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Ad Hoc Committee reports on progress

Group attempts to meet needs of gays and lesbians

By DAVE TYLER
News Editor

The University of Notre Dame took another step in its months long process of trying to decide the question of how to better meet the needs of its gay and lesbian students Monday.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Students Needs made public its interim report to Vice-President for Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara in a full page ad in The Observer.

"We wanted people to have some insight into what we've been doing this semester," said Committee Chairperson Ann Firth, who also serves as O'Hara's assistant.

The document, authored by Firth and submitted to O'Hara on Dec. 1, outlines the experiences and impressions the group formed and had since issuing a preliminary report May 1.

"The committee has chosen to spend this semester listening, and we will spend the early part of next semester

formulating and discussing our final recommendations," Firth wrote.

The group held six meetings this fall, and four were devoted to listening to the concerns of gay and lesbian students, for the purpose of hearing numerous voices from within the Notre Dame community.

Firth noted that these meetings provided probing insights into the lives of gays and lesbians at Notre Dame, finding that there often existed a "real terror" in their lives.

"Some students reported feeling such a sense of isolation that they contemplated suicide," the report reads.

The committee also heard testimony about how gays and lesbians attempt to balance their sexuality and their faith. (Gays and lesbians) want the University to provide the resources they need integrate their sexuality and their faith lives.

The committee report also noted gay and lesbian student concerns about "how very difficult it is to be gay at Notre Dame."

"These students have often had to look to each other for support and assistance, feeling that their needs are largely ignored by the University," Firth

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Light up the night

Glowing brightly atop Grace Hall, the number one proudly reveals that the Notre Dame women's soccer team is the best in the nation.

The Observer/Brian Hardy

Women's Resource Center responds to sexist e-mail

By MEGAN McGRATH
News Writer

The Notre Dame Women's Resource Center is sponsoring a petition addressed to administrators at Cornell University to respond to an e-mail chain letter circulated by four Cornell students.

The list, entitled "Top 75 Reasons Why Women (bitches) Shouldn't Have Freedom of Speech" has been circulated to several members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community via e-mail.

The list is of a strongly misogynist nature, containing such

reasons as "Of course, if she can't speak, she can't say no" and "If it hurts, I don't wanna hear it."

Women's Resource President Erin Trahan said, "As a student organization that promotes gender equity, we feel it is our responsibility to report the event to Notre Dame students and respond to such hateful, violent acts."

WRC officer Christy Kenny received the list just before Thanksgiving break and brought it to the Center. For Trahan and the other WRC members, the list drew comparisons to last year's Hall

Notes scandal at Notre Dame. In that incident, the Hall Notes of a male dorm defined a woman as "a useless piece of flesh surrounding the vagina," among other descriptions.

"We felt the Cornell list was similar to the 'humor' attempted in the Hall Notes last year," Trahan said. "Both are deplorable."

The WRC petition reads: "On behalf of the Notre Dame student body, we, the Women's Resource Center, are writing this letter to protest the content of the enclosed e-mail letter authored by Evan Camps, Brian Waldman, Rikus Linschoten

and Pat Sicher, four male Cornell students. As a group representing women's concerns on a college campus, we find (the list), strongly offensive."

The petition includes examples of the most disturbing "reasons," including:

"If she can't speak, she can't cry rape."

"If she's in the kitchen like she should be, no one can hear her anyway."

"If my dick's in her mouth, she can't talk anyway."

The petition goes on to recommend "severe disciplinary actions be taken" against the students.

"We are most concerned with the blatant endorsement of rape and violence against women," Trahan said.

"All too often, offenses like this are overlooked, even by the people they target," Trahan went on to say.

"We want to give students the opportunity to voice their opinion."

The petition will be available for signatures today in the North and South Dining Halls. Students can also sign the petition in the Women's Resource Center.

The Center's hours are from 3-9 p.m.

■ CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Co-ed dorm debate continues

By AMY SCHMIDT
Assistant News Editor

The Campus Life Council is currently working on a resolution requesting dialogue on the hotly debated issue of co-residentiality that will be submitted to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees in the spring of 1996.

However, the CLC has not, as of yet, chosen a vehicle for representation to the Board. The draft of the preliminary resolution included a clause that "urges Patricia O'Hara, the vice president of Student Affairs, to present the option for co-residentiality for upperclassmen in one or more of the new facili-

ties to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees at their next meeting for consideration as an item of action."

Because parliamentary procedures regarding CLC matters and the Board of Trustees have not been fully investigated, the Board is postponing a decision on both the content of and the vehicle for the final resolution on co-residentiality until next semester.

At the meeting yesterday, some members of the CLC suggested that Jonathan Patrick, student body president, serving as the voice of both the student body and the CLC, present the resolution to the Board of

Trustees.

The CLC also suggested the possibility of having a few members of the Council accompany Patrick in his presentation of the resolution.

In other CLC news, the subcommittee for advising systems at Notre Dame has been researching the effectiveness of departmental advisors in the Colleges of Architecture, Engineering, Business, Arts and Letters, and Science.

Discussion on the effectiveness of advising will continue next semester, with the possible planning of a professional, campus-wide or college-wide advising system.



Getting the stress out

Two Fisher Hall residents make the most of their free time playing racquetball at the Rock.

The Observer/Brian Hardy

INSIDE COLUMN

Fighting the seasonal sorrows

Seasonal depression is beginning. We see the sun less and less every day, or so it seems. Rain, wind, and snow are attacking us harder and harder, and we are piling on more and more warm clothes to combat these elements. We have the sniffles, a cough, and a fever. We have less and less



Margee Husemann
Associate Viewpoint Editor

money as we spend more and more in the season of giving. We have less and less free time as final rush up on us like rabid wolves. However, all of this calamitous uproar climaxes now so that we can relax for Christmas. While we wait for the red and the green, we have to deal with the blues, so here is my suggestion: Return to your childhood.

When we were kids, we didn't care much about work. Our lives were full of all the good things in life. Stress was really just what we saw tiring our parents, what was making our older siblings even more abusive, and what made the rift between Mork and Mindy all the more hilarious.

I say that we should all reject stress. Return to childhood. I don't mean that we should all suck on our thumbs, crawl into our closets and rock in the fetal position (although that may seem appropriate every now and then). Take less dramatic steps. Here are three of my suggestions. Keep them in mind this next week and a half.

1. Take advantage of study days to sleep. When we were youths, we went to bed by eight and got up at nine the next morning. In addition to this gross amount of sleep, we also got to take at least one nap during the day. While we really don't need that much sleep now, naps are a true necessity. Not all of the sleep can be considered complete down time; simply putting a book under your pillow qualifies that brief nap as study time.

2. Cartoons. Cartoons. Cartoons. Nothing reminds me more of my carefree days than sitting in front of a television watching brightly colored animals cavort across the screen. "She-Ra", "Thundercats", "Voltron", and "The Smurfs" have gone the way of the Cartoon Express on USA, but "Tiny Toons", "The Tick", and "Animaniacs" all offer new mind-numbing plots that are destined to leave you drooling almost as much as writing your Blake essay.

3. Tuck your teddy bear or favorite blanket in your backpack with your books, hike over to the library, and find a cozy spot to cuddle up with your favorite Dr. Seuss story. Perhaps you like "The Lorax" or maybe "Cat in the Hat". Perhaps you like Horton, the wockets, the Grinch, and all that. Perhaps none are that funny; no real interest to you. Perhaps you need to learn more, need to hear it from a Who. If you understand what I say and you know what I mean, then I'll see you tomorrow at PS three-five-thirteen.

My point is this: Slow down and allow some time to get in touch with your outer child. For half an hour, listen to Alvin the Chipmunk or Big Bird instead of Eddie Vedder or David Gilmour, read Grimm or Silverstein instead of Shakespeare or Yeats, skip or roller blade instead of jogging or lifting weights. Embrace a little bit of time the way you did when you were little; it will make the week that little bit easier.

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

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Jet crashes in swamp, 72 passengers reported killed

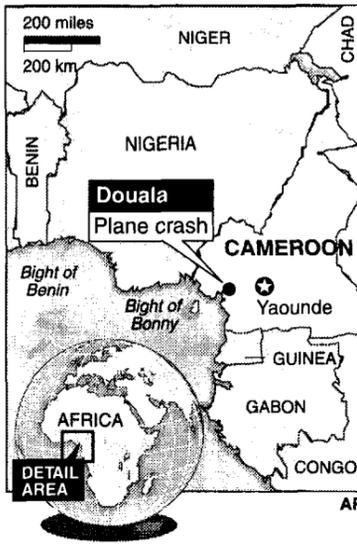
DOUALA, Cameroon
A jet overshot a runway at Cameroon's largest city and crashed into a swamp, killing 72 of the 78 people aboard, officials said Monday.

The Cameroon Airlines Boeing 737 was making a second try at landing Sunday night when it went down about 2 1/2 miles past the airport at Douala, a port city of about 900,000 on the Atlantic coast about 175 miles west of the capital, Yaounde.

A survivor told private radio station Africa Number 1 that sparks started shooting out of the right engine as the jet was about to land.

The pilot tried to abort the landing but hit some trees and plunged into the water, said the survivor, who was not identified.

The pilot was pulled from the wreckage alive, but died later. Survivors



included at least two of the five crew members — a co-pilot and flight attendant.

Most of those aboard were believed to be Cameroonians, said an official of state-owned Cameroon Airlines. The flight came from the neighboring country of Benin.

Military helicopters and navy boats searched the estuaries of the Wouri River for survivors, bodies and clues to the cause of the accident, but the thick foliage hampered the hunt.

The reason for the first aborted landing was not known.

It was the first deadly accident involving one of the state-owned airline's jets in more than a decade. In 1984, 24 people aboard died when a jet caught fire as it prepared to take off from Douala.

Dread disease is nearly eradicated

A disease caused by contaminated drinking water has been virtually wiped out after crippling millions over the centuries in Africa and South Asia, a State Department gathering was told Monday. Former President Jimmy Carter joined officials from several international assistance groups to proclaim 97 percent eradication of Guinea worm disease in 16 African countries as well as India, Pakistan and Yemen. "It's one of the historic achievements in the field of human health," Carter said. The disease occurs when people drink water with microscopic Guinea worm larvae that migrate through the body. A year later, mature worms up to three feet long emerge through painful blisters, sometimes causing permanent scarring and crippling similar to polio. The disease has been controlled through a chemical that purifies contaminated water. Alternatively, the larvae can be screened out through the use of a filter cloth. The Carter Center in Atlanta, which the former president heads, took an inventory and discovered 3.5 million cases in 1986. Carter told the gathering Monday there are now fewer than 100,000 cases.

WASHINGTON



Gunman claims woman gave him AIDS

SAN ANTONIO

A man who claimed a woman had given him AIDS burst into her home with a pistol and shot five people, killing two, before shooting himself to death, police said. Ulysses Miller, 22, was found in the front yard of the house, dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, police said. He had been at the home earlier Sunday looking for the 24-year-old woman he said infected him, said police Sgt. Ray Torres. The intended victim had recently moved out of the house but at least nine relatives, including four children, were home Sunday evening eating and watching television when Miller entered the house through the garage and fatally shot Henry Crawford, police said. As Miller moved through the one-story house, unloading 10 shots from a .25-caliber pistol, family members scrambled to escape, police said. None of the children was injured. "He reloaded several times," neighbor John Barney said in Monday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News. "He first went in and started firing, then came outside and reloaded. Then he went inside, fired again." By Monday afternoon it had not been determined whether Miller was infected with the AIDS virus. Tests were to be done in an autopsy. Police refused to identify the intended victim or comment on her alleged relationship with the gunman.

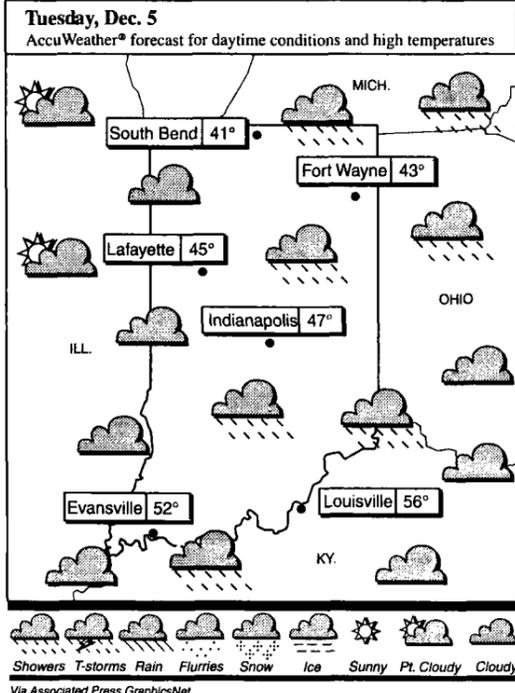
Still a danger, rapist is set free

SACRAMENTO, Calif.
The Pillowcase Rapist linked to 200 sex crimes in Southern California in the 1970s is still considered dangerous, but prison officials have run out of legal reasons to hold him. Reginald Muldrew, who earned his nickname because he put pillowcases over his victims' heads to conceal his identity, was to be released from custody Monday. Prison officials refused to say when and where he would be freed. Muldrew, 47, has completed his prison term and two six-month extensions for psychiatric evaluations, said Department of Corrections spokeswoman Christine May. "He suffers from a mental disorder which makes him a danger to others and for which treatment is not available outside prison," May said. "But he has served his maximum time in prison. He remained in prison for his entire parole period. Today he must be released." She said he was secretly transferred over the weekend from the prison at Vacaville to another prison from which he was to be released. Authorities have said only that he must be released 35 miles from any victim's home, and within California, but can move freely. Muldrew was linked to as many as 200 sex crimes in the Los Angeles area from 1976 through 1978, sometimes several in one night.

