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As the holidays approach, traditional music of the season fills Notre Dame. Find out about the upcoming concerts on campus in Accent.

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■ SECURITY BEAT

Fire damages student's Campus View apartment

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Associate News Editor

Holy Cross College student Brendan Kelly lived every tenant's nightmare yesterday afternoon when his apartment caught on fire.

Kelly, who lives at 1777 Irish Way in Campus View Apartments, smelled smoke filtering through his apartment at 3 p.m.

"Me and my friend were sitting here when we smelled the smoke," he said. "We went around unplugging everything, but that didn't stop the smoke. So we went and got the maintenance guy. He looked around and couldn't find anything, so he thought that it was coming from the walls and called 911."

The South Bend Fire Department responded with five fire vehicles, and had the fire extinguished by 4:30 p.m.

"We are not sure if there was a malfunction in the furnace, or a defect in the wiring caused by the furnace due to the installation of the electrical wiring which was in close proximity to the heat runs," said Capt. Tim Paczkowski of the South Bend Fire Department. "Over a period time, heat can deteriorate the insulation of wiring. We do know the furnace filter was clogged up, but it could have been clogged up by the fire



The Observer/Bryan Furze

Fire trucks from the South Bend Fire Department responded to a 911 call that led them to the residence of Holy Cross College student Brendan Kelly, whose Campus View apartment caught fire yesterday due to faulty electrical wiring.

too. Right now its going to take some electricians and furnace guys to determine which part malfunctioned first."

The Fire Department said that they thought the damage could have been much worse if Kelly had not been home at the time of the fire.

"One other complication that we found here was that there was no battery in the smoke detector," Paczkowski said. "If this had been three o'clock in the morning, it could have been a lot worse. He probably wouldn't have survived."

Clare Myers, manager of Campus View

Apartments, said that Kelly would be moved to a new apartment until his apartment could be cleaned. "The important thing is that no one got hurt," she said. "It could have been a lot worse, but the fire department got here in time to put it out before it spread."

FRIDAY FEATURE

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Endowment tops \$1.5 billion in '97

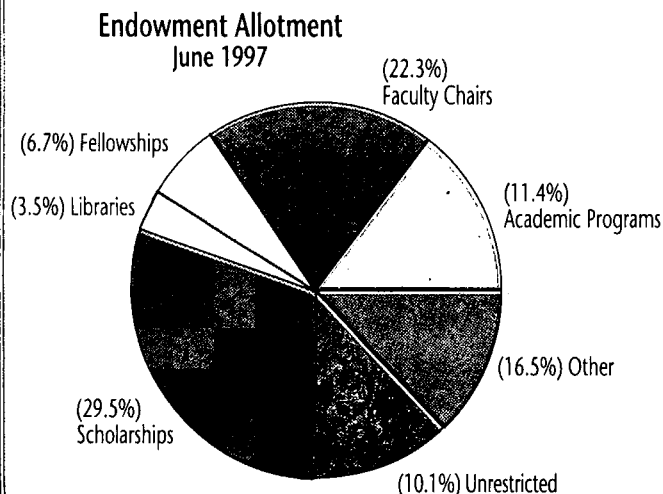
By DEREK BETCHER
Associate News Editor

Propelled by successful investing and significant alumni contributions, the Notre Dame endowment has enjoyed near-record growth in 1997, and now stands at \$1.515 billion — a total which makes it the largest endowment in Catholic higher education.

Despite October's downturn on the stock market, Notre Dame's endowment will finish 1997 with a robust 20 percent approximate growth rate, a figure which contributes to an unprecedented 52 percent total appreciation during the last four years.

Because over half of the endowment's proceeds are reserved for scholarships and endowed faculty positions, students hoping for larger financial aid packages may

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AFP Photo

Strong capital and equity markets both on Wall Street and abroad have influenced the recent rocketing growth of Notre Dame's endowment investment.

■ SECURITY BEAT

Solvents remove paint from some vandalized areas

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Associate News Editor

A synthetic chemical solution created by a private consultant to remove paint from various University buildings that were vandalized over the weekend was partially successful, according to Bob Zerr, director of Risk Management and Safety.

"The chemical removals that we used worked on the granite wall [around the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus], but were not very successful with the limestone in front of Bond Hall," he said.

The statue's wall will be treated with the chemical, which clears up paint that was determined to have a similar makeup as Rustoleum, during the next few days.

Zerr noted that it would require "quite a bit of effort" to completely clean the area.

He went on to say that other areas did not react as well to the treatment. Among these were areas outside of Bond Hall, wooden benches near Badin Hall, and wooden doors at the Knights of Columbus building and the Joyce Center.

"We're going to take the benches and remove them from their sites to take them to a carpenter's shop to have them stripped and repainted. We may also have to remove some of the doors that were painted," Zerr said.

While these four chemical solutions did not clear up all damage, Zerr said that the consultant will formulate different removal agents over the weekend which will be tried on Monday.

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Where is the Compassion?

When I think of today's society, I have to wonder: where did all the compassion go?

Kristi Klitsch
Wire Editor

This is the season of giving, when every major street corner is adorned with a Salvation Army Santa and a red bucket for donations.

This is the season of "Toys for Tots," and "Project Warmth"; yet why is this compassion only seen at Christmas, and as a mere side effect of the ecstasy that the holiday brings?

Why is it that thousands of homeless people walk cold, dark streets on Christmas Eve, while millionaires spend Christmas in Vail, or Paris?

I am not expressing pessimism, rather dissatisfaction. Dissatisfaction with society, as it approaches the Christmas holiday with a "Bah Humbug attitude"; toward the government for allowing so many people to go homeless and poor; and with capitalism, for replacing the ideas of compassion and community with selfishness and egotism.

Let's face it: in our society the rich continue to get richer and the poor continue to get poorer. The current welfare system isn't helping anyone, and housing projects merely represent society's desire for a quick fix to societal problems. Many people think that if you give every needy family a check every month, and every homeless person "three hots and a cot," that the problem will be solved.

Homeless centers and housing projects are seen as solutions, yet they are really only band-aids covering the sores of a capitalistic society.

In theory, Adam Smith's capitalistic society of unlimited opportunity is advantageous. Yet in practice, capitalism has created the welfare system, poverty, selfishness and a lack of human responsibility. Had it not been for the glorification of wealth in movies, and the emphasis on making a million by age 30, maybe more capitalists would also be philanthropists.

Instead, Bill Gates is earning \$40 billion a month, while thousands of welfare-dependent mothers fall deeper and deeper into the trap of poverty.

Many people realize that problems exist, but because poverty and homelessness don't effect them, they don't worry about it. They might toss a quarter into the red basket, but only so they can feel that their job is done.

It is this lack of understanding between classes that has resulted in a loss of compassion, giving, and altruism.

But don't worry — compassion is not lost forever. There is a way to return the forgotten sense of community, yet it cannot happen if the government continues to give every poor mother a monthly check.

Rather, what is necessary is a sense of community reliance, or a Robin Hood syndrome, in which the community as a whole gives to the poor. It is not only the Bill Gates' of the world who need to help; rather we all have a responsibility to help our fellow man.

In our society, there is plenty of wealth to go around, and if more people shared that wealth, more community projects could be established. It is this community support and philanthropy that I see as the only solution to the welfare crisis and the problem of homelessness.

This is my plea to society, to humanity in general. We have all been wrapped up in capitalism for too long, but it is not too late.

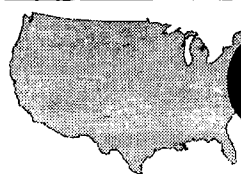
We all have a moral responsibility to help one another, and this responsibility could have profound effects. Maybe then, when altruism and compassion return, we won't throw a quarter into the jingling red bucket because we have to — but because we want to.

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

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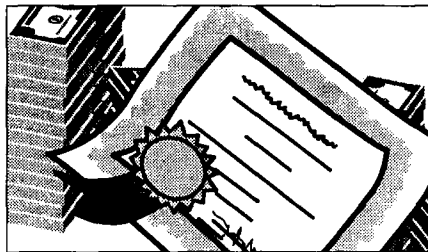
HOPE scholarships to benefit families with college students

LA JOLLA, Calif. President Clinton's new HOPE scholarship program will make tuition costs a little easier for many students and their parents. The program provides parents and independent students with the opportunity to claim tax credits to help cover out-of-pocket tuition expenses.

There are two possible tax credits. The first, the HOPE Credit, is designed to help with tuition costs for the first two years of college.

The program provides a credit of up to \$1,500 per year, applicable only to tuition costs. The credit can be claimed for each qualified student, regardless of how many students are in the family.

A second program is the Lifetime Learning Credit. This is a tax credit of up to \$1,000 per year, which can be claimed for every year in school. However, regardless of how many students are in the family, the Lifetime



Learning Credit will provide each tax filer with no more than the \$1,000 maximum credit.

Both credits cannot be applied to the tuition costs of the same student in a single tax year. On the other hand, the two credits can be claimed on the same return for different qualifying students in the same family.

"[The tax credits] will affect just about every student at UCSD who is eligible," said Richard Backer, UCSD assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management. "The program will help

both middle and low-income families."

Credits are subtracted directly from the taxes people owe. Deductions, on the other hand, are subtracted from incomes before taxes are calculated. There are limits to eligibility for the tax credits. First, the tax credits can only be given to students whose scholarships do not cover all of their tuition.

Second, eligibility is reduced on a sliding scale. For single filers, the amount of the credit is reduced for taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes between \$40,000 and \$50,000 per year. The reduction for joint filers applies to taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes between \$80,000 and \$100,000 per year.

Also, taxpayers must have incomes high enough so that their tax liability is at least as large as the credit. The income level required for the HOPE credit is about \$16,000 for single filers and \$21,000 for joint filers.

■ UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Students split on diversity issue

ANN ARBOR, Mich. As lawmakers and legal officials prepare to struggle over the value of diversity on campus, students themselves are still forming their own opinions. Questions concerning diversity continue to divide much of the student body. While some believe diversity at the university is commendable, others say they are blatantly disgusted with the current situation. LSA junior Enland Hsiao believes that while diversity at the university may not be perfect, it is moving in the right direction. "I think relative to a lot of other schools, it's pretty diverse here, and it's a great school," Hsiao said. "I mean, we aren't in a utopian society. We're doing better, I think. I definitely wouldn't label Michigan as a segregated school and I think we're progressing." But many don't agree with Hsiao's views, and expressed disappointment over diversity at the university. "It may look like the university is diverse, but I see a university with a large array of people and little interaction," said LSA senior Marcellina Spigner.

■ UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Faculty tardiness costs students

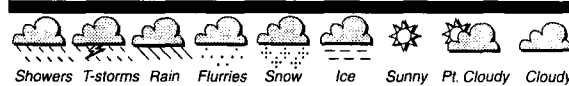
LINCOLN, Neb. If every undergraduate tries to sell back \$200 worth of books this fall, students could lose a total of about \$430,000 because faculty members turned in lists of spring course materials too late. According to the directors of University Bookstore and Nebraska Bookstore, University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty members have yet to notify the stores of about 25 percent of the books students must purchase for classes this spring. When bookstores begin buying back fall semester books next week, they will buy used books they know are needed next semester at 50 or 60 percent of the books' new price. But they will buy unneeded books back at 5 to 30 percent of their original price. As a result, when faculty members do not turn in required book lists for their spring courses before fall textbook buyback starts, students are paid less for their used books.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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Friday	29	19
Saturday	29	16
Sunday	32	20
Monday	37	25
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■ BROWN UNIVERSITY

Gray recounts sexual assault

PROVIDENCE, R.I. Stacey Gray '94 delivered emotional testimony this week in U.S. District Court in Providence during the initial two days of trial in the first of four cases brought by alumnae against former visiting associate professor of chemistry Kayode Adesogan and Brown University. Gray told the jury that Adesogan's sexual assault "made me hate the fact that I'm a woman," and that University administrators had offered her minimal help in coping with the assault. Instead, she testified that associate dean for Academic Affairs Karen Romer had made her feel that the episode in Adesogan's office on March 10, 1994, was Gray's own fault. Gray cried as she told the jury that, "he was touching me the whole time. He put his hands on my chest and played with my overall straps. He put his thumbs on my nipples and held the sides of my breast, while talking to me like everything was normal. I tried to cover my body with my arms, but he took my arms and pulled me towards him, and put my arms around his neck while he ran his hands down my back and onto my butt."

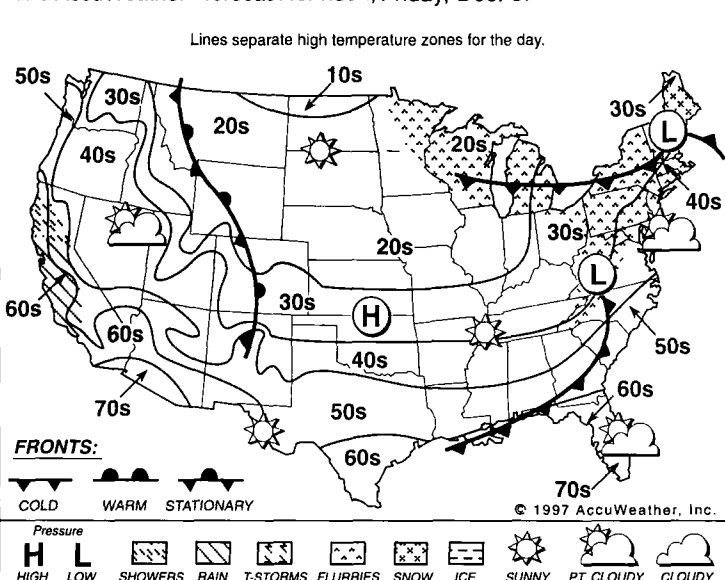
■ UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

More censors on the horizon?

BOULDER, Colo. Last week's federal ruling in Kentucky allowing college publications to be censored by administrators has some national leaders worried, but CU campus journalists seem less alarmed. National student-rights leaders say the judge's decision could have a ripple effect in other states because this is the first time a court has applied a 1988 U.S. Supreme Court ruling to the college level. In that decision, Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, the Supreme Court said administrators could censor a high school newspaper if they found an "educational purpose" for doing so. The court added a footnote that said, "We need not now decide whether the same degree of deference is appropriate with respect to school-sponsored activities at the college and university level." Following that decision, the Colorado Legislature passed a law guaranteeing "freedom of expression and freedom of speech for all public school students."

■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Dec. 5.



Atlanta	56	35	Dallas	53	46	Miami	83	64
Baltimore	54	35	Denver	43	12	Middlebury	36	15
Baton Rouge	61	40	Honolulu	80	69	New York	51	38
Chicago	27	14	Indianapolis	36	27	Phoenix	66	47
Columbus	39	29	Los Angeles	67	56	St. Louis	41	24

Griffin, Lingenfelter to speak on WSND

Observer Staff Report

Student body president Matt Griffin will give a live interview Friday afternoon on the "Notre Dame Weekly" on 88.9 FM WSND.

The show, which runs from 5:30 to 6 p.m., will focus on

the recent petition to remove Griffin from his office. Griffin will discuss the accusations made by the petition, which is being circulated by Morrissey senior Jeremy Lingenfelter.

In addition, Lingenfelter will appear in a pre-recorded interview addressing the rea-

sons he started the petition in the first place.

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Students walked with candles and banners last night from Fieldhouse Mall to the University power plant in protest of the lack of U.S. leadership in climate treaty negotiations.

Students walk for environment

By MATTHEW QUINN
News Writer

The Students for Environmental Action held a candle vigil last night in protest of the lack of U.S. leadership in international climate treaty negotiations.

"The march went very nicely," Chris Wilmes explained. "We all went over to the power plant and offered a little prayer. Several club members offered insights regarding our duty to conserve energy and to hold it to big business and the American government to commit to that duty."

The purpose of the symbolic

vigil was to send a strong message to President Clinton and Vice President Gore that their commitment to reducing global warming emissions is unacceptable.

Approximately 40 people attended the vigil, which started from the Fieldhouse Mall and proceeded to the power plant.

The service was followed by a reception at the Center for Social Concerns.

"It's ironic that we held a march in protest of global warming on the coldest day of the week," said Wilmes. "We would like to thank all of those who attended."

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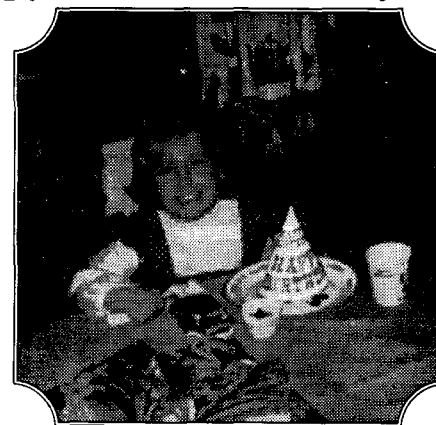
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justly wonder when they will have a chance to see the benefits of recent endowment growth.

