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Drinking and driving hits home with collision

By HEATHER COCKS
Associate News Editor

Four Notre Dame students narrowly averted severe injury in a two-car collision with a drunk driver on Nov. 23.

Following the victory over Rutgers, Mike Schultz, a Fisher Hall freshman, ventured off-campus with his three friends, his younger brother, and another passenger.

"We decided to see a movie, and were looking for Scottsdale Mall,"

said Gabriel Cassel, who was riding in the backseat.

Schultz turned off of Ireland Road, in the downtown South Bend area, only to realize he was headed in the wrong direction. After correcting his course, the car was en route to Ireland Road when the accident occurred.

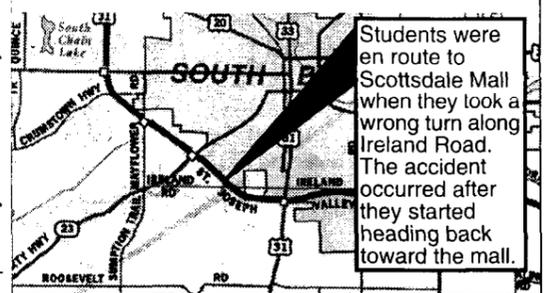
"Suddenly, we saw headlights drift into our lane from the oncoming lane," Cassel recalled. "Mike tried to swerve left into the other lane to avoid getting hit."

Cassel stated that the other driver, suddenly cognizant of his lane position, also swerved back into his proper lane, at which point he collided with the front right side of Schultz's vehicle.

Meghan Marcus, a Pangborn resident who was in the front seat, remembers little about the actual accident.

"The pickup truck hit my side of the car, and it skidded along the

Student Collision with Drunk Driver



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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Frosh study details drinking habits

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor

Freshman alcohol consumption was the dominant topic at yesterday's Campus Life Council meeting. Discussion centered around professor of psychology George Howard's update on his department's freshman seminars about healthy lifestyles.

"I've been asked to give a progress report on our initiative to help freshmen start their social lives here in ways that don't depend entirely on inappropriate consumption of alcohol," Howard opened.

Describing that initiative, Howard explained how 51 freshmen were assigned to three seminar groups in psychology dealing with healthy lifestyles topics. He distributed statistics the psychology department had compiled to chart drinking levels of those students.

The figures showed that the course section designed to reduce alcohol abuse experienced a 40 percent lower increase in drinking as its enrollees adapted to University life.

"One could argue that no freshmen should be drinking, but let's face it, they are. And 10 percent are drinking at levels that have to be called problematic," Howard told the CLC.

Of the three sections, two were control groups with standard curriculum while the third "treatment group" featured informal Friday night suppers at the professor's house. Figures seem to indicate that



George Howard detailed the information of his recent research involving drinking habits of freshmen during yesterday's CLC meeting.

those sessions are responsible for the difference between members of the two control classes; while members of the treatment groups averaged more drinks per week than they had in high school, the increase in their average was 40 percent lower than the control groups' average.

Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for residence life, offered his explanation for the difference.

"Why does it work? Well, it's important to get the weekend off on the right foot," he said. "It's the people who start drinking at two or three in the afternoon that are the problem."

Howard was reserved in his endorsement of the experimental

learning curriculum, noting, "From one perspective, it looks like a great success," but then adding that because of methodological uncertainties he could not with complete confidence claim success.

Howard felt more conclusive in noting that the class structure of the psychology department's approach led to its apparent effectiveness.

"That's the key. People here are overworked, so getting course credit is the key," he said.

"Meeting in a professor's home reminds students that there's life off of campus, and it also brings the class closer together," Deborah Hellmuth, HPC co-chair, added.

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ND grads aid Jamaican poor

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
Assistant News Editor

Every Notre Dame undergraduate student contemplates life after graduation. For a handful of graduates, this future lies in community service in the Caribbean.

Through the Notre Dame Volunteer Programme in Jamaica (NDVP/J), seven graduates have devoted two years to helping educate Jamaican children or working in non-profit organizations such as Food for the Poor.

Current volunteers Michelle Mudry, Chad Sutcliffe and Bill Maloney teach at St. George's College, an all-boys school, while Karen Fronduti and Mike Egan teach at Alpha Academy, an all-girls high school.

Aimee Barnes works at Alpha Boys school, an orphanage for boys, while Brian Baumer helps Jamaicans start their own businesses through Food for the Poor.

"One of last year's volunteers recently told me after moving back to the States that, 'I'll never have a job so fulfilling,'" Sutcliffe said. "That, along with meeting new people and experiencing a whole new side of the world and way of thinking, has been incredibly eye-opening. At times the lack of luxury is difficult, but I'm sure a year from now I'll wish I were back here."

NDVP/J was founded by the Alumni Club of Jamaica in 1994 and is open to volunteers from the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and the University of Portland.

Volunteers commit two years to the program and receive a personal stipend of \$70 each month, as well as complimentary food and board provided by the community.

Airfare to and from Jamaica and complete

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Student government looks for SMC opinions

By SHANNON RYAN
News Writer

Students' voices count at Saint Mary's College.

That seemed to be the theme of last night's Student Government Open Forum in Carroll Auditorium. The Board of Governance sponsored the meeting in hopes of establishing a two-way communication system between Saint Mary's students and their class representatives.

Issues arose ranging from concerns in the advances of the school's technology to school dances with the student audience actively participating.

Members of the class



Members of Saint Mary's organizations gathered yesterday in an open forum.

boards, leaders of the Board of Governance, Student Activities Board, Student Academic

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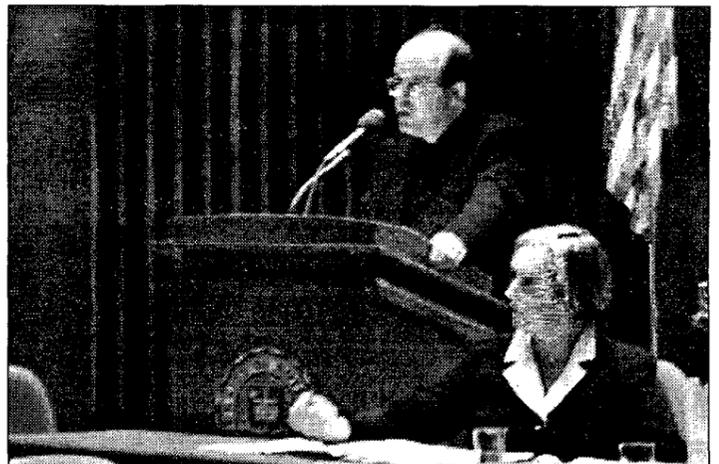
Lectures focus on Irish famine

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
Assistant News Editor

Many sources combined to provide relief to Ireland during the long years of famine, according to Christine Kinealy, a fellow of the University of Liverpool and professor of Irish and British history.

Kinealy claimed private charities were essential because the public sources of relief fell far short of what was needed to ease the struggle. With contributions coming from all five continents, the majority of the aid Ireland received was donated by individuals. The British government gave 10 million pounds in the five years of famine in the form of interest bearing loans.

A private source in Calcutta, India, was the first donor. The



Kevin Whelan spoke yesterday about the Irish famine and suggested that documentation alone cannot describe the disaster of the 1840s.

equivalent of \$600,000 was given by a private British relief organization and the Society of Friends contributed \$300,000. The Quakers distributed that relief via soup kitchens while

the Catholic church donated \$600,000 in addition to clothes and blankets.

Kinealy pointed out that

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INSIDE COLUMN

Erase the lines between "us" and "them"

Studying the situation in former Yugoslavia, one is left pondering how neighbors could be induced to kill one another.



Kelly Brooks
Assistant News Editor

There is no simple explanation for such a disastrous war that has ripped apart that state. Pierce nationalism prevents reconciliation and forgiveness between peoples. In its most basic form nationalism can be explained psychologically as "us" versus "them."

This "us" versus "them" distinctly reminds me of situations that exist on the Notre Dame campus.

It's much easier to dehumanize those who are so completely different, those who are not like "us." The "them" become a target of the group's anger, a scapegoat.

What really seems to be lacking is tolerance: tolerance of others, of ideology, of lifestyle, of religion, of language. When people are reduced to simple categorizations they lose their humanity.

Tolerance is something we here at Notre Dame could stand a little more of.

The University was ranked the 13th worst school in the nation for relations between racial groups. To be anything other than white, Catholic, and heterosexual under the Dome is to be different, a "them."

Some students have said that they do not see a problem between races on the campus. Are these people blind?

Don't they see dining halls where tables are filled exclusively with white students or tables filled exclusively with multicultural students?

Don't they see events sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and multicultural student groups that go unattended by white students?

Don't they see frustrated multicultural students and white students who are completely oblivious of any problems on this campus?

Very few white students and multicultural students socialize together. Socialization is the best way for people to realize similarities and break down stereotypes.

White students seem to think that OMSA sponsored events are for "them." Many feel uncomfortable attending such events because they will be in the minority. Maybe it's time that the white students on this campus were the minority for a change.

The events that the multicultural groups bring to this campus offer a chance for the average student to learn about another lifestyle, another culture.

Is it that Notre Dame students are too apathetic and lazy to learn about another culture? College is a place to learn more than what is taught in the classroom. It is time to explore one's self and also to learn about others. This is one of the few times in our lives that we will have the opportunity to learn from others, to sit around and exchange and even refute ideas.

If the Notre Dame community is to truly be a family, we must welcome all members of our family. Our family will only be strengthened by diversity. Unfortunately until the whole family realizes this we will remain divided, and Notre Dame will continue to be ranked as one of the most intolerant learning institutions in the nation.

It's time we all learned that there is no "us" and "them."

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

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Navy plane crash claims two during routine training

MONTGOMERY, Ala.

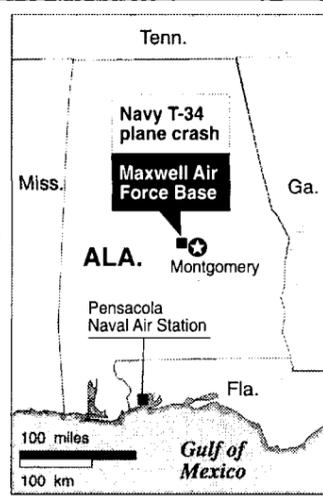
A Navy plane practicing touch-and-go maneuvers crashed near a runway Monday, and a witness said the engine was "making all kinds of noise" before the accident. Both crew members were killed.

The single-engine, turboprop T-34 went down about 300 yards from a runway at Maxwell Air Force Base during clear weather, base officials said.

It was conducting a training exercise in which the plane touches down briefly on the runway and takes off again, Capt. Robert Gonzalez said.

An Air Force civilian engineer, Joe Madison, said the plane was about 100 feet above the runway when its loud engine noise attracted his attention.

"It was spitting and sputtering and



AP/Carl Fox

making all kinds of noise. It sounded like the engine wasn't right. It turned on its side, banked to the right and the nose went down," Madison said.

It ended up with its front end crumpled on an abandoned taxi strip overgrown with grass.

The plane had come from the Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida, 150 miles southwest of Montgomery. The two victims' names were not immediately released.

It was the third military crash in 1 1/2 weeks. On Nov. 22, an Air Force Reserve HC-130 transport crashed into the ocean off California, killing 10 people; one man survived. On Nov. 27, a National Guard F-16D fighter crashed in southern Ohio; both crew members parachuted to safety.

Tumor removed from Havel's lung

PRAGUE, Czech Republic

Doctors removed a malignant tumor and half of President Vaclav Havel's right lung Monday and gave the chain-smoking former dissident good chances for recovery. Havel regained consciousness soon after the operation and was in intensive care, doctors said. Chief surgeon Dr. Pavel Pafko told reporters a malignant tumor of about 15 millimeters (half an inch) was taken out during the 3 1/2-hour surgery, which he described as "very radical." "The prognosis should be good," he said. Pafko said Havel, 60, probably would remain hospitalized for at least a week and should recover fully in about six weeks. He did not specify what treatment Havel would undergo after surgery. Presidential spokesman Ladislav Spacek told the state-run CTK news agency that the president's condition after the operation "corresponds with the surgery he underwent." Premier Vaclav Klaus, in Lisbon, Portugal, for a summit, also told reporters the prognosis was "positive" and that Havel likely would be back at work within weeks. Havel stopped smoking in front of television cameras years ago but has kept up the habit in private despite a history of respiratory problems. He was hospitalized in 1983 for a bad case of pneumonia contracted while in jail as an anti-Communist dissident. In October 1989, on the eve of the anti-Communist revolution that brought him to power, he was hospitalized with a bronchial infection.



69-ton cake marks birth of a nation

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates

Let them eat cake, said the sheik. Well, not quite in those words. A military parade and a 69-ton cake — the world's largest — kicked off five days of festivities Monday marking the 25th birthday of this wealthy Gulf nation. Royals and VIPs flew in from around the world to attend the parade in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates. Mirage 2000 jets flew overhead and tanks, missile launchers and armored personnel carriers drove past the stands. In Dubai, the country's second-biggest city and commercial hub, a \$82,000 cake disappeared within minutes of being cut. Tens of thousands of people converged on the road where the date-and-banana delicacy stretched for more than 1 1/2 miles. But seconds before it was cut, some tables holding it collapsed. The cake was supposed to be given to schoolchildren and auctioned off for charity. But police gave up trying to hold back the crowd, which devoured the cake in a melee. The UAE hopes to enter the Guinness Book of Records, beating a previous record for a 58.08-ton cake baked in 1989 to celebrate the 100th birthday of Fort Payne, Ala. Princess Cristina of Spain, the crown princes of Morocco and Bahrain and Saudi Arabia's interior minister, Prince Nayef, were among the royals attending. Prince Charles of England was due Tuesday. Sheik Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the UAE's 78-year-old ruler, sat in the stands with the VIPs, watching the parade and applauding the feats of the planes overhead.

Spacecraft nearing launch deadline

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

NASA scientists hoped Monday for no further delays in launching a Mars spacecraft carrying the first-ever interplanetary rover. The Mars Pathfinder was to take off aboard an unmanned rocket early Monday, but rain, clouds and strong winds pushed back the launch by 24 hours. NASA's Global Surveyor was launched in early November and is already on its way to Mars. A Russian spacecraft launched a week later plummeted from orbit. Pathfinder should beat the slower Global Surveyor to Mars by two months, landing on July 4, 1997. Several hours after Pathfinder parachutes down, the petals on the spacecraft will unfold; a six-wheeled, 23-pound rover will come out to roam the Martian surface, examining rocks and beaming back data. NASA has until the end of December to launch the \$196 million Pathfinder on its 310 million-mile journey. After that, scientists would have to wait two years until Earth and Mars are back in the necessary alignment. "We're a museum piece if we don't launch by the 31st," said Curtis Clevon, launch operations manager.

Earthquake prompts tsunami warning

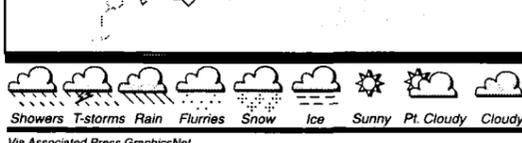
TOKYO

A strong earthquake rattled furniture and dishes as it shook a wide area of southwestern Japan early Tuesday, but there were no immediate reports of serious damage or injury. The 6.3 magnitude quake prompted authorities to issue a tsunami warning to coastal regions. A tsunami is an undersea wave associated with quakes. The quake was felt strongest in the city of Miyazaki, on Japan's southernmost main island of Kyushu. "We've heard of some dressers getting toppled in peoples' homes," said Kikuo Goto of the Miyazaki Fire Department. "But we haven't received reports of fire or gas leaks or other damage." The quake struck about 20 miles beneath the sea floor and 12 miles southeast of Miyazaki at 7:18 a.m., the Central Meteorological Agency said. A small tsunami of 8 1/2 inches hit the area about 20 minutes later and there were no immediate reports of damage. Authorities expected even smaller tsunami waves to hit other parts of Kyushu later Tuesday morning. Coastal patrol vessels were dispatched to warn small craft already out fishing about the possible waves.

SOUTH BEND WEATHER

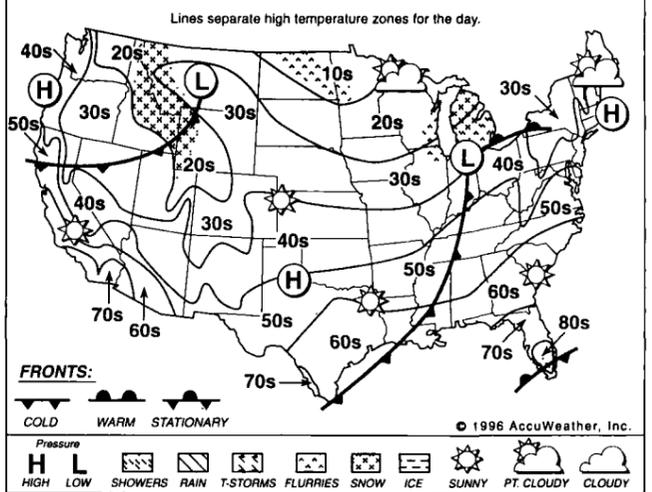
5 Day South Bend Forecast
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Tuesday	37	26
Wednesday	39	28
Thursday	41	27
Friday	44	30
Saturday	47	30



NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Dec. 3.



