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■ FACULTY SENATE

Senate votes 'yes' to Big Ten academic resolution

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor

Big Ten membership for Notre Dame came one step closer last night when the Faculty Senate recommended that the University join the conference's academic consortium, the Conference on Institutional Cooperation (CIC).

The group voted 25-4 during last night's meeting to approve a formal resolution advocating the change. The resolution will be sent to Notre Dame's officers and its Board of Trustees for their final consideration.

"If we could join the CIC without joining the Big Ten, we would do it tomorrow. We can't do that because the two are coupled," explained committee chairman Greg Sterling, the resolution's sponsor.

Although technically only an indirect result, CIC membership represents Notre Dame perhaps the greatest benefit to joining Big Ten athletics and would not occur without joining the conference.

The 12-member CIC includes the 11 Big Ten schools and the

University of Chicago. The members cooperate on research and other academic programs, and the senate report labels the CIC "easily the most important intellectual force in the Midwest and one of the most significant in the country."

A report explaining the faculty's reasoning accompanies the resolution and its explicit recommendation that Notre Dame try to join the CIC.

"The basis for the resolution comes from the [academic affairs] committee's attempt to look at the relationship between Notre Dame and the members of the CIC," Sterling said. "We do very well when comparing undergraduate programs. We do not fare well when graduate programs are considered."

CIC allies could share and net-

Joining the Big 10's Academic Alliance: The Committee on Institutional Cooperation The Faculty Senate Resolution

Whereas, there are a number of resolutions of real academic benefits for the library, graduate students, undergraduate students, faculty, and the university as a whole, by the belonging to the Committee on Institutional Cooperation;

Whereas, the University of Notre Dame seeks to strengthen its research capability in graduate education;

Whereas, the potential academic liabilities to membership in the Committee on Institutional Cooperation appear relatively small;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate recommends to the officers of the University and the Board of Trustees that we enter into negotiations to become a member of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation.

The Observer/Mark Higgins

work with Notre Dame to improve its academic reputation, supporters argued. For example, one of the most important credentials of a research university is membership in the Association of American Universities (AAU). Notre Dame is not a member, all members of

the CIC are.

"It makes an extraordinary difference. [Membership] would certainly affect our academic reputation," Sterling said.

The AAU extends membership by invitation only, and proponents of conference membership argued the CIC members could

ally themselves with Notre Dame to lobby for its inclusion.

The report and the debate revealed that the goal of improving Notre Dame's graduate school surfaced as the primary reason to support the move into the CIC. The report noted that 15-20 percent of all American Ph.D degrees are conferred by CIC members.

"The greatest potential benefits would be for our graduate programs because that's where the CIC's strengths are," Sterling said. "It gives us an opportunity to accelerate improving our graduate programs and research."

Increasing ties with the nation's leading research faculty and graduate students is another reason to join the CIC, Sterling continued.

"The sustained interaction of top faculty would be healthy in the long run for our institution," he said.

The report also addressed two common objections to Big Ten membership. First, it asserted CIC membership would not

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■ NEWS ANALYSIS

GSU president: T.A.'s will not form union, but voice concerns

By TIM LOGAN
Assistant News Editor

Hundreds of University of California teaching assistants returned to work Monday, ending a week-long strike over their right to unionize and engage in collective bargaining.

Labor disputes such as this reflect a growing concern about the role of graduate student employees at a university, and while there is no likelihood of unionization or a strike at Notre Dame in the near future, this concern exists here as well.

"We have a really good working relationship with the Graduate School ... we're usually pretty well listened to," said Graduate Student Union president Marybeth Graham, who observed that Notre Dame's T.A.'s are relatively satisfied.

"I don't see [unionization] happening. I don't think grad students feel the need for it."

There are a number of T.A. concerns which the GSU has negotiated with the administration in recent years, however. One main problem has been health insurance costs.

"That's where a lot of our advocacy and negotiation comes in," Graham said, noting that under the current system, a T.A. with a family can pay as much as one-third of their

gross income for health insurance. Other issues tackled by the GSU recently include on-campus housing and day care for graduate students with families.

The focus of the strike in the University of California system was on the right of graduate student employees to unionize in order to better negotiate standard working conditions and compensation. The work stoppage, which is now in a 45-day cooling-off period, was widely supported by graduate student organizations across the nation.

"They are aiming to accomplish what a lot of schools have already accomplished through good working relationships," Graham said. The right of graduate students to unionize was also supported by the American Association of University Professors.

One major point of contention in the strike is the status of T.A.'s as teachers and as students. Opponents of unionization in California fear that the relationship between union members and their faculty advisers could be strained. Supporters hope to use their collective bargaining strength to codify T.A. rights and responsibilities and prevent exploitation on behalf of those same advisers.

Another issue brought up in the debate relates to the learning experience of graduate student teachers.

Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. As temperatures drop and a white Christmas seems more likely, holiday decorations like this Christmas tree in LaFortune are beginning to seem less out of place on campus.

The Observer/Dan Feighrey

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

All we like sheep

This is the time of year when it is really hard to find a parking place.

The malls are overrun with frantic shoppers who know that there are only 16 days, six hours, eight minutes and 47 seconds of gift-buying time left before the Christmas holiday closes the stores. Airports are infested with

inclement weather delays and disgruntled passengers, grocery stores open new check-out lanes to accommodate the rush on 37-pound turkeys and cases of pumpkin-in-a-can.

Crowds are as much a part of the season as reindeer and eggnog, and putting up with them is all a part of the mystical Spirit of Christmas.

This is the time of year when it is really hard to find a parking place at church, too.

There is something about declaring a "major religious holiday" that brings people back to God. The presence of Christmas and Easter draws throngs of the non-religious into pews and down to altars that are not accustomed to the needy push of the masses. Policemen are hired to control the crowds and rooms with TV screens are set up for the unfortunates who arrive a mere hour early and actually expect to find a seat. 'Tis the season when the business of God is booming, for attending church is a popular way to escape the last-minute present-wrapping and cookie-baking and relax in the wonder of the birth of the Messiah.

The problem remains: the following Sunday, most of the herd forgets that churches are open even after Christmas is over.

What happens to religion after Dec. 25 passes each year? People find the spirit of Christmas and open their hearts to the miracle of Jesus' birth, only to remember how inconvenient it is to wake up early on Sunday morning to go to church.

A line in Handel's "Messiah" depicts the situation perfectly — "All we like sheep have gone astray/ we have turned, every one to his own way." Herd mentality draws crowds into the cathedrals and sanctuaries, but the same mentality takes them right out again.

Christmas has turned into a day to see and to be seen, to relieve the guilt that builds up after a year of missed homilies and sermons.

Good Christians are expected to go to church on Christmas Eve.

But aren't good Christians also expected to go to church even when it is not Christmas?

There is something wrong with dragging Grandpa Jones out of the house each year and watching the drool roll off his chin as he sleeps through yet another Christmas service. There is also something wrong with embracing religion on only one or two days of the year. Going to church because the herd is going doesn't bring anyone closer to God, it merely masks any sort of sanctity that comes out of attending a church service.

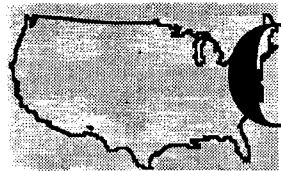
Embracing God during the Christmas season is easy: He is lurking behind every Christmas carol and church food drive. Following the herd to church is also easy: There is no commitment in singing hymns and saying prayers only once a year, the challenge is finding the spirit that brings the herd to church when the calendar no longer reads December.

Church means more when it's not Christmas.

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



Heather Mackenzie
Assistant Managing Editor



Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Confident in alcohol policies, BU refuses to sign pact

BOSTON, Mass. Boston University did not join 24 Boston-area colleges and universities in signing a pact Monday to establish new guidelines for combating underage drinking on campus.

Though BU administrators played a major role in drafting the agreement, Dean of Students Herb Ross said it would be hypocritical to sign on to it because the university's drinking guidelines are already more comprehensive than the terms outlined in the pact.

"The bottom line is that the standards are still less than what we have on campus," Ross said.

The 12-page agreement, which was signed by Harvard University, Boston College, Northeastern University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, among others, will increase campus alcohol education, crack down on fraternity keg parties and ban the delivery of alcohol to



first-year residence halls — policies administrators say are already being exceeded at BU.

University officials nonetheless applauded the deal as an important first step in eliminating college binge drinking and its often tragic consequences.

"We fully support and applaud the efforts of these schools to address this issue and move in the direction that they are," said BU spokesman Colin Riley.

Cecilia Calvo of the Boston

Coalition, an advocacy group that helped draft the pact, said she was not disappointed BU did not sign, adding that she hoped the university will continue to offer support and make recommendations to the committee.

The agreement, which Northeastern President Richard Freeland called the most comprehensive effort of its kind in the country, is the result of three years of discussion by state officials, law enforcement officers and school administrators about ways to effectively combat the growing popularity of binge drinking on campus.

The problem was highlighted last year by the death of MIT freshman Scott Krueger, a freshman pledge who drank himself to death during a Phi Gamma Delta fraternity party.

A 1997 study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health found that 43 percent of college students were binge drinkers.

■ DUKE UNIVERSITY

Students speak up about racist website

DURHAM, N.C. For a week, sexually explicit messages were exchanged over the web site's Vent feature, many of which targeted specific members of the black community. After a series of offensive comments were posted on an online Duke community forum, some black students are seeking a way to address the anger and pain these messages caused. Nearly 100 students attended a forum Sunday night about the issue that was sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Fraternity, Inc., and the Black Women's Collective. The forum followed more than a week of postings to the now-closed Vent feature of DevilNet — a web site affiliated with The Chronicle which disparaged several black students by name and included several hundred less specific but similarly vicious comments. After a list of the "Top 20 Brown-Skinned Fresh" was posted to the Vent Nov. 25, the commentary elicited follow-up lists and obscene comments.

■ UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Audit targets student government

GAINESVILLE, Fla. A five-month investigation prompted by faxes accusing Student Government officials of making illegal business deals has opened the eyes of some UF administrators who now say SG needs to improve how it does business. In early May, Vice President of Student Affairs Art Sandeen asked the Inspector General's Office — UF's internal auditing office — to evaluate SG organizations' purchasing process. He said he wanted to know if SG organizations were following the proper procedures for buying services from off-campus vendors. The request came after he received two anonymous faxes suggesting local businessman and publisher Marc Meisel was trying to monopolize SG business and advertising. "I want to make sure what (SG) is doing is in accordance with the law," Sandeen said in mid-September, four months before the investigation was finished.

■ UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Student's death still an open case

ANN ARBOR, Mich. Investigators Monday submitted a final report into the death of first-year student Courtney Cantor, who died Oct. 16 after falling from her sixth-floor window. The Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office will look at the Department of Public Safety and Ann Arbor Police Department investigation report to decide whether criminal charges should be filed. Although the case is closed to further investigation after the report is sent to the prosecuting attorney's office, DPS spokesperson Elizabeth Hall said, "Technically the case is still open." Keeping the case open will prevent any information from being released to the public, and allow the prosecuting attorney to review the facts of the case. Prosecuting attorney Joseph Burke said he and one other person will review the report. "We will make a determination if criminal charges will be filed against anyone who may have committed a crime," Burke said.

■ TEXAS A&M

Convicted sexual assaulter is executed

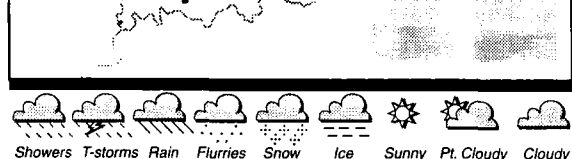
COLLEGE STATION, Texas Daniel Lee Corwin, the Temple man executed Monday night in Huntsville, was apprehended as a result of information provided by the College Station and Texas A&M University police departments, Bob Wiatt, director of University Police Department, said. Corwin, for three 1987 murders appealed the execution, but it was denied by the Texas Supreme Court. Corwin was also serving a 99-year prison sentence for the 1988 aggravated sexual assault and attempted capital murder of an A&M student. Wiatt said the 21-year-old A&M student was getting into her suburban at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 20, 1988 when Corwin approached her from behind, shoved her into the passenger's seat of her vehicle, put a knife to her side and threatened her. He drove her to Lick Creek Park in College Station where he sexually assaulted her, tied her to a tree, slashed and punctured her throat, and then abandoned her vehicle.

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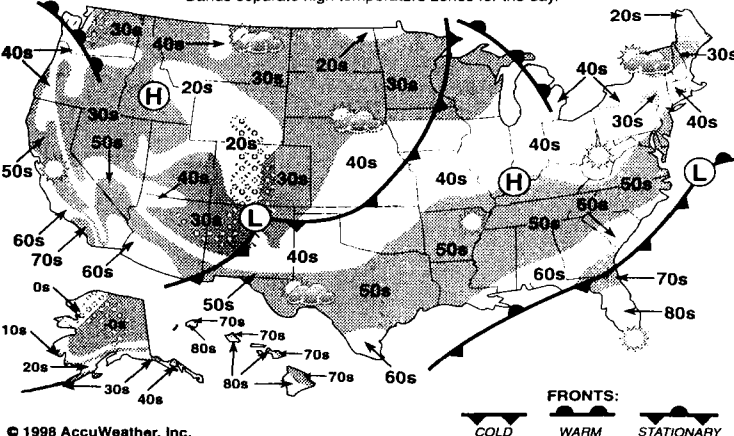
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■ STUDENT SENATE

Student club funding faces debate

By TIM LOGAN
Assistant News Editor

A controversial proposal changing the nature of Student Union club funding will come up for debate at tonight's Student Senate meeting, with fierce debate expected on both sides of the issue.

The proposal, written by Club Coordinator Ryan Harding, would establish a constitutional measure guaranteeing the Club Coordination Council (CCC) 39 percent of Student Union funds for allocation to student clubs and organizations. It would also change the timing of that allocation from the end of spring semester to late March so that the CCC has more time to divide up funds between the its organizations.

"This would really benefit us," Harding said. "The way we allocate now is flawed — it's a very quick process and it's not fair to the people we serve."

The proposal would also lead to an increase in funding for the CCC. The 39 percent is three percent more than they received this year, and this increase would be constitutionally mandated — thus decreasing the amount of money available for other programming

groups.

"This is definitely going to have an impact on the Student Union Board," said SUB board manager Ryan Stecz. "We would lose a lot of money next year. If [the CCC] receives it there will be less money for other groups to draw from."

Harding sees the matter differently, noting that the CCC's total funding for 1998-99, including the \$17,000 allocated for the move to its new office,

over their current guarantee.

The plan is opposed by many members of the Student Union Executive Cabinet, a group of leaders of SUB, the Hall Presidents Council and class offices, among others.

The Financial Management Board, which approves all budget allocations, was unable to reach a decision on the matter, voting 4-4 on the topic last week. It is unclear which way the Senate will vote on the amendment.

However, an alternate proposal has been drafted by the Senate Oversight committee which will likely be considered at tonight's meeting.

This proposal would decrease the guaranteed minimum and change the date for the allocations. This compromise will increase club funding and will enable experienced outgoing senators to review the budgeting process, instead of having new members make these complicated decisions so early in their terms.

