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Cerneka's mission : The poor

SMC grad returns to discuss the poor of Sao Paulo

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

Heidi Cerneka has devoted the past two years to working with the "non-beings" of Sao Paulo, Brazil's street-women who live off the sidewalks or who occupy the jails.

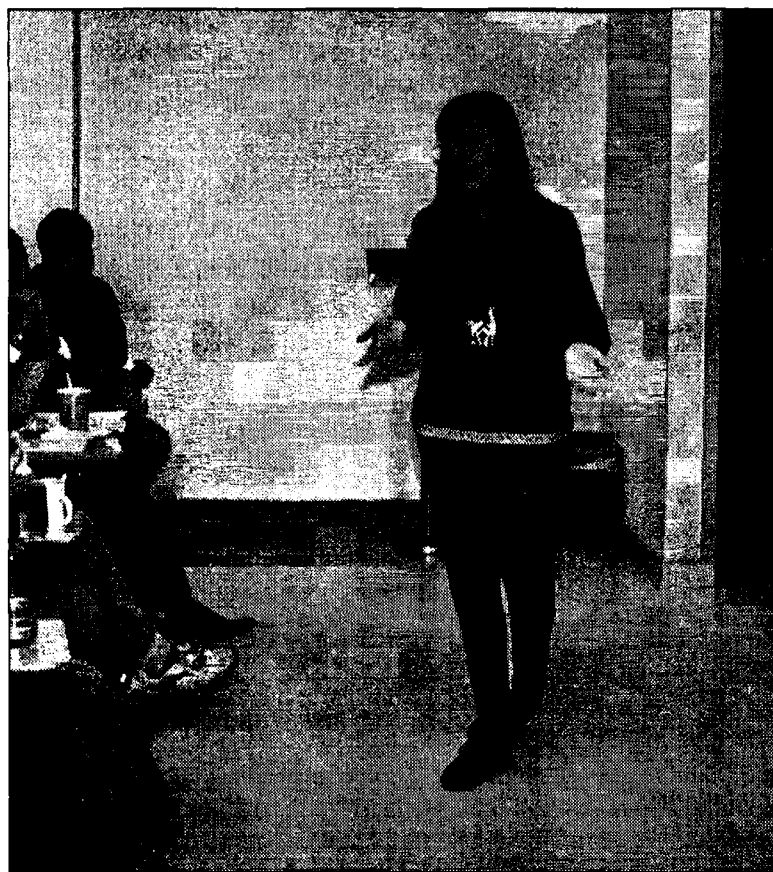
"They're the lowest of the low on the ladder of women who prostitute themselves," said Cerneka, a 1987 Saint Mary's graduate and Maryknoll lay missionary, whose visit to campus was sponsored by the Human Rights COLT, women's studies program and Campus Ministry.

"It's hard to live in Sao Paulo as a woman. It's hard to talk to women who have no rights," Cerneka said.

In the outskirts of the city, Cerneka and four other missionaries' outreach involves teaching women their rights as human beings. Two houses provide services for needy women and the missionaries also visit a jail once a week.

"If one does not vote, does not have a permanent address or a job, is one still a human being? If they die tomorrow, no one would notice; no one would care," she said. "Part of our work is sitting down and talking, listening to people who don't have anyone to listen to them."

Cerneka spoke about the country's crumbling economy, where more than one million people of Sao Paulo have been struck by



The Observer/Manuela Hernandez

"It's hard to talk to women who have no rights," said Heidi Cerneka, a missionary who has spent two years with the poor women of Sao Paulo.

unemployment, to the trap of desperation where these women live.

"In a country where unemployment is rampant, why would someone hire these women?" Cerneka asked, emphasizing that the average level of completed education among the women is fourth grade.

"Some men don't even have the money to pay the women who are prostituting," she said.

Violence, sexual abuse and hunger are some of the causes Cerneka noted that drive women from their homes to the streets to become prostitutes, a legal profession in Brazil.

"Girls and women find themselves in prostitution doing things they would never imagine themselves doing to feed their children

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Grad gives \$75K for hurricane survivors

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

Stirred by media reports of the devastation caused by Hurricane Mitch, a Notre Dame graduate and spouse recently made a \$75,000 donation to the University's Center for Social Concerns.

The couple, who wish to remain anonymous, had saved the money for several years for a down payment on a condominium in Florida but decided the funds would be better spent to aid victims of the recent hurricane in Central America.

"They asked only that the money be used by those most in need and others at Notre Dame be urged to respond at whatever level they can," said James Paladino, associate director of the center.

The couple had traveled to Florida to make the down payment on the condominium when television reports and media coverage of Hurricane Mitch shocked the couple.

"They saw the devastation and said that they knew they had to make a different type of investment," Paladino said.

In a letter written to his friend, Father Donald

McNeill, director of the Center for Social Concerns, the couple cited the biblical influences that aided their decision to donate the funds.

"They said in the letter that they were often guided by the bible story of the land donor who could not share his bountiful harvest, but chose to build more storage bins," Paladino said.

The money will be given to several programs that have been assisting recent Notre Dame graduates in education and development programs in Central America. Farm of the Child, an orphanage, school, and clinic in Trujillo, Honduras, the American Friends Service Committee and Catholic Relief Services will be recipients of the funds.

Paladino said the center was "very stunned" when they heard about the donation.

"We were very surprised, but whenever there are times of need, people do step forward," Paladino said. "They hope that others will continue to share what God has called them to in response to urgent human needs and suffering."

Hurricane Mitch was the deadliest hurricane in over two centuries, according to weather forecasters. Approximately 11,000 Central Americans were killed by the storm which also caused billions of dollars in damage.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members debate group's duties

By FINN PRESSLY
News Writer

The Campus Life Council took a major step in defining its role on campus by voting to amend its bylaws thereby expanding its scope of influence to include the University Officers Group.

"Instead of looking at one specific individual, it would be the Officers Group, which does include [vice president for Student Affairs Patricia] O'Hara. It would allow us to send any resolution to someone who would be more directly involved with the issue," said Susan Roberts, chair of the Bylaw Review Committee. The CLC is currently limited to sending policy recommendations directly and solely to O'Hara.

Sister Carrine Etheridge, director of Farley Hall, expressed concern that the

while O'Hara has agreed to respond to recommendations within two weeks, members of the Officers Group may not be legally bound to respond to CLC recommendations.

The council noted, however, that if the amendment is approved by the Board of Trustees, the Officers Group, just like O'Hara, will be required to publicly respond to CLC recommendations.

Father David Scheidler, rector of St. Edward's Hall, addressed the issue of whether or not the Officer's Group will be required to agree unanimously to CLC recommendations for approval.

"[The University Officers Group] only meets a few times a year, and to have their agenda weighed down by the ten resolutions passed by the CLC in the first three months of the year would be inappropriate. Most of the issues

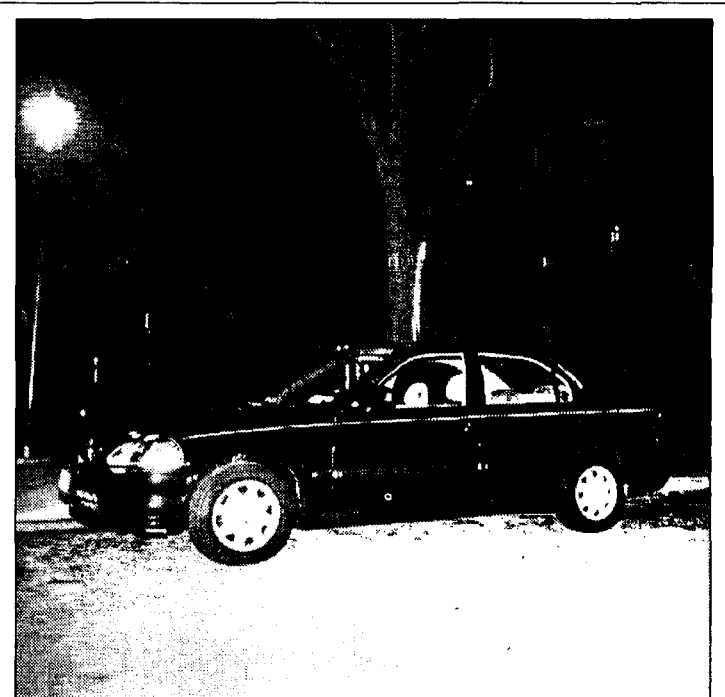
would be specific to officer," Roberts explained, adding that it would be most beneficial to have resolutions addressed by just those officers involved with the issue.

Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Resident Life, said that he felt the amendment might increase the number of resolutions, in theory reducing the amount of research and thought devoted to each issue.

"[These resolutions] aren't just done on a whim," replied Brian O'Donoghue, chair of the Undergraduate Finance Committee, highlighting the long hours of research put into each proposed recommendation.

Student body president Peter Cesaro commented that he felt a higher number of resolutions was a "sign of productivity," rather than a reduction in quality.

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The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Keeping your car here during winter break? How about your bike, or even — if you live off-campus — your television. Notre Dame Security/Police is offering to help keep your stuff safe this holiday season.

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Is it a Picasso, or a Garfunkel?

Picture it: Stepan Hall, the science building adjacent to Nieuwland and across from O'Shaughnessy's side door. At the corner of two walls of windows, a nitrogen tank once sat peacefully on a concrete platform — hardly worth noticing.

Heather Cocks
Editor-in-Chief

But one day, it went missing from its perch, ostensibly because someone figured a nitrogen tank might have some practical applications beyond being mere window dressing.

When a group of passing students noticed the vacant concrete slab, they figured a corner spot like that is prime real estate for showcasing the so-called modern art that graces — or maybe defaces — the Notre Dame campus.

Two of those students opted for an interactive approach to campus art. They decided to throw some old thing together, put it in the Stepan foyer and give people a definitive test: distinguishing between those "professional sculptures" and plain old junk.

So they pounced — straight toward the nearest dumpster. After scouring the depths of the Riley "art dump" for classroom castaways, the would-be sculptors fashioned their masterpiece. Atop a wobbly, three-legged metal stand barely too big for the concrete platform, they placed a rusted metal guitar.

It looked awful. It was perfect.

The duo set the eye-sore in Stepan's foyer and left without a word. Step Two was to watch and wait, wondering if the curator of that space would accept the creation as art or remove it.

That was last spring.

When the students returned in August, they saw not only that their decrepit creation still stood there, but that it had given someone a scare. The top portion of the guitar was sharply bent, as though it had been knocked down hard. The culprit, probably frightened he or she had just ruined expensive modern art, quickly righted the fallen instrument without questioning the validity of its presence there.

And in its rusty, quirky glory, it even elicited a compliment: one professor reportedly said, "It's about time they put some real art there."

Fast-forward to late October. After more than seven months, someone must have wondered about the origins of that eye-sore in the window, ascertained that nobody really knew, and carted it away — most likely back to the dumpster from which it came.

But by then, the students had made their point. Based on the "professional" campus art that's sitting just yards away, a discarded metal guitar — an art school reject — can be passed off as a masterpiece, and barely anyone bats an eyelash.

So far this year, Notre Dame's array of sculptures has been so derided that some people rose to the occasion and vehemently defended its aesthetic value. It's fostered as much debate and received almost as much attention as the proposed amendment to the non-discrimination clause. In fact, a "Sculptures Have Feelings, Too" rally is probably in the works.

But not every issue demands life-or-death status, least of all this one. Campus art is not the root of Notre Dame's social or diversity problems, nor is it presented as the embodiment of the University's moral fiber. It boils down to this: you pass it by, you either love it or hate it, and then you proceed with your day. Life goes on.

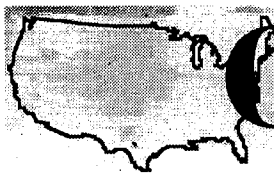
So whether it's the heap of yellow cubes outside Decio, the armless wonder in front of O'Shaughnessy, or the swollen tic-tac on a spring that replaced the guitar statue in Stepan, remember: Interpretation of art is subjective, so one person's trash really can be another's treasure.

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

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Outside the Dome

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Duke president to sign collegiate manufacturing code

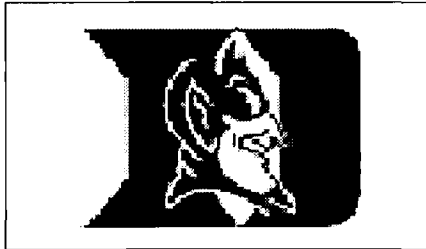
DURHAM, N.C.

A Students Against Sweatshops march Friday afternoon accomplished more than just its stated goal of raising public awareness.

The protest elicited President Nan Keohane's first public statement on the question currently facing Duke University: Should it sign the Collegiate Licensing Corporation's Code of Conduct, released last week?

Keohane told the crowd she plans to sign the code — which regulates manufacturers of college-licensed apparel — although she thinks it contains serious flaws. In a press conference later that day she added that she intends to discuss the issue with Chancellor Michael Hooker of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who recently signed a petition opposing the CLC code.

"This is a political judgment call," Keohane said. "If I thought it was



politically likely, I assure you that I would [reject the code.] For Duke to back out would make the best the enemy of the good."

SAS is asking the University not to sign the code, predicting that other universities would follow the University's lead, and a stronger code will result.

Unlike a Duke code released last spring, the CLC code contains no "living wage" provision, does not release factory addresses to university administrations and requires "maxi-

mum possible" compliance instead of "full compliance."

Prior to the release of the CLC code, SAS had hoped that the code would not just equal Duke's but mandate full disclosure of factory addresses so that independent human rights organizations could monitor factories. The organization also advocated a more explicit living wage provision, which would require that factories pay employees enough to guarantee an acceptable standard of living, even if this is higher than the country's legal minimum wage.

The 75 people who attended the protest — including Duke Student Government President and Trinity senior Jeri Powell and several professors — wore stickers reading "Reject Sellout Code."

At several points during the protest, speakers noted Hooker's opposition to the CLC code.

■ YALE UNIVERSITY

Student found stabbed to death

NEW HAVEN, Conn.

Senior Suzanne Jovin was found stabbed to death at the intersection of Edgemoor Avenue and East Rock Road, about a mile north of central campus, at approximately 10 p.m. Friday night, New Haven police officials said. Police responded at 9:58 p.m. yesterday to reports of a woman bleeding at the intersection, according to a New Haven Police press release. Officers discovered Jovin, 21, suffering from multiple stab wounds. Police said they had not determined whether the stabbing had occurred at the location where Jovin was found. The Farmington medical examiner's office confirmed the cause of death as a multiple stab-wound homicide. "New Haven police are uncertain of motive, and have leads that are being followed up," said Judy Mongillo, New Haven Police public information officer. Michael Kuczkowski, press secretary for the New Haven mayor's office, said early indications showed this was not a random event.

■ UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Crowd, low sales plague benefit

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.