Atlanta	59	36	Honolulu	83	74	Philadelphia	47	36
Boston	44	34	Los Angeles	73	46	Phoenix	68	40
Chicago	32	22	Miami	80	64	St. Louis	42	28
Denver	40	21	New Orleans	62	44	Seattle	49	37
Fairbanks	-5	-20	New York	45	35	Tallahassee	64	38

Hispanic feast to be celebrated next week

Special To The Observer

The Office of Campus Ministry at the University of Notre Dame will host its annual Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Thurs., Dec. 12, at 5 p.m. Members of Mariachi ND, Coro Primavera, and the Notre Dame Folk Choir will provide music for the Mass, and Father David Scheidler will be the presider and homilist.

This feast commemorates the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego, an Aztec Indian who converted to Christianity shortly after the Spanish conquest. The Virgin had Mexican features and appeared near the revered sight of a female Aztec deity.

She requested that Diego ask the local bishop to build a

church for her. Diego was then instructed to pick some roses on the hill, which he wrapped up in his tilma, a type of poncho.

The bishop asked for a sign to verify the apparition, whereupon Diego opened his tilma, letting the roses fall to the floor to reveal an imprint of the Virgin of Guadalupe. His tilma is venerated to this day in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Mexico City.

At Notre Dame, this feast has taken on special significance due a growing Hispanic student population at the University. The current Hispanic student population is nearly 550, comprising almost nine percent of the entire student body while this year's freshman class contains the largest number of Hispanic freshman ever — 155 students.

Xerox endows women engineering students

Special To The Observer

The University of Notre Dame has received a \$10,000 gift from the Xerox Foundation to fund scholarships for women engineering students.

"Xerox understands the importance of contributing to institutions of higher learning where our gifts can assist promising students," said Scott Bradley, vice president of Xerox of Indiana. "Like Notre Dame, we believe that diversity — in gender, race, and nation-

ality — designs better products and services." According to Bradley, five Notre Dame engineering students are now serving as interns at the Xerox United States Customer Operation headquarters in Rochester, N.Y.

The Xerox Foundation is a philanthropic organization which annually contributes more than \$14 million in five broad areas: community affairs, higher education, cultural affairs, national programs and international programs.

Just passing through...



The National Evangelizing Team (NET) stopped into LaFortune last night on a tour of U.S. and Canadian campuses in its mission to organize retreats for young adults.

Boelman joins SMC drama

By ANN KEARNS

Assistant Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's College has recently added a new member to its family. Thomas Boelman joined the office of Special Events in August when he became the scenographer and technical director for the school.

Boelman became interested in drama and more specifically, stage sets when he attended the play "She Stoops to Conquer." He remembers how impressed he was with that particular set and how he first discovered his desire to work in drama productions at that point.

Several years after receiving an associates degree in architectural engineering technology from ITT in Fort Wayne, Ind., Boelman applied at Hope College in Holland, Mich., for a position working backstage in the campus' drama productions.

In order to receive the position, however, he was required

to take classes in this field. He stayed, later receiving his bachelor of arts degree from Hope College. It was at Hope that he "fell in love with [this type of work]," according to Boelman.

Boelman continued his education at the University of Montana where he earned a master of fine arts degree. While there, he served as a teaching assistant in theatre for three years.

Boelman was interested in advancing his career while remaining in the college atmosphere. He first heard of the available position at SMC in the National Art Search magazine.

Boelman's primary duties include the design and supervision of constructing all stage, scenic, and lighting elements for the college's performing arts. He also supervises 12 Saint Mary's students who are in the work-study program. They work five to 15 hours a week building sets, making costumes, and running the sound and light boards during performances.

Next semester, Boelman will begin teaching. His class, Stage-Craft, will consist of lecture and ten hours of building sets.

Boelman strongly believes in hands-on learning. He also advocates a particular teaching method, developed by Harvard professor Howard Gardner, which utilizes several different areas of the mind; linguistic, musical, logical, spatial, and bodily-kinesthetic intelligences are all used, as well as interpersonal and intrapersonal intelligences.

He believes each student learns differently, through words, music, or experimentally, and that by understanding how people learn, he will be able to adapt his teaching style to help students learn more efficiently.

In the future, Boelman hopes to enhance the program by developing a class devoted strictly to production, recruiting area schools, and developing a scholarship for students interested in the technical side of drama.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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The Club Column

Pre-Dental Society: General Meeting. Tues, Dec. 3rd, 7:30 p.m. in 182 Nieuwland. Discussion about the DAI, & Sign-ups for the second semester mentorship program. Bring your \$5 membership dues if you haven't already.

Marketing Club: Meeting tonight! 7:00 p.m. - lower lounge of COBA.

Voices of Faith Gospel Ensemble: Annual Concert: Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m at Washington Hall. Tickets can be purchased at LaFortune, Dining Halls, or at the door - \$3 student, \$5 non-student. There will be a raffle during the concert - Tickets \$1 at LaFortune Box Office.

Stop by our 2nd floor LaFortune office to see what the Club Council has to offer you and your organization!

Celebrations Around the World

Monday, December 2nd
Tree Lighting and Christmas Party featuring the Glee Club
7:00PM LaFortune Lounge

Tuesday, December 3rd
"Once Upon a Time..."
Professional storytellers share stories from around the world
8:00PM LaFortune Notre Dame Room

Wednesday, December 4th
"A Celebration of Peace"
7:30PM Chapel of the Holy Cross (Stanford-Keenan Chapel)

All events feature Christmas beverages, and cookies from around the world.

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Council, and Residence Housing Associations opened the forum by presenting details of their funds, this semester's accomplishments, and future plans for fundraising and student events.

The panel was pleased to announce the financial and social successes of the Date Auction, Senior Dad's Weekend, and hall dances. A sleigh ride, service projects, and a lecture by the author of "Chicken Soup for the Soul" are a few of the activities the Student Activities Board scheduled as upcoming events.

Students actively participated in a discussion of issues ranging from the efforts to reduce the use of sidewalk chalk to the school's search for a future president.

In searching for the replacement of current Saint Mary's president William Hickey, the forum reminded the students that they have a voice in the final decision.

Brandee Carlson, student representative of the Board of Trustees, has a unique opportunity because her vote is equal to any trustee's.

Carlson commented, "I place a high regard on students' voice and am open to any student input."

Carlson went on to say that she has the utmost confidence in the decision-making process.

From the solid pool of over 100 candidates, the committee is quickly narrowing possible replacements. Although there is no definite deadline, the decision should be made by the end of spring.

Despite the success of the recent Senior Dad's Weekend, a friendly debate arose as the panel pondered various ways to cut down on expenses. In attempting to create the most

accommodating type of entertainment, audience members and the board suggested alternate possibilities.

Ideas such as holding a Family Weekend seemed to have the most positive feedback.

Student leaders confirmed that no decision would be made without consultation of the student body through the use of surveys.

Student body president Jen Turbiak also discussed the current consultation between Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, and Holy Cross student leaders to lay the foundation for monthly rotating meetings.

Turbiak stated she would like to "establish dialogue with leaders to handle communication in general." The first of the proposed informal forums will be held at Saint Mary's in January.

Turbiak and other members are taking a pro-active stance while looking to improve student relations, communication, and shared ideas.

"Yes, we are separate schools," she stated, "but we do share common bonds. The meetings would be discussions, not agendas, to receive positive feedback from each other."

The receptiveness of board members was evidently appreciated by students in attendance.

Sophomore audience member Adrienne Sharp's comment to the group sparked applause as she complimented, "It's great to be able to say we have a voice in you. I'm proud to say you've all done a great job this year."

All members of the panel emphasized they are open to suggestions or ideas at any time.

The leaders stated repeatedly that they will do their best to represent the students of Saint Mary's. Future open forums will be scheduled and students will again be encouraged to attend.

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health coverage are also provided; all participants have been successful in receiving deferments of their student loans until the completion of the program.

The ants, cold showers, and heat waves were a sharp contrast to the familiar environment of South Bend, and proved necessary adjustments for many volunteers.

"It's really taken about a year to get used to this place. At first I heard comments like 'Whitey' and 'Jake,' but the people have grown accustomed to us and I've learned to appreciate aspects of the Jamaican culture that for so long bothered me, such as their laid back style," Sutcliffe said.

With five spaces opening up for next year, a large number of applicants are expected.

A new position available to next year's applicants has been created to promote the sport of basketball throughout Jamaica.

A prospective candidate should have experience in coordinating athletic events and an interest — though not necessarily skills — in basketball. Information about the program is available can be found at the Center for Social Concerns.

"[The program] is definitely worth the sacrifices. I miss home and my friends and family very much, but as I get to know people better down here, and I get more accustomed to the culture and the demands of my job, I realize how good this experience is for me," Mudry said.

"I am gaining in self-confidence in ways I never could among the comforts of the states."

Accident

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side, hitting the back as well," she said.

A volunteer firefighter was driving behind the pickup whom, Cassel said, used his radio to get help. In addition, another witness with nursing skills pulled over and offered aid.

Marcus was trapped in the vehicle, paralyzed by sharp back pains.

"No one wanted to move me because my back hurt so much," she explained, "but Mike sat with me until help came."

Half an hour later, after unsuccessful attempts to open her door, the Jaws of Life finally arrived. The top of the car was removed and Marcus was lifted out on a board.

"I have no clear memory of anything between the actual crash and the moment when three firefighters surrounded me and lifted me out," Marcus said. "It was really scary."

She was transported to Memorial Hospital for treatment, having pulled all the muscles in her upper back.

Cassel and the other three backseat passengers were helped out of the car by

Schultz, who escaped any harm.

"My adrenaline was pumping, so I didn't notice any pain until about five minutes had passed," Cassel said. He was later taken to St. Joseph's Hospital and diagnosed with a bruised kidney.

Freshman Pat Cosgrove received stitches for lacerations on the right side of his face, and Schultz's brother suffered temporary amnesia. Both were escorted to Memorial with Marcus.

The sixth passenger did not sustain any injuries.

"The four of us in the back were not wearing seatbelts because we were so crammed," Cassel stated. "Thankfully, we weren't seriously hurt."

Less fortunate was the other driver, who was not secured by his safety belt. The impact allegedly catapulted him through the windshield. Marcus believes he was still hospitalized as of Nov. 27.

A breathalyzer test taken of the other driver confirmed a blood alcohol level of 0.235.

"I was so caught off guard, everything happened so fast," Cassel recalled. "I remember thinking, 'Oh no, we're going to die.'"

"We were really lucky," he added.

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"Obviously, the course is great, but you can't teach 50 of these seminars a semester."

The seminars were only sometimes tied to course content, Howard explained of his meetings, noting that attendance was high.

"Sometimes we had all 19, sometimes they even brought friends. I haven't seen the course evaluations, but I'd be surprised if the reception wasn't real positive," Howard

said.

As for continuing the program, Howard told of a larger healthy lifestyles class created for the spring semester. Designed to include upperclassmen as well, he said that 75 of the class's 80 slots had already been filled.

"We decided to tackle issues important to Notre Dame students," Howard said, noting that none of the sections have specifically targeted alcohol abuse. Time management, eating disorders, perfectionism, and communication skills are among the issues they examine.

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Vampire cult breeds murder

By DAVID ROYSE
Associated Press Writer

MURRAY, Ky. The five teen-age murder suspects were just lonely, some say, and their vampire role-playing games strictly innocuous.

"You had a group of kids that just wanted to be a part of something, wanted to belong to a group," Calloway County prosecutor David Harrington said. "They even paid membership dues."

Others see a plot far more sinister: a cult in which members mutilated animals for their blood and body parts, and adults lured teen-agers

with promises of sex. Since the arrest Thanksgiving night of three Murray teens along with another youth from nearby Mayfield, tales of vampire children have been the talk of this southwestern Kentucky town of 13,000, home of the national Boy Scout museum.

"People are talking about it," said Greg Duncan, sipping coffee at the Hungry Bear restaurant. "Some people are afraid."

All five, including a daughter of the slain couple, were arrested in Baton Rouge, La., suspected in the Nov. 25 slayings of Richard and Naoma Wendorf. The couple was

found beaten to death in their Eustis, Fla., home.

Police say Rod Ferrell met the Wendorfs' 15-year-old daughter, Heather, when he lived in Eustis with his father. Ferrell, 16, moved back to Murray last year to live with his mother.

The teens were part of a group that sucked blood from each other and believed they were vampires, police say.

And they were later driven to kill, police say. Ferrell, Ms. Wendorf, Dana Cooper, 19, of Murray and Scott Anderson, 16, of Mayfield are all accused of murder. Charity Keese, 16, of Murray was charged with being an accessory to murder.

U.N. addresses WWW: Copyright protection

By ALEXANDER HIGGINS
Associated Press Writer

GENEVA People surfing the World Wide Web, downloading songs and novels, could cost the music and publishing industries billions of dollars, say officials meeting here to see that doesn't occur.

The U.N. body that oversees the lucrative world of copyright and patent protection opened a three-week conference Monday, hoping to catch up with the sweeping changes caused by computers and the Internet.

The event was organized after

it became obvious that something had to be done to protect authors' and performers' rights in a world when the latest song or computer program can be downloaded in seconds.

Delegates to the conference, organized by the 160-nation U.N. World Intellectual Property Organization, are working on the first major revision of international copyright law in 25 years.

They have three treaties to protect:

- Literary and artistic works.
- The rights of performers and producers of "phonograms," now most commonly CDs and audio cassettes.
- Producers of data bases.

The biggest question to resolve is how to protect rights in an era when national borders have been made irrelevant by the Internet.

The conference is being closely watched by the music and publishing industries, who see fortunes at stake in an area that is difficult to regulate.

The negotiations "will have a critical impact on the future growth of the \$40 billion global music business," according to IFPI, the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry.

Music delivery is still in its infancy on the Internet, but IFPI expects within five years it could take away 15 percent of the business from traditional record stores.

In Europe alone, that could amount to a \$2 billion loss if the industry is unable to share in the proceeds, IFPI said.

The music industry is playing a leading role in the negotiations because its main audience — young people — are the ones surfing the World Wide Web and listening to or downloading songs.

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Cuban parade honors Castro

By JOHN RICE
Associated Press Writer

HAVANA

Cuba staged its first military parade in a decade on Monday, celebrating the 40th anniversary of a guerrilla landing in Cuba that launched the victorious revolution led by Fidel Castro.



Castro

Wearing his olive-green military uniform, the 70-year-old Castro stood with other heroes of the 1959 revolution as hundreds of horsemen, soldiers and veterans of the uprising marched passed a

backdrop of anti-aircraft missiles, tanks and jet planes parked in Revolution Plaza.

Three MiG-29 jets soared overhead and revolutionary slogans boomed from loudspeakers beneath a huge outline portrait of revolutionary icon Ernesto "Che" Guevara: "Long live a free Cuba! Long live our commander in chief! Socialism or death! We will triumph!"

It was a modest display compared with those staged in earlier decades, when Cuba put on Soviet-style parades of machinery as well as men in motion. There were no speeches by Castro or other Cuban leaders Monday.

But the celebration was another message to Cuba's people that the country is

slowly overcoming the economic crisis brought on by the collapse of its socialist allies. As Cuba's economy declined in recent years, parades and celebrations were cut back dramatically to save money.

Near the front of the parade were aging veterans from the 1956 landing of the Granma, a boat carrying 82 revolutionaries who trained for more than a year in Mexico to try to topple dictator Fulgencio Batista.

The effort to oust Batista at first seemed a debacle. Security forces were tipped off and most guerrillas were captured or killed after the landing in eastern Cuba.

But 17 avoided death or capture, including Castro, his brother Raul and the Argentine Guevara.

Within a month, a dozen rebels regrouped in the Sierra Maestra mountains, and by early 1957, they began attacking Batista's army. Aided by popular discontent with the dictator, the revolution culminated in triumph in Havana's streets in 1959.

Russian fears of NATO persist at OSCE summit

By ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press Writer

LISBON, Portugal

Echos of the Cold War reverberated through a cavernous meeting hall Monday as leaders from 54 nations opened a summit to build a new security arrangement for Europe in the post-Soviet era.

NATO expansion into Eastern European nations most likely will be part of the "security model" being created by members of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said Moscow is "firmly opposed" to NATO expansion, and indicated Russia would consider itself threatened if neighboring countries join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"If our common purpose is a single and peaceful Europe, can that really be achieved by the expansion of military

alliances?" Chernomyrdin asked the OSCE delegates.

Chernomyrdin acknowledged that Russia could not prevent the Soviet Union's former Warsaw Pact allies from joining NATO, Moscow's old nemesis, but added that Russia retains its "right to defend our national interests." He did not elaborate.

Vice President Al Gore dismissed Russia's fears, saying NATO is "a defensive alliance of like-minded democratic states."

"As such, of course, it poses no threat to any other state," Gore said, adding that NATO wants "to build a strong cooperative relationship with Russia."