Ultimately, however, even this compromise may leave some members of the Student Union unsatisfied.

"It's a very tough issue," said Senate Oversight committee chair Brian O'Donoghue. "No matter what we decide, someone will be unhappy."

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SENATE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CHAIR

is 38 percent of the Student Union budget. The increase would not be substantially more than that, he claims.

"It's a shift in the budget of less than one percent," he said. "It's very minimal."

Currently, clubs and organizations are guaranteed \$198,000 in funding, which is less than they received this year.

Under this proposal, they would be guaranteed \$226,000, a \$28,000 increase

Snite plans Kaeser photo exhibit

Special to The Observer

A collection of works by the American photographer Fritz

Kaeser, compiled by Stephen Moriarty, curator of photography at Notre Dame's Snite Museum of Art, has been published by the University of Notre Dame Press.

The collection, entitled "Fritz Kaeser: A Life in Photography," features 80 representative photographs drawn from a prolific and variegated artistic career which spanned more than a half century. The photographs will be on view in the Snite Museum during an exhibition from Jan. 15-

March 14.

Born in Greenville, Ill., Kaeser studied at the Universities of Illinois and Wisconsin and at the Art Institute of Chicago before opening a camera store and studio in Madison, Wis., in 1933. That same year he married Mildred Tangen, a dance student at the University of Wisconsin, who introduced him to the world of the performing arts and helped him develop a reputation as a photographer of dancers.

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Big Ten

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regionalize Notre Dame and it pointed to Northwestern University and the University of Chicago as counterexamples.

"The greatest potential liability of joining the CIC is the possible loss of our identity as an independent, national university," the report said. "Would joining the CIC identify us as a Midwest university? We do not believe so."

The report also addressed the concern that Notre Dame's religious history would be adversely impacted by Big Ten membership.

"The other major issue is whether membership in the CIC would affect the Catholic identity of Notre Dame. We do not see how it would in a direct way," the report said.

In other Faculty Senate news:

- The student affairs committee has chosen to formally oppose the two-year probation punishment given to the Women Resource Center group by the Office of Student Activities.

"We've been considering the WRC and we met with (administrators) Joe Cassidy, Ann Firsh and Sylvia Dillon," committee chair Ava Preacher told the sen-

ate. "It was an interesting discussion and on the basis of that and our discussion with the WRC's advisor Eileen Kolman and with WRC members, we are drafting a letter to Joe Cassidy asking him to rescind the probation."

The students may also appeal their probation but are unsure about the procedure, Preacher added. Procedural uncertainties are among the reasons causing the committee's action.

"On what was the probation based? ... It was not clear what their violation was," Preacher said.

Another, equally significant reason for the senate committee's request stems from their concern about the censorship-like qualities of the WRC's probationary status. Specifically, some committee members have taken exception to the language of Cassidy's probation order.

"The WRC may not possess or distribute material which directly promotes or is value-neutral on the issue of abortion," Cassidy's May letter ordered.

"Probation should not involve the kind of censorship that appears to be involved in the situation," said professor of philosophy Ed Manier.

- Professor of physics Ikaros Bigi updated the senate on his administrative affairs commit-

tee's unsuccessful attempts to look into circumstances of this summer's Joe Moore trial.

In a letter that Bigi labeled "arrogant," Father William Beauchamp declined an invitation to meet with the committee and discuss details of the University's handling of the trial. "We are unhappy with the reply," Bigi said.

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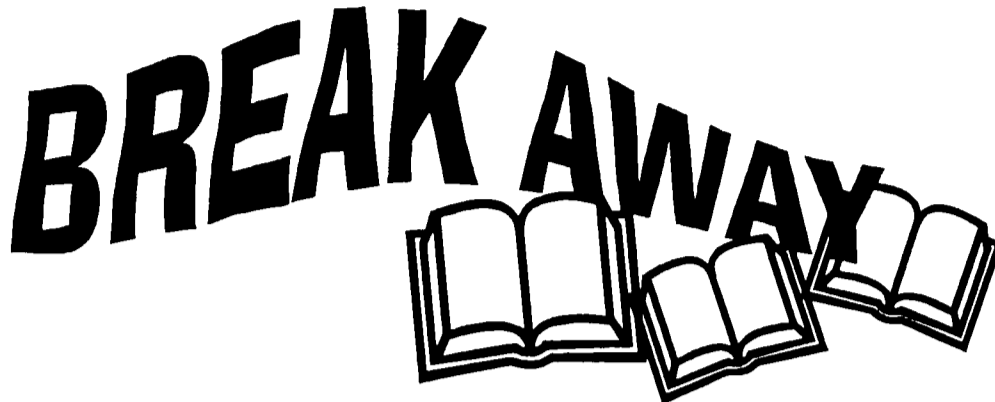
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"There's a responsibility by the university and the faculty member to be mentors to the T.A.," Graham said. "That's part of the educational experience."

There are currently 13 officially recognized unions of graduate

student employees at American universities, including the Universities of Michigan and Wisconsin. There are also movements to unionize in progress at a number of other schools, including the eight in the University of California system.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Swiss doctor found guilty

GENEVA
A Red Cross doctor was found guilty Tuesday in Switzerland of supervising the distribution of HIV-infected blood products to hemophiliacs and was given a one-year suspended prison sentence. A Geneva court ruled that Alfred Haessig, the 77-year-old former director of the Swiss central laboratory of the Red Cross, put people at risk through his actions in the 1980s, and said he had acted out of "pride and stubbornness." The case was brought after official complaints were made by eight infected Swiss hemophiliacs, four of whom have since died. District Attorney Bernard Bertossa said that as a scientist Haessig would have been aware starting in 1982 there was a risk blood products could transmit the AIDS virus.

Blackout hits San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO
A citywide blackout cut off power to nearly a million people today, halting trains, planes and cable cars, closing shops and offices and leaving pedestrians scrambling. The mess was blamed on a mistake by electrical workers. "Chaos, complete chaos," said Ricky Fairley, a security guard trying to bring order to a downtown street corner. Virtually the entire city and several suburbs to the south were blacked out, and neighborhoods were only gradually coming back on line this afternoon. The outage happened when a construction crew at a power substation in suburban San Mateo County made a mistake involving a temporary ground, said Gordon Smith, Pacific Gas & Electric president and chief executive officer. Other links in the grid shut down automatically to limit the damage, he said.

U.N. intensifies weapon hunt

BAGHDAD
U.N. inspection teams launched a series of surprise searches Tuesday for banned Iraqi weapons despite angry assertions from Baghdad that the searches amount to harassment. "We are undertaking a very intensive schedule," said Caroline Cross, the spokeswoman in Baghdad for the U.N. Special Commission, which oversees the inspections. "We have several teams in town. We need to test Iraq's pledge to comply." The official Iraqi News Agency said the inspectors — some using helicopters — made 32 surprise visits, the highest since they returned to Baghdad last month. Baghdad did not hide its anger as the weapons inspectors speeded up their probe. State-run newspapers quoted Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, currently on a visit to Moscow, as saying there was a limit to Iraq's compliance. Iraq has been cooperating with the U.N. inspectors for more than seven years but has yet to see an end to economic sanctions, Aziz was quoted as saying.



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White House counsel Gregory Craig testifies before the House Judiciary Committee during Tuesday's impeachment hearing.

Clinton defense team gives testimony

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WASHINGTON
President Clinton gained precious ground Tuesday in his struggle to avoid impeachment, winning support from one moderate Republican while a platoon of White House defenders argued his case before the House Judiciary Committee.

"As surely as we know that what he did was sinful, we also know it is not impeachable," White House lawyer Gregory Craig told a committee bristling with skeptical Republicans.

Other witnesses — including some who sat in judgment of Richard Nixon a quarter-century ago — argued that Clinton's conduct in the Monica Lewinsky affair was no Watergate, and thus not worthy of impeachment.

Ready by all accounts to muscle through at least one article of impeachment by week's end, GOP lawmakers bore in with questions relating to allegations that Clinton lied under oath about Ms. Lewinsky.

Rep. Howard Coble, (R-N.C.), noted that Clinton has testified he never touched Ms. Lewinsky in a sexual way, yet she testified to the contrary.

"Do you have any opinion ... as to

who's lying, because it seems inevitable one of those parties has lied?" Coble asked Craig, special counsel to the president.

"The president ... has testified about that kind of activity, and I accept his word about that," Craig said. He added that "It's an oath-on-oath, he says-she says situation."

Outside the committee room came the first indication that the White House campaign to build support among GOP moderates might be bearing fruit. Congressional sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Republican Rep. Amo Houghton of New York would announce on Wednesday he opposes impeachment and favors censure of the president.

Houghton is among the moderate Republicans whom the White House and Democrats hope can be persuaded to reject impeachment. The White House scripted its two-day presentation to the Judiciary Committee with that objective in mind.

Clinton's allies were hoping, particularly, that Houghton could show the way to others from New York, including Reps. Rick Lazio, Ben Gilman, Michael Forbes and Jack Quinn.

Under the direction of the commit-

tee's chairman, Rep. Henry Hyde, the Judiciary Committee's staff has begun drafting articles of impeachment accusing Clinton of perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power. Committee votes are expected beginning Friday.

The White House defense effort unfolded inside a hearing room that has had its share of history. Constitutional amendments are born inside the ornate chamber. And a quarter-century ago, the panel voted to impeach Nixon.

Nixon, the nation's 37th president, resigned before the full House could vote on whether to impeach him and order a trial in the Senate.

Clinton has vowed to resist rather than resign, and unlike Nixon at the end of Watergate, he retains strong political support in the public at large and among lawmakers of his own party.

Outside the crowded committee room, preparations already were under way for a historic vote on the House floor next week.

Several officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Rep. Ray LaHood, (R-Ill.), was the leading candidate to preside over the House during the debate.

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Space station moves to higher orbit

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HOUSTON
With the bulk of their construction work behind them, Endeavour's astronauts gave the new up-and-running space station a safe but shaky lift to a higher orbit on Tuesday.

The pilots fired the shuttle thrusters to climb to an altitude of about 248 miles, 5 1/2 miles higher than before. They'll soar even higher on Friday.

NASA wants to leave the international space station in as high an orbit as possible. Spacecraft gradually sink because of the naturally occurring drag of the atmosphere, and need to be boosted periodically. The seven-story, 35-ton station swung a foot back and forth in Endeavour's cargo bay, its solar wings flapping, as the shuttle moved higher and higher. The astronauts kept close watch on the quivering stack during the 20-minute ride.

"Nice job," Mission Control said. Shuttle commander

Robert Cabana replied that the boosting procedure "really worked slick."

After the previous night's 7 1/2-hour spacewalk to wire the Zarya and Unity station modules together, the astronauts took it easy Tuesday. It was their first break since rocketing into orbit last Friday.

Flight controllers took up the slack, monitoring all systems aboard the space station. Unity, the American-made side, came to life for the first time in orbit late Monday after spacewalkers hooked up 40 electrical connections.

The Unity connecting chamber was right around the freezing point when its heaters kicked on. The 36-foot cylinder should be warm enough by the time the six shuttle astronauts venture inside on Thursday, said NASA's lead flight director, Bob Castle. The astronauts will spruce up Unity and Zarya, and drop off clothes for the first permanent crew, due to arrive in early 2000.

Unity's fans and computers also were purring.

In Focus

A bi-weekly feature from The Observer News Department

Today RELIGIOUS VOCATION & EDUCATION

The Observer looks at the opportunities for women to fulfill their religious callings through vocation and lay ministry

Vocation office helps students explore faith interests

By RUTH SNELL
News Writer

Women in the United States are considering Catholic religious vocations at an older age, according to statistics from the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

"The trends are the same as for marriage. Women are getting married and making life decisions much later," said Sister Veronique Wiedower, general counselor for Life Development for the order.

Most women are now in at least their late 20s when they decide to make religious devotion their life's work, whereas women used to enter the convent directly out of high school. Wiedower characterized the recent trend as a "second career" move, much like a decision to change jobs later in life.

"For a long time, religious life wasn't a topic that was discussed much, but people are now looking for a deeper prayer life and how to be of service," Wiedower said.

The number of women considering religious life dropped sharply after Vatican II emphasized increased lay ministry and a stronger female role in the Catholic Church. Prior to the Church summit, only women in religious orders could really be involved in Church organization and programming.

According to Wiedower, interest in spirituality and religious life is constantly increasing, and some women have chosen to incorporate roles traditionally held by nuns into their daily lives as laypeople.

"Spirituality is much more visible in the media now.



The Church of Our Lady of Loretto on Saint Mary's campus is connected to the Holy Cross convents and the site of many of their services.

It's almost a marketable quantity and more in people's immediate environment," she said.

The process of entering or investigating religious life is long. Women usually contact diocesan vocational offices through a particular parish. Individual diocese then hold retreats for interested women at which differ-

ent orders are represented. Finally, specific orders provide more specialized retreats for those looking into their groups.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross hold "Come and See" events, during which interested women visit and work with sisters to understand their religious life more fully.

"[Usually, women] get to know us because they know someone in the congregation," Wiedower said. "We have the most success with people who know us personally. We have one candidate for this year and two interested for next year."

Women often contact Wiedower with an interest in religious life rather than a prerogative to actually pursue the vocation. In either case, the congregation is willing to provide information.

However they get their information, when women are seriously interested in religious vocation, Wiedower and other sisters help them make decisions. Prospective sisters begin with the discernment process.

"[The discernment process let's them] know more about themselves so they can see how they fit into religious life," Wiedower said.

The process involves reflecting on, praying about and discussing certain topics, especially relationships and service to the Church. "We work at getting to know [the women]," Wiedower said.

Currently, the Sisters of the Holy Cross have 685 members worldwide with most residing in the United States. Most sisters are between 50 and 90 years old. Women 20 through 29 years old comprise one of the larger groups in the order.

Student prepares to become a Holy Cross Sister

By LISA MAXBAUER
In-Focus Editor

When she was 10 years old she wanted to be a doctor.

Now, 24 year-old Jenny Lim is working in hospice ministry during her candidacy year towards becoming a Sister of the Holy Cross.

Lim never pictured herself becoming a nun. It was during her undergraduate experience at the University of Texas at Austin that she first "began to feel a real tug in me to develop my faith life," she said.

It was also at the University of Texas that she met her first Holy Cross Sister.

Lim is now involved in her second year of a religious vocation program that can take over eight years to complete.

"Every step is a step of discernment," Lim said. "I'm really trying to live in the present."

This year is focuses on living the vows of religious vocation: poverty, chastity and obedience. Lim is also attending one class on the Saint Mary's and Holy Cross campuses, in addition to her hospice ministry.

Lim feels her decision has been received positively by her family and peers. "My parents are really supportive," she said. "I'm an only child so that rules out some opportunities for them, but I'm pretty lucky to have parents who want me to be happy, in an ultimate way."

She is presently living among Sisters of the Holy Cross, a situation that she believes has been a very nurturing aspect of this phase of her journey. Lim feels it is invaluable to "be in a community of people who share your life and support you."

But Lim will admit that people are

curious about her decision.

