes grassroots action against what it views as threats to free speech and privacy. The disputed anti-smut provision is contained in a massive telecommunications bill President Clinton is expected to sign into

law on Thursday.

The provision would outlaw transmission of indecent and other sexually explicit materials to minors.

"People around the Net are very concerned this will chill speech," said Jerry Berman, head of the Center for Democracy and Technology Policy, a civil liberties group for computer users.

"This protest is a demonstration that many people are publishers on the Net... There is a lot of sentiment and unhappiness on the Net to do something," Berman said.

The protest is expected to last for 48 hours, he said.

The American Civil Liberties Union intends to challenge the anti-smut provision in federal

court, saying it is overly broad and would outlaw electronic transmissions of legal speech, including literature such as "Catcher in the Rye," rap lyrics and profane conversations.

"Nothing less than the future of free expression in the United States is at stake here," said Ira Glasser, ACLU's executive director.

Nineteen other groups say they'll be part of ACLU's suit to be filed in a Philadelphia federal court Thursday, Glasser said.

Those other groups include: the National Writers Union, the Journalism Education Association, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and Human Rights Watch.

Other lawsuits are expected

from computer users and groups that include the Center for Democracy and Technology Policy and People for the American Way.

Supporters of the anti-smut proposal, led by the Christian Coalition, say it regulates speech legally to shield children. Courts have upheld the constitutionality of such restrictions for TV and radio broadcasts.

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Candidates focus on Iowa

Gramm looks to rebound from Louisiana loss

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Iowa Republican candidates stepped up their Iowa campaigning Wednesday as the battle for critical GOP caucuses entered its final stage.

Steve Forbes used a shiny racing car as a prop to declare "growing momentum," while a dispirited Sen. Phil Gramm said he'll drop out if dealt another setback.

"I think it is clear that if I don't get first, second, or third (in Iowa) that is going to knock me out of the race," the Texan told supporters in Des Moines, a day after a humiliating loss to conservative commentator Pat Buchanan in a Louisiana face-off.

At a campaign stop at Cedar Rapids later in the day, Buchanan was still relishing Tuesday's victory over Gramm. "We beat him in his own back yard," crowed Buchanan.

In the meantime, front-runner Bob Dole courted Iowans from afar, staying in Washington to help bring to harvest long-awaited farm legislation. He told a Des Moines radio station that "by day's end, we will have passed the most significant farm bill since" the 1930s. He said he would be back in Iowa campaigning on Thursday night.

Iowa's GOP caucus on Monday will be the first national

test of all the candidates' relative strength. And with the day fast approaching, campaign activity picked up.

Forbes, who like Dole and most other GOP candidates boycotted Tuesday's Louisiana contest out of deference to Iowa, conceded the possibility that the Louisiana results had given Buchanan a boost here.

"He's a formidable candidate," the multimillionaire publisher said, then turned some of the harsh rhetoric he has used on other rivals on Buchanan. "He has a Fortress America mentality," Forbes told reporters. "He is pessimistic about our ability to compete in the world. I have faith in America."

Forbes traveled to the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame to campaign among local residents of Knoxville, a community about 40 miles southeast of Des Moines and the site of the annual national sprint car races.

Standing in front of a shiny red sprinter in the museum, Forbes said the racer was "a symbol of our gaining momentum."

Asked by one of the 40 or so people in the audience how he, with no political background or experience, could overcome gridlock in Washington if elected, Forbes said: "When I get to the White House, we will work with the Congress. We won't be playing the games we're playing today." He said he hoped to win "an unmistakable mandate."

Gramm, meanwhile, attended a rally at the state capitol in Des Moines originally planned to celebrate a Louisiana victory. But, instead, he found himself trying to explain away his loss to Buchanan and his missing of a crucial vote on the farm bill.

With Iowa's caucuses less than a week away, rivals said he made a possibly fatal blunder in campaigning in Louisiana

instead of returning to Washington Tuesday for an important farm-bill roll call that failed by a single vote.

Gramm worked hard to lay the blame on Dole, the Senate majority leader.

"Bob Dole, when he set the vote yesterday, knew with absolute certainty that I wouldn't be there," Gramm said at a news conference. "It was a classic case of Bob Dole playing politics."

Gramm risked criticism anew by declining for a second time Wednesday to return to Washington for a final vote on the farm bill. He said his presence wasn't needed because a "deal has already been cut. They don't need my vote. I'm here running for president."

Dole, in a jab at Gramm, said, "Everybody has to make their decision whether to campaign or be in the Senate."

While farm legislation draws little attention in many places, it's viewed as essential in Midwestern states like Iowa.

At the White House, presidential spokesman Mike McCurry offered some sympathy to Gramm, without mentioning him by name. "I know what it feels like to be in that position," he said. "Dead." McCurry was an aide to unsuccessful Democratic candidate Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska in 1992.

Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar, who like Dole made a point of staying in Washington to vote on the farm bill, commented in a statement that "This bill is truly landmark change for American farming."

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, expected to be back in the state on Thursday campaigning, issued a statement taking on both Dole and Forbes.

"Sen. Dole and Mr. Forbes offer only the insider world of Washington and Wall Street," he wrote.

Momentum surge carries Buchanan as caucus nears

By GREG SMITH
Associated Press

CEDAR RAPIDS

Flush from victory in the Louisiana caucuses, Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan urged disgruntled Democrats, independents and abortion foes to join his cause in Iowa.

"It is time to unite behind the conservative who can win this Republican nomination," Buchanan said. "I'm urging the right-to-life voters in Iowa, of whom there are many, and social conservatives to unite behind the strongest pro-life candidate in this race who can win."

Buchanan was greeted by about two dozen well-wishers as he made his way to a news conference, many of them shouting, "Go, Pat, Go!" and breaking out into applause as he stopped to shake hands and chat.

He clearly relished Tuesday's victory in Louisiana over fellow GOP contender Phil Gramm in which he captured 13 of 21 delegates, saying it represented a "landslide victory" in the Texas senator's back yard.

Coupled with a victory in an Alaska straw poll, Buchanan declared, "I'm the only fellow in the field with a 2-0 record."

"There's no question that the tremendous, the shocking nature of the upset of Senator Gramm and the staggering nature of our victory is going to have a dramatic impact on Iowa conservatives who are divided and Iowa right-to-lifers who are divided," Buchanan said.

"I'm the populist candidate who can beat Bill Clinton. We ask you to rally behind this conservative cause."

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and other GOP candidates bypassed the Louisiana race. Buchanan denied his victory was the result of help from Dole aimed at derailing Gramm.

"My guess is we have the good wishes of Senator Dole, but beyond that I don't know of any assistance," Buchanan said. "I don't know of any organized support we had down there. I don't believe there was any. We did this one ourselves. We worked for it day in and day out. We deserve the credit."

Looking ahead to Monday's Iowa caucuses, where he admitted he had ground to make up, Buchanan urged supporters of other candidates, including anti-abortion candidate Alan Keyes, to get behind him.

"I think there's a real potential for, if you will, a sort of a landslide effect in the tremendous number of undecided voters coming down in the last five days behind the conservative who can carry that message and who can win," Buchanan said.

He warned against underestimating Gramm's prospects in Iowa, calling him "the most tenacious, tireless campaigner I've ever seen."

Buchanan said Dole remains the "man to beat" but added that "we've got a fighting chance to do very, very well out here."

"I don't think the Republican Party wants to nominate Bob Dole," Buchanan said. "That's an arranged marriage. I think they want to nominate and choose someone else who's got a vision and who can lead the party into battle against Bill Clinton."

Buchanan said he would begin running ads leading up to the caucuses and that he anticipates harsh attack ads from publisher Steve Forbes in response.

Speaking of the ads Forbes has run against other GOP candidates, Buchanan said, "I've seen these ads and the treatment of Dole and Gramm and Lamar (Alexander). You know, those fellow must feel like the Iraqi army with all those air strikes."

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Getting lost in the shuffle of the 90's

I see generation X is getting a lot of attention again. Maybe it's the election year, with all the aged mummies lumbering around and trying, in their horrific way, to attract young voters. (They should live so long.) Now I see that a man gave a speech yesterday discussing the growing apathy of young people in America. And exhibit three, most ludicrous of all, may be found at the bot-

tom of this page. at a portrait of the new breed of information-age movers. How could he get so unhip? Gary Trudeau, apparently, like so many people his age, have been bamboozled into believing all the hype about computers. The phrase "the web" is as much a shibboleth to them as "thai stick" might have been to their parents, and the prefix "cyber" a free pass to the twenty-first century. To people like this, every obese technician looking up Braves statistics is Captain Nemo at his organ, a powerful and mysterious presence whose works surpasses understanding. So far has Gary Trudeau gone that he can't even work up a passable imitation of "gen-x" speech — he has Kim Rosenthal saying, "as if," a phrase I guarantee he never heard before the movie "Clueless" and has never heard from human lips since.

I think we are all gearing up for a wave of alienation. This happens to most people in election years, but young people most of all. (I am bracketing out prisoners, gang members, cultists, paramilitary types, and christian conservatives, since they don't count as part of the larger society). In the inflated, bellicose language of a campaign against a Democratic incumbent, all the possible lines of tension are exploited: between college students and the lower middle class (i.e., the working class), between it and the upper middle-class (which is to say, the rich); between both classes and those in transition between the two — tense homeowners who constitute the most volatile element in the mix.

Add to this the morality fetishists, who vote (and worse still, organize) on the basis of such issues as abortion, anti-gay legislation, or how many people you can kill on prime time, and you have a cultural environment where young people, who have little at stake morally or materially in the outcome, can only appear as apathetic hipsters. Gary Trudeau has just gotten lost in the shuffle, but he should have known better.

Fighting Irish fans from Belfast to Beijing have waited for our 1996 recruits to be announced, and now the happy day is finally here! Through my special connections at the Athletic Director's office, I have managed to get the names of some of our more stellar recruits, and have spoken to them about just why they selected the Golden Dome over other, easier, schools to attend.

Rick Weems, OT, Little Sisters of Poverty and Pain High, Kenosha, WI: "I needed a place where I could feel at home. A school with a catholic character, where I would be mercilessly chastised for the smallest error, and jeered by old men for every shortcoming."

Jarrod Martin, DE, Benjamin Banneker High School, Queens NY: "I was impressed by the skills of Doctors Moriarity and Leary, and the fact that no pretty hostesses claimed to be "turned on by scar tissue" as at some other schools I visited."

Herschel Konigsberg, P, Chaim Ben Pesach High School, Miami Beach FL: "We don't have snow in Miami Beach, and as soon as I arrived in South Bend and saw the white coating of freezing white powder on everything, my thoughts turned to morbidity and death. But God made shoulders, and burdens too, as Maimonides says, and besides, I wanted to be on TV all the time."

Dirk Sunbeam, QB, Santa Monica H.S.: "I've got a cannon for an arm, and I knew Notre Dame was the kind of place where a quarterback like me can really flourish. Standing heroically in the shotgun, whipping passes downfield to my quick receivers, I'm going to redefine the way Notre Dame plays football."

(note: at the time of writing, none of the above recruits had formalized their commitment to Notre Dame.)

I was lurking around O'Shaughnessy Hall blankly the other day, when I came across a flyer announcing that *Seven*, the Morgan Freeman/Brad Pitt thriller, was shown at the Cushing Auditorium the other night. Holy Cow! I know Notre Dame considers itself avant-garde, but this is going too far. *Seven* is, hands-down, the most brutal movie I have seen in years. And it has a real down ending. I hope I'm not spoiling the movie for you by telling you that it ends with the murderer winning and dying a painless death of his own choosing.

Why can't they learn to punish these villains better? I think most Americans would feel a lot better about themselves if we could get some real catharsis going at the cineplex. You can't just show some evil killer going around torturing and murdering helpless victims (often women) and then expect an audience to be pleased when he is shot by the hero in the last scene. Damn it, I want to see him suffer!

They should extend these films by half an hour, and show them in the state pen, being brutalized by other inmates. Then you should get to see them cooked in a microwave. I can keep warm at night just thinking of things to do to the murderer in *Seven*. But I can't do them! I need Hollywood to do it for me, and absolve me of any complicity! Damn it! Can't they figure something this simple out?

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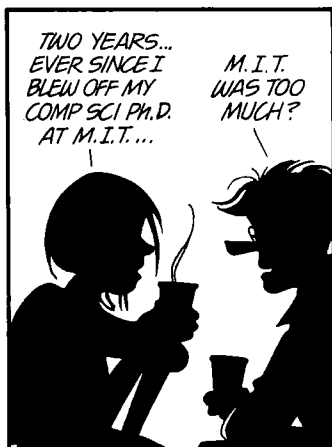
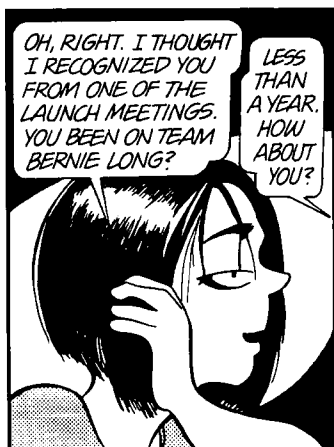
tom of this page.

Take a look. Do you see Doonesbury, sitting there in its usual spot? Now read it. Now I ask you, has Gary Trudeau lost his mind? Trudeau, usually the last word in smarty-pants baby-boomer political wit, has had his alter-ego Mike Doonesbury sign up for Steve Forbes. Steve Forbes!

This cretinous nerd, whose only campaign issue is, for all intents and purposes, the elimination of taxes on the rich, represents precisely the sort of person Doonesbury exists to criticize. And criticize him it did, last week. All the Republicans were lampooned, to varying degrees, in an tedious satire about a New Hampshire farmer and his wife entertaining primary candidates. About as funny as cancer, I grant you, but at least he was on the right side of things. Now here is Mike Doonesbury, with his bloated new income, working for Steve Forbes and scamming on a new "love interest."

You will see, in panel one, Kim Rosenthal, Trudeau's hopeless attempt

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GARRY TRUDEAU

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Democracy means government by discussion but it is only effective if you can stop people talking."

—Clement Attlee

■ GOD 'N LIFE

Stop and think before pursuing your goals

Been there. Done that. (Senior citizens' versions add the phrase, "Can't remember.") This whole mentality presents a challenge to the up-and-coming generation.

As we deliberate on just what our goals for life are in regards to career, family and locale, we must also decide how much of the gusto we want to grab. Do we feel the need to try absolutely everything just once, for the experience?

Such an attitude might be considered extreme. And extremists are not usually well-liked.

Being extreme sometimes is equated with putting oneself or others in danger. A better recommendation would be to keep moderation as part of any endeavor.

I mean, unless it's really necessary, should someone climb Mt. Kilimanjaro?

The point is, I suppose, that doing something just to say it's been done is a bit ridiculous. Jesus didn't die on the Cross because

someone dared Him to. Mother Teresa and her Sisters of Charity don't pick the dying from the streets of Calcutta and the world on a bet.

The "why" of things is important. If a friend was pinned in a wrecked car, sure we'd try to rescue him, no matter what the risk. To be willing to give of ourselves -

time and talent - to help others better their lives, be it through the Urban Plunge or at the Center for the Homeless, or just tutoring a classmate who's having difficulty with

biology: these may sound like "lame" activities, but there can be excitement and adventure involved, mental and physical.