The OSCE, little known outside diplomatic circles, is a continent-wide organization that focuses on security issues, monitors human rights and tries to foster free-market democracy. It also is the only group that includes all countries concerned with European security, east and west.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said Russia must have a security agreement emerges.



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Famine

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some of the most controversial donations surrounded Queen Victoria. Her donation of approximately \$3,000 was viewed as insufficient but did serve to give a "royal seal of approval" to the practice of making contributions to relieve the Irish.

When the Sultan of Turkey attempted to make a large donation, the limitations of the "seal" became apparent.

The Sultan was convinced by British officials to hold back on such a large donation because it would break protocol for him to donate more than the queen.

Pope Pius IX made a \$1,000 contribution and issued an encyclical for assistance including the provision that three days of prayer for the victims of the famine would be worth a seven-year indulgence.

"Raising money for the Irish poor became a favorite leisure for the well-to-do," Kinealy said. Private groups in the United States donated in excess of \$1 million following a series of reports that appeared in the American press.

As a result of the media blitz surrounding the famine, a range of religious groups contributed to the relief effort. The Franklin Street synagogue in New York City and a slave church in Richmond, Va., were among the many religiously-affiliated donors.

"The liberal donation from the slave church in Richmond was used by the American press to contrast the well-

being of American slaves to Irish woes," Kinealy said. "There were a few donations that stood out because they were made by groups who themselves know suffering."

One such group was a group from the West Indies who themselves had been

'The umbilical cord which ties us [Americans and Irish] together has never been entirely severed.'

Avril Doyle

oppressed as slaves just ten years earlier. Another sharp contrast involved the \$22 million that was awarded by the British government to the former slave owners of the West Indians while they could only provide an interest bearing loan to the victims of the famine.

The second lecture, delivered yesterday, was a three-part presentation. It was the first of six stops on the lecture tour sponsored by the Irish government to recall the calamity of 1845-50 that left almost a million Irish dead and to consider the enormous impact of the

famine on the U.S.. Minister of State of the Government of Ireland Avril Doyle introduced the speakers and served as a mediator for the afternoon presentation.

"Half of the people born in Ireland since 1841 have emigrated," Doyle said. "While there are currently five million people in Ireland, there are 44.4 million of Irish decent in the U.S. and 70 million in the Irish global Diaspora. The umbilical cord which ties us together has never been entirely severed," she continued.

Kevin Whelan, visiting professor of history at Notre Dame and author of "The Tree of Liberty," pointed out that despite the fact that the Irish famine was the first "well documented" famine, its impact on the people cannot be determined from that documentation alone. Instead, Whelan suggested that an examination of the literature, art and folklore of the period is necessary.

Whelan suggested that the famine could be compared to the Holocaust or the Middle Passage of the slaves because it left those who survived with nothing but their own primal existence.

It was that conceived simian or apelike quality of the Irish people that seemed to exacerbate the effects of the famine on the Irish. The Irish concept of the "rondale clachen" or communal farming was seen as an obstacle to the British goal of agrarianization.

Luke Gibbons, professor of

communications at Dublin City University and author of "Transformations in Irish Culture," spoke on the relationship between memory, history and politics.

Concentrating on the laissez-faire principles of Anglo-American law systems implemented during the famine, Gibbons explained that this was one factor which allowed the devastation in Ireland to continue.

He also noted that on the same day that The Nation newspaper called attention to the discovery of the blight, Frederick Douglas presented a lecture in Dublin.

Douglas expressed his feeling that the famine could be compared to the situation of the slaves and drew a connection between the huts of the rondale clachen and the slave houses in which he once lived.

Seamus Deane, chair of the Keough Center for Irish

Studies at Notre Dame was the final speaker, presenting an abbreviated version of his idea that the famine can be connected to the hunger strikes of the last century.

Of those who participated in the hunger strikes of the 1980s, Deane said, "When they refused food they are not committing an act of suicide, they are committing an act of insurrection."

"Famine is not an event, famine is a process," Deane said pointing out that a famine is not a natural disaster, but the result of human actions. As such, political and economic practices of the British government should be seen as at least part of the cause of the disaster.

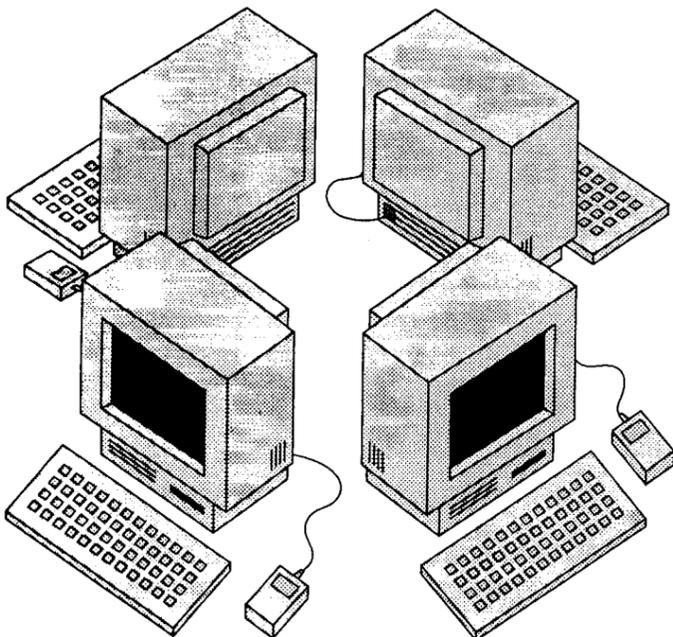
All four speakers enhanced an understanding of the famine and the role played by the Keough Center for Irish Studies. Doyle extended an official thanks from the Irish government to Deane for his work in the field.

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resnet & clusters update



Several major changes are on the horizon for campus computing. We in the OIT know that lines are long in the computer clusters and that students without access to ResNet have found it difficult to connect to the network via modem. We have tried to answer the challenge of providing productive resources for all students, which prompts us to make the following improvements. Please give us your feedback by sending email to cctalk@nd.edu

Sorin and Walsh halls will be connected to ResNet early!

Sorin and Walsh halls are being brought online earlier than scheduled. On December 3, 1996, these halls will be connected to ResNet. The Installation Fairs, where you can get help setting up your computer to run on the network, will be held on December 3-4 for Sorin and Walsh residents.

Nonnetworked residence halls receive computers in the spring

In an effort to provide ResNet access to students in non-networked residence halls, computers will be placed in public areas in Flanner, Morrissey, and Howard halls. Macintosh and Windows computers will be available beginning in the Spring 1997 semester. Software on these computers will be limited to network software (e-mail, Web browser, Usenet news-reader, FTP, telnet, and tn3270). No other software (e.g., word processor, spreadsheet) will be available on these computers, so that they can be used primarily for Internet access.

Architecture reopens with Windows computers

The Architecture computer cluster is scheduled to open in January, when the building renovation is complete. The cluster, which featured Macintosh computers when it closed in May of 1995, will reopen with 28 new IBM Pentium computers. The change from Macintosh to Windows computers was prompted by findings

in the Architecture school's market research. The cluster is now located in the basement. The hours for the Architecture cluster will be similar to Hayes-Healy hours.

Hayes-Healy cluster closing

At the end of the Fall semester, the Hayes-Healy cluster will be permanently closed due to the building's renovation. The cluster currently houses 42 Power Macintosh 7200 computers, which will be redistributed to other public access areas.

New cluster in Riley Hall

A newly remodeled fine arts graphics lab in Riley Hall, room 211 opens in January and will contain 16 of the Hayes-Healy Power Macs. The Riley cluster, which is open to all students, will also contain a Sun SPARCstation and printers.

Existing clusters expand Macintosh count

Several Macintosh computers that currently reside in Hayes-Healy will be added to the existing number of Macs at CCMB G015 and Fitzpatrick clusters.

IBM computers upgraded

All IBM computers in the campus computer clusters will be upgraded over Christmas Break. All classrooms and DeBartolo podia are included in the upgrade. The new computers feature 166 MHz processor, 32 MB RAM, 1.6 GB of hard disk space, 6x speed CDROM, 2 MB video RAM, and 17-inch color monitors (first time ever!).



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"...I LIKED IT BETTER WHEN THEY JUST SHOT LIVE AMMO OVER OUR HEADS!"

■ AND IN THIS CORNER...

Pigskin vs. plastic skin: Classic confrontation?

I'd like to thank Buffalo Bills backup quarterback Todd Collins for giving the Colts the chance to stay in the wildcard hunt.

Dope.

So, another Turkey Day has come and gone — another holiday of giving thanks to legendary ancestors of proportionally no one in the United States, celebrating an event which most likely did not

who already watch it.

And then there comes the Thanksgiving Classic of Classics — the Skins game?

It's bad enough during regularly scheduled Sundays to have the wasting of time interrupted by the Senior Tour, but to have Vin Scully — a Dodger broadcaster who, despite the complete

pumps his fist in the air. Hey, hey, calm down there, Arsenio. Don't you know that golf crowds are supposed to be silent on punishment of death?

One question I'd like answered is why there are so many golf tournaments on TV this year as a whole. Golf strikes me as a primarily non-spectator, rich white man's game; politicians and wealthy business men play a few rounds when avoiding any real work (or real workout).

The game itself requires vast tracts of land that could certainly be put to much better use, such as, say, becoming a small municipal airport.

And nothing happens in golf. Nothing. I find it hard to believe that the Scottish supposedly invented golf. I just can't picture a Scottish clansman in the Highlands putting about his tiny, rocky, barely arable plot of land, unless he happened to be using a decapitated enemy's head or the like.

Tennis appears very much a rich man's game as well, but at least you sweat in tennis.

All golf-ranting aside, at least there really were some special television moments to give thanks for this past week.

Extreme close-ups of Florida State's defensive coordinator, whose tongue-

'For as yet unknown reasons, NBC loves to bombard its football viewers with melodramatic five-minute lead-ins of upcoming golf "matches," displaying a boring montage of slow motion "action shots" of various golf swings and putts, which aren't exactly in fast-motion to begin with.'

lack of both brains and personality, managed to get himself elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame — tout a lengthy, televised golf tournament as an "exciting match-up" is simply silly.

This comes complete with questions of "golf strategy," as if there's some sort of actually physical competition going on here. "Uhhh... I'm going to hit the ball into the hole, Vin."

For as yet unknown reasons, NBC loves to bombard its football viewers with melodramatic five-minute lead-ins of upcoming golf "matches," displaying a boring montage of slow motion "action shots" of various golf swings and putts, which aren't exactly in fast-motion to begin with.

I just love it when the dorky-looking guy with the polo shirt and designer sunglasses turns to the crowd and



chewing antics made him resemble a rather large ugly frog; marching band versions of Alanis Morissette songs at the ND/USC game (obviously, the real reason for the disaster); and CBS sports commentators' uncanny insight that if the Miami Hurricanes didn't give the ball to only one running back, they would give the ball to many different running backs — just add a few beer and truck commercials, and you've got the perfect American holiday!

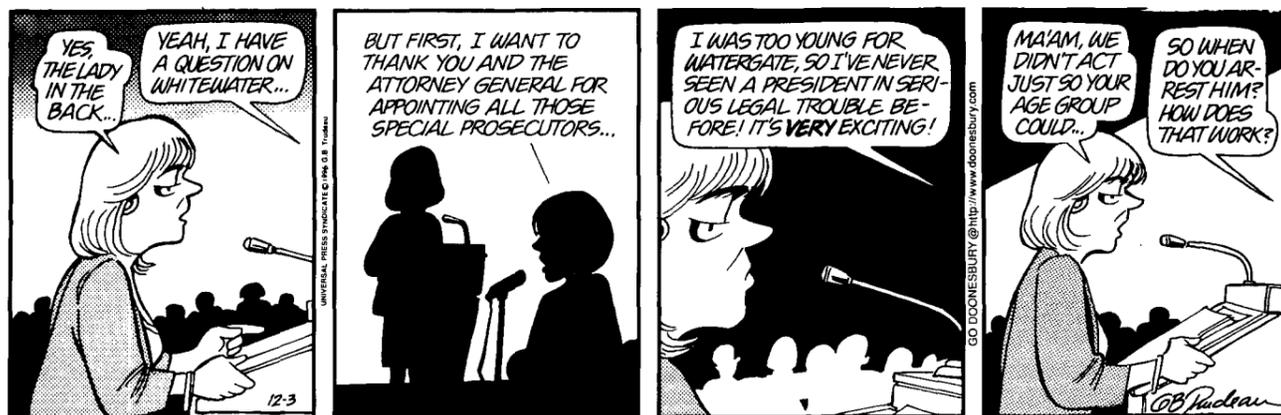
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occur, on a date deliberately chosen to create a Christmas shopping season — complete with all the Turkey Day traditions, such as: turkey (of course); potatoes, potatoes, and more potatoes; cranberry sauce (which, like fruit cake, is a tradition despite the fact that nobody can stand the stuff); pumpkin pie (actually made from squash); eggnog (the store-brand, which has more sugar than homemade) to which you can always add liberal amounts of various kinds of cerebral activity enhancers; snow (hey, it's traditional where I come from); lame television coverage of even more lame Turkey Day parades; and, to save the best for last, watching two NFL games in a row in a small room with a semi-clean shag carpet smelling of cigars and wet dog hair bracketed by armchairs-ful of older male relatives you rarely see during the year who occasionally belch and grunt as the shifting in the chairs of their combined massive body weight causes minor earthquakes in nearby counties while "Feel the Power" NFL ads come on to advertise football to those

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The strongest and sweetest songs yet remain to be sung."

—Walt Whitman

Notre Dame Football: The Legends, The L The Fighting Irish Football E

By DAN CICHALSKI
Assistant Accent Editor

So it looks like you will not be able to get Dad those Fiesta Bowl tickets this year. Now what? Fathers can often be the toughest family member to buy for because many of them do not know what they want. If any research were done in this area, it would probably reveal that dads are harder to buy for than Bill Gates who, if he doesn't already have everything, surely can afford to buy it all.

It's time to find something else for Dad or any other Notre Dame football fanatic. An adequate substitute is "The Fighting Irish Football Encyclopedia."

The second edition of the book was published this year by Sagamore Publishing in Illinois. Author Michael R. Steele is an English professor at Pacific University in Oregon and a 1967 Notre Dame graduate. In 1983, he published a biography of Knute Rockne and helped with the script for a Rockne documentary on PBS.

The 514-page tome contains every morsel of information about Notre Dame football from its "humble beginnings" in 1887 right up to the end of the 1995 season. There is more information here than any one person can know, except maybe Steele.

"The Fighting Irish Football Encyclopedia" has the standard features of a sports reference book: season reviews, all-time rosters, statistics and records. But it presents these standards in a different manner and it has so much more that sets it apart from other sports and Notre Dame encyclopedias.

After an introduction by Ara Parseghian, Ed "Moose" Krause's foreword from the First Edition and Rocky Bleier's foreword for the Second Edition, the first chapter is entitled "The Place." While there are so many people across America and around the world who know about Notre Dame football, there are many who do not understand what "Notre Dame is all about," as we are fond of saying.

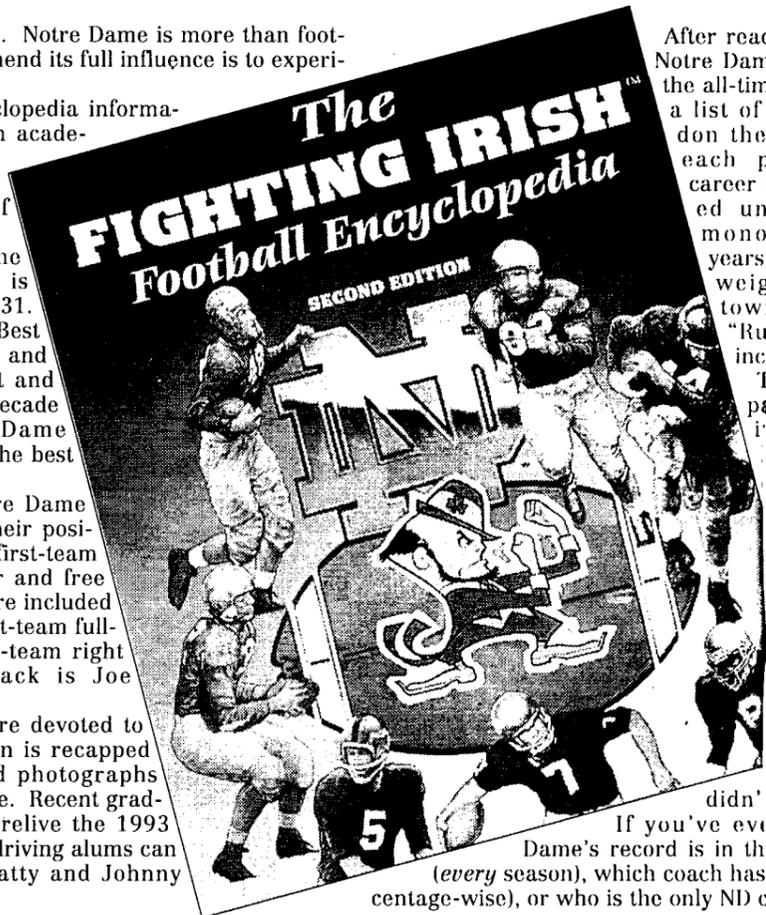
"Go to the place," Steele writes. Notre Dame is more than football and the only way to comprehend its full influence is to experience it first-hand.