This is a question administrators invariably grapple with.

With a spending formula ultimately controlled by the Board of Trustees Investment Committee, Notre Dame's endowment returns must be spent in a way that ensures payouts will not be made at the risk of shrinking the real (inflation-adjusted) value of the future endowment.

This balance between today's and tomorrow's needs is called intergenerational equity.

WHEN WILL THEY SHOW ME THE MONEY?

With a \$1.5 billion investment fund, the University's spending plans are the subject of considerable discussion. But rather than spending the endowment, much of it is being reinvested according to donors' wishes.

A full 90 percent of the endowment's value lies in restricted funds, and this money must, by law, be dispensed according to the instructions of its original benefactors.

If for example, an alumnus donated \$500,000 to create an

endowed faculty position, returns from that initial gift would be held and reinvested until they totaled an amount sufficient to annually deliver a professor's salary worth of interest income. This accumulation process can be lengthy; for example, a fully funded faculty chair currently requires a \$2 million endowment.

Many individual endowments (2,000 separate funds comprise the collective Notre Dame endowment) currently rest in similar accumulation processes, associate vice president for finance and investment Scott Malpass, explained.

Indeed, the endowment grew \$288 million this year, but contributed a comparatively small amount (\$35 million) to the University's \$400 million annual operating budget.

"Intergenerational equity may be the single most important concern in endowments today," said University vice president and associate provost Jeffrey Kantor. "The whole judgment of when to bring an endowment fund into spending is one of the main issues we face."

"We have a commitment to the students who are here now, as well as the students who will be here in the future," Kantor continued. "It's not fair to save all of the money for students tomor-

row. It's that tradeoff you have to wrestle with."

FROM DEVELOPMENT TO INVESTMENT

Malpass, Notre Dame's chief investment officer, oversees the endowment's management and attributes its recent skyrocketing growth to two factors. First, he cites prolonged low inflation with strong capital and equity markets, both on Wall Street and abroad. He notes that these factors have combined to create a bullish global market.

Second, Malpass emphasizes the role Notre Dame's Development Office has played in adding benefactor's money into the endowment. Contributions from the University's current Generations fundraising campaign are being assembled ahead of schedule and continue to fuel growth in the endowment's principal.

"Currently, the market appreciation has been huge, but fundraising has been a big part of this endowment's growth," Malpass said. "It's a real testament to the strength of the Notre Dame family."

Once the Development Office has assembled the principal funds, the investment office consigns the money to independent investors.

"Hiring investment firms is

what the Investment Office does," Malpass said. "We give these firms a benchmark return over a market cycle, and if they don't meet it, we hire someone else."

A HISTORY OF GROWTH

"Notre Dame has worked very hard to get where it is today," Malpass noted.

The University's endowment was begun in 1921, by Father James Burns, but initial growth was slowed by a lack of organized fundraising for the next 15 years. When Father Theodore Hesburgh began his first term as University president in 1952, the endowment stood at only \$9 million, but by the time he left office 35 years later, Notre Dame had amassed \$350 million, a total which has been steadily growing since 1987.

Thorough diversification characterizes the University's current endowment investment strategy. Roughly one-fourth of the endowment is invested in U.S. stocks, and another quarter has been invested in global stocks. Nine percent has been invested in income-producing real estate such as office buildings and shopping malls. A seven percent allocation to global bonds, another seven percent for U.S. bonds, 13 percent for private equity help round out the endowment's

asset allocation. In sum, the endowment is roughly 85 percent equities and 15 percent bonds.

A GREENER HORIZON?

The endowment likely will not continue to grow at the same rate it has in 1997. Expectations of continued 20 percent growth are irrational, given the cyclical nature of investment market performance, Malpass explained.

"That's unheard of. It just isn't sustainable," he said. "In the future, we expect the market to be more difficult, but our diversity is such that we will continue to do well relative to our peer institutions."

Over the last three years, the endowment has increased its contributions to the operating budget every year.

In February, University officers will propose the 1998-99 operating budget to the Board of Trustees, and their presentation will recommend a significant increase in the use of endowment-supplied funding.

"More than the growth of endowment funds, we've been able to increase the payout," Malpass said. "That's important. That's what really matters."

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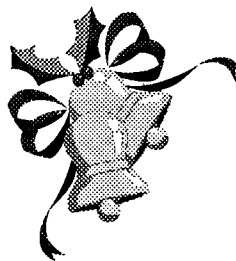
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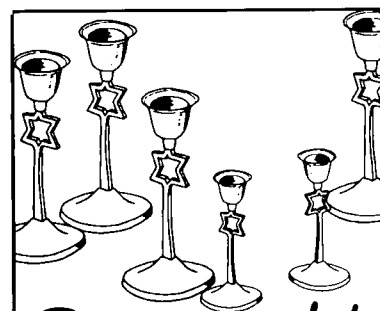
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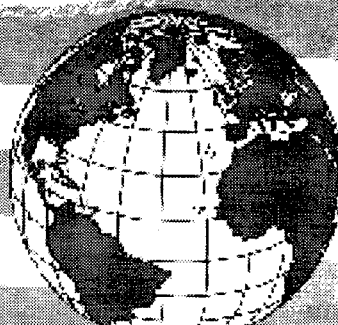
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Narayanan dissolves India's Parliament

NEW DELHI, India — India's president dissolved Parliament Thursday — opening the way for early elections after the country's fractious parties were unable to cobble together a government to replace the one that fell last week. The move by President K.R. Narayanan means elections must be held for the 545-seat Lok Sabha — the only chamber of Parliament directly elected by voters — three years ahead of schedule. The vote was likely to be held in late February or early March, local news agencies quoted a member of the Election Commission, G.V.G. Krishnamurthy, as saying. Narayanan had called for elections by March 15, the deadline for presenting the annual budget. The last elections, staggered over several days in May 1996, left no party with a parliamentary majority and a new vote was expected to produce a similarly splintered chamber. The president's decision came after a week of squabbling among India's political parties following the resignation of Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral's government on Nov. 28. In a statement announcing the dissolution of Parliament, Narayanan said no party was able to form a government that would be "lawful, viable and enjoy a reasonable prospect of stability."

New York Bar Association files Medicaid suit

ALBANY, N.Y. — The New York State Bar Association sued the federal government Thursday over a law that prohibits attorneys from helping senior citizens transfer their assets to relatives to qualify for Medicaid. The law, approved this year, makes it illegal to accept a fee to counsel people on how to make those transfers, a common practice known as spending down. The lawyers' group called the law a "gag order" that keeps people from seeking professional help. "This 'Catch-22' legislation says to the 80-year-old Alzheimers patient, 'Sure, you can make lawful transfers, but no one can help or advise you,'" state bar president Joshua Pruzansky said. The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Albany, claims the law violates First Amendment protections of free speech. Several other bar associations have expressed interest in joining the lawsuit, said Frank Ciervo, a spokesman for the New York bar. The current law replaced a 1996 law that made it a crime to apply for Medicaid, under certain circumstances, after transferring significant assets. It was quickly dubbed the "Granny Goes to Jail" law by critics. Congress repealed the unpopular law in its Balanced Budget Act of 1997 but substituted the new language.

U.N. questions U.S. fuel emissions

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KYOTO, Japan — European negotiators welcomed a suggestion of American flexibility Thursday on how deeply U.S. fuel emissions would be cut under a new global warming agreement.

But they took a tough stand against making their own big concession — allowing cuts on European emissions that are deeper than those in the United States.

"I don't know why America ... thinks it would be easier to make our cars more fuel-efficient than in America," said Joergen Henningsen, the European Union's environment director.

For its part, the White House insisted Thursday it had "no intention" of altering its position on the extent of fuel emission reductions.

"Those are inaccurate reports," Kathleen McGinty, one of President Clinton's top environmental advisers, told reporters in Washington. "We have no intention to change our proposal."

Throughout the conference, the United States has publicly hewed to other points in its original position as well, while the leader of the talks has publicly reported progress toward compromise in some of those areas.

European and Japanese sources indicated Thursday that behind-the-scenes jockeying had begun. That jockeying sets the stage for days more hard bargaining over the future of Earth's atmosphere and the shape of the 21st century's energy economy.

The focus shifts briefly to Washington on Friday, when President Clinton meets EU President Jacques Santer to discuss the progress of the Kyoto negotiations, among other things.

On Monday, vice president Al Gore will address the Kyoto global warming conference, hopefully adding

some final momentum to the negotiations, which end Wednesday.

Some 150 nations are taking part in talks tied to the 1992 Climate Change Treaty that would mandate reductions by 34 wealthier countries in emissions of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse" gases linked to global warming.

Scientists warn of sharp global temperature increases, oceans rising from heat expansion, and unpredictable disruption of Earth's climate patterns in the 21st century if the emissions, mostly from fossil fuels, remain uncontrolled.

The European Union and the United States had set the upper and lower limits of the negotiations over emissions targets: The EU proposed industrial nations reduce emissions 15 percent below 1990 levels by 2010, while the Clinton administration backed a plan to lower emissions only to, not below, 1990 levels, by 2012.

Negotiators have been looking to

the Americans to accept a "symbolic" reduction below 1990 levels.

But the Americans would probably at the same time expect the EU to accept still deeper cuts, since the 1990 baseline gives Germany and Britain, two EU industrial powers, a head start on emissions cuts.

Since reunification, Germany has shut down many inefficient power plants and other emissions-heavy facilities in the former East Germany. Many British coal-burning power plants, meanwhile, have been converted to natural gas.

European sources reported Thursday the Americans were floating the idea of a small further reduction in U.S. emissions, below 1990 levels, although no U.S. proposal had been formally presented.

Japanese news reports quoted Japanese government sources as also saying the United States has indicated it might introduce what the sources called a "symbolic reduction."



APF Photo

Members of Friends of the Earth organization stage a protest in Kyoto, Japan to urge the U.S. to tackle global climate change.

Thurmond resigns from Senate post

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — On the eve of his 95th birthday, Sen. Strom Thurmond said Thursday he will step down as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee at the end of next year.

"I think the time has come for me to turn the reins of the committee over to the next generation of leadership, and I have decided that this next year is the natural time for me to relinquish the chairmanship," Thurmond, the longest-serving senator and oldest member of Congress ever, said in a written statement.

Hours earlier, Thurmond had told The Associated Press that he might vacate the chairmanship, saying that serving for four years might be sufficient.

"That will give a chance for other members to have an opportunity to serve," he said. "If I do it."

Thurmond has already said he will not seek elected office again after his Senate term expires in 2003, when he would be 101.

But word that Thurmond would step aside as committee chairman is sure to please other members of the panel, some of whom have wanted a younger, more forceful lawmaker to take his place. In 1996, some senior members of the committee raised with Senate Republican leaders the possibility of replacing Thurmond as chairman, but the move went nowhere.

In his written statement, Thurmond said that prior to his re-election to the Senate last fall, he told senior committee members he would surrender the chairmanship after 1998. Asked if colleagues were pushing him to step down, Thurmond said, "No pressure."

Thurmond's likely re-

placement would be Sen. John Warner, R-Va., 70, who has built a deferential relationship with the chairman. Thurmond is seen as more conservative than Warner.

The ever-gracious Thurmond remains a vigorous, outgoing man who exercises nearly every day and presides assiduously over his committee.

He also misses few opportunities to gavel the Senate into business each morning, part of his duties as the chamber's president pro tempore.

He maintains a lively schedule. On his birthday Friday, for example, he plans to attend three events in Columbia, S.C., including an evening fundraiser at the governor's mansion for a monument the state legislature has voted to build in his honor.

But in recent years, his gait has slowed slightly and his hearing has diminished. He has relied increasingly

on note cards to question committee witnesses and rarely appears on television interview shows as his party's spokesman on defense issues.

He was hospitalized three times this year, twice for observation overnight, including in October when he became dehydrated attending the Promise Keepers rally in Washington. In February, he was hospitalized for about 10 days with the flu.

Thurmond first came to the Senate as a Democrat after being elected as a write-in candidate in 1954. His 42 years four months in the Senate exceeds the 41 years 10 months served by the late Sen. Carl Hayden, D-Ariz. Seventeen House members served longer than 42 years, four months.

Thurmond was elected governor of South Carolina in 1946. Two years later, he ran unsuccessfully for president as a states'-rights Dixiecrat.

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AMEX:	665.80	-3.30
Nasdaq:	1613.42	-1.71
NYSE:	509.44	-0.71
S&P 500:	973.10	-3.67
Volume:	759,605,430	

BIGGEST PERCENTAGE GAINERS

COMPANY	TICKER	% CHANGE	PRICE
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METRO GLOBAL	MGMA	75.0	2.62
INFOSAFE	ISFE	42.3	2.5
INVISION	INVN	36.9	9.5
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BIGGEST PERCENTAGE LOSERS

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■ MULTICULTURAL BEAT

Asian Allure explores native cultureBy CHRISTOPHER SHIPLEY
News Writer

Dance, winter fashion and culture will come together on stage tomorrow night when the Asian American Association presents Asian Allure at Washington Hall.

Now in its second year, Asian Allure combines contemporary and conventional styles with dance and music in a two-hour performance to promote education and interest in Asian American culture.

The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. on the Washington Hall mainstage.

Attire for the show is provided by performers or chosen from a number of clothing stores at the local area malls. The music for Allure will range in styles from folk to new age.

Several other organizations, including the Filipino American Student Organization and Vietnamese Student Association, will present traditional cultural fashions in addition to the modern styles.

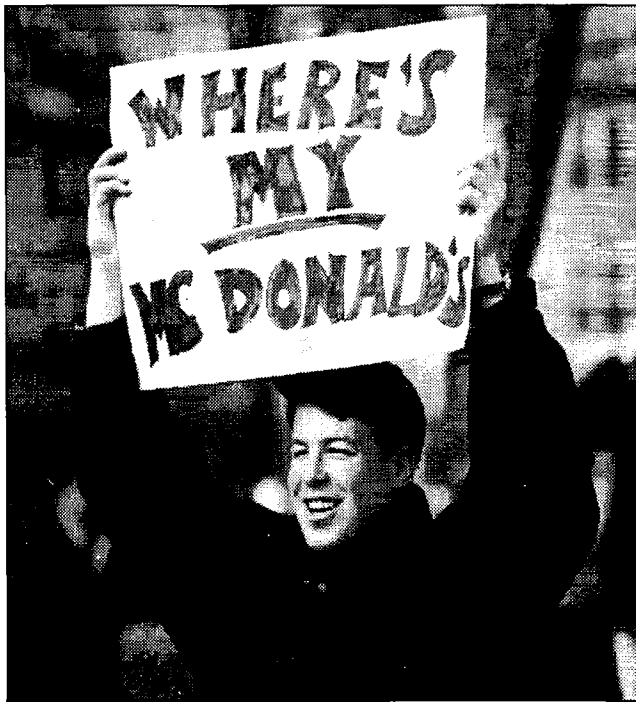
"I would like for people to come away with a taste of traditional Filipino or Asian culture and perhaps with some interest in what these clubs are doing," said Alfred Vargas, president of the Asian American Association.

A pre-show reception will be hosted by the AAA in the Notre Dame Room of the LaFortune Student Center from 6 to 7 p.m.

Tickets for tomorrow night's show are available at the LaFortune Information Desk for \$5 and at the door for \$8.

'GIVE US FRIES WITH THAT!'

Senior Dan Tully and others gathered yesterday afternoon on Fieldhouse Mall to rally to bring fast food restaurants to campus. The students gathered signatures on a petition before the rally and had McDonald's food on hand for those who turned out to support their cause.



■ CORRECTIONS

• Yesterday's article, "Security tries to find solutions to remedy damage," noted Bob Zerr, director of Risk Management and Safety as saying that gasoline will remove red paint from some vandalized cars.

The statement was actually made by Rex Rakow, director of campus Security/Police. Zerr later said that "gasoline could do damage to the paint job that you have, and it's very flammable."

• In yesterday's article, "Panel discusses female priesthood," a quote from Sister Kathleen Beatty should have read, "Jesus was anointed ... by a woman" not "ordained" as was printed. In addition, the importance of Mary Magdalene's presence at the tomb was that she was allowed to anoint the body.

The Observer regrets these errors.

■ STUDENT SENATE

Senate to inquire about vandalism to ND SecurityBy MICHELLE KRUPA
Associate News Editor

The Student Senate Community Life Committee plans to send a letter of inquiry to Notre Dame Security/Police today regarding the Nov. 29 vandalism of numerous campus buildings and vehicles.