"I'm still young," comes the protest. "I have a lot of wild oats to sow." There's nothing wrong with that! It's simply a matter of being true to the moral values instilled in us (hopefully) by school and parents, and by determining if what we plan to do will bring harm

to anyone (using drugs, or drinking too much are examples). These considerations will dictate where these "wild oats" are sown.

As a person grows older or matures, one fact remains clear: the more responsibility one has, the less likely he or she will be to do any of those "crazy" things dreamed about as a teen or young adult.

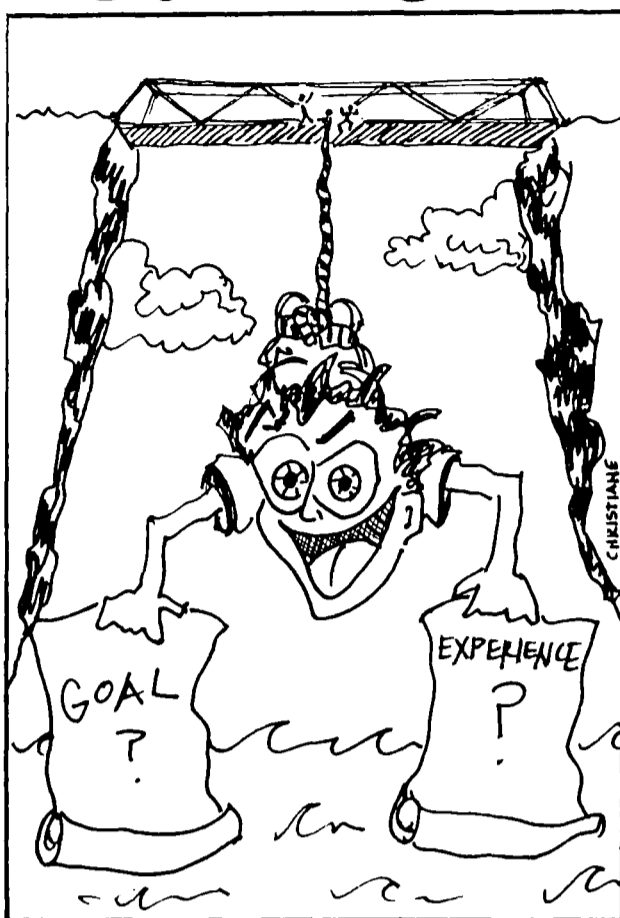
God gave us youth and energy to achieve and learn from a multitude of accomplishments. There's no harm in setting goals before setting "goals". It is perfectly reasonable to want to spend a fall break in Spain, say, before you graduate from this hallowed institution. That type of dream requires advance planning - money, passport, tickets, etc. - but it is doable. Maybe one would prefer a summer working on a cruise ship.

Later, other more permanent goals can be established, like whether to follow a religious vocation (always a possibility).

It's okay, in other words, to have "been there, done that" - just think first.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The joys and travails of philosophizing in Wilmington

Dear Editor:

Greetings from the beach! I miss you all and hope you're having a great year on campus. As many of you may know by now, I am officially on sabbatical this year, living in Wilmington, North Carolina and exploring new ways to serve the world as a philosopher. I needed some time off from my normal teaching schedule to recuperate from the consequences of a near fatal bout of food poisoning (a neuro-toxin called "ciguatera" I ingested from eating a piece of boiled grouper two years ago, a life threatening illness from which I have finally experienced complete recovery). I also needed some extra time to write, as well as the chance to explore what seemed to be a new calling in my life.

This time last year I suddenly and inexplicably began feeling that the next stage of my own adventure was awaiting me in Wilmington, NC - a city I knew very little about, but that is conveniently located at the coast, a setting that I personally love. I sensed that I was being called to pioneer some new ways of being a philosopher here at the close of the century, and that I had to be prepared to launch out into something very different from anything I have ever experienced.

I moved to Wilmington last June and have been busy ever since discovering new ways to serve a broader social role as a contemporary philosopher. As many of you know, I began giving talks off campus a few years ago, and could never have imagined where it would lead. Having been too afraid to fly to even get on an airplane from 1982-1989, I have ended up traveling on over four hundred planes in just the last twelve months, bringing philosophy into the lives of people almost everywhere you can imagine. I am learning a tremendous amount about how the ideas of the great thinkers can apply to the challenges people face now, and I am growing in my ability to bring a measure of what we have done together in the classroom over the years to individuals in every walk of life.

A short time ago, I wrote the Philosophy department to officially let them know that I think I'm supposed to stay put in my home state at this point and continue the new journey I've begun. This means giving up my status as a full professor in one of the greatest departments in the world, giving up the rare, guaranteed lifetime employment of academic tenure, a fully paid Notre Dame education for my children, and great health, retirement, and insurance benefits. But I'm convinced that we are not here in this world primarily to chase or cling to guarantees of security and prestige, however wonderful they might be. We're here to make our individual contributions to our fellow human beings in the best way we can, wherever that may take us, and whatever that may demand of us.



Tom Morris
Professor
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When I wrote my letter of resignation, I did not think of any of those economic or professional benefits I was giving up. I thought of you. I found myself sitting at my desk with vivid memories of great classroom experiences flooding through my mind, and tears welling up in my eyes. A wave of sadness and a sense of loss washed over me.

A kaleidoscope of images tumbled through my consciousness. I remembered when members of the marching band played the Victory March before one of our exams. I recalled our corny near death experience re-enactments, the silly robot "Ari Corder" who helped me teach artificial intelligence with the worst electricity and computer jokes ever told, the day on miracles when my spoken wish was suddenly fulfilled by Dominos delivering a pizza to the library auditorium during class when it was impossible, many hours before they opened, the course theme songs played by the Rippingtons, the uncounted thousands of dollars I spent on Snickers bars over the years, the reliable hilarity of your comments on Early Course Evaluations about how we might improve the class, the times I brought my old guitar out of mothballs and hope I could get my old fingers, weakened by years of writers' cramp, to play a little touch of Stevie Ray, or Eric for you, and the flashes of intellectual insight, the emotional connections, and the drama of those occasional moments when time seemed to stand still and we all for a flash were transported far beyond the normal psychology of a college classroom into the most important issues of our lives.

But most of all, as I sat and wrote my letter to the Philosophy Department, I remembered your faces. I saw you in DeBartolo, in the Library Auditorium, on the walkways of campus, and in all the rooms we've met in over the years. And it was very hard to do what I knew I had to do.

I want you all to know that I love you guys, and that nothing I do as a philosopher will ever be more important to me than what we have done together over the years. I'm not going on to something that I value over you. It's important to me that you understand that. I'm just responding to a deeply felt calling to take what I've learned from my years with you and put it to a brand new use. I want to find new ways to serve you, when your four, or six, or eight years in the shadow of the dome are up, and you're out in the world making your mark, and I will still always look for new ways to serve Notre Dame when my fifteen years of professorship are officially up. I will never cease to feel a strong connection with you and with the special, early magical university that brought us together.

Of course, it doesn't hurt my ability to march boldly forward that I've been called to my new adventure, of all places, at the beach. Let me give you an idea of my new life down here. I'll snag a fairly typical day out of the calendar: January 23, 1996.

In the morning, I woke up, as usual, to bright sunshine, pulled on a T-shirt and drove the kids to school. Returning home, I spent a few hours working on a new book, breaking up the time with a short walk along the Intracoastal Waterway. For lunch, my wife and I went to sit on the sand and eat on the beach, watching

dozens of pelicans and sea gulls swooping by. Then we walked along the edge of the sparkling blue Atlantic, breathing the fresh salt air, admiring the frothy white-caps as the waves thundered at our feet, and talking about life. It was a little breezy, so I wore a light jacket at first, but I got too hot and had to take it off - an experience I don't think I ever had on a January 23rd in South Bend. Back at the house, I spent the afternoon on phone calls, correspondence, and then more writing, then capped it off with a half hour of Frisbee outdoors with my son and a vigorous hour in the new weight room at our nearby club.

That night, I picked my daughter up from a basketball game at her school. As soon as she got into the car, she said, "Dad, let's put the top down. Can we?". We lowered the lid on the new BMW 325i Philosophymobile and took in a dazzling night sky full of bright, twinkling stars as we drove slowly home. There are really amazingly many stars in the sky down here. I'm not sure I ever noticed before.

I miss many things about South Bend, Indiana, but as you might guess, I find a lot to enjoy about the new routine here in Wilmington - when I'm not in Orlando, Miami, Houston, San Diego, Boston, New York, Phoenix, or Maui bringing philosophy and people together.

Despite the fact that I now live a thousand miles from campus, I really do hope to see you all again, in one of these new classroom locations, maybe at a meeting with Merrill Lynch, Deloitte and Touche, Mercedes Benz, the American Hospital Association, First Data Corporation, Taco Bell, Ryder Trucks, or any other philosophically attuned company you might decide to work for. Perhaps even on a college campus, or at a huge professional convention. At a resort hotel. Or on the beach.

Visit Wilmington sometime. It's a beautiful little place of sixty thousand people that surprisingly has become Hollywood East, making more movies and TV shows than any other location in the country outside LA. You can come here to talk philosophy, to eat lunch with a few of your favorite stars, or to get your first part in a feature film.

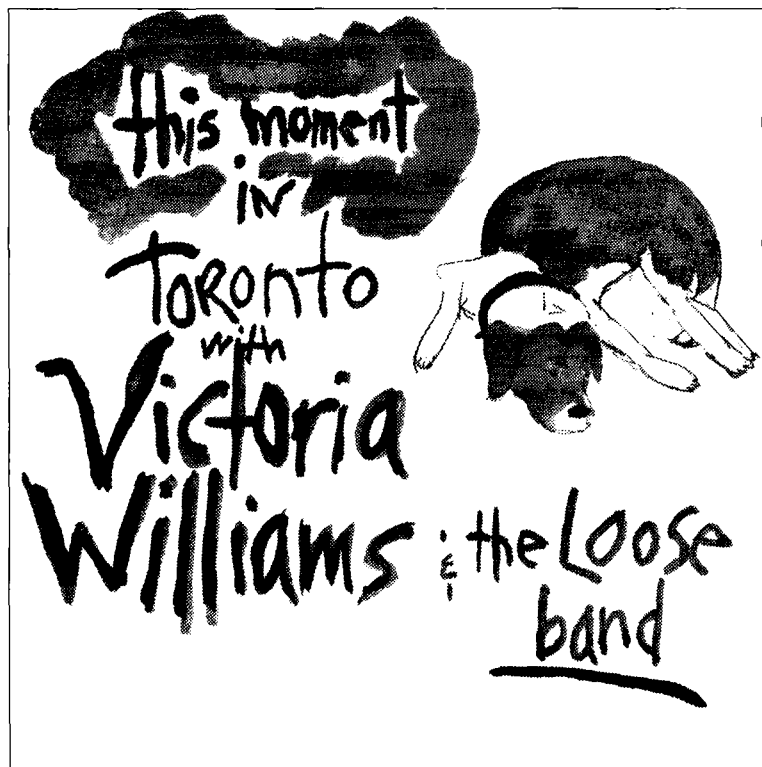
Or if you ever just spot me in an airport, make sure to call out my name and we'll take a little time to philosophize together again as we wait for our connections, or rush on our planes. Wherever you go, and whatever you do, I want to somehow always continue to be your philosopher.

It was important for me to write you to say all this. Thanks for all the great memories, and for all that I've learned from all of you. And for any faculty and staff who see this letter, the same goes for you! Thank you for making many years of my life absolutely amazing. Oh, and just one more thing..... Go Irish!!!!

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■ ALBUM REVIEW

Victoria Williams' wisdom and wonder



Victoria Williams and the Loose Band

This Moment in Toronto

Mammoth Records

★★★★★

out of five

By TIM BAYNE
Music Critic

Victoria Williams is the child Tom Waits and Flannery O'Connor never had. Set in The South with a cast of truly memorable individuals, her songs are self-contained commentaries on the human condition; always insightful, always

provocative, always compelling. Somehow Williams manages to marry a childlike sense of wonder ("once in a while you open up just like a child, and see things brand new"), with an engaging portrait of the underbelly of creation ("she lived on a curve in the road, in an old tar paper shack/ on the south side of the town, on the wrong side of the tracks"). It comes as no surprise that her name is not a household one - talents such as hers resist easy packaging. A benefit album released in 1993 (*Sweet Relief*, Chaos Records) demonstrated the respect in which Williams is held by her peers, as the likes of Soul Asylum, Pearl Jam, Lou Reed, Matthew Sweet, The Waterboys, and Michelle Shocked covered songs off her previous two albums. *Loose* (1994) found a wider audience for Williams; hopefully *This Moment in Toronto* will continue to find new fans for this unduly neglected songsmith.

Recorded in Toronto's Bathurst Street Theatre last March, *This Moment* captures Williams and her Loose band performing some of the standout tracks from her three studio albums. The Loose band are as tight as one would expect and give Williams plenty of room to dictate the pace of proceedings. Without Williams, the songs would exhibit a saccharine sentimentality worthy of the house band on the Love Boat. Williams transforms them into windows on eternity.

"Waterfall," a track taken from *Loose* is an ode to nature worthy of a Whitman or a Rousseau. "A flower took off of a limb and into the sky/ how was I to know it was a bird if I'd have rushed on by/ a waterfall half-full of sand falls on my head/ someone might be talking but I can't tell what they said." Only a scandalous transparency allows Williams to get away with such sentiments without sacrificing her gritty sense of realism. She's one of the few pop artists who can sing about love without conjuring up images of bumper sticker hearts and "Singled Out." Williams' vision is at once universal and concrete. The audience is invited to participate in narratives that are particular but never parochial. The audience is invited to enter the moral world of Williams' characters but is given no room for moralism.

Musically, *This Moment* straddles a number of genres; brass-punctuated rock is sandwiched between folksy ditties and country twang, drippy bossa grooves give way to a big Hammond sound and sitar licks, while cabaret-style tunes ("Polish Those Shoes," "TC") mix with spooky tales of loners and losers ("Graveyard," "Crazy Mary"). Williams even finds time to improvise a song to her dog Mollie, who wanders onto the stage in the course of the evening. It's all there, and it's all held together by Williams' captivating performance. Although Williams sounds like she is a seasoned veteran of the stage floor, she confesses mid-way through the set that this is her first tour.

The one shortcoming with the album is the inclusion of three covers: "Imagination," "Smoke Gets in your Eyes," and "Can't Cry Hard Enough." Each of these is more than pleasant, and especially in the case of "Imagination," suits both Williams' voice and persona. However, it seems a shame that Williams chose to look to the material of others when her own corpus is so strong.

Simone Weil once wrote that it takes true genius to represent the good without making it look fake and phony. In an age when the artistic community as a whole seems content to either simply describe the nihilism of the present age or to retreat into the narrow corridor of romantic love, it is indeed refreshing to find a singer who points to the good without consigning herself to the irrelevant margins of society. Magical stories told with gusto, verve and obvious delight, Victoria's Wide-Eyed Adventure is truly her own.