Before the actual sports encyclopedia information, there are also chapters on academics and student-athletes, a tough 32-question test on Notre Dame football trivia and lists of the all-time Irish teams.

The all-time teams include the all-time players by era, which is broken down by decade after 1931. A more interesting group is the Best "Small" Players (under six feet) and the Best "Big" Players (six feet and taller). The all-time rosters by decade were chosen by their Notre Dame peers and, therefore, are likely the best possible selections.

Finally, the best all-time Notre Dame players are listed together at their positions. George Gipp made both first-team offense and defense as a kicker and free safety and several recent stars are included too, such as Jerome Bettis as first-team fullback and Bobby Taylor as first-team right cornerback. The quarterback is Joe Montana.

Over 300 pages of the book are devoted to "Season Reviews." Each season is recapped with details of each game and photographs scattered throughout each decade. Recent graduates and current seniors can relive the 1993 season while plaid-wearing, RV-driving alums can recall the days of Terry Hanratty and Johnny Lujack.



After reading the all-time list of each player's career highlights and monog years, weight town "Ru incl T pa i didn't If you've evt Dame's record is in th (every season), which coach is in centage-wise), or who is the only ND c

Hillary Knows Best

By SUSIE SOHN
Accent Literary Critic

Surprisingly or not, Hillary Rodham Clinton's first book, "It Takes a Village," hit #1 on the New York Times Bestseller List when her own popularity polls were at an all time low. Published this year, "It Takes a Village" also coincided with the pre-election season's media blitz to blacken the President's name and associations, including "White Watergate" as one of many attempts to lend suspicion to the Clinton name. Other stabs were made to undermine Clinton's lack of family values. For these reasons, "It Takes a Village" seems especially benign, even noble.

Whether she did so intentionally or not, Hillary Clinton combats these claims as she takes on issues concerning children and the American family. She approaches the issue of child care in such an intelligent and personal manner that the reader may very well feel as if Hillary Clinton lived right next door. However, though the personality of this book forces the reader to remind herself that Hillary is, in fact, the First Lady, it is this status that lends credibility to her statements, allowing the reader to excuse the lack of footnotes despite the frequent use of statistics.

Peppered with a bit of Hillary Clinton's own political ideology, the book proves valuable not only for its realistic and knowledgeable approach to modern American problems, but also for the engaging personal anecdotes that Hillary Clinton has to tell about her own family, both the one she was born into as well as the one she shares now with the President. Though one might initially be interested in this book for the First Lady's ideas about family reform and governmental involvement in securing a bright future for American children, he or she might want to hear more personal anecdotes from the Clinton's own lives.

One of the funny stories that the First Lady tells about her family illustrates children's need for undivided attention. Once, while Bill Clinton spent an afternoon with his 4-year old daughter Chelsea, he was inundated with phone calls. Holding Chelsea, the then governor of Arkansas juggled her from arm to arm as he picked up call after call. Chelsea, seeing her father reach for the phone yet again, finally just bit her dad on the nose which, needless to say, got his attention.

Hillary Clinton herself grew up in a family with a stable middle-class home. Her family was one that "looked like it was straight out of the 1950s television sitcom "Father Knows Best," "and most of the people she "knew growing up had families remarkably

like [hers]. However, the knowledge Hillary Clinton has drawn from her research, as well as knowing and working with those who grew up in less stable families (such as Bill Clinton himself), give the book a solid integrity.

Hillary Clinton isn't lecturing from a high horse telling us how we should live our lives and raise the next generation. She has been out there working, as a college student, law student, the lawyer, with children and with people concerned with children's well-being.

So while "It Takes a Village" does well in expressing what children need and what is being done or should be done to ensure it, it is more informative than prescriptive, and expresses more reassurance than moral indignation. In the chapter about divorce, Hillary Clinton expresses her ideal wish that "every child have an intact, dependable family" but realizes that this wish will likely remain only a wish.

She is realistic, however, when she talks honestly not only about her own need to "bite her tongue every once in a while to get through her marriage, but about nationwide efforts to strengthen marriages and more impor

WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

Decoding Internet Gibberish

By JASON HUGGINS
World Wide Web Correspondent

Assuming you've been a loyal reader of "Web Site of the Week" for the past year, you have religiously typed in every address of those cool web sites that browser's "location" box. As you repeated this ritual every Tuesday, it is possible that you gazed at a string of seemingly unrelated words, letters, and punctuation marks while muttering to yourself, "What does this all mean?" Well, skip the philosophy. All those symbols have meaning, and by understanding the relevance behind the address, your ability to surf the Web will be vastly improved.

The original intent of a Web address, called a URL (Uniform Resource Locator), was to aid your computer in locating information on other computers on the Web. URL syntax was never intended for human consumption. Machines were supposed to read the code.

And with the ways Netscape and Internet Explorer keep advancing, chances are that soon enough you won't have to touch URLs at all, with either your keyboard or a ten-foot pole. Even now, if you are smart, you rarely will have to get your hands dirty with the actual typing in of long URLs if you bookmark regularly, or use Cut and Paste.

There are some shortcuts you can take to make finding that elusive treasure of valuable esoterica less daunting. If, after conducting a search for yellow polka-dot bikini you come up with a URL like http://swimsuits.com/bikinis/yellow_polka_dot/information-file.html — and then find yourself with a "file not found" message — try this little trick: delete everything after the last slash (i.e., "gibberish-file.html"). Chances are you will find yourself on a page that actually exists. If not, you can keep deleting file names and slashes, working your way backward, until you hit something exciting.

As Web browsers become more sophisticated, the manner in which they are able to find addresses becomes simpler and requires less typing. In Netscape, for instance, you are trying to find the Apple Computer Web site, try typing in just "apple" in the location window. Magically, the URL <http://www.apple.com> will appear, as will the Apple site. Unfortunately, this only works with sites ending in .com.

Taking advantage of Netscape's Bookmarking features also can alleviate Net street Windows users can right-click their mouse and choose "Create Shortcut" while highlighting a URL, and leave that site on the desktop. On the Macintosh, it is as simple as opening up the Bookmarks window and dragging the site name to the desktop. Both ways will leave you remarkably URL-free.

Internet Explorer users have another way of avoiding the dreaded 60 character limit in the address window, simply type "find apple," and you will be whisked away to Yahoo!, which will then find the appropriate site for you.

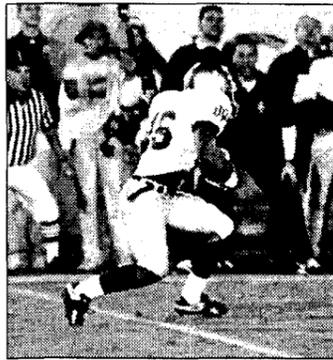
In addition to the prefix "http," there are times when you will come across the "ftp" (File Transfer Protocol). FTP is used when you download a file from the Web to your hard drive. If you are looking for the latest release of Netscape, for instance

USC Notre Dame
27-20

With four turnovers, the Irish finished the season with 23 turnovers, costing them an Alliance bowl bid.

Autry Denson
Denson was a work horse, scoring a touchdown and carrying 33 times for 160 yards, both career highs.

"My guts feel like someone cut out my complete insides. I never felt this low."
-Head coach Lou Holtz



After cradling this second quarter punt, Allen Rossum would cough up his first of two fumbles in the game. The Irish totaled four fumbles on the day.

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Fit to be untied

WAY TO GO USC!!!

	1	2	3	4	TOT	TOL
...USC	6	0	0	21	27	1
...N.D.	0	7	7	6	20	1
DOWN	4			QTR. 4		
TO GO	8			BALL ON 28		

Brad Otton leads second half rally as Trojans end era of dominance

By DAVE TREACY
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LOS ANGELES
After 13 years, the reign of terror is over.

Behind battered quarterback Brad Otton, the University of Southern California battled back from an eight-point deficit and zero offensive yardage in the third quarter to beat 10th-ranked Notre Dame 27-20 in overtime. Otton, knocked out of play in the first series of the game, returned to the field in the third quarter to tally 183 total yards and two touchdowns on 13-of-25 passing.

Last week against UCLA, Otton was forced to watch his team suffer its second overtime loss of the year.

It was not going to be that way Saturday night.

"I definitely knew I was hurt and where I got hurt," said Otton, who was suffering from bruised ribs. "But the worst I felt was last week when I had to come out and watch my team

play without me in overtime. I wasn't going to let that happen tonight."

Otton engineered the final USC (6-6) overtime drive, completing all three of his passes, including a 5-yard toss to Rodney Sermons for the game-winning score.

"Brad Otton was courageous," Trojan coach John Robinson said. "A lot of things went against him this year. He never blinked, never gave up."

Notre Dame failed to reach the end zone with its ensuing overtime possession, with the game ending when USC linebacker Mark Cusano batted down Ron Powlus' pass on fourth down.

"This is an awful way to end the season," admitted Powlus. "This is an awful way to end my career if we don't go to a bowl game. We wanted to send coach Holtz out right, but we didn't."

The Irish (8-3) controlled the game entering the fourth quarter. The Trojans offense did not



The Observer/Brandon Candura

The Coliseum scoreboard (top left) tells the whole story as USC quarterback Brad Otton is mobbed on the field after he did show the Trojans the way to go. Otton also grabbed the game ball for coach John Robinson.

muster any net yardage in the third quarter, and the first Irish drive of the final period seemed destined to reach the end zone.

"They never quite made it."

Powlus' pass was caught by Malcolm Johnson inside the 5-yard line, but the receiver fumbled it away en route to the score, giving USC possession at its own 1.

"I lost my concentration," Johnson said. "Coach told us

after the game just to keep our heads up. But it really is a terrible way to end the season."

After the Irish defense forced the Trojans to punt the football away, returner Allen Rossum added to the USC effort, fumbling the kick and allowing USC to regain possession at the Notre Dame 12.

"I just lost my concentration," Rossum said. "It was a fair catch all the way and I just

didn't make the catch."

Otton's 5-yard TD pass to Chris Miller came four plays later, but the failed two-point conversion attempt kept Notre Dame in the lead, 14-12.

The Irish running game pounded its way down the field, as Robert Farmer and Autry Denson brought Notre Dame back into USC territory. Denson,

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IRISH INSIGHT

Arrogant Irish aren't 'First-Tier'

Will the Irish go bowling this year?

After fumbling their way out of a nearly certain \$8.4 million Fiesta Bowl bid with their devastating 27-20 overtime loss to hated rival USC on Saturday, the Irish were certainly downtrodden, and probably felt as if they would rather not play another game this season.

With virtually all but the three Alliance bowl games locked up by conference tie-ins this season and the Irish's 8-3 mark marring their appearance, it looked as if the lost battle for Troy had in fact put an end to a rather disappointing season.

But the Irish and their fans had forgotten about another less attractive suitor than the wealthy Fiesta or the equally rich Orange. The \$1.3 million Poulan Weedeater Independence Bowl.

The folks in charge of the Shreveport, Louisiana-based bowl game jumped at the chance the Irish

loss presented, offering the Blue and Gold a chance to eat up their opposition as well as the weeds just as soon as the champagne had dried on John "RoboCoach" Robinson's balding head.

And what did the Irish do? Just what you'd expect them to. They turned them down.

The Los Angeles Times reported the morning after the loss that Athletic Director and king of Notre Dame's glass castle Michael Wadsworth had spurned the Independence representatives, insisting that the Irish "would not accept a bid to a second-tier bowl game," and no doubt crossing his fingers in the hopes that the Orange Bowl committee would pick profit over performance and grab the Irish instead of a more deserving team with the sixth and final pick in the Alliance's Selection Show.

Isn't that charming. Your team underachieves all year long, suffers two self-inflicted losses to mediocre opponents, drops the ball about as frequently as they drop opposing quarterbacks, and you still have the

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The Observer/Brandon Candura

Head coach Lou Holtz exits the field in what was perhaps his last game at the Irish helm.

Otton fights off injury to get the game and ball for Robinson

By JOE VILLINSKI
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LOS ANGELES

USC quarterback Brad Otton wanted the ball all game.

He wanted the ball after leaving the game in the first quarter due to re-aggravating a bruised sternum and ribs. He would then desire the pigskin again at the game's conclusion.

The ball had become more desirable mainly because of what Otton did with it after reentering the game in the third quarter. The senior, in his last collegiate game, engineered a Trojan comeback,

throwing for 143 yards on 11-21 passing in the second half, to lead USC past rival Notre Dame 27-20 in overtime.

When USC linebacker Matt Cusano knocked down Irish quarterback Ron Powlus' last ditch pass, Otton took off after the ball with one recipient in mind: head coach John Robinson.

"I was just trying to get the game ball," Otton said. "I nearly got myself killed diving after the game ball. I gave it to him (Robinson) and hopefully it will mean a lot to him."

Not only did the game ball mean a lot, but also the win.

Robinson had been on the hot seat all week long after the Trojans dropped their fifth game of the year to UCLA the week before. Members of the Los Angeles media hinted that if Robinson could not come up with a win against nemesis Notre Dame, it could be his last game.

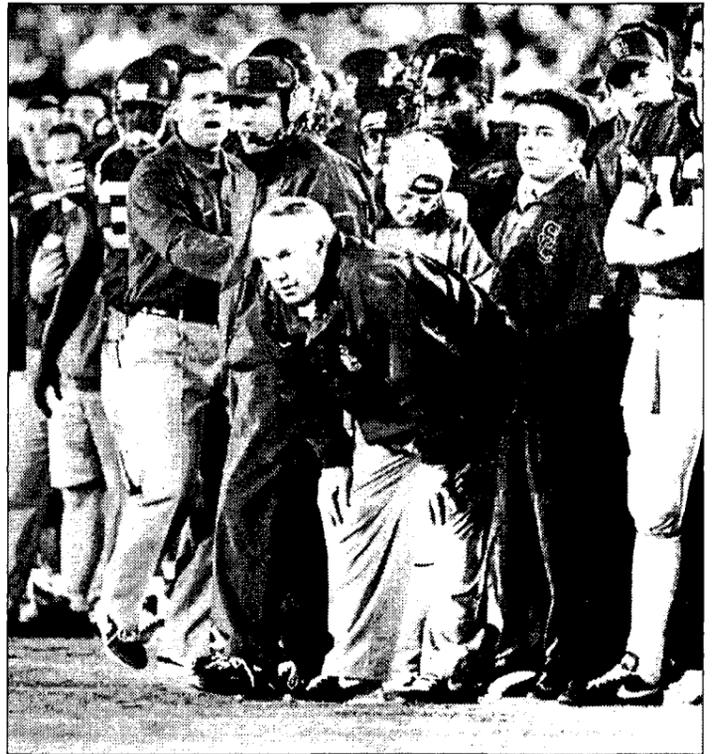
Otton stood up for his coach both on the field Saturday night, and earlier in the week during practice.

"I love the media just as much as the next guy," Otton added. "But sometimes the media's job is to create controversy and jump on stories. As players, we watch the film every week and we saw we were just not executing on the field. It was not the play-calling and all of us as players had to step forward and admit it."

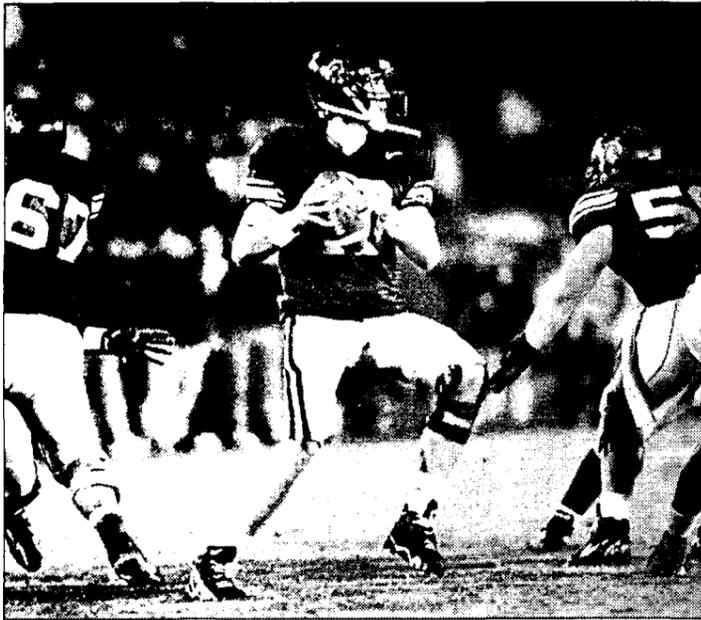
"This game tonight, we wanted to win for ourselves, but every guy in that room will tell you this one was for coach Robinson."

Otton could have kept that game ball if he wanted to. After Irish linebacker Kory Minor leveled him on the sixth play of the game, Otton had to be helped off the field, having reinjured a sternum and ribs he originally bruised against UCLA.