"People always ask, 'How do you know?' she said. "I still struggle for the words, but giving your life to God is a mystery so it should be a struggle for words."

"Ultimately [a religious calling] is not something that can be scientifically explained," she continued. "At some level it's not real logical, yet the call to love God deeply is in the very heart of me."

Lim said some people try to point out what she will be giving up by becoming a nun. "I like to recognize what I'm gain-

ing from this lifestyle," Lim said.

"My own prayer, who I am, and my desire to love God passionately are really nurturing by my

time in the program so far," she said.

For Lim, her involvement in hospice symbolizes just one of the benefits. "It's really a radical experience for me. I'm doing things I never expected to," she said.

Lim describes working closely with dying people as a contemplative ministry. "I get more out of serving them than they do from my serving," she said, because she is able to witness the "resilience of the human spirit."

Lim suggests the portrayal of nuns in popular culture may distort people's understanding of her lifestyle and intensify their curiosity.

"People have an image of 'the Sister' that is antiquated," said Lim. She has realized many of these models are quite different from the lifestyle she aspires to lead.

Regardless of the image people might hold of the religious, Lim describes her choice of the religious vocation as

"counter-cultural."

"It's radical in the sense that it's not 'me' centered ... [but] for anyone to live out the gospels is counter-cultural," she said.

"We are all called to be faithful" and "I would hope we would all nurture that personal calling," she added.

Just as Lim does not feel condemned by her unique choice, she does not feel slighted by the sexual inequality in the Catholic Church.

"My own personal experience is that the Church could be more inclusive to live out the gospel message, but I don't feel I'm called to abandon the Catholic Church because it doesn't reflect that inclusiveness," Lim said.

Thinking about becoming a Sister has made Lim more aware of social justice issues that the Church addresses, however. "Instead it calls me to work in the Church to bring about justice."

Keith Egan, religious studies professor at Saint Mary's was pleased Lim could participate in his "Search for God" course this fall.

"She takes the future of her life very seriously ... and very modestly, but very seriously takes the words of Christ to heart," he said.

Egan calls Lim an inspiration to the rest of the students in the class: "No matter what any of us are going to become, it is an inspiration for [Lim] to join other women who work for the poor and disadvantaged."

Lim communicates one long-term goal as trying "to discover what my gifts are, and putting them to use to bring about more of the Kingdom."

When exploring her own future, she is not blind to what the future might hold

for the religious vocations for other women.

"I won't pretend that we'll have this big upsurge," Lim said.

Sister Veronique Wiedower, the general counselor for the Sisters of the Holy Cross, agreed with Lim. "Although the numbers of people are fewer, I really believe the quality of people we are getting remains high."

"Jesus never promised quantity, he only chose twelve apostles," Wiedower said. Lim thinks that it will continue to be a positive experience for those who enter the vocation and for all those their work touches. "I'll be around and the women who will be joining after me will be around," Lim said.



Photo courtesy by Jenny Lim

Religious vocation candidate Jenny Lim, is being blessed by Sisters of the Holy Cross at a service in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto.

Woman seeks inclusiveness in religious higher education

By ERICA THESING
News Writer

As the role of lay ministers continues to become more important within the Catholic Church, the need for lay men and women with professional credentials is becoming more significant, according to Father Mark Poorman, director of the Master of Divinity program at Notre Dame.



Poorman

"It's lay ministry that people are going to give their full-time energies to," he said. "We're in the business of offering some educational opportunities to provide credentials for their ministerial gifts."

But for some of the thirteen women in the program, who study alongside Holy Cross seminarians preparing for the priesthood, frustration is a common feeling.

Third-year student Dana Dillon, who is an assistant rector in Lewis Hall, noted that some of the women experience this frustration with their roles in the Church as they watch men receive the same degree, then go on to the priesthood.

"It is a big issue for me. I think it's a big issue for a lot of the women. It's an issue for some of the men as well," she said. "The women in the course see ourselves as very competent leaders. There is the question of 'Why not?' Why can't we choose to pursue [priesthood] if that's where we're called?"

While both Poorman and Dillon emphasized the variety of options available to women with this degree, including positions in parishes, archdioceses, youth ministry, campus ministry, hospital chaplaincy, teaching and direct service to the poor, Dillon noted that the differing roles for men and women within the Church raise theological questions about the equality of the genders.

The language of baptism calls for radical equality and declares everyone as an image of Christ, but in reality the Church teaches that women do not imagine Christ in the same way that men do, she said.

"I really think it's crucial for the Church to come to terms with how both women and men are in the image of God and image of Christ," Dillon said. "The Church articulates again and again that there are different roles for men and women. What does that mean in terms of salvation?"

Dillon emphasized that the Church must examine its position on women's roles.

"If the Church doesn't struggle with these issues, it risks becoming irrelevant in the lives of, certain, women," she said, explaining that a loss of women's support would create a domino effect on Church membership as women often set a spiritual example for their children.

Despite the aggravation that some women in the program experience, Dillon said that it is a worthwhile experience.

"There's some sadness, and also anger and frustration," she said. "But we've come this far in the degree program and there is a real love of the Church."

Poorman noted the importance of women's involvement with the program.

"They offer a great perspective on women's issues in the church," he said. "They offer a lot of the same qualities that both the lay men and seminarians do: A deep love of the Church, a strong desire to serve, a dedication to the gospel."

He emphasized that the talents women bring to the program are a necessary part of the Church's ministry.

"I think there's an increasing openness to accepting women's gifts, especially within lay ministry, as an important contribution to the Church," he said. "I think that trajectory is going to continue because so many of them are proving to be effective ministers of the Church."

The Notre Dame Master of Divinity program is a three-year program offering 24 full tuition scholarships to lay persons.

"[The program] combines the academic requirements of a master's in theology with some professional training," said Dillon. "They help you form your faith in addition to a ministerial identity."

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MASTERS OF DIVINITY STUDENT



The Observer/Beth Mayer

Sisters of the Holy Cross gather together to listen to music. This activity is among those Sister Roberts is trying to facilitate in the newly decorated convents.

Roberts anticipates her Golden Jubilee

Holy Cross Sister Agnes Anne celebrates 50 years of support to her community and the world

BY JESSICA DELGADO
News Writer

This summer Sister Agnes Anne Roberts will celebrate her Golden Jubilee praising her 50-year commitment to the community's standard of justice. After graduating from Saint Mary's, Roberts began a colorful journey through her faith. These adventures, now existing as photographs and souvenirs of past challenges, stand as constant reminders of the positive effects of her vocational life.



Roberts

One of Roberts' most memorable experiences occurred while in Haiti in April 1995. She and eight employees of Saint Alphonsus Medical Center traveled to the Caribbean destination on a six-day mission.

"The mission was part of Project Haiti, a program of Saint Alphonsus which provides desperately needed pharmaceuticals, equipment and medical care to the Haitian hospitals," explains Mission magazine, sponsored by the Holy Cross Health System.

It was during this time that Roberts poignantly witnessed human injustice through the marginalized people she was sent to aid.

Roberts and her team traveled to their sister pediatric hospital, "a 100-bed Hospice Pere Damien, and the affiliated orphanage, home to 400 children," reports Mission.

The tasks performed by the group included assisting in clinical care and medical record consulting, washing laundry and holding babies. "It all boils down to being properly nourished and unfortunately that is

something that they are not," explains Roberts.

The same compassion Roberts exhibited in devastated Haiti over that six day period, is mirrored in her daily responsibilities at the convent in South Bend. Possessing a degree in nutrition, Roberts is in charge of the dietary needs of all the sisters and employees in the congregation.

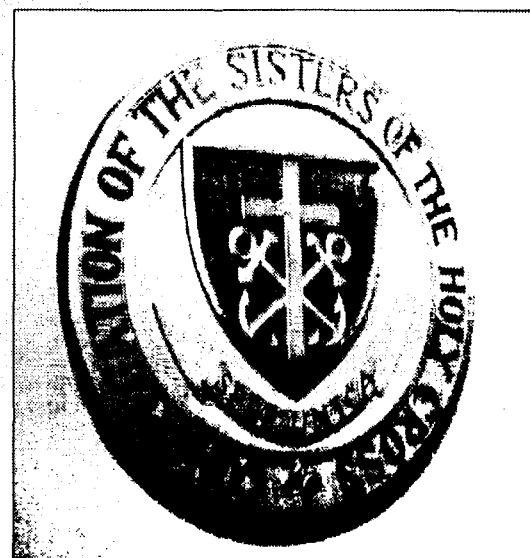
Roberts also channeled her energy into remodeling the living areas of the convent for her fellow Sisters. Her goal was to create a "homely" environment for these women who have taken vows of poverty.

"There is so much of God's beauty around us and when we renovated the convents I wanted to make sure the sisters had every chance possible to enjoy it," explains Roberts.

She diligently worked with the crew during the restructure of the halls utilizing her compassionate vision. Roberts anticipated the needs of her changing community and reflected her ideas in the updated designs.

She ensured that the numerous Sisters functioning in wheelchairs could continue to do the many activities the community offers by installing two more elevators and relocating the laundry chute to a more accessible area of the space. By connecting the halls of the buildings with indoor walkways she felt the extreme weather would no longer become a burden to many of her peers. Roberts also created and decorated more leisure rooms for the sisters to relax with their families.

Regardless of where Roberts is fulfilling the original mission of her congregation, it is apparent that she strives to ensure that everyone is comfortable.



Sisters of the Holy Cross

Membership profile

- 569 members in the U.S.
- 60 members in Bangladesh
- 21 members in Brazil
- 17 members in Uganda

Age distribution

- 36 Sisters between ages 20-29
- 98 Sisters between ages 50-59
- 165 Sisters between ages 70-79
- 1 Sister above 100

Ministry profile

- 200 volunteering for service and prayer
- 98 working in fields of education
 - 79 working in health care
 - 41 working in social work

Source: Sisters of the Holy Cross literature

Reception held to unveil new MIS lab

Observer Staff Report

Representatives from Andersen Consulting, Notre Dame faculty and the student body gathered for a reception to celebrate the unveiling of a computer lab in the lower level of the College of Business Administration for students majoring in Management Information Systems.

Notre Dame alumni at Andersen Consulting gave the University a \$160,000 gift in January for the development and ongoing operation of the lab.

The lab, which will open second semester, will consist of a stand-alone network of 20 computers with a dedicated server. The lab will give MIS majors the computer support necessary to

develop software applications and to test hardware and software configurations in a manner not currently possible on the University network.

Students will be able to gain experience managing client/server networks, using groupware products such as Lotus Notes, accessing a Webserver and secure intranets, and working with alternative network operating systems and server platforms.

The lab will also be used by other students and faculty in COBA who have special computing needs, such as in database marketing, and to conduct behavioral research experiments, including the study of human-computer interface and group decision making.

Army ROTC aim to help homeless

By CHRISTINE KRALY
News Writer

Cadets in the Army ROTC program at Notre Dame are taking part in a different kind of march: They are participating in the Million Penny March, an endeavor aimed at making the public aware of the homeless problem in the U.S. and, more specifically, in the South Bend area.

"The Million Penny March is the first of many planned activities that will underscore our commitment to this cause," said Sgt. Rufus Jackson, who initiated the program.

The fundraising program, which has been running since Nov. 7 until Dec. 14, is structured around the collection of pennies in large canisters placed all around campus. Canisters were placed in all the dorms, LaFortune, DeBartolo and Alumni-Senior Club, as well as at Saint Mary's.

"In collecting a million pennies, we will not only saturate the public with our canisters, it will also remove a million pennies out of circulation for a few days," said Jackson,

who said the absence of the pennies in circulation will help make people aware of how crucial money is and how dire the homeless situation has become.

The idea for the fundraiser arose when Jackson and some of his cadets were visiting the Homeless Shelter and the YWCA Women's Abuse center. The group was delivering candy and balloons when they were hit with the severe reality of the homeless problem. Jackson noticed a family standing in the rain and the look of despair on their faces.

"I was a drill sergeant for two and a half years and I have seen my share of misery and despair, mostly caused by me," said Jackson. "So when I make the statement, that the expression on the [homeless] mother's face surpassed what we consider to be a look of hopelessness, I say it with all the authority the title of drill sergeant conjures."

"In response to these events, we will enact a three-tiered plan - Public Awareness, Personal Involvement and Charity Contribution," said Jackson.

One of Jackson's main goals

in collecting the pennies for charity is to "make people aware that there are homeless people out there."

"America is just not aware of the homeless situation," he said.

Jackson, who tries to organize two volunteer activities a year, said that other events are being considered, such as visits to senior citizens' homes as well as a center for mentally incapacitated people.

"We feel that while understanding and compassion are admirable traits," said Jackson, "time and money is what is needed most and while a million pennies is not the answer, it is a step forward."

Jackson hopes his cadets will learn from the volunteer events. He feels that they will "teach them what humility means."

"Being soldiers and cadets in the United States Army means we took an oath to defend this country against all enemies," said Jackson. "Homelessness and abuse are great enemies of the states and we in Army ROTC have drawn a line in the desert and we attack at dawn."

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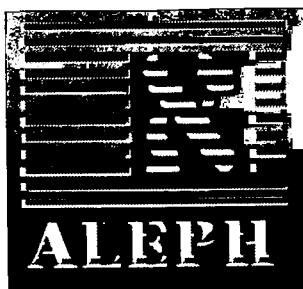
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Federal judge overturns ban on late-term abortions

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J.

A federal judge today overturned a New Jersey law banning a controversial late-term abortion procedure.

U.S. District Judge Anne Thompson declared the law unconstitutional because its wording was too vague and it placed "an undue burden on a woman's constitutional right to obtain an abortion."

Thompson said the law threatened both patients and providers with "irreparable injury" because women might be denied access to "the most conventional and safest abortion procedures" and because providers might be subject to

"license revocation and heavy fines for performing constitutionally permissible abortions."

Thompson's ruling resulted from a four-day civil trial, which ended in early October.

Throughout the trial — heard by Thompson without a jury — lawyers argued over the wording of the ban.

Lawyers for abortion rights advocates maintained the law's language was so sweeping and vague that it described all abortions. They saw it as a thinly veiled attempt to ban common abortions.

The lawyer for New Jersey legislators, who passed the ban in 1997, argued the law applied only to a specific late-

term abortion procedure, known as "intact dilation and extraction," or D&X.

In that procedure, which opponents dubbed "partial-birth abortion," the doctor pulls the fetus -- feet first -- partway through the birth canal and punctures the skull with a sharp instrument so the head can pass through the cervix.

The stage for the trial was set in June 1997, when state lawmakers passed a bill banning "an abortion in which the person performing the abortion partially vaginally delivers a living fetus before killing the fetus and completing the delivery."

The wording sent abortion

rights advocates reeling. They interpreted the bill to ban any abortions in which the fetus starts out living, passes through the vagina and dies.

The bill, which does not mention "intact dilation and extraction," did make room for one exception. It allowed the procedure only if the woman's life was at risk.

But Gov. Christie Whitman had wanted to allow the procedure if the woman's health was at risk — a provision abortion opponents said would render the ban useless.

Whitman vetoed the measure, and in December 1997 the Legislature overrode the veto.