■ ALBUM REVIEW

CHISEL CARVES OUT THEIR NICHE

Chisel
8 A.M. All Day

★★★★★

out of five

Chisel should make you prouder to say that you attend Notre Dame than the 1995 Football team. It boggles the mind to see how far the boys have progressed from their Dome days. On the 1991 *Jericho Sessions* CD, an infant Chisel introduced itself with the rocker "Swamp Fox/Spike," in which Ted Leo borrowed heavily from D.C. punk roots. On subsequent releases, Chisel showed huge potential, but still seemed to rely on the Jawbox songbook when it came to songwriting. The prediction made in the *Jericho* liner notes—"They'll be accepting awards, selling out stadiums"—still seemed uncertain. Yet, the post-graduation tunes hinted at an underlying pop-tip with catchier hooks and broader vocal ranges.

Now in 1996, Chisel has finally arrived. The band has defined its own sound and it's by far the best music to come out of Notre Dame in years (sorry to disappoint X-Ray Roger Jimmy). As it turns out, Ted Leo, Chris Norborg, and John Dugan's stints at WVFL are more helpful in the real world than are their diplomas. Also, the booklet art also bears striking resemblance to early '90s Observer editorial cartoon art. However, do not think my praises of the band arise from any loyalty to this University

and its music "scene." Chisel truly is one of the best indie-pop-rock bands in this fine nation.

In the recent pop world, music has been a bit stagnant. Oasis, Blur, and other Brits seem content to replay songs from their predecessors in the '60s, '70s, and '80s. Concurrently, in the States, indie-pop bands continue to wallow in self-created "lo-fi" credibility. Guided By Voices, Folk Implosion, and their comrades believe that analog tape hiss and live recordings will cover the fact that they're replaying 60's pop songs. Also, with bands like Green Day, Bad Religion, and countless other Epitaph and Lookout! bands, the word "pop" is too often chained by hyphen to "punk." Thankfully, Chisel has arrived.

8 A.M. All Day mixes the mod-pop sound of the last three decades with the quick, clean guitar work and driving drums of the recent albums by rock heroes Fugazi and Jawbox. It's sheer ecstasy to hear those punk influences mix with Chris Norborg's back-up Bah-Bahs, Oh-Wows, and Ahhs on "What About Blighty?" and "Je M'Appelle Zero." While the repeating second guitar line on "Looking Down At The Great Wall of China" sounds like an offspring of Fugazi's "Bed for the Scraping" and mid-sixties Beatles, every single last song on *8 A.M. All Day* will have you jumping around your dorm and trying on tight pants.

"Citizen of Venus" stands out as one of the best tracks on the album. It's music you'd hear in the waiting room of the hippest indie dentist in the entire District of Columbia. The slower, pulsing guitars and soprano, along with echoed



Photo courtesy of Lanie Pilnock

backup vocals answers the question of what Sgt. Pepper's would sound like if it was released on Dischord records. Plus, Ted Leo name-checks South Bend, and recalls the "Indiana winter" we're stuck in now. The jump-up-and-down, sing-along "Hip Straits" also has to be one of the best songs released in recent history. Ted and Chris's rising vocals lift up your head, and immediately the guitar, base, and drum drop the melody back down, forcing your head to bob and nod in rapture. These are just two supreme examples of how Chisel packs so many

hooks and intricate details in each song; an utterly unbelievable talent for a three-piece.

Chisel hasn't yet lived up to the *Jericho Sessions*' prediction of stadium rockers. In fact, as of last week they're still jamming in basements on Angela for fortunate students. But, who in their right mind would want to spoil Chisel's incredible live sound by sticking them in a stadium? After all, I bet the Beatles were way more fab in dirty, stuffed Liverpool bars.

-by Brent DiCrescenzo

■ ALBUM REVIEW

PASSIONLESS PELE

When Tori Amos set out to record her third album *Boys For Pele*, she intended to express her own creative freedom. Unfortunately, she was better off when other people were helping her. *Boys For Pele* lacks the passion of her debut, *Little Earthquakes*, and the energy of her follow-up, *Under The Pink*.

In her bio, Amos proudly proclaims, "I knew that there were places where I'd never let myself go musically and lyrically in the past. This time around, I could push myself to explore beyond those boundaries." Tori, you should have stayed home on this one.

It appears that when Amos ventured outside of her comfortable confines, which she so masterfully constructed with *Little Earthquakes* and *Under The Pink*, she was lost, helpless, and in dire need of someone or something to fall back on. On *Boys For Pele*, she found this something in her previous recordings. The album is not creative; at least not when compared to the standards she set with her earlier albums. With the exception of two tracks, a resurgence of songs like "Happy Phantom" and "God" are blended into the 'new' Tori Amos.

And what of this new Tori? She has lost her passion and energy both musically and lyrically. *Boys For Pele* is, to say the least, a boring album. First of all, the eighteen tracks move at a snail's pace. Second, out of



Tori Amos
Boys For Pele
Atlantic Records

★
out of five

the eighteen, there are three short (short as in one and a half minutes) filler songs that have no right or reason to be shoved in the middle of two full length songs. It would be understandable if Tori threw them into the mix as an uplifting experience, but, if anything, they make the album more tiresome.

Finally, the lyrics are as incoherent and meaningless as Sanskrit to the average person. It seems that Amos is once again directing her voice at religious and sexual issues but does so without the simplicity and clarity she had on her previous albums, making her songs impossible to understand.

The only redeeming factors on *Boys For Pele* are her first single, "Caught A Lite Sneeze," and

"Doughnut Song," both of which squeeze out some vision of where Amos wanted to go creatively with this album. "Caught A Lite Sneeze" is an upbeat song that thankfully arrives in the middle of the album (if you make it that far) whereas "Doughnut Song," which comes near the end, is slower but brilliant musically as the instruments collide in euphoric harmony. Ah! Memories of the beauty of "Little Earthquakes."

Boys For Pele is neither the expected, nor is it one of those albums like U2's *Zooropa* which everyone trashed but then accepted because it grew on them. Sorry Tori, maybe you shouldn't have been so hasty to release this. It's definitely not up to your potential.

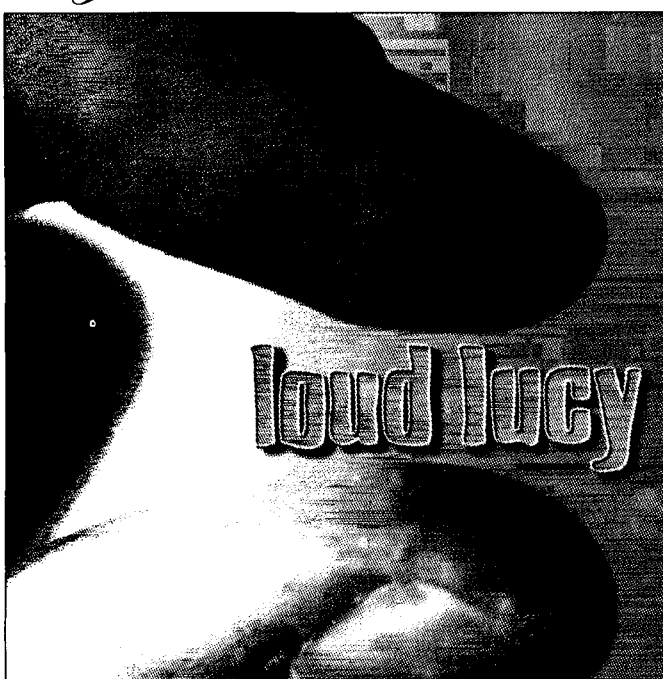
-by Christian Stein

Heavy Breathing

Here's an interesting concept: a band called Loud Lucy that isn't actually really loud, but only moderately so. Maybe they should rename themselves Mild Lucy. Definitely not Easy-Listening Lucy; these guys know how to make the music hit like a ton of bricks when it has to.

On their debut DGC release, *Breathe*, Loud Lucy teams up with infamous Chicago producer Brad Wood to add an interesting new chapter to the never-ending saga of the power-pop trio. Building upon an acoustic foundation and employing more rapid time changes than the average Nirvana clone, Loud Lucy fills up plenty of space with only three instruments. Not that the music is particularly challenging or inaccessible—hooks are anything but lacking on *Breathe* and guitar solos are not forgotten. It's the quirky drumming of Mark Doyle, however, that makes this album rise above the ordinary. Doyle, in perfect command of the tempo dynamics, creates infectious little pop ditties.

Speaking of tempo, it seems appropriate to mention that time is a central theme on *Breathe*. Time and how it affects relationships are matters which singer/guitarist Christian Lane appears to have mulled over considerably while writing *Breathe*. Although these are not worthless topics, a little variety would have helped to alleviate the motif monotony.



Loud Lucy
Breathe
DGC Records

★★★★★
out of five

Fortunately, the skit-ish arrangements of the songs do keep the ears from becoming completely bored. "Ticking," the captivating opening track, occupies the listener with playful guitar-drum interplay. "Over Me," the second track, has a similar effect, going from fast to slow and back with sensitivity and force in sync. Acoustic guitars soothe the transitions between the louder and softer sections and appear as fills on the ballads, "On the Table" and "Meet You Down," but the electric guitar is the primary vehicle of expression here as Lane proves he is as capable at soloing as he is at producing fresh hooks.

Only a few minor items detract from the complete enjoyment of *Breathe*. For starters, it's awfully short; a few more songs would help folks feel they got their money's worth. And

while bassist Tommy Furan does a competent job of anchoring the deep end, he isn't given ample opportunity to strut his stuff. Finally, this endeavor betrays the group's relative inexperience at the whole studio album game. Enlisting Brad Wood was a big plus, but hopefully the next album will show a maturity in the song writing department which will complement the ability to pen guitar riffs.

-by Dominic DeVito

WSND Top 20

1. Tori Amos - *Boys for Pele*
2. No Doubt - *Tragic Kingdom*
3. Radiohead - *Just (for College)*
4. Tripmaster Monkey - *Practice Applications*
5. Possum Dixon - *Star Maps*
6. Oasis - *(What's the Story) Morning Glory?*
7. Everclear - *Sparkle and Fade*
8. Spacehog - *Resident Alien*
9. 22 Brides - *Beaker*
10. Smashing Pumpkins - *Mellon Collie & the Infinite Sadness*
11. Red Hot Chili Peppers - *One Hot Minute*
12. Fat Nut - *Organically Grown*
13. Supple - *Puppet's Night Out*
14. Swiftly - *Bubbling Over*
15. Iodine - *Maximum Joy*
16. Alice In Chains - *Self-titled*
17. For Squirrels - *Example*
18. Dead Milkmen - *Stoney's Extra Stout (Pig)*
19. Black 47 - *Green Suede Shoes*
20. Seven Mary Three - *American Standard*

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Tracks Top 20

1. Tori Amos - *Boys for Pele*
2. Ministry - *Filth Pig*
3. Oasis - *(What's the Story) Morning Glory?*
4. Alanis Morissette - *Jagged Little Pill*
5. Bush - *Sixteen Stone*
6. Smashing Pumpkins - *Mellon Collie & The Infinite Sadness*
7. Easy E - *STR 8*
8. Seven Mary Three - *American Standard*
9. Blues Traveler - *Four*
10. Aimee Mann - *I'm With Stupid*
11. Presidents of the U.S.A. - *Self-titled*
12. Natalie Merchant - *Tigerlily*
13. Rolling Stones - *Stripped*
14. NOFX - *Heavy Petting*
15. Tracy Chapman - *New Beginnings*
16. Silverchair - *Frogstomp*
17. Victor - *Victor*
18. *Waiting to Exhale* Soundtrack
19. Frank Black - *Cult of Ray*
20. Kenny Shepherd - *Ledbetter*

The Tracks Top 20 is compiled from Tracks sales records, week ending 2/5.

NBA

Sixers shock Pacers

Associated Press

Jerry Stackhouse scored 30 points and Derrick Alston added a career-high 24 as the Philadelphia 76ers surprised the Indiana Pacers 102-101 Wednesday night.

Clarence Weatherspoon had 20 points for Philadelphia, which had lost 11 of its previous 12 games. Mark Jackson had 20 points for the Pacers, who had won nine of their last 10 and had beaten Philadelphia seven straight times.

The 76ers led 89-79 on a layup by Alston with 8 1/2 minutes left, but Indiana went on a 14-1 spurt and took a 93-90 lead on a corner jumper by Ricky Pierce with 4:38 to play.

After Jackson made a layup, the 76ers went on an 8-1 run, and two free throws by Vernon Maxwell with 30.8 seconds left gave Philadelphia a 100-96 edge.

Free throws by Stackhouse and Maxwell gave the 76ers a 4-point lead with seven seconds left, and Jackson's 3-pointer accounted for the final score.

Philadelphia led by as many as 16 in the second period, and paced by Stackhouse's 21 first-half points held a 60-52 half-time advantage.

Stackhouse was 7-for-9 in the

half, including 2-for-4 on 3-point shots.

Reggie Miller had 19 points and Rik Smits 17 for Indiana, which at 31-16 is off to its best start ever.

Pistons 97 Magic 83

Allan Houston scored 31 points and the Detroit defense turned in a record fourth quarter, holding the Orlando Magic to a club-low one basket and seven points in a 97-83 Pistons victory Wednesday night.

It was the lowest quarter ever for Orlando, breaking the mark of 10 points. It also was the worst field goal quarter in club history; the previous low was three.

The previous best for Detroit's defense was a low of eight points, last accomplished in 1992.

The Magic went without a field goal after Shaquille O'Neal's basket with 11:14 remaining. They shot 1-for-16 for the quarter. O'Neal picked up his fifth foul with 8:18 left and sat out almost four minutes.

Still, the Pistons needed a 9-0 run to tie the game 81-81 with 6:05 remaining, on a basket by Terry Mills.

Houston then scored Detroit's next eight points on a driving

layup and two 3-pointers, the last one following Grant Hill's block of Penny Hardaway's shot.

Hill finished with 19 points for Detroit, enabling the Pistons to go into the All-Star break 23-22.

Hardaway and Dennis Scott each had 16 points for Orlando, O'Neal and Horace Grant each had 15.

Bucks 93, Raptors 88

Sherman Douglas scored 21 points Wednesday night, including two key field goals with less than two minutes remaining, leading Milwaukee to a 93-88 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

It was Mike Dunleavy's 100th win as Bucks coach.

The Raptors, who entered the fourth quarter trailing 74-67, used an 8-0 run to cut the Bucks lead to 88-86 on Tracy Murray's layup with 1:30 to play.

Terry Cummings had the hot hand coming off the bench for the Bucks, scoring 11 first half points on 5-for-6 from the field. He finished with 15 points.

Oliver Miller led the Raptors with 21 points, including 12 in the first half, and a game-high 12 rebounds.