Without him, USC's less-than-dynamic duo of Matt Koffler and Quincy Woods proved to be inept. Vowing not to watch his team lose another game from the sidelines, Otton was injected with the necessary painkillers at halftime, allowing him



The Observer/Mike Ruma
After a week of speculation regarding his job, USC head coach John Robinson was elated after the win, receiving the game ball from Otton.



The Observer/Mike Ruma
Otton finished the game, completing 13 of 25 passes for 183 yards and two second half touchdowns, including the overtime winner.

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who finished with 160 yards on the ground, carried the ball six times on the eight-play scoring drive, including the 9-yard burst around the right end that put six points on the board for the Irish.

It would not be enough.

Kicker Jim Sanson could not put the ball between the poles on Notre Dame's extra point try, kicking it wide left from Powlus' hold. The missed attempt kept USC in the game, only eight points away in a 20-12 game.

"I let the fifth-year seniors down," said a distraught Sanson. "(The hold) was fine. I need to grow up."

With the majority of the 90,296 voices on their side, USC stuck in the game, and with 3:50 left in the fourth quarter, attacked the Irish defense on the ground and in the air. Delon Washington registered the final blows of the drive on a 15-yard TD run and a carry for the two-point conversion score. Washington finished the game with a team-high 67 yards on 15 carries.

After a questionable ground game all night, the Trojans surprised Notre Dame by putting the ball in the hands of their backs with the win in jeopardy.

"In the fourth quarter, Notre Dame didn't quite have a handle on what we were doing," Robinson stated. "We have to become a running team. That's what I've always admired about a Holtz team, their ability to run the football."

Notre Dame stymied the Trojan offense to minimal rushing yards through the first three periods, holding them to 52 net yards. But it was Notre Dame's mistakes that helped snap the 13-year streak against USC, including Johnson's and Rossum's fourth-quarter miscues. Also, Emmett Mosley fumbled a first-quarter reception, leading to a USC field goal, and Rossum lost a second-quarter punt to bring the fumble tally to four.

"This is probably as tough a loss as I've ever had," Irish coach Lou Holtz said of what will be his final game at Notre Dame. "We made so many mistakes in this football game. We had four turnovers- two by receivers- and we missed an extra point which kept them

in the game."

"I feel bad for the seniors and the players that made mistakes. I know how they feel," Holtz said.

For Rossum and Sanson, it has been a season of ups and downs. After two kick-return touchdowns against Pittsburgh, Rossum's two fumbles put USC in prime field position, a luxury the Trojans enjoyed most of the game.

Sanson, brought into the spotlight in the Texas contest after nailing a game-winning field goal, has secured a place in the doghouse after missing the extra point. The kicker's inconsistency has hurt the Irish all season, and the costly miss is a prime example of his, and Notre Dame's, roller coaster season.

The positives for Notre Dame came

few and far between. Renaldo Wynn's 10 tackles, including two for losses, and a sack helped the Irish defense corral the Trojans for the majority of the game.

Safety Benny Guilbeaux was the lone force in the Irish secondary, intercepting a Matt Koffler pass in the end zone to stop a USC scoring threat and preserve a 7-6 Irish lead late in the first half.

Denson recorded career-highs with 33 rushing attempts for 160 net yards.

USC's come-from-behind victory not only ended the 13-year dominance for Notre Dame, but may it have also saved the career of John Robinson. USC's legendary coach has been under fire during his team's mediocre season, but he tried to emphasize that a win over Notre Dame should not be a factor in consider-

ing his future at USC.

"I admire Lou Holtz a great deal. Neither he nor I were the issue. The real things are the teams, the schools, the games, and all the things you won't read about in the paper (Sunday) morning. I'm happy about this. It's one of the great moments of my life. Much has been made about me this week but this is beyond me."

Much more than a football game came to a close on Saturday when that pass was batted down. The years of dominance over Notre Dame's only true rival, The Holtz years. Notre Dame's bowl chances after nine straight post-season bowl games.

An era ended when the ball hit the ground.

GRADED POSITION ANALYSIS

Quarterbacks C

Ron Powlus didn't have an overabundance of open wide receivers, as his numbers indicate. But be it play-calling or Powlus himself, the inability to hit secondary and tertiary receivers hurt. The failure to make the big play in overtime didn't help either.

Running Backs B+

Tailback Autry Denson posted career highs in both yardage and attempts, an effort more impressive when one considers that he did it without a passing attack to keep the defense off-balance. Jamie Spencer and Robert Farmer did their job but for perhaps the first time, the absence of Marc Edwards was costly. Where was Randy Kinder?

Wide Receivers D

Cikai Champion's career moment was overshadowed by the fumbles of Emmett Mosley and Malcolm Johnson. Johnson's play could have been a nail in the coffin, but it turned out to be the beginning of the end. No one could find a way to get open.

Offensive Line B-

The Irish had success running the ball but the size and experience (4 seniors) of this crew should add up to a more dominant performance. Pass protection was lacking at times.

Defensive Line B

Renaldo Wynn continues to shine, moving up the draft ladder with each big play. However, cohorts Alton Maiden and Melvin Dansby were noticeably silent. Brad Otton is as slow-footed as they come, but was only sacked twice.

Linebackers B

Solid pressure on Otton early wouldn't let the Trojans get into a groove. A handful of key missed tackles was uncharacteristic. Kory Minor's knee bruise limited the success of the squad late, while Bert Berry's relative silence was quite a negative.

Defensive Backs D

Benny Guilbeaux's performance saved this unit from utter failure. Irish cornerbacks were lucky they weren't exploited more, as Otton picked the Irish apart late in the game. Sure, Rossum and Covington had numerous tackles, but that actually speaks more about their ineffectiveness.

Special Teams F

Like the tie two years ago, special teams was the glaring weakness. Rossum's two fumbles, particularly the second, were absolutely devastating. The same could be said for the missed extra point, a combination of a poor hold and a bad kick.

Coaching C

Sure, Lou Holtz and staff didn't fumble the game away, but the Irish had reasons (Holtz's last game, major bowl bid, the streak) to be motivated that Holtz failed to capitalize on. Insertion of Powlus as holder on extra points was fatal. Not the way to go out.

Overall 2.0

The Irish have developed a scary knack for blowing fourth-quarter leads (3 of last 4 losses). They had everything to lose, and they lost it all. The Thank You card from John Robinson is already in the mail.

-Tim Sherman

Fumbling and bumbling it all away

Bowl bid, Holtz's final game slips through Irish hands

By JOE VILLINSKI
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LOS ANGELES

Maybe Notre Dame's 27-20 loss to USC Saturday night wouldn't seem so bad if it wasn't the last regular season game of the year.

If a major Alliance bowl bid wasn't on the line.

If it wasn't head coach Lou Holtz's last game at Notre Dame.

If the Irish didn't proceed to fumble the game away and render the season null and void.

But the loss was bad. Real bad.

The Irish were on course to end the year with a five-game winning streak, a probable bid to the Fiesta Bowl, and a

proper farewell for Holtz. But just like those fumbles, it all slipped through their hands. Holtz was asked his thoughts on what suddenly turned out to be his swan song at the Irish helm.

"It's like life," he said. "It's one you'll remember, one game you'll carry with you for a long time."

If that's the case, it may explain why Holtz appeared to be in total despair as the USC sideline exploded in victory. The game will not overshadow his career, but as Holtz admits, it will be a stigma.

The realization that he had just seen his last Notre Dame game as head coach appeared to be setting in at the post-game press conference.

"My guts feel like someone cut out my complete insides," Holtz said. "I never felt this low."

It seemed as if that was the consensus feeling.

"To have the streak broken with me being a senior is the worst possible feeling I could ever feel," linebacker Bert Berry said in reference to the Trojans ending their 13-game winless string against the Irish.

Berry and the rest of the defense were put in bad situations the entire game due to four costly fumbles. By game's end, logging constant minutes on the field had taken its toll on the defense.

"Any time you have a turnover, it hurts the team," Berry added. "There's never a good time to have one. A lot of the time we were able to bounce back, but you can only bounce back so many times."

Receiver Malcolm Johnson's fumble en route to a score that would have put the Irish ahead two touchdowns may have been the biggest miscue. After

Johnson had hauled in a 33-yard pass from quarterback Ron Powlus, Trojan linebacker Sammy Knight jarred the ball loose and recovered it at the goal line.

"I lost my concentration," Johnson said.

Next up was return man Allen Rossum, already having coughed it up once, when he bobbed another punt at his own 12 in an attempt to make a fair catch. Four plays later, the Trojans trailed 14-12.

"I just lost concentration once I called for the fair catch," Rossum said.

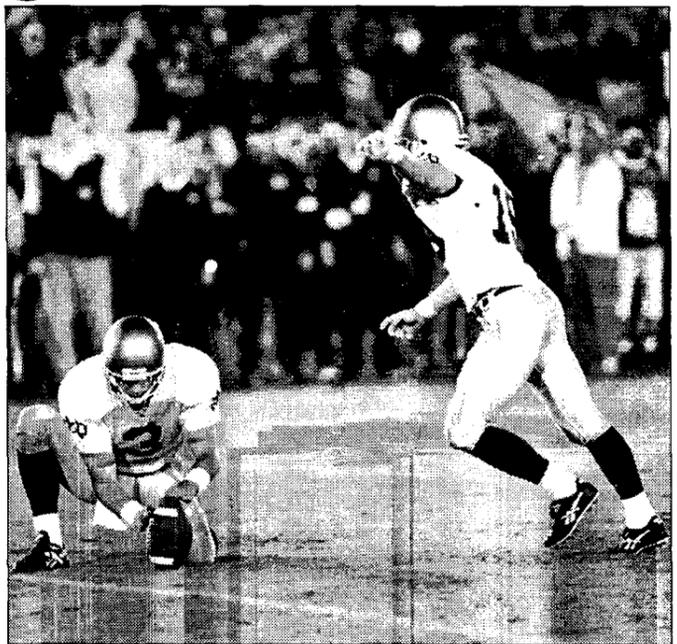
No concentration means no win.

"We should have won the game," Rossum added. "We were an inferior team that made too many mistakes. I made two myself."

The Irish could have sealed the victory had freshman Jim Sanson converted an extra point, potentially putting the Irish ahead by two scores with 4:29 left. With Powlus holding, the laces were turned out and Sanson missed wide left.

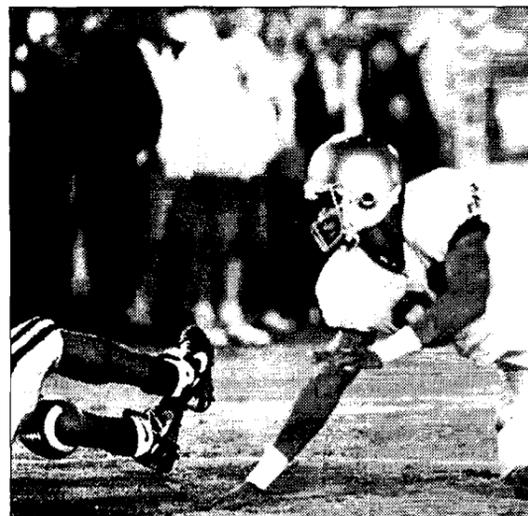
"I know I let the fifth-year seniors down," Sanson said. "I need to grow up."

"I got the snap, put it down, and the laces were facing sideways," Powlus said. "Snap was fine. I think the kicker was fine."



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Although Ron Powlus' first hold for freshman kicker Jim Sanson was fine, Sanson later missed an extra point in the fourth quarter that would have put the Irish ahead by two scores. Powlus admitted later that the laces were sideways.



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Malcolm Johnson struggles to recover his fumble in the fourth quarter.

Notre Dame will be less than fine now that it appears no bowl game is on the horizon. Irish players said after the game that the loss marked the end of their season. With no expectations on the part of athletic administration to accept a bid to a second-tier bowl, the Irish most likely will be out of the post-season for the first time since 1986.

"It's a sad way to go out for me and the rest of the seniors, but it's over and the sun's going to come up tomorrow," Berry concluded.

Of course, that sun might not be as bright.

Especially for Holtz. "We made far too many mistakes," Holtz said. "I don't know why."

Now, he has plenty of time to locate

AP TOP 25 AP

TEAM	RECORD	POINTS	PREVIOUS
1. Florida St. (61)	11-0	1669	2
2. Arizona St. (5)	11-0	1609	3
3. Nebraska (1)	10-1	1526	4
4. Florida	10-1	1484	1
5. Ohio State	10-1	1383	6
6. Brigham Young	12-1	1274	7
7. Colorado	9-2	1250	5
8. Penn State	10-2	1233	8
9. Tennessee	9-2	1043	9
10. Northwestern	9-2	990	11
11. Virginia Tech	10-1	947	17
12. Washington	9-2	916	12
13. North Carolina	9-2	910	13
14. Kansas State	9-2	857	14
15. Alabama	9-2	829	15
16. Michigan	8-3	657	18
17. LSU	9-2	640	19
18. Notre Dame	8-3	535	10
19. Miami	8-3	454	23
20. Wyoming	10-1	450	21
21. Iowa	8-3	306	22
22. Syracuse	8-3	280	16
23. Army	9-1	144	24
24. West Virginia	8-3	96	25
25. Virginia	7-4	75	20

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STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

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Notre Dame	0	7	7	6	0	20
USC	6	0	0	14	7	27

Team Statistics

	ND	USC
First Downs	19	18
Rushing	15	5
Passing	4	12
Penalty	0	1
Rushing Attempts	60	32
Rushing Yards	260	92
Passing Yards	108	210
Passes Attempted	19	35
Passes Completed	8	16
Had Intercepted	0	1
Total Offensive Plays	79	67
Total Yards	368	302
Average Gain Per Play	4.66	4.51
Fumbles: Number-Lost	5-4	2-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	6-65	7-61
Number of Punts-Yards	6-252	7-323
Average Per Punt	42.0	46.1
Punt Returns: Number-Yards	4-36	2-21
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards	3-57	3-68
Interceptions: Number-Yards	1-0	0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards	0-0	1-37
Time of Possession	36:00	24:00
Third Down Conversions	7 of 18	4 of 16
Fourth Down Conversions	3 of 4	1 of 2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-15	2-10

Individual Statistics

RUSHING

Notre Dame-Denson 33-160, Spencer 13-45, Farmer 8-54, Powlus 6-1.
USC-Washington 15-67, Walters 9-28, Sermons 3-10, Koffer 2-minus 10, Woods 1-2, Otton 1-minus 8, Claiborne 1-3.

PASSING

Notre Dame-Powlus 19-8-0-108.
USC-Otton 25-13-0-183, Woods 2-0-0-0, Koffer 8-3-1-27.

RECEIVING

Notre Dame-Mosley 3-29, Johnson 2-41, Spencer 1-7, Champion 1-25, Chryplewicz 1-6.

Attendance: 90,296

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

USC-Abrams 30 fg (7 plays, 39 yards) at 13:00
USC-Abrams 38 fg (4 plays, minus 13 yards) at 5:13

SECOND QUARTER

Notre Dame-Spencer 1 run (Sanson kick) (11 plays, 65 yards) at 14:23

THIRD QUARTER

Notre Dame-Champion 25 pass from Powlus (Sanson kick) (8 plays, 46 yards) at 0:23

FOURTH QUARTER

USC-C. Miller 5 pass from Otton (PAT failed) (4 plays, 12 yards) at 8:21
Notre Dame-Denson 9 run (PAT FAILED) (9 plays, 65 yards) at 3:52
USC-Washington 15 run (Washington run) (8 plays, 67 yards) at 1:50

OVERTIME

USC-Sermons 5 pass from Otton (Abrams kick) (4 plays, 25 yards)

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audacity to believe that somehow you are "deserving" of anything better than a "second-tier bowl game."

Seems to me that the Irish are closer to a second-tier team than they are to an elite one.

Seems to me that second-tier teams deserve second-tier bowl games.

But the Irish officials, and certainly many Irish fans as well, don't see things in such a logical perspective. After all, this is Notre Dame you're talking about, and Notre Dame won't accept anything less than the best.

It is exactly this kind of Notre Dame arrogance which has turned college football viewers around the country violently against the Irish, and which led Notre Dame fans and possibly players as well to assume that in order to continue Notre Dame's miraculous hold over USC, all they had to do was show up against a 5-6 Trojan squad which had lost three straight games.

How far does this arrogance go? Consider the following example.

The Notre Dame club of Orange County decided to print up shirts for the game. The shirts didn't salute Lou Holtz in his last regular season game with the Irish, didn't pay respect to a storied rivalry. Instead, they sent an obnoxious message, loud and clear.

"We Own You," screamed the front of the shirt in black letters about as large as the lump in Holtz's throat following the game, which, ironically enough, the Trojans owned in the end.

One would think that the Collapse in the Coliseum would be enough to humble Notre Dame, but to listen to Wadsworth speak, apparently is wasn't. Rumor has it that Holtz even told the players in the week prior to the game that it was either the Fiesta, Orange, or nothing for the Irish.

So it looks as if it will be nothing.

But does it have to be that way? Does the season have to end without a bowl game?

It doesn't, and it shouldn't.

At the very least, this team still has something left to do this season.

Prove yourselves.