A small fight, a critical crowd and low ticket sales troubled Saturday night's benefit for the Kevin Moore Scholarship Fund, named in honor of a University of Illinois student who was killed in October. The first annual Holiday Comedy Explosion showcased nationally-known music and comedy talent to benefit the fund. The event was coordinated by Black Involvement and produced by MidCoast Entertainment. Moore, a Jamaican student, was killed after being shot at a party at the Omega Delta fraternity house on Oct. 10. DJ Twilite Zone, rated by Source Magazine as Chicago's top hip-hop DJ, provided music for the event, which had an admission fee of \$12. Comedians performing included Dante, Sonya D., event emcee DeRay and headliner Jemmerio — all previously seen on Black Entertainment Television — along with David Edwards, an MTV Real World cast member from the show's second season.

■ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

Student employee unions halt strike

BERKELEY, Calif.

UC's graduate student instructors temporarily halted their week-long systemwide strike last night after the university agreed to enter into discussions with them over their fight for union recognition. Boosted by intervention from top California legislators and a U.S. representative on their behalf, the student employee unions agreed at 8 p.m. last night to a 45-day "cooling-off period," during which they will enter into discussions with the university regarding union recognition. The developments leading up to the calling off of the strike began Thursday, when state Senate President Pro Tem John Burton and Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa issued a letter to UC President Richard Atkinson and chancellors at the eight universities affected by the strike. According to the letter, the university has misinterpreted the state law in claiming that it prevents them from recognizing student employee unions.

■ UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

Student earns Rhodes scholar honor

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

Thirty-two American students, including one from UNM, were selected Saturday as Rhodes scholars. Manuel Montoya, 21, of Mora, N.M., was the New Mexico student selected. He is in the General Honors Program at the University of New Mexico and is majoring in English and Economics. Rhodes scholarships provide two or three years of study at the University of Oxford in England. The Rhodes scholarships, oldest of the international study awards available to American students, were created in 1902 by the will of Cecil Rhodes, British philanthropist and colonial pioneer. The Rhodes scholarships pay all college and university fees and provide a stipend to cover necessary expenses while in residence in Oxford as well as during vacation. The total value averages about \$25,000 a year. With the selections announced late Saturday, 2,854 American students have won Rhodes scholarships since the first selection in 1903.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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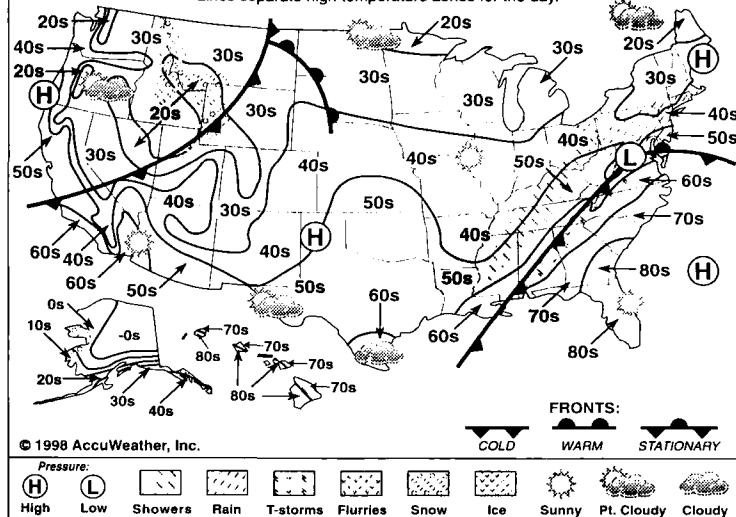


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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Dec. 8.

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Austin	41	54	Cleveland	36	48	Minneapolis	17	37
Baltimore	52	53	Dallas	38	55	New York	42	47
Boise	18	33	Hartford	37	39	Roanoke	58	64
Boston	37	41	Ithaca	31	40	Santa Fe	8	40

'Tis the Season to be giving...

ND HOBY plants giving tree

By TOM ENRIGHT
News Writer

A new tradition has begun in the Notre Dame dining halls under the guidance of the Notre Dame chapter of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation (HOBY).

This December, the club is sponsoring a Christmas giving tree in each dining hall decorated with hand-made ornaments. Each ornament carries a child's gender and age. Students can take an ornament and in return leave an unwrapped gift for the child inside one of the boxes in either dining hall.

The gifts will go to local Michiana children ages three to 17. These gifts will most likely become the only presents the sponsored children will receive this holiday season, according to Mary Beth Stryker, current president of HOBY.

"These are the most needy kids who will appreciate the gifts the most," Stryker said. "If you were to receive one gift for Christmas, what gift would you want to receive?"

Stryker said that many of the children who appear on the tree live in families receiving welfare. Catholic Charities of South Bend gave the names of about 200 children to the organization to sponsor. Each tree currently carries about 50 ornaments.

The trees went up on December 3 after club members made the ornaments themselves. Stryker expressed hope that the project will provide a unified cause for Notre Dame students.

Meghan Dunne, a sophomore in the club, came up with the idea when she noticed the lack of a campus-wide giving tree project. She based her idea on giving trees in her old school and church.

Notre Dame's chapter of HOBY began last year under the direction of Justin Ledesma '98. The chapter now has over 100 members and sponsors service, social and leadership activities with high school students.

MBAs work to 'Make a Difference'

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
Assistant News Editor

Almost 100 Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) students performed between 250 and 300 hours of community service during "Make A Difference Day," last week estimates M.B.A. student Erin Shields, the project coordinator.

The program, which is sponsored by Purdue University, challenges M.B.A. programs around the nation to compete against each other by accumulating the most number of student volunteer hours in a 24-hour period. Notre Dame students performed their service between 3 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday, according to Shields.

"[We offered] maybe eight different events over the 24-hour time period," she said.

Students served dinner at the Center for the Homeless, wrapped gifts for AIDS Ministry at local malls and decorated the offices of the South Bend Women's Care Center for Christmas. They also cleaned cages and played with animals at the Humane Society, as well as providing assistance to a local woman — Mrs. Donahue.

"[Mrs. Donahue] lives around here and houses about 30 foster children and adults ... [and she gets] no government money," said Shields. "Groups play with the kids and do any household chores she needs like gardening and laundry."

While performing the various service tasks, participants asked residents at the Center for the Homeless, Women's Care Center and Mrs. Donahue's home what they wanted for Christmas. As a final weekend project, they set up a Christmas tree with ornaments stating the requests, according to Shields.

"Our final 'push' of the year is a wishing tree that we have set up in COBA," said M.B.A. student Bill Keen via e-mail. "We hope to have a good response from students, faculty and staff."

Anyone can take an ornament, buy a gift and leave it under the tree, Shields said, explaining that students will deliver the gifts.

Winners of the contest will be announced in February or March, according to Shields, who said that the winning team will receive a plaque and all participating schools will be given certificates. This is the second year since the program's creation; Purdue University won the contest last year.

Naval club raises \$3,700 for charity

By TOM ENRIGHT
News Writer

The Trident Naval Society of Notre Dame raised over \$3700 for the St. Joseph County Special Olympics during their 24 hour run this September, according to the society.

Because most of the donations came in change, the club only recently learned how much they earned.

During the event, volunteers from Notre Dame's Navy ROTC unit ran in pairs for 15 minute shifts. Wearing orange vests and carrying blue and gold tridents, the volunteers ran to various locations around campus seeking donations from students that they met.

The club also raised money through dorm representatives who collected money in their respective residence halls. These representatives took collections either individually or at dorm masses. Other participants raised funds from dorm service project allotments.

The group raised about \$3,600 last year for the Special Olympics, according to Erique Blair, secretary for the organization. This year's total of \$3,706.02 exceeded what the group hoped again to raise.

Most recently, the Trident Naval Society adopted a formerly homeless family for Christmas and provided them with various foodstuffs for Thanksgiving. They are currently making Christmas stockings for children at a South Bend homeless shelter.

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or keep themselves alive," she said.

Another problem which is on the rise among these women is AIDS, Cerneka said.

Physicians come to the houses once a week to provide medical services, such as AIDS testing, and to urge the women to regularly attend the clinics.

The missionaries often face a fight with the government over the medical services they provide, Cerneka said.

"The state says [that if we provide the services], then they won't come to the health clinics. But the truth is, they're not going to go," she said. "A life on the street is very immediate. It takes away your limits and discipline. They're not going to wait two-and-a-half hours to see a doctor. I'd rather see them getting the medical attention they deserve."

Most of the women come looking for anything from lunch to a community, she said. The missionaries provide workshop opportunities, art projects and a listening ear.

Since her arrival, one house has also received a grant for four computers. She said she also dreams of establishing a literacy program among the women, many of which have been taught how to spell their own names.

"If they'll get a job from it, I don't know," she said. "Education is one way to affect change in people's lives, but

[self-esteem does that too.]

Twice a week, Cerneka walks the street with other women, hoping to reach as many women as possible. She also visits a jail each week that houses more than 500 women.

Although the jail should serve as a temporary site after arrest, Cerneka said that many spend their entire terms — sometimes up to three years — in the ill-equipped buildings.

"There's no electricity, no clothing, no beds, toilet paper, sanitary products for the women," she said, also noting that eight to 10 women often share one dingy cell, locked up for more than 16 hours each day. The women, most of whom are in jail for drugs, have had their rights stolen in other ways as well, Cerneka said.

Pregnant women rarely receive pre- or post-natal care, she said. The right to spend the first three to four months with their newborn is also denied in most cases.

Currently, the Maryknoll missionaries are trying to transfer one pregnant woman to a jail with a nursery.

Cerneka also tries to locate family members for incarcerated women, who were often arrested without notice and subsequently lost contact with their loved ones.

Since there are no phone calls allowed, the women are commonly cut off from any connection.

"We spend a lot of time trying to find women's children. Many were adopted without their parents' knowledge," said Cerneka,

who also relays messages from the women to family member's whose locations are known.

The missionaries also use "sympathetic lawyers" to defend many of the women, who are often lost in the shuffle of the system. However, the guards in the jail are not always quite as sympathetic to the women, she said.

When Cerneka questioned a guard about the absence of electricity in the jail, she said, "His response was that before they were arrested, 30 percent of these women lived under bridges and now they want a five-star hotel. I told him that five-star hotels have beds, two people in a room and toilet paper."

Despite the frustration,

Cerneka said she keeps hope through her daily contact with the women of the Brazilian streets and jails.

"I really love these women," she said. "We try to tell them they have the right to housing. They have the right to have rights. The idea of human rights is intrinsic with being a human being."

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"I don't think expanding the number of officers we can send things to would increase the number of resolutions or decrease the quality of resolutions," agreed

T i m FitzSimons, co-president of the Hall Presidents' Council.

The amendment was passed, and will be sent on to O'Hara for approval before the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

In other CLC news:

•A resolution concerning extending the hours of the LaFortune Student Center to 4 a.m. on a trial basis was presented by Matt Mamak, chair of the Community Life Committee.

"This was done in the past. They tried it on a trial basis five or six years ago, and it wasn't that successful.... In the basement there's a drop-off after 4 a.m., and that's why we chose that time," said Mamak, calling attention to a steady increase in the usage of the first floor over the past four years. "We're not going to call for something that isn't one hundred percent needed."

According to Mamak, the only significant cost in extending the hours of the first floor would be the additional staffing of the Huddle Mart, as well as a paid student monitor. He suggested that the cost should be absorbed by Student Activities.

"It would be interesting to see the revenue generated," said Scheidler. "My hunch is that the revenue generated would pay for keeping the

[Huddle Mart] open."

Timing of the trial period is also critical in the success or failure of the experiment, as pointed out by Roberts.

"I think we should be careful not to put the trial basis at the beginning of next semester," said Roberts, noting that, as a whole, students have less

work assigned at the beginning of a semester, thus creating less of a need for a late-night place to study.

• O'Donoghue presented a resolution calling for a formal commendation of the Financial Aid office.

"The Undergraduate Finance Committee has been researching and working in conjunction with the Financial Aid department, and have really taken a hard look on behalf of the rectors, faculty, and students represented in the body," said O'Donoghue. "It's our belief that they are on track, and [we want] to recognize a job well done, as well as the long road ahead."

The council debated whether or not it was permissible in the bylaws to submit something other than a policy recommendation to O'Hara, in this case, a commendation.

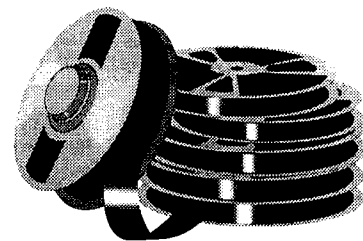
"Any membership body has the right to express itself anywhere it wishes.... A letter of commendation, even though it's not explicit in the bylaws, is the inherent right of any body," said A.J. Boyd, member of the Bylaw Review Committee.

Following discussion, the council agreed that rather than submit a resolution, O'Donoghue should compose a letter of commendation on behalf of his committee. The letter would subsequently be approved by the rest of the council as a show of support.

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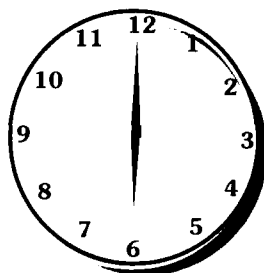
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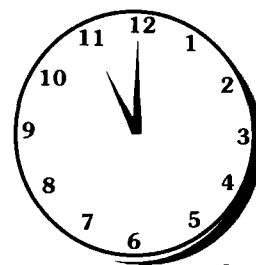


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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Hamas criticizes Clinton visit

GAZA CITY

The radical Islamic group Hamas on Monday denounced President Clinton's upcoming visit to the Gaza Strip, but carefully avoided making any threats against him. Hamas is a bitter opponent of any peace with Israel and of the U.S.-brokered land-for-security accord signed six weeks ago. "Of course we don't welcome him," Mahmoud Zahar, a Hamas spokesman, said of Clinton, who comes to Gaza next Monday. "He brings nothing for us, or for any Palestinians. ... He is a 100-percent supporter of Israel." Zahar said in an interview with The Associated Press that despite its opposition to Clinton's visit, Hamas had no plans to stage attacks during it, or to target the president.

"From our side, we won't do anything. We don't believe any aggression against this (visit) will serve our purposes," he said. "We will leave him to practice his tricks."

Diocese suspends priest

ROCHESTER, N.Y.

The Roman Catholic Diocese on Monday suspended a priest who conducted same-sex weddings, served Holy Communion to non-Catholics and allowed a woman to perform some duties on the altar. The Rev. James Callan, who had ministered for 22 years at the Corpus Christi Church, was reassigned in August for violating church policies. His suspension, announced by Bishop Matthew Clark, means he cannot celebrate Mass or administer sacraments. Clark said the suspension was intended to be remedial, rather than punitive, and can be revoked if Callan assures the bishop that he will follow church rules. Callan had been told not to have contact with members of his old parish, but had been present for liturgical services, said Reverend Kevin McKenna, the chancellor of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester. "It puts the pastor who is attempting to lead the congregation in a very awkward situation," said McKenna.

Man falls in bear pit

BERN, Switzerland

A man had to be rescued by firefighters Monday when he climbed into the Swiss capital's historic bear pit and pelted two bears with snowballs, city police said. The 35-year-old, who wasn't identified, was taken to hospital with "considerable flesh wounds" to his legs and shoulder after climbing into the enclosure and throwing snowballs at the two bears, named Selma and Urs. Despite bystanders' attempts to distract her with food, the female bear grabbed him by the shoulder and dragged him into her cage, police added. The bear let go of the intruder only when her keeper banged on the bars of the cage with a metal object.