The law was then challenged in federal court by Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey, which provides 900 abortions annually, and three doctors who perform abortions.

Soon after, Judge Thompson allowed a temporary restraining order blocking the ban's enforcement until she reached a decision.

Whitman decided her administration would not defend a law she had opposed. That forced the Legislature to hire its own

attorney.

Lawmakers retained Richard F. Collier, a Somerset County attorney, known for representing abortion opponents.

During the trial, Collier argued if a fetus dies while at least partially in the birth canal, then it is no longer an abortion, it is "infanticide."

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■ LIKE ARROWS IN THE HAND OF A WARRIOR

Not for Sale

We, young people, are idealists. We believe in things like justice, ethics and moral values. When we mention them, made indignant by people's attitude,

Gabriel Martínez

weary-eyed cynics answer: "you can't change the world." That is the cowardly excuse of those not willing to fight for change. Yet young people also have their feet on the ground. We want space to grow as human beings: we look for opportunities to work honestly. We want to be generous with our children and the children they will have, who will live far away in the middle of the next century. We want to feed their bodies with good food, their minds with a good education and their souls with virtues and with truth.

With that in mind, we want to participate in the life of our country. We want to be one of those giving employment, one of those who will work productively, and one of those who will serve in public office. We want a job in accordance with our human dignity in honest businesses. We want to be one of those politicians who will help build that tomorrow about which so much is said and so little is done. We want to do it ourselves: we do not want the alms of papa state. But when we see the child beg for a coin, when we see the father, desperate for lack of a job, when we see the mother who alone fights the good fight against the world, we ask: What did the candidate do, for whom our parents voted five, 10, 15 years ago? What are our elders doing?

And, on the other hand, what are the clean old people doing, those who do not

sell their principles? They did the same thing most young people do: they refused to participate so not to be tainted. Things being what they are, only those who sell themselves will participate when the time comes. But the young of the world, the great majority of the young, are not for sale. The injustices that are everybody's fault and those that are each individual's fault make the young people (the truly young, not weary-eyed cynics of few years) indignant with their voices and their ideas.

In addition, I call the truly young to be indignant with their actions. I call them to refuse to be silenced, to refuse to stay still, to participate. For the truly young are not for sale, and will not be tainted if they go armed with Truth and Virtue. And these weapons will fight side by side with Justice and Charity, even if the cynics say, thinking they insult us, "idealist!"

Some of the young will respond. Some would rather applaud than boo. Some would rather laugh with Christ than at Him. When they frown in indignation, the best of them respond by kneeling and praying: "Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners ..."

Everlasting Truth cannot be silenced, even by those worst forms of censure that are the watering-down of Truth and apathetic peer-pressure. I have seen people

who are not content with a bloodless Christianity, who know that Catholicism is more than stained-glass and candles. The truly young are the children of God and Mary who will eat their vegetables and the dessert; the young do not pick and choose their beliefs. The young are the light of the world and the salt of the earth, for they are left empty by

a religion of politeness offered by heretics with professorial appointments.

For the young believe in something greater than themselves, not in something they fashioned after their own image.

The fearless knight, who did not waver before the dragon, he recognized the relationship between them. So do they, fearful and frail human beings, kneel before the Prophet, King and Priest forever, who concealed His divinity on the Manger and who conceals even His humanity in the Monstrance. Like the knight, they surrender their weapons to their Lord — liberty, memory, understanding and will — and from their Lord they receive their knighthood. Clad in the armor of God, girt with truth, dressed in justice, shod with eagerness for the gospel of peace, holding faith as a shield and the Word of God as the sword of the

Spirit, and covered with the helmet of salvation, they quench the arrows of the evil one and stand firm on the day of dark. (Thanks, St. Ignatius and St. Paul.)

The young are like the Simon the Cyrenian, who understand what the uncharitable voices of half-Truth and worldly compromise do not: that with our suffering we can share in the suffering of Christ and in the redemption of humankind. They are like the Psalmist, singing: "the law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul" and crying: "Have mercy on me, God, in your goodness ... against you I have sinned, I have done such evil in your sight." They are like the father of the boy with a demon: "I believe, I believe, help my unbelief!" And in them I see a young girl, kind and gentle, seeking the Truth and sharing it, who said: "I am the handmaid of the Lord," and "Do whatever He tells you."

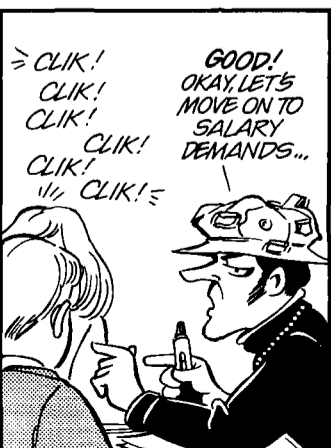
This small band of inconvenient zealots is not for sale, and they will succeed. Whether the administration and the faculty will follow them is another matter altogether. Will they enter into the exciting romance of orthodoxy, or will they stay content with their stale formula? I hear the latest theological or moral atrocity committed by the distinguished and learned faculty (and this I say without sarcasm, for they are learned in the matters of this world and in it they have acquired great fame), and I cry with indignation to my Mother on the Dome. I sense that the administration prefers fame and fortune to Truth boldly proclaimed and Holiness shamelessly lived, and I wonder if gaining the world is worth losing this University's soul. I see the vitality of the Catholic students, and then I know why I came to Notre Dame. I came to meet the young.

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■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'I don't even know what Istreet Canada is on.'

— Al Capone

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■ CAPITOL COMMENTS

Rejoicing at the Congressional Session's End

While walking my dog, Potamus, around the U.S. Capitol grounds, I encountered two angels listening to Daniel Webster debate current events. The first angel, a Republican, quietly lamented the fact that the House Judiciary Committee voted on party lines to expand its impeachment inquiry to include allegations of campaign financing

Gary Caruso



abuses. The other angel, a Democrat, preferred to daydream about being named the patron saint of beer and wine while deferring the political discussion to the eloquent Webster.

Webster uncharacteristically sided with Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz who, while testifying before the committee, scolded the Republican majority for trivializing the judicial system. Dershowitz accused Republicans of ignoring the special provisions of the Constitution that prevent a sitting president from criminal prosecution during his presidency, only holding him accountable for treason, bribery, high crimes and misdemeanors. Dershowitz charged, "This committee is only concerned with Democratic perjury."

"I cannot fathom," bellowed Webster, "that those blinded by partisan politics choose to ignore the constitutional standard the forefathers specified in no uncertain terms. The framers of our nation would not subscribe to the notions espoused in committee that behavior, in fact, even crimes less than substantial, rise to the constitutional standard of impeachment."

The Republican angel sat motionless during Webster's speech, then thought aloud, "Republican committee members such as Georgia's Bob Barr must cease their divisive rhetorical phrases like 'real Americans,' or Florida's Bob McCollum saying 'those who look at this in a reasonable way.' By expanding their probe into campaign financing, I fear that their fruits will be the appearance of more partisanship and less regard for the 'real' and 'reasonable' view of the American public."

I was about to instigate Webster into another tirade by asking him his opinion of Rep. Barr, when Potamus began chasing a stray poodle. Potamus, being half Labrador and half Pit Bull, easily overpowered the poodle while playing one of their doggy games. However, the poodle's owner took exception to their antics. He was the dreaded Independent Counsel Kenneth W. Starr.

As I hurried to leash Potamus, the Democratic angel, oblivious to Starr's identity, glided over to us. "Excuse me sir," said the angel to Starr. "You appear

to be a person of high intelligence and integrity. Could you help me with a legalistic problem? I would like to be named the patron saint of beer and wine, but with college binge drinking, MADD Mothers and the sort, I need to change the wording so that I can soften the title. Sort of mislead but not lie. What would you suggest?"

Starr stood quietly for a second then replied, "It could be called the 'Patron Saint of Beverages and Altar Accruelements' which is technically correct but also masks the harshness of the truth as seen by others. While I personally always seek the truth, I consider masked truth to be true if I do, in deed, know that it is masked. Definitions are important in law."

Daniel Webster, ripe for another lengthy debate, continued with Starr's thought by saying, "Definitions are more than important in law, sir. They are the law. George Mason and Alexander Hamilton impeccably defined impeachable offenses. Until this so-called 'judicial' committee operates with some semblance of bipartisanship, their appearance will remain repulsive to the American public. Until the so-called 'evidence' submitted rises to the level of impeachment, the Republican majority does more harm to our government than any imagined foreign army."

The Republican angel shook his head and mumbled that it was not going to be a good week, so he was going to avoid further political discussions. As he glided into the clouds, the Democratic angel rubbed his wings in delight at the possibility of becoming the patron saint of his newly-defined "concoctions and

hodge-podge." He never really had an interest in the impeachment process or politics, and was not going to begin now. Daniel Webster and I watched as Ken Starr did not clean up after his dog nor walk with a leash. Starr and his poodle strolled along the sidewalk toward the House chamber, eventually fading into the night. Webster stood speechless, turned to me and remained speechless. It was a moment for the ages.

Potamus and I continued down the hill toward the reflecting pool. He was oblivious of his surroundings except for the majestic trees ahead. I could only think of how tired I too, a political junky, was of the impeachment fiasco being conducted across the street. Just as Nixon's 1974 had faded quickly into history, I yearned for the day when the stake would have long been driven into the heart of the current congressional session known as the partisanship of 1998.

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■ THE PROGRESSIVE STUDENT ALLIANCE

The Progressive Student Alliance Wishes You A Happy Holiday Season

Merry Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza and Solstice! You may or may not know us, but we are out here. Were you at our non-discrimination rally on the Fieldhouse Mall? You could have met a few of us while we were petitioning in the dining halls or in LaFortune. Did we see you at the Donahue speak-out? Maybe you have admired some of our posters and chalk

art on various occasions. Maybe not. In this season of goodwill the Progressive Student Alliance would like to extend our best wishes to all of you and to let you that we are not as strange as some

of you might suppose. Some of our hobbies are painting, surfing, watching football, playing with computers, judo and throat-singing. We are not a bunch of liberal tree-hugging hippie clones whose sole mission in life is to force our beliefs on others, nor are we a left-wing guerrilla group waiting until the time is right to begin a violent revolution and take the dome by force. We may be more likely to hug a tree than your average "Domer" though. Actually, you will find that we are very open-minded. This may come as a surprise to some, but we value diversity as a tool toward advancement, being that we are the Progressive Student Alliance. Differing opinions are the key to change, and respectful dialogue is the means toward positive change. Within our group, members are free to express their own opinions at all times, and they do. We do disagree on some issues, but that enriches our group. The one thing that we all seem to have in common is our desire for justice. Deep down in our guts we all feel that frustrating insatiable need to change the world for the better. Is this a bad quality? We think not. This is reflected in our holiday wish list. Well, sort of:

— Sophie wishes that the world would be a safe place for people.

— Megan's Christmas wish is for other students here (some of the most privileged people in the world) to fight against apathy and ignorance, and

reaffirm the right to a life of dignity for every human being.

— Dave, a.k.a. "FD," wishes that he would make it onto the Right Reason "Enemies of the State" list.

— Elizabeth and Jodie wish for "Bookstore Phil" to have a very splendid holiday season.

— Krista wishes that ND would give the CSC some new vans and that the PSA would find round-trip tickets to London under their trees (or whatever they have) this holiday season.

— Paul wishes for peace, justice

and non-addictive Mountain Dew.

— Julie wishes for a sweat-free campus through an improved licensing code of conduct.

— Madolyn wishes that she knew what the "Brown Sauce" in the North Dining Hall was, and for goodwill toward all men and women, of course.

— Aaron wishes not to be attacked in writing quite so much.

— We all wish that sexual orientation would be added to ND's non-discrimination clause.

These are just the wishes of a few of our members, maybe you have a wish to add. We would love to meet you. We are friendly (for the most part), and we have fun action-packed meetings every Monday at 7 p.m. in 114 O'Shaughnessy. Come on in, pull up a chair, stay awhile and get to know us.

Regardless of political affiliations, or lack thereof, all of us in the PSA would like to wish a happy holiday season filled with peace and love to everyone. We hope that you will join us by doing the same.

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Krista Shoening

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Big Ten in, Leprechaun out?

I just thought that I would add my two cents worth to the whole Big Ten debate. I am almost sure that no one has thought about this, but just how welcome would be little leprechaun at Big Ten schools? The reason why I ask is because back when I was at the University of Iowa in the early '90s there was serious debate as to if the university would continue to allow mascots based on ethnicity or race attend Iowa home games. The University administration was so adamant about this that one administrator was quoted in the school paper as saying that of course this new ban would apply to Purdue's mascot Boilermaker Pete. Now the last time I checked, Boilermakers were not an ethic group, but I guess one should

never doubt the wisdom of the administration. They are the ones after all who have to sign off on our diplomas. Now that being the case, and the fact that my diploma for Iowa is safely tucked away, I do not think I would want to play at a school that bans our little leprechaun, no matter how simian he may look. Maybe the Observer should do a little investigative reporting to find out just how welcome our leprechaun would be at all eleven schools of the BIG TEN.

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christmas album reviews

Tis the season to dig out all your Christmas tunes and do the whole mistletoe and holy thing. Now if you're like me you've relied on your mom's 8-tracks and reel-to-reel recordings of those Christmas songs to get your jollies. But, now that you're away from home and wanting to deck the halls and turn your room into your own personal winter wonderland, you're going need to buy some Christmas albums. Since I doubt any of you are able to make the kind of commitment it takes to buy the Hanson Christmas album, I will advise you on some classic albums to invest in so you don't have a blue Christmas.

Now I am not taking away from any artist that has had the intestinal fortitude to try and sell a song that countless others have sung before them, but I wanted to limit my selection to four greats of caroling - Bing Crosby, Johnny Mathis, Nat King Cole and of course, old blue eyes, Frank Sinatra. I will be discussing one album of each singer in order of my preference from least to most.



Bing Crosby
White Christmas

One of the most popular Christmas albums of all time is good ole *White Christmas* by Bing Crosby. Now quite frankly, the music on the album isn't really that good, even with the presence of the Andrews Sisters. Some of the tracks are only appealing because of Crosby's voice, which oftentimes reminds me of my grandfather on Christmas after he has dipped his cup in the eggnog one too many times.

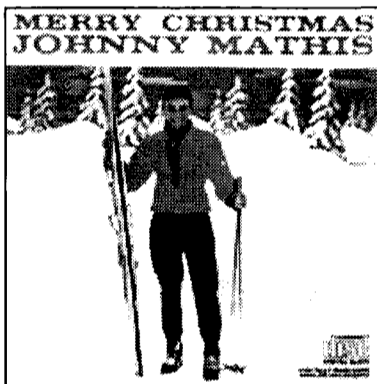
Crosby isn't one of the most cheery sounding fellas, but his voice does have great nostalgic appeal; it brings a kid of the high-priced Christmas era back to a simpler time when you might actually ride in a one-horse open sleigh. You also can't go wrong with classic Christmas tracks like "Christmas in Killarney" (Go IRISH) and "Mele Kalikimaka."