So why not suck it up, swallow some pride, and take what you can.

Take what you deserve.

Break out the Weedeaters, Irish fans, we're headin' down south.

Don't touch the Oranges on the way there, though.

They're the Forbidden Fruit, and, tempting as they may be, you have no right to them.



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Tommy Trojan could finally ride off gloriously into the sunset, as USC snapped its 13-game winless streak against Notre Dame.



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Irish defensive lineman Renaldo Wynn, shown here sacking USC quarterback Brad Otton, played a strong final game in an Irish uniform, recording 10 tackles.

USC 27 Notre Dame 20

Los Angeles Coliseum
November 30, 1996

■ GAME NOTES

Holder problem haunts Irish, Bowl prospects appear dim

By TIM SHERMAN
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LOS ANGELES

QUESTION MARKS

Among the many question marks surrounding Notre Dame's shocking 27-20 loss to USC was the mysterious insertion of Ron Powlus as holder on extra points. Though Hunter Smith has held for Jim Sanson all season long and was perfectly healthy Saturday night, Lou Holtz opted mid-way through the game to insert Powlus as holder.

"He really kicked well with Ron," Holtz said.

He didn't after Notre Dame's third touchdown, as Sanson missed a vital extra point that turned out to be the game's deciding factor. Powlus admitted that the hold was bad, as the laces were pointing the wrong way. Sanson, though, was not offering any excuses. He could only blurt out in a very emotional state, "I let the fifth-year seniors down."

BOWLED OVER

The Irish lost out on a virtual lock as a Fiesta Bowl selection in Los Angeles. In the process, they cost the school upwards of \$8 million dollars.

Though the Irish were eliminated from Alliance bowl contention on Monday during the Alliance's weekly conference call, they are still eligible for bowls such as the Aloha, Independence, and Copper Bowl.

Holtz, Irish players and Athletic

Director Mike Wadsworth have all indicated that Notre Dame will not accept such an invitation. A representative for the Independence Bowl made it clear that the Irish are wanted, however.

"A Notre Dame-Auburn match-up would be great for our bowl."

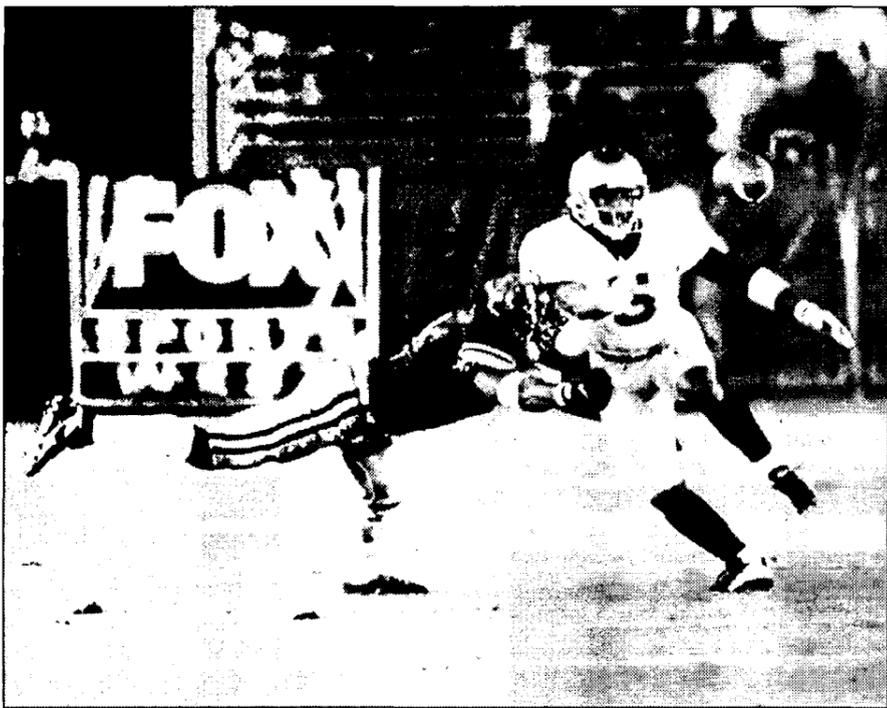
EXCUSE ME

At his post-game press conference, Lou Holtz reminded those assembled that the team had no excuses.

He proceeded to give a few, though. The main excuse dealt with the inability of the Irish to practice outside in South Bend due to the frigid weather. The Irish, instead, practiced inside. "I think not being able to do a lot of punting hurt us," Holtz said, in reference to Allen Rossum's two fumbled punts. In addition, Rossum was injured on the first fumble and the arm injury may have impacted his second fumble. "All I wanted to do was fair catch it," said Rossum of the fumble that set up the tying touchdown.

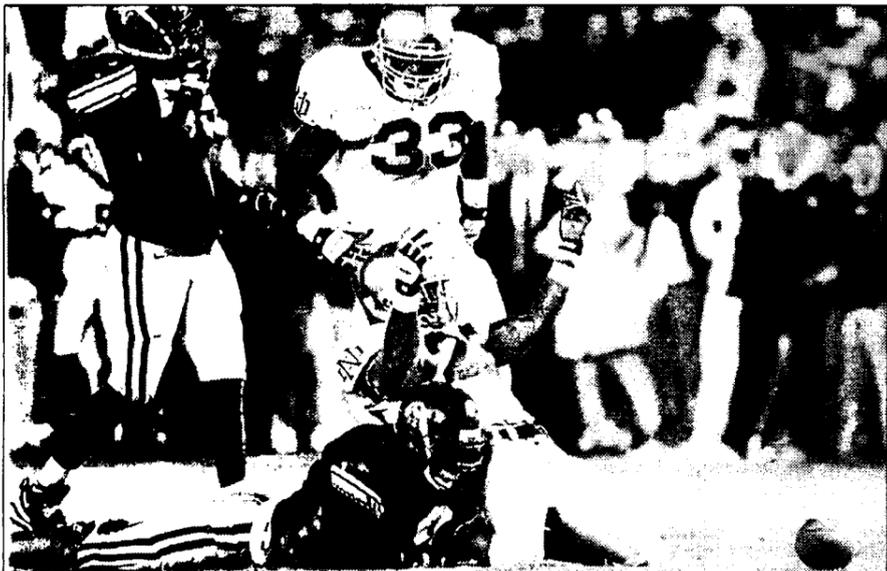
STREAK SNAPPED

The loss snapped Notre Dame's 13-game unbeaten streak (12-0-1) against Southern Cal. It was also the first loss to the Trojans under Lou Holtz. "This game will go down as a classic in the rivalry," said Holtz. But the Irish were on the wrong end. "I've never felt this low," admitted Holtz, who may have coached his last game for Notre Dame.



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Wide receiver Emmett Mosley loses the ball in the first quarter after catching a 17-yard pass from Ron Powlus. USC linebacker Sammy Knight eventually recovered.



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Sophomore Autry Denson celebrates after one of his many successful runs on Saturday night. Denson ran for a career high of 160 yards on 33 carries.

More, The Library Book Encyclopedia

through 108 seasons of football, readers come to roster. But this is not just every player to blue and gold: every player has his highlights including his name, team-winning position, height, and home-

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can be found in this chapter. By the way, the answers are 59-20-5. Lou Holtz (one shutout in 121 games at the time of publication for a percentage of 0.0082, slightly more than Parseghian's one-in-116, or 0.0086), and Joe Kuharich, whose record was 17-23-0 from 1959-62.

The book concludes with every record imaginable in Notre Dame football history. Well, Notre Dame football game history; for example, there are no figures for the number of jock straps used in a year. At the end is two paragraphs explaining the weight training routine the team goes through and a list of miscellanea, some of which have only a slight relation to football at Notre Dame.

"The Fighting Irish Football Encyclopedia" is marked at \$39.95, cheaper than a bowl-game ticket but not as easy to wrap. While a game would have provided joy and excitement for

four hours — and the other days in the sun of the southwest — the encyclopedia can be opened again and again to revive those feelings and memories that make Notre Dame football the special event and experience that it is and that only we can truly know.



Notre Dame's national championship coaches (center then clockwise from top right): Rockne, Parseghian, Holtz, Devine, and Leahy.

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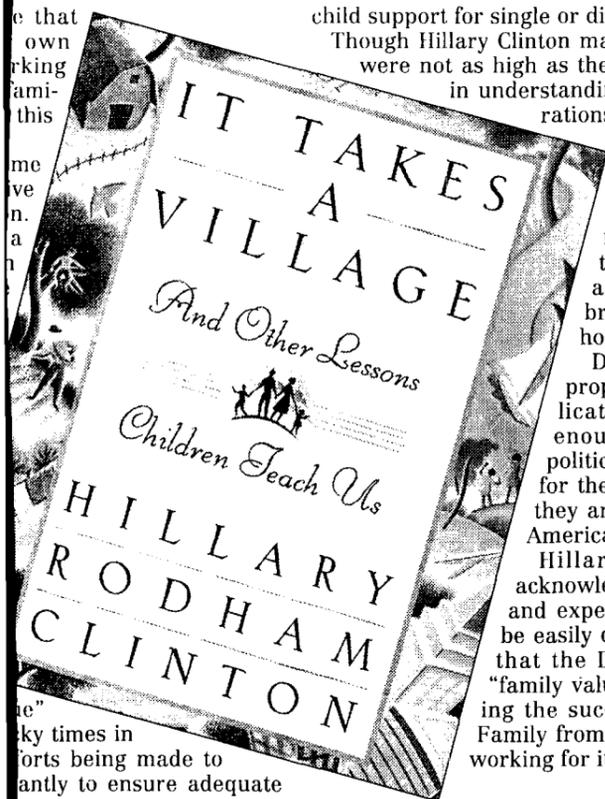
Though Hillary Clinton maintains that she wishes divorce rates were not as high as they are, she is tolerant and reasonable in understanding that some situations call for separations, and that the child's welfare is still

the center of concern despite this seeming break in family unit. The title of this chapter, "Every Child Needs a Champion," emphasizes a fact that many people do not realize: that children can have champions, or adults who believe in them, despite broken homes or single-parent households.

Despite the seeming commercial and propagandistic timing of this book's publication, "It Takes a Village" is strong enough to stand up on its own, against political attacks. Though the Clintons are, for the most part, written of in a rosy light, they are never held up as a model for all of America to follow.

Hillary Clinton gracefully and humbly acknowledges the privileges she grew up with and experiences now. Though this book may be easily dismissed as a political ploy to ensure that the Democrats also hold a platform on "family values," it is a worthy account monitoring the successes and failures of the American Family from a woman who has been living it and working for it.

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would go to one of their FTP sites <ftp://ftp20.netscape.com>. Both Netscape and Internet Explorer make it possible for you to download files directly from their browsers, so you shouldn't have to deal with FTP too often, but it can be incredibly handy when downloading files from sites such as university servers.

Another useful prefix is "gopher," developed at the University of Minnesota (The Gopher is the school's mascot). Gopher uses a menu-based system to tunnel through the Internet. The World Wide Web has made Gopher virtually obsolete, but there are times where you will run into a Gopher (like finding your grades and schedules at Notre Dame). A Gopher URL would look like this: <gopher://gopher.nd.edu/>, and usually will lead to a text-only site. Here's a look at the anatomy of a fictional URL: <http://www.nd.edu/~lholtz/resume.html>

http: = HyperText Transfer Protocol (the set of procedures that allow your computer to view documents with links and graphics)

// = directories (folder and file names, just like in Windows or DOS)

www. = World Wide Web. Most of the time, this is the name of the computer you are accessing. Not every Web site uses "www" in its address.

nd = Notre Dame (the folks to whom we pay \$25,000 a year for free Internet access).

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-lholtz/ = is called a tilde, these usually represent a personal home page. "Lholtz is short for Lou Holtz. (He doesn't really have a home page, though.)

resume = The name of the page on which Lou might post his job skills for future employers.

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■ MEDICAL MINUTE

Don't Worry, Be Happy (but beware the genetic grouch)

By LARRY WARD
Medical Minute Correspondent

Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. These are all promised to Americans in our Constitution. However, as everyone can attest to, happiness is not always easily achieved.

Recently, scientists and researchers have found that the elated feeling that we have whenever we are on vacation or achieve dear's list status is fleeting. Similarly, the pain and anguish that one suffers after a particularly disappointing time in his life is also only temporary.

Psychologists are concluding that happiness is determined by an individual's genetic code rather than by external influences affecting a person. Thus, psychologists believe that no matter what uplifting experiences one goes through or what horrific battles one suffers through, he will inevitably return to whatever happiness level is preset in his genes.

This so-called "happiness set-point" is similar to the set-point concept in control of the body's weight. For years, scientists have claimed that the human brain seems to be wired to adjust the body's metabolism up or down accordingly to maintain a certain preset weight accounted for by the human genetic code.

In the same fashion, researchers have recently made the claim that there is a set-point for happiness which is genetically controlled.

Thus, external factors only make an individual temporarily happy or sad; therefore, those who are genetically set to be grouchy will return to such a state even after such an uplifting experience as winning the lottery. Similarly, those who have a happiness set-point which adjusts them to a happy state will eventually become happy even after such a horrible experience as a divorce.

Psychologists claim that the idea of a happiness set-point is a brilliant idea. In fact, Dr. Jerome Kagan, a developmental psychologist from Harvard University, claims, "It's clear that T.S. Eliot was by nature dour and Jay Leno is congenitally upbeat."

Long standing data and research studies claim that money makes little difference in people's perception of their own happiness. Moreover, education, marriage, and a family also only have a minor impact on an individual's happiness.

Thus, psychologists argue that the effect on an individual's mood after events like a job promotion or a breakup with a boyfriend/girlfriend is only temporary. Studies show that the effects on people's moods by such events is very little after three months and is pretty much non-existent after six months.

The most common way to estimate how much of any trait is based on genetics is to study sets of identical twins. Such twins share their genetic code 100%.

Dr. Auke Tellegen, a psychologist from the University of Minnesota, claims that "there is little difference in well-being between identical twins raised together, compared with those raised apart."

Dr. Tellegen's research further claims that life circumstances such as salary, education, and marital status account for only about 2% of the variation between the happiness status of twins.

Furthermore, psychologists claim that you can almost always accurately predict the happiness level of one twin simply by knowing the happiness level of the other twin.

One study, the National Health and Nutrition Examination, monitored reports of well-being from over 6000 men and women over a ten year period. The results of the study showed that individuals who were relatively happiest at the beginning of the study were the ones who were also happiest at the end of the study.

Psychologists who support the happiness set-point theory assert that people can have deep mood changes for the worse after a serious trauma. However, they claim that if such mood changes last for prolonged periods of time (years), these changes mark clinical problems such as depression that will override the happiness set-point notion.

Scientists who study the happiness set-point theory believe that they have located the area in the brain that is responsible for the level of an individual's happiness. It is believed that the prefrontal lobes of the brain are the sites of the neural activity which corresponds to mood.

People who have a more active left prefrontal lobe tend to have more positive emotions. Such people tend to get much more pleasure from ordinary activities in their lives and tend to be much more enthusiastic and energetic on a daily basis. On the other hand, individuals who have more activity on the right side of the brain tend to be more agitated, nervous, distressed, and worried on a regular basis.

Finally, a group of physiologists from Israel recently reported that people differed in a gene for a portion of a dopamine receptor that regulates how much dopamine binds there and that the differences were related to the moods people reported. Clearly, many scientists are arguing the notion of a happiness set-point. Such scientists claim that happiness is determined on a daily basis and is very much affected by daily events. Nonetheless, all psychologists seem to advise everyone to strive to be happy in their lives, and tell us to constantly shower ourselves with little pleasures which will keep us above our natural happiness set-point.

This article is adapted from the article "Forget Money: Nothing Can Buy Happiness," by Daniel Goleman, which appears in the November issue of USAir Magazine.

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■ NBA

Olajuwon optimistic after second treatment

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Hakeem Olajuwon, saying he's in good health and has a "very good heart," left the hospital Monday after a visit from former President George Bush and plans to start working out in hopes of rejoining the Houston Rockets.

For the second time in less than two weeks, the star center was treated for an irregular heartbeat. The problem is not considered career-threatening, but his return to play was not immediately set.

When asked when he would be in the lineup again, Olajuwon said, "Hopefully, as soon as possible."

Olajuwon remained in Houston while his teammates played in Toronto on Monday night. The Rockets said Olajuwon is to begin workouts Tuesday.

Olajuwon spent the night in Methodist Hospital. He spoke before climbing into his white Mercedes and driving himself home.

"It wasn't painful," he said of his hospital stay. "I'm in good health. I have a very good heart. There's no really major concern. It's just something I need to learn to live with."

Olajuwon, 33, was given aspirin and the drug Lanoxin to deal with the heartbeat irregularity.

The problem resurfaced Saturday night in Washington, where he scored 34 points, his high game this season. Houston

beat the Bullets to improve its record to 15-1, tied with Chicago for the NBA's best mark. His 25.8 point average is third best in the NBA.

Doctors said aspirin would keep his blood from clotting and the prescription medication would keep his heart from fluttering.

"What it basically does is keep it from getting fast," team physician James Muntz said.