AFP Photo

As the House Judiciary Committee nears a decision on impeachment proceedings, some protesters appear to have reached their own decisions.

Hyde: 'Compelling' case on Clinton

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WASHINGTON

Backpedaling under pressure, the White House jettisoned plans for a fresh assault on Kenneth Starr Monday as it readied a last-ditch impeachment defense of President Clinton for the House Judiciary Committee.

The White House recast its strategy on the eve of historic hearings as the panel's chairman, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said there was a "compelling case" for impeaching the nation's 42nd president.

"I haven't heard anybody say Monica Lewinsky is a liar," the Illinois Republican said of the former intern whose detailed allegations of White House sexual encounters with the

president are at the core of the nation's impeachment drama. Hyde challenged the White House to present exculpatory evidence over the two days allotted for the president's defense.

With the committee expected to vote by week's end on articles of impeachment related to perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power, Clinton's defenders were increasingly turning their attention to a likely battle in the full House next week.

The White House has been given a list of 30 or so GOP lawmakers who officials believe could be persuaded to oppose impeachment, either on the merits of the case or on the basis of the political makeup of their districts, according to sources who are familiar with the situation and spoke only on

condition of anonymity.

These lawmakers are from districts that Clinton won in his re-election campaign in 1996, and where there is a significant Democratic vote in general.

The list is heavily tilted to the Northeast — ranging from New York Reps. Jack Quinn, Rick Lazio and Michael Forbes to others such as Connie Morella of Maryland, Jim Leach of Iowa and Heather Wilson of New Mexico.

The GOP holds a 228-207 majority in the expiring Congress. Only three Democrats are believed ready to support impeachment, meaning that moderate Republicans hold the balance of power in determining whether Clinton's case goes to trial in the Senate.

RUSSIA

Despite illness, Yeltsin fires top aides

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MOSCOW

Boris Yeltsin roused himself from his sickbed for three hours Monday, fired several of his top aides and

then returned to a Kremlin hospital where he is recuperating from pneumonia.



Yeltsin

It was a classic performance from the ailing Russian president, who rarely seems so energized as when he is firing someone. The dismissed aides included officials who had commented recently on the

president's poor health.

"You can see how vigorous I am," Yeltsin told his staff as he delivered the news, according to presidential spokesman Dmitry Yakushkin.

Among those fired was Presidential Chief of Staff Valentin Yumashev, one of Yeltsin's closest and most loyal aides. A former journalist who was the ghostwriter of Yeltsin's memoirs, Yumashev had served as chief of staff for nearly two years — an eternity in Yeltsin's Kremlin.

"The president has found a way to revitalize his staff — by firing it," observed Alexander Shokhin, leader of the pro-government bloc in parliament and, until recently, a steady Yeltsin ally.

Shown on television,

Yeltsin appeared animated and robust as he scowled and delivered one of his patented tirades.

"Tough discipline, order and reform is what we need," Yeltsin said slowly and sternly as he glared at his staff from the head of a long table. Aides looked down and scribbled notes.

Besides firing Yumashev and three of his deputies, Yeltsin announced that he was personally taking charge of "all power ministries ... including the Justice Ministry and the tax police."

"Power ministries" are usually defined as those related to national defense and security. The Justice Ministry and tax police are at the forefront of the fight against crime and corruption, which has taken on

new importance following the killing of a top liberal lawmaker, Galina Starovoitova.

Yeltsin's announcement was seen as mostly symbolic, however, since the president already wields authority over all the ministries he mentioned and the ministers who head them were left in place.

His remarks mostly suggested that Yeltsin is tired of being portrayed as a figurehead who has relinquished all power to his prime minister, Yevgeny Primakov.

Primakov, appointed in September, has been left to tackle the economic crisis that has mired the country deeper in poverty. Yeltsin has said little and done less about the economy since it went into a tailspin in August.

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Panel: Do work you enjoy

By RUTH SNELL
News Writer

Without comparing notes beforehand, every speaker at the the Women in Entrepreneurship panel program yesterday at Saint Mary's emphasized working at what you enjoy.

The program, which was given separately at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, presented three women in business — Carol Pankros, CEO of her own financial planning firm in Illinois, Maureen Muldoon, founder of MJM Meetings and Planning Services and Dru Milby, senior vice president and chief financial officer of Papa John's pizza.

Pankros started her firm 15 years ago, partly so that her work schedule could be flexible, but she also wanted flexibility in her approach to financial planning.

"Almost everybody in financial planning [then] represented a product, but I wanted to consult with a client to figure out their goals," Pankros said. "Even though I have technical skills, a lot of times what I'm doing is just getting through the psychology of money."

Now, she is trying to get her daughters, ages 19 and 21, to read "Do What You Want and The Money Will Follow," one of her favorite books and her career philosophy.

"Look at yourself, listen to yourself, find out what you really like," Pankros said as advice to future businesswomen. "Everything happens for a reason," she said, emphasizing that careers evolve. "But it is also important to be sure to have the backing of credentials."

Maureen Muldoon started in business as a secretary, but said she missed being a part of the big picture.

However, her experience and enjoyment in detail work has supported her well in her current career as a meeting planner.

Muldoon used her local reputation — her parents own a local restaurant chain — to help build recognition for her business.

"I used name recognition to get my foot in the door, but anyone will sink or swim on their own merits," she said.

Muldoon is the current president of Women Business Owners of Michiana, a forum to share business information and act as a support group.

"Don't be afraid to try; have fun, it shows," she advised future entrepreneurs. "You can never own or use too many three-ring binders."

Dru Milby also talked about her per-



The Observer/Manuela Hernandez
Carol Pankros, Maureen Muldoon and Dru Milby spoke Monday about life as a female entrepreneur.

sonal background. She was raised in a small town by parents with minimal educations and strong work ethics. Married two weeks out of high school, she moved to Louisville, Ken., where she first worked as a statistical typist in a CPA office. In 1980, at the age of 26, she graduated from the University of Louisville and started working for Kentucky Fried Chicken. She left in mid-1990, ending up at Papa John's in 1994.

The Pizza chain's accounting department had only five people when she started. It now has 125. "She has helped Papa John's grow from the ground up, mostly by hard work."

"I built my own part my own way, but I had a lot of help," Milby said. "It came as a real shock that I only had 24 hours in a day, just like everyone else."

She offered advice for anyone, not just those going into business.

"Be patient; be flexible and open-minded to learning from others," Milby said. "Set realistic goals; maintain a positive attitude; keep your heart and soul healthy; plan to live forever, but live each day as if it's your last; be happy."

The program was sponsored by the Saint Mary's Student Academic Council and the Business Department and by the Notre Dame International Council on Business Development.

■ SECURITY BEAT

Security/Police offers storage over break

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
Associate News Editor

Every year students live off-campus, and every year they go away for Christmas break. Local opportunists are not blind to this trend and have begun to help themselves to the valuables which are inevitably left behind in apartments and houses.

"One of the problems with off-campus living in some of the areas close in is that some of the local desperados realize that students live there and that they are gone for Christmas," said Cappy Gagnon, director of stadium personnel.

For this reason, Notre Dame Security/Police will run a Christmas Break Storage program for students to bring in valuables such as laptop computers, televisions and VCRs to be stored in a locked and alarmed room in the security building during the vacation period. Drop-off times for this service are this Thursday and Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Gagnon also suggested that off-campus students take advantage of the Vacation Home Watch Program, which is operated through the South Bend, St. Joseph County and Mishawaka Police departments. The service offers periodic checks of residences for those whose residences will be completely unoccupied during the break.

Although not "fool-proof," the program would at least give some measure of coverage, Gagnon said. These checks will involve the incorporation of the residences into the patrol route of an officer, who will look for signs of foul play. Students can sign up or find out more about the program by calling the police department in their jurisdiction.

On-campus students should practice increased vigilance during the last few weeks of the semester as well, said Gagnon, as this period is one of typically higher numbers of thefts. These often occur from library study areas and dining halls.

"This is the time of year when we do get an increase in thefts," he said. He explained that would-be thieves recognize the formidable timing of this period because stealing an item in the last few days before a break is likely to leave the trail cold by the time victims can return to thoroughly pursue such thefts.

Another service offered by Security is the Winter Bicycle Storage which will take place this Thursday and Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Gate D of Notre Dame Stadium. Stored bikes will be registered and stored in a locked room in the stadium at no cost.

Registering a bike enables security to return it to someone when it is found or stolen and allows officers to spot suspicious situations involving persons on a bike with a Notre Dame decal on it, according to Gagnon.

The D2 Lot "Lock Up" will also be occurring this break. The lot will be locked and patrolled from Sat., Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. until Sun., Jan. 10, although students who need to reclaim their vehicles during that time may do so by calling Campus Security at 1-5555.

"Make sure you don't leave anything in the car, or at least in plain view," said Gagnon.

He also advised off-campus students to notify their landlord or apartment manager and to take common sense precautions such as checking windows and doors and leaving lights or a radio on.

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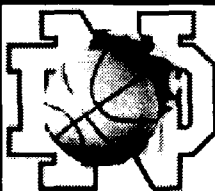
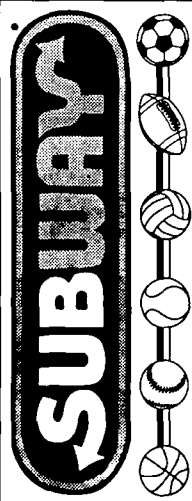
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■ IRAQ

U.N. to perform surprise weapons inspections

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

U.N. weapons inspectors will begin a series of surprise inspections Tuesday in Iraq in a final test of whether Baghdad is cooperating fully in the search for banned weapons, chief inspector Richard Butler said Monday.

The Iraqis in the past have tried to block or thwart some surprise inspections, calling them provocative and an infringement of sovereignty.

After the surprise inspections are finished late this week or early next week, Butler said he will prepare a report for U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan

on whether or not Iraq has kept its Nov. 14 promise to resume unconditional cooperation with the inspectors.

Annan will then report to the Security Council, which must decide that Iraq is in full cooperation with inspectors before it will undertake a comprehensive review of Iraq's compliance with U.N. resolutions.

The U.N. Special Commission, known as UNSCOM, and the International Atomic Energy Agency must certify that Baghdad has eliminated banned weapons before the Security Council can lift sweeping economic sanctions imposed in 1990 after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

Diplomats said if a compre-

hensive review is approved, it will not start until January.

Iraqi leaders see the review as the quickest route to easing or lifting economic sanctions, but diplomats say it will merely establish a list of Baghdad's outstanding obligations. The United States insists the review will not necessarily lead to ending sanctions.

Iraq curtailed UNSCOM's activities Aug. 5 and completely

shut down inspections Oct. 31. Under threat of U.S. airstrikes,

Iraqi leaders reversed course Nov. 14 and promised to give inspectors unfettered access to all sites and documents related to its programs to develop nuclear, chemical and biological

weapons inspector in Baghdad had informed Iraq's National Monitoring Directorate Monday that the surprise inspections were about to begin.

Former weapons inspector Scott Ritter, in an article published Monday in The New Republic magazine, said surprise inspections will fail because Baghdad has had time to shift documents and materials to new, secret locations.

"Iraq has had plenty of time to shuffle the deck, to hide its weapons to stay one or two steps ahead of the weapons inspectors," Ritter said Monday at a press briefing.

"When inspectors start carrying out no-notice inspections, they will find nothing, and in so finding nothing they will only reinforce Iraq's argument that there is in fact nothing in Iraq," he said at the briefing.

Ritter insisted the Iraqis are hiding weapons of mass destruction, but he said the Security Council isn't pushing for Iraq's disarmament.

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SCOTT RITTER
FORMER WEAPONS INSPECTOR

weapons and long-range missiles.

Since the weapons inspectors returned, they have been testing Iraq's promise, seeking access to documents, interviewing Iraqi weapons experts and monitoring previously inspected sites to make sure dual-use equipment is not used for banned weapons.

Butler said the senior

■ NORTH KOREA

War plan concerns military

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

North Korea's military leaders accused the United States of looking for a pretext for a second war in the divided Korean Peninsula and warned they will strike Japan and any other nation that helps U.S. forces, according to a U.N. document released Monday.

The general staff of the North Korean People's Army said Washington has recently gone "beyond the danger line" with increased military preparations and a reported new five-stage plan to wage war against the North.

The military leaders said warnings by conservative hard-liners in the United States that Washington would break its nuclear agreement with Pyongyang if it can't inspect a suspected nuclear

weapons site were "like a declaration of war."

Under the 1994 agreement with the United States, North Korea agreed to abandon its suspect nuclear weapons program. In return, it is to receive two nuclear reactors worth \$4.6 billion, plus substitute fuel oil and other economic benefits.

North Korea's U.N. Ambassador Li Hyong Chol asked the Security Council to circulate the statement issued Wednesday from an unidentified spokesman for the army's general staff. Parts of the statement were carried Friday by the North's official Korean Central News Agency.

The statement was issued two days before the United States and North Korea resumed talks about the underground North Korean site suspected of being used to produce nuclear weapons.

North Korea, which has asked Washington to pay \$300 million for the right to inspect the site, reported no progress during talks Friday and Saturday in New York. Discussions were continuing Monday and Tuesday in Washington.

South Korean President Kim Dae-jung proposed Monday that the United States provide economic and diplomatic benefits to North Korea in exchange for access to a suspected North Korean nuclear weapons site.

The communist state's news media frequently publish saber-rattling rhetoric. But South Korean officials said it was unusual for North Korea's hard-line military, which forms the backbone of the government, to make a public statement. The North's 1.1 million-strong military is the world's fifth-largest.

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■ THE BELLE OF SAINT MARY'S

Laughing at Myself: (a.k.a.) Mocking My Own Crap

The character trait I pride myself on the most is the distinctly unhirable ability to mock crap. I can just kick the crap out of crap. This doesn't mean

Mary Beth Ellis

that I myself am incapable of generating crap; on the contrary, as an English and political science major, crap emanates from me, on command, on a daily basis. Plucking analyses and theories directly from one's posterior region is a way of life here in the liberal arts.

Perhaps the most outstanding crap I've ever produced is the sniveling resume cover letter I am preparing to sling at newspaper editors across the fruited plain in a vain attempt to secure a means of generating crap professionally. Behold my own crap and the deserved mocking of it:

"Mr. Paul F. Knue
The Cincinnati Post
125 East Court Street #500
Cincinnati, OH 45202"
(To: The Office Containing the Waste Basket In Which This Cover Letter Will Soon Reside, Cincinnati, OH, 45202.)

"Dear Mr. Knue:"
(I find you very attractive.)

"I am a senior ..."
(I've been promoted to Level Four in Crap Production.)

"... at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana..."
(By the way, I AM A CATHOLIC.)

"... who will graduate in May ..."

(Indictments pending)

"... with two valuable degrees — one in writing, the other in political science —"
(Upon graduation, I will be moving directly out of the dorm and into a cardboard box.)

"... and I would like to pursue a career as a newspaper writer."
(I missed the auditions to perform in the "Rock 'n' Roll Roundup Revue" at Six Flags Over Georgia next summer.)

"I have developed an intense interest in working with THE CINCINNATI POST ..."
(... because McDonald's turned me down.)