Next on my list is the

album *Merry Christmas* by Johnny Mathis. If you don't know who that is, he is the old guy caroling in one of those GAP ads. In comparison to Crosby, Mr. Mathis is high on what ever it was that made the midnight clear, getting more into the Christmas spirit by each song.

With the music backing of Percy Faith and His Orchestra, the music is considerably better than that of the Crosby album. Mr. Mathis has a very smooth voice that brings back memories of sitting around the fireplace and relaxing as snowflakes gently fall outside. It is that peaceful quality of the album that makes it such an endearing album.

Deciding between the last two artists, Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra, was rather difficult. I



Johnny Mathis
Merry Christmas

decided that each of these is a must for stocking stuffers. Nat King Cole's *The Christmas Song* is most well known for the titled song that he made famous, but that almost everyone else has tried to sing, without success.

Cole also has a nice combination of cheeriness and warmth in his voice that is very inviting to listeners. Also on the album is one of the only English and Latin versions of "Adeste Fideles" that smoothly combines both versions. Who else could sing "O Tannenbaum," a song written in the joyous language of German, and make it sounds cheery?

Last, but certainly not least is good old Frank Sinatra who doesn't seem to get the kind of attention he deserves on the radio during Christmas. In fact, when you go into most music stores you don't even see his album *A*



Nat King Cole
The Christmas Song



Frank Sinatra
A Jolly Christmas

Jolly Christmas from Frank Sinatra. Most of you probably have only heard it when your parents decide to dust it off with their other Christmas LPs. The album is very high spirited and the music is quite good.

The first track, "Jingle Bells," is much more swinging than other versions that you might have heard. The highlight of the album however has to be the "Christmas Waltz," which happens to be one of my favorite carols. The music on Mr. Sinatra's album has to be the best of the bunch. In addition, Neil Diamond also is a great Christmas song singer that you might want to check out.

If you do decide to buy one of these albums, most are inexpensive and can be found at most music stores. If you don't know where to find them, just look in the large displays set up for the shopping seasons right next to Wham's

"Last Christmas." Also for the busy shopper, you can check them out and preview some on your favorite on-line music site. They can even send it out before Christmas is over.

James Schuyler



Photo courtesy of Mammoth Records

Squirrel Nut Zippers Christmas Caravan Mammoth Records

★★★★ (out of five)

Ah, it's almost that time of year again. That time when the entire family gets together to celebrate the Christmas season. Now what would Christmas day be without some Christmas music?

I still have nightmares of many a Christmas morning when my mom would blare the seasonal works of musical stars such as Barry Manilow, Neil Diamond and Kenny G. Now, the kids are fighting back. The Squirrel Nut Zippers have just released an all-Christmas album entitled *Christmas Caravan*.

I will be honest- when I was handed this CD a couple of days ago, I didn't think any modern band, much less the Squirrel Nut Zippers, could pull off an entire album filled with Christmas tunes. However, I was pleasantly surprised with the work on this disc. The album is very well put together with smart songwriting and some nice musical moments.

Out of the 10 songs included on *Christmas Caravan*, eight of them are Squirrel Nut Zippers' originals, proving that the musicians of today can contribute cheer to the holiday season. The opening track, "Winter Weather," expresses the band's unconditional love for the snow that comes with the holidays, while "A Johnny Ace Christmas" talks of a man who enjoys the anticipation of Christmas Day even more than the actual event. The strongest track on the collection is the hilarious "Indian Giver." The song, anchored by a strong electric guitar riff, tells the story of a boy that wants back all the presents he gave to other people for Christmas. "Well, I've got a friend/Who lives across town/Every year when Christmas rolls around/He gives me my Christmas present in a paper sack/Two hours later he wants it back."

A nice treat on this effort is the various musical textures and colors of the laid-back lounge band. "Carolina Christmas" is dazzled with bluegrass rhythms and "My Evergreen" is filled with jazzy piano. Although the closing track, "Hanging Up My Stockings," contains too many

repetitive horn licks, and the slow "Gift of the Magi" drags on for what seems like an eternity, the horn arrangement on the Christmas classic "Sleigh Ride" makes up for some of the album's mishaps. I am not a fan of the Squirrel Nut Zippers.

I am not a fan of the swing/lounge style they have. But I am a huge fan of *Christmas Caravan*. The recording industry needs more of these albums that present light-hearted celebrations of the season. Hopefully, other artists will follow the example of Squirrel Nut Zippers and record Christmas albums next year.

How great would it be to have Tupac release "Christmas Before I Was Dead" or Marilyn Manson create an album called "Christmas With Satan"?

Geoff Rahie

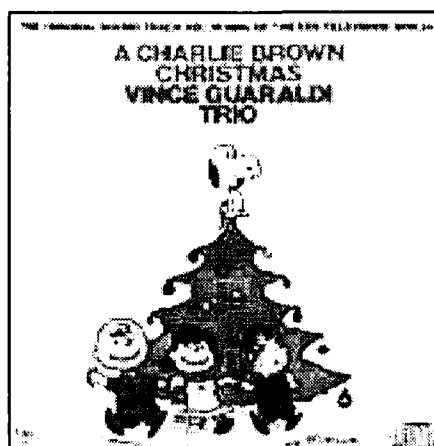
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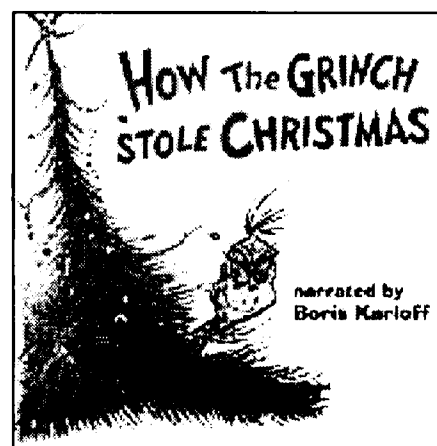
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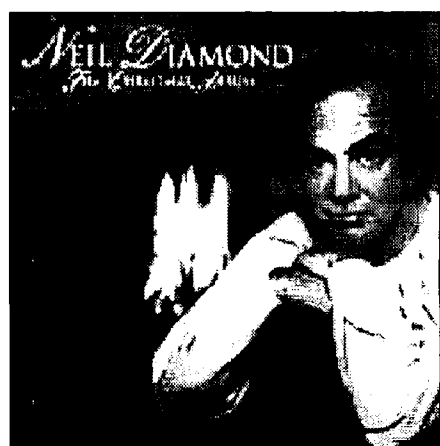
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Philadelphia, New Jersey finish game in deadlock

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA 5, NEW JERSEY 5

Rod Brind'Amour scored the tying goal with 3:45 remaining in the third period Tuesday night to give the Philadelphia Flyers a 5-5 tie with the New Jersey Devils.

The Brind'Amour goal capped a two-goal, third-period rally that wiped out a 5-3 Devils lead. Eric Lindros scored his second power-play goal of the game at 13:09 to set the stage for Brind'Amour's tying tally.

Jody Hull and Danius Zubrus also scored for the Flyers, who salvaged a point in the opener of the home-and-home series. The teams meet again Thursday night in Philadelphia.

Bobby Holik, Jason Arnott, Dave Andreychuk, Patrik Elias and Brian Rolston scored for New Jersey, which extended its unbeaten streak to five (3-0-2). The Devils are also unbeaten in their last eight games on home ice (5-0-3).

On the tying goal, Chris Gratton fired a shot from the right circle that hit Martin Brodeur's stick and popped in the air. Brind'Amour batted the puck into the cage to close out the scoring in the seesaw contest.

The Devils dominated at the start before the goals by Lindros and Hull in a span of 55 seconds shifted the tide in favor of the Flyers.

Lindros converted a perfect pass from John LeClair for the opening goal at 11:11. Hull also beat Brodeur from the slot as the Flyers went ahead 2-0.

Good hustle by Krzysztof Oliwa set up goal by Holik that trimmed the Flyers' lead to 2-1 with 3:24 remaining in the period.

New Jersey got second-period goals from Arnott, Andreychuk and Elias to take a 4-3 lead.

Arnott pulled the Devils even at 2-2 with a power-play tally at 2:01.

Zubrus took a feed from Mike Sillinger in center ice and carried the puck to the right circle before rifling a shot past Brodeur at 8:37 to put Philadelphia back in front 3-2.

Andreychuk countered at 13:33 on a goal that started with a dump-in by Brendan Morrison. The puck bounced off the corner boards and Flyers goalie John Vanbiesbrouck tried to steer it out of danger. He wound up tipping it right to Andreychuk.

Elias gave New Jersey its first lead of the game at 16:42, scoring off a centering pass from Sykora.

Ron Hextall replaced Vanbiesbrouck to start the third period and gave up the goal to Rolston at 12:06 that gave New Jersey a seemingly secure 5-3 lead.

Defenseman Ken Daneyko appeared in his 935th game, breaking the Devils' club record held by John MacLean.

Devils captain Scott Stevens missed the game with the flu.

RED WINGS 3, BLACKHAWKS 2

Steve Yzerman had two assists to lead the Detroit Red Wings to a 3-2 victory over Chicago in a wide-open game Tuesday night, snapping the Blackhawks' three-game winning streak.

Nicklas Lidstrom, rookie Stacy Roest and Brendan Shanahan scored for Detroit. Rookie Mike Maneluk and Eric Daze scored for Chicago.

The game was just 27 seconds old when Lidstrom - on a crisp pass from Yzerman -

snapped a shot from the left circle past Chicago goal Mark Fitzpatrick for his fourth goal.

Maneluk, standing in front of Detroit goalie Chris Osgood, tied it with his fourth goal at 4:11, tipping in a pass from Doug Gilmour. Osgood was making his second start since missing six games with a hip flexor injury.

Detroit regained the lead when Roest swooped in on the right side at 7:52 and flipped the rebound of Martin Lapointe's shot over a sprawling Fitzpatrick for his second NHL goal.

Despite being outshot, the Red Wings took a 3-1 lead on Shanahan's 14th goal with 2:21 left in the second period. Yzerman set it up, stealing the puck from Doug Zmolek in the left corner and feeding it to Shanahan streaking in from the left circle.

Ethan Moreau appeared to score for Chicago with 17.6 seconds remaining in the second, but it was waved off when replays showed the puck hadn't completely crossed the line before Osgood gloved it.

Daze, on a lead pass from Chris Chelios, beat Osgood low on the glove side with 6:10 left in the third period.

Fitzpatrick was pulled for an extra attacker with 55 seconds remaining, but the Blackhawks never got another shot on goal.

AVALANCHE 2, ISLANDERS 1

Peter Forsberg scored the winning goal while falling on his back and Patrick Roy stopped 31 shots as the Colorado Avalanche beat the New York Islanders 2-1 Tuesday night.

Forsberg's goal came at 5:51 of the third period, his eighth of the season. Chasing after a

loose puck with New York defenseman Rich Pilon, both skaters were slowed by goalie Tommy Salo, who came 20 feet out of his net to play the puck. Salo missed the puck and Forsberg managed to sweep a backhand into the vacated net as he was falling down.

Roy saved the game with a left pad kick save on Trevor Linden with 12 seconds left in regulation. The Islanders (10-17-0) are the only team in the NHL to not have played an overtime game this season.

Cam Russell also scored for the Avalanche, which won their fourth straight game and eighth straight over the Islanders. The last time New York won, on Feb. 27, 1994, the franchise was based in Quebec City and known as the Nordiques.

Mariusz Czerkawski scored the lone goal for the Islanders, who have lost six straight games and nine of their last 11. Salo stopped 20 shots.

Russell scored the only goal of the first period at 7:35. His slap shot from the blue line hit off an Islander defenseman and Salo before it went in. It was Russell's first goal this season.

Trevor Linden had the Islanders' best scoring chance of the period, but his one-timer from the slot hit the left post at 9:00.

An apparent goal by Forsberg at 5:52 was found to have passed through a hole in the net.

Czerkawski tied the game at 14:21 when he tipped in Smolinski's slap shot from the outer right circle.

SENATORS 4, LIGHTNING 2

Shawn McEachern had two goals and an assist Tuesday night as Ottawa beat Tampa Bay 4-2.

Alexei Yashin added a goal

and two assists. The center has eight goals and 17 points in his past 14 games.

The Senators (13-8-3) outshot Tampa Bay 44-19 in going five games over .500 for just the fourth time in team history. Ottawa is 11-3-3 in its last 17 road games.

Benoit Hogue and Vincent Lecavalier had the Tampa Bay goals. Hogue's first-period goal snapped a 27-game, goal-scoring drought.

The Lightning have lost 11 of 12, getting outscored 60-22. Tampa Bay has also dropped six straight at home.

McEachern and Yashin scored 3:30 apart midway through the first period.

After stealing the puck along the right wing boards, Yashin skated toward the net and sent a pass through the crease to McEachern, who made it 1-0 at 11:26.

Yashin scored on a backhand during a goal-mouth scramble at 14:56.

The Lightning got within 2-1 at 16:38 on Hogue's power-play goal.

McEachern countered as he completed his second two-goal game of the season at 8:38 of the second period.

Lecavalier, the first overall pick in this year's draft, scored his fourth goal of the season and first in 13 games to make it 3-2 at 4:23 of the third period. Wendel Clark assisted on Lecavalier's goal, extending his point streak to five games (4 goals, 1 assist).

The Senators regained the two-goal advantage when Andreas Dackell scored at 11:33.

Ottawa defenseman Janne Laukkanen made his first appearance this season following off-season abdominal muscle surgery and a groin injury.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Iowa upsets Kansas

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. Kent McCausland hit two 3-pointers in the final 1:40 and Iowa ended the nation's longest homecourt winning streak at 62 games by beating No. 10 Kansas 85-81 Tuesday night.

Iowa (6-1) fought back from an 18-point, second-half deficit behind McCausland, who hit four of his five 3-pointers in the second half.

Kansas' streak, while a school record, wasn't among the top dozen runs in college basketball history. Kentucky set the record of 129 between 1943 and 1955.

Eric Chenowith hit a turnaround shot with 1:48 left to give Kansas (5-2) a 76-74 lead. McCausland hit a 3-pointer and Joey Range followed with a steal and jumper to put Iowa ahead for good, 79-76. Ryan Robertson's 3-pointer with 16.6 seconds left cut Iowa's lead to

83-81, but the Hawkeyes broke Kansas' press for an uncontested layup by Ryan Luehrsmann with 8.4 seconds remaining.

The Jayhawks shot just 11-for-23 from the line and were outrebounded 41-33, while Iowa survived a season-high 31 turnovers — double its average — and 18 steals.

A 12-2 run, including three straight baskets by Nick Bradford, gave Kansas a 59-41 lead with 12:50 remaining. But the Jayhawks managed just two field goals in the next seven minutes, and Iowa went up 70-69 on Jacob Jaacks' two free throws with 5:14 left.

Free-throw shooting helped keep the Hawkeyes close in the first half, despite 14 turnovers. They were 9-for-12 from the line before the break, compared to 1-for-4 for Kansas.

Kansas was without forward Lester Earl, who underwent knee surgery on Monday.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

DiMaggio is on road to recovery

Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD, Fla.