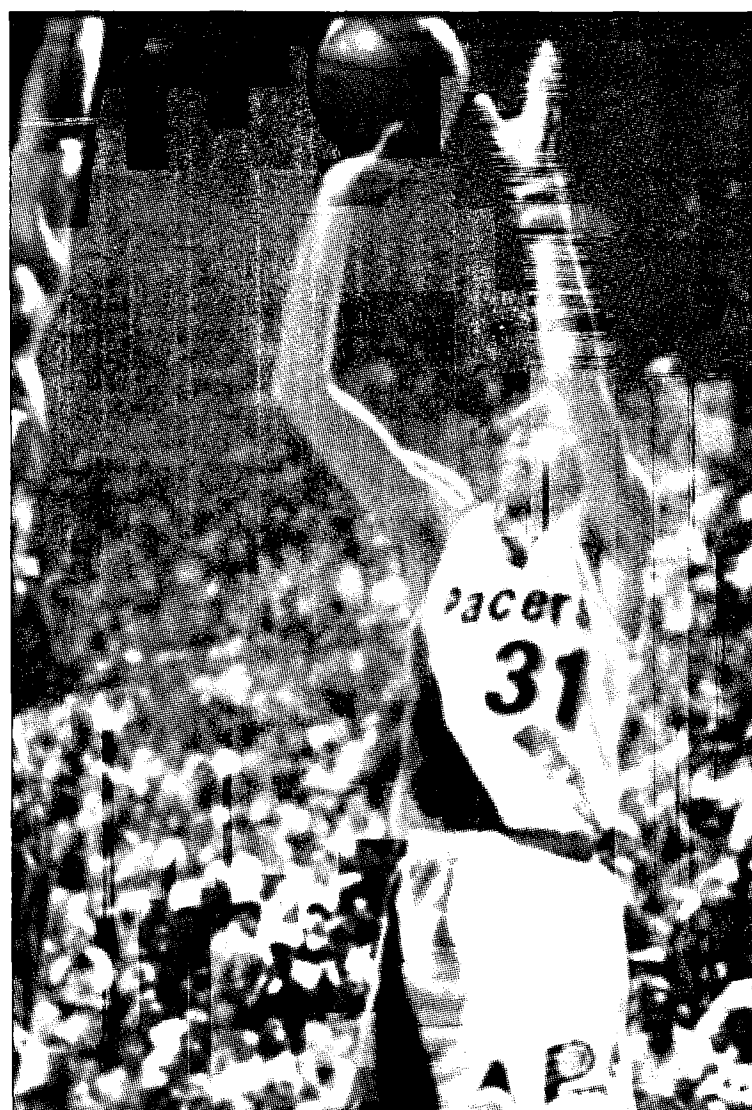


Photo courtesy of the Indiana Pacers

Guard Reggie Miller scored 19 points, but it was not enough to overcome Jerry Stackhouse and the Sixers last night. Stackhouse lit up the scoreboard for 30 points on the way to the one point win.

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clothes got too tight and
I don't know just where I'm going
tonight
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rain
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JG..It's not like you were swindled
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ing you?

Calabria.

Oh, man. Get some work done
while I go get a Diet Coke.

Dante

Rising up, back on the streets, did
my time in Bristol, took my chances.
Went the distance but I'm not on
my feet. I'm just Smalls and my will
is to sleep.

Hey Bra, I thought the raffle was
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Ken,
I really wish you had an outie. BUT,
you don't..that's a chip up the nose,
my friend.
Love, Otto
(You're the BEST, Ken)

Elliott:
I could give you a GREAT BIG
KISS.
Nora
"Petie, Petie, Petie!"

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Davis wins 200th in Iowa win

Associated Press

Jess Settles matched his career high with 29 points and No. 19 Iowa overcame the loss of Chris Kingsbury with strong inside play to beat Northwestern 88-77 Wednesday night.

The victory was coach Tom Davis' 200th at Iowa. The Hawkeyes (16-6, 5-5 Big Ten) played without 3-point ace Kingsbury, who was suspended three games for pulling Penn State guard Dan Earl to the floor and out of bounds after Earl tried to block Kingsbury's shot in a game four days ago.

Northwestern, down nine at the half, got to within six with just over four minutes left on Jevon Johnson's 3-point play but Settles answered with a pair of inside baskets to bring the lead back to 10.

Northwestern (6-13, 1-9) made one last run and cut it five when Johnson again hit a 3-pointer with 1:12 remaining. Settles then dropped in two free throws with 46 seconds to go. Andre Woolridge hit two more 13 seconds later and Settles hit a layup after a steal as Iowa recorded its 10th victory over Northwestern in the last 11 meetings.

Kenyon Murray added 17 for

the Hawkeyes.

Geno Carlisle, Northwestern's leading scorer with a 20-point average, managed just 15 as the Wildcats lost their fifth straight game. Johnson led the Wildcats with 17.

Iowa took a 39-30 halftime lead behind 12 points from Settles, 50 percent shooting and a 22-15 rebounding edge.

Carlisle scored managed only three first-half points, missing six of his seven field goal attempts.

No. 14 Purdue 74,
Wisconsin 42

Reserve guard Todd Foster scored 15 of his 18 points in the second half Wednesday as 14th-ranked Purdue pulled away to beat Wisconsin 75-42 in the Big Ten.

Foster made five 3-point baskets during a 25-2 second-half run by Purdue (18-4, 8-2 Big Ten).

Brandon Brantley added 11 points for Purdue, which took a half-game lead over Penn State in the conference standings.

Wisconsin (13-9, 5-5) was led by Sean Daugherty with 13 points and Sam Okey with 12.

Purdue led by as many as 21 points in the first half. Wisconsin closed to 36-31 early in the second half and trailed only 42-35 when Purdue began its 25-2 charge.

Purdue opened the game by sprinting to a 32-11 lead, with nine points coming from Roy Hairston. Wisconsin was held scoreless for more than six

minutes.

Daugherty broke the Badgers' drought with a layup with 4:34 remaining in the half. That triggered a 14-2 run that pulled the Badgers to 34-25. Okey scored six points during that stretch.

Chad Austin hit two free throws with three seconds left to give the Boilermakers a 36-25 halftime lead.

No. 18 Clemson 70,
Maryland 53

Stephanie Ridgeway scored 23 points and Laura Cottrell had 13 rebounds and 11 points Wednesday night to lead No. 18 Clemson to a 70-53 victory over Maryland.

Ridgeway hit nine of 14 shots, including six of her last seven.

Maryland (9-12, 3-8 Atlantic Coast Conference) was paced by Kelley Gibson with 16 points, five assists and four steals.

Stephanie Cross had 11 points and Sonia Chase added 10 for the Terrapins. Kalisa Davis pulled down 10 rebounds.

Clemson (17-3, 7-3) went on a 15-2 run as Maryland made only one of its last eight shots of the first half.

The Terrapins also turned the ball over seven times in the last eight minutes.

After the break, the Tigers increased their lead to 19. But Maryland cut it to 47-36 with 10 minutes to go as the Terrapins hit 10 of 12 shots to open the second half.



Photo courtesy of Boston College Sports Information

Boston College guard Danya Abrams scored 18 points as the Golden Eagles took advantage of a strong three-point shooting performance to defeat St. John's 89-73 last night at Madison Square Garden.

Golden Eagles rise above Red Storm

By JIM O'CONNELL
Associated Press

NEW YORK

Freshman Scoonie Penn scored 20 points and No. 22 Boston College used a quick burst of 3-pointers in the second half to take control on the way to an 89-73 victory St. John's on Wednesday night.

The Eagles (14-5, 7-4 Big East) were ahead 65-62 when Mo Brown of St. John's hit a 3-pointer with 7:23 to play. Boston College's next three field goals were all 3-pointers and came in a 78-second span from three different players — Keenan Jourdan, Andy Bedard and Duane Woodard. Woodard's made it 74-62 with 5:10 to play and the lead was

never less than 10 the rest of the way as St. John's (8-11, 2-9) dropped its third straight and sixth in seven games with the only win over then-No. 6 Georgetown.

Penn and Danya Abrams, who finished with 18 points, dominated the game for Boston College until the run of 3s gave the Eagles their second win of the season over St. John's.

Woodward finished with 17 for the Eagles, who were 8-of-18 from 3-point range with Woodward perfect in three attempts.

Abrams had 13 rebounds for Boston College.

Zendon Hamilton led St. John's with 24 points and 15 rebounds but received little help. Felipe Lopez added 13.

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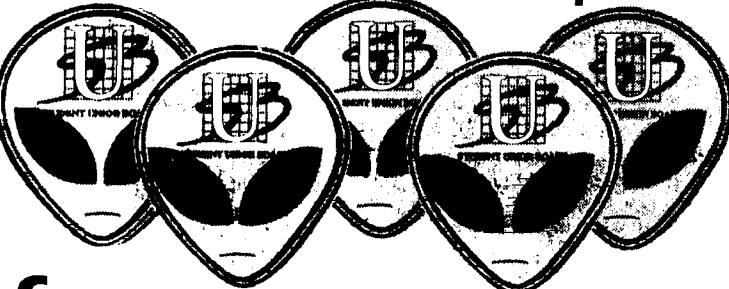
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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wallace holds off Pittsburgh

Associated Press

John Wallace scored 25 points and Otis Hill's only points of the second half helped No. 18 Syracuse hold off a second-half rally and beat Pittsburgh 73-67 Wednesday night.

Hill had 18 points as Syracuse opened first-half leads of as many as 14 points, but he did not score in the second half until his three-point play gave the Orangemen a 69-61 lead with 1:40 remaining.

Pitt (9-10, 4-7 in Big East) had closed to within four points for the first time since early in the game at 63-59 with 4:47 left, but scored only once more until Chad Varga hit two 3-pointers in the final 23 seconds.

Wallace, Hill and Todd Burgan, who had 10 points, scored all but 17 Syracuse points as the Orange (17-6, 7-5) beat Pitt for the ninth consecutive time since Jan. 8, 1992. The Orange are 20-7 against Pitt since the Panthers joined the Big East in 1982.

Wallace, who moved past former Pitt star Charles Smith into 11th place on the career Big East scoring list, had 11 rebounds as the taller, more physical Orange outrebounded Pitt 44-31.

Varga scored 20 of his 26 points in the second half as Pitt, coming off an 88-55 loss at No. 6 Villanova, went on a 10-2 run early in the half and a later 9-2 run to threaten the upset.

But while the Orangemen made only 1-of-9 3-pointers, they finished 22-of-26 from the foul line as Wallace was 9-of-10.

Jerry McCullough, Pitt's top scorer with a 14.7 average, fouled out with eight points on 2-of-13 shooting.

Syracuse, winning in Pittsburgh for the fourth consecutive season, opened leads of 10-4, 17-8 and 25-12 and later went on a 10-3 run that made it 35-21. Hill had 18 points and Wallace had 12 at halftime.

McCullough's steal and layup later finished off Pitt's 10-2 run and cut Syracuse's lead to 46-41 with 14:34 remaining, but the Panthers never got any closer until their late stretch drive.

No. 2 Kentucky 120, Vanderbilt 81

No. 2 Kentucky turned yet another quick start into its 18th straight victory Wednesday night.

The Wildcats (19-1, 9-0 Southeastern Conference) opened with a 21-4 run en route to routing Vanderbilt 120-81.

The Commodores (14-8, 4-5 SEC) led only once as Billy DiSpaltro converted Derek Anderson's turnover into a layup. But Walter McCarty answered with a dunk and a basket inside to put Kentucky ahead to stay.

McCarty scored all seven of his first-half points in the first five minutes, and Tony Delk took over with his 10 first-half points over the next three minutes. His bucket with 12:40 left put Kentucky up 21-4.

Delk finished with 22 points to lead the Wildcats. Antoine Walker had 17, McCarty 16, Ron Mercer and Mark Pope added 15 off the bench, and Jeff Sheppard 10 as every Wildcat scored.

Kentucky dominated Vanderbilt in the first half with its size and speed.

The Wildcats outrebounded the Commodores 27-6, allowing Vandy only one offensive board, and outshot Vanderbilt in converting 65 percent of its shots, including 7-of-10 from 3-point range.

For the game, Kentucky dominated the boards 47-21 and hit 63 percent from the floor and 11-of-22 3-pointers.

Kentucky, which now has started quickly in five of its past nine games, built its lead to as much as 31 twice in the first half, the last at 63-32 on Allen Edwards' three-point play 45 seconds before intermission.

The Commodores made a mini-comeback in the second half and cut Kentucky's lead to 21 twice, the final time on Frank Seckar's driving layup to pull within 70-49 with 15:16 left.

But Delk answered with three straight baskets, Pope hit a 3-pointer and Mercer dunked to put Kentucky back up 81-50.

Delk also gave the Wildcats their biggest margin at 114-75 with a jumper at the 2:55

mark.

Pax Whitehead led Vanderbilt with 20 points. Drew Maddux had 18 and Austin Bates added 14. Seckar, Vandy's leading scorer averaging 16 points a game, finished with 11.

No. 9 Virginia 72, No. 15 N. Carolina St. 60

Tora Suber scored 21 points and Monick Foote got 17 as No. 9 Virginia shook off cold shooting and claimed a 72-60 victory over No. 15 North Carolina State Wednesday night.

The Cavaliers (17-4, 8-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) shot only 38 percent but forced 21 turnovers and limited North Carolina State to 26 percent shooting in the second half.

N.C. State (15-6, 7-4 ACC) trailed only 40-34 at the half before Virginia took charge on the way to its 13th straight victory in the series. It also helped the Cavaliers open a 1 1/2-game lead in the race for top seed in the upcoming ACC women's tournament.

Muriel Davis converted a three-point play with 11:26 left before halftime, giving N.C. State a 20-14 lead.

Virginia came back with a 10-4 run to tie the score, then added a 16-8 spurt behind Foote's 10 points in the last eight minutes.

Umeki Webb hit a free throw with 17:35 left to draw the Wolfpack to 44-40. Ten straight points by Virginia ended N.C. State's comeback threat.

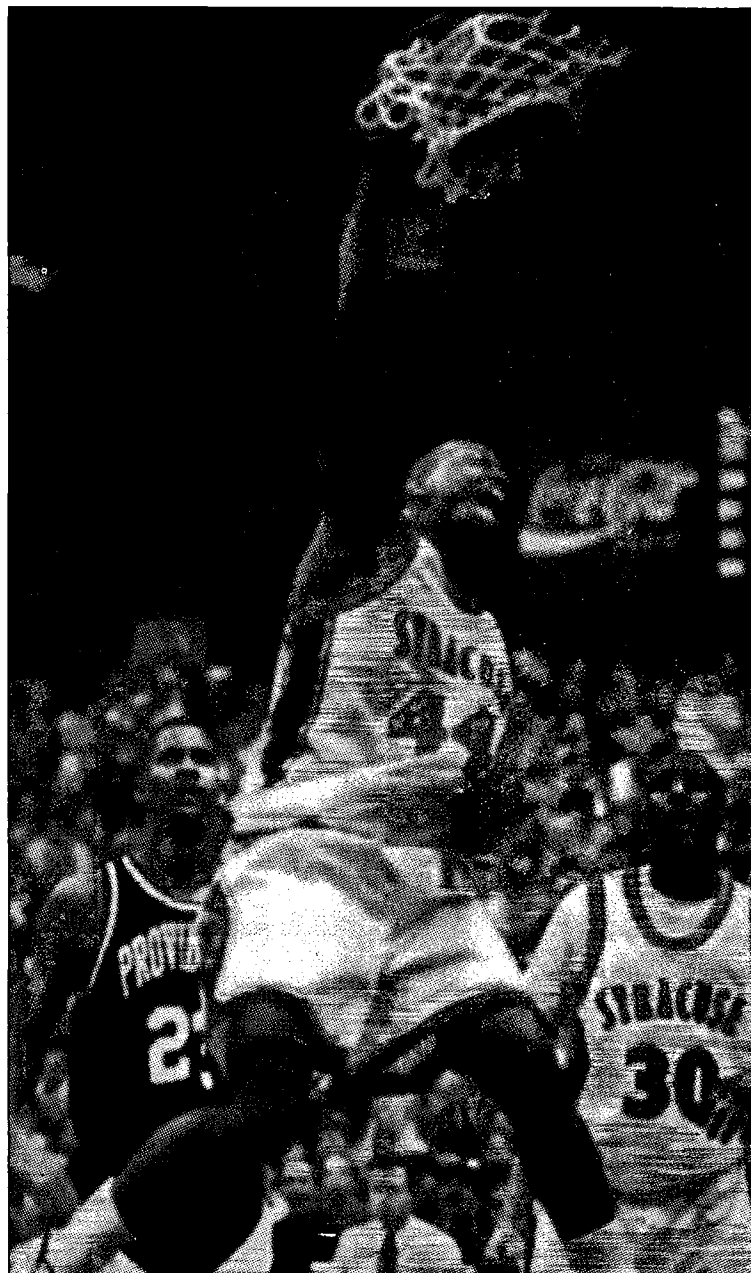
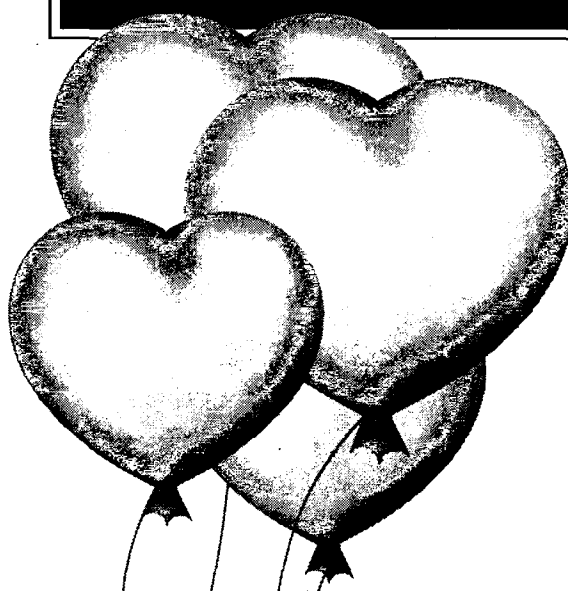


Photo courtesy of Syracuse Sports Information
Forward John Wallace poured in 25 points, and Otis Hill added 20 as Syracuse held off a furious Pittsburgh rally to win 73-67. Hill scored 18 in the first half, but it was his only basket of the second half that helped the Orangemen hold off a late Panther surge.