"... through my heavy extracurricular involvement in student media ..."
(One Tuesday night in my sophomore year, I did homework on the same floor of the student union where the campus radio station is located.)

"... and lifelong experience as a Cincinnati."
(My qualifications include growing up surrounded by Marge Schott, Larry Flynt, an early quasi-sleazy form of the current Jerry Springer and Boomer Esiason. You'll hire me now, won't you?)

"Through my work with THE OBSERVER, the student newspaper co-sponsored by Saint Mary's College and our close-knit brother school, the University of Notre Dame ..."
(Sometimes, if we are very, very good, they let us gaze directly upon the Dome free of charge.)

"... I have developed the skills for producing humorous commentary and editorials."
(That's right, Paul Knue! This is your lucky day! You now have the opportu-

nity to hire one wacky, wacky, gal!)

"It is this type of writing that I most enjoy and feel that it dynamically utilizes my analytical and communication skills."
(Most of my columns were written while drunk.)

"However, I come to you simply eager to write ..."
(Oh, God, hire me. Just hire me. Obituaries. Debutante action. "The Shopping Times." Anything.)

"I offer a great deal of solid experience and class instruction in a wide range of journalistic genres, including writing hard news articles, human interest features and news features."
(In the fall of 1996, I bestowed upon the world a scintillating, hard-hitting article featuring the complex life and gritty convictions of the guy who played the Notre Dame Leprechaun at football games. Also, at one point in my Journalism 201 class, we watched "All the President's Men.")

"In addition to my reporting skills, I also enjoy 'insider' knowledge of Cincinnati society, history and attitudes."
(I know, first hand, the considerable degree to which the Bengals suck.)

"Enclosed is my resume and some writing samples — a humor column ..."
(Ha ha! Wacky gal, remember?)

"... and a feature on the University of Notre Dame's Glee Club."
(Scored a date with a baritone doing the research interviews, which of course was the main objective of the entire article.)

"... for your consideration."
(The rampant typographical, grammatical and stylistic errors are merely a part of their charm.)

"I will be in Cincinnati on winter break from Dec. 20 to Jan. 9 if you would like to discuss my credentials."
(The details of the summer I spent parking cars are awaiting your perusal. Please take a number.)

"I am looking forward to speaking with you regarding employment opportunities with THE CINCINNATI POST."
(Says Paul Knue: "Thank you and cheese off. Please don't let the door-knob hit you in the ass on the way out. Next?")

"I appreciate your time and attention."
(I am on the verge of selling vital organs in order to pay off the interest on my student loan.)

"Sincerely,"
(And I really — sincerely really — mean it)

"Mary Beth Ellis"
(Soon to be seen on an unemployment line near you.)

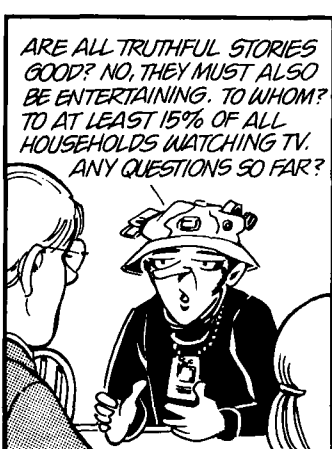
"Enclosures: resume, writing samples."
(Enclosures: List of the one job I ever held not involving a drive-through window and two 600-word articles written while drunk.)

Mary Beth Ellis (the woman, the legend, who is fully aware that the best part of wakin' up is Folgers in your cup, is a senior at Saint Mary's College (she's never heard of it, either) majoring in two different categories of crap creation (English writing and political science) with a minor in the rehashing of old crap (U.S. history). Her column appears every other Tuesday.

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

'Sobriety's a real turn-on for me. You can see what you're doing.'

— Peter O'Toole

■ NOT PEACE, BUT THE SWORD

The Vast Right Wing Conspiracy

I admit it. It's a conspiracy. I've kept it silent for too long — it's time to come clean and tell the truth.

Sean Vinck

All of the allegations against the Women's Resource Center are false. This wonderful institution never recommended

that any woman go to an abortion clinic. No women came forward to tell the University that the center had given them abortion referrals. They were simply decoys, smear artists, "creepy little snitches" in the words of one. In fact, the WRC library is a model of balance and diversity. Feminist advocacy is only a part of what they do. They, of course, accurately represent the opinions of all parties relating to gender issues, including those of the Church. The Women's Center has always acted within the confines of our Catholic morality. Any inference to the contrary is a scurrilous distortion, usually concocted by me; it was my conspiratorial vitriol that smeared these saintly people.

The same is true with our oppressed, downtrodden homosexual community. I, the hellish Vinck, the knave David Freddoso, the hateful Luke White and our cohorts are motivated by a particular animus towards homosexuals, our concern for this issue having nothing to do with upholding Church teaching. Indeed, our homophobia is rooted in a deep sense of intolerance that precludes us from the understanding that sodomy can lead one to a greater awareness of his vocation.

It was this homophobia that blinded us to that modern-day prophet Rev. David Garrick. I am responsible for the atmosphere that drove him from this University. Indeed, I, and others like me, forced him to resign to protest bigotry. No, the esteemed Fr. Garrick had no political motives. No, he didn't covertly assist GLND/SMC. His "suspension" from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart was organized by a group of homophobes operating deep within the caverns of the University bureaucracy — this suspension had nothing to do with the fact that only a finite number of priests can perform sacraments in the Basilica. No, it was the hateful atmosphere that my cohorts and I perpetuated which forced Saint Garrick away.

True to form, our campaign of distortion has even attacked that pillar of Catholic faith, that center of piety, the Notre Dame Theology department. Professors McBrien, D'Angelo and the rest have no political agenda. They are fully in communion with the Holy Father. They too are the victims of the religious right on this campus-organized, Nazi-like fundamentalists who hate their divine, principled defense of academic freedom. Hateful and unenlightened undergraduates throw incendiary terms like "heretic" and "apostate" at these paragons of virtue, pursuing a right-wing campaign of derision. Indeed it is my close-minded attitude, and others with a similar disposition, who hinder unfettered academic inquiry, which enlightened person knows is the heart of a liberal education — the Women's Center and its allies told us so!

My suggestion that certain faculty resign in protest flowed from this same spring of intolerance. This is another piece in the puzzle of my nefarious scheme. In my weekly conversations with Richard Mellon Scaife, he outlined for me, with the assistance of William F. Buckley and others, a plan to rid this University of our enlightened professors in order to make Notre Dame a haven of right-wing lunacy.

The truth of the matter is that our leftist faculty members are models of scholarship; they have never promoted evil, politicized curriculum in their courses.

Of course, all of this conspiring takes money. Thanks to the tremendous financial assistance of Buckley and Scaife, Right Reason has now accumulated enough money to launch homophobic "inner warrior" retreats with the intention of further oppressing the sainted homosexuals. We have so much money that we could come out every week if we wanted to. Thanks to all of this covert money, Right Reason has its own suite of offices, computers and paid staff. No one ever sees these offices because we keep them hidden.

So, all of this semester's controversy is my fault. The left wingers are the victims of one of the most diabolical conspiracies in the history of the world, much akin to the right wing agitation that shamelessly accused Bill Clinton of having sex with Monica Lewinsky.

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■ GUEST COLUMN

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: A Progress Report on US Ratification

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) was adopted by the General Assembly of the UN on Nov. 20, 1989. As stated in the preamble, the CRC's purpose is to "promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom for all children." The document was conceived in 1979 during the International year of the Child, and was completed roughly 10 years later. Over 40 countries helped create the treaty, with the United States as an active participant.

According to the Youth advocate Program's International Report in Spring of 1997, issues such as literacy, infant mortality, abuse and neglect became the focus of concern during the convention. Statistics of a rising infant mortality, the decline in literacy and the rise in the number of orphaned children worldwide were attributed to the escalation of poverty and armed conflicts in certain member countries. As a result, the CRC enumerates a set of internationally recognized goals for individuals to achieve on behalf of children. These goals include, but are not limited to: protection from violence, abuse and abduction; protection from hazardous employment and exploitation; adequate nutrition; free compulsory education; adequate health care; equal treatment regardless of gender, race or cultural background; the right to express opinions and freedom of thought in matters affecting them; and safe exposure/access to leisure, play, culture and art. However, the overriding factor in the document is the primary role of families and parents in protecting children's rights. The treaty is meant to influence the actions of individuals as well as suggest a general course of action for governments.

The treaty has been ratified by 191 nations, and is thereby one of the most widely ratified human rights treaties in history (Source: Unicef "United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: Frequently Asked Questions" brochure, p.1). This broad-based consensus on the importance of children's rights is both encouraging and indicative of the global responsibility to stop human rights abuse in its most basic form. To date, there are only two countries that have not ratified the UN CRC treaty. Unfortunately, the United States is one of those countries.

But, it is the historically slow-moving US process of ratification rather than majority opposition from the Congress that has prevented the immediate ratification of this treaty. President Clinton supports the CRC, and signed the treaty in 1995. Insofar as opposition goes, there is one main faction that opposes the CRC. This faction is comprised of a small number of conservative organizations and conservative Senators led by Sen. Jesse Helms (Source: Unicef "UN CRC: Frequently Asked Questions" brochure, p.2, and the Children's Defense Fund report entitled "America's Children Falling Behind: The United States and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child" p. 9). Their main concern is that the convention is not family-friendly because it undermines parental authority, encourages children to sue their parents and encourages abortion. When examin-

ing the text, I found no support for these accusations. In actuality, the CRC encourages family cohesion and parental empowerment.

In order to clear the air on these issues, I will examine the relevant clauses of the CRC in depth. First, the convention promotes parental authority by recognizing that the state must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and

Ombudsman that will hear grievances. The United States could also adopt this approach. In sum, there is no support that the CRC has an anti-family orientation.

I believe that the real controversy should center on the issue of the US Juvenile Justice System and its respective punishments for crimes. Article 37 of the CRC explicitly prohibits the use of capital punishment for minors (defined as young people under the age of 18). However, the US allows capital punishment for minors. In addition, this policy has a significant support base among the American people. When I visited the Crossroads Juvenile Detention Center with the Children and Poverty seminar in New York, I was told that capital punishment is acceptable for minors in New York State, and is supported by voters who view this as an important way to be "tough on crime." In many cases, it is the mere threat of the death penalty that can act as a deterrent for minors who might become involved in capital crimes.

Here, I would recommend that the US Congress take a reservation on the capital punishment clause. This would allow the US to ratify the rest of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child while retaining US capital punishment policy.

As a final note, I would add that the US Juvenile Justice system is taking a positive approach to rehabilitation that respects the rights of the child. In the case of the Crossroads Juvenile Detention Center mentioned above, the staff has instituted a positive reinforcement system that rewards behavior changes in the inmates. This positive reinforcement system gives juveniles tangible privileges such as increased visitor time, outdoor recreation time and use of video games if they reject their destructive behavior patterns. Staff members commented that they have been extremely successful with this positive-incentive system approach. Mayor Giuliani commented on the success of the city's juvenile justice staff by stating that the new facilities (including Crossroads) have allowed teachers, counselors, case managers and support staff to work more effectively with youths and families. In addition, he says,

"They have developed award winning intervention strategies that have been effective at preventing recidivism and juvenile delinquency" (New York City Department of Juvenile Justice Newsletter, Winter 1998, "Mayor's Message", p.2). This innovative approach to Juvenile Justice punishment respects the rights of the child and promotes the ideals of the CRC in terms of fostering childhood development. Therefore, the Crossroads facility is largely fulfilling the specifications of the CRC, even though it is working within a system that supports the death penalty for minors. Here, we can see the importance of ratifying the Convention on the Rights of the Child in the US even if we take a reservation on the capital punishment clause.

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extended family to provide guidance for the child (Article 5, UN CRC). Second, the CRC encourages family relationships through its support of a national policy for both paid and unpaid parental leave (Source: above-mentioned Children's Defense



Fund report, p.9). According to Children's Defense Fund research, this is an area where the US has failed to live up to the international standards set by the CRC. Many US families are not able to stay home with children during the critical stages of the child's life because there is no national parental leave policy that facilitates mandatory paid or unpaid leave periods. Third, the convention specifically states that "every child has an inherent right to life," and therefore the State has an obligation to ensure the child's survival and development (Article 6, UN CRC). Here, we find that Article 6 rebuts the opposition's claim that the convention supports abortion. Fourth, the convention does specify in Article 12 that children have the right to have their grievances heard. However, this clause should not be construed to grant children the right to sue their parents. Other countries, such as Sweden, have chosen to address this issue by instituting a children's

Test your Christmas IQ

Take a little quiz to get into the holiday spirit and test your Christmas IQ

1. In "We Three Kings of Orient Are," what are the frankincense and myrrh the wise men bring?

- A) Gold tablets highly prized for their value
- B) Plants with medicinal value
- C) Sweet-smelling gum resins
- D) Coins made from precious metals

2. What carol is also known as "Greensleeves"?

- A) "The Holly and the Ivy"
- B) "King Jesus Hath a Garden"
- C) "O Christmas Tree"
- D) "What Child Is This?"

3. Who was Good King Wenceslas?

- A) Duke of Bohemia in the 10th century
- B) Ruler of Bethlehem — he helped Mary and Joseph find a room for the night
- C) King of Egypt when Christ was born
- D) King of Germany when Christ was born
- E) An imaginary character created for the song

4. What brings Frosty the Snowman to life?

- A) His cornucopia pipe and button nose
- B) The children's laughter
- C) The traffic cop's whistle
- D) An old silk hat
- E) The sun

5. The first instrument on which the carol "Silent Night" was played was:

- A) A harp
- B) A pipe organ
- C) A guitar
- D) A kazoo

6. In Guatemala, Christmas Day is celebrated:

- A) On Jan. 6
- B) On Dec. 25
- C) On Oct. 31
- D) Never

7. Electric Christmas tree lights were first used in:

- A) 1944
- B) 1895
- C) 1976
- D) 1492

8. Medieval English Christmas pantomimes did NOT include which character?

- A) St. Nicholas
- B) The Bold Slasher
- C) Father Christmas
- D) The Turkish Knight

9. The name of Scrooge's deceased business partner in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" was:

- A) Bob Cratchit
- B) Jerry Cornelius
- C) Bill Sykes
- D) Jacob Marley

10. In North America, children put stockings out at Christmas time. Their Dutch counterparts use:

- A) Old hats
- B) Beer mugs
- C) Shoes
- D) Stockings, just like every body else!

11. Which of these events did NOT occur on Christmas Day?

- A) Ebenezer Scrooge was visited by four ghosts
- B) Charlemagne was crowned Roman Emperor
- C) Hong Kong fell to the Japanese in World War II
- D) King Arthur pulled Excalibur from the stone

12. In Syria, Christmas gifts are distributed by:

- A) The Three Kings
- B) Tom o'Bedlam
- C) One of the Wise Men's camels
- D) Father Christmas



Christmas brights!

13. One notable medieval English Christmas celebration featured:

- A) A giant, 165-pound pie
- B) Snowball fights between rival courtiers
- C) A swimming race across the English Channel
- D) Huge crackers that sometimes exploded fatally

14. In Sweden, a common Christmas decoration is the Julbukk, a small figurine of a goat. It is usually made of what material?