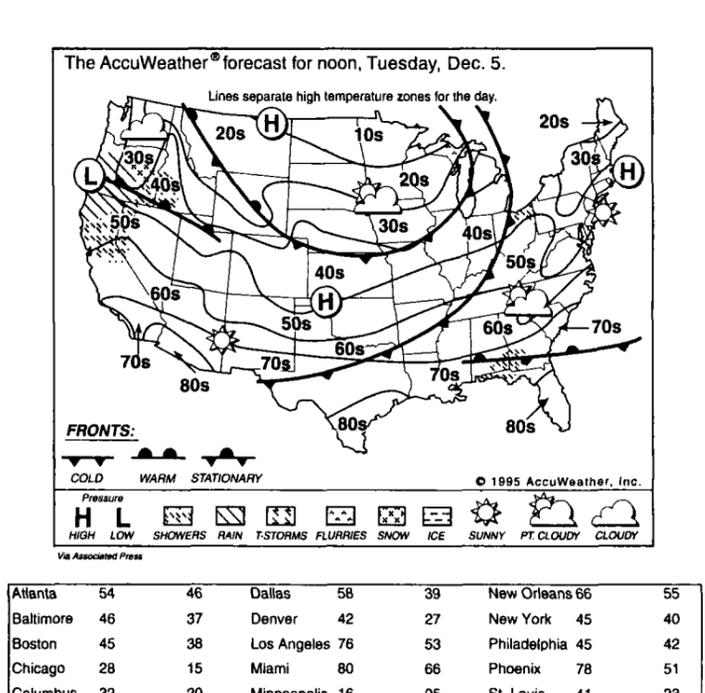
Student tries to hijack school bus

GREENVILLE, S.C.
A 13-year-old boy was arrested Monday after he boarded a school bus with a semiautomatic pistol and ordered the driver to go to Georgia. Bus driver Gloria Stamey told the boy she didn't have enough gas for the trip and talked him out of the hijacking attempt. Ms. Stamey then drove to the police department. The Northwest Middle School student, whose name was not released because of his age, was arrested. The boy boarded the bus in the morning carrying a violin case containing his father's .40-caliber semiautomatic pistol and 60 rounds of ammunition, school officials said. When the boy showed the gun to other students on board, a student alerted Ms. Stamey. The boy then told Ms. Stamey he wanted her to drive to Georgia, said Skip Fredrickson, transportation director for the Greenville School District. The boy never threatened anyone with the gun, but he did show the weapon to the driver, school officials said. No one was hurt in the incident. "I told him I would get him some help and that everything would be all right," Ms. Stamey said. "I told him that I loved him and God loved him," she said. The student will be suspended and recommended for expulsion for the rest of the school year, district spokeswoman Susan Stewart said.

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University to increase funds for scholarship aid

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame will increase expendable funds for student scholarship aid by \$5 million over the next four academic years, according to Father E. William Beauchamp, executive vice president of the University.

A projected 425 undergraduate students will be recipients of the new scholarship money over the four-year period. Scholarship awards will be made to first-year students in each of the four entering classes beginning in the fall of 1996.

In accordance with each University policy, awards will be based on students' academic and personal qualities as well as demonstrated financial need. The awards will carry over from year to year with adjustments for increased University costs and any changes in students' need.

"All too often, students whose first choice is Notre Dame and whom we would like to have on campus are going elsewhere because they've been offered better financial aid packages," Beauchamp said.

"This new infusion of funds is

an investment in the future of the University—to help us bring to Notre Dame the students who will help fashion our future."

The sources of the \$5 million in new expendable money will include proceeds from bowl appearances by the football team, revenues from the University's television contract with NBC and income from its product licensing program. These same sources already have generated more than \$30 million in increased financial aid endowment in the past three years alone.

Under the new plan, \$5 million that would have gone into financial aid endowment instead would be made immediately available for scholarship awards.

"Our commitment to endowment as the soundest, surest source of financial aid for the long term is undiminished, and that will continue to be our primary find-raising goal," Beauchamp said. "In the meantime, however, the officers of the University feel that an immediate infusion of funds will give new impetus to our efforts—and will help bring to

Notre Dame outstanding students who otherwise would be lost to us."

Beauchamp pointed out that generating \$5 million in additional income from financial aid endowment would require an immediate increase in endowment of approximately \$100 million.

Increasing financial aid has been Notre Dame's foremost fund-raising priority for more than a decade, and concerted efforts since 1990 have doubled the amount of scholarship aid now available to undergraduate students.

Air Force ROTC plans award ceremony

Special to The Observer

A change of command ceremony will highlight the biannual Notre Dame Air Force ROTC Award Ceremony Wednesday, December 6 at 4:30 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo Hall. Cadet Katherine Freeburg, a senior finance major from Barrington, Ill. will assume command of the Cadet Corps for the Spring Semester

from the Fall Semester, Cadet Bridget McNamara. In her new role as Wing Commander, Freeburg will be responsible for the planning and execution of all Corps activities.

In addition to the change of command, the ceremony will also recognize 40 Air Force cadets for outstanding performance during the Fall Semester. The public is welcome to attend.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

RHA election fills executive seats

By HEATHER CROSS
News Writer

As the dust settled from the recent resignation of the former Residence Hall Association executive board, last night's election filled their empty seats with four enthusiastic women.

Sarah Sullivan and four other Board of Governance members ran the election, in which each hall had four votes: two from the executive board and two from representatives. Annunciata Hall, however, was only allowed one representative vote due to its small number of residents.

All of the candidates were given time to speak on why they wished to be elected. Nikki Milos, who ran for the positions of President and Vice President, stressed the importance of "continuing to show this school that we have a strong leadership ability within this organization."

The former RHA executive board, with the exception of former Secretary Laura Richter, was in attendance. They resigned from their posi-

Controversy surrounds election

By HEATHER CROSS
News Writer

Although new RHA board members were elected at last night's meeting, controversy surrounds how they were elected.

According to former RHA Vice President Barbara Vandersarl, two votes which should have been cast were not, due to "lack of understanding and awareness of the RHA voting mem-

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tions three weeks ago.

Director of Residence Life and Housing Suzie Orr also attended the election.

The new Saint Mary's RHA executive board includes President Paulette Raczkowski, Vice President Nikki Milos, Trea-

surer Patti Corbitt, and Secretary Christine Rieserberger

Former RHA President Tara Hooper stated that she is "extremely thrilled with the results of the election as the former executive board has had a wonderful working relationship with these members which can only lead to further pioneered change."

"We have only best wishes (for the new board members) and we are willing to help them in any way, with any problems, at any time," added former RHA Treasurer Cynthia Exconde.

"I look forward to working with RHA," said newly-elected President Paulette Raczkowski. "We have a strong power on this campus, and I'm happy to be able to work with this organization."

Raczkowski has set unity within student government as a goal for RHA.

"I look forward to working with the BOG, SAB (Student Activities Board), and SAC (Student Academic Council) on campus-wide activities and events."

CORRECTION

The Observer would like to make the following corrections: An article in last Wednesday's edition incorrectly identified the group Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE).

Last Friday's article on compensation for university presidents incorrectly designated the destination of Father Mal-

loy's University income. It should have read the Congregation of the Holy Cross, not Holy Cross Associates.

Yesterday's article on the Saint Mary's College Student Academic Council misstated the date of the Keynote Speaker's address. The date is Tuesday, February 6.

The Observer regrets the errors.

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HIST 112, WESTERN CIVILIZATION IS NOW OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS; SEE FRESHMAN YEAR OF STUDIES FOR EXEMPTION FORM

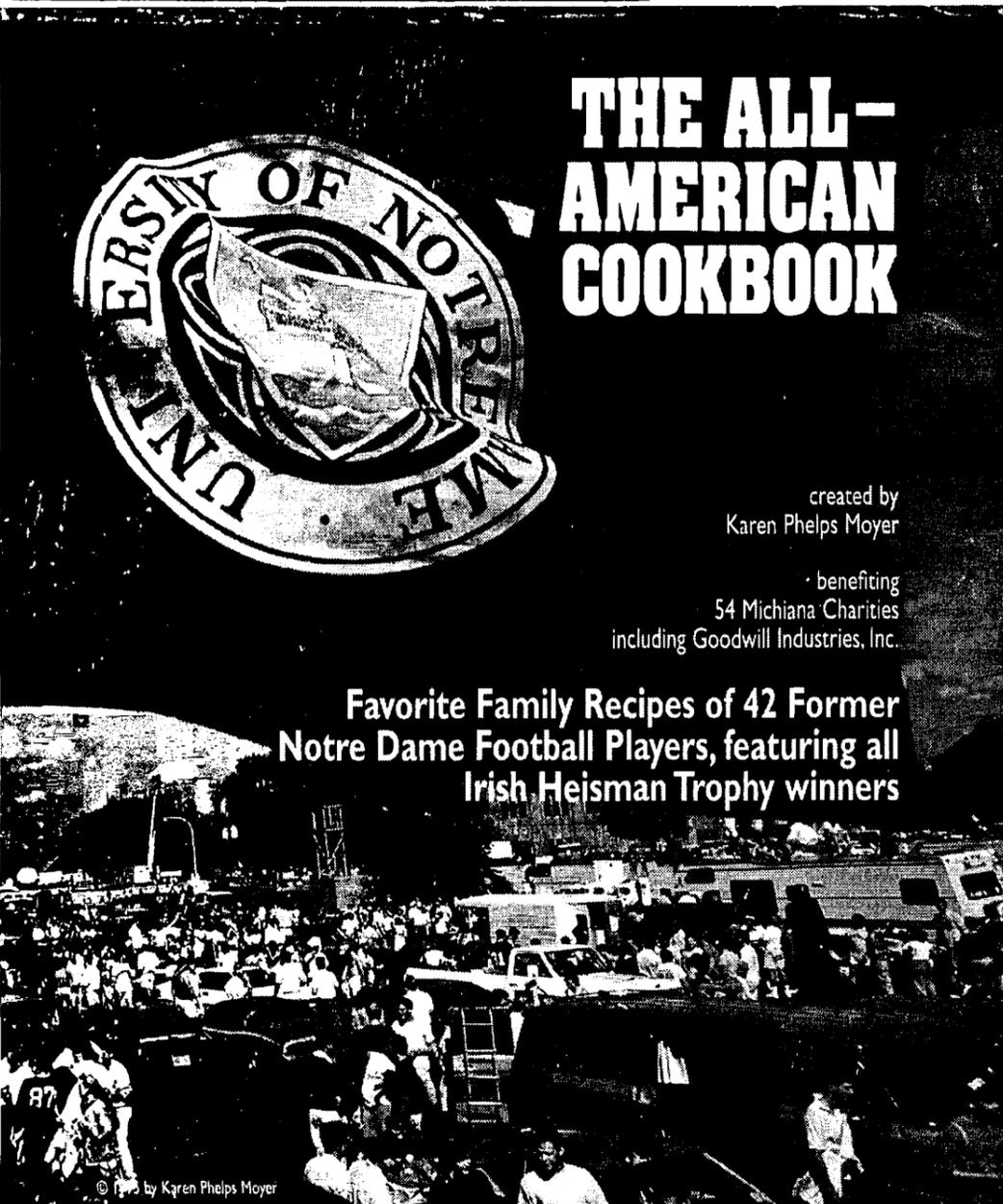
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GM President to seize control for chairman

By MIKE McKESSON
Associated Press

DETROIT

Three years after a boardroom coup gave leadership of General Motors Corp. to an outsider, the chairman said Monday that the recovery is well on its way and it's time to return the top job to a GM executive.

Chairman John Smale, who led the board in the 1992 revolt, will move aside Jan. 1 to head a newly formed executive committee of the GM board. He will be replaced by GM President Jack Smith, who has been chief executive of the world's largest automaker since 1992.

"Now, some three years later, it's clear that GM's management team under Jack Smith's leadership has turned GM around," Smale, a former chairman of Procter & Gamble

Co., said in the news release announcing the changes.

The 1992 rebellion was triggered by billions of dollars in losses from GM's North American operations. Chairman and chief executive Robert Stempel was forced out, Smale became the first GM chairman since the 1950s who was not a GM executive, and Smith was charged with turning the company around.

The company earned record profits of \$4.9 billion last year, including \$690 million from North American automotive operations.

Smith will continue as president and chief executive. The company also said Harry Pearce, a GM executive vice president, will become vice chairman and join Smith as the second company executive on the 13-member board.

RHA

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bers and those running the election."

The two votes in question are those of Angie Kaufman and Jody Jennings. Kaufman is the new All-School Dance Chairwoman, a position formerly held by VanDersarl. Jennings is a Resident Advisor (RA) from McCandless Hall.

VanDersarl claims that these two members were eligible to vote according to changes made to the RHA constitution at the Sept. 18 meeting. Article four, section one, entitled "Voting Members" includes a clause that states that all committee chairwomen are allowed a vote. Under this rule, Kaufman would have been required to vote. Sarah Sullivan, however, claimed that Kaufman was not to vote because she was newly appointed to her position.

The other vote in question is that of RA Jody Jennings. Under the September revisions from the same section, each hall is allowed, if they so choose, to appoint two RAs to the RHA, and these members are entitled to a vote.

Sullivan claims that she was not given these revisions. "When the RHA board resigned, they were asked to sub-

mit all important documents, and they did not submit a recent constitution. We worked with the most recent constitution (in running the election)."

But VanDersarl stated that Sullivan "receives a copy of the minutes at BOG meetings or in her BOG mailbox from the RHA secretary." VanDersarl added that the amendments made to the constitution and the amendment sheet itself were included in an attachment to those minutes.

"They had the updated minutes," said VanDersarl. "What they did with them, I don't know. This just shows a lack of responsibility and accountability on their part, not ours (as the former executive board)."

Sullivan maintains that she did not receive a complete constitution from the former executive board, and should not be made accountable for not referring to those sheets.

She stated that "student government laws are more substantial than just 'amendments to minutes,'" and that she should have been presented with a complete, revised constitution by the former board.

An exact vote count was not available to see if the votes of the two members in question could have possibly changed the results of the election.

Heat rises in French rail strike

By EDUARDO CUE
Associated Press

PARIS

A strike by public workers intensified today with major unions urging the private sector to join the walkout and Prime Minister Alain Juppe calling an emergency meeting of his government.