Suggested by Morrissey senator Matt Szabo, the organization plans to ask why the suspects were not apprehended and if there is a need to increase campus security.

"We want a little more

information about what happened. What are they doing to protect the parking lots? Are they going to beef up security because of this incident? Is there any information they can give us so this doesn't happen again?" Szabo said.

Senators also suggested that the organization invite members of Security/Police to next week's meeting so that specific questions can be answered.

"I think that Security should come talk to us directly — that's what the podium is for," Dan Nisbet, Carroll Hall senator said.

■ SMC BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

BOG closes semester, plans for spring of '98By ERIKA WITTORF
News Writer

On Wednesday, the Board of Governance wrapped up the semester with its final meeting. The meeting finalized topics for the semester and introduced several for the following semester.

The meeting opened with a request for volunteers for the Storybook Festival held on Feb. 7 and 8 in Madaleva Hall.

Storybook Festival is an activity where students and celebrities gather with children ages two to six, read stories and participate in an activity relating to the story they heard. Approximately 160 volunteers are needed.

• The junior class is selling Christmas ornaments. Orders will be taken this week in the dining hall. The deliveries will

be made the week before vacation.

• This weekend, the freshman class is going to Chicago. This is the first time in years that freshmen have planned an activity of this magnitude during the first semester.

The itinerary consists of shopping and visiting a few key sites. All of the bus tickets have been sold. Also, the freshmen class has planned a dance for Jan. 17.

• The senior class Mass will be held this Sunday in the LeMans chapel at 4:30 p.m.

• The SURV commissioner is asking students to help wrap presents at University Park Mall on Dec. 17, 18, and 19.

The times are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on both Dec. 17 and 18 and on Dec. 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All of the proceeds from the gift wrapping will be contributed to AIDS Ministries.


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■ RIGHT AND WRONG

Is Notre Dame Living Up to Its Catholic Character?

Four years ago, the hot campus topic was the "Catholic character" of Notre Dame. Organized discussions produced as many definitions of "Catholic character" as there were participants. And as many plans to preserve it, whatever "it" might be. The discussions were inconclu-

Charles Rice



sive and ultimately boring, maybe because the participants debated "Catholic character" as if they were Protestants. They sought to define the issue according to their own private lights when the Church had already provided an authoritative definition, in *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, the Apostolic Constitution on the Catholic University, issued in 1990 by Pope John Paul II. "Catholics have to remember," said Prof. Alasdair MacIntyre in 1993, "that for them the norm for Catholic universities ... has already been laid down." *Ex Corde* set out "general norms" which "are valid for all Catholic universities and other Catholic institutes of higher studies throughout the world."

Campus interest in "Catholic character" is likely to revive during the coming year. This is so because the American bishops and the Vatican are working on ordinances proposed by the bishops to govern the application of *Ex Corde* to American universities. It might be helpful, therefore, to reflect at this time on some characteristics of the Catholic university as defined by *Ex Corde*, and their relevance to Notre Dame.

Relation to the Church. *Ex Corde* does not require the Catholic university to

have a juridical connection with the Church. However, a "Catholic university," according to the *Ex Corde* norms, "is linked with the church either by a formal ... bond or by ... an institutional commitment ... Every Catholic university is to make known its Catholic identity either in a mission statement or in some other appropriate public document." Notre Dame adheres to the 1967 Land O'Lakes declaration, in which the major American Catholic universities insisted that "the Catholic university must have a true autonomy to the academic community itself." Unfortunately, in their search for prestige those universities, including Notre Dame, have substituted for the teaching authority of the Church the more peremptory and "external" authority of the secular academic community. The Mission Statement of Notre Dame, incidentally, uses more than 500 words to describe the "Catholic identity of the University" without once mentioning the Catholic Church.

Composition of the Faculty. The norms of *Ex Corde* state: "In order not to endanger the Catholic identity of the university ..., the number of non-Catholic teachers should not be allowed to constitute a majority within the institution, which is and must remain Catholic." The last year in which Catholics were the majority of new faculty hired at Notre Dame was 1986-87, with 54 percent Catholic. In 1987-88, it was 35 percent; 1988-89, 42 percent; 1989-90, 45 percent; 1990-91, 49 percent; 1991-92, 44 percent; 1992-93, 31 percent; 1993-94, 46 percent, 1994-95, 49 percent; and 1995-96, the latest available year, 47 percent. The total percentage of Catholics in the teaching and research faculty at Notre Dame is 57.9 percent, down from 64.9 percent in 1986-87. The figures speak for themselves.

Fidelity to the Magisterium. The *Ex Corde* norms provide that: "all Catholic teachers are to be faithful to, and all other teachers are to respect, Catholic doctrine and morals in their research

and teaching ... Catholic theologians, aware that they fulfill a mandate received from the church, are to be faithful to the magisterium of the church as the authentic interpreter of sacred Scripture and sacred tradition." The major Catholic universities, including Notre Dame, have resited the mandate for theology teachers. The subject is under discussion between the bishops and the Vatican. *Ex Corde* also states: "One consequence of its essential relationship to the Church is that the institutional fidelity of the university to the Christian message includes a recognition of and adherence to the teaching authori-

'It is fair to ask whether this aspiring national Catholic research university fulfills this obligation by doubling its tuition ... and by loading on non-wealthy students a debt burden that subordinates their ability to pursue community service ...'

ty of the Church in matters of faith and morals." No. 27 *Ex Corde* lists, as one of the "essential characteristics" of the Catholic University: "Fidelity to the Christian message as it comes to us through the Church." No. 13. Three decades of teaching Notre Dame graduates lead me to conclude that Notre Dame does not provide for its students an assured opportunity to study the Catholic faith and tradition as they are understood by the teaching Church. Unless they have taken exceptional courses, Notre Dame grads tend to lack a sound intellectual foundation as to what the Church actually teaches in significant areas. Contrary to the intent of *Ex Corde*, they have been shortchanged.

Incidentally, *Ex Corde* states that "Every Catholic university [should] contribute concretely to ... society [f]or example, [by] searching for ways to make university education accessible to all those who are able to benefit from it, especially the poor members of minority groups who customarily have been deprived of it." No. 34 *Ex Corde* also states that the Catholic university "prepares men and women who ... will be able to assume positions of responsibility in the Church." No. 31.

It is fair to ask whether this aspiring national Catholic research university fulfills this obligation by doubling its tuition, in real money, over the past two decades and by loading on non-wealthy students a debt burden that subordinates their ability to pursue community service to the necessity of going wherever the money is so as to pay off that debt. As Dr. David Luntz, then a grad student, put it in the 1993 debates: "The reason Notre Dame is turning its back on the Catholic tradition is that it is obsessed with becoming excellent, and in looking to secular universities for guidance in deciding what it means to be excellent." To finance the University's pursuit of "excellence," non-wealthy students are constrained to mortgage their futures.

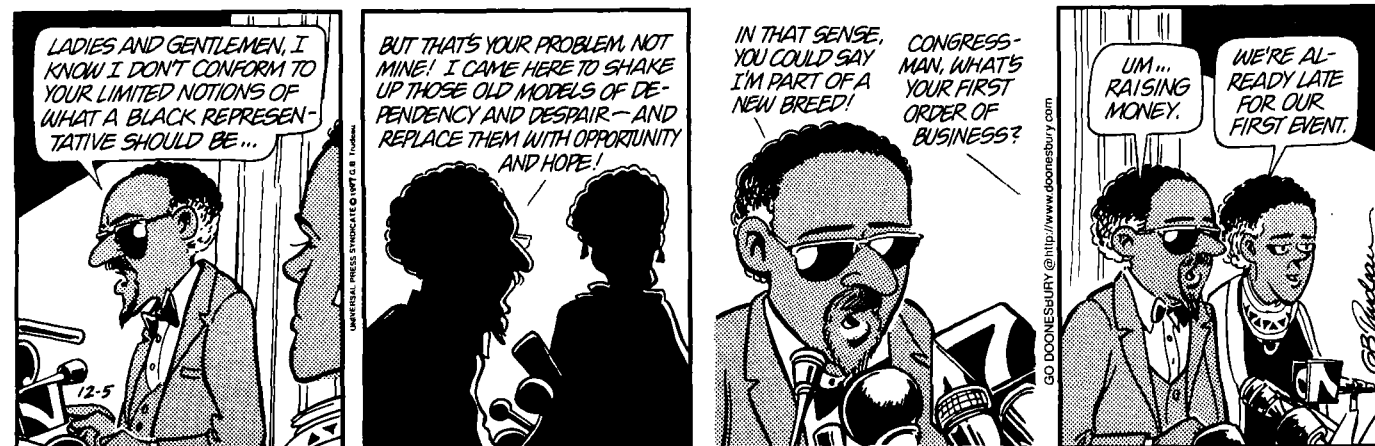
Notre Dame presents itself as a Catholic university, which term is authoritatively defined in *Ex Corde* "for all Catholic universities ... throughout the world." Regardless of the outcome of the enforcement discussions between the bishops and the Vatican, would it not be appropriate for Notre Dame to declare simply, without further delay, that it accepts *Ex Corde* and will abide by it? The issue is truth in labeling.

Professor Rice is on the Law School faculty. His column appears every other Friday.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"One of the most striking differences between a cat and a lie is that a cat has only nine lives."

—Mark Twain

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student Senator Condemns Petition

After discussing the Lingenfelter petition last night, I feel compelled to openly express my opinion on the issue after working with the Senate and President Griffin throughout the semester. Despite one's personal feelings about Matt Griffin, I ask students to seriously reconsider their decision to support this petition or any further action on it in the future. I know there are many students who will simply support the petition due to the entertaining "novelty" of recalling a student body president while at Notre Dame, and it is not to this group with whom I mainly address this letter. To these people, I will only carefully caution them on frivolously casting a vote that could effectively and unfairly damage the reputation of a fellow student.

It is to the students who are taking this petition seriously, however, with whom I have my differences. At last night's meeting, Mr. Lingenfelter's words demonstrated NOT a genuine interest in trying to preserve the good name of the student body but rather the preposterous perversion of a system which allows him to bring himself into the "media spotlight" for a few weeks. He maliciously forces the Student Senate to waste its time considering these claims, many of which have either not been substantiated or are simply not against the Constitution (e.g., Certainly many of us want an end to parietals, but can we recall Matt Griffin because he did not attend a rally speaking out against them?). I wish students could have seen the sickening glee with which Mr.

Lingenfelter announced the myriad of students whom he claims have not only supported the petition but also have filled his voice mailbox with "excited" condemnations against Matt Griffin. I further wish students



could have watched Mr. Lingenfelter squirm as he not only failed to identify his "esteemed" sources in the Student Union; but then, placed under scrutiny, reiterated his previous stance that "most" if not all of the accusations against Griffin are "probably" true.

Apparently, he then craftily "fit" these claims into constitutionally "impeachable categories" where he deemed most appropriate (I wish he could have used these same skills to do something positive for the

campus).

The thing that strikes me the most, however, is that Mr. Lingenfelter is foolishly willing to waste the time of a group of dedicated students — both the senate and other members of the Student Union — who have faithfully worked to bring about many positive changes to campus this year.

Time spent by the entire senate debating the supposed validity of claims against Matt Griffin goes to waste as other issues such as a campus shuttle, published Teacher Course Evaluations, changes in the meal plan and other reachable goals are not given their due consideration as we struggle to decide whether Matt Griffin's "lack of remorse for such acts of stupidity" described in "The Gipper" are grounds for recall, impeachment, or whatever else. I finish here, first, by noting that there have been much worse student body presidents in the past; and, second, despite what students think about student government, at least give us a chance to spend more time on more important student issues. I think it would not be a stretch in saying that most of you are more concerned about whether you have to pay for a 21-meal plan next year than if Matt Griffin lives with five other women. I could be wrong though.

Bob Chapski

Alumni Hall Student Senator
December 4, 1997

Gillard Responds to Lingenfelter

I am writing in response to the recent petition to recall Matt Griffin that was drafted by Jeremy Lingenfelter. I have no problem with the fact that Mr. Lingenfelter has started such a petition in circulation throughout the student body. In fact, I applaud his willingness to voice his opinion, and exercise a right that is clearly guaranteed to all students in the Notre Dame Constitution.

I do, however, find the actual substance of Mr. Lingenfelter's petition to be very problematic. Although I could probably go on for pages about each accusation, I will limit myself to a few that I find most ludicrous. Mr. Lingenfelter condemns Matt "for actions deemed unbecoming for a person in his position which include, though not exhaustively, public drunkenness." Does this mean that all student leaders who go out and enjoy a few beers every now and then are incompetent, and should step down from their positions? If so, I have a feeling Student Government would be a rather small, if not nonexistent, group.

Mr. Lingenfelter goes on to denounce Matt "for willful injury to the good name of the Student Union by his numerous exploits and appearances in 'Campus Watch by the Gipper.'" Why should Matt be expected to show "remorse" for action that may or may not have actually taken place? Did we expect Seth Miller to

issue a written apology each week for every allegation directed at him last year? I don't think so.

Mr. Lingenfelter also charges Matt with "incompetent and negligent performance" in many areas including his "failure to chair effectively Campus Life Council" and "his failure to ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Executive Cabinet." As a member of both these bodies, I possess first-hand knowledge that Matt has successfully facilitated discussion about many pressing campus issues, and has consistently encouraged the input and initiative of all members of these bodies.

Although I find the charges outlined by Mr. Lingenfelter to be unsound and just plain ridiculous, the aspect of this whole incident that bothers me the most is that Mr. Lingenfelter actually had the audacity to refer to Matt as "lazy" on the front page of the Dec. 2 edition of The Observer. In response to this charge, I challenge Mr. Lingenfelter, or any student for that matter, to follow Matt Griffin around for 24-hours in order to see just how much time, effort, and dedication he gives to his position as student body president of the University of Notre Dame.

Mary Gillard

Student Government Chief-of-Staff
December 4, 1997

Effort to Recall Griffin is Nonsense



The accusations which have been raised against Matt Griffin strike me as completely appalling. I am not, however, appalled by the accusations themselves, but instead by the fact that they were raised at all and who they were raised by. Jeremy Lingenfelter does not have any idea what goes on in student government nor what kind of president Matt Griffin has been nor what type of person Matt Griffin is. To write Griffin off as a "drunk" and a "bad president" simply on the basis of the very questionable tabloid-style journalism found in "The Gipper" is completely unfounded. "The Gipper" also consistently makes negative comments and accusations against University administrators. Should their jobs fall into jeopardy on the basis of this column as well?

Lingenfelter is not involved in student government and is not

in a position to know how effective Griffin is as a leader, nor how competent he is at his job. If Lingenfelter had even a slight clue as to how much time, effort, and devotion Griffin puts in week after week in the very demanding job of student body president, he would not think to question the choice that the student body made last spring. The fact that these accusations do not come from someone within student government, but from an outsider who is completely ignorant about its happenings, makes the accusations invalid. We, as students, and Matt Griffin, as our representative, should not have our time wasted by such nonsense.

Kevin Rini

Senior, Stanford Hall
December 4, 1997

Sargent Family Says Thanks

"Press on toward the goal."

Phillipians 3:14

This is a letter to thank everyone on the Notre Dame community for their support of our son, Adam Sargent, as he continues to grow in strength and independence.

It has been a long, hard struggle, made easier by the outpouring of support from his friends, old and new, known and unknown.

As Adam works to take back each millimeter his body will give him, we want everyone who has donated time or money, written cards and letters of support or sent gifts, to know how much we appreciate your love and concern.

At this writing, Adam is preparing to return to Notre Dame in January. He will continue his rehab in South Bend as he works toward his degree.

Your prayers have supported us in this time of sadness and struggle. We now hold you in prayerful thanks for the love you have given our family.

In Christ,

Walt and Bertie Sargent

Rochester, N.Y.
December 4, 1997

As many of you know, about six months ago I was involved in a car accident. Since then, there have been several articles written about my accident. I, however, am not the real story. Accidents and injury are, unfortunately, a fact of life that affects thousands of people daily. Most of those people have friends and family that do their best to help.

The unique thing about my situation is that I also have the Notre Dame family behind me. The real story is about how my friends and classmates came together to raise money, and more important, my spirits.

I want to thank all of you who have worked on the fund raisers, sent cards and letters of support and kept me in your thoughts and prayers.

I will be back for the spring semester and look forward to seeing you all.

Again, thank you,

Adam Sargent

Senior
December 4, 1997

The Truth from The Gipper?