- A) Candy
- B) Straw
- C) Uranium
- D) Fir wood

15. The real St. Nicholas lived:

- A) At the North Pole
- B) On the island of Malta
- C) In Turkey
- D) In Holland

16. Quick: How many items would you have if you were given all the gifts in "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?

- A) 12
- B) 24
- C) 39
- D) 78
- E) 101

17. Believe it or not, one Indiana town is called:

- A) Christmasville
- B) Wenceslas
- C) Noel
- D) Santa Claus

18. The poem commonly known as The Night Before Christmas was originally titled:

- A) Santa's Secret Visit
- B) A Visit from St. Nicholas
- C) The Night Before Christmas
- D) The Midnight Guest

for more quiz questions go to www.home-arts.com and www.familygames.com

Christmas Quiz Answers:

1) C 2) D 3) A, Wenceslas was the Duke of Bohemia in the 10th century. He was a fervent Christian who was slain by his brother and later sainted. 4) D 5) C, The carol was first sung as part of a church service in Austria. A guitar was used because the church organ was so badly rusted it couldn't be played. 6) B, Guatemalan adults, however, do not exchange gifts until New Year's Day. Children get theirs (from the Christ Child) on Christmas morning. 7) B, The idea for using electric Christmas lights came from an American, Ralph E. Morris. The new lights proved safer than the traditional candles. 8) A, In Medieval England, Nicholas was just another saint — he had not yet metamorphosed into Santa Claus and had nothing to do with Christmas. 9) D, Jacob Marley's spirit was the first of four to appear to Scrooge on Christmas Eve. 10) C, Shoes — traditionally, the shoes used are wooden ones called sabots. 11) A, Ebenezer Scrooge was visited by four ghosts. The four spirits appeared to Scrooge on Christmas Eve, not Christmas Day. 12) C, One of the Wise Men's camels — The gift-giving camel is said to have been the smallest one in the Wise Men's caravan. 13) A, A giant, 165-pound pie. The giant pie was nine feet in diameter. Its ingredients included 2 bushels of flour, 20 pounds of butter, 4 geese, 2 rabbits, 4 wild ducks, 2 woodcocks, 6 snipes, 4 partridges, 2 newts' tongues, 2 curlews, 6 pigeons and 7 blackbirds. 14) B, Straw — A variety of straw decorations are a usual feature of Scandinavian Christmas festivities. 15) C, In Turkey — St. Nicholas was bishop of the Turkish town of Myra in the early 4th century. It was the Dutch who first made him into a Christmas gift-giver, and Dutch settlers brought him to America where his name eventually became the familiar Santa Claus. 16) D 17) D 18) B, A Visit From Saint Nicholas

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Terps pound hapless Demons

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Terence Morris matched his career-high with 22 points and No. 2 Maryland wasn't able to put away DePaul until the final minutes Monday night as the Terrapins beat the Blue Demons 92-75 in the championship game of the BB&T Classic.

Maryland (10-0), which had its first close game of the season in beating No. 6 Stanford 62-60 in the opening round, seemed on the way to another blowout, leading 29-11 with 7:19 left in the first half.

But DePaul (5-2), which starts three freshmen, closed the half with a 24-14 run to get within 43-35 and three first-year players scored all the points in the spurt.

As the pro-Maryland crowd of 18,244 at the MCI Center waited for the run that would make the game like the first eight of the season which the Terrapins won by average of 32.8 points, the Blue Demons wouldn't fold.

A 3-pointer by Quentin Richardson, who finished with 28 points, had DePaul within 50-47 with 16:20 to play. The Blue Demons, who had a five-game winning streak snapped, were still within 57-53 with 14:19 left on a driving basket by Willie Coleman, but that was their last field goal for a span of 6:48 and Maryland went on an 11-0 run with Morris, who was 10-of-11 from the field, and Juan Dixon scoring all the points.

The closest DePaul would get the rest of the way was 79-70 on a layup by freshman Lance Williams with 3:21 to play and the Terrapins closed the game with a 13-5 run.

Laron Profit had 15 points for Maryland, while Steve Francis, the tournament MVP who had 24 points in the win over Stanford, added 14 and Obinna Ekezie and Dixon had 12 each.

Richardson only had two points in the 87-79 opening win over

George Washington as he shot 1-for-8 from the field in a limited 21 minutes as he turned his right ankle.

Williams had 16 points for DePaul and the third freshman, Bobby Simmons, added 13.

DePaul finished with a 38-32 rebound advantage, including 21-13 on the offensive end, the second game in as many nights Maryland was outrebounded.

This was Maryland's third straight appearance in the tournament championship game. The Terrapins beat George Washington in 1996 and lost to the Colonials last year.

No. 6 Stanford 70,
George Wash. 56

Mark Madsen scored half of his 14 points during a five-minute stretch of the second half to lead No. 6 Stanford past George Washington 70-56 Monday night in the consolation game of the BB&T Classic.

Tim Young had 12 points for the Cardinal (5-2), who were coming off successive losses to North Carolina and Maryland. Stanford outscored the Colonials 25-12 at the foul line and controlled the boards 42-33, the 15th straight time over two seasons that the Cardinal has outrebounded the opposition.

But Stanford went 3-for-14 from 3-point range and had a season-high 19 turnovers. Fortunately for the Cardinal, the defense held the Colonials to 31 percent shooting.

Yegor Mescheriakov scored 16 points on 5-for-19 shooting for George Washington (3-3). Swanta Rogers scored 14 points, including four 3-pointers.

Stanford's first win since Nov. 25 wasn't nearly as easy as expected. Although the Cardinal led the entire second half, the margin was only five points with 9:25 left.

That's when Madsen took over, scoring six straight points — two

free throws, a layup and a dunk off an alley-oop pass — to make it 61-50. Minutes later, Madsen made a foul shot and Kris Weems followed with a 3-pointer for a 67-54 lead with 4:33 left.

Arthur Lee had 10 points, five assists and two steals for Stanford, which also got 10 points from Weems.

Stanford led 36-32 at halftime despite going 1-for-9 from 3-point range, committing 10 turnovers and enduring a six-minute stretch without a basket. The Colonials failed to take advantage because they made only 12 of 38 field goal attempts, including a 2-for-13 effort by Mescheriakov.

No. 23 Arkansas 90,
W. Carolina 54

Pat Bradley scored 32 points, shooting 8-of-12 from 3-point range, as No. 23 Arkansas defeated Western Carolina 90-54 Monday night.

Arkansas (6-2) shot 59 percent from the field, including 67 percent on 3-pointers.

Senior point guard Kareem Reid, making his first start since a loss to Villanova on Nov. 22, scored 17 points for the Razorbacks. Derek Hood had 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Sergio Gipson also scored 10 for Arkansas.

Western Carolina (1-6) shot just 32 percent for the game, including a woeful 24 percent in the first half.

Western Carolina was led by Cory Largent, who scored 22, including 5-of-9 from the 3-point line. Casey Rogers added 18 for the Catamounts, all coming on 3-point shots.

The Razorbacks went on a 14-0 run midway through the first half to take a 36-13 lead with 5:17 left in the half. They expanded the lead to 43-19 at the half and were up 30 for most of the second half.

Arkansas' biggest lead was 86-47 with 4:06 remaining.

■ NFL

Bucs hold off Packers, 24-22

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Trent Dilfer finally got the best of Brett Favre and carried the rejuvenated Tampa Bay Buccaneers back into the playoff race.

Dilfer threw long touchdown passes to Jacques Green and Bert Emanuel and the Bucs broke a six-game losing streak against Green Bay with a 24-22 victory over the Packers Monday night.

Favre, losing for only the second time in 15 career starts against Tampa Bay, was sacked eight times and lost one of his six fumbles as Green Bay (8-5) missed an opportunity to clinch a wild-card playoff berth.

Meanwhile, the Bucs (6-7) brightened their postseason prospects by climbing into a tie with New Orleans and Arizona for the final NFC wild-card spot with three weeks left in the regular season.

Green and Emanuel, questionable for the game after aggravating a sprained left ankle in practice, scored on the same slant pattern in the second quarter.

Dilfer hit Green in stride crossing the field from the left on a 64-yard scoring play, then found Emanuel crossing from the right for a 62-yard TD that gave the

Bucs a 14-3 lead.

Playing at home for the first time since 1983 on Monday night, Tampa Bay looked like it might be on the verge of letting the game slip away when Favre threw a 4-yard TD pass to Mark Chmura to trim Green Bay's deficit to 17-15 on the second play of the fourth quarter.

But Derrick Mayes dropped Favre's two-point conversion pass, and the Bucs drove 52 yards after a Mayes fumble on the next Packers possession to put the game out of reach on Dilfer's 6-yard TD run with 6:01 to go.

Favre rallied the Packers again, throwing a 1-yard scoring pass to Chmura to pull within two with 2:24 left. But that was as close as Green Bay would get.

Turnovers and falling behind early hampered Tampa Bay throughout the losing streak to the two-time defending NFC champions, who flourished in part because of their ability to contain the Bucs' running game and completely shut down the passing attack.

Dilfer, outplaying Favre for the first time in nine career meetings, completed only 9 of 22 passes for 181 yards and was intercepted once. Favre finished 29 of 41 for 262 yards.

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times, and here's looking to many
more next semester.

Hi Nicole and Shawna. You are my
cool new friends. That's COOL,
NEW, friends. COOL. Mc Glinn
rules.

Bruinball... catch the flu.

And now, it's time for the Observer
trivia question of the day. Today's
question comes to us from
Rockland, Maine. For five points:

Q: What were the first four words of
'The Godfather'?

The answer will appear later on in
these classifieds.

Now for the bonehead dining hall
remark of the week, said to me by
that nice lady who runs the deli ses-
tion of the North Dining Hall...

"Does it look like we have any rolls
here?"

Congratulations, ma'am. You win a
prize. I'll tell you when I feel like it.

BONUS QUESTION. For twenty-
five points:

Q: What were the first four words of
'Happy Gilmore'?

If you know this, you

Bill, you stopped in mid-boring sen-
tence...

Boy, oh, boy.
oh me oh, oh my oh...
down on the bayou.

Gee... I wish Noreen was here.

Bill, it's getting LATE.
Bill, you're getting GOOFY.

This week's "Shaft of the Week"
award goes to Kansas State, which
just BARELY got into the Alamo
Bowl. Congratulations, from all of
us here at the Observer sports
department.

Of course, that's better than the
Humanitarian Bowl.

But not by much. Blue turf? You've
got to be kidding me!

"I believe in America."

If I see Mallrats one more time...

Hey! Nice socks!

If I had a hammer... I'd pound cross-
es into the ground for Amnesty
International at 7 am

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I'd hammer in the morning.
I'd hammer in the evening.
All over South Quad.

The answer to the bonus question
is... aw, I forget. Go rent the movie.

ND Video is never open, how can I?

Go borrow it from a hockey player.

And, I said, what about breakfast at
Tiffany's? (Hi Tiffany.)

■ GYMNASTICS

Moceanu faces legal battle

Associated Press

HOUSTON
The parents of gymnast Dominique Moceanu won't get an opportunity to question their daughter about her accusations against her father before the three meet in a courtroom this week, a judge ruled Monday.

Camelia and Dumitru Moceanu had requested that their attorney be allowed to question the 17-year-old gold medalist before a judge on Wednesday considers making permanent a temporary restraining order barring contact between the gymnast and her father.

But Moceanu's court-appointed attorney, Ellen Yarrell, challenged the request and asked that it be blocked. Associate Judge Michael Hay complied.

"We thought it was inappropriate," Yarrell said Monday. "We offered to answer written questions."

However, Katherine Scardino, attorney for Moceanu's parents, rejected that offer, Yarrell said.

Calls to Scardino were not

immediately returned Monday to The Associated Press.

Yarrell said she was concerned that if a judge granted the parents' motion, they would use the session to speak to the gymnast in their native Romanian language, as they had in at least one other meeting with their daughter. Yarrell characterized the behavior as an intimidation tactic.

"Later she told me that she felt that they were putting incredible pressure on her at that time," Yarrell said.

Speaking through publicist Janey Miller, Moceanu said she felt "very good," about the Monday ruling.

In court affidavits filed a week ago, the Olympian claimed her father had hired a private investigator to track her comings and goings. Moceanu also said police officers informed her that her father had negotiated to pay a hit man \$10,000 to kill a friend, 32-year-old Brian Huggins, and Luminita Miscenco, 26, the coach Moceanu credits with reviving her career.

Both she and Huggins have

been granted a restraining order against Dumitru Moceanu.

On Wednesday, Moceanu and her parents will appear before state District Judge John Montgomery, who will determine whether to make the restraining order permanent.

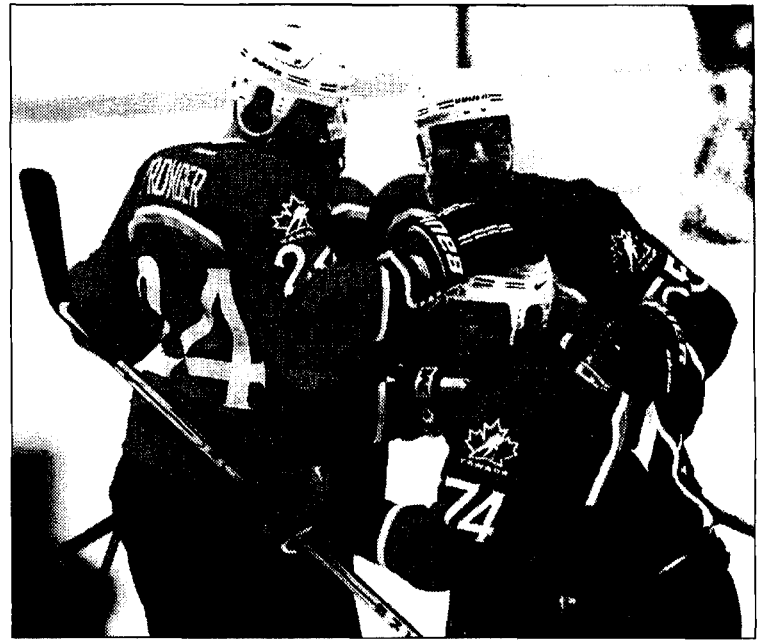
The restraining order request marks a deepening rift between the gymnast and her family that began last October, when the Houston-area teen-ager fled her home, hired a lawyer and then sued to be declared an independent adult.

She was granted adult status Oct. 28, allowing her to begin making inquiries about how her earnings have been spent. She has claimed that her trust fund bankrolled unauthorized risky investments and a \$4 million gym bearing her name.

However, it is not known how much was in the trust or how much has been spent.

There was no answer at the Moceanu family home Monday and a message left for the parents at the family's private gymnasium was not immediately returned to the AP.

■ OLYMPIC HOCKEY



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NHL players Chris Pronger (24) and Theoren Flurry (74) celebrate a goal for Canada in the 1998 Winter Olympics.

NHL, Olympics prepare for split

Associated Press

PHOENIX

The future of NHL participation in the Olympics remained in doubt Monday despite drawing praise during the first day of the league's annual Board of Governors meeting.