Joe DiMaggio made a dramatic turnaround from a serious lung infection just after doctors told his family and friends to prepare for the worst.

"We called the family because, frankly, we thought we were getting down to the last road," Dr. Earl Barron said Tuesday in an interview with The Associated Press. "Today, there's a little more hope."

DiMaggio, recovering from lung cancer surgery, fought off a 102-degree fever, pneumonia in his good lung and an intestinal infection that developed during the weekend.

His condition was so grim at that time that doctors gathered DiMaggio's family, including his brother, Dom, and even discussed signing a "do not resuscitate" form for the 84-year-old Hall of Famer.

"We talked about that, but they did not feel comfortable with that," Barron said.

The former New York Yankees center fielder has shown a remarkable ability to fight back from several serious setbacks since the cancerous tumor was removed from his right lung on Oct. 14.

"He's going to be here a lot longer," Barron said.

But he also cautioned: "Don't walk out of here and say 'Joe DiMaggio's in great shape.' Everything is relative. You and I are in good shape. He's hanging in there."

His improvement began after

doctors inserted a tube into DiMaggio's trachea on Monday to suction the infected material.

"He perked up immediately," Barron said.

Barron denied a broadcast report that DiMaggio had lapsed into a coma.

"His level of consciousness has been down because he was

Even if DiMaggio is eventually discharged from the hospital, he will never have the same quality of life, Engelberg said.

"Machines are keeping him alive. He's been in the ICU for 58 days. He's got every hookup known to man. He's being fed through tubes," Engelberg said. "If he recovers, he won't be the same. He'll never have the quality of life he did."

Barron refused to speculate on whether DiMaggio would ever leave the hospital. "He could go sour in five minutes and he could walk out of the hospital six weeks from now. I would certainly not want to predict," he said.

Doctors anticipate other problems and must treat any complications as they occur, Barron said.

"They've done a sensational job with him. I don't think he could have gotten better care," Barron said. "The proof of it is when he walks out of the hospital, God willing."

Barron, who has treated DiMaggio for five years, is keenly aware of why so many people admire his patient.

"He's an icon. He's an amazing person. He's the greatest player that ever played," Barron said, sitting in an office filled with baseball, football, hockey and basketball memorabilia.

"He may not have hit 70 home runs, but he did just about everything else," he said. "I lose an awful lot of sleep. I'm constantly thinking about it and discussing it with my peers."

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DR. EARL BARRON
DiMAGGIO'S PHYSICIAN

sedated. But he is not in a coma. He is up and moving and opening his eyes," he said.

DiMaggio entered Memorial Regional Hospital Oct. 12, with Barron heading a team of six doctors treating him.

Since his surgery, he has suffered recurring pneumonia in his left lung. Besides treatment with three antibiotics, he also has had fluid drained from his lungs several times. His blood pressure dropped so rapidly on Nov. 16 that a Catholic priest was summoned to administer last rites.

The past weekend was particularly frightening.

"I thought he was near death," said friend and attorney Morris Engelberg. "We're playing this day-by-day. Today is good. Tomorrow, who knows?"

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Tom Osborne, Bo Jackson highlight Hall of Fame selections

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Less than a year after coaching his final game at Nebraska, Tom Osborne was inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame on Tuesday night, along with 12 former college stars.

"It's a great honor," said Osborne, who compiled a remarkable 255-49-3 record and won two national titles and shared a third in 25 seasons with the Cornhuskers. "Whenever somebody, a player or a coach, gets into a Hall of Fame, there's a lot of people very responsible. And that's the case here. I'm just the figurehead."

The Hall of Fame waived a three-year waiting period to admit Osborne after he retired in January. Last year, the hall did the same for retired Grambling coach Eddie Robinson.

Bo Jackson, Auburn's 1985 Heisman Trophy winner who went on to star in the NFL and in major league baseball, led a parade of college greats who were honored during the football foundation's annual awards dinner.

Jackson, whose two-sport career was cut short by hip injuries, played for the Tigers from 1982-85. In his Heisman season, he ran for 1,859 yards and 17 touchdowns.

Also inducted were quarterback Jim McMahon (Brigham Young, 1977-78, 80-81); defensive back Al Brosky (Illinois,

1950-52); guard Brad Budde (Southern California, 1976-79); tackle Bill Fralic (Pittsburgh, 1981-84); linebacker Randy Gradishar (Ohio State, 1971-73); defensive tackle Mel Long (Toledo, 1969-71); quarterback Jerry Rhome (SMU, Tulsa, 1961, 63-64); center Jim Ruttner (North Carolina State, 1976-79); running back-defensive back Johnny Roland (Missouri, 1962, 64-65); center-linebacker Alex Sarkisian (Northwestern, 1946-48); and defensive tackle Bill Stanfill (Georgia, 1966-68).

McMahon threw for 9,536 yards and 84 touchdowns for the Cougars. The quarterback who earned the nickname "Punky QB" for his brash behavior in the NFL led the Chicago Bears to victory in the 1986 Super Bowl.

"I love the game, I'm glad I stuck with football," said McMahon, who came to BYU with the intention of playing baseball. "It's brought me everything that I have great in my life. I met my wife in college."

The foundation also honored 17 athletes who will receive an \$18,000 postgraduate fellowships.

In Division I-A, the honorees were: quarterback Todd Bandhauer (Iowa

State); center Eric de Groh (West Virginia); linebacker Barry Gardner (Northwestern); quarterback Corby Jones (Missouri); fullback Joel Makovica (Nebraska); guard Derek Rose (Iowa); safety Chad Smith (New Mexico); safety Patrick Stephen (Northern Illinois); tackle Matt Stinchcomb (Georgia); and safety Jeff Zurcher (Kentucky).

In Division I-AA: center Nick Battles (Butler); defensive back Anthony Pannunzio (Youngstown State); and kicker Alex Sierk (Princeton).

In Division II: linebacker Lee Daily (Henderson State) and defensive tackle

Bart Johnson (Moorhead State).

In Division III: safety Tom Massey (SUNY-Brockport) and guard Chris Meskan (Augustana).

Roy Kramer, chairman of the Bowl Championship Series and commissioner of the Southeastern Conference, received the foundation's Distinguished American Award. Kramer is credited with devising the new BCS standings, which used a complicated formula of polls, computer ratings, strength-of-schedule and losses that eventually set up a Tennessee-Florida State match for a national title in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4.

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■ BOXING

Tyson plans return to ring

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

If Mike Tyson is concerned about a possible return to prison, he wasn't saying Tuesday.

Looking fit in a black muscle T-shirt and wearing a crimson beret, Tyson appeared for a news conference called to announce what promoter Dan Goossen called the worst-kept secret in boxing — that Tyson will face Francois Botha on Jan. 16.

The 12-round bout at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, to be carried on Showtime Event Television Pay Per View, will be Tyson's first since June 28, 1997 when he bit Evander Holyfield's ears in their heavyweight championship bout and was disqualified in the third round.

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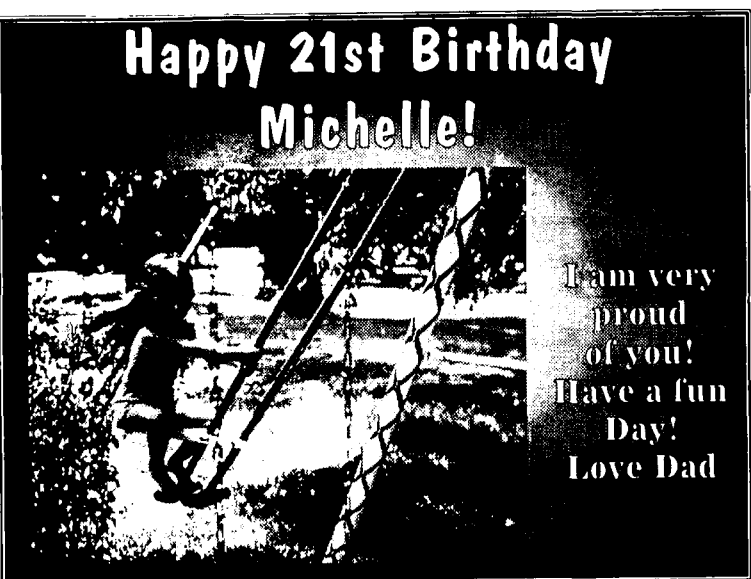
Nevada Athletic Commission stripped Tyson of his boxing license and fined him \$3 million. The commission reinstated Tyson's license in October.

Even before Tyson spoke at the packed Hollywood Athletic Club news conference, adviser Shelly Finkel informed attending reporters and fans that questions wouldn't be answered regarding "any pending litigation."

The first questioner asked Tyson how he felt about a possible return to prison, and was shouted down by others on the dais.

Tyson has a 45-3 record with 39 knockouts, while Botha is 39-1 with 24 knockouts.

Botha's only loss came on Nov. 9, 1996 when he was stopped by Michael Moorer in the ninth round for the IBF heavyweight title.



■ NBA

All-Star game canceled, season at risk

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The All-Star game is the latest casualty of the NBA lockout. The only thing left to save is the season itself.

Ending a 47-year-old tradition of bringing its top talent together for a special showcase, the NBA on Tuesday canceled the All-Star game, which had been set for Feb. 14 in Philadelphia.

"This is just a result of the inexorable march of the calendar," commissioner David Stern said. "There just isn't time left to have a season with an All-Star game."

"We apologize to the city of Philadelphia, but we promise to bring the All-Star Weekend back as soon as possible."

Stern called Mayor Edward Rendell to break the news, but it really didn't come as a surprise. With collective bargaining negotiations at a standstill and the outlook increasingly bleak, the biggest question now is whether there will be a season at all.

"If we can't make this deal, I don't think there's hope for the sport itself," Stern said in one of his most pessimistic comments to date.

The cancellation meant Philadelphia would lose an estimated \$35 million in business associated with the game.

The NBA had held an All-Star game every year without fail since 1951, and this season's version would have given the 76ers a chance to show off their new arena, the First Union Center, and perhaps even their best player, Allen Iverson, if he had made the Eastern Conference team.

The city would have been back at the center of the basketball universe for the first time since the days of Dr. J and Moses Malone.

"I wanted the world to see the greatness of Philadelphia in one giant show," Sixers president Pat Croce said.

It also would have given NBC a chance to draw one of its largest audiences of the winter during the all-important February sweeps period.

The owners and players have not met for negotiations since last Thursday, and no new talks are scheduled.

Stern has refused to set a date when it would

be too late to save the season, saying it will expire of its own accord in the not too distant future. He also ruled out having an All-Star game at the conclusion of the season.

"Sadly, the owners have elected to cheat million of fans and the city of Philadelphia out of a wonderful spectacle," union director Billy Hunter said. "Their effort to further intimidate the players will not succeed."

The first two months of the season have already been scrapped, and it now cannot begin until mid-January at the earliest.

Deputy Commissioner Russ Granik disclosed that the league is willing to extend the playoffs until the end of June — about 10 days later than usual — but would not be willing to play into July.

If a season can be salvaged, it appears it will contain less than 50 games. Stern reiterated Tuesday that having a handshake deal on a new collective bargaining agreement won't be enough for him to lift the lockout. The deal will first have to be put to paper and ratified, a process that could take about two weeks.

At least three weeks more would then be needed to sign free agents, make trades and hold training camps.

Since that would leave very little time to squeeze in a few games before the All-Star break, and because All-Star selections are supposed to be based upon performance in the current season, the league was left with no choice but to cancel the game.

"We just don't see a realistic way to have the All-Star designation be based in some way upon what was transpiring in the season," Stern said.

The All-Star Jam Session, an interactive event that provides most fans with their best opportunity to get an up-close taste of the festivities, had already been canceled.

Granik also shed some light on the type of schedule the league would have if the lockout is lifted, saying it will not be feasible to have 56 games with every team playing every other team twice.

"You'd see more of a conference-type schedule with some mixing of intra-conference games, but no team is going to see every other team at home. That's going to be virtually impossible," Granik said.

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■ LEFT FIELD

BCS leaves Kansas St. high and dry

By JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sports Columnist

Imagine building a team from the ashes "from beneath the ashes." Imagine taking a winless, hapless college football program and turning them around from an 0-11 season into a football powerhouse a mere decade later. Imagine coming into the season as a contender for the national championship.

Imagine defeating Nebraska, limiting Texas' Ricky Williams (who will win the Heisman Trophy easily) to 43 yards on 25 carries, and being 11-0 and on the way to the national championship title game.

Now imagine all that crumbling down back into the ashes in the five seconds it took the Texas A&M Aggies' Surr Parker to catch a 32-yard, third-down desperation pass in double overtime which was forced by A&M's 15-point fourth-quarter comeback.

That's all it took. One play. Had Parker dropped the pass, A&M would likely have lost, lest they kick a 47-yard field goal to force a third overtime. To have a whole season, success after success, taken away from them on one play is the nature of sports.

Kansas State lost the game, and rightfully so, but they lost a lot more in that five seconds; they lost their pride and their honor, and that loss cannot be attributed to the Wildcats' not playing to win or the Aggies' never-say-die comeback. Instead, it had to do with the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) and the sham that it is.

After going 11-1, finishing third in the BCS "rankings," and having more players on the "BCS All-America First Team" (5) than Tennessee, Florida State, and UCLA combined, the BCS rewards Kansas State with a trip to ... the Alamo Bowl? To play the Purdue Boilermakers? Wildcats' Head Coach Bill

Snyder may have put it best: "You'd like to be able to say life is fair, but obviously that's not the case." That game should be about as close as the Vikings-Bears game Sunday night, and about as rewarding for the Wildcats as a slap-in-the-face on a first date.

The national championship game, however, will be played between the Tennessee Volunteers and the Florida State Seminoles. Tennessee had all but lost to Arkansas until Arkansas forced themselves into a safety via a botched punt snap, and, after recovering the ball and having to do nothing more than kneel down, managed to fumble "not only fumble, but quarterback Clint Stoerner actually placed the ball on the ground for Volunteer defenders to grab" and allow Tennessee to run them over in a manner they were unable throughout the game.

Florida State, like Kansas State, has suffered a defeat. While the Wildcats lost in double overtime on one magnificent play, the Seminoles were drubbed 24-7 by ... the North Carolina State Wolfpack. Oh, yeah, and The 'Pack didn't manage to beat teams like Nebraska, Missouri, and Colorado like A&M did, although they did prevail by three points at home against football powerhouse Duke.

So if the BCS is going to pit two teams like Tennessee and Florida State against one another, and this is unfair, what is the right solution? Well, I've mentioned a playoff system in other articles. However, in lieu of the events that transpired the weekend — the SEC and Big 12 Championships coupled with the "Hurricane Bowl" between UCLA and Miami — it seems as if a system that offers a playoff-like atmosphere is already in place.

So, what's the answer? Sometimes there is no clear-cut answer to any some questions, and this is one of those

times. College football's conferences and history will prevent a playoff between teams that have earned the right to play. For example, the top eight teams according to the BCS rankings would never get to play one another in a playoff system because of their allegiances to their respective conferences. While Kansas State-Texas A&M was a preview of what such a matchup would be like, it is unfair that the Wildcats must play the Aggies while Tennessee plays someone of Mississippi State's caliber (which is not as bad as one might think).