The 11-day strike has idled French trains, buses and subways, unnerved millions of commuters and hobbled an already weak economy.

There was no immediate indication of what would be discussed at the Cabinet meeting tonight. Until now, the government has held firm to its plan to overhaul the social se-

curity system and slash the \$64 billion deficit.

However, some in the government have suggested President Jacques Chirac might dissolve the National Assembly and call early legislative elections to break the impasse.

Unions scheduled demonstrations in Paris on Tuesday to maintain pressure on the government in the most serious labor turbulence in nearly a decade. Two unions flatly reject wage freezes for all 5 million public employees and cuts in their benefits. A third major union has accepted some of the proposed revisions in health and retirement benefits.

Transport, utility, postal and other public workers remained

off the job. The strike has shut down 57 of France's 137 post offices.

Financial markets today reflected concern that the strike could spread to the private sector. By late afternoon, the CAC 40 Index of most actively traded stocks was down 2.5 percent.

Chirac, speaking Sunday night in Benin at a summit of French-speaking nations, reiterated that he would not back down.

"France is at a crossroads," Chirac said. "This is the path, the path of reforms that have been put off for far too long."

Union leaders also talked tough, demanding that the government's plan be withdrawn as a condition to opening negotiations.

GLND/SMC

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wrote. "GLND/SMC (Gays and Lesbians at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College) has been the primary source of support for most of the students to whom we have listened."

GLND/SMC is the unofficial student group whose exclusion from meeting in the University Counseling Center precipitated months of on-campus protest and focused national media attention on the school's policy.

Firth's report indicated that the meetings had a profound effect on all members of the committee. "Each of us has been deeply moved by what we have heard over these past months," she wrote.

"We have been inspired by the ways in which gay and lesbian students have assisted each other, and we have been impressed by the earnestness and faithfulness with which many seek to live out their lives as Christians," Firth commented.

The report came to a close by

offering a glimpse of the future.

"It is our hope that the recommendations of this committee will help make Notre Dame the kind of safe and inclusive environment it should be and enhance the University's efforts to meet the needs of its gay and lesbian students," Firth wrote.

John Blandford, co-chair of GLND/SMC, said he was both discouraged and encouraged by the report of the committee.

"I'm a little disappointed that the committee is not moving a little more quickly," he said. The committee will have spent over one year completing its work.

But Blandford found what he called "positive language" in the committee's publication.

"I think the report suggests what we've been saying all along...that GLND/SMC is the prime means of support for gays and lesbians on this campus, and that the Office of Student Affairs did the campus a disservice by trying to ban GLND/SMC from the community," Blandford said.

Blandford said he feels that if the committee is honest and answers its mandate, a recog-

nized, independent gay and lesbian student group will be among the panel's recommendations.

"In our interviews with the committee we sought to remind them that their mandate came first from the community and second from Patty O'Hara. The University community demanded action be taken," he said.

He went on to say that he was pleased to see a reference to GLND/SMC in the report. "An overwhelming majority of the gay and lesbian students that the committee talked to were GLND/SMC members," Blandford said. "It was good to see that noted." At one meeting 32 out of 36 students in attendance were members of GLND/SMC, he said.

Blandford said he still views the committee as a two-edged sword.

"On the down side, it is a way to try to dissipate energy, the campus outcry was muted a bit by the creation of the committee," he said. "On the up side, the longer this goes on, the more inevitable it is that something will be done."

TOP TEN REASONS TO JOIN COMMUNITIES ND

10. No papers, finals or grades
9. Free candles
8. Monk wants you to
7. Better than an SYR for making new friends
6. Chance to talk about Sunday's Gospel ahead of time
5. Discover the challenge of adult Christianity
4. Easier to get into than an NDE
3. Co-ed, Co-ed, Co-ed!
2. Terrific way to learn about your faith
1. Nobody goes to heaven by themselves

New Communities begin in January -- find out what they're all about NOW!

Sign-ups and information sheets are available at the Library and Badin Hall Campus Ministry offices. Any undergraduate student may sign up before the end of the semester. The initial commitment is for the Rally Day (January 20, 1996) and six meetings throughout the spring semester.

Questions? Call Darrell Paulsen or Kate Barrett at Campus Ministry: 631-5242

Spring '96 Medical School Tours

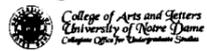
University of Michigan:

Saturday, Jan. 20, 1996 - \$15

Northwestern University:

Friday, Feb. 9, 1996 - \$10

Sign-up and pre-pay in 101 O'Shaughnessy by Friday, Dec. 15, 1995



Senior Class Play Production

of Neil Simon's Plaza Suite

There will be an informational meeting for Seniors interested in acting or helping

7:00 pm Wednesday, December 6th
122 Hayes-Healey

(Those cast will receive scripts, but rehearsals will not begin until January)

First American troops arrive in Bosnia

By MARK PORUBCANSKY
Associated Press

SARAJEVO
Two American sergeants became the first U.S. troops in Bosnia today when they arrived to help lay the groundwork for a 60,000-strong NATO mission to enforce the Balkan peace.

The officers flew into Sarajevo on a camouflaged British C-130 Hercules transport plane carrying about two dozen NATO troops, including British, French and Belgians.

A second plane to Sarajevo brought a seven-member British logistics team, and a third flight carrying troops was expected later today. In Croatia, 56 British communications experts arrived in the port city of Split.

A third of the NATO force will be Americans — the first U.S. ground troops sent to Bosnia in more than 3 1/2 years of war.

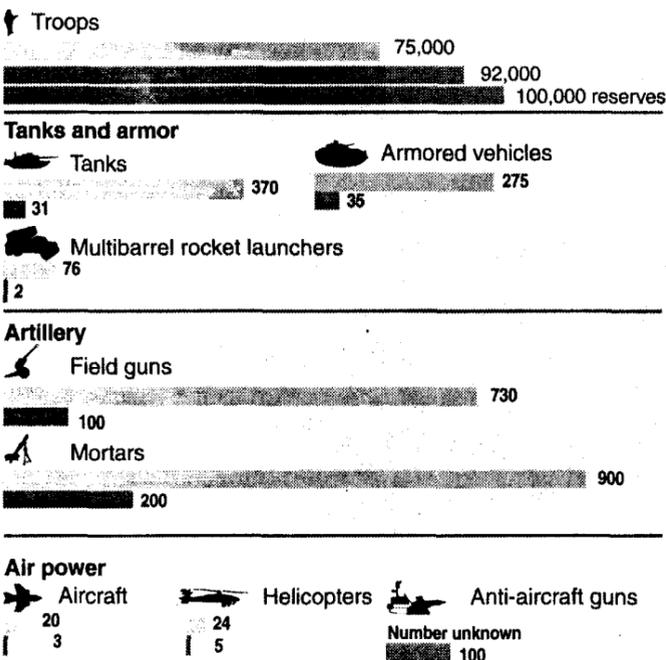
"We'll be setting up the headquarters for the bigger force to come down," said Sgt. Matthew Chipman, of Beardstown, Ill., who arrived today with Sgt. Todd Eichmann, of Kansas City, Mo.

Chipman said the time frame for the rest of the troops' arrival was undetermined. "Everybody is hoping as soon as possible," said Chipman. He said he and Eichmann left their base in Augsburg, Germany, so quickly he didn't have a chance to say goodbye to his parents.

A British soldier who flew into Sarajevo as part of the logistics team said that serving with the NATO force would be better than his previous job as a U.N. peacekeeper in Split because he is now authorized

Bosnian forces

NATO forces do not expect organized resistance in Bosnia. But both the Bosnian Serbs and government maintain armies.



Bosnian government has an unknown number of surface-to-air missiles.

Bosnian Serbs have an unknown number of FROG-7 surface-to-surface missiles and surface-to-air missiles.

Source: The Military Balance 1995-96

AP/Wm. J. Castello

to use force.

"It's the same job," Sgt. Eric Johnson said. "But it's easier this way."

The soldiers who arrived today are the first of 2,600 assigned to lay the groundwork for whole force. In all, some 60,000 NATO troops — a third from the United States — will take part in the mission.

President Clinton gave the official go-ahead Sunday for the

first small groups of U.S. soldiers to leave, but their travel plans were not clear. Some Americans were expected to arrive early this week in Kaposvar, Hungary, to set up a transit point.

The 56 soldiers who came to Croatia today as part of Britain's 7th Signal Regiment will start dealing with communications, logistics and supplies. Some will head for Sarajevo and Tuzla,

and others will stay at Split, a key transit point for Bosnia.

A convoy of 15 to 20 trucks was set to leave a NATO base in Naples, Italy, on Tuesday for Zagreb, Croatia, carrying equipment for the operation's headquarters, said NATO spokesman Franco Veltri.

Clinton, speaking Sunday in Madrid at the end of a five-day European trip, brushed aside a defiant statement by the Bosnian Serb military leader, Gen. Ratko Mladic.

On Saturday, Mladic demanded a reconsideration of the peace accord's transfer of control over Serb areas around Sarajevo to a new Muslim-Croat federation.

Speaking to his troops, Mladic said Serbs will never permit themselves to be ruled by "butchers" — his description of the Muslims and Croats they have fought for more than 3 1/2 years.

Clinton was unyielding. "No, I don't think the treaty is in trouble, and no, I don't think the treaty has to be renegotiated," he said.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, speaking on ABC-TV's "This Week With David Brinkley," also emphasized that the accord brokered in Dayton, Ohio, "will not be changed, it will not be modified" to meet Bosnian Serb objections about the future of Sarajevo.

He said NATO forces do not expect organized resistance from the Serbs.

President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia "understands he has a responsibility to get them under control and we expect him to carry out that responsibility," Christopher said.

SECURITY BEAT

MON., NOV. 27

6:30 a.m. A South Bend resident was cited for speeding on Ivy Rd.

4:52 p.m. A University employee was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of an illness.

9:07 p.m. A Walsh Hall resident was transported to Memorial Hospital for treatment of a sports injury.

TUES., NOV. 28

11:46 a.m. A University employee was transported by Security to the Student Health Center for treatment of a burn.

6:09 p.m. A University employee was transported by Security to Memorial Hospital for treatment of an illness.

11:30 p.m. An off-campus student reported the theft of his wallet from an unlocked locker in the Rockne Memorial Building.

WED., NOV. 29

1:55 a.m. An off-campus student was cited for disregarding a stop sign on Bulla Rd.

4:06 p.m. A Pasquerilla East resident was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of an illness.

9:07 p.m. A St. Edward's Hall resident was transported by Security to the Student Health Center for treatment of a sports injury.

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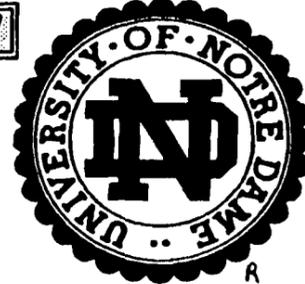
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U.S. marine testifies in rape trial

Serviceman claims forced confession

By PETER LANDERS
Associated Press

NAHA, Japan — An American serviceman accused of raping a 12-year-old girl testified Monday that U.S. investigators dragged him out of bed before dawn and forced him to confess.

The testimony in a Japanese court by Marine Pfc. Rodrico Harp, 21, followed charges by family members that the three servicemen accused of raping the Japanese girl were treated unfairly by the U.S. military, possibly because they are black.

The crime has galvanized local opposition to U.S. bases in Japan. American officials call them crucial to security in Asia. But on Okinawa, the southern Japanese island where 27,000 U.S. troops are stationed, residents want the bases closed, saying they cause too much crime and nuisance.

Outside Okinawa's Naha District Court, where the three servicemen are on trial, someone posted a note to the Americans: "If you have a piece of pride, get out."

Inside, Harp, wearing a lumberjack shirt and slippers, admitted he helped plot the Sept. 4 abduction and rape of the schoolgirl in a rented car. But

he said investigators from the U.S. Navy wouldn't listen to his full story.

"When I told them that I did get into the back seat with the little girl but did not rape her, they were forcing me to say that I did rape her," Harp, of Griffin, Ga., told the court in a clear voice.

Harp also said the U.S. investigators roused him from bed between 4 and 5 a.m. on Sept. 6, just a few hours after his arrest, to answer questions.

Harp's lawyer, Mitsunobu Matsunaga, said the testimony was critical to convincing the three-judge panel deciding the case that Harp's "confession" shouldn't be trusted.

The other two defendants — Navy Seaman Marcus Gill, 22, of Woodville, Texas, and Marine Pfc. Kendrick Ledet, 20, of Waycross, Ga. — are to testify at hearings later this month.

Gill has admitted to the most serious charge, rape causing injury, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. Ledet, like Harp, admits involvement but denies the rape.

Lawyer Matsunaga also sought to lessen Harp's sentence by calling his wife as a witness. Demitrea Harp described her husband as a gentle, churchgoing man who was good with children.

When she said she still loved him, the defendant put his head down and appeared to be crying.

Mrs. Harp also apologized to the victim and her parents.

According to the charges, the three forced the girl into a rented car after she stepped out of a stationery store where she had bought a school notebook, drove her to a remote sugarcane field, raped her and dumped her from the car.

Okinawans have seized on the case as an example of their suffering from the heavy U.S. military presence. Their protests have shaken the U.S.-Japan military alliance at a time when it is already under review because of the end of the Cold War.

The families of the three defendants, who accused the U.S. military of failing to inform them about developments in the case, have hired a lawyer, Eric Ross, to observe the trial. Several American civil rights activists were present Monday as well.

Ross said the families are trying to raise \$5,000 each to compensate the victim — a voluntary step that often results in a lighter sentence in Japan — but denied this meant they believed the men are guilty.

Because Japanese courts convict defendants more than 99 percent of the time, Ross said, "you have to consider the odds."

The trial is to resume Dec. 11, but a verdict, originally expected this month, is now likely to come in January.

The trial has moved slowly because questions to the witnesses and their answers to the court must be translated in English and Japanese.