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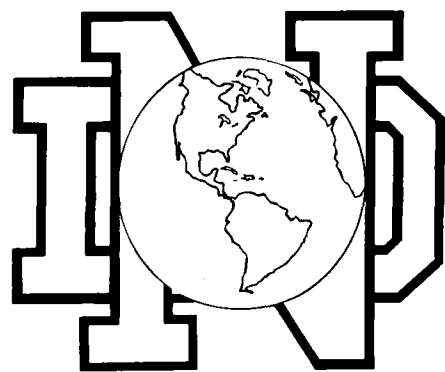
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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish bury hapless Panthers

Morgan hits for 26 in victory

By TODD FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has not been kind to visiting opponents this season. They have triumphed in all but one game at the JACC. So Pittsburgh should not be surprised by the way they were treated last night.

The women's basketball team thrashed the Panthers 90-51 in a game the Irish dominated from beginning to end.

"We came out ready to play. Our intensity was high, and our defense was the best that it has been in a few games," commented Irish head coach Muffet McGraw.

Notre Dame used this week-end's loss against Rutgers as

incentive to play with a heightened level of intensity.

"Against Rutgers, we shot poorly and didn't play a very smart game," said McGraw.

"When we lose, we like to take it out on our next opponent."

The No. 24 Irish also wanted to prove that their Associated Press ranking was well-deserved.

Coach McGraw admitted that she was surprised by the announcement, considering the recent loss.

"The ranking was definitely a confidence boost for the team."

Beth Morgan led the Irish early with a flurry of baskets that resulted in a 24-2 margin. She also contributed to the effort with several key assists and rebounds.

Morgan finished the game with an impressive 26 points and 6 assists in only 21 minutes

of action.

"That is how she played against Syracuse. She played great defense and shot well all night," said McGraw.

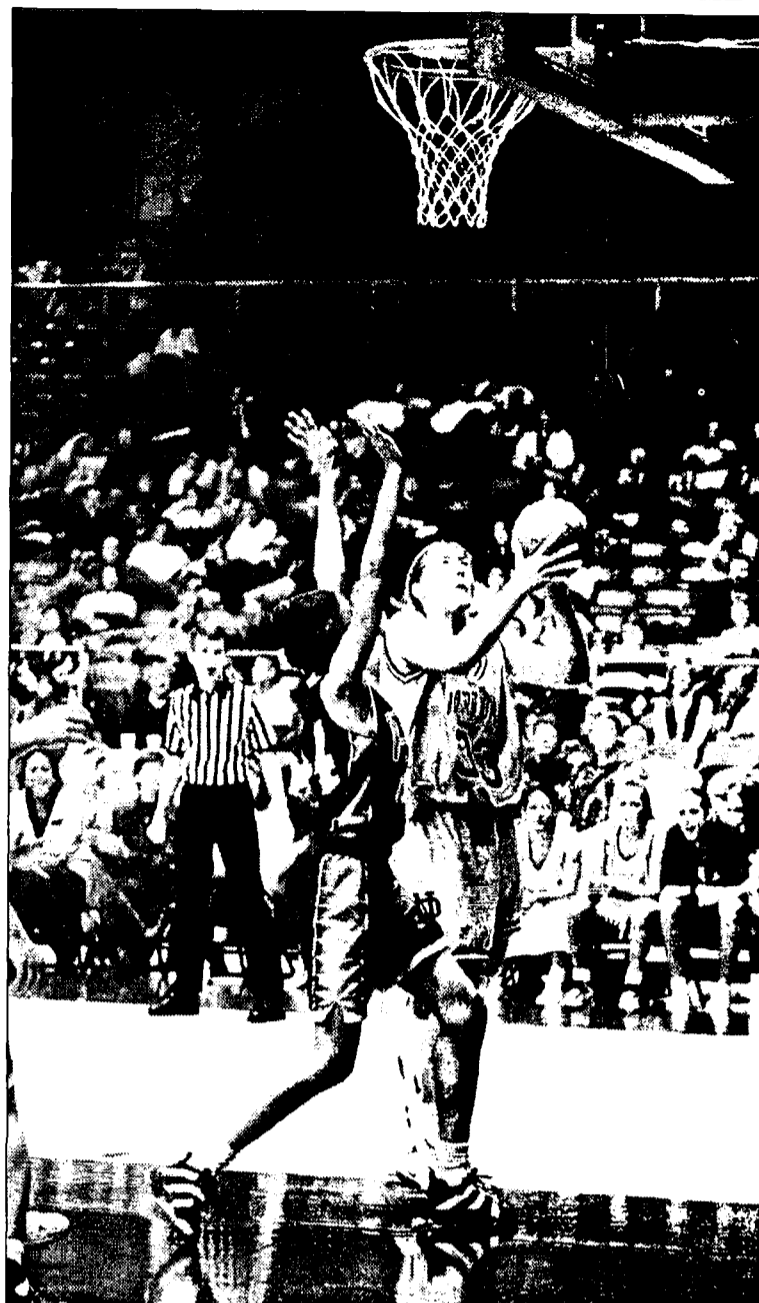
Notre Dame walked into the locker room with a 50-15 half-time lead. During most of the second half, McGraw rested her starters and brought players off the bench for some valuable playing time. She was particularly pleased with the play of freshman Diana Braendly. The talented center showed no signs of nerves in her most successful game of the season. Braendly finished the game second in Irish scoring with 14 points.

"Diana Braendly had her best game of the season, and Mollie [Peirick] played well tonight also," noted McGraw.

Notre Dame led Pittsburgh by 51 points on four separate occasions, which was the largest margin of the game. The Irish never trailed in the contest.

The Irish have six games remaining on their regular season schedule, all of which are against Big East opponents. Wednesday night's performance by the Irish bench could be crucial in the future when Notre Dame faces more formidable opponents.

Next up for No. 24 Notre Dame: Georgetown Hoyas.



The Observer/Katie Kroener
Forward Rosanne Bohman scored seven points in 11 minutes to help the Irish cruise to a 90-51 win. Notre Dame bolted to a 24-2 lead and never looked back en route to victory.

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■ NFL

Cardinals pluck Tobin from Colts

By MEL REISNER
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz.

For the second time, Vince Tobin is in territory vacated by Buddy Ryan.

The Arizona Cardinals hired the defensive coordinator of the Indianapolis Colts as their coach Wednesday. He replaces Ryan, who was fired Dec. 26 after his team skidded to 4-12 with a season-ending 37-13 loss to Dallas.

In 1986, Tobin replaced Ryan as defensive coordinator of the Chicago Bears after Ryan got his first head coaching job with Philadelphia.

Cardinals owner Bill Bidwill, who kept his plans secret until the last day, said he likes Tobin's low-key but determined style.

"He comes across as a very straightforward person," Bidwill said. "He has been described that way to me by a number of people. What you see is what you get."

Tobin, 52, said he always prepares for victory. But he demurred when asked if he was saying there was "a winner in town," the now infamous way Ryan described himself when he was hired Feb. 3, 1994.

"I've never gone into a game or a season thinking we couldn't win," Tobin said. "Now, is that a goal? I don't know, but the only purpose of coaching or playing in the National Football League is to win, is to want to get to the Super Bowl."

Bidwill flew to Honolulu for last week's Pro Bowl and made his first contact with Tobin there. Both said the deal wasn't closed until Wednesday afternoon, hours before the Cardinals called their news conference.

Tobin's five-year contract is for coaching only, and Bidwill said he has not yet settled on a general manager, the other position left vacant by Ryan's firing.

The owner said he would not try to hire a GM until after the NFL scouting combine which begins Thursday in Indianapolis.

Bill Tobin, the new coach's older brother, is the Colts' director of football operations and has been mentioned as the Arizona GM. Vince Tobin said he didn't know whether Bill was a candidate.

"This is something that Mr. Bidwill and I discussed at great length, and he has assured me when he hires a general manager it will be a guy who is very compatible with me," Tobin said.

Bidwill took six weeks to replace Ryan, but he beat his own deadline by one day. He had said he wanted to send the new coach to the combine.

Tobin said he hopes to talk to defensive tackle Eric Swann and cornerback Aeneas Williams, the team's two most valuable free agents, before returning to Indianapolis this weekend.

Arizona's offense was anemic throughout Ryan's two years, but the third-ranked defense helped the Cardinals to an 8-8 record in 1994. Last year, the defense was as mediocre as the offense.

The Cardinals have not had a winning season since 1984 or been to the playoffs in a non-strike year since 1975.

Tobin becomes the Cardinals' fifth coach since the team moved to Arizona from St. Louis in 1988, and the 32nd coach in the franchise's 75-year history.

He emerged as a top candidate for the job from a field that included Green Bay defensive coordinator Fritz Shurmur and former UCLA coach Terry Donahue.

Tobin's 1986 Bears defensive unit set an NFL record for fewest points allowed (187) in a 16-game season, and the 1988 Bears also were the league's stingiest in opponent scoring. He was out of football in 1993, then joined the Colts.

In 1994 he took over a defense that ranked last the previous season and molded it into a unit that tied for seventh in total defense and fifth in fewest points allowed in 1995.

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■ MEN'S SOCCER

Irish sign defensive standouts

By DYLAN BARMMER
Sports Writer

Five high school seniors from around the country put the pen to paper on "National Signing Day," and, just like that, the Notre Dame men's soccer team became a little more well-rounded.

"We basically met our needs, which is the most important thing in a recruiting class," offered head coach Mike Berticelli.

Those needs include shoring up a much-maligned defense which surrendered 39 goals in 19 matches last season.

It looks as if this most pressing of needs may have been met- and more.

Four of the five signees are defensive players, and one of them also doubled as a kicker/tight end for his high school football team last season.

He was also an all-state selection for two straight seasons in football.

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But in the end, Matt McNew, considered one of the top 100 football prospects in football-crazy Texas, decided to pursue his equally impressive soccer career for the Irish, who will no doubt welcome the presence of the 6'4", 210 pound McNew in their defensive backfield.

"Matt adds good size and strength and will be primarily a central defender for us," commented Berticelli on the Arlington native, who is currently a member of the Under-17 National team. "Technically, he is a very sound player with a powerful shot."

How powerful is McNew's leg? Powerful enough to nail a 48-yard field goal this past season on the football field during the waning seconds of a state

playoff game.

McNew was no slouch this past season on the offensive end either, leading his team in scoring with 22 goals and eight assists.

In addition to McNew, the Irish defensive backfield corps will be augmented by the addition of Alan Woods and Matt DeDominics, who both help fill a much needed addition of marking backs to the Irish squad.

With the loss of sophomore marking back David Cutler due to a study-abroad program next season, Woods and DeDominics may find themselves spending a good deal of time on the field next season.

"We gained a lot of experience in the backfield last season," said Berticelli of a defense which was almost entirely green last season. "With the addition of that experience and this recruiting class, we're hoping to stop some of the leaks back there."

Woods, who hails from Burtonsville, Maryland, led Paint Branch High School to the regional state semi-finals last season, notching seven goals and 11 assists in the process. A three year starter at Paint Branch, Woods is currently a member of the Maryland state and regional Olympic Developmental team.

"Alan fills an immediate need at marking back," said Berticelli of Woods. "He is a very strong and athletic player with good speed and tremendous leaping ability who will challenge for a starting position next season."

DeDominics started his entire high school career at Simsbury High in Simsbury, Connecticut, leading the team to a state championship this past season. DeDominics is another multi-talented athlete, currently averaging 17 points per game for the school basketball team.

"Matt is another solid addition for us at marking back," commented Berticelli. "He will

give us tremendous speed and quickness in the backfield, and he is a strong leader on the field."

Rounding out the defensive additions is goalkeeper John Krivacic, a first-team all-district selection the past two seasons for Newman Smith High School in Carrollton, Texas. Krivacic led Newman Smith to a 17-5-2 record last season, posting six shutouts on the year.

No stranger to international experience, Krivacic has traveled to both England and France to train and spent the summer of 1994 training at the Wimbledon Football Club in England.

"John is a very consistent goalkeeper who rarely makes mistakes," noted Berticelli. "We had a big problem with consistency in the net last season, so I think John will push our two returnees for the starting spot in the fall."

And then there is the matter of Ryan Cox, the most heralded of the five signees.

The Irish offense, besieged with injuries last season, got a huge boost with the addition of Cox, who was considered by many to be one of the top three high school forwards in the nation last season.

Cox is currently a member of the Under 20 National Team and tallied 30 goals and 15 assists for North Royalton High in Broadview Heights, Ohio last season. A three-time All-State selection, Cox finished his high school career with 65 goals and 47 assists, both school records.

Cox also has international experience, having played soccer in eight European countries in his young career.

"Ryan is an outstanding addition to our program," said an obviously pleased Berticelli. "He has a tremendous work ethic and will contribute immediately. He's very opportunistic and an extremely tough player to defend. Ryan's going to add great excitement to our program."

Buckle your seatbelts soccer fans because the 1996 Irish squad looks to be full of excitement.

"I think we got excellent speed in this recruiting class," said Berticelli.

■ VOLLEYBALL

Brown emphasizes work ethic for future

By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

"Great work ethic."

This is the phrase that Notre Dame head volleyball coach Debbie Brown used to describe the four recruits that, as of yesterday, will officially make up the 1996 freshman class.