A few thoughts about the petition to remove Matt Griffin as student body president:

It seems that Lingenfelter is basing his whole argument on what he has read in "The Gipper." "The Gipper" is fun to read and all, but it's just entertainment. What Lingenfelter is doing is like trying to remove Bill Clinton from office because of something written about him in The National Enquirer. If Lingenfelter and friends believe everything they read, then they need to try to remove

fellow Morrissey resident Matt Szabo from office also because of the reported "chopsticks" incident. They need to give the student body something, ANYTHING concrete, instead of just making generalizations and talking about "the will of the students." The truth is that no one has given us any real proof, and most students don't really care who is president anyway. I seriously doubt that Lingenfelter has the number of signatures needed, and if he does, there is still no way that he will get the votes

to actually remove Griffin in a recall election.

I've never met Griffin, and I don't have any delusions of saintliness for him, but I doubt that the students circulating the petition are exactly angels either. Griffin is a senior; let the guy do his job and enjoy his last year here instead of having to defend himself from constant personal attacks.

Kyle Owens

Freshman, Siegfried Hall
December 4, 1997

Ring:ing in the Holiday

Getting into the Christmas spirit with Bill Shakespeare

By NORA MEANY
Saint Mary's Accent Editor

The "Year of Shakespeare" continues to thrive on the campus of Notre Dame with the Bard's next feature, *Twelfth Night*, running this weekend. The play, student produced and directed, is the work of Notre Dame's own Not-So-Royal-Shakespeare Company. Currently being revived after a few years of hibernation, the company is gaining support beyond the dues-paying members that helped finance the production.

Chris Kudlacz, a graduate student at the University, chose *Twelfth Night* for his collegiate directing debut because of the comfortable and down-to-earth nature of the play. "We're trying to make this play as approachable as we can for those who aren't that familiar with Shakespeare," he said. "We attempted to stay as true to the stage as possible while giving the play a little flavor of the modern Notre Dame community as well."

One way that the production attains its approachability is with the unique venue chosen. While many Notre Dame theater productions find a home in Washington Hall, the Not-So-Royal-Shakespeare-Company breaks the locational trend in favor of the smaller and more intimate setting of the auditorium of the Hesburgh Peace Building. However, this is due to both scheduling and the shoe-string budget of the play, as well as for reasons of artistic integrity.

In fact, *Twelfth Night* is being financed almost entirely from money given to the group by Student Activities and dues from the company. Advertising costs are being shouldered in part by the English department, as well. This makes for a creative and refreshingly simple production of the classic, with the modern apparel choices being motivated by monetary restraints.

"Costumes were found by pulling stuff from people's closets," said Louise Edwards, who plays Olivia. "It was a more laid-back production, with students helping each other out."

The stage is laid simply as well, with the neutral setting being utilized by the entire cast. In fact, the only complex adornment placed on the stage is a fully-decorated Christmas tree. However, this is not foreign to the tone that Kudlacz hopes to create through his directing. Historically speaking, this choice of a prop is in keeping with the original theory behind the title of the play.

"It is believed," Kudlacz noted, "that the play was first performed on the 'Twelfth Night,' one of the feasts of the Christmas season." This is one of the ways the Christmas tone is alluded to in this production.

Another unique property of this presentation of *Twelfth Night* is the live music utilized throughout the show. Two violinists and a cellist provide on-stage accompaniment to David Go's recorder, as well as for Dan Sullivan's many solos as Feste the Clown. From the soft pre-show instrumentals to the warbled, drunken bar songs

sung by Dan Smith as Fabian, Justyn Harkin as Sir Toby Belch, and Sean Dwyer as Sir Andrew Aguecheek, music is an integral part of the play.

The tightknit cast and crew are a mix of theater majors and novices alike. Many veteran actors in the cast began work on *Twelfth Night* fresh off the success of *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*. The joining together of a cast with different levels of stage experience is refreshing to Edwards, who says "working with new people provides fresh insights," and keeps the stage work interesting.

Admittedly, it is hard to convey feelings to the audience using such an old text, with obstacles like iambic pentameter getting in the way of speech. However, Elaine Bonifield, who plays Maria, sees the opportunity to act in such a play as a "nice challenge" that the cast is ready to face.

"I really enjoy Shakespeare," Bonifield said. "There is a lot of good humor in *Twelfth Night*, but the audience won't understand it unless you play it up."

Paul Maloney, who plays Sebastian, saw being cast as an "honor," and even looked forward to rehearsals, citing them as "the best part of being in the play." A senior biology major from Dillon, Maloney saw his acting hobby as merely an opportunity to make him a better person on a whole. "Being a well-rounded individual is important to me. Acting is a good way to do it."

For those who are not familiar with the plot, *Twelfth Night* is a misbegotten farce that traces the antics surrounding a love triangle set in Illyria. Packed with wacky subplots and interesting characters, the play has as many twists and turns as a soap opera. For example, the cross-dressing heroine, Viola, pining for her lost twin brother, Sebastian, harbors shades of an episode of *Beverly Hills, 90210* gone awry. Also, in a nod to modern day comedic formula, one can compare the mischievous cases of mistaken identity to an episode of *Three's Company*.

However, one cannot forget that *Twelfth Night* was Shakespeare's last comedic work before he delved into the tragedies. Although the play is intended to be a farce, Shakespeare opted for dolor and melancholy when he created some of the play's more memorable secondary characters, such as Sir Toby Belch and Sir Andrew Aguecheek. Although both characters are seen throughout the play creating intoxicated mischief, there is an undertone of happiness fleeting with the onslaught of age.

This move towards the tragic is noted by Kudlacz, who parallels the melancholy evident in the play to the happiness many students experience partying in college, only to find it vanishing with maturity. "The play is definitely appropriate to college," Kudlacz noted, "but we're definitely trying to move on, to minimize the melancholy."

Doors open for *Twelfth Night* tonight and tomorrow at 6:30 p.m., with a 1:20 p.m. matinee Saturday afternoon. Ticket are \$3 for students and \$5 general admission, and are sold at the ticket desk at LaFortune.



Jason Dorwart calls forth and the Not-So-Royal-Shakespeare society answers as it arises from its several year hiatus.

Only three more days head home for the down during one of The answer is music participate in the seasonal good offering up their voices in order. The Notre Dame Glee Club is p 13, the Glee Club guys will stor p.m. Tickets cost \$2 and can (219) 631-8128. Daniel Stowe will benefit the South Bend Cen the Homeless.

For more information on the music department events, send e-mail to music@nd.edu or visit the music department web site at www.nd.edu/music or contact Lisa Ebenhardt at (219) 631-6201.

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 - 3) Chocolate — lots a
 - 4) A movie — (a good Wedding"
 - 5) Luggage
 - 6) Clothes (BE CAREFU sense!)
 - 7) A goldfish (unless yo it with toothpaste and ki
 - 8) Anything from Victori
 - 9) 3 yr. subscription to
 - 10) Jewelry (remember friend)

In the Spotlight



All-American candidate Pat Garrity

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

Only two players in Big East history have won conference player of the year honors in consecutive seasons. Chris Mullin of St. John's won the award outright for the 1982-83 season and went on to be the co-Big East player of the year in both the 1983-84 and 1984-85 seasons, sharing the distinction with

Patrick Ewing of Georgetown.

Entering the 1997-98 season, Notre Dame senior Pat Garrity is not only an odds-on favorite to join these two distinguished athletes as the only players to take home the trophy in consecutive seasons, but also to become the only player in conference history to be the sole winner of the award in back-to-back years.

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ND Preview p. 4

Senior co-captain Derek Manner and the Irish aim to build on last year's success.

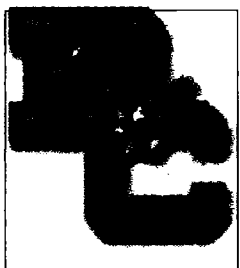


Big East Basketball Preview

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The Connecticut Huskies and the Syracuse Orangemen are predicted to win their respective divisions in a down year for the Big East.

Big East 6



Boston College Eagles

Head Coach: Al Skinner

1996-97 record: 22-9

Top returning players:

Mickey Curly 6-9, Cen., Sr.
(8.3 ppg., 4.9 reb.)

Antonio Granger 6-6, For., Sr.
(10.1 ppg., 4.1 reb.)

Duane Woodward 6-3, Guard, Sr.
(10.7 ppg., 3.3 reb.)

Outlook: It looks like a rebuilding year for Skinner, who will miss Donya Abrams and James Penn (who transferred to Ohio State). Only team picked behind ND.



Connecticut Huskies

Head Coach: Jim Calhoun

1996-97 record: 18-15

Top returning players:

Richard Hamilton 6-6, Guard/For., So.
(15.9 ppg., 4.3 reb.)

Rashamel Jones 6-5, Guard/For., Jr.
(13.0 ppg., 4.6 reb.)

Ricky Moore 6-2, Guard, Jr.
(9.0 ppg., 3.2 reb.)

Outlook: The top team in the conference and ranked 13th in the nation. Diaper dandy Khalid El-Amin joins an already solid backcourt with Ricky Moore (pictured).



St. John's Red Storm

Head coach: Fran Fraschilla

1996-97 record: 13-14

Top returning players:

Zendon Hamilton 6-11, Cen., Sr.
(16.2 ppg., 6.8 reb.)

Felipe Lopez 6-6, Guard, Sr.
(15.9 ppg., 6.8 reb.)

Lavor Postell 6-5, Guard, So.
(5.6 ppg., 3.3 reb.)

Outlook: Is this the year that the tandem of Lopez and Hamilton lives up to its potential? Freshman Ron Artest makes the team even richer with talent that could make the Storm a force again.



Villanova Wildcats

Head coach: Steve Lappas

1996-97 record: 24-10

Top returning players:

John Celestand 6-3, Guard, Jr.
(8.3 ppg., 2.6 reb.)

Howard Brown 6-5, Guard, Jr.
(5.8 ppg., 2.9 reb.)

Brian Lynch 6-6, Guard, So.
(3.8 ppg., 1.6 reb.)

Outlook: Four starters are gone so the Wildcats could suffer growing pains. The return of redshirt senior forward Zeffy Penn will help matters for Lappas.

1997-98 Coaches' Preseason Poll Big East 6

Connecticut (9) 69

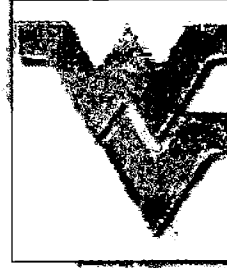
St. John's (4) 63

West Virginia 46

Villanova 40

Notre Dame 32

Boston College 18



West Virginia Mountaineers

Head coach: Gale Catlett

1996-97 record: 21-10

Top returning players:

Adrian Pledger 6-1, Guard, Sr.
(14.2 ppg., 4.3 reb.)

Damian Owens 6-5, For., Sr.
(13.6 ppg., 7.6 reb.)

Brent Solheim 6-8, For., Sr.
(7.4 ppg., 4.0 reb.)

Outlook: The Mountaineers will sport a balanced attack, but they had problems at the other end of the court. Last season, West Virginia surrendered 74 points a game, the highest total in the league.

Big East 7



Georgetown Hoyas

Head coach: John Thompson
1996-97 record: 20-10

Top returning players:
Ed Sheffey 6-1, Guard, So.
(8.7 ppg., 2.5 reb.)
Boubacar Aw 6-8, For., Sr.
(7.4 ppg., 5.0 reb.)
Jahidi White 6-9, Cen., Sr.
(7.3 ppg., 6.4 reb.)

Outlook: Thompson is in dire need of a scorer after the premature departure of Victor Page. Freshman Anthony Perry could have an immediate impact and provide that spark on offense.



Miami Hurricanes

Head coach: Leonard Hamilton
1996-97 record: 16-13

Top returning players:
Tim James 6-7, For., Jr.
(14.0 ppg., 6.8 reb.)
Kevin Norris 5-9, Guard, Sr.
(7.3 ppg., 2.9 reb.)
Mario Blond 6-6, For., So.
(4.1 ppg., 3.1 reb.)

Outlook: James will be the leader, but he has help in Norris and Blond. Miami also has help from blue-chippers 6-foot-9 forward Dwayne Wimbley and Mike Byars-Dawson.



Pittsburgh Panthers

Head coach: Ralph Willard
1996-97 record: 18-15

Top returning players:
Vonteego Cummings 6-4, Guard, Jr.
(16.3 ppg., 4.2 reb.)
Kellii Taylor 6-0, Guard, So.
(9.6 ppg., 4.1 reb.)
Jarrett Lockhart 6-2, Guard, So.
(2.7 ppg., 1.2 reb.)

Outlook: Cummings is one of the top players in the conference and will be the leader for the Panthers. The key to their success will be the development of sophomore forward Isaac Hawkins.



Providence Friars

Head coach: Pete Guillen
1996-97 record: 24-12

Top returning players:
Jamel Thomas 6-6, Guard, Jr.
(14.0 ppg., 5.1 reb.)
Corey Wright 5-8, Guard, Jr.
(3.3 ppg., 1.9 reb.)
Ndongo N'dyaye 7-1, Cen., So.
(0.7 ppg., 1.0 reb.)

Outlook: Providence will have to do without God this year, (God Shamgod, that is). There are nine new faces on the squad for Guillen to adjust to.

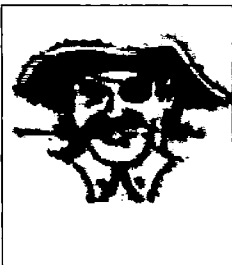


Rutgers Scarlet Knights

Head coach: Kevin Bannon
1996-97 record: 11-16

Top returning players:
Geoff Billet 6-0, Guard, Jr.
(13.7 ppg., 2.9 reb.)
Earl Johnson 6-0, Guard, So.
(12.6 ppg., 3.3 reb.)
Rob Hodgson 6-7, For., Jr.
(11.9 ppg., 4.9 reb.)

Outlook: New coach Kevin Bannon is known for building winners but will have his work cut out for him in Jersey. On the bright side, four starters are back.



Seton Hall Pirates

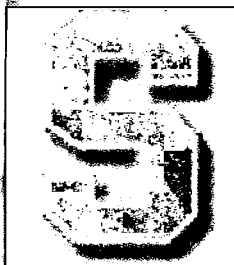
Head coach: Tommy Amaker
1996-97 record: 10-18

Top returning players:
Shaheen Holloway (pictured) 5-10, Guard, So.
(17.3 ppg., 3.8 reb.)
Lavell Sanders 6-2, Guard, Sr.
(15.8 ppg., 5.1 reb.)
Donnell Williams 6-7, For. Sr.
(11.0 ppg., 5.0 reb.)

Outlook: The Hall is under a new coach, Amaker, who was an apprentice at Duke, so he knows a lot about winning. Holloway is a baller.

1997-98 Coaches' Preseason Poll Big East 7

Syracuse (10)	81
Georgetown (2)	66
Miami (1)	65
Pittsburgh	44
Providence	39
Rutgers	30
Seton Hall	30



Syracuse Orangemen

Head coach: Jim Boeheim
1996-97 record: 19-13

Top returning players:
Todd Burgan 6-7, Guard/For., Sr.
(15.1 ppg., 7.6 reb.)
Jason Hart 6-2, Guard, So.
(9.6 ppg., 3.5 reb.)
Marius Janulis 6-5, Guard/For., Sr.
(9.3 ppg., 3.8 reb.)

Outlook: Boeheim is poised to have his squad rebound from its mediocre year last season. He has the tools to do that in Burgan and Hart.

Garrity

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The significance of Garrity's achievement in the 1996-97 campaign is not lost on Notre Dame head coach John MacLeod.

"This exactly the kind of recognition the program needed," said MacLeod. "These types of awards are what get into the minds of people and let them know that Notre Dame basketball is a powerful member of the Big East conference."

The conference is not the only institution that has big expectations for the 6-foot-9 Irish power forward. Garrity is listed among the 10 preseason candidates for the Naismith college player of the year award and finds himself in even more exclusive company as one of Street and Smith's five national player-of-the-year candidates. Both Street and Smith's and Inside Sports magazines rated the Notre Dame captain as a first-team preseason all-American.

Garrity leads the Irish into the 1997-98 Big East slate having averaged over 18 points and 7.6 rebounds in conference play. He will look to improve those numbers this year due to the loss of productive seniors Matt Gotsch, Admore White, and Pete Miller. Although MacLeod will look to

younger players for scoring this season, he knows that last year's graduating class was important to Garrity's success.

"We do have Pat Garrity back," explained MacLeod, "but you can't underestimate what last year's seniors meant to the team. They gave us a great work ethic and they all had great heart."

MacLeod is encouraged, though, by what he has seen from Garrity since the summer.

"Every year he has been here," recalled the seventh-year coach, "Pat has improved. He looks quicker this year. He is a little lighter, and I think his play over the summer helped him gain some quickness."