Labs plea no contest to homicide charges

By JAMES CARLSON
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

A medical laboratory that misread Pap smears of two women who later died of cervical cancer pleaded no contest Monday to reckless homicide.

As part of a plea agreement between Chem-Bio Corp. and prosecutors, Judge David Hansher did not immediately enter a guilty verdict against the company, which will be allowed to appeal parts of the case.

Terms of the agreement were announced the day the case was set to go to trial.

Sentencing for Chem-Bio, of suburban Oak Creek, on the two charges was scheduled Feb. 22.

Chem-Bio faced a possible fine of \$20,000 if convicted of homicide by reckless conduct in the death of Dolores Geary and second-degree reckless homicide in the death of Karin Smith.

The husbands of both vic-

tims were in the courtroom Monday.

"(Karin) would have been disappointed," said Peter Smith. "No one's being held accountable."

Geary, 40, a mother of three from Oak Creek, died in 1993. Smith, 29, of Nashotah, died March 8.

District Attorney Michael McCann said the women were victims of indifference and blatant error.

The two families won settlements totaling \$10 million after suing Chem-Bio and their health maintenance organization, Family Health Plan. However, Smith asked before she died that prosecutors also pursue criminal charges.

At an inquest earlier this year, experts testified that Pap smears — gynecological tests for cancer — had repeatedly shown obvious signs of the cancer, which can be treated if caught early.

In both cases, the cancer tests were read by the same technician at Chem-Bio.

Man captured after taking 30 hostages

Associated Press

PARIS

A man took students and a teacher hostage at a primary school for about two hours today before he was captured.

The man entered Louis Aragon School in the northern Paris suburb of Clichy as classes were ending and seized 30 students and their teacher, police said.

The man, who claimed to have a handgun, allowed one student to leave to carry a message demanding to see a nurse, the source said. He

later released several other students, France Info radio said.

About two hours after the ordeal began, police said they "neutralized" the man and freed the hostages. They did not immediately elaborate.

In May 1993, a man who said he had a bomb held six girls and their nursery school teacher hostage for three days. Police shot and killed the man as he began to doze off and found 21 sticks of live dynamite in the school in the western Paris suburb of Neuilly.

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■ AND IN THIS CORNER...

Throwing down the Gauntlet of debate

I have never started any of my columns with "Dear tight-ass authoritarian conservatives." Until now.

Needless to say, I am growing a tad tired of being addressed by my detractors "you left-leaning liberal pinko commie," or some such variant. I have therefore resolved to answer as many questions about myself as possible in this last Column of the semester, without resorting to naming names.

What I could do is sling some more mud, kind of the "fight mud with mud"

method of discourse Republicans like to use in the place of constructive debate. Unfortunately, as enjoyable as this may be, it does not promote intelligent discussion. I have honestly tried to be as

open as I can personally bear to be, albeit with a few minor slips due to my anxiousness to turn a cute phrase. However, it has not slipped my attention that the more I have insisted that people be open and tolerant, the more I am accused of being the exact opposite (which is something I still can't quite figure out-is it intolerant that I object to the idea of someone ramming their "objectivity" down my throat?)

Therefore I have the following to ask of anyone who wishes to take issue with anything discussed in my columns: by all means, go right ahead and disagree with what I say, but if you do, kindly stick to the issues. It is perfectly fine to say you have a different opinion regarding a philosophical stance such as, say, moral relativism (more on my moralistic views in future columns). On the other hand, claiming that I don't know anything about the real world

because I'm "simply" a writer is not much of an argument.

And if anyone chooses to question my Aslant on American history, please take your head out of your high school textbook first. To consider a small example, the War Between the States was not only not fought to "free the slaves," but in fact Abraham Lincoln had no intention of freeing the slaves when he was elected president. At the time, he didn't believe that it was his right to impose his morals upon a large section of the American populace. Lincoln only issued the Emancipation Proclamation because the North was losing the war and hoped that the freed slaves would join the Union Army.

As far as my "advantages" as a white man are concerned, let me give you a brief family history. My parents were the first ever in the entire history of their families to even go to college, let alone graduate. In every single census containing my family's names, my ancestors' occupations are listed "laborer." The prevailing attitude of the WASP hierarchy of the mid-19th century was that Irish Catholic immigrants were "uneducatable," an attitude which this century has been conveniently applied to Blacks, Hispanics, or any other minority group which has gradually risen to prominence in American society. Throughout my family's history, they were offered virtually no opportunities to better themselves up until the era of the Great Society, an era whose dramatic social programs are being systematically destroyed by Newt Gingrich's "Republican Revolution."

I am trying to dispel the upper-middle

class myth that the wealthy are educated and the poor are stupid. Despite the fact that my family has literally no money, not even enough to go on summer vacations or even buy a car built after 1988, despite the fact that I went to a crappy public high school, despite the fact that I still have no money and am forced to work at a mall and sell well-to-do parents presents for their 2.2 children so I can afford to eat on a regular basis, despite the fact that I currently owe a faceless corporation over \$20,000 and will most likely be in debt for the rest of my life, I am still here. I am here among the monetarily privileged because of my parents' encouragement, because of my friends' support, and because of my determination. And I am not the only one at Notre Dame who has taken this route.

If you want to argue with me, fine. You want to debate moral philosophy or history or current world affairs, fine. But don't try to publicly humiliate me or intimidate me, because, like most childish endeavors, it won't work. And don't ever get into a war of words with me using emotionally-loaded phrases, because you will lose. You think you can bandy a few disparaging, insubstantial jibes, or mock an entire degree program and its candidates, or brandish a libertarian facade to disguise a snide, intolerant, unicameral mind, or in general be smug, arrogant, condescending, self-righteous, and vicious and expect to get away with it?

Let me make a deal with all the blockheads out there. You refrain from calling me an ignorant socialist and pretend to be open-minded, and I'll stop calling you fascist conservatives and pretend I care. If there's anybody hiding in his own little sexist, racist, homophobic, neo-nazi world, it is definitely not me.

And before I get accused of being perpetually ironic or sarcastic, let me assure you all that regardless of what you may have been led to believe, every-

one who sends me an intelligent, conversational e-mail message will receive an intelligent, conversational response. I do not respond to verbal threats, dogmatic garbage, or personal insults. If anything, all you will do is give me an amused chuckle as I click the mouse button on the trash icon.

One short thought on the American Christmas season: I find it almost embarrassing that Americans have perfected the ritual of mass mall-shopping (giving credit where it's due, this was actually my roommate's comment, with which I happen to agree). This is somewhat of a Catch-22 for me, as my job depends upon successfully pandering to said masses. I do so with the knowledge that my own family cannot afford to shop in the store where I work, and that many of my presents this year, as in previous years, will be clothing donated by local area church-goers. I like to think that we don't get caught up in the "money-for-familial-love" trap of modern culture, that we actually celebrate a family holiday by being together under one roof and sharing a holiday meal. It doesn't always work out that way (with little kids, something disruptive happens almost like clockwork), but with fewer material presents each year, it gets closer and closer to that ideal. I often wonder if Christmas would truly be a holiday or a winter festival if nobody bought anything for their relatives.

One final word of advice to would-be or have-been abusers of the English Department: it is not wise to piss off a large group of writers. Live by the sword, die by the pen. It's your choice.

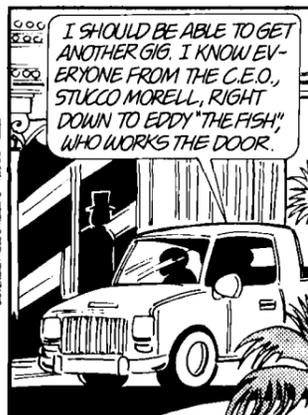
Happy Christmas, one and all.

Matthew Apple is one damn good Creative Writing student of many at Notre Dame. All reasonable discourses accepted liberally at matthew.t.apple.1@nd.edu.

Matt Apple

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Things cannot always go your way. Learn to accept in silence the minor aggravations...so that those about you may not be annoyed with the dust and soot of your complaints."

—Sir William Osler

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE RIGHT

Being both Catholic and conservative

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter, " 'Right Reason' contradicts its own terms", (Nov. 28, D. Macisaac), I submit the following. It is wholly erroneous to state that one cannot be both a faithful Roman Catholic in good standing with the Church, and, at the same time, a modern political and economic conservative (Phrases like the "New Right", Macisaac, are merely liberal lingo for a political constituency our elite press loathes). To support his contention otherwise, the author gives us a quote made sixty-four years ago by Pope Pius XI denouncing what was then known as "free market" economics (The term "free market economics" has literally adopted a new meaning today versus sixty years ago - a fact that D. Macisaac was assuredly and regrettably unaware of). Macisaac then takes a great leap in faith - something like that of a Canadian Elk on ice - and applies that quote to today's conservative politicians - evil ideologues whose economic views are decidedly anti-Catholic.

What exactly was Pope Pius XI referring to in his encyclical condemning so-called "free market economics"? (What exactly is 'free market economics'? The term is attributed to a British economist/philosopher named Malthus. Malthus held that all markets - product, commodity, labor etc. - should be completely self-directing. Accordingly, only when completely unfettered by outside regulations could these 'free' markets best serve society at large. Even though such a policy may bring about serious economic hardship - severe food shortages for half a continent etc. - the market in the end would be self-correcting and result in the highest utility for society. The Church, rightfully recognizing Malthus's philosophy as one where utility presupposes morality, spoke out against it. In the quote Macisaac gracefully disembodied, Pope Pius XI merely reiterated the Church's position against any economic system which leads to a rejection of God and morality. (Pope John Paul II, in like fashion, has also written subsequently condemning any economic system - whether it be atheistic Communism or materialistic Capitalism - which threatens to subjugate the spiritual needs of the people.)

Our author regrettably confuses the term 'free market economics', as it has been used traditionally, with the term as it is used - in only the very loosest of terms - in modern political rhetoric. Not one country in the world today has an economic system that would be described traditionally as "free market." The United States, on the contrary, is one of, if not the predominant, 'socialist' trading countries in the world. Our tariff regulations, and quotas are of the highest - if not the highest of any country spanning the globe. We do not have an economic system which even remotely resembles that Contrary to Macisaac's completely erroneous claim, there political major party today - Conservative or Liberal - which is "free market" economic system. On the contrary, a truly free market economy would be completely foreign to our American way of life.

We have grown comfortable with the SEC, the FDA, and literally thousands of consumer protection agencies (and so forth) all designed to regulate the workings of the market. Furthermore, Bill Clinton, a bastion of the liberal left (though he masquerades otherwise), has proven to be as much a student of so-called "free-market" economics as his counterparts on the right. NAFTA, continued trade with China, and GATT are all measures which Clinton favored (as Malthus would have as well).

What then does the term "free market economics" mean today as it is applied to the so-called "Far Right"? Many Americans feel that the same government, designed to protect all citizenry, has itself become somewhat of a nuisance. A growing number of Americans, today, are feeling a similar sense of alienation. Consequently, the political movement towards a smaller, less encroaching federal government is growing. The people who comprise this movement are the evil ideologues our author condemns, borrowing an ill-placed quote from Pope Pius XI.

Consequently, the student newspaper, "Right Reason" may be both politically conservative and, at the same time, in complete harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Furthermore, not only are there no moral encumbrances associated with being a political and economic conservative, there are a few crucial teachings of the Church which the so-called "New Right" strongly support. This "New Right", for example, believes in the right of a child to have his/her own life. Pope John Paul II has commented that without respect for life, justice cannot exist in society. This represents the most paramount of any issue facing our nation today. The "New Right" is also opposed to anything which threatens the integrity of the nuclear family. This includes opposition to laws legalizing/condoning same-sex relationships, adoptions by homosexual couples, pornography and the exploitation/abuse of women and children. (We have been witnessing the effects of a breakdown of the nuclear family for the last thirty years. Suicide, for example, today, is one of America's leading killers of children.) The "New Right" also recognizes a need to return to an education based on values - not cultural goobly-gook steeped in relativism - and incorporating such things as school prayer. (It is no secret that our educational system is a complete failure. Yet, Catholic schools, who spend twenty-five percent of their public rivals produce pupils who vastly outperform their public school educated peers.) These are all reforms that are much needed, and, which are in complete support of Catholic teaching. Consequently, "Right Reason" may be proud to support this broad ranged group of Americans desperately seeking reform.

NICHOLAS VAKKER
Freshman
Off-Campus

Students defend writing program

Dear Editor:

As graduate Creative Writing students we feel it necessary to respond to John Day's November 28th attack on our program. While Matthew Apple is a member of the Creative Writing program, the opinions expressed in his weekly column are strictly his own. They do not necessarily reflect the sentiments of the rest of the writers.

We trust Day appreciates the importance of personas. Columnists who regularly appear in newspapers frequently adopt them in order to distance their private lives from the very public and sometimes controversial views they express. Perhaps this is true in Apple's case, and he intends his "bratty" and "temper-tantrum" prone persona to incite his reading audience to action or reaction, as the case may be.

Basically, we are dismayed by Day's sweeping generalizations about the Creative Writing program and its students. After all, he attended the University of Notre Dame three years before realizing the existence of the program. Yet, he brands the "world of graduate-level Creative Writing" a "sheltered" one. Furthermore, can someone exposed to our program solely through the bullet that appears below Matthew Apple's name be acquainted enough with the various academic backgrounds and interests of the graduate writing students to be sure he "wouldn't dare attempt to match intellectual wits against" us?

While we value Day's critical assessment of Apple's journalistic pursuits, we caution him not to adopt the same "lack of tolerance" he finds so disturbing in Apple. In order to foster Day's commitment to growing up and assuming a responsible position in society and the work force, we invite him to deepen his acquaintance with the creative community of Notre Dame and attend our next graduate student reading.

KATHY EATON
ESTEBAN GALINDO
Creative Writing students

How to regain ND's Home Field advantage

Dear Editor:

The student body is the key, but unlike the "old days" (pre 1990) the student body isn't enough by itself. To explain:

In the old days, the student body was incohesive enough to make ND Stadium a tough place to visit pretty much on their own. The rest of the crowd never was that great (though granted they are much worse now).