The class, which will bring the Irish volleyball program into the 21st century, is a combination of hard work and versatility that will add much depth to an already greatly talented and successful team that lost only one senior.

Mary Leffers, Mandi Powell, Emily Schiebout, and Lauren Stettin signed on the dotted line yesterday and will make up the Irish class of 2000.

"This recruiting class ranks very high on my list of best recruiting classes," Brown said. "I've been very impressed with the work ethic I've seen in these athletes, and it's been further documented through my conversations with their coaches."

Leffers, a 6-foot-4 middle blocker from Tampa, Florida, will add some needed height and strength to the middle of the net for the Irish. Currently, the Irish have only one player over six-foot tall, 6-foot-5 middle blocker Jen Rouse. Although, in the past, an extremely athletic Irish defensive front has overcome the height disadvantage, the added height will allow that athleticism to be channeled elsewhere.

"Mary has excellent hitting and blocking skills," Brown said of Leffers. "She is very physically very strong and has a great work ethic."

"She has the ability to come in and make an immediate contribution to our team."

Leffers was named Mizuno high school All-American and is considered a top prospect in

this year's class of middle blockers.

Powell, a Hoosier native from Monroeville, Indiana, is a six foot utility player whose versatility will add to the athleticism of the Irish team. Powell holds seven out of 10 career records at Monroeville High School and was an all-conference, all-metro, and a second-team all-state selection.

Schiebout, who stands at 6-foot-1, has a powerful left-handed hit that will make her a valuable asset from the opposite side. Schiebout sat out her junior and senior seasons due to injuries on both knees but is expected to be 100 percent recovered by March.

Schiebout and Leffers should add both size and strength to the Irish front row.

"Both Mary and Emily are strong front row players," Brown said. "All four players bring something different to the team and will let us expand our options."

The final of the four signees, Stettin, is another all-around talented player who can play either hitter or setter. The six foot Hinsdale, Illinois native is the youngest of talent-laden family in the sport of volleyball.

Her older brother Paul attended Notre Dame and was a member of the men's club here, and her sister Megan plays for the University of Illinois.

"Lauren has the best skills of any of our incoming recruits," Brown commented. "She could fill a number of roles for us including a primary passer, a defensive specialist, a blocking specialist, or even a back-up setter."

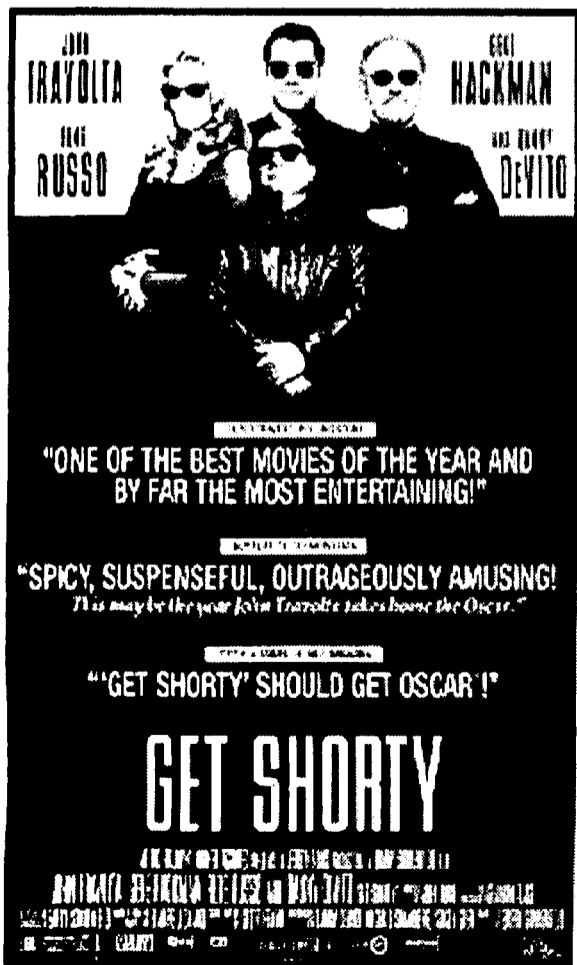
Overall, the four freshmen will enter the locker room of a very talented team with hopes of adding to that talent while finding their own niches on the team.

The increase in the roster will provide more competition among the players but should elevate the play of the team as a whole.

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Irish strength lines, skill positions

Williams adds size, strength to defense

TIM MCCONN
Sports Writer

The knock on Notre Dame's recruiting in recent memory, before last year, has been that we recruit nice guys with great character, but so what? They are not the blue-chip athletes that we need in order to compete with the Nebraskas and Floridas of the college football world.

Those who think that mix of character, athleticism, and grades is a rare find, and one the Irish will never discover, have yet to meet Brad Williams, the 6-foot-6, 250 lb. defensive lineman from Orange, CA, who signed a national letter-of-intent yesterday to play for Notre Dame next year.

According to coaches, he has the ability to compete for the Irish on the defensive line, possibly even next year.

"He's a big, physical player," stated defensive coordinator Bob Davie. "He will be given the full opportunity to play defensive line here at Notre Dame."

"He's an awfully, awfully fine player," Holtz added.

The athletic exploits of Williams are well-documented. Many national publications, including Parade and USA Today, have named him first-team prep All-American, while several others have placed Brad in their top 50 lists nationally. As a result, coach Holtz labeled Brad as "a highly accoladed player."

For the first time in recent memory, since the signing of Bryant Young in 1990, Notre Dame has signed young men that could prove to be the stars of the Irish front defensive line for years to come. Williams and fellow signee Jason Ching have the potential to form one of the most lethal combinations along the defensive line that Notre Dame fans have ever seen.

"These are guys that can provide you with anchors up front," declared Holtz.

Despite the coach's statement, there has been speculation that Williams may be converted to the offensive side of the ball. He played offensive line in high school as well as defense, and the Jerry Wisne experiment this year simply fueled the fire about Williams. Coach Davie tried to stop this rumor before it started.

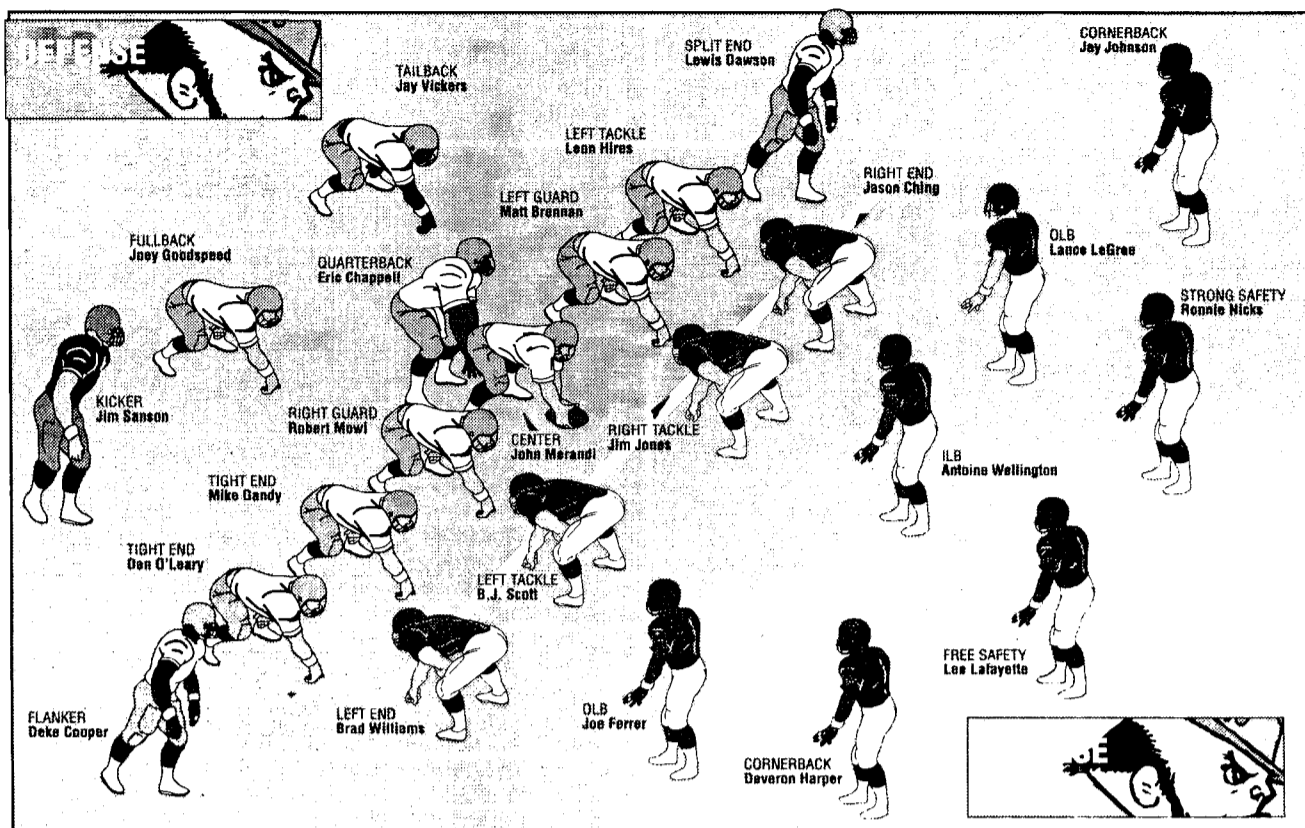
"USC supposedly recruited him as an offensive lineman," commented Davie. "But we certainly recruited him as a defensive lineman."

Along with being a star player on the gridiron, he has achieved success on the basketball court as well. According to Williams' neighbor and freshman Irish basketball player Doug Gottlieb, Williams excels in hoops, and even helped his football skills by improving his agility during the basketball season.

"He's not just a big football player that they stuck out on the basketball court," said Gottlieb. "He can really play the game because of his incredible strength and coordination."

On top of all this acclaim that he has received throughout high school athletics, Brad has also gained the respect of friends, family, and, of course, coaches. The favorable adjectives seem never-ending; in particular, Gottlieb calls him a "great guy, real personable, and a hard worker." The coaches appeared to agree with that assessment, while Holtz included that fact that Williams is "an excellent student."

All in all, Brad Williams is a great addition to the Notre Dame community and should become a cornerstone on which a national championship team is built.



■ GRADED POSITIONAL ANALYSIS

Quarterback B+

Eric Chappell seems to fit Lou Holtz's new open offense. Chappell has great size, and above average arm and can run the 40 in 4.7 seconds.

Running Backs C

Jay Vickers looks to be the tailback of the class while Joey Goodspeed will try to follow in the path of Marc Edwards. This need could have been filled better.

Receivers A(with Nelson)

B+ (without Nelson)

Raki Nelson will make this solid corp even more special if he decides on Notre Dame. Dawson, Johnson, and Harper all bring solid credentials

Offensive Line B+

Joe Moore has to be ecstatic about the prospect of working with the Classes of 1999 and 2000. Potential is definitely there again.

Defensive Line A+

Jason Ching and Brad Williams are both first-team USA TODAY All-Americans. They should see immediate time. 'Nuff said.

Linebackers B

No Kory. Minors but Lyrion Cobbins wasn't exactly a household name either three years ago. Joe Ferrer may eventually be one.

Secondary C

Assuming the Irish aren't lucky enough to land highly touted Berry, this group again falls short, no pun intended, of expectations. Only one recruit is listed as just a DB.

Special Teams A

The Irish were consistently inconsistent in the kicking game this season. Jim Sanson has the tools and mentality to change that. Overall good speed of the class bodes well for the kick return game.

Overall Grade 3.2

The Irish followed a stellar 1995 class with a solid 1996 group. Stringing two consecutive above average classes has not happened for awhile. That has spelled trouble in recent times. Maybe it's time for change. When Notre Dame football is involved, hope springs eternal.

--Tim Sherman

Not Notre Dame's average kicker

By THOMAS SCHLIDT
Assistant Sports Editor

Just don't call him a kicker. Well, maybe he is a kicker, but he doesn't act like one. Just call him Kordell Stewart with a strong leg.

When Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz scoured the country for a solution to his kicking problems, Jim Sanson was one of only two kickers Holtz thought merited a scholarship.

Sanson, best known for his thunderous leg, hit six of his ten field goal attempts, including a 52 yard field goal, and 91 percent of his kickoffs went for touchbacks during his senior year. In 1994, he was credited with the longest field goal in the country with a 58 yard boot, while connecting on 12 of 18 field goals.

Yet, while Sanson may have won praise for his leg, it may have been his attitude that caught Holtz's eye. Sanson sees himself as more than just a kicker.

"I'm not just a kicker," he explains. "I have the mentality of an athlete. Other kickers at Notre Dame have never played another position before. They've just kicked or played soccer. I've played wide receiver and defensive back. I may even work with the receivers at Notre Dame."

In Arizona, he earned all-state honors as defensive back, intercepting two passes and caught 50 passes for 801 yards and nine touchdowns. St. Mary's even had their kicker/receiver/defensive back rush the ball for 350 yards and four touchdowns.

His sophomore year they even had him leading the team down the field on kickoffs.

"They would send me down to break up the blitz," he said. "But my goal was to put the ball in the endzone. If I did get a chance to make a tackle, I'd give them what they deserved. I get mad if I don't put the ball in the endzone."

Believe it or not, Sanson's talents don't end on the football field. He's also expected to play baseball for the Irish next year.

Recruits

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Dame and every student has to go to mass every day."

The Irish are still waiting on possible commitments from highly touted receiver Raki Nelson and defensive back Gary Berry. While Nelson's signing seems to be just a matter of time, Berry's is not so elementary.

"We are hoping to sign one or two more," Holtz said. "We're confident we'll sign one more. Raki Nelson has not signed at the present time, but we are recruiting him hard. There are lots of reasons why people don't sign (on Signing Day)."

While last year's group was clearly the highest-touted re-

cruiting class in every publication imaginable, this year's class is a bit of an enigma, filled with underestimated athletes and stars with potential. SuperPrep currently has this year's Notre Dame class ranked second while G & W lists it 7th and high school guru Tom Lemming ranks it 9th.

"I don't care where it's ranked nationally," Holtz continued. "I'm very comfortable with this year's class."

It's kind of like a kid who convinces himself that he likes his toy when his neighbor has an upgraded, more expensive model, like many feel Penn State, Ohio State and Tennessee have this year.

"You need to look at a recruiting class when it's back-to-back with the one you had last year," he pointed out. "I

think when you put this one with last year's class, it's an awfully good class."

A class of third graders could be good when matched with last year's group. But the class of 2000 does have some genuine stars that sets it apart in its own right. Most importantly, these prep athletes fill some gaping holes in the present Irish lineup.

"One of the keys we had was at wide receiver and also at quarterback," Holtz said. "We needed a quarterback who could throw the football."

They landed both quite successfully. Eric Chappell, a 6-5, 220-pounder from Montgomery, Ala. was the arm they needed to fill the void that will be left by Ron Powlus and Thomas Krug.

This year's receiving core is

one of the strongest in the nation with Deveron Harper, Deke Cooper, Lewis Dawson, Jay Johnson and Lee Lafayette, though some may not be playing the same position when they come in the fall. The unit will be improved dramatically if and when Nelson signs.

"We were not as successful recruiting defensive backs," Holtz said, "but the people we have can play running back, wide receiver and defensive back. The biggest problem we have now is to make sure (defensive coordinator) Bob Davie doesn't recruit these guys for defense."