Other issues discussed during the day included: this season's two-referee experiment; overtime options to help break ties; how well offseason tinkering has worked to increase scoring; and the status of troubled franchises in Pittsburgh and New York's Long Island.

"We were given an Olympic update, and we're waiting to see what arrangements we can make that would make it sensible for us to go," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said.

The issue has been a thorny one since the Nagano Olympics in February. The NHL took a three-week break to allow players to skate for their national teams, only to see CBS relegate the games to its late-night show.

"We're on a 60- to 90-day window to either do this or not," Bettman said. "As a practical matter, it's got to be resolved sometime in February, because the national federa-

tions have to put teams together."

Colin Campbell, the NHL's senior vice president of hockey operations, said the new two-referee, two-linesman system has streamlined games without congesting the playing area.

"The flow is better and the obstruction is less," he said, explaining that one referee can hang back and make sure that players stay within the rules away from the puck while the other skates ahead of the rush up-ice.

It's an advantage that Campbell believes accounts for a drop in fighting to an average of 1.3 fights per game from 1.6 last year.

Officials now also are able to watch the jostling around the net before making in-the-crease calls.

Bettman said the governors wouldn't decide at this meeting whether to make the experiment permanent or use it in playoff games.

"We have it scheduled through February games," he said. "There's no reason to make a judgment until all the data is in, so if they continue to perform well we'll use it."

Deterrants to the program are the cost and the amount of training it takes to send another NHL-caliber referee onto the ice.

"Can you go to 54 teams instead of 27 like that without watering it down?" Campbell said. "It's not an easy business. We're finding that out."

The governors also discussed creating a \$300 million collective bargaining fund and renewed their working agreement with the Canadian Hockey League's cluster of junior major teams.

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■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Scelfo chosen to coach Green Wave

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

Chris Scelfo, a south Louisiana native who always wanted to coach Tulane football, saw his wish come true on Monday.

Scelfo was chosen to run the program that Tommy Bowden turned from perpetual loser to the 10th-ranked team in the country. Bowden became Clemson's head coach last week.

Scelfo, an assistant at Georgia the last three years, met with the Green Wave players Monday and immediately took over planning for the Liberty Bowl game against Brigham Young on Dec. 31.

"My first order of business is to get our game plan for the bowl in place and get ready for practice," Scelfo said. "I'm glad we have the game to work on. It'll give the players a chance to get to know me."

Scelfo was selected over Tulane offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez, who was the choice of the players and had been recommended by Bowden.

"I can't talk," running back Toney Converse said pointing to his eyes. "I just found out. I can't believe it."

The players' unhappiness can be overcome, Scelfo said. "Most of them loved the coach before Bowden too," he said. "Nobody likes change."

Rodriguez said he was informed Monday morning by athletic director Sandra Barbour that he did not get the job.

"This is a shock. I was so sure, I brought in my green coat and tie this morning," he said. "This is so discouraging. I'm disappointed. I thought I'd done all I could to prove myself. I'm worried about the kids."

Rodriguez is also one of two finalists for the head coaching job at Middle Tennessee State. He said he would also contact Southwestern Louisiana about their job again and planned to fly to Clemson on Tuesday. Bowden has offered him the assistant head coach-offensive coordinator job there.

"I'm young. I'm 35. I'm going to be a 1-A head coach," Rodriguez said. "It may be a couple of days. It may be five years. But the time will come and I'll prove they were wrong not to take me here."

Bowden, an assistant for 19 years before becoming Tulane's coach, stayed at the school only two years, snapping a 15-year non-winning streak his first year and going 11-0 this season.

Scelfo, 35, plans to stay longer than that.

"I am where I dreamed about as a kid, where I want to be for the rest of my life," Scelfo said. "You've heard that said before, that's the last time you'll hear it here."

Williams honored by AP

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Ricky Williams returned for his final year at Texas with modest goals: Win games and have fun.

Mission accomplished, and he still gets to play in the Cotton Bowl.

On Monday, Williams won The Associated Press' first College Player of the Year Award in balloting by AP member newspapers, TV and radio stations.

"Anytime you are considered the best it's flattering," Williams said, "and to be picked the top player in college football by the reporters who watch the games so closely is truly an honor."

Williams provided college football fans with an extra special season. While running for 2,214 yards and 27 touchdowns — he also had a TD reception — Williams became major college football's career rushing leader and carried his team to an 8-3 record and a Cotton Bowl matchup against Mississippi State on Jan. 1.

"If I was to tell someone before the season that we were going to win eight games, they would have told me I was crazy," Williams said. "For us to come together as a team and surprise so many people with how we played was extra special."

Williams received 76 of the 143 votes in the AP balloting, easily outdistancing Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop, who had 17 votes. Kentucky quarterback Tim

Couch was third with 15 votes.

On Saturday, Williams will be the overwhelming favorite to win the Heisman Trophy, given each year to college football's most outstanding player.

Watching Williams play turned into lots of fun for everyone except the Longhorns' opponents. Just ask Texas A&M.

When he ripped off a 60-yard touchdown run against the Aggies on Nov. 27, he broke Tony Dorsett's career rushing record and started the Longhorns on their way to a 26-24 upset. He finished the game with 259 yards, giving him a career total of 6,279 yards to Dorsett's 6,082 from 1973-76.

The record-setting run was typical. Needing 11 yards to pass Dorsett's 22-year-old mark, Williams shed a tackler near the line of scrimmage, ran nearly 60 yards and then carried an Aggies defensive back into the end zone.

"That's a run I'll remember for the rest of my life," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

Williams owns 15 other NCAA records, including most career touchdowns (75), points (452) and all-purpose yards (7,206). He also averaged a record 6.22 yards per carry.

Couch, who owns his share of records, recently said Williams was the best player in the country.

"As many times as he carries the ball, he's just as strong in the fourth quarter as he is in the first

quarter," Couch said. "He's an amazing player."

Records don't matter much to Williams. Helping his team turn into a winner again under a new coach was another reason he returned to Austin instead of bolting to the NFL.

"I think the thing that excites me the most about winning an award like this is the fact that people are giving me credit for having an impact on my team," Williams said. "That's what has always been the most important thing to me, helping the team win games."

As all great runners do, Williams credits his offensive line, but he takes things a step further. After all, the Longhorns were trying to rebound from one of the worst seasons in their storied history.

"I couldn't have achieved any of the honors I am receiving without the help of my teammates," he said. "They sacrificed so much and worked so hard to help me have a great year. This team is a real special one. We all worked so well together and had a lot of fun."

UCLA quarterback Cade McNown was fourth in the voting, followed by North Carolina State wide receiver Torrey Holt, Ohio State quarterback Joe Germaine, Central Florida quarterback Daunte Culpepper, Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne, Louisiana Tech wide receiver Troy Edwards and Florida State wide receiver Peter Warrick.

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■ NFL

Owners mull over 'replay'

Associated Press

NEW YORK

After two weeks of well-publicized officiating gaffes, the NFL is considering a return to instant replay for this year's playoffs.

League spokesman Joe Browne confirmed Monday that if the owners approve, "a limited form of replay for use in the upcoming postseason is a possibility."

The new replay system would likely take the form used in preseason experiments — with coaches give a limited number of challenges per game and referees making the final decision from monitors on the sideline.

But it also would be what one league official called "liberal," meaning that if a coach is out of challenges on a game-deciding play, he would be allowed an additional one.

That would apply to plays such as the one by the New York Jets' Vinny Testaverde with 20 seconds left against Seattle on Sunday. That play was called a touchdown, although countless replays showed Testaverde had come up short of the goal line.

A proposal for a new form of replay, which was in effect from 1986 to 1991, was voted down at an owners' meeting in March. It got "yes" votes from 21 of the 30 teams, two short of the three-fourths needed.

But Sunday's call, plus a questionable call that allowed New England to beat Buffalo a week ago and the botched coin flip in the Pittsburgh-Detroit game on Thanksgiving, have had a ripple effect around the league.

Buffalo's Ralph Wilson, who voted against replay in March, said last week that he has changed his mind. And Browne said that calls to owners by commissioner Paul Tagliabue

had convinced him that there were enough votes to approve the proposal.

The "no" votes last March came from seven teams that have voted regularly against replay — the New York Giants, Arizona, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Chicago and Tampa Bay. They were joined by San Diego and Oakland.

Tagliabue spent most of Monday discussing the problem with owners and league officials.

Tagliabue couldn't have missed Monday's New York newspapers, all three of which had a front-page picture of Testaverde lying on the ground a foot short of the end zone. Still, the play was ruled a touchdown and the Jets beat Seattle, 32-31.

The call in the game's closing seconds kept the Jets tied with Miami in the AFC East and in effect knocked the Seahawks from playoff contention. It also had an impact on Wilson's Bills, Miami and New England, which are in a four-way scramble with the Jets in the AFC East.

The technology is in place because of the replay experiments during exhibition games. All that's needed is a phone vote by the owners. No timetable for that conference call has been set.

"There is one objective — get the calls right," Jets coach Bill Parcells said Monday. "Not some of the calls, not the calls in the second half or the last quarter or only in the end zone. It's to get the calls right."

The system that has been tried in exhibitions involves giving coaches challenges on calls — perhaps two a half or two a game — with the referee making the final decision after viewing the play on a sideline monitor.

That would help end the

objections to the old system, which used a replay official in a booth and was filled with endless challenges and endless delays, some lasting longer than five minutes.

The objections to the challenge system came mainly from the coaches, who have been split among a number of proposals. Some wonder what would happen in a situation such as the Seahawks-Jets game if a coach had exhausted his challenges before a game-turning play at the finish.

However, the proposal under study by the NFL is a liberal version that would allow a coach an additional challenge on just such a game-deciding play.

Few pretend that replay solves everything. Dan Rooney, president of the Steelers, said last week he thinks officials are overly managed already, leading to indecision.

Phil Luckett, the referee in the Seahawks-Jets game, said that once head linesman Earnie Frantz signaled touchdown, as he did almost as soon as Testaverde hit the ground, the debate was over.

"Because he had signaled a touchdown, so far as we're concerned it's over," Luckett said.

But NFL rules specify that if another official disagrees with the call, the referee can reverse it. On Sunday night in Minnesota, referee Bob McElwee reversed himself after he ruled a fumble and other officials said Steve Stentstrom's knee had hit before the ball came out.

The difference may be that Luckett, who is well-regarded by coaches and players, is in his second year as a crew chief and his eighth as an NFL official. McElwee is in his 23rd year as an official, most as a referee.

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Photo courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information
Former Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz has persuaded his son Skip to join him on the South Carolina coaching staff.

Skip Holtz to join Gamecocks' staff

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. Connecticut head football coach Skip Holtz resigned Monday night to join his father, Lou Holtz, on the coaching staff at the University of South Carolina.

Skip Holtz will become offensive coordinator of the Division I-A team, UConn officials announced Monday.

Lou Holtz, 61, was named South Carolina's head coach Friday, and announced Monday he had asked his son to join his staff. Skip Holtz had served as offensive coordinator for his father at Notre Dame in 1992 and 1993 before taking over as the Huskies head coach in 1994.

Skip Holtz, 34, guided Connecticut to a school-record 10 wins this season before losing in the Division I-AA playoffs Saturday at top-ranked Georgia Southern. He compiled a winning percentage of .600 with a 34-23 record while head coach of the Huskies.

A Willimantic native, Skip Holtz lives with his wife, Jennifer, and their two sons in Tolland.

Skip Holtz did not immediately return a telephone call to his home seeking comment Monday night. He has scheduled a news conference with UConn athletics director Lew Perkins Tuesday afternoon.

Lou Holtz also had scheduled a news conference in Columbia, S.C., Tuesday. South Carolina athletics spokesman Kerry Tharp said.

Connecticut officials would not comment Monday night on Skip Holtz's departure.

Even before Lou Holtz accepted the position at South Carolina, there was talk of his son joining him, with the understanding that he would succeed his father in two to three years.

"There are no formal or informal guarantees for him," South Carolina athletics director Mike McGee said Monday. "It's always helpful to have potential succession in a staff."

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■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Kansas State heads for Alamo

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

Kansas State's players are so depressed over being snubbed by the major bowls that their coach is worried about their effort in the Alamo Bowl.

"I certainly am," Bill Snyder said Monday.

In less than 24 hours, the Wildcats (11-1) plunged from the brink of getting to play No. 1 Tennessee for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl to having to play unranked Purdue for nothing in the Alamo Bowl.

They remained third in the Bowl Championship Series rankings even after blowing a 15-point lead and losing 36-33 to Texas A&M in double-overtime Saturday in the Big 12 title game. They dropped to fourth in The Associated Press poll.

Had they beaten Texas A&M, they were assured of the Fiesta Bowl.

Yet, when other bids were handed out on Sunday, they were snubbed by the other BCS bowls — the Orange, Rose and Sugar. And then they watched Texas and Nebraska, which both lost to the Wildcats, accept bids to the Cotton and Holiday bowls, the top postseason games, with ties to the Big 12. "You'd like to be able to say life is fair," Snyder said. "But obviously that's not the case."

He even declined to urge disappointed fans to attend the Dec. 29 game in San Antonio.

"I know our fans are reeling from this as well. They are hurt, like our players," Snyder said during a conference call with league coaches.

"We just have to have some healing time. Now is not the time to campaign for anything from our vantage point. The important thing for us is to heal and get on with this."

Snyder was careful to praise both the Alamo Bowl and Purdue (8-3).

"The Alamo Bowl ... is one of the up-and-coming bowls," he said. "It certainly will be an honor for us to be there. Are we disappointed we were not included in the BCS selection or in the pecking order as it was described by the Big 12? Yes."

Snyder said the snub would be difficult to explain to his players.

"The message we've always

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tried to communicate to our young people is that there are systems in place in our culture and our society and our program. And if the system is adhered to, if you do things the way they're supposed to be done, then the system will work for you.

"This might be an example where that is not the case. I'll ask them not to lose faith in the system we have here, that it will work for them if they do the right thing. This is obviously a setback and a tremendous test. Perhaps a test of our character to see how we're able to deal with this."

Snyder emphasized he was not blaming anybody.

"I can only blame myself for

not having our team well enough prepared to win a ball game," he said. "Outside of that, I wouldn't know where to start."

Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum did not sound sympathetic.

"That's the way the system works," said Slocum, whose Aggies got a bid to the Sugar Bowl. "Last year a very fine UCLA team got left out and Kansas State took their spot in the Fiesta Bowl. It's hard to get away from the idea of somebody feeling they got left out."

■ NBA

Players to hold exhibition game

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Michael won't even be playing, and courtside tickets will still cost \$1,000. A long-rumored exhibition game featuring locked-out NBA players was finally announced Monday by gents David Falk and Arn Tellem.

"The Game on Showtime" is set for Dec. 19 in Atlantic City, N.J., with the proceeds going to charity and to NBA players in financial need.

"If you look at people who play professional sports, not a lot of them are financially secure," union president Patrick Ewing said. "They make a lot of money, and they also spend a lot of money."

"Me, I'm financially secure, but there a lot of others who aren't. Our objective is to help these people. No matter how much money they've made throughout their careers, if they're in need now then it's up to us to try and help them," Ewing said.