It will be next to impossible to bring the student body back to the old level of 7,000 totally crazed hormonally overdosed young men who all feel closely bonded with the team (because they live with them in the same dorms and go to the same classes), because the demographics have changed forever (higher SAT scores, lots more women - see below).

The trick is to use the fervor for the team that still exist among the student body to act as a catalyst to raise the level of the rest of the crowd to previously unheard of heights. (Here the intelligence and mixed gender composition of today's student body can be assets, in figuring out innovative and clever ways to focus crowd participation as well as to involve the many women who attend the games.)

Reference crowd dynamics:

Working a big crowd is an art (look at any large stadium rock concert). Someone needs to be in charge with good communication to all the folks who can help (PA announcer, band, cheerleaders). That person needs to have a feel for the game (when to cheer, when

to make overwhelming noise to stun the visiting offense and prevent them from hearing their own plays in the huddles, when to sing, when to drown out visitors bands, when to let them have 20 seconds of glory) as well as crowd dynamics. (Tough to train a student each year to do this, at least without a "faculty advisor" of some kind for continuity.)

The cheerleaders appear to have outlived their maximum utility as presently conceived (this is pretty much true across America). They are too "show" oriented. An idea: leave them as is, maybe a bit smaller, put them to useful work, but supplement them with a whole new legion of crowd rousers who are spotted (in cheerleader uniforms, why not, or at least instantly recognizable) throughout the stadium, every ten rows or so, with a set of key signs ("noise" "sing" "quiet" etc.) The can take their cues from the field cheerleaders, and can help counteract today's wine and cheese crowd.

Somebody needs to come up with a few good cheers. Maybe a couple of oldies could be dusted off, like "Who's a person, he's a person, he's a Notre Dame person" for the injured guys, or "We are ND, but basically updated stuff for the 21st century is needed."

Reference music:

Music may be the ideal way to help keep momentum going during the incredibly long TV timeouts. Cheering alone simply won't cut it; if they've been cheering right the crowd needs a change of pace.

The band needs to be gotten under

control. The students in the bank understand their role in the games, but their faculty leaders do not. Halftime is "musicianship" time.

The PA announcer needs to be gotten under control. (There may be times to announce real interesting scores, but before a big play is not one of them.)

As a typical TV timeout sequence: Maybe let the visitor band do something for 20-30 seconds, then jump in on the end of their feeble effort with our own band. Then get the whole damn crowd to sing one of our four different fight songs. (Witness a rock star getting the crowd to sing along; when done right, this can be very powerful. How to do? Try distributing the lyrics at the gates with an explanation that this is important and we need your help; then get the PA announcer to announce it (with enthusiasm: "Now we're going to sing the Hike Song, join in please, the lyrics are on page 49 of your program.") [Note: Get all the lyrics printed prominently and well in the program!] Then get the band to play the song at the right tempo.) Then maybe go into a cheer, which should segue right into the play. At which point if it's our offense everybody quiets down (but the offense is jazzed) but if it's our defense everybody cuts loose. Learning all the songs will have other positive effects for the culture, and will also spill over into the:

Pep rallies:

Way too artificial. Need to get the team seated on one side, and the students out in the middle of the floor ("festival seating"). Need to make it a stu-

dent-oriented event. Bag the cabaret acts for the visitors.

Figure out ways for the band to make an entrance with all the students collected in a giant swing through the campus. Bring back the pre-rally bonfires and the mini-rallies. Sure, sure, the coach and the administration don't want to "lose control" and the insurance people will shudder at the thought of a sprained ankle. But there is enough space in the ACC (terrible place, but let's make the most of it) to do all this safely.

Let the leaders on the team have a role in how it's all orchestrated. It should be fun for everybody, and some genuine inspiration for the team.

Again, using similar music/cheering techniques will help get the visiting fans fired up. They basically don't have much else to do Friday night but to come, so let's at least get them off their behinds. Use the rallies as a tutorial for the new fans on cheering.

Interaction with other sports:

This may be a way to help enhance concerted involvement by the women's dorms. Try working out ways to support women's teams with more enthusiasm, and at the same time get the women's dorms organized and behind the effort to rejuvenate the crowd in the football stadium.

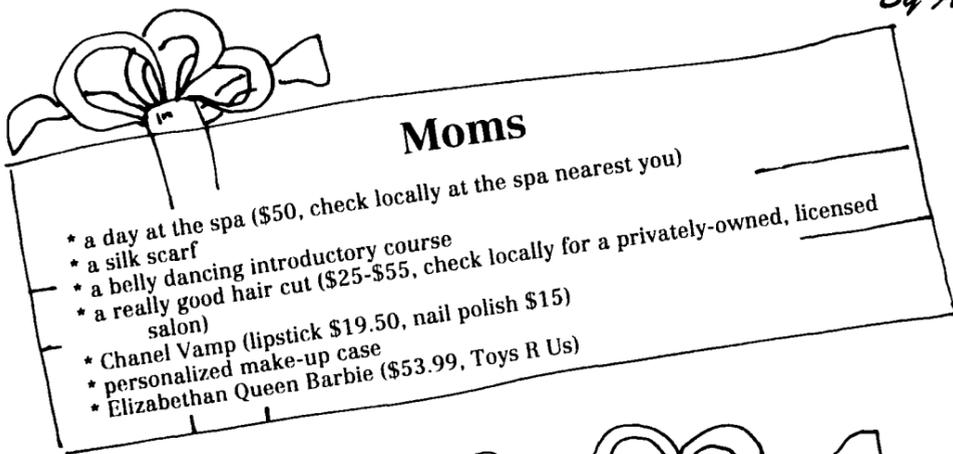
Same for the men's sports. Maybe some of these other players will be vigorous enough and help do things like bring the student tunnel back before the games.

COLONEL PETER HERRLY
LILLIAN PFLUKE

Holiday Wrap Up

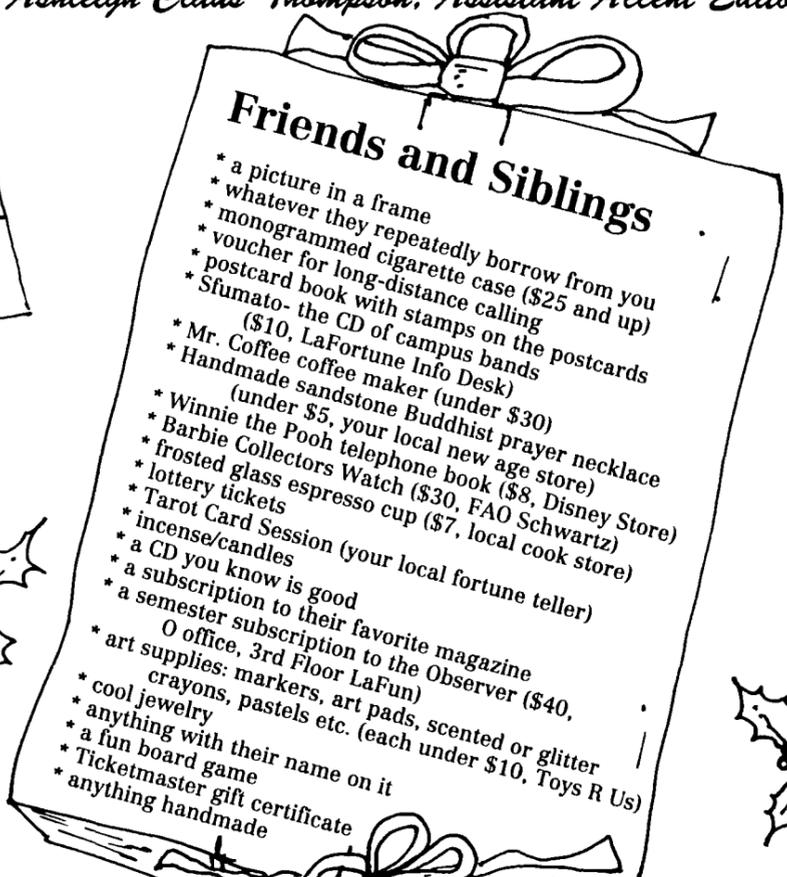
Even if those you love have been especially naughty this year, be nice and give them something extra special this holiday season. Since our dads are tired of ties, our moms' closets couldn't handle another sweater and by this time in the semester most of us are poor and lethargic, here are some sure-to-please gift ideas to take the trauma out of holiday shopping. Accent staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Good Luck finding a parking space.

By Ashleigh Claus Thompson, Assistant Accent Editor



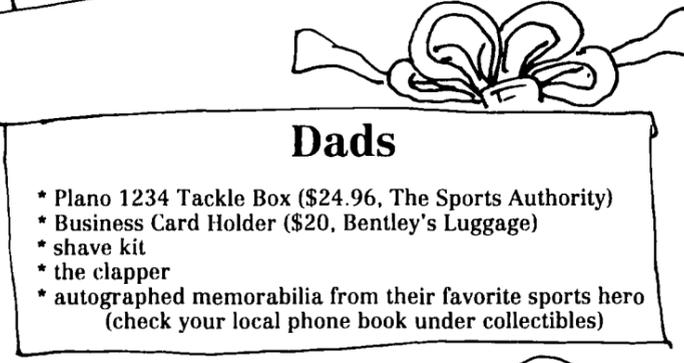
Moms

- * a day at the spa (\$50, check locally at the spa nearest you)
- * a silk scarf
- * a belly dancing introductory course
- * a really good hair cut (\$25-\$55, check locally for a privately-owned, licensed salon)
- * Chanel Vamp (lipstick \$19.50, nail polish \$15)
- * personalized make-up case
- * Elizabethan Queen Barbie (\$53.99, Toys R Us)



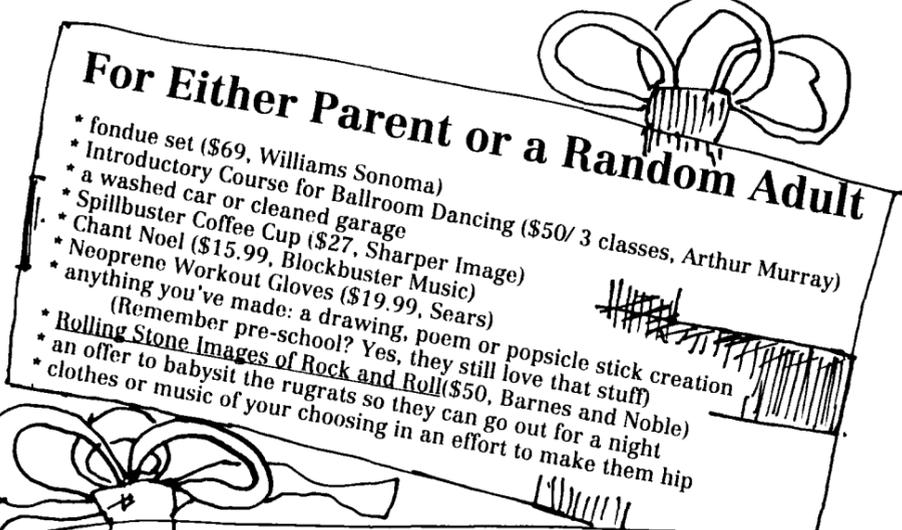
Friends and Siblings

- * a picture in a frame
- * whatever they repeatedly borrow from you
- * monogrammed cigarette case (\$25 and up)
- * voucher for long-distance calling
- * postcard book with stamps on the postcards
- * Sfumato- the CD of campus bands (\$10, LaFortune Info Desk)
- * Mr. Coffee coffee maker (under \$30)
- * Handmade sandstone Buddhist prayer necklace (under \$5, your local new age store)
- * Winnie the Pooh telephone book (\$8, Disney Store)
- * Barbie Collectors Watch (\$30, FAO Schwartz)
- * frosted glass espresso cup (\$7, local cook store)
- * lottery tickets
- * Tarot Card Session (your local fortune teller)
- * incense/candles
- * a CD you know is good
- * a subscription to their favorite magazine
- * a semester subscription to the Observer (\$40, O office, 3rd Floor LaFun)
- * art supplies: markers, art pads, scented or glitter crayons, pastels etc. (each under \$10, Toys R Us)
- * cool jewelry
- * anything with their name on it
- * a fun board game
- * Ticketmaster gift certificate
- * anything handmade



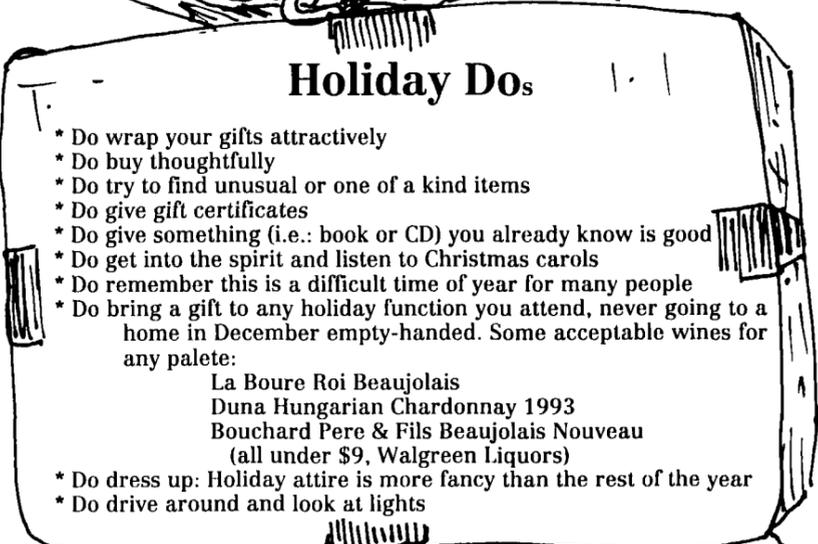
Dads

- * Plano 1234 Tackle Box (\$24.96, The Sports Authority)
- * Business Card Holder (\$20, Bentley's Luggage)
- * shave kit
- * the clapper
- * autographed memorabilia from their favorite sports hero (check your local phone book under collectibles)