MacLeod is referring to Garrity's play with the United States National Team in the World Under-22 Championships this summer. The team traveled to Melbourne, Australia, for the tournament and finished fifth overall. Garrity led the team in scoring with 11.8 points per game.

If Garrity can use that experience and extra work to his advantage, not only will the Irish be able to build on the success of last season, but Garrity will rise toward the top of the Notre Dame record books.

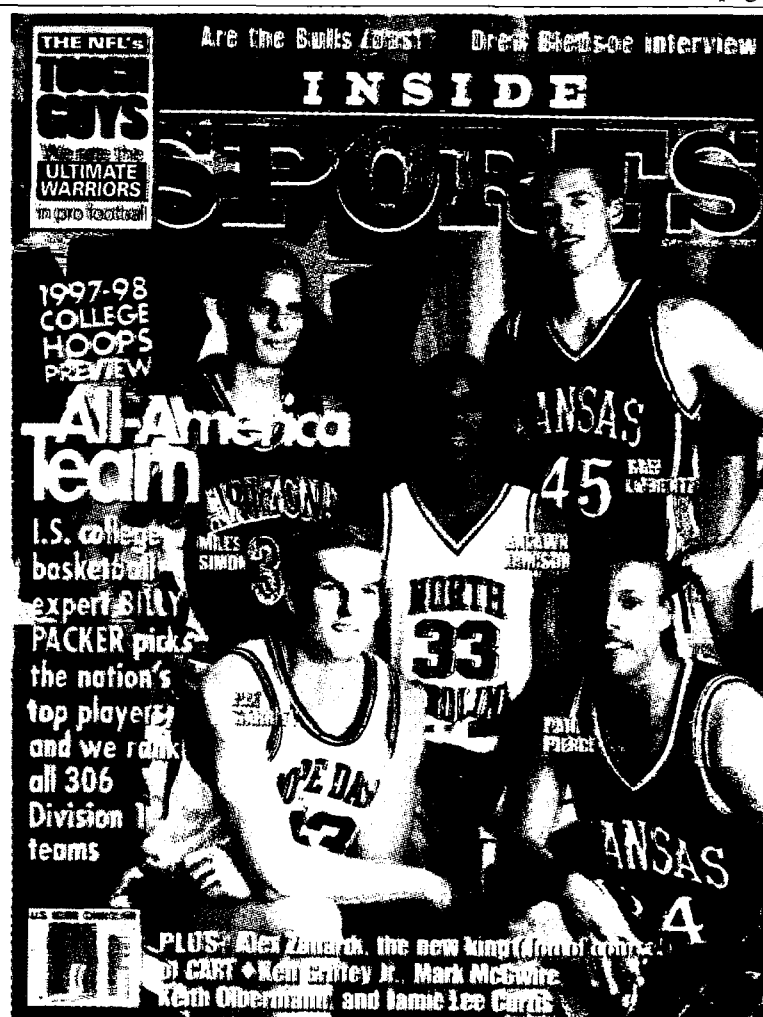
He entered the season in 10th place on the all-time list for points scored by an Irish player with 1,458 and has since passed Elmer Bennett and LaPhonso

Ellis to move into eighth place. Ellis scored 1,505 points in his time at Notre Dame. It should not be long before Garrity surpasses Bob Whitmore at 1,580 points, and if he can just match his total of 1996-97, Garrity will close out his career as the third-highest scorer in Irish history.

The native of Monument, Colo., also entered the season at 10th in points per game and free throws made, seventh in three-point percentage and sixth in three-pointers made.

Clearly, Garrity has indeed made a great deal to the Notre Dame basketball program. He has not only given the team national recognition through his accomplishments, but he has lifted a program that has otherwise been in a period of mediocrity. He led the Irish within seconds of Madison Square Garden and the NIT semifinals, and renewed belief among spectators and blue chip high school players nationwide that Notre Dame basketball is on its way up.

It remains to be seen whether or not the Irish captain can rally this year's youthful bunch and lead the team back to post-season success. But if the things that Pat Garrity has done in the last three years are any indication, it would be unwise to count Notre Dame out.



Pat Garrity has made a name for himself on the national scale as he has garnered high praise and has the opportunity to become Notre Dame's first all-American since David Rivers in the 1987-88 year.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Last year, the Notre Dame basketball team made its presence felt and instilled spirit back to the Joyce Center.

Head coach John MacLeod earned Big East coach of the year honors leading the Irish into post-season play for the first time since the 1991-92 year when he had the likes of LaPhonso Ellis and Elmer Bennet, and Pat Garrity has established himself as one of the best players in the land.

"The NIT was a great experience for our players," MacLeod said. "It taught our players what playing college basketball in March is all about, and it gave our fans a chance to show great enthusiasm for the team."

Now, MacLeod hopes that the momentum from last year's NIT run can carry over into the 1997-98 Big East season, which

tips off this Saturday at Pittsburgh.

"This season, we would like to capitalize on what we did last year, and that was rekindle the Notre Dame basketball spirit."

"We had the students back in the Joyce Center, and this year there is an enthusiasm for basketball on this campus that has not been around for awhile," MacLeod continued. "Our hope is that our team will be able to sustain that spirit for the season. We feel like it is time for us to make our move."

Point Guards

With the graduation of Admore White, MacLeod is lacking an experienced floor general, but freshman Martin Ingelsby has showed in the early going that he is capable of

running the offense game in and game out, averaging 6.3 points, 6.25 assists to just 2.25 turnovers, and 3.3 rebounds in the team's first four games.

"Martin has played a lot of basketball and has savvy," MacLeod said. "He doesn't lose his cool, and he's not a mistake maker."

The Philadelphia native averaged 19.4 points, six assists and three steals per game in his senior season as he shot 50 percent

from the field and 40 percent from three-point land.

His senior season earned him the prestigious Markward Award given to the top high school player in Philadelphia.

The most impressive aspect of the play of Ingelsby so far has been the manner in which he handles himself on the floor for being 19 years old.

"He really has remarkable poise for a freshman," MacLeod praised. "It really is a difficult position to play with all the responsibilities that go along with it, but he has handled it very well."

Backing up Ingelsby is sophomore Jimmy Dillon, who averaged nine minutes a game last year backing up White.

"Jimmy gained some weight in the off-season and is quicker," MacLeod said.

Last season Dillon ranked third on the team with assists and is looking to see more extensive playing time this season.

"Both Martin and Jimmy are going to play a lot this year and we could play both of them together at the same time," MacLeod explained. "I am not as concerned about the point guard situation. Martin is going to be a fine player and so is Jimmy. They're both young, but I think both will adjust very, very, quickly."

Shooting Guards

Much of the Irish success this season will depend on whether MacLeod can find a consistent outside threat to complement the strong play in the post. Much of that pressure has been thrust upon junior Antoni Wyche and sophomore Keith Friel.

"It will be important for Antoni to play a big role this season," MacLeod said. "Antoni has played well over the past two years and now it is time for him to step up."

In 15 minutes a game last year, Wyche averaged 5.5 points a game. With the departure of Pete Miller, Wyche

knows his minutes will increase, and MacLeod is also hoping that his point production increases accordingly. The play of Wyche early on has been encouraging. Before the Indiana game, Wyche was averaging 9.5 points a game on 54 percent shooting from the field.

"I am trying to build on a strong finish last year and help to take the pressure off Pat," Wyche said after the season opener win over The Citadel when he had 14 points.

Friel will be looked upon to provide a spark off the bench as he is known as a pure shooter hitting on half of his three-point attempts this year.

"The key for us is to get consistent production in the backcourt, and I think we are going to," MacLeod predicted. "Antoni and Keith both appear to be vastly improved this season."

Small Forwards

This slot will again be filled with the tenacious Derek Manner. The senior co-captain who averaged seven points and five rebounds a game last year is known for his all-out hustle.

"Derek Manner knows only one speed — and that's full," MacLeod said. "Every time he is on the floor he gives 100 percent, and that has been his trademark since he arrived at Notre Dame."

Manner started all 30 games for the Irish last season and can be a terror on the offensive glass but is currently hindered by shin splints and did not start the Northeastern contest.

Freshman Leviticus Williamson started in place of Manner and chipped in 10 points in the victory. Williamson, known for his athleticism, was an all-state selection in Texas as he averaged 23.7 points and 12 rebounds a game.

Williamson has shown explosiveness in high school as he scored 40 points on two occasions and 30 points seven times in his final year.

Power Forwards

There is only one thing to say about this position and that is Pat Garrity.

Centers

Junior Phil Hickey appears to be poised to take over the center duties for the departed Matt Gotsch and Marcus Young. Hickey averaged 3.6 points in 12.8 minutes a game last year, but by the end of his sophomore campaign he made some significant contributions.

In the second round NIT win over TCU, Hickey had 13 points, and he had 12 in an overtime win over Connecticut.

"Phil knows what he has to do this season," MacLeod explained. "He has had some big games over the past two seasons, but now he knows the role he has to fill."

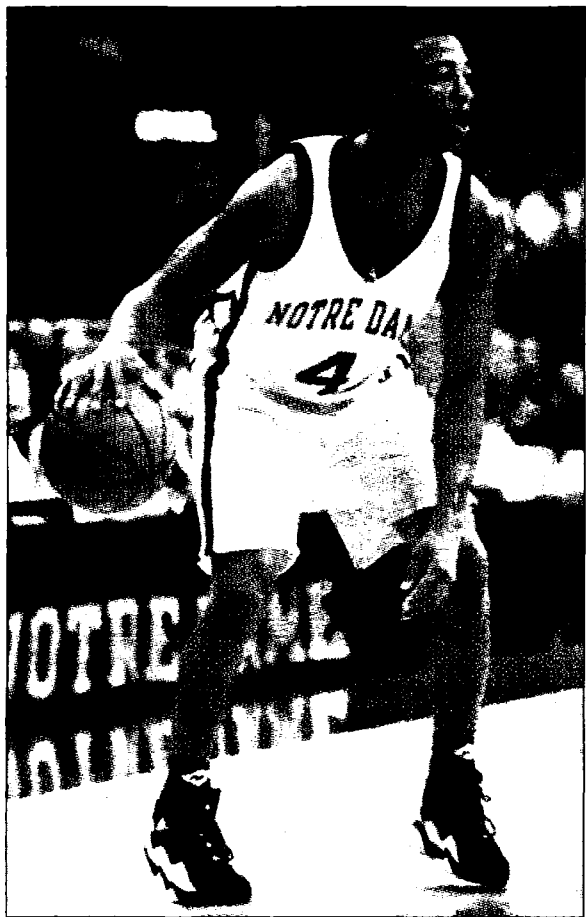
That role involves taking pressure off Garrity in the post and developing into another consistent scoring threat for the Irish. Hickey has been solid, averaging 12.5 points and eight rebounds a game through four games.

"Phil knows that he is going to start this year and that he is going to be relied on," MacLeod said. "With that knowledge, he should have great confidence."

The center spot can be described as thin behind Hickey as he is the only true center on the squad. Times could become difficult if Hickey finds early foul trouble as it forces freshman Hans Rasmussen to take over the center slot.

Rasmussen is 6-foot-9 but only weighs in at 218 compared to Hickey's 252. A forward who has solid skills, he can drain the jumper from the 12-15 foot range and is a solid rebounder. The Portland, Ore., native was named honorable mention all-American by Street and Smith's before his senior season in which he averaged 15 points and nine rebounds a game.

-Joe Cavato



After serving as a role player the last two seasons, Antoni Wyche needs to develop into a scoring threat.

Season in the Bend

s of classes left before one week of finals, and then we all holidays. So how does a campus that closes completely of the most festive times of the year celebrate Christmas? Caroling is one of the most active ways that someone can cheer, but what about those who feel less than comfortable to "Deck the halls?" Well, there is an answer for them too. Putting on its annual Christmas concert. On Saturday, Dec. 6, the Stepan Center with performances at both 6:30 and 8 p.m. be reserved by calling the LaFortune Information Desk at (219) 631-1111. It will direct the 60 member all male chorus and all proceeds go to the LaFortune Center for



If classical music is more your thing, fear not. Saint Mary's College will offer something for everyone. The Saint Mary's Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will perform excerpts from George Frederic Handel's oratori, "Messiah," this Thursday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall on campus. Tickets for the performance are \$5 for the general public and \$3 for students and senior citizens, will be available by calling the LaFortune Information Desk at (219) 631-1111.

Lighting it up

By JOSEPH WEILER
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Christmas time as a little homey. Sure, they're bombarded with a plethora of games, clothes, money, but that part of the holiday lasts but a single day. The best part of the Christmas holiday is the magical season that comes with it. What would it be without snowmen, hot chocolate and Christmas trees? Worse yet, what would it be without the lights?

Take, for instance, the Festival of Lights being presented from now until Jan. 7. It's a 52 display drive-by which is being sponsored by different business and organizations throughout Northwest Indiana. It offers a chance to relive some of those magic moments you spent as a little kid as you drive through Hidden Lake Park, and "Oooh" and "Ahhhh" as you rank different homes. Unfortunately, this event costs \$6 per carload, but if you're willing to look past that, it'll be a great way to get into the holiday spirit. The event takes place in Merrillville, Ind. and if you want more info you can call (219) 769-1180.

However, you are looking for something a little bit more homey and do-able, you can simply step outside and take a look around. The Notre Dame campus is slowly coming to life with decorations of all kinds. Just look around and you can find dozens of things that'll get the little kid in you jumping up and down in anticipation as the Christmas countdown slowly progresses.

If you stop and think about it, the tiny twinkling lights that adorn almost every building come this time of year are not only one of the most memorable parts of the season, but they are one of the most unique and enduring symbols of Christmas. As long as there is snow there will be snowmen. As long as it is cold there will be hot chocolate. And a Christmas tree without any lights would be just a slowly dying evergreen in the family room.

As finals draw ever closer, take a break from that tunnel of darkness that surrounds you and head towards the lights. They'll show you the way to Christmas cheer.

Top ten gift ideas...

for her

play and a night out in Chicago (yes, scarves, coats, chapstick) lots of it.

pick flick like "My Best Friend's

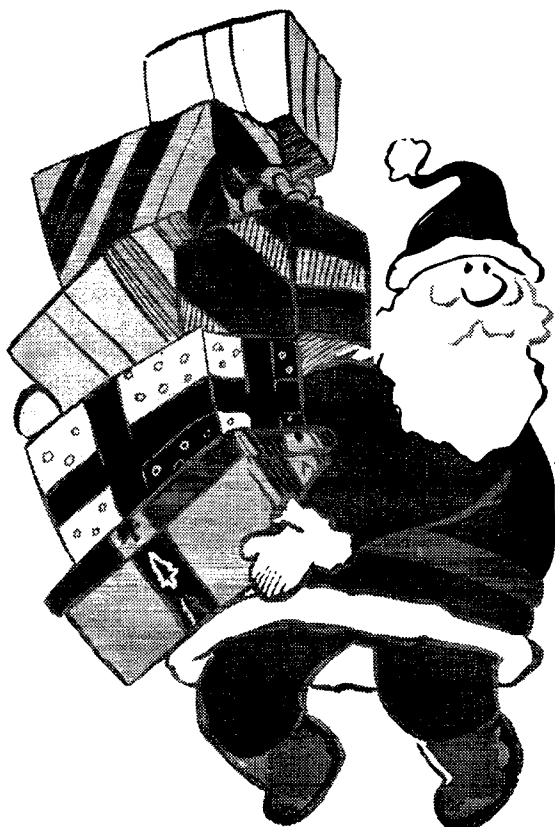
— try not to insult her fashion

think she'll drop it and then wash it (it)

Secret

the magazine of her choice

guys, diamonds are a girl's best



for him

- 1) Clothes (sweaters and corduroys would do just fine)
- 2) Socks and underwear (true, it's a slightly embarrassing gift but you really can't go wrong with it)
- 3) Toy guns that make a lot of noise.
- 4) Athletic gear (footballs, basketballs, etc...)
- 5) Money (it's something that's very cheesy and unoriginal but you'll get no complaints)
- 6) Beer ("Oh, Marge! How did you know?")
- 7) Electronic gadgets and gizmos (anything that takes a lot of batteries and more than two hours to figure out)
- 8) Victoria's Secret catalogue
- 9) Gift certificate to the mall (again a cheesy and unoriginal gift, but he will like it)
- 10) Gaming paraphernalia (Playstation, N64, Sega and the like)

Jock Strip

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for the Heisman is not a simple one.

Manning is a good quarterback and has had a great career at Tennessee, but he was not the best player this year for a number of reasons.

First, the game that he came back for his senior year to play, against then-top-ranked Florida, was a flop, as he lost to the Gators for the third time in as many years. He played horribly against Vanderbilt last week and has been erratic all season.