Nevertheless, the BCS system is the best solution put forth by college football's minds. A playoff system based on the BCS would be more desirable, but extremely difficult. As for Kansas State, we can look once again to Coach Snyder for insight: "... If the [BCS] system is adhered to, if you do things the way they're supposed to be done, then the system will work for you." Kansas State lost to Texas A&M in a game they should have won.

Perhaps more importantly, their strength-of-schedule (a portion of the BCS equation) was weak because three of their first four games were against Indiana State (yes, Division II-A Indiana State), Northern Illinois and mighty Northeast Louisiana.

Despite the two aforementioned reasons, Kansas State deserves to be in a better bowl than the Alamo Bowl and should face a better opponent than Purdue.

The fact that the popularity and name recognition of some teams — especially Florida, with two losses — locks them into the BCS while it locks out a program risen from the ashes such as Kansas State explains the politics that come into play in college football. It also explains why we will never truly have a perfect system in terms of teams, rankings and bowls.

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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Knight outburst works to Kentucky's advantage in OT win

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. Heshimu Evans had 22 points and nine rebounds as fifth-ranked Kentucky beat No. 11 Indiana 70-61 in overtime Tuesday night in a game that featured a kicking outburst by Hoosiers coach Bob Knight.

Knight's blowup came with

3:45 left in overtime and Kentucky leading 56-51.

Angered by a traveling call on Indiana's Kirk Haston, Knight kicked a piece of red plastic facing on the front of the scorer's table and referee Gerald Boudreaux immediately whistled a technical. As Kentucky's fans roared, Knight kicked the plastic

again, leaving a dark streak.

Kentucky (8-1) led by nine with 1:28 left in regulation, but Indiana (8-2) made three straight 3-pointers — the first two by Luke Recker and the third by Dane Fife with 1.7 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 51.

Recker led Indiana with 18 points, while A.J. Guyton

added 15 for the Hoosiers.

Scott Padgett scored 17 points for Kentucky, which opened the overtime with a 3-pointer by Padgett and a layup by Wayne Turner for a 56-51 lead.

Haston was then called for traveling, triggering the outburst by Knight, who was coaching his 1,000th college game.

Padgett made one of the two free throws on the technical. Evans was fouled and made two free throws on the Kentucky possession that followed, giving the Wildcats an eight-point lead.

Knight is the 16th man to coach 1,000 Division I college basketball games. His record is 728-272 in 33-plus seasons at Army and Indiana.

The win was the fifth

straight for Kentucky in the annual neutral-site series, which alternates between Freedom Hall and Indianapolis' RCA Dome.

Evans scored 18 of his 22 points after halftime, including three crucial 3-pointers. The third of those broke a 40-40 tie with 5:50 left and sent Kentucky on an 11-2 run that ended with a dunk by Evans that gave Kentucky a 51-42 lead.

Kentucky shot 26 percent from the field in the first half and just under 40 percent for the game, while Indiana finished at 38 percent.

All the misses translated into a lot of rebounds — 43 for Kentucky and 31 for Indiana. Michael Bradley had nine for the Wildcats to tie Evans for the team lead.

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fast-paced breakaway offense that started at the game's onset.

Freshman forward Swintayla Cash erased the only Irish lead of the contest a little more than two minutes into the game when she broke up an Irish mid-court play with a steal and fastbreak that gave the Huskies a 4-2 lead.

"They looked to press a lot," said Irish captain Sheila McMillen. "They didn't want to setup their offense."

The only offense the Huskies needed was off of the press, as they kept the Irish from moving the ball effectively.

The lone bright spot for the Irish came from outside, as McMillen was a perfect 5-for-5 from three-point range. She led the team with 21 total points while Niele Ivey sunk three of her eight tries from downtown to finish the game with 17.

Cash finished with 15 points for Connecticut while leading her team with two blocks.

Another underclassman led the Huskies in the scoring department, sophomore Svetlana Abrosimova. The 6-foot-2 forward finished up with

a game-high 23 points and eight total rebounds.

Off the bench, it was freshman forward Tamika Williams who added to the offense, playing when the Huskies built a 29-point lead, their largest of the game, with five minutes remaining. She scored 12 points in just 18 minutes of play.

In a game in which Auriemma emphasized playing the ball to the inside, Abrosimova, Cash and Williams combined for a little less than 50 percent of Connecticut's points.

"We really wanted to take advantage of our inside game tonight," said Auriemma. "We felt like we had more bodies, and we told the guards that we wanted to pass the ball inside as much as possible."

That task was led by Amy Duran from the point, who finished the game with eight assists on offense and four steals on the other end of the court.

The Irish came out in the second half trailing by 14 and hoping to close the gap before the Huskies went on a 14-4 run to put the game away. Notre Dame had four turnovers in its first five possessions of the half to send Connecticut on its drive.

Despite playing against a stronger bench, Irish head coach Muffet McGraw saw her team fold from the pressure, not tiredness.

"We collapsed mentally," she said. "I don't think we were tired. We didn't handle the pressure and we panicked."



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'WE DIDN'T HANDLE THE PRESSURE AND WE PANICKED.'

MUFFET MCGRAW
NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL COACH

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makes them tough to stop."

"They definitely have more depth. In the past they've had one great player," McGraw said. "Now they don't have just that one great player. I think Abrosimova is a great player, but it doesn't really matter if she is on the court or not. They are all capable."

McMillen was the lone bright spot for the Irish, as she scored 21 points on 6-of-9 shooting and was perfect from downtown. She had all 5,102 fans on

their feet after she drained each of her five three-point field goals. The Irish faithful, however, didn't see the women at their best.

"This is one of those games where you want to get up in front of the mic and apologize to the crowd," McGraw said. "I think Connecticut is a great team and they made us play very poorly, but I also thought we made ourselves play poorly. We are a much better team than we showed tonight."

"These girls were so excited to have a big crowd that when they came out in front of all these people, all they wanted to do was please them," McGraw

continued. "They wanted to do everything right and have these people come back."

Hopefully, they will come back. Despite the loss, Notre Dame (6-1) is still off to one of its best starts in school history. Their current sixth ranking in both polls is also the highest ever for the program and the Irish already have wins over three ranked opponents, including two that were in the top 10. If Notre Dame continues to play the way it has over the past few weeks, another showdown with UConn is sure to loom somewhere down the road.

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perennial rival Georgia.

In that game, the Yellow Jackets rallied from a 12-point deficit in the final 13 minutes to end a seven-year losing streak at the hands of the Bulldogs. The rally was capped by a 35-yard field goal by kicker Brad Chambers with two seconds left to put the visitors up for good.

Another player for the Irish to keep an eye on is center Craig Page. The 6-foot-3, 300-pound senior from Jupiter, Fla., was named one of three finalists for

the Outland Trophy, annually presented to the nation's top lineman. He also earned first-team all-America honors by the Football Writers Association of America. On defense, the Jackets took a hit last week when starting linebacker Matt Miller suffered a torn anterior cruciate in his right knee, and is out for the postseason. Miller is Tech's third-leading tackler with 65 hits.

A lion's share of the credit for the Yellow Jackets' turnaround can be given to head coach George O'Leary. A four-year veteran at the helm of the team, O'Leary was recently named ACC Coach of the Year, while eight players were named to the all-

ACC team.

The Irish and the Jackets have one common opponent on their schedule: Big East Tech Boston College. Georgia Tech started their season with a 41-31 loss to the Eagles, while Notre Dame used a last-minute goal-line stand to preserve a 31-26 victory.

If this year's Gator Bowl is anything like the last time the Irish played in it, fans have reason to be optimistic. In 1976, 13th-ranked Notre Dame defeated No. 20 Penn State 20-9 to finish off their season with a 9-3 record.

Led by quarterback Rick Slager, the Irish scored twenty unanswered points to take a commanding 20-3 lead at half-time. Running back Al Hunter rushed for 102 yards on 26 carries to become the first back in Notre Dame history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season. Hunter, who scored two rushing touchdowns in the first half, was named the game MVP for his efforts.

On the other end of the ball, a determined Irish defense led by linebackers Bob Golic, Doug Becker and Steve Heinkrieter did not allow the Lions to score a touchdown for the course of the game. While Slager and Hunter went on to other things, the core of the team returned to claim the 1977 national championship the following season.

Will this team's future hold more of the same? One thing's for sure: only time will tell.

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■ NOTRE DAME TENNIS

Netters are ranked highly in pre-season Dasso leads No. 16 women

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team has been ranked 16th in the country and first in the Midwest Region heading into the 1999 dual-match season, according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association which released the rankings on Tuesday.

The Irish, who finished 19-9 a year ago, will play 15 matches against teams ranked in the top 50 and will welcome nine ranked teams to Notre Dame, including second-ranked Duke.

Notre Dame opens the season against DePaul in Minneapolis, Minn., on Friday, Jan. 22.

Under 10-year head coach Jay Louderback, Notre Dame is one of nine schools to have at least three singles players among the 100 ranked players and one of just seven to have at least two doubles teams among the 50 ranked teams.

The Irish singles contingent is lead by sophomore Michelle Dasso, ranked 23rd in the country. Dasso advanced to the quarterfinals of the T. Rowe Price National Clay Court championship in September and compiled a 6-4 record in the fall. Two of her six wins came against top-20 players, including a win over seventh-ranked Julie Ditty of Vanderbilt, with all four losses coming to players ranked above her in the latest rankings.

Freshman Becky Varnum, who went 13-5 in the fall, enters the rankings for the first time tied at No. 51 and is ranked higher than all but four freshmen in the country. Varnum posted two over Eastern Michigan's 41st-ranked Jean Kansuthi. Irish senior All-American Jennifer Hall rounds out the ranked Irish singles players at 100.

The Irish women's doubles teams of freshman Nina Vaughan and junior Kelly Zalinski enters the rankings at No. 37 with the team of Dasso and Hall right behind at No. 39. Unranked in the preseason, Vaughan and Zalinski went 6-3 during the fall and advanced to the quarterfinals of the ITA Midwest Region championship.



The Observer / Kevin Dalum

Junior Ryan Sachire is ranked third in the country to head up the No. 24 Notre Dame men's tennis team.

Sachire tops men's squad

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men's tennis team has been ranked 24th in the country heading into the 1999 dual-match season, according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association which released the rankings on Tuesday.

The Irish, who finished 20-10 a year ago, will play 12 matches against ranked teams and will welcome seven ranked teams to Notre Dame, including fifth-ranked Illinois, seventh-ranked Texas and 10th-ranked Duke.

Notre Dame opens the season by playing host to DePaul, Miami (Ohio) and William & Mary in the adidas Quad Meet on Sat., Jan. 23.

Individually for 12-year head coach Bob Bayliss and his men's team, junior Ryan Sachire is ranked third in the country in men's singles, the highest ranking for a Notre Dame tennis player since David DiLucia finished the 1992 regular season as the top-ranked player in the country. Entering the fall ranked eighth, Sachire went 12-3 and advanced to the final of the ITA All-American championship, the second leg of the ITA collegiate grand slam.

Five of Sachire's 12 wins came against players now in the top 50 and two in the top 10. All three losses came to players currently ranked in the top 13, including a loss to top-ranked James Blake of Harvard in the ITA All-American championship match.

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Freshmen lead Irish to win over Providence in league opener

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. Troy Murphy scored a game-high 30 points to lead Notre Dame to a 83-80 win over Providence College on Tuesday in the Big East opener for both teams.

Providence (6-3), which had its six-game winning streak snapped, pulled to within 81-79 on Corey Wright's 3-pointer in the closing seconds. But Murphy was then fouled, and

his two foul shots with 8 seconds left clinched the win for Notre Dame (4-5), which was 68 percent from the field on 15-of-22 shooting in the second half.

Murphy, who was 11-of-16 from the field and grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds, tied the highest point total by a freshman in a Big East opening

game. Sean Connolly and Jamel Thomas each had 21 points for the Friars.

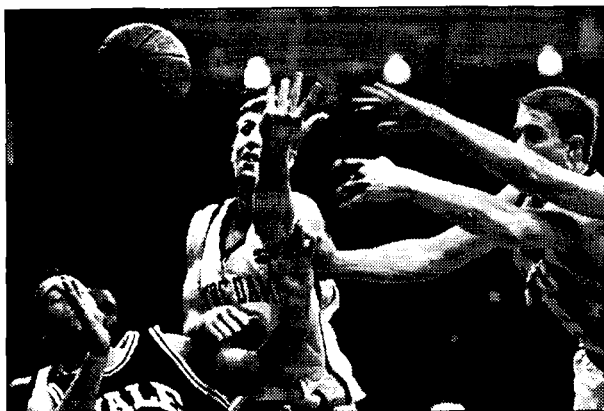
Providence broke out to a 13-2 lead in the opening minutes sparked by three consec-

utive 3-pointers, one from Jamal Camah and two from Connolly. Notre Dame then went on a 32-7 run in the next 11 minutes, with a combined 28 points from David Graves,

Harold Swanagan and Murphy.

The Friars closed the deficit to 39-31 at halftime.

Graves finished with 17 points and Swanagan with 13.



Freshman Troy Murphy sparked the Irish to victory over Providence with 30 points and 11 rebounds.