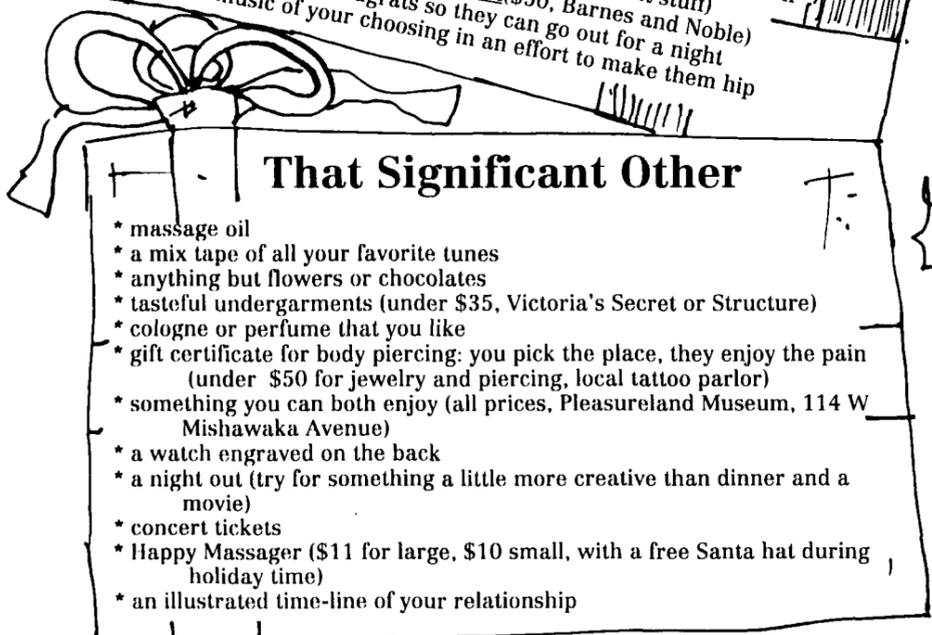
For Either Parent or a Random Adult

- * fondue set (\$69, Williams Sonoma)
- * Introductory Course for Ballroom Dancing (\$50/ 3 classes, Arthur Murray)
- * a washed car or cleaned garage
- * Spillbuster Coffee Cup (\$27, Sharper Image)
- * Chant Noel (\$15.99, Blockbuster Music)
- * Neoprene Workout Gloves (\$19.99, Sears)
- * anything you've made: a drawing, poem or popsicle stick creation (Remember pre-school? Yes, they still love that stuff)
- * Rolling Stone Images of Rock and Roll (\$50, Barnes and Noble)
- * an offer to babysit the rugrats so they can go out for a night
- * clothes or music of your choosing in an effort to make them hip



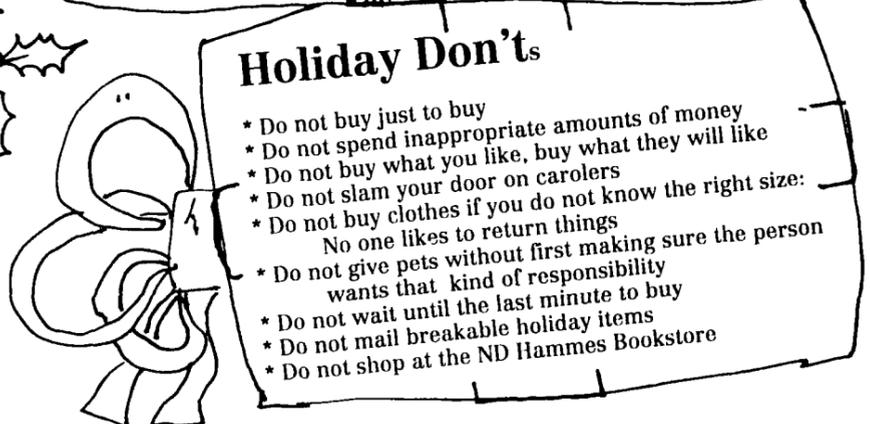
Holiday Dos

- * Do wrap your gifts attractively
- * Do buy thoughtfully
- * Do try to find unusual or one of a kind items
- * Do give gift certificates
- * Do give something (i.e.: book or CD) you already know is good
- * Do get into the spirit and listen to Christmas carols
- * Do remember this is a difficult time of year for many people
- * Do bring a gift to any holiday function you attend, never going to a home in December empty-handed. Some acceptable wines for any palate:
La Boure Roi Beaujolais
Duna Hungarian Chardonnay 1993
Bouchard Pere & Fils Beaujolais Nouveau (all under \$9, Walgreen Liquors)
- * Do dress up: Holiday attire is more fancy than the rest of the year
- * Do drive around and look at lights



That Significant Other

- * massage oil
- * a mix tape of all your favorite tunes
- * anything but flowers or chocolates
- * tasteful undergarments (under \$35, Victoria's Secret or Structure)
- * cologne or perfume that you like
- * gift certificate for body piercing: you pick the place, they enjoy the pain (under \$50 for jewelry and piercing, local tattoo parlor)
- * something you can both enjoy (all prices, Pleasureland Museum, 114 W Mishawaka Avenue)
- * a watch engraved on the back
- * a night out (try for something a little more creative than dinner and a movie)
- * concert tickets
- * Happy Massager (\$11 for large, \$10 small, with a free Santa hat during holiday time)
- * an illustrated time-line of your relationship



Holiday Don'ts

- * Do not buy just to buy
- * Do not spend inappropriate amounts of money
- * Do not buy what you like, buy what they will like
- * Do not slam your door on carolers
- * Do not buy clothes if you do not know the right size: No one likes to return things
- * Do not give pets without first making sure the person wants that kind of responsibility
- * Do not wait until the last minute to buy
- * Do not mail breakable holiday items
- * Do not shop at the ND Hammes Bookstore

Certain members of Accent Staff would like to congratulate the 1995 Women's Soccer Team (and especially their roommates who they haven't seen all semester) on a fabulous season. Go TRISH!

■ SAINT MARY'S SWIMMING

Belles take seventh in Notre Dame Invitational

By LAURIE KELLEHER
Sports Writer
and CAROLINE BLUM
Saint Mary's Sports Editor

In a race against tough teams including Notre Dame, Niagara, Kansas, Pittsburgh, Michigan State, and Buffalo, the Saint Mary's Swimming and Diving teams were able to hold their own with a seventh place finish in the Notre Dame Invitational this weekend.

As a whole, the team made a good showing against the strong teams. The competition kicked off on Thursday, with a personal best time from Katie Rose in the 200 IM. Other stellar performances were achieved by Sara Gillen, Allison Smith, Shannon Kelleher, and Jen Mitchell who each swam the 500 freestyle in both the morning and night sessions of the invitational. Each improved the second time.

"We knew better than to expect to compete with Notre Dame, Kansas, and Pittsburgh," Coach Mike Whatley said. "They are tough teams. But the

fact that we were able to swim against them with quality means we have come along way this semester."

After Thursday, the Belles were in eighth place, but were determined to give Niagara University a challenge, who was only a few points ahead.

"We were anxious to take on Niagara," Rose said. "We used the strength of the other strong teams to push us to go faster."

On Friday, the Belles showed their desire to improve. Freshman Tara Thomas, with a time of 1:04:82, broke the team record in the 100 backstroke, while Allyssa Cameally placed 17th in the 100 yard butterfly. The race supplied Cameally with a season best time.

The 800 freestyle relay team, composed of Smith, Mitchell, Kelleher, and Rose placed fifth ahead of Kansas, Buffalo, and Pittsburgh and pulled the Belles ahead of Niagara for seventh place.

On the final day of competition the Belles maintained their lead over Niagara, with com-

mendable performances from several team members.

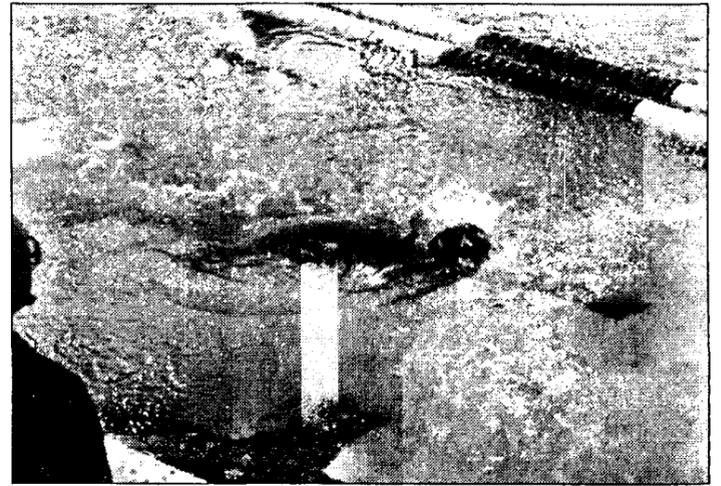
Allison Smith, who placed 11th in the 1650 freestyle with a time of 17:57, and qualified for the NCAA. The cut was 18:09.

"I'm glad that I made the cut for the NCAAs in the freestyle," said Allison Smith. "The team as a whole did really well. It was a nice end to the meets for this semester."

Shannon Kelleher had two 15th place finishes in the 1650 free and the 200 fly. Mary Ruschmeier placed 20th in the 200 breaststroke, and Jill Cooper qualified for the bonus finals for her times in both the 100 and the 200.

The performances helped the Belles to hold on to a 7th place finish in the Invitational.

"It was nice to be able to beat Niagara at that level," Whatley said. "We were really impressed by the accomplishment. We may not have been able to pose serious competition for each team we swam, but the meet was a great experience."



The Observer/Cynthia Exconde
Saint Mary's competed in the Notre Dame Invitational against several Division I squads. They defeated Niagara to place seventh.

Watch for the Orange Bowl pullout in Wednesday's Observer.

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 314 LaFortune and from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 309 Haggar College Center. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 2 cents per character per day, including all spaces.

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LOST & FOUND

**** JACKET LOST **** forest green winter jacket with hood (Eddie Bauer); last seen: Club 23 on Wed. Nov. 29; please call: Nancy 273-6508

Brownish backpack misplaced at SDH Friday morning. Any info. call x3835. No questions asked.

I lost my BLUE PULLOVER JACKET at Senior Bar last week.

If you have seen it it would be greatly appreciated if you could return it.

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Call Greg Sinnott at 4-2055.

FOUND: 1 Large gold hoop earring bet. Nieuwland & LaFortune. Call x3252

LOST: silver earring with black stone & French hook in SDH. Please call Kristin at X3534.

LOST: 1 knit glove, light blue with pink stripes. call Kristin at X3534.

WANTED

I need a ride to NYC on 15 or 16 Dec, will share costs and keep you awake. Ph. Tim on 4-3984.

Two genial guys looking for rides home to Eastern Mass. over Christmas break. Will split gas/tolls/etc. If you can only take one of us home, that's fine too. Please call Tom x1173 or Marty x3419 as soon as possible.

I REALLY need a ride home to NYC (or anywhere in the tri-state area) for Christmas. I'll split gas/tolls, and have good travel tapes. PLEASE call Bob 4-1244

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DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT?? I thought so... Unique gift ideas which you are bound to like. Check it out! Not sold in stores! Call 634-2113.

THE LAST ISSUE OF THE OBSERVER WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6. YOU HAVE UNTIL 3 PM ON TUESDAY TO PUT IN YOUR CHRISTMAS CLASSIFIEDS TO YOUR FRIENDS AND TO WISH THEM GOOD LUCK DURING FINALS. ALSO, DO YOU HAVE YOUR RIDE HOME YET?

Needed: Live male entertainment for a 21st birthday party! Call 273-4959 immediately! Will pay \$\$\$!

Posse out... Craig Kilborn - a hero to all the youngsters at home.

The Pull-outs are phat. We can hoop, drink, make picks and swear with the best of them. Yo rest of paper, bring it. You can't touch us. Peace out.

Bangin' Bed
1. ... Because you can't reach.
2. South Shore!
3. Can I do anything for you?
4. It smells like **** in this room!
5. Soars through the air like an eagle... shwoo, shwoo!
6. Just lift your butt a little.
7. Do you want my number?
8. I still smell like Drakkar.
9. Where's the Sangria?
10. Alka Seltzer!?!
ADOPTION
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I need ride for Xmas 2 E. PA, NJ, or DE via r80/PATnpk; help drive & pay; call Jared 0508

Driving 2 NY/NJ 4 xmas? Want company? Kristen 2342

Spam Man: Please contact Jim Yarbrough at South Dining Hall (1-6147). I will make you a good deal on a Spam Promotion. You can have a lot of fun.

Speedracer
1. Anybody else?
2. Leen-da, doesn't that sound erotic?
3. One, two.....CHONCH!
4. R&B music makes me tingle.
5. I feel good enough to drive!
6. You're showing too much flesh..
7. John, did you get his number?
8. I just can't stand stupidity.
9. Rosey's a hot little number.
10. Sean's head makes the best head rest.

Jed, you've got to get us the blue velcros! Your lvo classmates.

Regan, I am sad that today is the last day. But now there's more time to pursue the whole gummies scandal. Hopefully we can play "Let's Pretend" sometime soon. Who else will I carry my backpack downstairs with now? Who else? Always remember the three week plan. I see Twizzlers in your future. Always. Louigi's Bistro.

Blum, You should not jump off lofts because you might hurt your arm or something. Also, tell your friend that when I want someone to hold my gum, I mean in his hand, not in his mouth. Thanks, now.

Cora and Ash, just think: next year our phone might actually work. only one day till st. nick's. good luck on the presentation. if all goes well, we'll have the coolio CD before we leave for break

One word - Blimpies. It goes better with Goldschlager.

Hey HUST majors. Hang in there. Journals, exams, papers. No problems. YOU ARE INVINCIBLE>. (Or at least keep telling yourself that.)

I'm still thinking that I prefer Subway. It's so much easier to get there. It's all about location.

Your laugh is stupid and insincere.