His team is stockpiled with tal-

ent, especially at the skill positions, but Manning has failed to utilize this talent appropriately.

Finally, the fact that Manning is a Golden Boy of sorts does not compensate for the fact that he has failed to win the big games; the Heisman isn't about how good a person he was, how good he was throughout his college career or even how good he will be in the NFL, but rather about how he performed on the field this year.

If it comes down to performance, there is no better example than Michigan's Charles Woodson.

Woodson has literally and figuratively done everything for Michigan this year, leading the

Wolverines to an 11-0 ranking, the Rose Bowl and, most importantly, the top national ranking.

He's as cocky as he wants to be because he has propelled the Wolverines to number one.

Woodson has shown that he can significantly influence the outcome of a game, but the fact that he is only one cog in the defensive machine that is Michigan is detrimental to his Heisman candidacy.

So who's left? Ryan Leaf. The most trash-talking quarterback in college football, Leaf also has all the tools to back it up. Tall and strong, he can throw the ball like Roberto Clemente from right field, and has perhaps the best presence of mind of any quarter-

back in the pocket.

He will most likely be the top pick in the NFL draft and has had an impressive career at a school that is not exactly renowned for college football — Washington State.

As with Manning, what he did in the past and will do in the NFL is irrelevant. The most important thing is what he has done this year — the Rose Bowl.

Almost single-handedly, Leaf led a team of self-proclaimed misfits to the Pac-10 crown, punctuated with a 41-35 defeat of bitter rival Washington in the Apple Cup, and made a name for his team and his school.

Leaf played every game with heart and improved with every

game as the season went on, amassing over 400 yards passing in more games than any Pac-10 quarterback in memory.

Ultimately, with Manning, Woodson, and Leaf it comes down to one question: How indispensable is the player?

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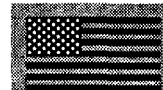
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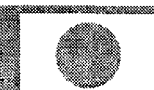
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■ SAINT MARY'S BASKETBALL

McGill leads by example, on and off the court

Belles' senior drives teams with her spirit

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

Last year at this time, Julie McGill was searching frantically for a basketball court.

What she discovered was that Rome has a lot of soccer fields, not too many places to shoot hoops.

Desperate to play the sport she loves, McGill wound up in a weekly pickup game with a

crew of Italian police officers.

"I was just trying to play whenever or wherever I could," said McGill who missed her first eight games of the season due to her abroad study.

This year, she's back playing on American courts at Saint Mary's and has recently been named MIAA Player of the Week.

After a Kalamazoo Tournament where McGill scored 50 points, grabbed 27 rebounds, and contributed five steals and four blocks, she should not have been shocked at the title. However, her modest attitude occasionally gets the best of her.

"It all seems so foreign to me," McGill said. "It's the first time Saint Mary's has had a player of the week. I was really surprised."

Belles' coach David Roeder couldn't have been happier about McGill's reward.

"It's great," he said. "It couldn't go to a better person."

Or one who has worked hard.

This year, McGill has been switched to the post position which she only played infrequently in high school.

"I have to work for my baskets," said the 5-foot-9 senior. "A lot of my points have to come off of hustling, rebounds, and second shots. It's a total defensive way of scoring. It's a big challenge. On [the Belles'] team, I'm the tallest, but I'm just average for other [teams]."

But according to her coach, there's nothing average about her playing style.

"She's intense," Roeder said. "She moves to the basket and is hard to stop. She's playing lower than she's accustomed to but has adjusted. She's our go-to person."

For McGill, the sport seemed to come naturally ... or maybe

accidentally.

As a self-proclaimed tomboy, she began playing with the basketball hoop in her driveway, the birthday present her father never used.

Finding a way to get out of the summer t-ball leagues she detested was a bonus McGill found in basketball. Another plus was shaming her next-door neighbor, Nicky Crab, by showing him up in the sport.

"I like competing against boys — and beating them," she added.

But what made her fall in love with basketball remains a mystery.

"I don't know what it was about it," the biology major said. "But I know if I wasn't playing basketball, I wouldn't be me."

Although McGill's career at Saint Mary's is coming to a close, she's still focused on the future.

"There's so few freshmen; we rely on them a lot," McGill said. "My motto is 'lead by example.'"

"She's really caring," Roeder said. "She's concerned about how the freshmen feel and are developing. She cares about

how we play."

As a self-motivated player, McGill also cares how her individual play will contribute to the team.

"I want to break my own records of 27 points in a game and 16 rebounds in a game which is close to the school record," the potential record-breaker stated. "I really go into every game saying I want to shut down my opponent. It's all out of will."

Despite her current success, McGill is concerned about the day she won't have an opponent to eliminate.

"I don't want to walk away with regrets," McGill said. "I don't have many basketball games left. I'm giving it 110 percent. I'm throwing myself around everywhere."

So her coach is hoping will occur this weekend in the Saint Mary's Roundball Classic where the Belles will face Bethel, IUSB, and Huntington beginning Friday at 8 p.m.

"We play Bethel first," McGill reported. "They're a cross-town rival and can be intimidating. It'll be a real physical game."

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Associated Press

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Commissioner David Stern suspended the Golden State Warriors' All-Star guard one year — the longest suspension in league history — for the "premeditated assault" of coach P.J. Carlesimo.

Stern's action follows that of the Warriors, who took the unprecedented step of firing Sprewell Wednesday night by terminating the remaining three years of his four-year, \$32 million contract.

Sprewell won't be eligible to play in the NBA again until Dec. 3, 1998 — even if another team claims him off waivers by Monday morning or signs him to a free-agent contract.

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Preparing for Pitt

Irish ready for first Big East conference game

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame men's basketball is ranked by the conference's coaches to finish fifth in the Big East 6 division. Its first

opportunity to prove otherwise will come when it travels to Pittsburgh on Saturday for its first conference matchup of the 1997-98 season.

The Irish are now 3-2 after a loss to Indiana at Bloomington on Wednesday, with their only other loss being a 72-48 beating by Marquette. However, the slate is clean as far as the conference is concerned; the only problem is that the Irish are starting their conference

run on the road — not a very friendly place since the Irish entered the Big East two years ago.

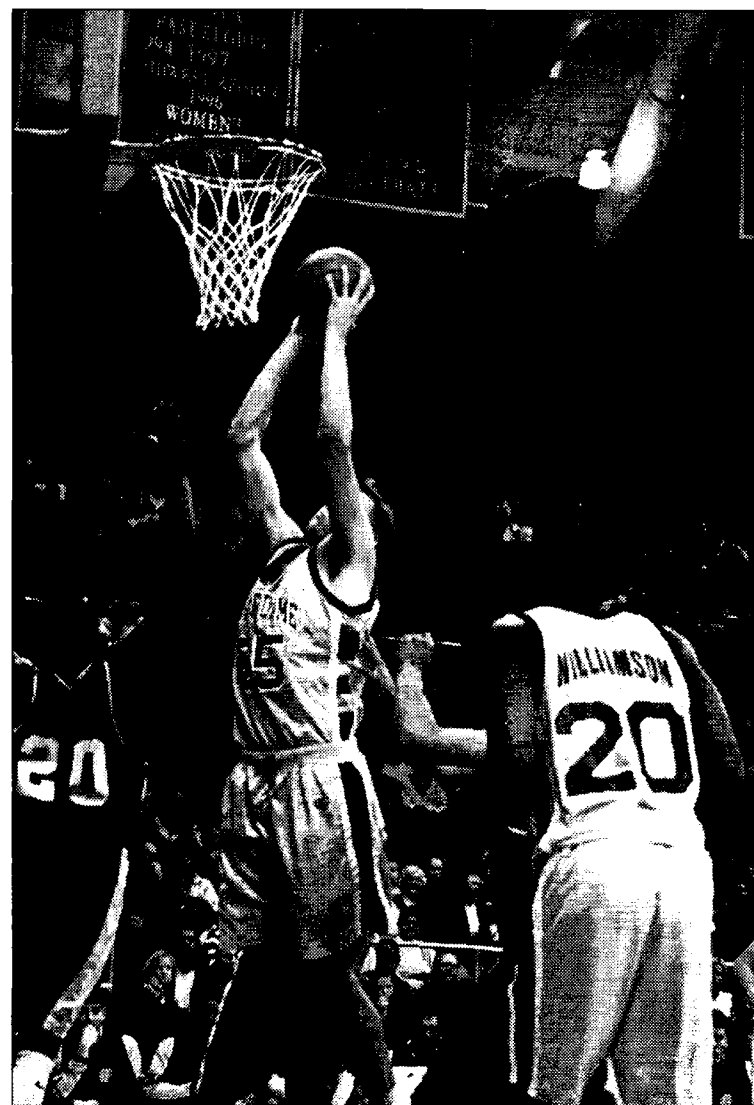
"We haven't had much success — I think two wins on the road in two years in the Big East," Notre Dame head coach John MacLeod said. "We've been close a lot of times, but those don't count. We know that."

MacLeod is looking to change all that beginning Saturday, and with an arsenal of veterans like Pat Garrity and Derek Manner, rookies like Martin Inglesby and Leviticus Williamson, and up-and-comings like Phil Hickey, Antoni Wyche, and Keith Friel, the future for the Irish in the Big East conference is optimistic.

Still, a feisty Pittsburgh team will be looking to improve upon its 10-8 league record from last year and is targeting the Irish as its first victim. The Panthers are led by 6-foot-4 junior guard Vonteego Cummings, who averaged in the top 10 in the conference last year in points per game with 16.3 (ninth), assists with 4.2 (eighth), and steals with 2.6 (fourth). Cummings also led the league in three-point percentage at .444.

"Pittsburgh has a small, quicker type team, and they have Vonteego Cummings in the back who is certainly heading for what appears to be a huge year," MacLeod commented.

Joining Cummings is sophomore guard Kellii Taylor who averaged 9.6 points per game last season and led the conference in steals, averaging 3.2 per game. Coming off the bench behind Cummings and Taylor at guard is sophomore Jarrett Lockhart, who despite limited



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Phil Hickey (55) will be one of the "big men" used by the Irish to go up against the small but quick Pittsburgh Panthers.

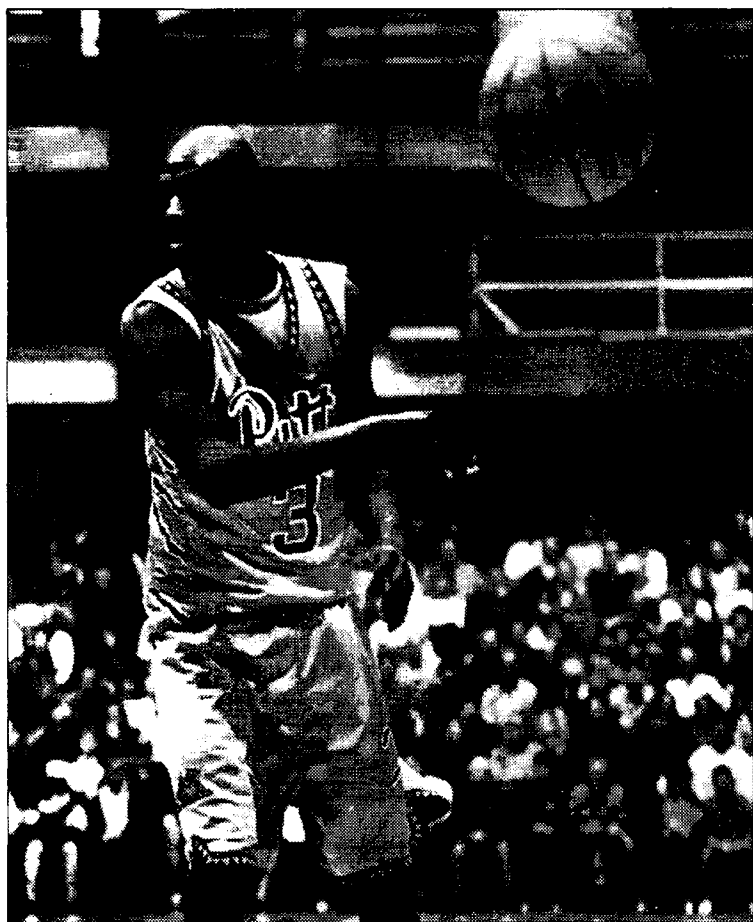
playing time was a reliable shooter with 2.7 points per game.

The key for the Panthers lies in the performance of forward Isaac Hawkins, a 6-foot-6 sophomore who is really the only experience up front. Hawkins averaged 2.5 points and 2.5 rebounds per game and posted 12 minutes a game last year.

Pitt lost a lot of seniors to graduation, but returns a young, quick squad whom the Irish will need to keep up with

up and down the court in order to control the ball game. Pitt's freshman class boasts the size needed to compete with Garrity and Hickey, but does not compare in experience.

For the Irish, it is essential to manipulate the Panthers' inexperience up front and limit turnovers, as indicated by Cummings' and Taylor's defensive statistics. If the Irish can hold onto the ball and get it to their big men, they have the chance to be undefeated in the Big East for the first time ever.



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Vonteego Cummings is the most experienced player on the Pittsburgh team that will host Notre Dame on Saturday.

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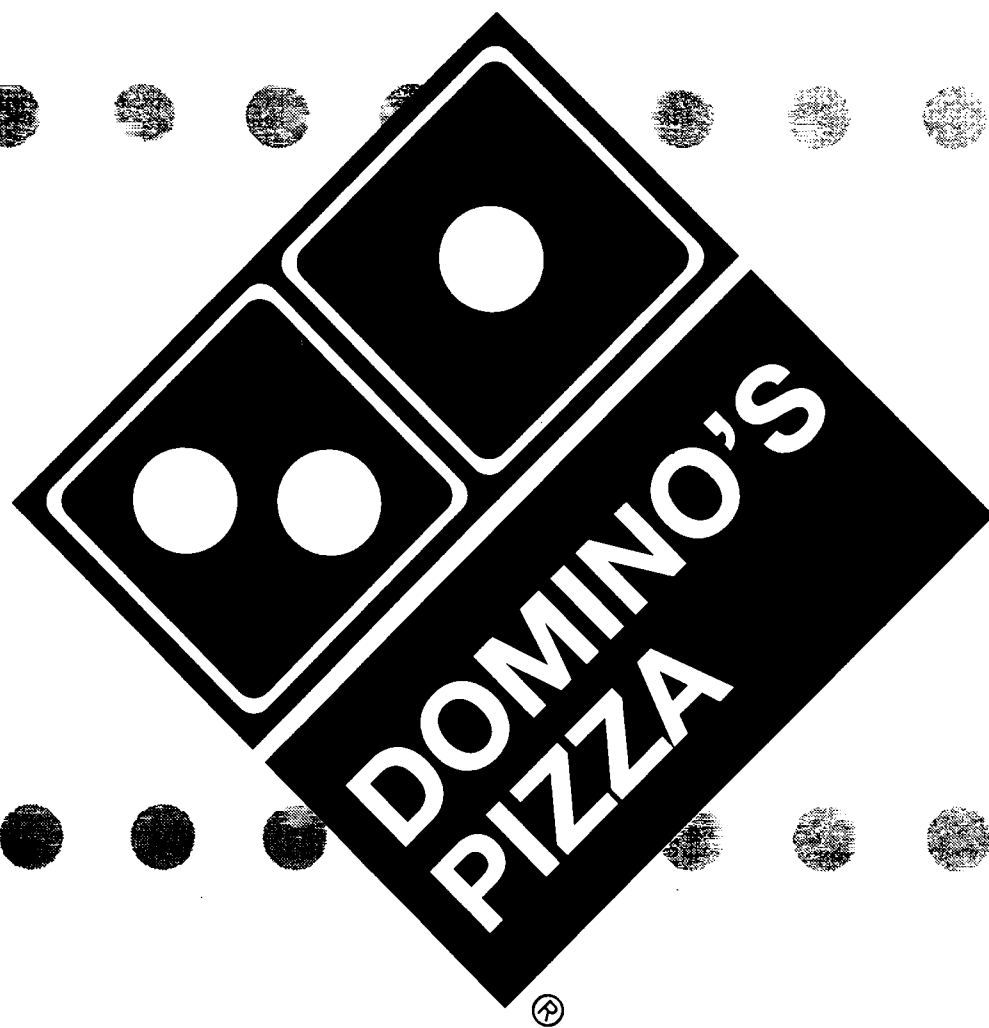
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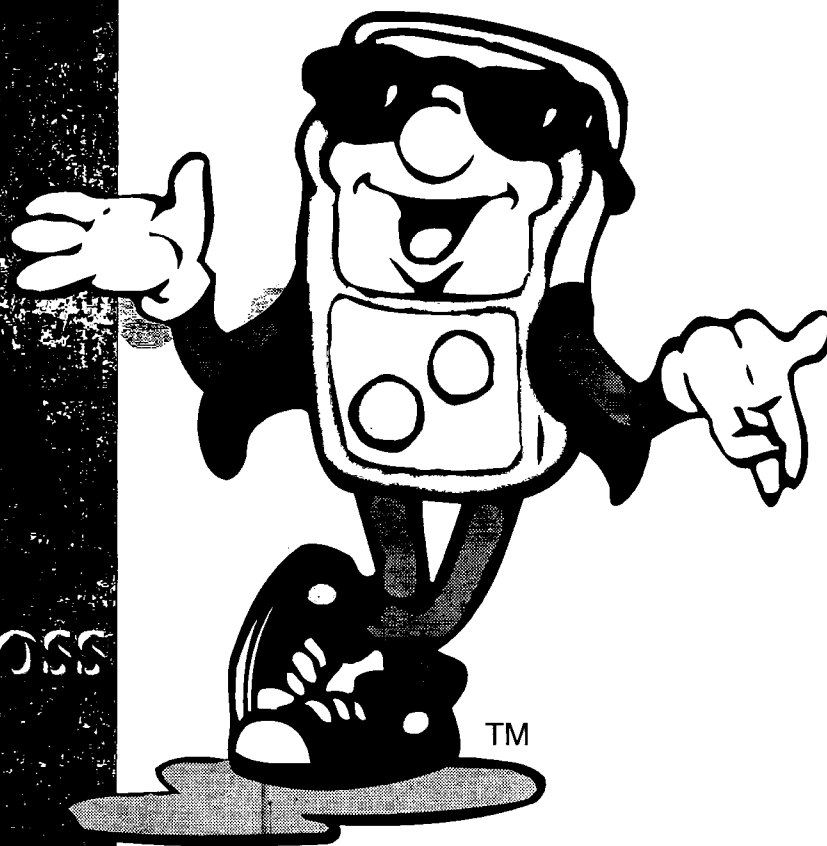


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■ NHL

Devils shut out Pittsburgh Penguins, end streak

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH Martin Brodeur made 28 saves for his third shutout of the season as the New Jersey Devils stopped a slide and ended the Pittsburgh Penguins' eight-game unbeaten streak with a 4-0 win Thursday night.