Thirteen players are committed to play, and organizers hope to have a total of 16 players who were members of the four Dream teams — the 1992 and 1996 Olympic teams and the 1994 and 1998 World Championship teams.

Ewing, Karl Malone, Penny Hardaway, Tim Hardaway, Allan Houston, Reggie Miller, Alonzo Mourning, Tom Gugliotta, Gary Payton, Dominique Wilkins, Vin Baker, Glen Rice and Mitch Richmond have committed.

Among those who have not are Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, Charles Barkley, Scottie Pippen, Isaiah Thomas, Shaquille O'Neal, Hakeem

OlaJuwon, Grant Hill and John Stockton.

Derrick Coleman and Larry Johnson, members of the 1994 World Championship team, were not invited.

Michael Jordan's absence is particularly noteworthy because Falk, his agent, is one of the main organizers.

"Michael has said he won't make a decision about returning to professional basketball or retiring until the lockout is over," said Curtis Polk, president of Falk's sports management company. "We did talk to Michael about the game, obviously, and Michael feels he needs to stand by his earlier statement that he'll wait for a resolution of the lockout before he makes that decision. He wouldn't want to send the fans a sort of mixed message by his participation in this game."

Ewing said Jordan might show up, but won't play.

The Atlantic City game will be the latest in a recent string of exhibitions involving locked out players. Games were held last weekend in Miami and Dallas, and another is scheduled for next Sunday in Los Angeles.

Jay Larkin, executive producer of Showtime, would not reveal how much the cable network was paying for the broadcast rights.

Polk said the largest expense would be insurance, with every player covered for \$20 million against a career-ending injury.

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Diamondbacks sign Finley

Associated Press

PHOENIX

The Arizona Diamondbacks completed their free-agent binge Monday by signing center fielder Steve Finley to a \$21.5 million, four-year contract.

The Diamondbacks spent \$118.9 million on six free agents during the past month in a dramatic effort to transform an expansion team that lost 97 games into a NL contender.

Finley was a late, unanticipated postscript to that endeavor, Arizona's managing general partner Jerry Colangelo said.

After the team signed Randy Johnson to a \$52.4 million, four-year deal, Colangelo said that the Diamondbacks were finished with free agents.

When Finley heard that, he said he quickly called Danny Ainge, coach of the NBA's Phoenix Suns, a team Colangelo also owns. Ainge gave Finley Colangelo's cell phone number and said to call him right away.

Finley reached Colangelo in New York, where he was about to join the NBA labor talks.

"Jerry and I had a conversation and I told him at that point that I wanted to be a Diamondback, and the rest is history," Finley said.

Colangelo said the Diamondbacks had moved in other directions after initial talks with Finley didn't go anywhere.

"Had he not taken the initiative because he wanted to be here, I don't think we'd be here today," Colangelo said.

Finley said the

Diamondbacks' signing of Johnson was the clincher.

"I'm going to be 34 next season," Finley said. "I'm not a 22-year-old who's going to play another 10 or 12 years and maybe have a couple of chances to go. I want to win now. When I saw they signed Johnson, I wanted to be here then for sure."

Arizona's deal far exceeded the \$12 million, three-year offer Finley had to remain with the San Diego Padres. Finley gets a \$500,000 signing bonus and salaries of \$5.25 million per season.

Most of the Diamondbacks' spending spree went for pitching. Todd Stottlemire agreed to \$32 million for year years, Armando Reynoso got \$5.5 million for two years and reliever Greg Swindell received \$5.7 million over three years.

Arizona also picked up pinch-hit specialist Greg Colbrunn for \$1.8 million over two years.

As in the Johnson and Stottlemire deals, Finley is deferring salary — \$2.5 million in each of the first two years and \$2 million in each of the last two. The money is being deferred for four years at 6 percent interest, making the total payout of the contract \$23.66 million.

The starting rotation of Johnson, Stottlemire, Reynoso, Andy Benes and either Omar Daal or Brian Anderson could be the second-best, behind Atlanta, in the National League.

"You win with pitching and defense. That's what we did last year in San Diego," Finley said. "When you walk into the clubhouse, and you

see what you have around you, sometimes that's half the battle. You've just got to believe when you go out there on the field that you're going to win. With the talent we're going to put out there on the mound, you're going to see that just about every day."

Center field was a top priority because Devon White, Arizona's MVP last season, agreed to a \$12 million, three-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Finley hit a career-low .249 this year with 14 homers and 67 RBIs, two years after setting career highs in batting average (.297), doubles (45), home runs (30) and RBIs (95) and winning his second straight Gold Glove.

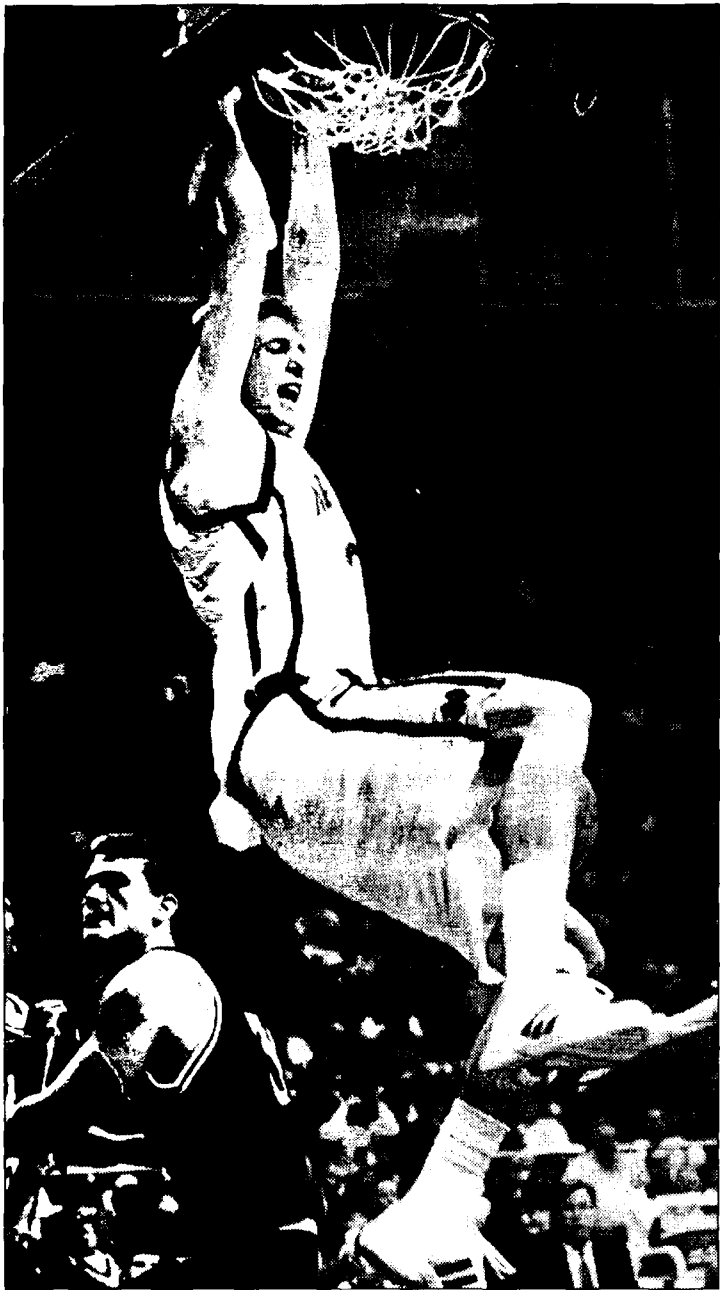
He blamed much of last season's troubles on a foot injury that bothered him the last half of the 1997 season. He underwent surgery after that season, preventing any off-season workout.

"The doctor who performed the surgery told me it would take a full year to really recover from it," Finley said. "I didn't want to believe him, but after going through everything I went through last year, I believe it now."

Colangelo said the Diamondbacks will be looking to make a trade for a right fielder. The team has a surplus of starting pitchers, with young left-hander Brian Anderson the leading candidate to go.

"If you're asking me are we going to sign any more free agents," Colangelo said, "the answer is no."

But he knows himself too well, and after a brief pause added, "I think."



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at home against Toledo last Wednesday. The Rockets threatened to upset Notre Dame in the opening minutes of the second half before senior captain Sheila McMillen rose to the occasion. She shot 3-for-3 from three-point range to spark an 18-3 run to bury the digging.

Rockets, 82-64.

Also strong for the Irish from the field have been Danielle Green and freshman Sherisha Halls. A great deal of the their momentum has come with the play of Niele Ivey at point guard. The Irish have moved the ball around and found the right players to get the scoring going. "Niele has done an incredible job at point guard, being a leader and getting the ball around," said Riley. "Everyone has found their role and we're playing better."

Riley herself has benefited from the pressure that Notre Dame has placed on the opposition from outside. In the Toledo win, McMillen's heroics from downtown freed Riley underneath. The 6-foot-5 center was able to net 15 points and grab 17 boards.

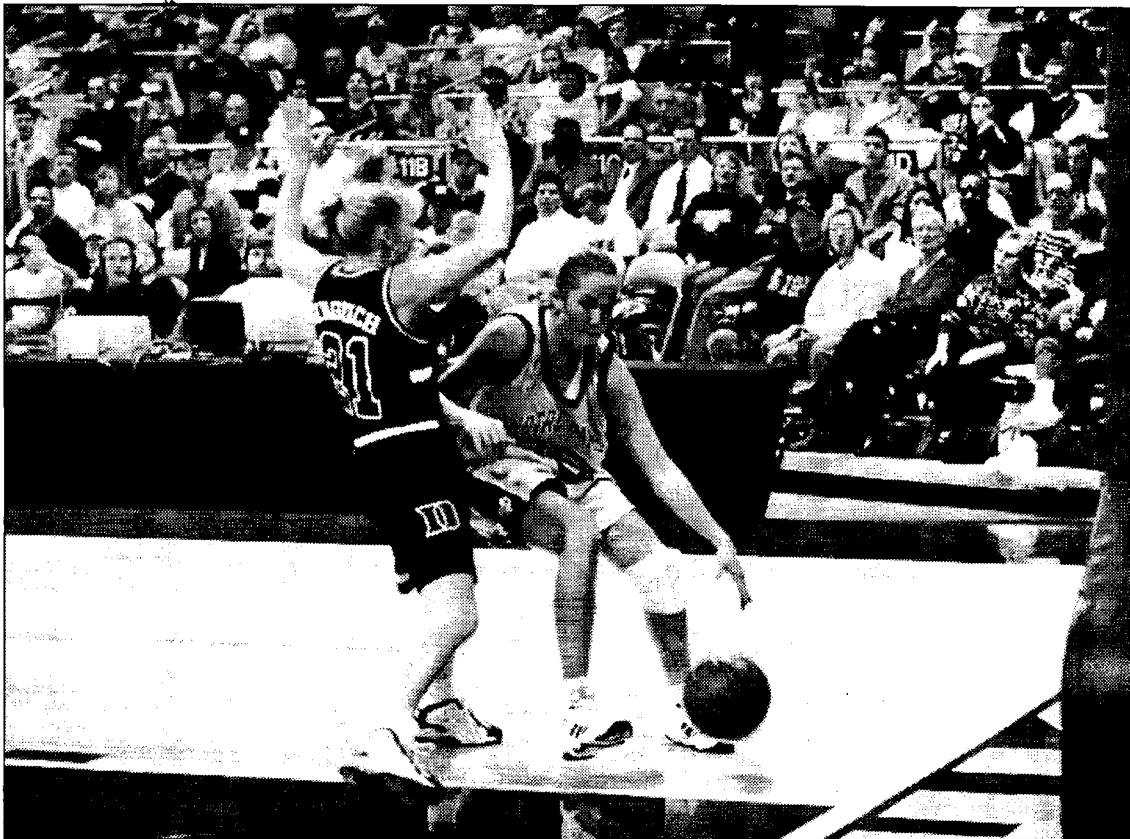
The Huskies (6-0) will give Notre Dame their biggest test of the season to date.

Connecticut comes to town totting the preseason Big East player of the year in forward Svetlana Abrosimova and the Big East preseason rookie of the year in forward Tamika Williams. Abrosimova is coming off a week in which she scored a career-high 39 points in a win against No. 14 UCLA. Abrosimova shared the conference's player of the week honor with Green, who averaged 21.5 points and 10.0 rebounds last week.

Williams also added to her Big East honors by becoming last week's rookie of the week. She came off of a 17-point performance vs. UCLA, scoring her career-high in points while collecting six rebounds, four steals and two assists in 17 minutes of play.

Like the Irish, the largest threat that Connecticut holds is their balance and bench. "What makes them so good is that they are so well balanced," said Riley. "They have eight players that they sub in and not just one player that does all the scoring."

The biggest threat off the bench in recent games had been Asjha Jones. Jones kept the conference rookie of the week award in Connecticut this week after coming off the bench to average 16.5 points and 5.5 rebounds against Rhode Island and Holy Cross. She shot .882 (15-17) from the field in the two games.



Senior guard Sheila McMillen's long-range accuracy should cause problems for the top-ranked Huskies.

Insight

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McGraw has her squad in exceptional form for this early in the season with two double-digit wins over top-10 foes Duke and UCLA.

It's a clash of two titans in women's basketball.

An Irish win would be historic.

It would be nice to have some students actually witness the event.

The townies will be out in force as they have realized that Notre Dame women's basketball is one of the best winter shows in town.

But Joyce Center maintenance crews have not yet had to open up the bleachers in the upper deck for a women's

game.

Pushing the bleachers forward to make the tiny crowds at women's games seem larger shouldn't be done.

Tonight provides the perfect opportunity to change that trend. The Irish will need some type of home court advantage to stop Auriemma's juggernaut.

The Huskies are used to big crowds, but usually the crowds are there to cheer on and witness the machine that is the Connecticut women's basketball team.

Nothing could prepare them for a rowdy bunch of Irish fans ready to throw marshmallows or even a squid at half-time.

I don't know exactly what a mascot of a Pyro, Banshee, Angry Mob, or a Rambler might be, but it could be fun to find out in the first ever dorm mascot contest and you can support

one of the best teams we have at the same time.

Take advantage of Adidas who can't seem to give us enough stuff and are having giveaways for the dorms with the highest attendance.

But most importantly come to see the best college basketball the Joyce Center has seen in recent years.

The men's team already gave their annual scare to the Indiana Hoosiers and the Connecticut men's team doesn't come to town this season, so if you're a basketball fan, this is the event of the season at the Joyce Center.

Come for the free subs and stay for the basketball.

You might even witness history, in case you missed it the last time when Morgan, Gaither, and Co. put the Irish on the national map.

Notre Dame Women's Basketball Upcoming Schedule

Dec. 8	vs.	Connecticut	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	vs.	Villanova	2:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	at	Florida St.	2:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	at	Michigan St.	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 30	at	Boston College	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	at	Georgetown	2:00 p.m.
Jan. 7	vs.	West Virginia	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	vs.	Providence	2:00 p.m.
Jan. 16	at	Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 20	at	Seton Hall	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	vs.	St. John's	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	at	Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 30	at	Providence	7:00 p.m.