A final ode to Morgs for the semester. Yeah, you deserve it after this weekend. We didn't figure in being trashed when we designed the lofts. P. G. will have to work on that one. Maybe a safety net over the sink would work.

Mustang Sally- Not that you deserve this, but I thought I'd just brighten your day anyway!

Cap is cool, Calabria is cooler. Carolina and Dante rule the college basketball world. Give it up for the slow, hairy, white guy.

If Eric Montross could shoot free throws, Bill Russell's place as the NBA's best center ever might be in jeopardy. Good ol' #0 has already moved ahead of other illustrious greats such as Greg Kite, Mark Acres, and, though it is close, Stojko Vrankovic.

A merry Christmas to Rachel. Thanks for being there for us all. She's the HR.

The aqua RUN DMC adidas suit is coming back in style. It's kind of tough to get socks to match though.

WASHINGTON, D.C. Sign-ups for January's March for Life will be tonight at dinner in teh dining halls. If you have any questions, please leave a message at 1x9006

Viva the Women's Resource Center! Sign the petition in the dining halls!!! Don't be insensitive or apathetic. Rise above it!!!

"I am going to dance, strip myself naked, and do all kinds of dirty ----." You go Norby.

Nicki Emer is really, really cool.

Hey Guertin - alright, you asked for it. you've sunk to this level, the Observer classifieds. Dude, you are so much better than this, but I do your bidding.

Last week was the last issue of Scholastic! Whatever will I do with my Thursdays?

nannery...i'm thinking we should just get cheddar cheese goldfish crackers instead of dealing with the triscuits and easy cheeze. I am all over class...mcgrath

Well, look at you, a general, huh? Oh, well, someone must have told them about my little maneuver at the battle of Taanab.

Well, don't look at me, pal. I just said you were a fair pilot. I didn't know they were lookin' for somebody to lead this crazy attack. I'm surprised they didn't ask you to do it.

Well, who says they didn't. But I ain't crazy. You're the respectable one, remember?

The Emperor has made a critical error and the time for our attack has come.

The data brought to us by the Bothan spies pinpoints the exact location of the Emperor's new battle station. We also know that the weapon systems of this Death Star are not yet operational. With the Imperial Fleet spread throughout the galaxy in a vain effort to engage us, it is relatively unprotected. But most important of all, we've learned that the Emperor himself is personally overseeing the final stages of the construction of this Death Star.

Many Bothans died to bring us this information. Admiral Ackbar, please.

Lucas, thou art a huge loser. Ever thought of working for Scholastic?

Top things we'll miss about Treacy: *Snyders Pretzels. What a bargain. That is a... (oh never mind. It wasn't funny the first time)

*How he never, ever whines about anything. Ever. He's so tuff.

*His mind...b/c it's in the gutter.

*His unabashed love and devotion for women's soccer.

* The best line ever, outside of a bar, "He is Randy Colley"

Well, that's about it. Have fun in London.

Joey V - sorry about the quote.

Hey there mister can you tell me what happened to the seeds I've sown

Can you give me a reason sir as to why they've never grown? They've just blown around from town to town till there back out on these fields

where they fall down from my hand back into the dirt of this hard land

You know, I appreciate Bruce Springsteen, but what about the other great star with a spring in his name? I'm speaking of course of Rick Springfield, god of 80's pop. Sure, you all know Jesse's Girl, but what about Don't Talk to Strangers or I've Done Everything for You? The man had a marginal bit of talent and used it for all it was worth. Kind of like me. My hero.

Line 'em up and shoot 'em

"And I hate when things are over. There's so much left undone."

Big East

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A pre-season No. 2 ranking in the Big East 6 coupled with an impressive win against conference foe Rutgers gives the Irish reason to be confident.

Notre Dame, however, suffered its first two losses of the season this weekend at the Kona Women's Basketball Classic in Hawaii.

Penn State defeated the Irish 86-77, and Texas A & M narrowly beat Notre Dame in overtime by a score of 88-84.

Notre Dame's only win, an 80-67 victory, came against the Washington Huskies.

Considering that both losses were at the hands of nationally ranked squads, Coach McGraw was pleased with her team's performance. "This early in the season, I'm really happy with the way we are playing."

Notre Dame's most feared rival in the Big East 6 will be defending national champion Connecticut. The Huskies pos-

sess some of the best talent in the country, including the Big East's pre-season player of the year Jennifer Rizzotti and pre-season rookie of the year Tammy Arnold.

Along with Connecticut and Notre Dame, the Big East 6 consists of Villanova, Boston College, St. John's, and West Virginia.

The other conference division, Big East 7, is led by pre-season favorite Seton Hall. Last season, the Pirates earned their second straight NCAA tournament appearance and spent ten weeks in the Associated Press Top 25.

Joining Seton Hall in the Big East 7 are Providence, Miami, Rutgers (which begins its inaugural Big East season along with Notre Dame), Pittsburgh, Georgetown, and Syracuse.

Notre Dame's entrance into the Big East has not only affected its own players and coaches. Its presence is being noticed by teams throughout the conference.

"Notre Dame definitely impacts the Big East, and it makes

this a stronger conference all the way down the line," commented Sam Henderson, assistant sports information director at Miami.

Junior co-captain Beth Morgan is anxious to prove that Notre Dame can compete with the top teams in the Big East.

She played brilliantly this weekend against some of the top players in the country, including a career-high 34 point performance in the overtime loss to Texas A & M.

"I'm really excited about playing in the Big East, because of the quality of the teams," commented Morgan. "Both of our losses this weekend we could have won, which is frustrating, but we know we can play with the good teams."

The Big East has plenty of good teams. Notre Dame's goal is to establish itself as one of the best.



The Observer/Brent Tadsen
Beth Morgan, Notre Dame's leading scorer, will look to pace the Irish in their inaugural season in the Big East.

Gaither

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But talk to Gaither herself, and you realize that this is no pampered star.

"Everybody becomes a leader at a certain time on this team," commented Gaither when asked about her role as a team leader. "Whoever comes through and steps up their game when we need it becomes our leader."

Gaither became such a leader last year, when she stepped up her game in impressive fashion, tripling her scoring output from her freshman year to finish with a team-high 19.0 points per-game average. She has continued to lead the Irish this season, averaging 19.5 points over six games while leading the team in rebounds with a 9.8 average.

Clearly, Katryna Gaither has arrived. She is a leader every time she steps out on the court.

"Katryna gives us a good inside attack," commented leading scorer and fellow junior Beth Morgan. "She is a great rebounder for us, someone who the other team has to make sure to watch out for every time we take the court."

While her increased rebounding and continued prolific offensive production have drawn attention to the affable junior from Mt. Vernon, New York, Gaither's other contributions have not gone unnoticed.

"Katryna brings a lot of strengths to our team," said Irish head coach Muffett McGraw. "We need her to continue to rebound well. She's improved on defense this season, and has been more of an intimidator around the basket."

With the loss of Letitia Bowen, Notre Dame's all-time leading rebounder to graduation last year, Gaither knew that she would have to improve on her 7.7 rebound-per game average from last season. She also knew that she would have to do even more.

"I need to do a little bit of everything," acknowledged Gaither. "My job usually requires me to do a lot of rebounding and block shots. But I'm willing to dish off an assist

whenever we need it as well. To be honest, I just like to run a lot."

It is this tireless work ethic which has enabled Gaither to reach the next level of play over the last two years, a fact which doesn't go unnoticed by coach and fellow players alike.

"You could tell when we began practice last season she had worked really hard on her game in the off-season," commented Morgan. "She has a great work ethic."

McGraw echoes Morgan. "She's just one of those players who is a pleasure to coach."

A pleasure to coach, but certainly not a pleasure to play against, the hard-working Gaither is intent on reaching new levels of success during her collegiate career.

"I'm always trying to be more versatile," said Gaither. "I know there's more for me to learn. Last year, I found my role, and this year, I know exactly what my role is. I'm still looking to improve every aspect of my game, though. I'm just the type of person who is always working to improve."

Let the opposition be warned, Katryna Gaither is one player who always puts in a full night's work.

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■ WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Turnovers force All-Star draw

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

Some may say pop-tarts, but the story of the women's inter-hall all-star game was *turnovers*.

Even after 60 minutes and a potential tie-breaker, neither the Blue or Gold division was able to enjoy the sweet taste of victory as costly miscues at critical times resulted in a 6-6 tie Sunday at the Loftus Center.

"It was a great opportunity, and we had a lot of fun, but we wish we could have settled it on the field," said Blue running back Wendy Mores.

The Gold squad, determined to avenge last year's 21-14 loss, charged out of the gates in a hurry, using trickery and deception to build a 6-0 advantage before the Blue division knew what hit them.

On their first offensive play of the game, Gold quarterback Elizabeth Plummer handed the ball off to tailback Charo Gonzalez as if they were content with opening up the game on the ground.

However, Gonzalez handed the ball off to backup quarterback Jen Laurie, and Laurie found Plummer streaking uncontested to the end zone. After receiving the well-thrown pass, Plummer scampered the final 10 yards for the touchdown and a 6-0 lead.

"It was a play that we worked on in practice and wanted to try out first thing," said Plummer. "I knew it was a good play, but I didn't know it would work as well as it did."

With fans and players alike thinking that the offenses would dominate for the second straight year, the two defenses took control of the game. The score stood at 6-0 until a costly Gold turnover late in the first half turned the tide.

Blue linebacker Shelly Dillenburg stepped in front of a Laurie pass and returned it to the Gold 20-yard-line with 1:07 remaining in the first half. Four plays later, Blue quarterback Julie Byrd connected with tailback Wendy Mores for a 12 yard touchdown.

Defense was the story of the second half as neither the Blue or Gold squad was able to maintain any kind of consistency at the offensive end.

"The two defense really stepped up in the second half," said Blue tailback Trish Sorensen. "It was important that we got the touchdown at

the end of the first because it was tough to move the football in the second half."

Following regulation, each team had one opportunity to try to score on four plays from the 10-yardline. The defenses once again stepped up, and neither squad was able to get into the end zone to break the tie.

"We were lucky to get the two interceptions when we needed them," said Sorensen. "Those two turnovers kept us in the game when we struggled offensively for the most part."

Indeed, interhall football fans got their fill of turnovers.



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Siegfried's Jen Laurie hit Elizabeth Plummer for a Gold touchdown, but turnovers and tough defenses led to a 6-6 draw of the All-Star contest.



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■ **SOCCER**

Championship notes

By **JOE VILLINSKI**
Assistant Sports Editor

During both games at North Carolina last weekend, Irish opponents were staring into a sea of green.

As the women's soccer team removed their warm-ups on Friday night, they showed off their kelly green uniforms with matching socks to boot. Coach Petrucelli and the Irish hoped the new look would provide a lift considering the history of those famed jerseys.

"It gave us a huge emotional lift on Friday," Petrucelli said. "Today (Sunday) we talked about wearing them and I left it up to the team."

The players saw no reason that the Portland final was any less special than the North Carolina game.

"Their comment to me was 'You keep telling us we're here to win a national championship and now you're going to tell us that the North Carolina game was more important by not wearing the green on Sunday,'" Petrucelli added. "It made sense to me."

Simply the Best: Five Notre Dame players were named to the All-tournament team during the weekend. Cindy Daws, Michelle McCarthy, Kate Sobrero, Holly Manthei, and Jen Renola all garnered the

honor. Sobrero was also named the most valuable defensive player, while Daws grabbed most valuable offensive player honors.

People Everywhere: The crowd of 7,212 for the national semifinal between the Irish and the Tar Heels was the largest audience to see a women's college soccer game in the United States.

Tar-nished: Notre Dame became the first team to earn a shutout victory over UNC since the 1985 national championship game when George Mason beat the Tar Heels, 2-0. The loss also was the last time UNC dropped an NCAA tournament game.

Holy Match-up: The Notre Dame/Portland game paired schools founded by the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

Coast-to-Coast: Portland head coach Clive Charles was a busy man last weekend, fulfilling the duties of both men's and women's soccer coach. After the Pilots' 4-2 victory over SMU Friday night, Charles left Saturday morning to direct the men's team in their win against Santa Clara that night in the NCAA quarterfinals. Charles then completed the pilgrimage back to Chapel Hill with an overnight flight from San Francisco.

■ **SWIMMING**

Irish take third in own tourney

By **BRIDGET CASEY**
Sports Writer

The Irish swimmers were back in action at Rolfs Aquatic center this past weekend following several tough meets on the road. The Notre Dame Invitational offered the swimmers an opportunity to compete in a championship format meet in preparation for the second half of their season.

"It was nice to swim in our home pool after being on the road for the last few meets," commented captain Anna Cooper. "We definitely had our fastest races of the season."

Overall, the Irish women finished third to Pittsburgh and Kansas. The Jayhawks swam away with the meet scoring nearly 900 points, but the Irish found themselves in a race to the finish for second place. In the end, Pittsburgh outscored the Irish 538 to 516.5.

"It was a close meet all the way through but in the end we just couldn't hold off Pittsburgh. It was good for us to test ourselves against such quality competition," commented co-captain Joy Michnowicz.

In individual results, junior Erin Brooks led the Irish with two wins. Brooks finished first in the 100 and 200 Backstrokes in 58.07 and 2:04.07 respectively. Senior Liane Gallagher had a strong showing in the diving events, finishing fourth in the 1-meter event with

375.15 points and third in the 3-meter competition with 410.25 points. Sophomore Courtney South finished strong in the freestyle events, notching a fourth place finish in the 200 (1:55.86), third in the 100 (52.81) and fourth in the 50 (24.61).

On the men's side the Irish also finished third overall. Pittsburgh won the meet with 843 points followed by Kansas with 740 points and the Irish with 512 points.

"The field was definitely the toughest we have faced in a while but it brought our level of competition up a notch", commented captain George Lathrop.

Sophomore Ron Royer led the Irish with a strong finish in the

50 Free (21.09). His time was only a half of a second away from an NCAA consideration time.

Freshman Jeff Page finished third in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 1:54.41 and fellow freshman Scott Zumbach finished second in the 400 Individual Medley (4:01.40).