"It's uncomfortable for him because your heart is going fast but at no point would the Rockets or any of the doctors let him play if this was something dangerous."

Cardiologist Tony Pacifico, an arrhythmia specialist, had waited to see if the heart corrected itself before bringing it into sync with a defibrillator Monday morning. About three hours later, Olajuwon was released.

Before departing, however, Olajuwon received a visit from the former president. Bush, who has a similar medical problem, lives in Houston and dropped by the hospital specifically to see the player.

"The big guy was laying there looking pretty good to me," Bush said.

Two weeks ago doctors used the electrical shock to correct Olajuwon's arrhythmia, or abnormal heartbeat, after he left the Nov. 19 game against Minnesota at halftime.

At that time, he went immediately to Methodist Hospital, where he remained for two days while undergoing precautionary tests.

Mavs outlast Orlando, 108-102

By FRED GOODALL
Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Once the Orlando Magic relaxed, there was no stopping the Dallas Mavericks.

The Mavs rallied from a nine-point deficit in the last 2:23 of regulation, then got seven points in overtime from Oliver Miller to beat the Magic 108-102 Monday night.

Miller's dunk at the buzzer capped an 11-2 run that forced the extra period.

The backup center, who spurned an offer to sign with the Magic during the preseason, made all three of his shots in overtime and finished 6-for-6 with 13 points.

"Two minutes is an eternity in the NBA," Mavs guard Jim Jackson said. "You have a 24-second clock and anything can happen if you play defense and that's what we did."

Chris Gatling, coming off a career-high 35-point performance in a loss to Chicago, led Dallas with 25 points and 14 rebounds. George McCloud scored 21, Jackson added 17 and Jason Kidd had 8 points, 7 rebounds and 18 assists for the Mavericks.

"This was a very bad loss for us," Orlando coach Brian Hill said during a post-game press conference that ended abruptly. "I thought we had the game won. Unfortunately we didn't play with any poise or composure down the stretch."

Rony Seikaly paced Orlando with 26 points and 14 rebounds. Gerald Wilkins scored 25 for the Magic, who lost starter Nick Anderson with a sprained right wrist in the first

quarter.

The loss was the Magic's fourth in eight games at Orlando Arena, equaling the number they dropped at home all of last season.

Anderson hurt his wrist when he blocked Loren Meyer's layup and fell to the court a little more than five minutes into the game.

X-rays were negative, but the Magic face the prospect of going into Wednesday night's game against Cleveland without four of the team's starters from last season.

"He's got a soft cast on his hand," Hill said. "That's all I know right now."

Seikaly had 16 points and Wilkins 13 to help the Magic to a 53-50 halftime lead. Kidd hadn't taken a shot from the field up to that point, but his seven first-half assists were the main reason the Mavericks were able to stay close.

McCloud's 3-pointer put Dallas up 68-65 before Orlando closed the third quarter with 17-7 run that made it 78-72 going into the final period. The Magic did most of the damage from the foul line, uncharacteristically making 9 of 11 free throws during the spurt.

Kidd sparked the Mavericks' fourth-quarter comeback with a 3-pointer, his first field goal of the game. His layup trimmed Orlando's lead to 92-90 with 1:20 to go, and the Dallas point guard penetrated the lane and got the ball to Miller for the stuff that sent the game into overtime.

"I don't know what they were thinking, but I knew we just had to go out there and contin-

ue to play," Kidd said. "Oliver came up with a big steal after the 3-point shot and I looked up and we were right back in the ball game."

Raptors 100, Rockets 89

Obviously, Houston is a far different team without Hakeem Olajuwon. That didn't stop the Toronto Raptors from enjoying their win over the Rockets, however.

Damon Stoudamire had 27 points and 11 assists as Toronto stopped Houston's nine-game winning streak Monday night with a 100-89 victory over the Rockets, who played without Olajuwon.

Earlier in the day, Olajuwon left a Houston hospital after being treated for the second time in less than two weeks for an irregular heartbeat.

The problem is not considered career-threatening, but his return to the Rockets has not been set.

"This is probably the second best team in the NBA right now and even though they were without their big man, we didn't let up," Stoudamire said.

Toronto's win also ended Houston's eight-game road winning string.

Charles Barkley had 30 points, 12 rebounds and four assists for the Rockets, who lost for just the second time this season. He also failed to use Olajuwon's absence as an excuse.

"We still should have won the game," Barkley said. "We won a big game the other night without Hakeem. But it's tough to get motivated when you're playing a bad team."

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■ NFL

Healthy Young leads Niners past Falcons, 34-10

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Steve Young flashed that look, and the San Francisco 49ers knew all was right with the world.

Young, fully recovered from two concussions and a groin strain that hampered him most of the season, ran and passed the 49ers to a 34-10 rout of the Atlanta Falcons on Monday night, setting up an NFC West showdown with Carolina next weekend.

Young showed off his trademark running ability, sprinting for a pair of touchdowns. And he wasn't afraid to stick his head into the pile, enduring a couple of vicious hits for a few extra yards.

"I kept telling him, 'Man, why don't you slide sometimes?'" fullback William Floyd said.

"He looked at me like, 'I'm Steve Young. This is the way I play.' When he gives you that look, you know everything is going to be OK."

Young had touchdown runs of 26 and 5 yards in the first half, threw a scoring pass on the 49ers' first possession of the third quarter and then spent the rest of the night on the bench. His final numbers were vintage Young: 23-of-30 for 254 yards passing and six carries for 43 yards.

"When I suit up now, I'm able to play the way I want to play and throw the way I want to throw," said Young, who has missed all or parts of eight games this season.

The 49ers cruised to a 25-3 lead at halftime on Young's two touchdown runs and four field goals by Jeff Wilkins. Young connected on five straight passes for 62 yards on the 49ers'

first possession of the second half, capped off by a 10-yard touchdown throw to Terry Kirby.

After that, Elvis Grbac took over at quarterback, but Kirby returned to get the first 100-yard rushing game for the 49ers in nearly two years. He carried 12 times for 105 yards.

San Francisco (10-3) remained a game ahead of Carolina in the NFC West heading into next Sunday's game at 3Com Park. The 49ers are tied with Green Bay for the best record in the conference, though the Packers have the tie-breaker advantage by virtue of an early-season victory.

The 49ers scored on all six of their first-half possessions, running up and down the field for 342 yards. San Francisco averaged a staggering 7.4 yards per play before the break.

The 49ers have beaten the

Falcons in eight of their last 10 meetings by an average score of 43-13. Atlanta has lost eight consecutive Monday night games since 1981 and the Falcons have been outscored 161-47 in their last four appearances.

"I'm very disappointed in how we played," coach June Jones said. "We played awful on offense, about as bad as I've been around. When we had guys open, we couldn't hit them. When we had the ball there, they couldn't catch them."

San Francisco, which outgained the Falcons 464 yards to 178, led 6-3 early in the second quarter when Young took control. Facing third-and-7 at the Falcons 26, he stepped up to avoid the rush, noticed a clear path to the end zone and wasn't touched until he was diving into the score with 13:28 left in

the half.

After Wilkins' third field goal gave the 49ers a 16-3 advantage, San Francisco stayed on the ground for an eight-play, 87-yard touchdown drive. Kirby ran five times for 59 yards before Young sprinted in from the 5 on a quarterback draw with 41 seconds remaining in the half.

The 49ers missed the 2-point conversion, but they weren't through scoring. Bobby Hebert's pass was picked off by Dedrick Dodge at the Atlanta 39. Young completed two passes for 28 yards and scrambled for another 6 yards to set up Wilkins' 23-yard field goal as time ran out.

Wilkins also connected from 39, 26 and 43 yards in the first half, giving him 27-of-30 for the season.

Kirby went over 100 yards late in the third quarter — the first San Francisco player to reach that mark since Ricky Watters gained 105 yards against New Orleans on Nov. 28, 1994.

"He wasn't going to play anymore," Floyd said. "But when we found out he had 91 yards, we were like, 'Coach, let him go back in.'"

Hebert, who had been completing more than 60 percent of his passes, was 10-of-25 for 113 yards with two interceptions.

His low point came in the third quarter when he slammed into Jamal Anderson attempting a handoff, causing a fumble that San Francisco recovered.



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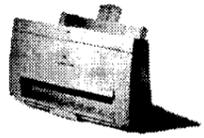
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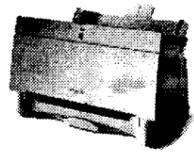
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Robinson remains head coach after dramatic win

By KEN PETERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES

John Robinson's month in coaching purgatory came to a happy end Monday with the word that he would remain as Southern California's coach.

The announcement came two days after USC's first win over Notre Dame in 14 years, and less than 24 hours after Robinson, university president Steven Sample and athletic director Mike Garrett met to talk about the football program.

"Our crisis ended last night. We decided, 'Hey, we're going to have some big-time years here,'" Robinson said at press conference on the USC campus.

"We've been through hell, but we've come out the other side. And we've come out together."

Garrett admitted that he and Robinson had not talked enough over the past month, a period in which the Trojans lost three straight and speculation surfaced about the coach's future. A upset victory over Notre Dame on Saturday night quieted Robinson's critics and left USC with a 6-6 record.

"I overestimated this team just like he did," Garrett said. "He got a little distant, I got a little distant, like strong people do. ... Whenever we're not playing well, it's a crisis. We have been in a crisis, did not always see eye-to-eye, but all that's behind us now."

It's often true in college football that one big victory can

mean the difference between a coach keeping his job and losing it. Whether it was true in Robinson's case, Garrett wouldn't say directly.

"That game gave us a medium to talk," he said. "If we had lost, that would have given us a medium to talk."

Sample backed Garrett's decision to retain Robinson, in part due to a much improved graduation rate of Trojan football players — 75 percent in 1996 compared to a national average of 56 percent.

"John Robinson's overall record during the 11 years he has served as head coach at USC is remarkable," Sample said. "The win-loss record will always be a factor in the post-season evaluation of a coach, but should never be the basis for precipitating a midseason termination."

Whether the win over Notre Dame saved Robinson's job or not, it did a lot for the Trojans, who had lost their sixth straight meeting with UCLA, 48-41 in overtime. USC also lost to Arizona State (now No. 2), Cal, Stanford, Washington and Penn State.

"This has been a particularly miserable season, and the responsibility is mine," Robinson said. "I made a major mistake in attempting to play an offense similar to that of a year ago. This team played hard, cared about each other and stuck together, but never quite got it right."

Several players, standing in the back of the room at the

Trojans' Heritage Hall, listened as Robinson and Garrett spoke.

"It's been a good couple of days," senior linebacker Sammy Knight said. "We beat Notre Dame, and now we know that coach is staying."

Robinson was the coach the last time USC beat the Irish 14 years ago, in his first stretch at USC. He left to direct the Los Angeles Rams of the NFL, then returned to the Trojans in

1993. Last May, the school extended his original four-year contract for an additional five years through the 2001 season, at a time when the school was expected to contend for a national title.

However, Robinson's young squad, was overpowered 24-7 by Penn State in the season opener, and went on to develop a disturbing habit of fading in the fourth quarter. The Trojans

blew a 17-point lead against UCLA.

When Brad Otton, the senior quarterback who was the heart of the offense, suffered rib and sternum injuries against the Bruins, that chance to save the season was effectively lost. And when Otton was carted from the stadium after a hard hit Saturday, it appeared Robinson's job might be riding with him.

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out to point guard Admore White at the top of the key. Though White had struggled from the field all night (1-11), he chose to try the three-pointer. It barely touched iron, falling out-of-bounds with 3.8 seconds left.

"I had a chance to hit a big shot but it just didn't fall," White said.

White almost redeemed himself, stealing the ensuing in-bounds pass and hitting an open David Lalazarian in the corner as the seconds ticked away.

The freshman had an open look at a three-pointer but the desperation shot missed, bouncing high off the rim. Garrity tried to tip it in but the play was ruled basket interference.

"Pat told me he didn't touch the ball," Lalazarian said. "I just came up short on the shot."

It was the duo of Lalazarian and Garrity who carried the Irish to the brink of victory.

For much of the first twenty-five minutes of play, Garrity carried Notre Dame. As a mat-

ter of fact, the junior tallied 30 of his points during that span, as the Irish rebounded from a 41-40 half-time deficit to take a 51-45 lead with 15:25 to play.

"He's a kid who has obviously worked like hell to be a good basketball player," Knight said of Garrity. "He is a bitch of a player. Right from the start, he was ready to play."

The Irish proceeded to add on to the six-point bulge, as Lalazarian provided a much-needed dose of instant offense.

The 6-foot-8 frosh ripped off 9 points in less than two minutes, as Notre Dame went up 64-53 with 9:53 remaining.

"We had a golden opportunity midway through that second half, but we just couldn't sustain it," MacLeod said.

The turning point came at the 7:27 mark, with the score still 64-53.

Garrity went up for a lay-up off a fast break, only to be blocked by Patterson. MacLeod, like most everybody else, thought the block was a goal-tending violation and he let the officials know about it.

A technical foul was called, and IU converted both the free throws and a basket to trim the lead to 7.

"That was a four-point play,"

an irate MacLeod said. Hoosier freshman Jason Collier, a big man who Notre Dame recruited hard, then took over, nailing two three-pointers within a minute, cutting the lead all the way down to two.

"I thought the turning point was after the time-out when I called those plays for Collier," Knight joked. "Only I would recruit a 6-foot-10 kid who shoots threes."

The squads exchanged baskets before Reed nailed his crucial tri-fecta.

"Our guards provided a lot of offense tonight," Knight assessed.

Notre Dame's did not, and it proved to be the difference.

Miller had six of just 10 Irish back-court points.

The offensive load was just too much for Garrity to shoulder.

Though he finished the game 12 for 20 from the field and nine of 12 from the charity stripe, he was clearly fatigued at the end.

"He was awesome in the first half (23 points) and tremendous in the early part of the second. He just got a little bit tired."

In the end, no one stepped up in Garrity's stead, but the contest gave proof that the Irish are tougher than people gave them credit for, and maybe have a surprise (Lalazarian) waiting to blossom.

"We're disappointed, but not discouraged," MacLeod said. "Our young players are proving they are capable of playing solid basketball. We're definitely making progress."

It just wasn't enough last night.

■ NFL

Patriots looking forward to December

By HOWARD ULMAN
Associated Press Writer

FOXBORO, Mass. — December couldn't have dawned much brighter for the New England Patriots.

On the first day of a month when playoff berths are decided, they beat San Diego with one of their most dominating performances in years. Coach Bill Parcells gave his players the second and third days off.

On the fourth day, Wednesday, they begin preparations for the eighth day when they almost certainly will clinch a playoff berth. They'll play the New York Jets, who have football's worst record.

Not a bad start to a month that could end with the Patriots enjoying a first-round bye on the final weekend. After all, they have a 9-4 regular-season December record in four years under Parcells.

"All of a sudden, we're not fighting for the wild card," Patriots offensive tackle Bruce Armstrong said, "we're fighting for the division. It's a new experience and a new position and I think we can get used to it."

It was a good day for the Patriots even before Sunday night's 45-7 win over the Chargers, who were coming off a 28-14 win over Kansas City and, at 7-5, needed a win more than New England.

Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Miami — all jockeying for AFC playoff position — already had lost.

New England, Buffalo and

Pittsburgh are 9-4, but the Patriots have the best conference record of the three. They also lead the AFC East with a better division record than the Bills.

"We felt Buffalo (losing) opened the door and let us in and we had to win this game," special teams star Larry Whigham said. Parcells "said we've got to be ready and we can't fall off against the Jets next week. All we have to do is close the door behind us."

If the Patriots beat the Jets, they'll finish with a 9-3 AFC record which would give them the edge in any tiebreaker involving that.

Every AFC team except Denver and New England already has four conference losses.

"You couldn't ask for more than this," quarterback Drew Bledsoe said after throwing four touchdowns to four different receivers. "To have control of your own destiny is what we wanted, and now we have it."

In their first 36 seasons, the Patriots had just 11 playoff games and only one, on the last day of December 1978, was at home. They lost 31-14 to Houston.

If they maintain their current position, second to Denver among the playoff contenders, they would begin the playoffs at home on the first weekend in January.

The Patriots have rebounded from their worst game of the season, a 34-8 loss to the Broncos, with convincing wins over Indianapolis (27-14) and at San Diego.

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would finish the game with 12 saves.

"He (Velho) played exceptionally well from the start of the Big East tournament," said Berticelli of the Big East Tournament Most Valuable Player. "He came up big and made a number of key saves."

The keeper was quick to share the credit for the defense.

"I think the team played well, defensively," said Velho. "I'm not happy with the result, but I think the team played well."

The result was especially difficult to accept because of the nature of the game-winning goal.

With about 45 seconds remaining, Irish forward Ryan Turner was making a move around a Charlotte defender, when his feet became tangled with those of the defender. By the time the players realized that there would be no whistle, the ball had been cleared the length of the field and freshman sweeper Matt McNew was forced to play the ball out of bounds to prevent an easy scoring opportunity for the 49ers.