The Devils came in on a 1-4-0 skid that had followed an eight-game winning streak and coincided with off-ice turmoil. John MacLean, the franchise's all-time leader in games, goals, assists and points, went public with a trade request earlier in the week and did not accompany the team to Pittsburgh for the game. Devils president and general manager Lou Lamoriello said he is trying to deal MacLean.

Center Brendan Morrison, recalled from Albany of the American Hockey League to help cover MacLean's absence, scored his first NHL goal at 12:37 of the second period.

Trailing 3-0 with 11:59 left in the third period, Pittsburgh coach Kevin Constantine gambled and lost when the Penguins

went on a power play. He pulled goaltender Tom Barrasso for an extra attacker to create a two-man advantage.

Bob Carpenter fired a slap shot into the empty net from more than 140 feet for a short-handed goal.

Bill Guerin, another New Jersey player who has requested a trade, scored the only goal of the first period. Guerin powered past defenseman Kevin Hatcher and Jiri Slegr to flip a backhander past Barrasso for his second goal.

Patrik Elias scored his 10th at 9:01 of the second. He used Hatcher as a screen and put a 20-footer between Barrasso's legs.

Devils defenseman Scott Stevens had two points, the first of which was his 750th NHL point.

Colorado 2, Chicago 1

Adam Deadmarsh scored with 4:10 to play, taking advantage of a mistake by Tony Amonte, as the Colorado Avalanche defeated the Chicago Blackhawks 2-1 Thursday night.

Patrick Roy made 29 saves for his 361st victory, moving him past Andy Moog into sixth place on the NHL career list, as the Avalanche earned their fourth consecutive win.

Joe Sakic gained control of the puck in the right corner and sent a blind, backhanded pass into the slot. Amonte stopped the puck and momentarily had control. But he lost the puck right onto the stick of Deadmarsh, who wristed a shot over Jeff Hackett's glove.

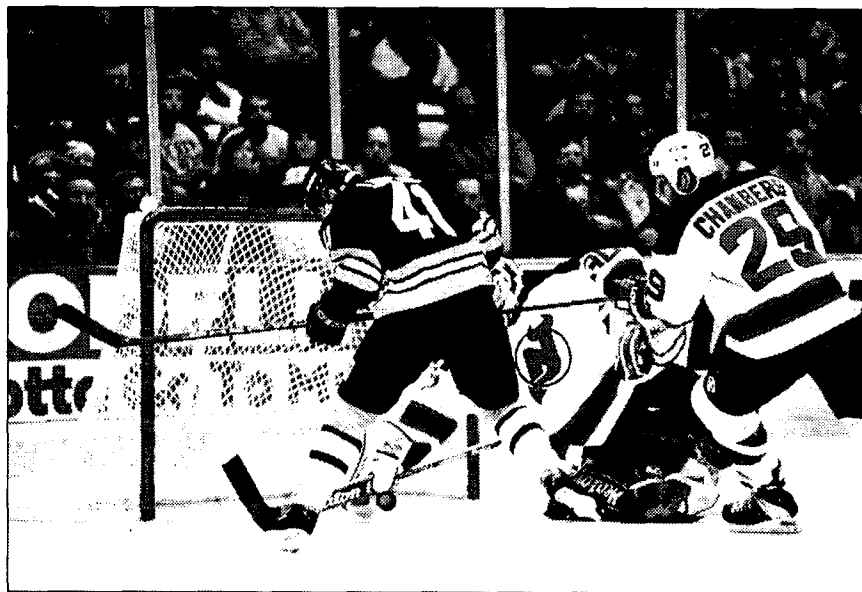
The goal ruined a dream situation for Brian Felsner, a 25-year-old rookie who beat Roy with the tying goal about 3 1/2 minutes earlier. Felsner's first NHL goal came on a superb individual effort, as he hustled after his own rebound and put the puck past one of hockey's all-time greats.

St. Louis 4, Toronto 3

Craig Conroy had a goal and an assist during the same short-handed situation to lead the St. Louis Blues to a 4-3 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs on

Thursday night.

Conroy, who also had an assist on the Blues' first goal, has six points in his last two games. Prior to that, Conroy had eight points in 27 games. Both of Conroy's goals this season have come shorthanded.



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Goalie Martin Brodeur stopped 28 shots for the shut-out against the Penguins.

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame looks to stop Connecticut 'juggernaut'

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

The Connecticut Huskies have won 139 of their last 147 as head coach Geno Auriema has turned Storrs, Conn., into the home of one of the most dominating basketball teams anywhere.

Head coach Muffet McGraw and Notre Dame, currently 3-2 on the season, are 0-5 against

the Huskies, but they will get another chance to try to derail the Huskie juggernaut this Saturday at noon.

Although the Huskies come into the game with all-Americans and Naismith award candidates along with the No. 2 ranking in the land, the Irish are not about to be scared out of their own gym.

"I don't think intimidation is going to play a factor at all for us on Saturday," senior guard Mollie Peirick said. "We're at home so that's not going to be a factor. We have freshmen who haven't played them, but I think if anything they are excited about the game. We are all excited about the game."

"I don't think intimidation is going to play a role because we've played them before," McGraw said. "We know them very well, and we had some close games with them. So I don't think that will be a factor, but they have a tremendous amount of talent."

Headlining that talent pool is senior guard/forward Nykesha Sales. The Naismith player of the year candidate is averaging nearly 26 points a game, and

her size and quickness make her a nightmare for opposing defenses.

"We're really going to have to work hard defensively," McGraw predicted. "The biggest thing will be to play hard and with intensity for 40 minutes."

"I think we have a pretty good idea of what it is going to take to beat UConn," Peirick said. "We're going to have to step it up on defense, and they are a really great defensive team as well so we'll really have to take care of the ball."

Taking care of the ball has been a problem for the Irish in recent games as in the past three contests Notre Dame has had more turnovers than a bakery on Sunday morning.

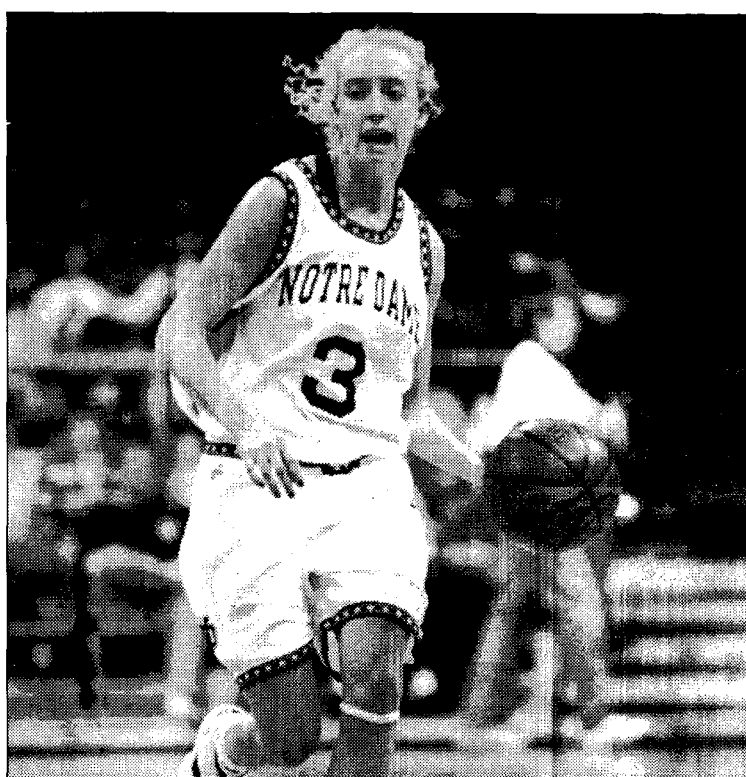
"I think that's going to get better," Peirick commented. "I don't know exactly what happened; we've been kind of timid lately. I don't think we have as many turnovers when we're aggressive."

"Mentally we have had breakdowns," McGraw said. "We started the year great, but we have been going in the wrong direction and really it's all mental."

Although Sheila McMillen is coming off a poor shooting outing in the Rutgers loss, the junior co-captain has developed into a leader and a consistent scoring threat for the Irish.

"Sheila has been doing a great job stepping up and taking that position," Peirick said.

McMillen leads four Irish players averaging in double fig-



Guard Mollie Peirick looks forward to the challenge of playing second-ranked Connecticut tonight at the Joyce Center.

ures with 17.2 points a game. Junior guard Danielle Green has also been hot as of late and is averaging 14 points a game while Peirick chips in 12.8 and freshman forward Kelly Siemon adds 10.8.

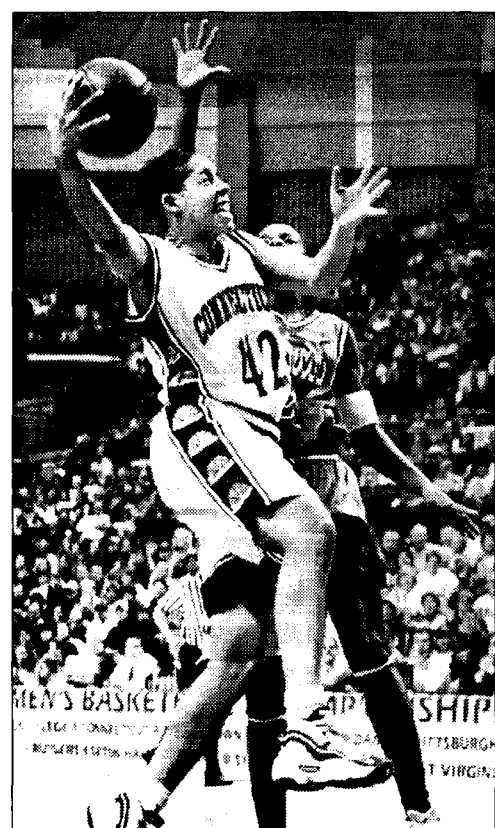
The Irish will need contributions from everyone if they hope to pull off the upset and take advantage of the opportunity presented to them.

"This is a conference game, but it's also a great opportunity for us early in the year,"

McGraw said.

"Playing a ranked team right now is good for us," Peirick explained. "We're playing three ranked teams in the next week. It is going to be important for us to get a victory from one of these teams to help our chances at getting into the NCAA tournament, which is our goal right now."

The first of those challenges, and opportunities, arrives tomorrow in the form of the Huskies.



Big East preseason player of the year Nykesha Sales will lead Connecticut's attack.

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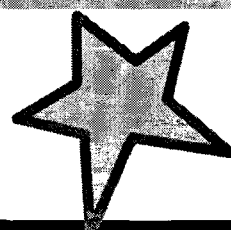
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Hockey

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have struggled in their own zone, giving away passes and surrendering too many odd-man breaks.

"Our team defense has been weak," agreed Cotnoir. Last weekend against Lake Superior State, the Irish surrendered seven goals in two games. Those kind of numbers don't win hockey games.

The team has addressed these problems, according to Simon. "We are focusing on our defense," he said, "and we have worked a lot on one-on-one battles. It seems that we play a very good game but are slipping on defense in the last few minutes, and that is something that has to stop."

"We also worked on our zone coverage in our own zone," stated Cotnoir. "And there's certainly room for improvement in that area. We need to play well on defense, and that will help to generate offense. But we need to take care of business in our own end."

What will the Irish focus on in this critical weekend? "I think that it's important that we come ready to play," said Cotnoir.

"There's no question that we're physically a talented and capable team, but we need to be mentally ready for the game."

"We also have to improve our special teams," stated Cotnoir. The Irish went a dismal 0-9 on their power play in their last contest with the Lakers. This result is especially disappointing because of the amount of time that the team has spent on this facet of the game. "We also have to kill penalties, which is something that we haven't done with the proficiency that we would like," said Cotnoir.

The Boys are a little concerned about the current slide but aren't overly worried, said Simon.

"It's the same mentality as we've had before," he said. "We're not too alarmed. There's plenty of season left ahead of us, and we're trying to ignore the situation right now and just focus on winning."

"We're still very optimistic," said Cotnoir.

And optimistic they should be. They are a talented, young group of athletes who may be experiencing some growing pains but who, under the wisdom of head coach Dave Poulin, in the end will prevail, beginning with Western Michigan this weekend.

V-Ball

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unforced errors, if we're going to advance to the next round."

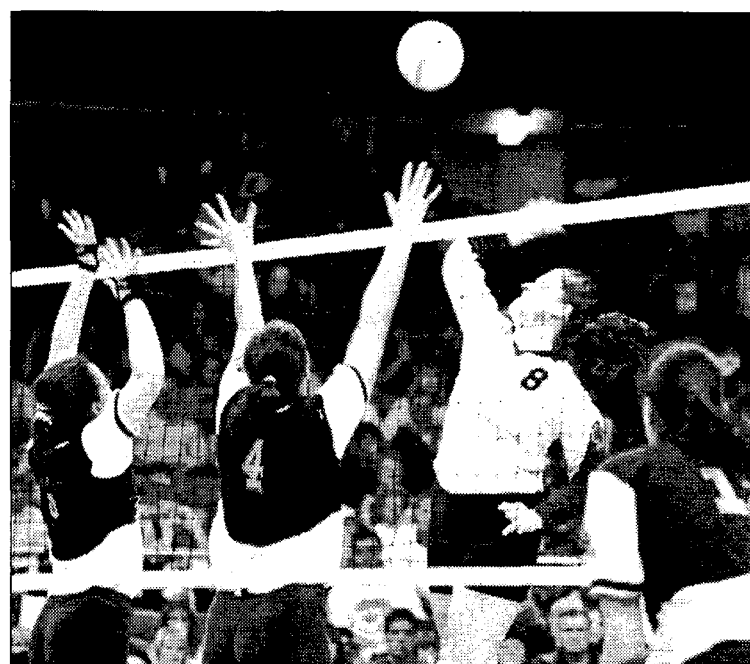
During the latter half of the season, many players have stepped up for the Irish, highlighted by senior hitter Jaimie Lee.

In the drive for her second straight Big East player of the year award, Lee has averaged 4.34 kills per game, while sustaining a .353 hitting percentage.

Other recent performers for the Irish include sophomore middle Mary Leffers, who tallied a career-high 21 kills against UCSB, and senior hitter Angie Harris, who has averaged 3.9 kills per game.

However, despite the team's 23-8 record, ranked opponents have still been a thorn in their side. All eight of Notre Dame's losses have come at the hands of top 25 teams, including the two losses last weekend.