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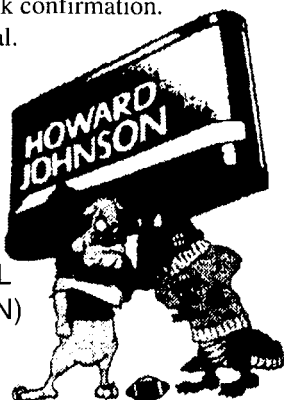
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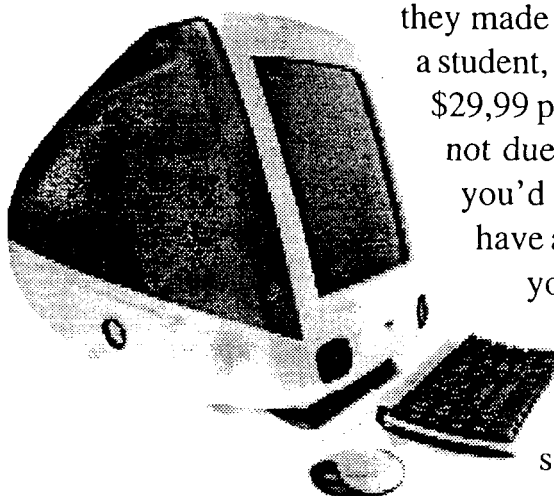
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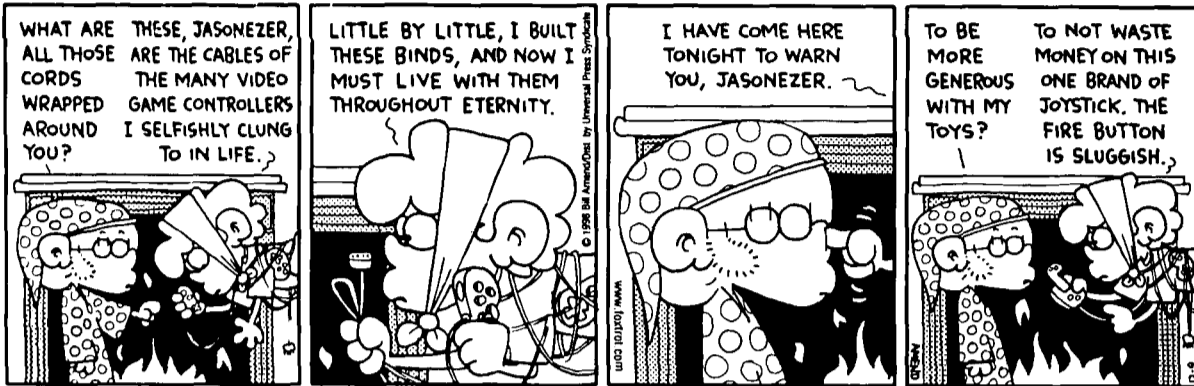
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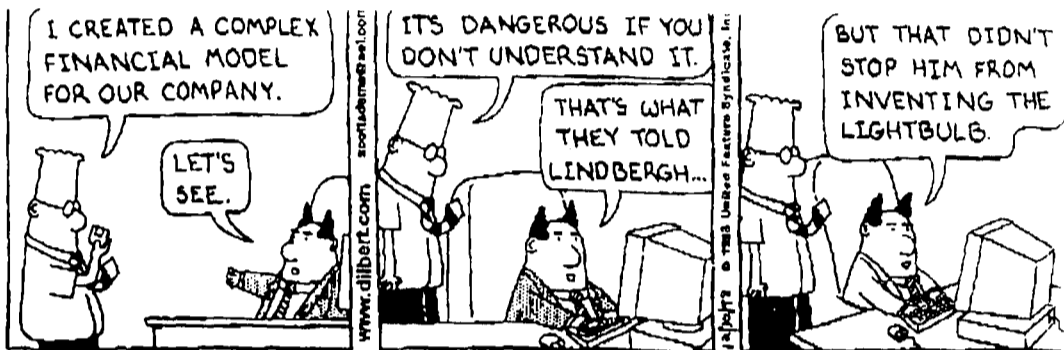
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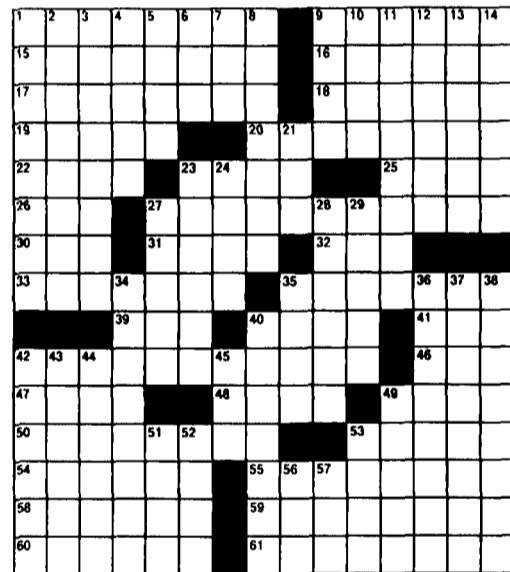


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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Limit spending today and you'll feel a lot better when your monthly bills come in. You don't have to buy people's love and respect. Give your time and love and you'll do just fine. **OOOO**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Changes in your living quarters may appear unacceptable at first. Give things a chance to settle down. You may find that the end result is to your advantage. **OOO**

be a winner if you avoid fast-casual deals. Stay away from joint financial extravaganzas. Expect problems with deals that appear too easy. Don't sign anything until you have the **OO**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put some effort into family outings and pleasure trips. Disagreements will only result in anger. It's best to allow the other person some dignity; you get the same in return. **OOO**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll work well with others if you roll up your sleeves and help those who are not in as high a position. Your energy should be directed into reaching your deadline. **OOOO**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You should be on the go again. Travel and involvement in large groups will bring knowledge. Someone may let out to get revenge. Keep in mind the sweetest revenge is your own success. **OO**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's best to do your own thing and refuse to let anyone hold you back. Be careful not to overindulge in spicy foods, or stomach problems will slow you down. **OOOOO**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): New partnerships can be formulated now that you're in a position to set the rules. Your belief in yourself and your abilities will lead you to the success you're looking for. **OOO**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stay calm and it will be hard for others to be angry with you. Get to the bottom of things and don't count on anything that's not in writing. Be precise and astute and you'll do just fine. **OOO**

■ OF INTEREST

The 1999 Special Olympics Games, to be held in Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, North Carolina, June 26 to July 4, 1999, is in need of volunteers. ND students wishing to work as volunteers will be provided with free room and board by local alumni during the time they are in North Carolina. Please register online at www.99GAMES.COM by December 31, 1998 to volunteer. Contact Prof. Philip Carter through email at Philip_Carter@ncsu.edu for housing information. The "Carolina Girl," Suzanne Witt and Ellen Carter, 329 Walsh Hall, 634-2639, can provide information about the area.

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■ FOOTBALL

Gator Bowl win could set '99 pace

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

It's that time of year.

College football fans from all over the nation will be turning on their television sets to celebrate the new year by rooting on their favorite teams. The situation will be no different for fans of Fightin' Irish football, as 18th-ranked Notre Dame will face off against No. 12 Georgia Tech in the Toyota Gator Bowl on Jan. 1, 1999.

While bowl games are familiar territory for the Irish over the decades, the past few years have been none to kind to fans of the Gold and Blue. Following a 24-21 win over Texas A&M in the 1994 Cotton Bowl, Notre Dame has gone 0-3 during the holiday season. Last year, a 27-9 loss to LSU in the Independence Bowl ended a three-game winning streak. Three years ago, a fourth-quarter rally by the Florida State

Seminoles from 12 points down gave them a 31-26 victory over the Irish. Two years ago, the team declined offers of postseason play following a 27-20 loss to USC.

Watch the Gator Bowl at 12:30 p.m. EST on Jan. 1 on NBC.



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These facts still dwell in the hearts and minds of the coaches and players, but a question that lingers, minds of most fans is much easier to decipher: Will quarterback Jarious Jackson be fully healed by the time the Irish take the field?

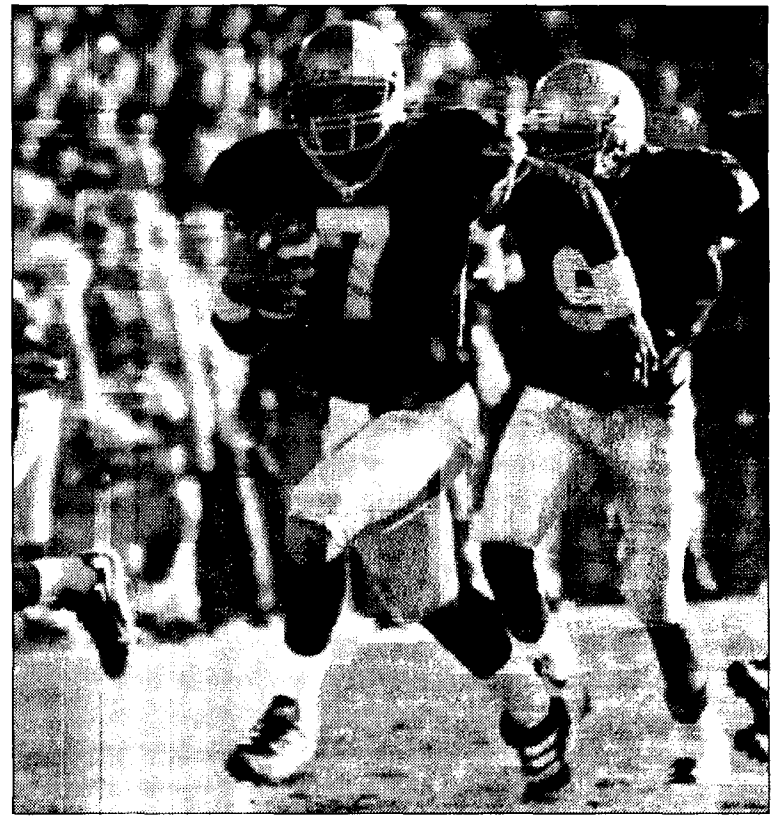
Fortunately, from the looks of

things, the answer to that question is yes.

Despite suffering an MCL injury in the closing minutes of the LSU game, is reported to be recovering well, and should be back at full strength by the time the team travels to Jacksonville on Dec. 26. For the rest of the team, serious preparations for the game will begin following the end of final exams.

While Jackson's possible return is welcome news, he will have to start his comeback tour against a Georgia Tech squad that is greatly improved from its 17-13 loss when the two teams met last year. Led by experienced quarterback Tim Hamilton, the Yellow Jackets went 9-2 this season to tie for first with Florida State in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

After falling 7-34 to the Seminoles, the team swept their last four games of the season, capped by a 21-19 victory over



A key factor for the Irish in their New Year's Day bowl against Georgia Tech will be the health of quarterback Jarious Jackson.

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish hoopsters can't keep up with No. 1 Connecticut

Huskies press dominates game

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

Coming into last night's game with their best-ever season start of six-straight wins, Notre Dame went to the Joyce Center with a No. 6 ranking and their best chance to snap their 0-8 series record against Connecticut.

But the Huskies, who lead the national rankings, remained undefeated (7-0) with a convincing 106-81 win in both team's first Big East game.

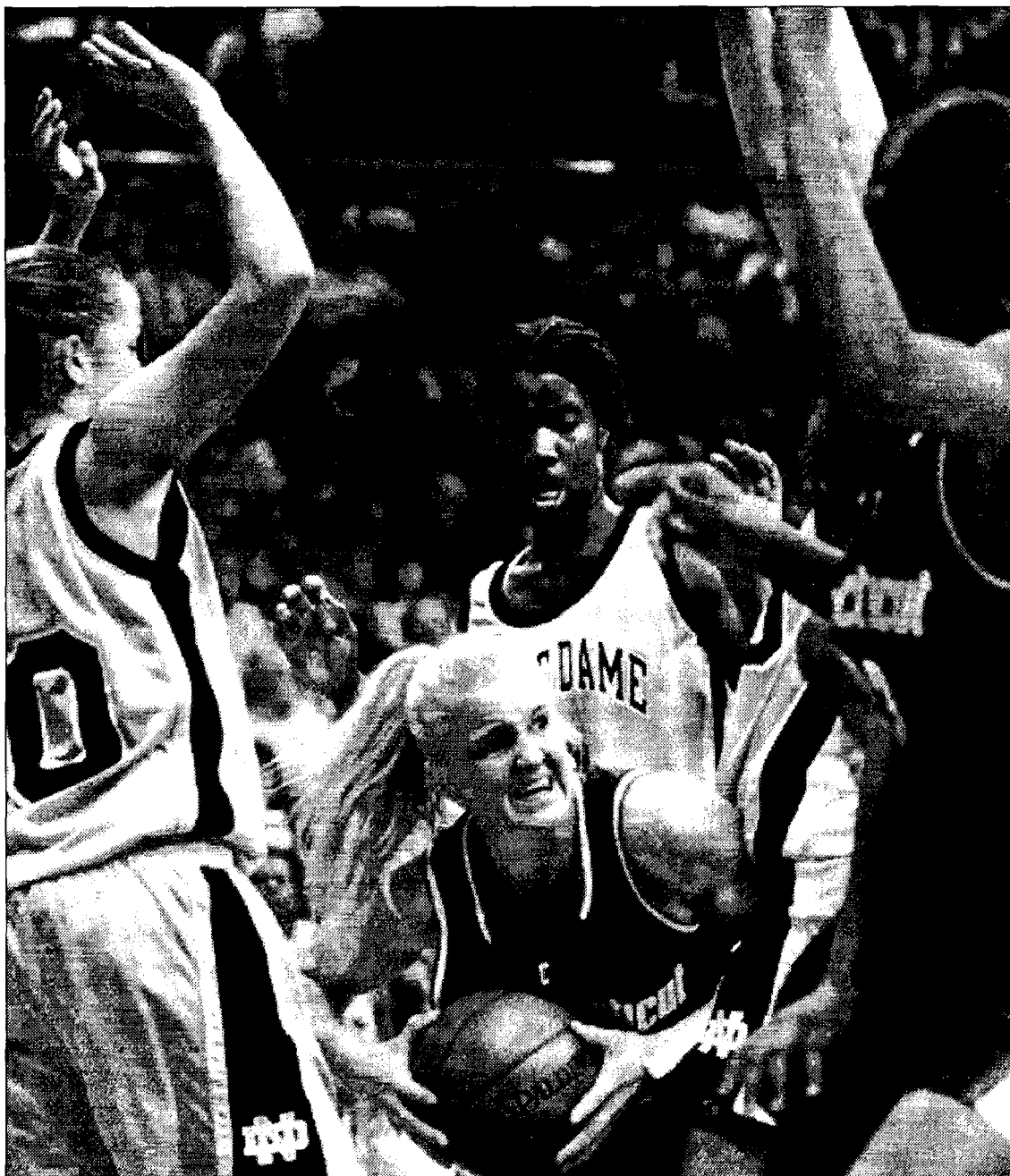
The Huskies built three 14-point leads in the first half including the 51-37 halftime lead on a defense that prevented the Irish from getting underneath the basket.

Connecticut relied on an unrelenting press to keep Notre Dame from passing the ball inside to 6-foot-5 center Ruth Riley. The sophomore came into the contest averaging 13.8 points per game but was unable to land a point from the floor in the first half, shooting 0-for-4.

"I thought if we could get some pressure on their guards up front in the backcourt, that might make it difficult to get [Riley] involved in the offense," said Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma.

Despite going 6-for-6 from the charity stripe, Riley took only two more from the field in the final half.

The defensive pressure allowed the Huskies to create a



The No. 1 Connecticut women's basketball team used a balanced attack to defeat Notre Dame, which lost its first game of the season. The Huskies were led by Big East pre-season player of the year Svetlana Abrosimova's 23 points, but its bench also contributed 48.

■ IRISH INSIGHT

The time hasn't come

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

This was supposed to be it. This was going to be the game in which Notre Dame finally got the monkey off its back and burst into the national spotlight with its first-ever win over Connecticut.

Not so fast.

Last night, UConn proved why they are the top-ranked team in the nation as they defeated the Irish for the ninth consecutive time in just four years. The Irish put forth a valiant effort, but the Huskies quickly took the fight out of the Fighting Irish and rolled to a 106-81 victory.

"I think we knew we had a good chance and this was our best chance, but we didn't get it done," captain Sheila McMillen said. "They played aggressive and I think we came out and played okay, but their press really killed us in the first half and got us down."

The Irish committed 21 first-half turnovers and 31 for the entire game. Big East pre-season player of the year Svetlana Abrosimova lit up the Irish for 23 points on 9-of-16 shooting.

"She's outstanding," head coach Muffet McGraw said. "I definitely think she is the player of the year right now... after one game."

The Huskies also got 48 bench points.

"I think overall they are better [than they have been in the past]," McMillen said. "They are more balanced than they have been in the past and that

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