This effort was to no avail, however, because the home squad was able to put the ball back in play with a quick throw-in. Charlotte forward Eric Cole then centered the ball

to senior Danny Finkle, who blasted a shot off of the outstretched fingertips of Velho to break the scoreless tie with just 24 seconds left.

"It's especially frustrating because you played your heart out for 90 minutes and then give up a goal when you least expect it," explained Berticelli. "It's more of a bitter pill to swallow because I think the guys had the idea that there was no way they going to lose this game if it went to overtime."

Notre Dame had some opportunities of its own late in the second half. There were less than 10 minutes remaining when marking back Irish Alan Woods headed a ball past the Charlotte keeper off of a corner kick, only to have 49er Joe Sherwood knock the loose ball off the goal line.

"I was almost sure it went in," remembered Woods. "My heart sank when I saw (Sherwood) clear it off the line."

Even after Charlotte had scored, the Irish did not fold. With only nine seconds on the clock, sophomore Ben Bocklage blasted a free kick from 30 yards out that went just three feet wide of the right post. The final seconds then ticked away, as did Notre Dame's memorable season.

"I thought we played exceptionally well this year," said Woods. "I'm a little disappointed, but I'm proud of what we accomplished."

Berticelli echoed Woods' sentiments.

"Maybe (the team's) greatest accomplishment was the fact that they set a new standard," said Berticelli. "Next year there will be higher goals and higher expectations."

The seniors, who have now played their final game in a Notre Dame uniform, have plenty to be proud of themselves.

"The seniors have accomplished things that no class had done before them," said Berticelli.

Among many other accolades, they have won three conference championships in two different conferences and qualified for the NCAA tournament in three of their four years.

The 1996 squad erased the disappointment of 1995 and boosted the Irish into everyone's list of teams to be reckoned with in the years to come.

So while all good things must come to an end, that end may only be temporary for Notre Dame soccer.



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Renola had a spectacular shutout performance, registering three saves for the team. Notre Dame outshot Maryland 19-7.

"The outstanding performance came from the defense," said Petrucelli. "Jen Renola did good for us. It is nice to win a game with our defense. You need defense to win a championship."

"It was an overall team defense," said Sobrero. "We worked really hard individually, and played steady."

Two Irish players have received honors. Senior Cindy Daws and Manthei were named as finalists for the 1996 Hermann Trophy. This award recognizes the top player in

collegiate soccer. Both Daws and Manthei were finalists in 1995.

Daws can boast being Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer. She is a two-time All-American, first team all-Big East selection, and Big East tournament MVP.

Manthei broke the women's college soccer record for assists in a season with 43 so far. She, too, is a first team all-Big East selection and currently holds Notre Dame's all-time assists lead with 94.

With this victory over Maryland, the Irish watched their record soar to 23-1-0. The team has earned a spot in the Final Four in Santa Clara. They will face Portland in the semifinals at Buck Shaw Stadium. The winner will take on the winner of the Santa Clara/North Carolina game for the title of National Champion.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gaither, Morgan beat Jackets

By T. RYAN KENNEDY
Sports Writer

While the rest of Notre Dame Country was gobbling up turkey last week, the Notre Dame women's basketball team was feasting on two more victims. Katryna Gaither and Beth Morgan combined for 65 points to help defeat Ohio University 95-82, then combined for 47 more to lift Notre Dame over stingy Georgia Tech 76-69 last Thursday and Friday in the Comfort Inn Downtown Classic in Atlanta.

"It's hard to guard someone at the top of the key and also someone at the bottom," said Gaither, who believes she and Morgan make the best 1-2 punch in the land. "That's why we're such a good team. If I'm stuck, there's always a person who can do the job like Rosanne (Bohman) or Beth. The idea of our offense helps us circulate points."

The ninth-ranked Irish (6-1) appear indomitable at this stage of the season. Gaither who scored a school-record and career-high 40 points against Ohio, on 17-for-22 shooting, has been particularly strong. Ohio was not an easy foe, however. The Bobcats knocked down eight of 10 three-pointers in the first half alone, shooting 62 percent from the field.

While Gaither was the star, it was Morgan who kept the Irish in the game when the Bobcats threatened to blow it wide open. Morgan had 17 first-half points that included a jumper which finished a late 11-5 Irish run.

The senior All-American picked up where she left off in the next game against the Lady Yellow Jackets. Georgia Tech was hammering the Irish early on and took a 42-28 lead into the locker room.

"We have to take over the game from the beginning,"

Gaither said. "Opposing teams see our No. 9 ranking and they are motivated more by that. Luckily against Georgia Tech, our defense changed the outlook of the game. Our defense will determine the rest of the season for us."

Once again, it was Morgan who lit up the Yellow Jackets with a flabbergasting 7 of 7 from three-point land that led to her a 29 point-game. Bohman had 10 of her own.

"It seemed like they did double-team me a lot, even triple-team me," said Gaither. "But that left Rosanne or Beth open. Beth's a very strong outside shooter."

Notre Dame freshman Neile Ivey will miss the remainder of the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee, which she injured against Bowling Green. The 5-8 guard averaged three points and 2.4 rebounds in the five games she played.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Injuries plague Belles

By ANGELA OLSEN
Saint Mary's Sports Editor

A healthy team roster is the number one thing on the Saint Mary's basketball team's Christmas wish list this year. With nearly the entire team suffering from injuries, the Belles are in need of help.

The lack of healthy players contributed to the Belles 72-46 loss to Hope on Tuesday and the 81-58 loss to Beloit on Saturday.

"We could play with these people, but we were so short handed," said sophomore Charlotte Albrecht.

The ailments plaguing the Belles include tendonitis, torn knee cartilage, shin-splints, bronchitis, and strep throat.

"We are not 100 percent," said Albrecht. "Everyone is half of what they should be."

Against Hope the Belles were led by a solid all-around effort by junior Darcy Nikes. Nikes was 8 of 16 from the field, 3 of 4 from three point range and 3 of 6 from the line. Nikes finished the day with 22 points. Defensively Nikes pulled down seven rebounds and led all players with six steals.

In Saturday's game against Beloit, the Belles found themselves trailing 47-24 after the first half. Saint Mary's came out stronger in the second half and scored the same amount of points (34) as Beloit. However, this did not help the Belles overcome the first half deficit. Beloit was also able to capitalize on the Belles' lack of height and out-rebound them 42-31.

Saint Mary's was led offensively by senior captain Marianne Banko and sophomore Nikki Griffen with 14 and 13 points respectively.

The Belles face Calvin College tonight at 7:30 p.m. in their fifth consecutive road game.

■ VOLLEYBALL

Out-of-conference woes continue to plague Irish

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's volleyball team has had several Achilles heels this season as they remain winless against ranked foes and have come down with a seemingly endless rash of injuries. Both were in effect in California as head coach Debbie Brown, who must think her team is cursed, saw the team drop two matches in the Pacific Bankers Classic and earlier in the week she saw yet another one of her starters fall.

The losses drop their record to 21-11 and just 8-11 out of the conference. In fact, they haven't won outside the Big East since September 21 against Purdue.

Some of their struggles have been due to injuries as Angie Harris and Jen Rouse are gone for the year and Carey May missed the first half of the season. Head coach Debbie Brown must think her squad is cursed as May dislocated her pinkie finger before their trip out West. In practice, May collided with sophomore Lindsay Treadwell as both attempted to make a dig. Her status is day-to-day, but she was sidelined for both the Washington State and Pacific matches.

Freshman Lauren Stettin filled in for May in five of the six games. The Cougars got the best of the Stettin and beat the Irish in a 15-7, 15-4, 15-7 sweep. The host Tigers bounced back from a five-set loss in the semifinals to knock off the Domers 15-9, 15-13, 15-8.

"We really struggled this weekend and didn't play really well," Brown expressed. "I think the mental toll of Carey's injury was evident."

Problems for the Irish cannot be pinpointed solely at the setter position, as Washington State and Pacific became the second and third teams to hit over .300 against Brown's squad this season.

"I think that both Washington State and Pacific did things that we've wanted to do all year," Brown stated. "They made us earn our points and didn't hit the ball out which obviously helps their hitting."

The team had to make adjustments to Stettin, which probably had an affect in the match. May missed the first fourteen matches of the season with a dislocated shoulder. During that span, Lee filled in admirably and earned the Big East player of the year award for her ability to switch from hitter to setter and back to hitter. With hitter Angie Harris not expected to return this year, Coach Brown didn't want to lose Lee's hitting prowess on the outside.

"I played Lauren because we had gotten into a rhythm and I wanted to change as little as possible and moving Jaimie would have shaken thing up even more," Brown explained.

"I was surprised to get the chance to play even though Carey was injured. Usually Jaimie would play," commented the freshman who was thrown into fierce competition against the 11th ranked Cougars and 12th ranked Tigers.

She got the team out of the

gates quickly, as they jumped out to a 7-1 lead before State came back with vengeance to take the first set, 15-7. Lee took over for Stettin in game three but Stettin returned to start and finish the match against Pacific. In that consolation match, Stettin racked up 49 assists and just one ball handling error.

"I was excited and fired up to help out the team the best way I could," Stettin continued. "It is always nerve racking playing a highly ranked opponent, but in any situation I think I would have been nervous because I haven't had game-time experience at setter."

"I think Lauren played very well for us. I think our passing broke down more than our setting," Brown stated.

Against the Cougars, senior Jen Briggs who has taken Harris' slot on the outside, led the team with kills with nine on .179 hitting. Before moving to setter in game three, Lee totaled eight kills on .238 hitting.

Against the Tigers, Lee turned in a terrific performance in a losing effort. She racked up 20 kills on .271 hitting as well as having 17 digs and a pair of aces. Since returning to her natural hitter position on October 8, Lee has led the team in kills with 201 over 18 matches, which is good for a 3.53 kills per game.

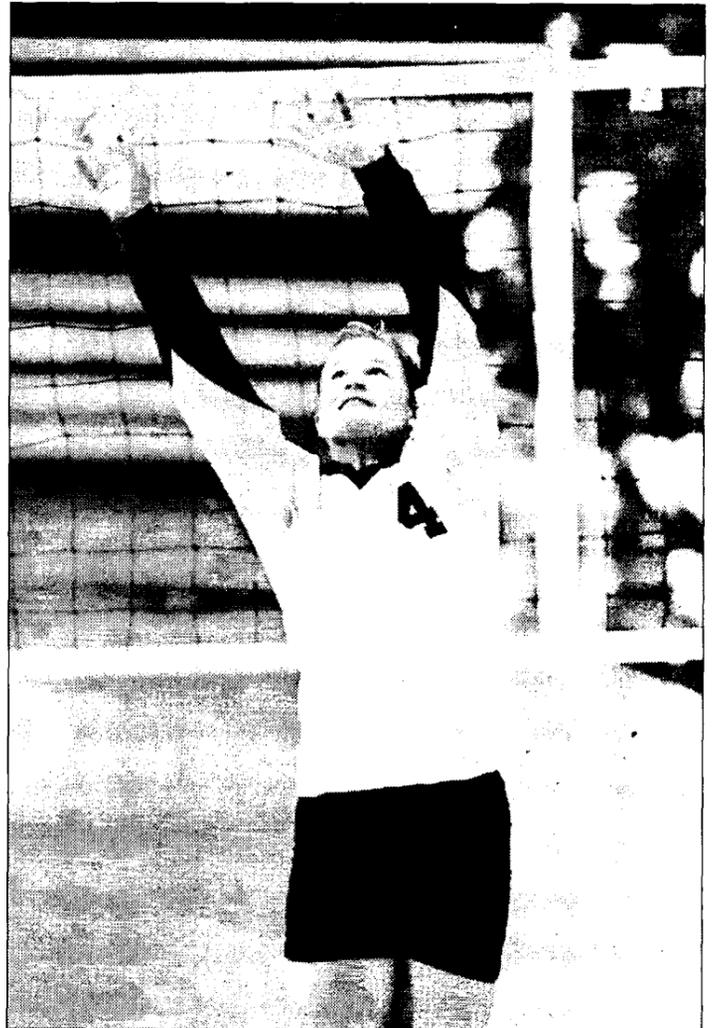
Senior captain Jenny Birkner continued her assault on the Irish record books as she had 15 kills on .400 hitting. She has now moved into second on the all-time dig list with 1,324.

Freshman Mary Leffers worked the net for five blocks

which give her 147 on the year. She is now just four shy of becoming the fourth Domer to total more than 150 blocks on a season. Her average of 1.41 blocks per game ranks fifth

best in Irish history just behind Mary Kay Waller (1985-88).

Brown is hoping May will be back in action in the NCAA tournament this Wednesday against Hofstra.



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Junior outside hitter Jaimie Lee turned in two solid performances over the weekend, but the Irish were unable to pull off a win.

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Defending champs head to Final Four once again



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Freshman Jenny Streiffer registered one of just two goals scored by Notre Dame in its 2-0 victory on Sunday.

Notre Dame shuts out Maryland, advances to face Portland in semifinals at Santa Clara

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Writer

The unpredictable weather of South Bend has once again caused mayhem. The top ranked women's soccer team's post-season play has been plagued by wind, rain, sleet, and snow, but the games have still gone on. Unfortunately, the Irish had to make a change of plans this past weekend.

The rain left standing water on Alumni Field, forcing the Irish to change venues. They took on the No. 13 Maryland Terrapins at Saint Mary's soccer field, and despite the unfamiliar surroundings, came out victorious in the end, 2-0.

"When you are in a quarterfinal of the NCAA tournament, it is supposed to be a close game," said head coach Chris Petrucelli about the low scoring game.

"No, definitely not," said junior Kate Sobrero about whether or not the low score will affect the team's mentality headed into the semifinals. "We were playing in harsh weather. It was mentally tough. The cold kind of got to us."

The majority of the action took place in the first half of the game, with both goals coming in the first twenty minutes. Sophomore Monica Gerardo netted the first goal for the Irish off of junior Holly Manthei's pass.

Around four minutes later, Gerardo ignited another offensive strike. Looking for another goal, Gerardo drilled a shot, which Terrapin keeper Missy Price deflected. Freshman Jenny Streiffer caught the rebound and drilled it straight at the post. Then she caught the her own rebound and secured the 2-0 victory.

"I really do not think that it does," said Gerardo about the game affecting their mentality. "I don't think that it will hurt our confidence at all. Our defense played really well, and we scored when we had our chances."

In every contest, outstanding performances are given. The defense really sparked the Irish, and boosted them to victory. Solidifying the back line were senior Kate Fisher and Sobrero. Playing the crucial position of sweeper was freshman Jen Grubb. Calling the shots from the goal was senior Jen Renola.



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Senior goalkeeper Jen Renola keyed a strong defensive showing to lift the Irish back into the Final Four.

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hoosiers escape Irish scare

By TIM SHERMAN
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By now, no one doubts Notre Dame power forward Pat Garrity. He is very much a proven commodity. The question marks surrounding his supporting cast, though, are substantial.

The Irish answered a few of those questions in a positive fashion last night at the sold-out Joyce Center, but it wasn't enough, as Indiana prevailed in a heart-stopping 76-75 contest.

"I really thought, coming in, that we'd be very lucky to escape," said Hoosier coach Bobby Knight. "I was right."

Knight admitted that Notre Dame outplayed his IU squad for much of the night, but the difference came in the final minute.

Hoosier guard Neil Reed, who finished with 21 points, nailed a three-pointer to put IU in front 74-73. It was their first lead since half-time.

Garrity answered by scoring two of his game-high 36 points from the free-throw line and regained the lead for the Irish.

But it was short-lived, as forward Andrae Patterson scored with 19 seconds left on a tough turn-around to give the Hoosiers a one-point edge.

Notre Dame would have their chances to win the game.

Coach John MacLeod designed a play where guard Pete Miller would get the ball with the option to shoot or go down low to Garrity. Miller, though, was defended well and kicked the ball

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The Irish were led by Pat Garrity, who scored 36 points, but dropped a close decision to IU, 76-75.

■ MEN'S SOCCER

Irish season ends in second round

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All good things must come to an end.

A thrilling season for the men's soccer team, which saw the Irish finish the regular season with a record of 10-6-2, win the Big East Championship by knocking off Georgetown, Connecticut, and Rutgers, and upset the second-ranked UNC-Greensboro Spartans on the road in the first round of the NCAA's, they finally fell victim to the dreaded cliché on Sunday in Charlotte, as they dropped a 1-0 decision to the 49ers.

"I just told our guys how proud I am of them," said Notre Dame head coach Mike Berticelli of his post-game discussion with the team. "People counted us out and we continued to battle. We finished the season by playing four nationally ranked teams and won three — and could have very well won the

fourth."

Despite allowing 11 shots in the first half and registering just two of their own, the Irish were able to hold UNC-Charlotte scoreless. The extremely wet field conditions apparently caused some early problems for the Irish.

"They (Charlotte) adjusted to the conditions better in the first half," explained Berticelli. "We were trying control the ball too much and when we played the ball on the ground, it kept getting stopped by puddles or mud. They were knocking long balls in behind our defense and taking advantage of defenders slipping to create opportunities."

Goalkeeper Greg Velho was outstanding as usual in the opening period, making seven saves, two more than his career-high for an entire game (which he set last weekend against Greensboro). Velho

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