However, despite the recent



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Playing a strong game in the late-season match versus UC-Santa Barbara, Mary Leffers is ready to begin the post-season tournament.

defeats on the West Coast, Brown is still pleased by the momentum the team has going into the tournament.

"If anything, the team is encouraged by how they've played," Brown remarked.

"Even though they weren't able to sustain our drives for the entire match, we're still optimistic. We've had a few good practices during this week, and we're anxious to get out there."

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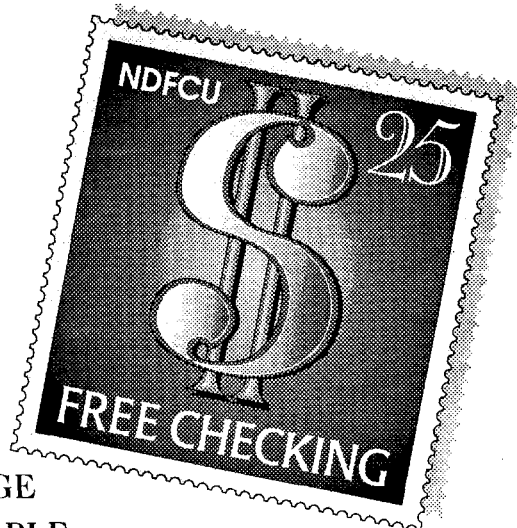
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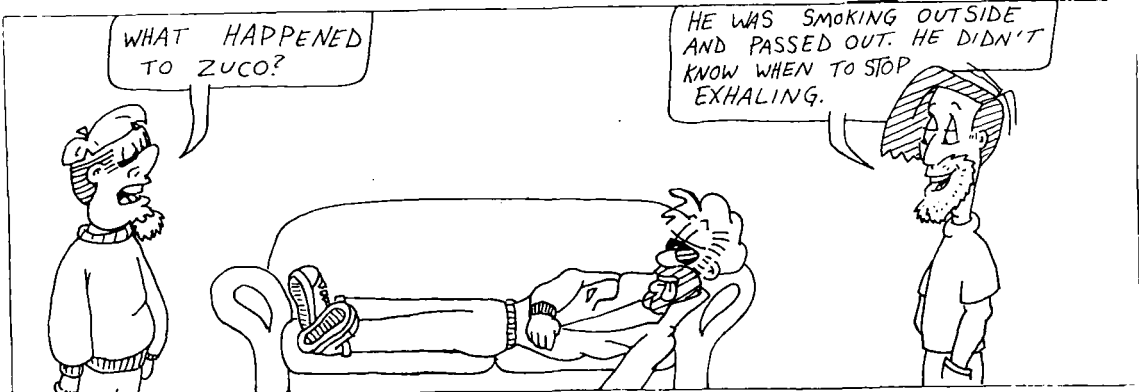
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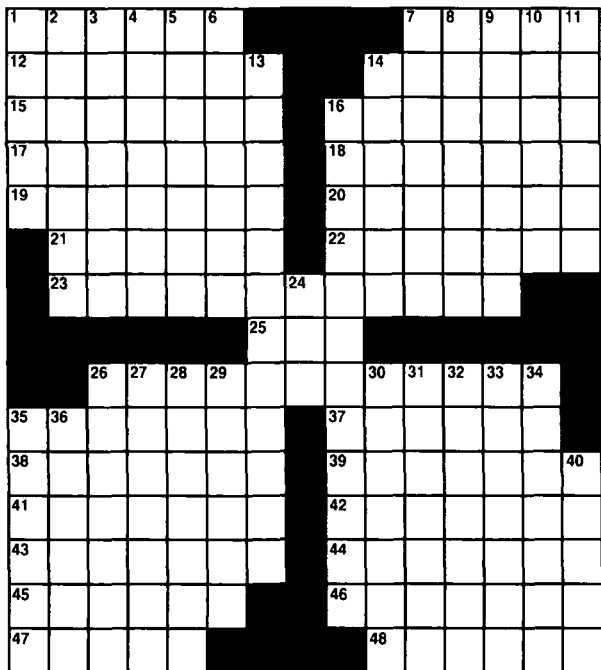
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- 7 Come to an end
- 12 Shortens a sentence, perhaps
- 14 Dreadful
- 15 Lose control at a buffet
- 16 Forbes alternative
- 17 Clarion blast
- 18 She helped Theseus escape the Labyrinth
- 19 One in the arms of Morpheus

- 20 Monster slain by Beowulf
- 21 Like italics
- 22 Teriyaki spices
- 23 Close call
- 25 Andy Capp's wife, often
- 26 Acquiescence
- 35 Like fans
- 37 Work on text together
- 38 Piano relative
- 39 First, e.g.
- 41 It's full of rye, in rhyme
- 42 Silver: Prefix
- 43 Tooth tissue

- 44 Cry of achievement
- 45 Put right?
- 46 Father of Fauvism
- 47 They follow Shebats
- 48 Convictions

DOWN

- 1 Ocelot features
- 2 One of over 2,000,000 Cubans
- 3 Gritty
- 4 San Diego's founder Gaspar de —
- 5 Aaron's son and successor as high priest
- 6 Target of a swift kick
- 7 China and environs, to the French
- 8 Systematize
- 9 Cowboy on a cattle drive, e.g.
- 10 Preacher's pursuit
- 11 Detroit duds
- 13 Where Whirlaway waited



Puzzle by Frank Longo

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BORGE MAMA MAZE
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- 14 "The Abyss" star, 1989
- 16 Carousel locale
- 24 Japanese surname suffix
- 26 Rival of Montel
- 27 Raiser
- 28 Birds related to the goldfinch
- 29 Focused
- 30 Habitually humiliated one
- 31 Notorious London prison
- 32 Added just before time ran out
- 33 Like Simone Martini's art
- 34 Oligarchy proponent
- 35 "Evangeline" setting
- 36 Bank
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TAURUS: Don't let one worry that you're preoccupied with cause you to miss out on today's chances for fun and happiness. Love blossoms when you tell someone how much you care.
GEMINI: Backstage business moves are favored. And you'll also have success with mental work. Guard against excessive fun after dark.
CANCER: You're often frank and outspoken, but today make a point of being tactful with a person who is overly sensitive. A family member may not go along with an idea of yours.
LEO: Begin mental projects on this day when your mind is razor-sharp and your perceptions are keen. Couples may share happy times, but a home matter demands attention.
VIRGO: In-depth thinking leads to financial and business gains today. You'll probably want time to be alone with a romantic interest.

LIBRA: Your take-charge attitude wins you high grades at work. You'll get things done now! Charm opens the door to romance after dark.
SCORPIO: You're very capable today. A problem that arises will be quickly dealt with, due to your instant grasp of what needs to be done.
SAGITTARIUS: Teamwork brings results. A family member, however, may need your support and understanding. Creative pastimes bring pleasure after dark.
CAPRICORN: If you feel a relationship is growing old, use this day to pep things up. Having fun together now rejuvenates your bond. Some singles move towards a commitment.
AQUARIUS: The day favors new beginnings and the pursuit of personal goals. Focus on what you want out of life and then move confidently forward towards your objectives.
PISCES: A way to make money from your home may arrive. You face extra duties now, but others are impressed with your self-discipline.

■ OF INTEREST

Griffin and Lingenfelter on WSND — WSND 88.9 FM's news program, The Notre Dame Weekly, will feature an interview with Jeremy Lingenfelter and a live appearance by Matt Griffin today from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Tune in to 88.9 FM.
A piano recital will be performed by sophomore Megan Walsh on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Annenburg Auditorium in the Snite Museum of Art. Works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Johann Sebastian Bach, Robert Schumann, and Sergei Rachmaninoff. The recital is free and open to the public. For more information call 1-6201.

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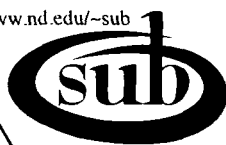
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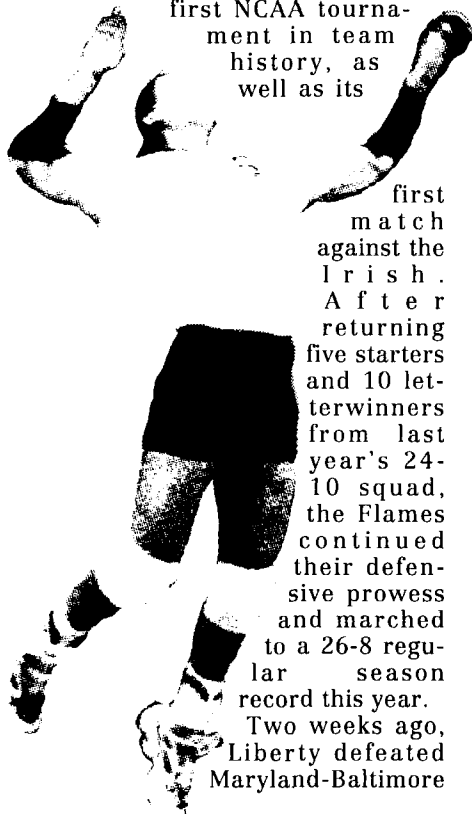
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*Eyes on the prize ...***Irish hope to extinguish Flames**By **BILL HART**
Sports Writer

While one Notre Dame squad will be finishing up its quest for national recognition this weekend, another team will be just beginning.

Notre Dame's volleyball team, heading to its sixth straight NCAA Tournament, begins its run for the NCAA championship tonight when the squad travels to Fayetteville, Ark., to face the Liberty Flames.

Liberty will head into its first NCAA tournament in team history, as well as its



first match against the Irish.

After returning five starters and 10 letterwinners from last year's 24-10 squad, the Flames continued their defensive prowess and marched to a 26-8 regular season record this year. Two weeks ago, Liberty defeated Maryland-Baltimore

County in three games to take the Big South Conference title and an automatic bid to the tournament. They are currently riding a five-match winning streak and have won 10 of their past eleven.

"The main thing that [the Flames] have is a talented middle blocker," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said, "which I think is a key to their success. If we manage to slow her down we should be able to contain them very well."

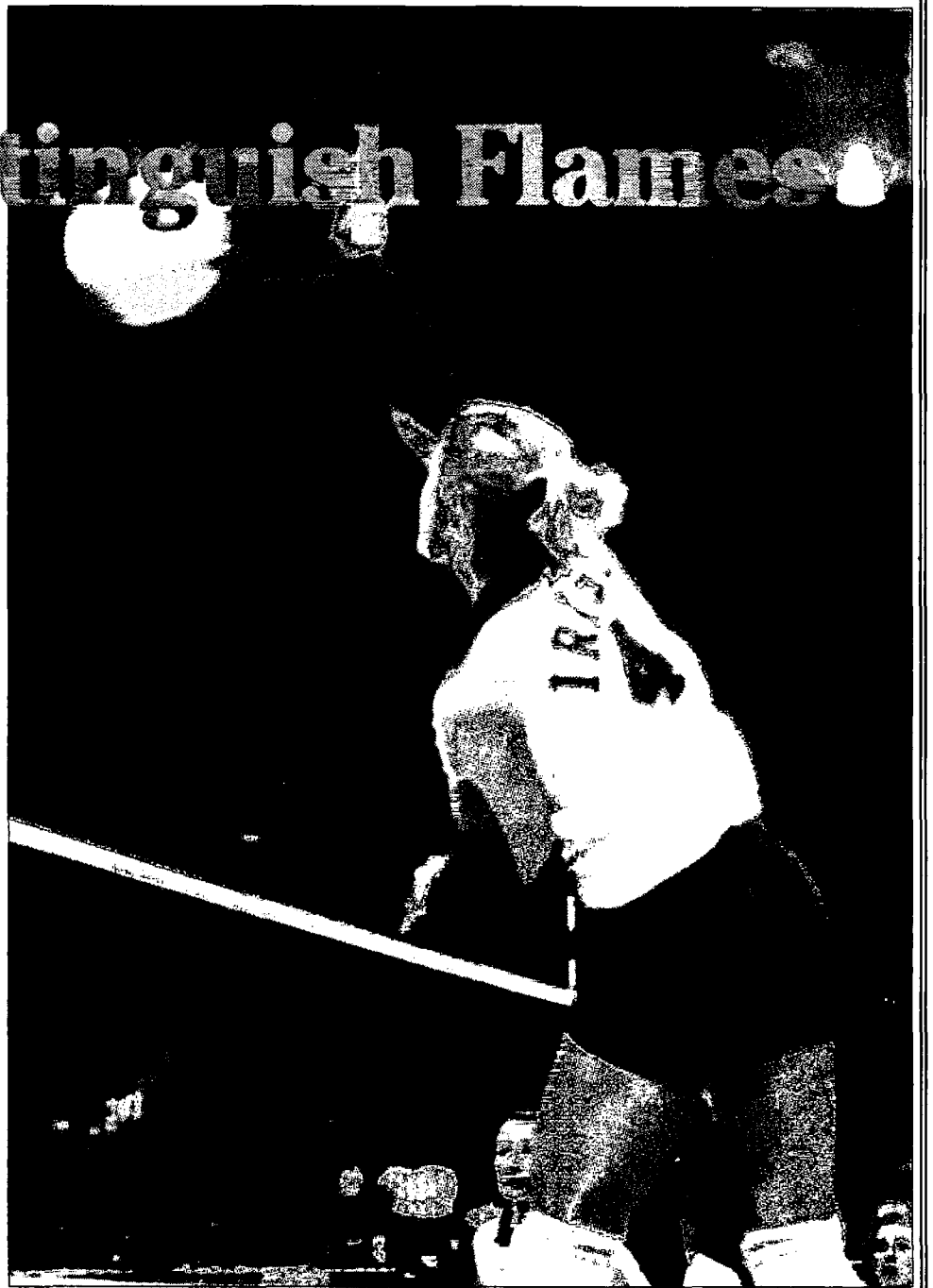
The winner of this match will move on to face the winner of the Arkansas/Arkansas-Little Rock match.

Notre Dame's trip to Fayetteville, Ark., will mark its sixth straight appearance in the NCAA tournament, as well as its seventh in the last decade. In those seven appearances, the Irish have chalked up a 6-6 record, including an advance to the Midwest regional final in 1993. Last season, the team defeated Hofstra 3-0 in the first round before falling to then-No. 12 Ohio State in five games in the second round.

This season, Notre Dame has taken the field by storm, winning 17 of its last 20 matches and 10 of its last twelve. Before recent losses to No. 5 UC Santa Barbara and No. 1 Long Beach State, a 10-match winning streak was the longest ever by a Notre Dame squad since a 12-match run in 1994.

"I think we learned from last weekend that we need to make sure not to 'give' points to the other team," Brown said, "We need to make sure not to have as many

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Outside hitter Jaimie Lee hopes to lead the Irish in this, her final trip to the NCAA Tournament.

■ **HOCKEY****Irish look to ice weekend series**By **CHARLEY GATES**
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team (6-6-2 overall, 3-5-2 CCHA) faces two defining games this weekend against Western Michigan, its last two Central Collegiate Hockey Association games before the Christmas break. The Irish travel away for tonight's game but return to the Joyce Center on Saturday evening for the 7 p.m. game.

"This could be a turning point for us depending on how the games turn out," said sophomore center Ben Simon.

The Irish began the season in a hurry, defeating such national powerhouses as St. Cloud State and Michigan State. But lately, things have begun to slow down, and they are winless in their last four contests.

"We have struggled a bit recently," observed junior defenseman Benoit Cotnoir. "This weekend needs to be a turning point

for us."

What has changed between the beginning of the season and now? The answer is defense. The Boys of Winter

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Notre Dame vs. Western MichiganTonight, 7 p.m.
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Washington State QB Ryan Leaf is one of four serious Heisman contenders this year.

As the college football season winds down, with only a bowl game remaining for a select group of teams, the perennial debate over who deserves the Heisman Trophy heats up.

The Heisman, given to the player regarded as the best player throughout the season, is the most coveted individual award in college sports. The value placed on it is paramount to everything except perhaps the national championship itself.

This year there is a group of candidates that is so closely linked that the actual awarding of the Heisman may be as exciting as all the drama leading up to the event itself.

For those of you who have failed to keep up with the events in the world of college football, here is what you need to know about the race for the Heisman award. With apologies to Ohio State's Andy Katzenmoyer and Penn State's Curtis Enis, among others, there are four real candidates for this award: Tennessee's Peyton Manning, Michigan's Charles Woodson, Washington State's Ryan Leaf, and Marshall's Randy Moss.

Of these, Moss can be eliminated because he plays for Marshall, a small school which is in its first year of Division I play. However, with Manning, Woodson, and Leaf remaining, the case

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