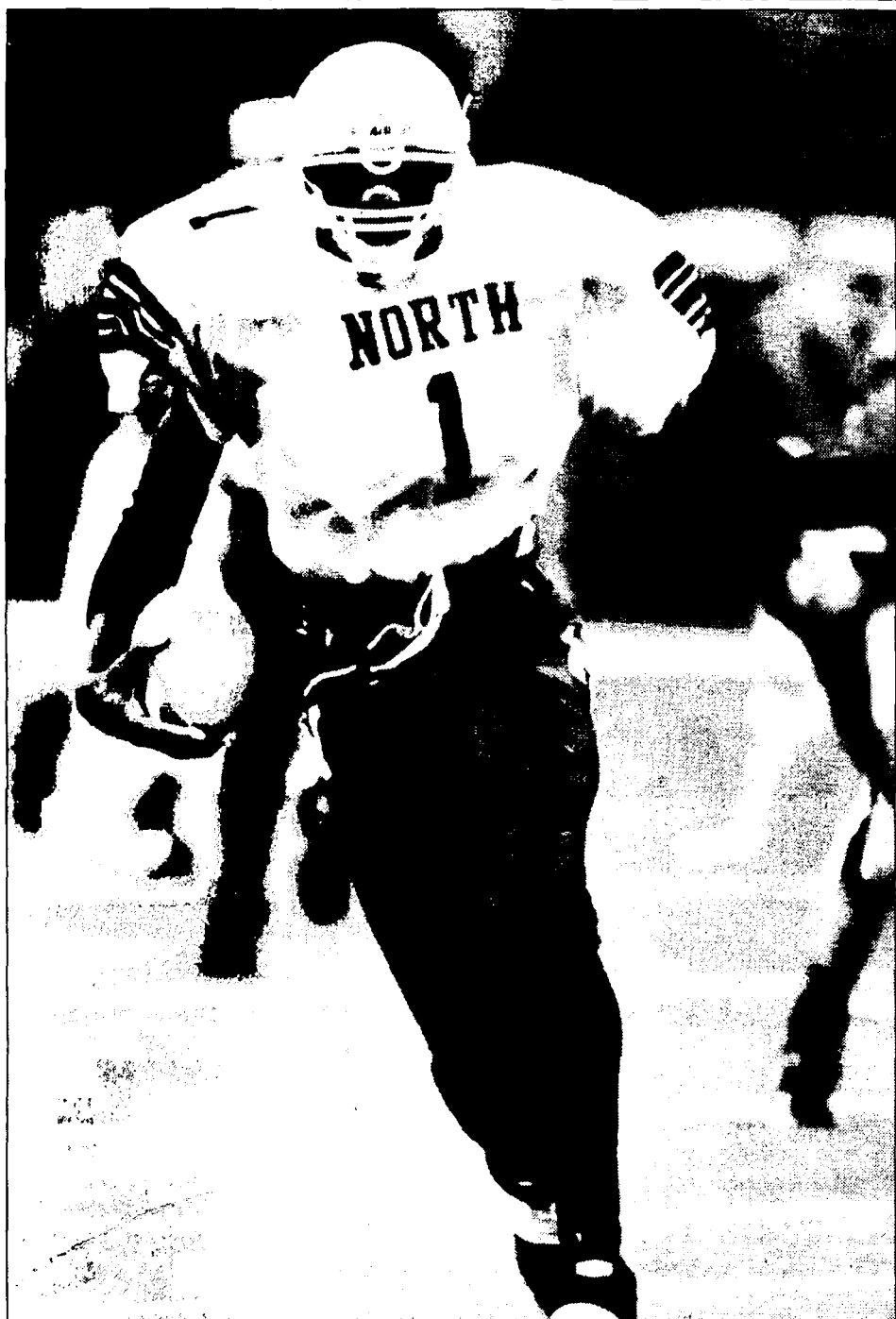
The one true defensive back the Irish did get, Texas native Ronnie Nicks, will be looked upon to make immediate contributions in a secondary that graduated three starters, in-

cluding captain Shawn Wooden, this year. Like the receivers, the secondary will be improved dramatically if Berry, All-American were to sign.

Running backs were not recruited too hard with the exception of tailback Jay Vickers and fullback Joey Goodspeed, who reminds many analysts of current Notre Dame fullback Marc Edwards.

Definite strides were made on the defensive line with the signing of All-Americans Jason Ching, a 6-4, 270 pounder, and Brad Williams, the 6-6, 250-pounder from Orange, Cal.

"When I look at it, I think we have some people who have size and are used to playing in the defensive line that can provide you with some anchors, which we have not had," Holtz said.



Mr. Indiana finalist and Evansville star Deke Cooper could be the steal of the recruiting campaign. Cooper's size and speed make him a threat at either running back or wide receiver. He may even play free safety for the Irish.

Multidimensional Chappell provides offensive threat

By THOMAS SCHLIDT
Assistant Sports Editor

At 6-foot-5 and 225 pounds, he would make one hell of a linebacker. Some see him as a potentially disrupting defensive end and others a hard hitting, bone crunching safety.

Yet, for Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz and Florida head coach Steve Spurrier, Eric Chappell has the arm to be a prime-time quarterback.

"Eric Chappell is a very fine passer," Holtz commented. "He was recruited by a lot of passing schools, and we sold him on our offense."

The Irish snagged this promising recruit from Gator territory. Even up until the end, the Gators coveted Chappell, but the Irish won out.

"I was feeling very good about Florida," Chappell explains. "That is until Lou Holtz assured me of being a part of this offense and being quarterback." "With the changes we are making he has a chance to be a big part of it," Holtz adds. "He is also a great athlete."

It is this athletic ability that makes him even more attractive. Irish fans have been screaming for the return to the option and look to last year's quarterback recruit Jarious Jackson to run it. Yet, with a new offense and Chappell's 6-foot-5 frame looming in the horizon, Chappell may be the quarterback of the future.

He understands the Irish option but prefers the aerial option. It was Holtz's new "passing attack" that attracted him to Notre Dame. He even tries to distance himself from the stereotype of the one-dimensional option quarterback.

"I can definitely run the option," Chappell admits. "But I'm a pure passing quarterback."

In his senior season, he threw for 1,600 yards and 12 touchdowns. His junior year he threw for an even more impressive 2,300 yards and 21 touchdowns.

Even the historically grounded Holtz agrees with Chappell's claim of being a passing quarterback.

"We needed to get a quarterback who could throw the football," Holtz said. "That was our primary concern. He had to be able to throw the ball well. I think we answered that (with Chappell)."

Yet, some may say that the Irish may be able to use Chappell best elsewhere. While playing quar-

terback, he also spent time at free safety where he dominated opponents. During his senior year campaign, he made 96 tackles and picked off seven passes, and had intercepted six passes and racked up 90 tackles in his junior year.

Though playing elsewhere isn't an option for Chappell.

"I've been a quarterback all my life," he explains. "Playing another position doesn't interest me."

Tradition, new offense appeal to TE O'Leary

By JAMES BELDEN
Sports Writer

Some people crumble under it. Others thrive in it. Billy Joel sings about it, and it's old hat for All-American prep tight end Dan O'Leary.

Pressure. "Running out on the field gives you a charge, but once the game starts it's down to business," said O'Leary.

He has done his job and he has done it extremely well. During his four years at Cleveland St. Ignatius, O'Leary helped his mates earn four state titles and one National Championship.

Success has been synonymous with the 6-foot-5, 230 pound O'Leary wherever he has gone.

"St. Ignatius has really prepared me for the college level in both the classroom and the weightroom. My days are structured in order to get enough time with the books and the weights," stated O'Leary.

Playing side by side with Pete Chryplewicz was another bonus for O'Leary.

"Pete's one of the premier tight ends in the nation, and I just hope that I can learn from him when I'm there. I'm sure that he'll help me out with the little things that make him one of the best," said O'Leary.

Notre Dame's tradition of great tight ends will hopefully continue with

O'Leary's signing.

"Notre Dame has always had great tight ends that have made it to the professional level, and making the NFL has always been one of my dreams," O'Leary revealed.

The new Irish offensive mindset also appeals to O'Leary.

"The coaches told me that the tight ends and wide-outs would be a major part of the offense in the near future. It was nice to just watch the Orange Bowl and actually see it in action."

At St. Ignatius, O'Leary snagged 46 catches for 683 yards, including six for touchdowns. That is more than recent Irish tight ends' entire careers, but O'Leary hopes that it will become more of a norm.

Dan's mind was made up even before he made his official visit.

"I knew from the start that it was the place for me. I made an unofficial visit over the summer with my coach, and it was everything I imagined it to be."

Coach Chmiel, the tight ends coach, was an integral part of O'Leary's commitment.

"I was really relaxed with Coach Chmiel. He's a great friend and I am looking forward to having a good time with him at Notre Dame."

Hopefully, O'Leary will give the fans a reason to have a good time over the next four years.

Cooper adds a spark to Irish offense, receivers

By THOMAS SCHLIDT
Assistant Sports Editor

He didn't have the fame and recognition, but by the end of his senior season the college football world knew the name Deke Cooper.

After having a rather quiet junior season, this 6-foot-4 205 pound tailback burst into the Mr. Indiana race while leading his team to the state finals. He eventually ended his senior campaign with an impressive 88 carries for 925 yards and eight touchdowns.

Yet, with such an enormous build for a tailback, it was Cooper's play at receiver and strong safety that impressed Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz.

While working mainly out of the backfield, Cooper caught 16 passes for over 350 yards. An outstanding average of over 20 yards per catch.

"Deke Cooper is a very fine receiver," he commented. "This young gentleman can play either receiver or defensive back and fill a big void at

either one of the two. He could contribute next year."

It fact it is more than likely that Irish fans will see this speedy star on the field next year. With the Irish moving to a more wide open offensive set with multiple receivers, more than one of the freshmen will be forced to step forward.

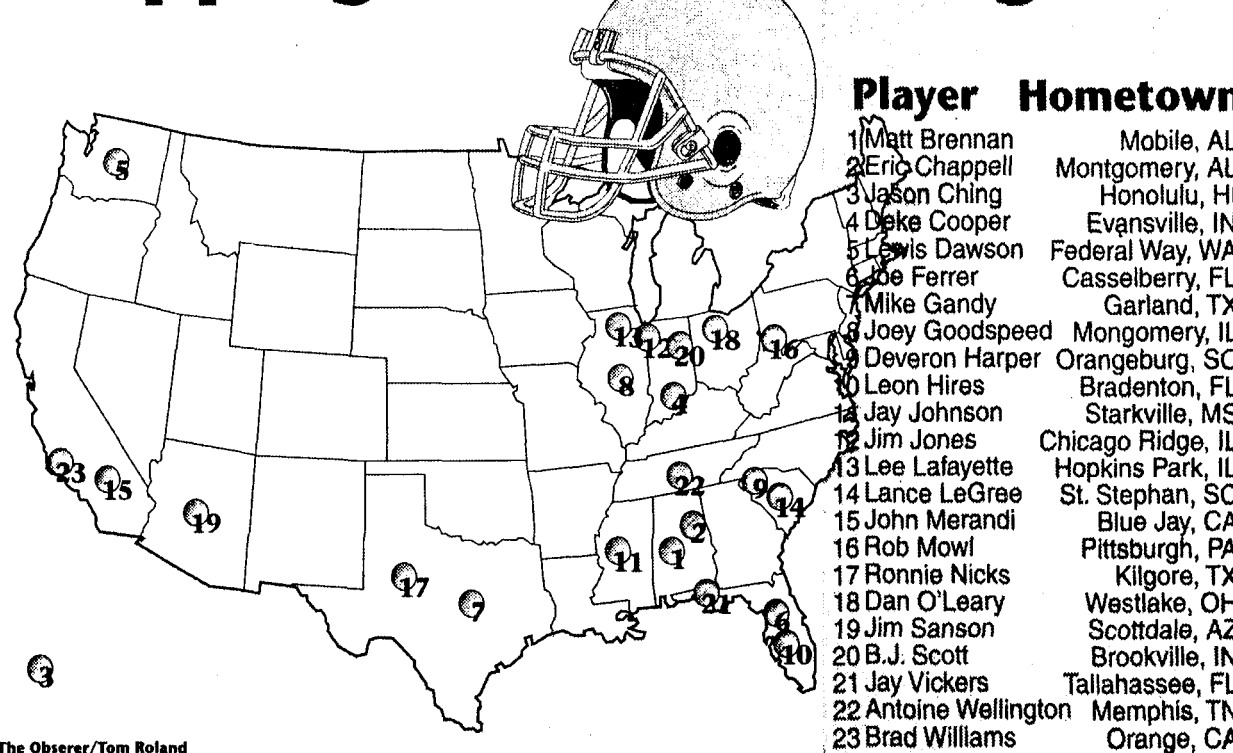
"Last year was a great class, but we didn't know if any would start right away," Holtz said. "This year some people will have a chance at quarterback, wide receiver or defensive back. But for that to happen the upper classmen would have to give them the chance."

One doesn't see Ron Powlus or Thomas Krug stepping aside for one of the class of 2000, but receiver or defensive back is different.

"We need a minimum of three wide receivers from this class," Holtz explained. "We recruited him as a receiver, and told him we could use him as a defensive back."

Either way, the Irish will just want him on the field.

Mapping the Football Signees



The Observer/Tom Roland

■ WOMEN'S SOCCER

National champs add bumper crop of recruits

By JOE VILLINSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

The nature of college sports dictates that no matter the results of the previous year, coaches never rest in a tireless quest for improvement.

Just a little over two months after directing the women's soccer team to their first national championship, Notre Dame head coach Chris Petrucelli believes that search is over.

"Now that we've reached our goal of winning a national championship, the goal is to win more national championships," Petrucelli said. "The only way you do that is with top-level talent. This year's class brings a combination of great athletic ability along with a technical knowledge of the game of soccer."

Yesterday, the women's soccer program signed six players to National Letters-of-Intent including United States National Team member Jen Grubb out of Conant High School in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Regarded by many as the top incoming defender in the nation, Grubb has played on the international level and was selected as Illinois Player of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

"Jen is special because she is very athletic," assistant coach Carla Chin added. "More importantly, she understands the game and wants to be better. By coming here, she knows she will be better by the time she graduates."

Grubb is already in a class by herself, graduating a semester early from high school as she recently accompanied the U.S. team to Brazil for a pair of games against the host country, while also playing in a two-game series against reigning World Cup champion Norway in the United States.

It turns out Grubb also helped shore up the Conant High football squad's kicking game in the fall, doubling as a place-kicker in her spare time. She is expected to compete at the sweeper position left vacant by the graduation of Ashley Scharff.

"She (Grubb) is a true leader," Chin said. "She'll help

to pick up the slack of leadership from Cindy Daws and Jen Renola. She fits into the chemistry of the program."

With the graduation of Michelle McCarthy and Rosella Guerrero, the program's top two all-time leaders in goals, Jenny Heft of Pius XI in Germantown, Wisconsin will step into the forward position. Heft, known as a quick front-runner, was the NSCAA Wisconsin soccer player of the year and four-time all-state selection.

Like Grubb, Heft is also versatile, leading Pius XI to the 1995 Wisconsin state basketball championship. The star point guard was honored by both the Associated Press and USA Today, a season ago.