The Observer/Scott Hardy

University of Notre Dame Department of Music presents

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University of Notre Dame Chorale & Chamber Orchestra

8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 10, 1998

Friday, December 11, 1998

Washington Hall

Open to the public.

Admission: \$6 Reserved Seats; \$3 Students & Seniors

Tickets available at LaFortune Box Office, 631-8128.



Web-OPAC Replaces UNLOC in January 1999

The Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) informally known as UNLOC has been converted to a

Web-based OPAC. Access to it can be gained by using any Web-browser such as Netscape. Any machine capable of running Netscape 3.0 or Internet Explorer 3.0 (or higher) can access the Libraries' Catalog. If you have any questions as to whether your equipment can run Netscape 3.0, please consult your departmental computer support personnel or the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) Help Desk (631-8111). Access to the library catalog can be found at:

- <http://www.nd.edu/~ndlibs> (The University Libraries home page)
- <http://www.nd.edu/~ndlibs/alephintro.html> (Direct access)

Searching in the new OPAC will be different from searching in UNLOC but because it is Web-based, little need for training is anticipated. However, an introduction to the unique features of the new catalog will help you use it to its fullest advantage.

Training sessions will be offered through a multitude of opportunities and venues:

- Each day of the week (Monday-Friday) for the first half of the spring semester, training sessions will be offered in Room 222 Hesburgh Library from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and again at 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- The OIT Computer Education Program
- Subject Librarians and Liaisons to individual departments and Colleges will offer faculty training sessions.
- At peak research times during the academic year, specially hired and trained students will be available to offer individual assistance within the Reference area on the 1st floor of Hesburgh Library.
- Special sessions can be arranged upon request through the Library Instruction Program coordinated by Patrick Hall (telephone: 631-7673) or through any public service desk in the Branch Libraries or Hesburgh Library.

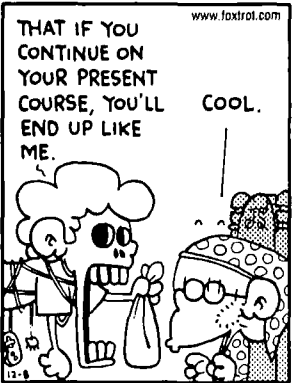
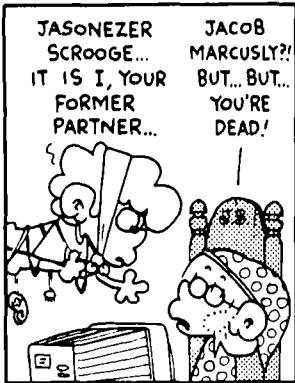
LOOKING THROUGH THE WIZARD OF ND

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kim Basinger, Sinead O'Connor, Flip Wilson, Maximilian Schell

Happy Birthday: You're prepared to take on whatever comes your way. It's time for you to take a serious interest in all that life has to offer. This is a time to work hard, but it's also time to reap the rewards. Don't forget to take time for life's little pleasures. Travel, entertainment and enjoying the company of loved ones should be your main concerns. Your numbers: 2, 16, 21, 27, 35, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let everything get to you. Ask for help tying up loose ends. The people who lend you a hand will be pleased that you thought enough of them to accept their contributions. ○○○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can spend a passionate day with someone you love. Make plans early and refuse to let others interfere. Don't hesitate to make the first move in a relationship. ○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You need to get out on your own and partake in hobbies or creative endeavors that you find stimulating. If someone tries to stand in your way, you need to tell him or her to step aside. ○○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You don't need more people on your domestic scene. If company drops by, make up an excuse to retire early. Get your relationship back on track by spending time with your mate. ○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll have problems getting others to pitch in. Take a look at your career position and consider making moves that will be more lucrative. You can make positive changes today. ○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get reclusive friends or relatives involved in groups you belong to. Expect them to be hesitant, but that will pass. They'll be grateful that you cared enough to encourage them. ○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't take any of your relationships for granted. Take time to appreciate those who are there for you. You'll receive twice as much support if you praise them for their loyalty. ○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Travel is in order. You may find that a promotion will lead to a change of residence. Your gut feelings regarding new colleagues will be more accurate than you imagine. ○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take care of the hidden matters that plagued you in the past. Tie up loose ends and finalize legal documents and contracts. Clear the way for bigger and better things. ○○○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Talk to those who can make a difference. You're riding high and you can taste victory. However, you may find that you've lost the one you wish to share your success with. ○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You need some companionship. If you don't have someone, get out and join an interesting group. You'll find people with whom you look forward to spending time. ○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Plan to spend time with friends and family. You may have been in the doghouse, but today's a new day and your mate will be more willing to forgive you. ○○○

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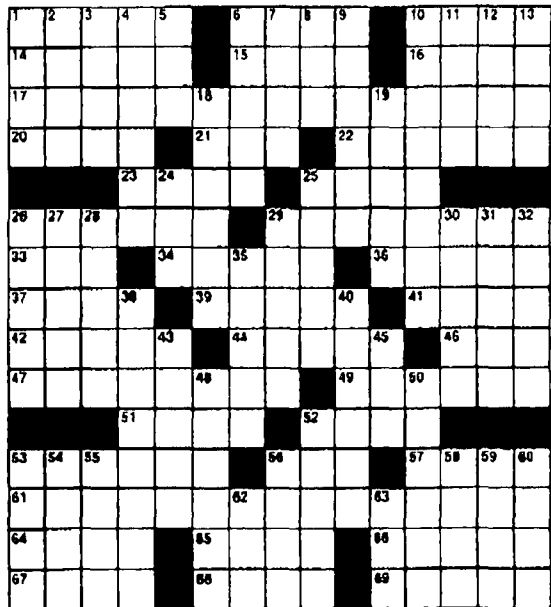
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- 6 Quiet valley
- 10 New York Shakespeare Festival founder Joseph
- 14 Apportion
- 15 Roof overhang
- 16 "Hair" song "Baby"
- 17 With 61-Across, what the judge said to the bigamist?
- 20 Japanese wrestling
- 21 Your and my
- 22 Nearly
- 23 Appear, with "up"
- 25 At rest
- 26 Sneeze sounds

- 29 Casey Jones, notably
- 33 When repeated, a Latin dance
- 34 Reason
- 36 Musical composition
- 37 Put on (act snooty)
- 39 Peter or Patrick, e.g.
- 41 "Cut that out!"
- 42 Smooth and shiny
- 44 Catch fish, in a primitive way
- 46 Time in history
- 47 Modern-day halts to kids' fights
- 49 "Messiah" composer
- 51 "You wouldn't!"
- 52 Green flavor

- 53 Aussie "chick"
- 56 Dracula, at times
- 57 "Oh, nonsense!"
- 61 See 17-Across
- 64 Elderly's svgs.
- 65 Caspian Sea feeder
- 66 "Hi"
- 67 Defrost
- 68 "Auld Lang"
- 69 Baby bird

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- 1 Low islands
- 2 Baseballer Matty or Felipe
- 3 Prune, formerly
- 4 Highly ornamented style
- 5 Tell — glance
- 6 Outfit
- 7 Comic Bert
- 8 A Gabor
- 9 State east of the Sierras
- 10 Easy monthly
- 11 It follows "peek" in a baby's game
- 12 Name of 12 popes
- 13 Saucy
- 18 Hangmen's needs
- 19 "Dallas" matriarch Miss
- 24 16 1/2 feet
- 25 "Goodnight" girl of song
- 26 "... with — of thousands!" (Hollywood hype)



Puzzle by Stephanie Spadocini

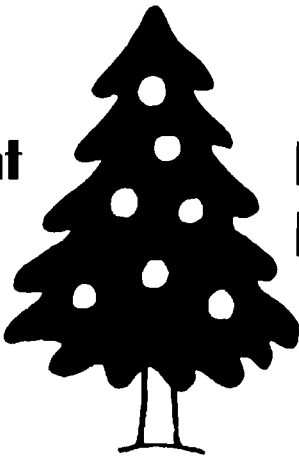


- 27 Texas cook-off dish
- 28 Sultan's ladies
- 29 Excursions
- 30 Quiet
- 31 Be crazy about
- 32 Where Everest is
- 35 Nibble on
- 38 Most flea-bitten
- 40 Idyllic South Seas island
- 43 Aussie "bear"
- 45 Hit head-on
- 48 Neighbor of Saturn
- 50 Huey, Dewey or Louie, to Donald Duck
- 52 Soup server
- 53 Take some off the top
- 54 Tortoise's rival
- 56 List-ending abbr.
- 58 "— be a cold day in hell..."
- 59 Only
- 60 What 69-Across will grow up to do
- 62 And
- 63 Nevertheless

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-800-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

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Physical Activity will:
Help with weight management
Improve your attitude
Keep you in a routine
Minimize stress



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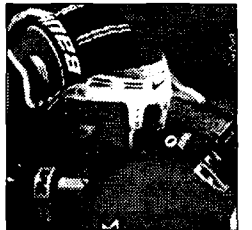
SPORTS

■ Skip Holtz resigned from Connecticut yesterday to join his father at South Carolina.

■ NHL owners are debating whether to continue relations with the Olympics.

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Tuesday, December 8, 1998

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish set to square off against Huskies

No. 6 Notre Dame has highest ranking in school history

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

No one could have predicted that the Irish would be in perfect shape coming into their seventh game of the season. Starting out with a slate that included the nation's fourth, sixth, and 25th-best teams in Duke, UCLA, and Illinois, respectively, it figured that Notre Dame would be in good position if they were just able to maintain their No. 17 ranking.

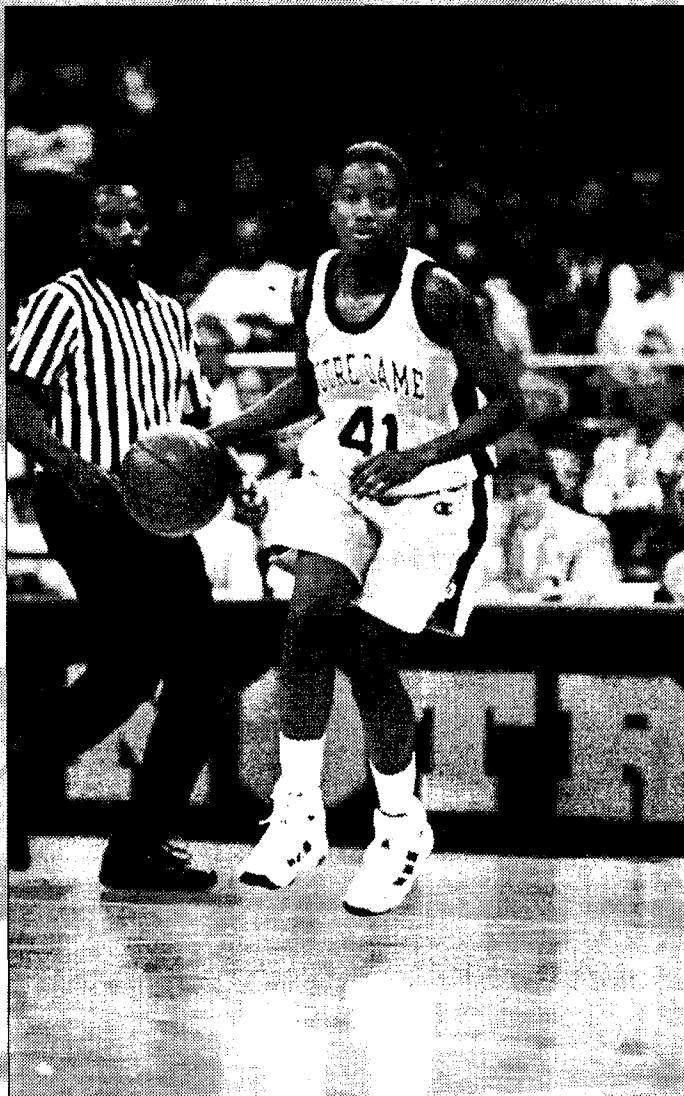
But the first six games brought the Irish past their preseason 17th-place ranking and closer and closer to the top. Pleading off promising opponents by an average of 18 points a game, the Irish have gotten off to their best start ever with a 6-0 record.

And that start is just the beginning.

The Irish have a chance tonight to topple the No. 1 Huskies of Connecticut at the Joyce Center in the first Big East game for both teams. Far from labeling this game as a must win, the Irish are instead using tonight's matchup to measure where they stand, especially in the strong Big East conference.

"We know this isn't a must-win situation and it's too early in the season to put that much emphasis on it," said Irish center Ruth Riley. "It should be a fun game and a good opportunity for us to possibly knock off the number one team in the country. It will be a good gauge to see where we are at."

The Irish will enter the game having not played in just less than a week, their last game



The Observer/Jeff Hsu
Guard Imani Dunbar and the Irish women's basketball team are enjoying the highest ranking in the history of the program.

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"Battle of titans" hopes to draw attention of student body

JOEY CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

Students in attendance at tonight's basketball game at the Joyce Center will be treated to a lot more than free subs, adidas giveaways, and airline tickets.

They'll get something a little more significant. Tonight Geno Auriemma mashes his top ranked Connecticut Huskies into the Joyce Center to take on Muffet McGraw's perfect Irish, who are ranked sixth in the nation.

A win over the mighty Huskies would undoubtedly be the biggest regular season win in the program's history. It would catapult the Irish into the top five and their highest ranking ever.

When the 1996-97 women's team officially arrived on the national scene with a surprise trip to the Final Four, not many students witnessed that piece of history.

Not many students can say they saw the Beth Morgan-Katryna Gaither combination that scored more than 4,400 points in their careers.

But tonight presents another chance. With the presence of Ruth Riley in the key, the accuracy of sharp-shooter Sheila McMillan and the tenacity and relentlessness of guards Niele Ivey and Danielle Green, the Irish could be on the verge of another historic season.

The Huskies have left the competition in their wake, running over every poor team that is on their schedule by an average of 32 points a contest, if you can call them contests.

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■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Rosenthal named *Football News* All-American



Senior offensive tackle Mike Rosenthal was one of six players on the Irish football team to receive postseason honors.

The Observer/Meg Kroener

Special to the Observer

Senior Notre Dame offensive tackle Mike Rosenthal has been named a second-team All-American by Football News, plus six other Irish players have received postseason recognition from that publication based on their play in 1998.

Rosenthal, who led the way for the Irish ground attack, previously earned first-team honors from the Walter Camp Foundation.

Senior tailback Autry Denson, Notre Dame's leading career groundgainer, was a Football News honorable mention selection.

Selected to the Football News All-Independents squad were Rosenthal, Denson, offensive tackle Luke Pettigout (he started all 11 games), kicker Jim Sanson (11 of 15 field goals), inside linebacker Bobbie Howard (he led the team in tackles) and punter Hunter Smith (41.7-yard average).

Also, rookie defensive end Anthony Weaver (he started 10 games and played more minutes than any other Irish freshman) was named to the Football News All-Freshman team.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE



at the Gator Bowl,
vs. Georgia Tech
Jan. 1



vs. Connecticut
Today, 7 p.m.



at Providence
Today, 7:30 p.m.



Basketball,
vs. Olivet College
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.



at North Dakota
Jan. 2



Swimming,
vs. Alma College
Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.