Heft will be competing with midfielder/forward Jenny Streiffer from Baton Rouge High in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for a spot on an already talent-laden squad. A four-time all-state choice, Streiffer is currently a member of the United States U-20 National Team and was also named an NSCAA All-American in the fall of 1995.

With the commitment of Grubb, Heft, and Streiffer, Petrucelli's efforts paid off after the trio caught his eye about three years ago.

"Over the years, Chris has seen their wonderful attributes that will help us," Chin commented.

As the senior season of the All-American goalie Renola approaches, Petrucelli wasted no time in looking towards the future. With the signing of goalkeeper Lakeysia Beene of DelCampo High in Gold River, California, Notre Dame recruited one of the most coveted netminders in the nation. The 5-foot-8 Beene will see immediate time in goal, while learn-

ing the game from co-captain Jen Renola.

"I think it's such an honor to know that I am going to be part of a great team," Beene said.

The goalie has aspirations of playing on the national team in the near future and knew there was no better program to aid her in realizing this dream than Notre Dame.

"Obviously the team can help me down the road," Beene added. "The academic reputation and tradition of the school was also better than any other place I looked at."

Chin also managed to survey a few of Beene's performances.

"I was in awe of her athleticism," she said. "She was a very good complement to Jen. She also has a lot of experience. She may be a little raw technically, but she makes up for it in being courageous, athletic, and a good distributor of the ball."

Joining Grubb and Heft as NSCAA state players of the year is outside midfielder Kara Brown of Westminster School in Avon, Connecticut. An all-New England selection, Brown is also a member of the U.S. U-20 national team.

Mary Boerner of Bellarmine Prep in Orting, Washington rounds out the 1996 class. The four-year letterwinner can play defender and forward and is also a standout in basketball and softball.

The versatility of most of these players underlies the type of athleticism that will be present on the Irish squad next year.

Besides their athleticism,

each player's attitude was important in the recruiting process. Five of the six players had already committed to Notre Dame before the Irish captured the national championship.

"Everybody was real excited about the program and coming to Notre Dame," Chin added.

Petrucelli also understands the holes he has now filled with the departure of this year's senior class.

"These six players fill specific needs for us this year," he

added. "Now that we've had two classes come through and graduate, we're able to address the specific needs of the team when we look at incoming student-athletes. The six players we signed today will make an immediate impact on the program."

"This is the dawn of a new era for us," Chin commented. "It's going to be a very good build-up from the foundation we already have."



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The Irish signed Lakeysia Beene of California to one day take the place of goalie Jen Renola (above). Although Renola will return as the starter next fall, Beene should eventually take over in goal.

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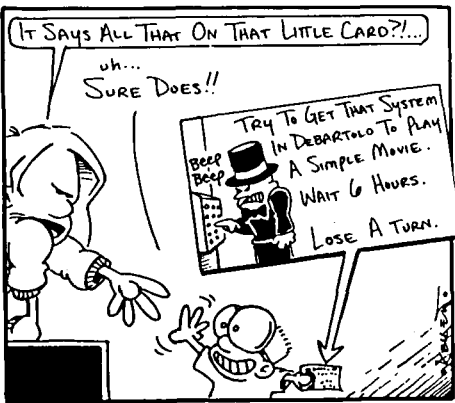
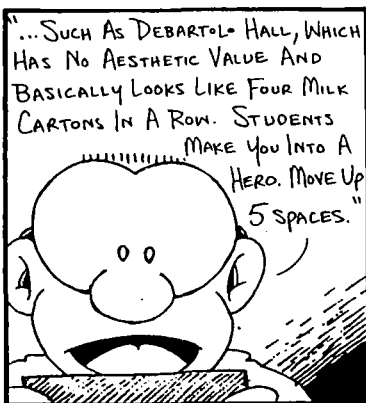
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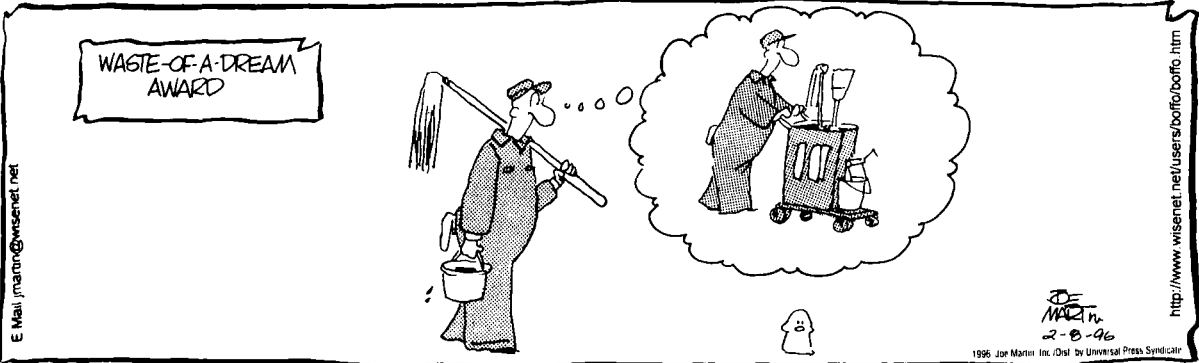
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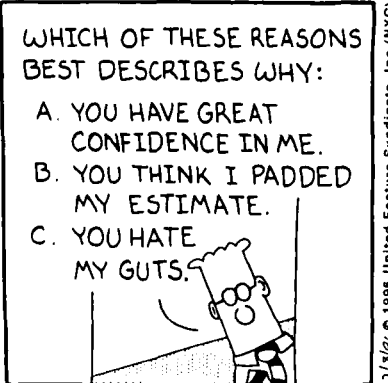
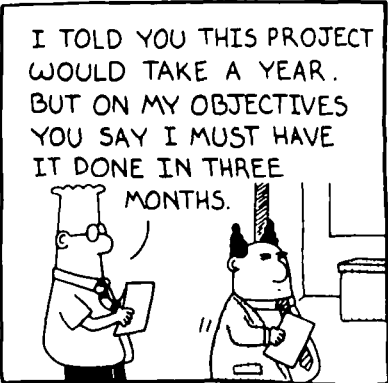


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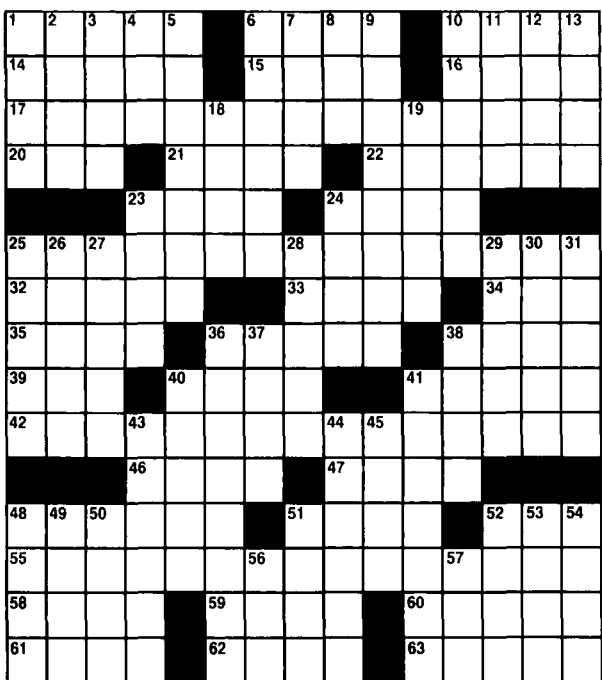
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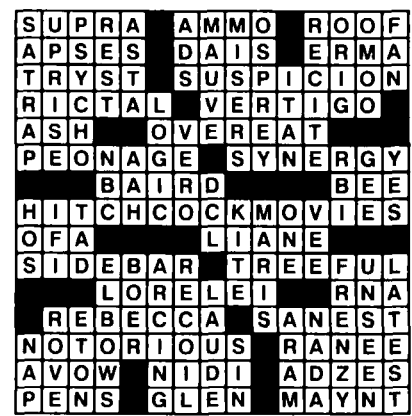
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Although making others happy is a priority with you, give some thought to your own needs. It is important to save money for the future. Instead of bestowing gifts on friends and loved ones, give them encouragement and understanding. Romance will provide some of the year's brightest moments. Your career picks up steam when you display strong leadership qualities. Be willing to explore new and unfamiliar areas.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: actress Audrey Meadows, pioneer sci-fi author Jules Verne, actress Lana Turner, hockey player Dino Ciccarelli.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An initial feeling of boredom or indifference will be replaced by excitement as the day progresses. Set some new goals. Crystal-clear communication is essential when dealing with loved ones.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Financial security is a top priority. Stick to conventional methods in business. Make key phone calls. Good timing is a vital part of your success formula.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Act quickly on a unique opportunity and you will make fresh financial gains. Acting out of character could bring some surprising benefits at work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be reluctant to break with the past. Take a chance, even if it seems risky. Do not be discouraged if the pace is slower than anticipated. Let a partner in on your plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Guard against acting harshly or selfishly. Getting better organized will help you take care of top priority projects. Your rapport with someone special deepens.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your interest in charity work or fundraising grows stronger. Be conservative in your dealings with others. Prominent people are impressed by your leadership skills.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Close attention to detail is the key to success in business. Put aside impractical wishes and make wise work decisions. An influential person applauds your ability to perform well when under pressure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Loved ones have an idea that could help you attract attention. Confide in an old friend if planning a change of residence. Use this evening to do something productive. Study or read a good book.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Mental focus is more important than versatility today. Acknowledge your responsibilities to those around you. An unexpected visitor could change your work or social schedule. You benefit from going with the flow. Curb extravagance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will never achieve your career goals with a tentative effort. Put your whole heart into what you do! If image is important in your line of work, shape up. Take pains with your appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Inside information clues you in to a financial deal. Check all details before making a commitment. Attending a social event tonight will give you a chance to mingle with influential people. Dress to impress.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A private chat could improve a work or domestic situation. You need room to maneuver where romance is concerned. Asking for more time will provide some leeway. Avoid revealing too much too soon.

■ OF INTEREST

Meet tonight outside of the Oak Room in SDH at 6 PM for the weekly dinner with the Spanish Club.

Igor Grazin, a former member of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, will be giving a lecture entitled "Russian Danger and European Security" today at 4:15 PM in C-103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

George M. Marsden, along with panel respondents Sr. Jean Klene, Tom Parisi, and John Pauley, will be discussing "What Difference Should Christian Perspectives Make?" today at 4:30 PM in the Stapleton Lounge of LeMans Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Born/Unborn: The Truth will be presented tonight by ND Alum Dan Ferrone '59 at 7 PM in Washington Hall. Tickets are free but donations will be accepted to support the Women's Care Center.

■ MENU

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| Notre Dame North | South |
| Cajun Chicken Sandwich | Cajun Baked Cod |
| Garden Quiche | Chinese Noodles |
| Pork Fried Rice | with Snow Peas |
| Brown Rice | |
- Saint Mary's**
Special Dinner—Black History Month

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Signing Day 1996

Holtz holds high hopes for Class of 2000

By MIKE NORBUT
Sports Editor

It wasn't quite the atmosphere of a year ago, when Notre Dame pulled in the top-rated recruiting class in the nation. But 1996's version of National Signing Day, however, was a satisfying time for Irish coach Lou Holtz and his staff.

"Our coaches did a fine job," he said. "They'll get away for a week or so. Since about July 15 they haven't had a free day except Christmas. They've been at it seven days a week."

Their hard work paid off, as 23 high school stars, including three Parade high school All-Americans, signed letters of intent Wednesday to play football for the University of Notre Dame.

"They're very good football players," Holtz continued. "I thought our coaches put forth an awful lot of effort. We overcame an awful lot of obstacles along the way."

Could those obstacles include the possibility of some negative recruiting on the behalf of some recruiting schools?

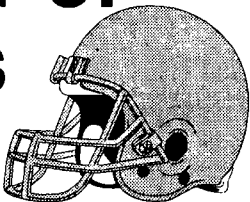
"I've tried to focus on the positives," Holtz said. "When I said obstacles, I mean you had to put out a lot of fires about Notre Dame before you could talk about your own program. As far as negative recruiting, I would never acknowledge that either way."

"I wasn't aware of it, but I guess we have a curfew at Notre

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National Letter of Intent Signees

"We hope to sign one or two more. I am confident we will sign one more."
-Coach Lou Holtz



Name	Position	Height	Weight	Hometown
Matt Brennan	OL	6-5	270	Mobile, AL
Eric Chappell	QB	6-5	220	Montgomery, AL
Jason Ching	DL	6-4	270	Honolulu, HI
Deke Cooper	WR/DB	6-4	205	Evansville, IN
Lewis Dawson	WR	6-0	180	Federal Way, WA
Joe Ferrer	LB	6-3	230	Casselberry, FL
Mike Gandy	TE/DE	6-4	235	Garland, TX
Joey Goodspeed	FB/LB	6-0	230	Mongomery, IL
Deveron Harper	WR	5-10	175	Orangeburg, SC
Leon Hires	OL	6-6	280	Bradenton, FL
Jay Johnson	WR	6-2	170	Starkville, MS
Jim Jones	DL	6-4	260	Chicago Ridge, IL
Lee Lafayette	RB/WR	5-10	188	Hopkins Park, IL
Lance LeGree	LB	6-2	248	St. Stephan, SC
John Merandi	OL	6-3	273	Blue Jay, CA
Rob Mowl	OL	6-5	290	Pittsburgh, PA
Ronnie Nicks	DB	6-1	215	Kilgore, TX
Dan O'Leary	TE	6-5	230	Westlake, OH
Jim Sanson	K	5-11	185	Scottsdale, AZ
B.J. Scott	DL	6-4	250	Brookville, IN
Jay Vickers	RB	6-1	205	Tallahassee, FL
Antoine Wellington	LB	6-2	230	Memphis, TN
Brad Williams	DL	6-6	250	Orange, CA

Best of the rest: soccer, volleyball recruits

Women's Soccer

Name/Hometown	Position
Jenn Grubb Hoffman Estates, IL	Defender
Jenny Heft Germantown, WI	Forward
Jenny Streiffer Baton Rouge, LA	Midfielder
Lakeysia Beene Gold River, CA	Goalie
Kara Brown Avon, CT	Midfielder
Mary Buerner Orting, WA	Defender



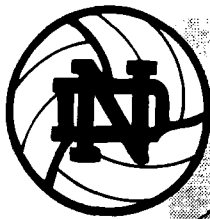
Men's Soccer

Name/Hometown	Position
Matt McNew Dallas, TX	Defender
Alan Woods Burtonsville, MD	Defender
Matt DeDominics Simsbury, CT	Defender
John Krivacic Carrollton, TX	Goalkeeper
Ryan Cox Broadview Heights, OH	Forward



Women's Volleyball

Name/Hometown	Position
Mary Leffers 6'4" Tampa, FL	Blocker
Mardi Powell 6' Manroeville, IN	Utility
Emily Schiebout 6'1" Roseville, MN	Hitter
Lavrer Stettin 6' Hinsdale, IL	Setter



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Women's Volleyball
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SPORTS
at a
GLANCE

Men's Basketball
vs. St. John's, February 11, Noon

Women's Basketball
at Georgetown, February 10, 7 p.m.

Hockey
vs. Michigan, February 9, 7 p.m.

Tennis

Men and Women at Rolex Indoor
Championships, February 8-11

Indoor Track

at Indianapolis Invitational, Feb. 10

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