In the Breastroke events junior Matt Rose and Steele Whowell exchanged finishes, with Rose placing second in the 200 (2:07.37) and third in the 100 (58.84) and Whowell finishing third in the 200 (2:09.91) and second in the 100 (58.54).

The Irish will wrap up the first half of the season Saturday with a dual meet against Ball State University.



Senior co-captain Joy Michnowicz helped lead the women's swim team to a third place finish in the Notre Dame Invitational. The Irish placed behind Kansas and Pitt.

Defense

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great player and I knew it was going to be a battle. I did my best to try and create things and she was there with me the whole time."

"It's hard to beat a player like

Kate Sobrero and there's no defender I would rather have in front of me," Renola said.

In addition to Scharff and Sobrero, Renola could also not do without Fisher and Vogel. Throughout the year, Fisher and Sobrero complemented each other, continually backing the other up and preventing

breakdowns. Vogel's mid-season addition to the lineup brought with it a new vigor on the defensive side, while she provided a welcomed scoring threat in the tournament.

Once this defensive unit became cohesive, the only thing that was threatened was a record for shutouts.

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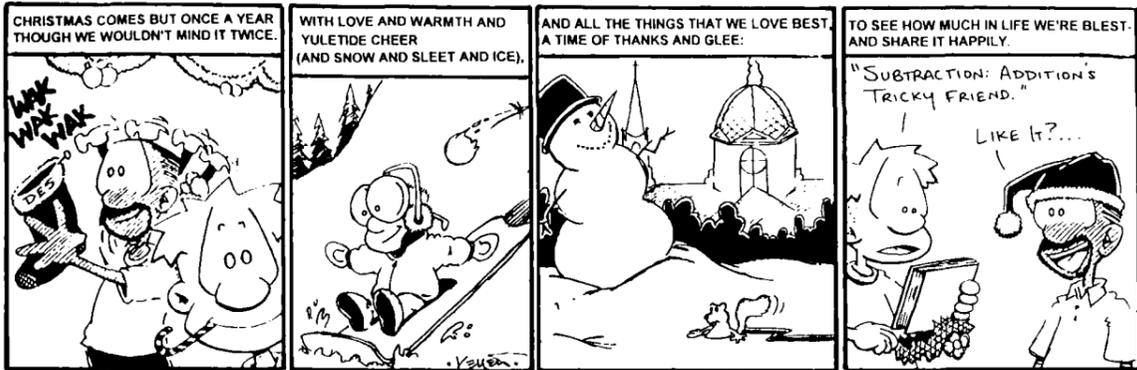
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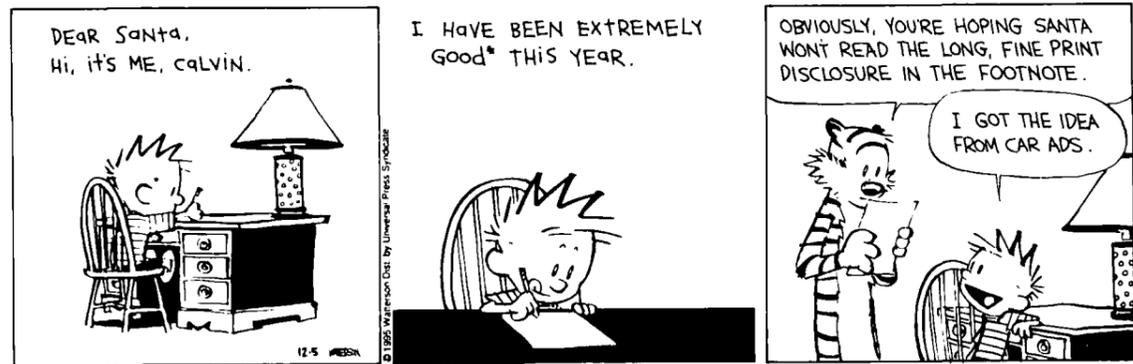
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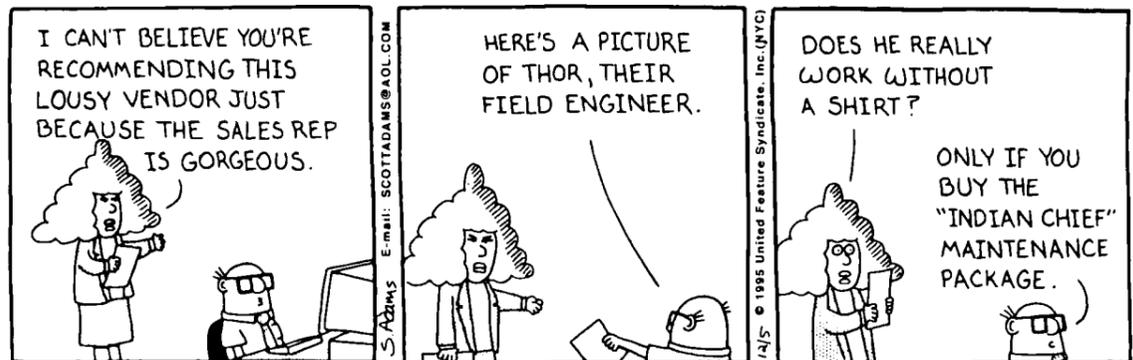
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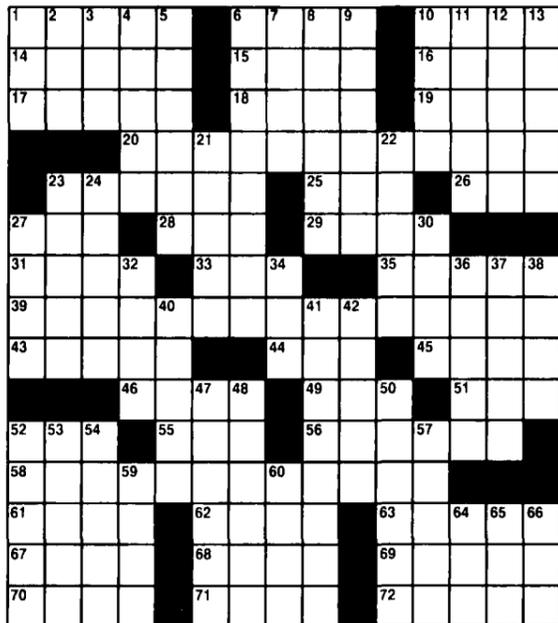
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 - 25 Slippery guy
 - 26 Seeded bread
 - 27 "Runaway" singer Shannon
 - 28 Comic Margaret
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 - 31 Conceits
 - 33 Corrida cheer
 - 35 Pants' lowest point
 - 39 Nutrition is not their concern
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 - 44 Sneaky laugh
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 - 46 Argument
 - 49 Hijinks
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 - 52 Recede
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 - 58 City dweller's awakener, maybe
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 - 21 Flu clue
 - 22 New York city
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 - 24 Autobiographical book by Adm. Byrd
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Defense keys championship run

Irish blank all opponents in NCAA tourney

By JOE VILLINSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

With one day in the rearview mirror following the women's soccer first national championship, it seems appropriate to concentrate on the aspect that secured the title.

People will point to Cindy Daws' alert play in sudden death in the final or the self-inflicted wound which ended North Carolina's streak of championships at nine.

There's no need, however, to look any further than the Notre Dame defense.

"Ashley Scharff, Kate Sobrero, Julie Vogel, and Kate Fisher. They did a tremendous job defensively," Irish goalie Jen Renola said following the 1-0 win against Portland.

That victory marked the 18th time this season the defensive unit held an opponent scoreless. More importantly, the Irish finished their run in the NCAA tournament by shutting out all four of their opponents.

Through Wisconsin, through Connecticut, through North Carolina, this defense never wavered. As the Irish found themselves deeper in the tournament, the quality of their de-

fensive effort was elevated to keep some of the best players in the country in check.

"After being humiliated in the finals last year, it just kind of makes up for that," Sobrero said of the defense. "It's more a feeling of joy because we struggled so much during the season. We did let a lot of goals in during that point. Now, when we're finally hitting our peak where we didn't let any goals in, it was everyone combined."

"We played great team defense and that's what we knew it would take to win," Renola added.

Heading into the national championships, coach Chris Petrucelli noted the vast improvement in the team defense and stated his confidence emanated from that part of the Irish game. Against two of the top offensive teams in the nation, Portland and North Carolina, the Irish reaffirmed their coach's belief.

"I think last year we were just growing together," Sobrero commented. "This year we came together more as a team."

Sobrero also praised Scharff especially, as the senior sweeper's contributions often go unnoticed.

"Ashley worked hard every day by herself," she lauded. "She improved tremendously over the season. I always had confidence in her, but my confidence just grew."

"We just understand each other back there. We have communication now that was not there before."

That communication enabled

Sobrero to take a more active role on offense as she could be found pushing the ball over midfield on various occasions. Offense, however, is not her specialty.

Sobrero was named outstanding defensive player of the tournament after tightly marking Portland All-American Shannon MacMillan in the final. With Sobrero on her like glue, MacMillan was limited to just five shots in 125 minutes on Sunday.

"MacMillan is their best front-runner and we thought if we could shut her down then we could pretty much shut down their whole offense," Sobrero added. "We pretty much did that with a few exceptions."

"I played with Kate Sobrero before," MacMillan said. "She's a

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The Observer
Mike Ruma



Senior Ashley Scharff (left) piloted the Irish defensive efforts of Kate Fisher, Kate Sobrero and Julie Vogel. Mid-fielder Holly Manthei (above) contributed to the team's over-all defense. Notre Dame did not allow a goal in its four NCAA tournament contests.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Challenge of Big East ahead for Gaither, Irish

Junior forward leads in boards and heart

By DYLAN BARMMER
Sports Writer

A quick perusal of the Notre Dame women's basketball team media guide yields the following prophetic tidbit of information regarding junior center Katryna Gaither:

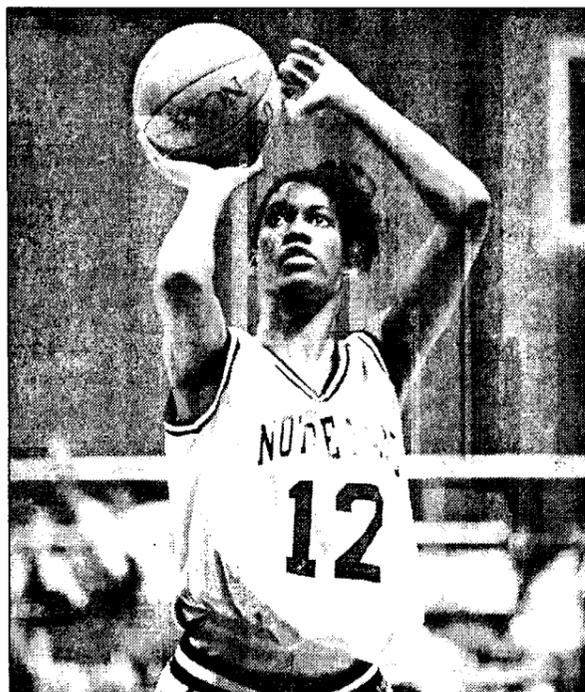
"Her ability to score and rebound inside will be critical to Notre Dame's success this season."

Yet another quick perusal, this time of the box scores of the six games the Irish have played this season, reveals the harsh reality of the above quotation.

In a season-opening 82-73 win on the road against perennial power Indiana, Gaither scored a 31 points to accompany 14 rebounds. In a 80-67 win over Washington at Kailua-Kona, Hawaii this past Saturday, Gaither poured in 20 points while grabbing five rebounds in just 25 minutes of play. In an 86-77 loss to powerhouse Penn State the day before, Gaither managed just 12 points and six rebounds.

There is no mistaking it: Gaither's contribution has enormous bearing on the Irish's success.

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The Observer/Brent Tadsen

Junior Katryna Gaither has been a force for ND so far this season, among team leaders in rebounds and scoring.

Kona tournament prepares squad

By TODD FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

High hopes. Quality of the opposition. Strength of schedule. NCAA Tournament.

These are the catch phrases for the Notre Dame women's basketball team as they enter their inaugural season in the Big East Conference.

"The Big East has a greater strength of schedule that will be more favorable to the NCAA tournament selection committee," commented Irish head coach Muffet McGraw.

Make no mistake, an NCAA tournament berth

is the ultimate goal for this year's team. Although a Big East title would be an excellent addition to Notre Dame's trophy case, the Irish hope a strong performance in one of the nation's top conferences will earn them a coveted spot in the NCAA Tournament.

"Both the Big East championship and the NCAA tournament are important to us, but we realize that we do not have to win our conference to earn a spot in the tournament," said McGraw.

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NOTRE DAME vs. FLORIDA STATE

Miami, Fla., Jan. 1, 8 p.m. EST (CBS)

'The Man'

Notre Dame split end Derrick Mayes prepares to play the final game of his collegiate career

He's just a man, defensive backs think. He's nothing special. He's not even fast. I can stop him.

Derrick Mayes burns them.

"He's just a man," defensive coordinators say. "If one guy can't stop him, we'll double cover him. He's not that spectacular."

Yet, Derrick Mayes gets open. Or he makes the catch in traffic.

Maybe opponents should learn from Notre Dame quarterback Ron Powlus. He knows better than anyone.

"Derrick is the man," he says.

Specifically, the man with the red cape.

When he's on the field, Mayes throws the hat and glasses aside and gets the job done like only a superhero can. Dazzling catches look about as easy as walking and chewing gum. Getting in the end zone is about as routine as running sprints in practice.

But off the playing field, Mayes assumes the mild-mannered reporter image, which is difficult to do when you're expected to be a

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Notre Dame fullback Marc Edwards is The Observer's Player of the Year.

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Bowl Breakdown

By
Tim Sherman
and Thomas Schlidt

Nebraska (11-0) vs. Florida (12-0), Jan. 2, 8:30 p.m. (CBS)

Finally, the college football world gets what it should be getting every year, a true national championship game. With Ohio State's choke against Michigan, the way was paved for the winner of this clash to be the undisputed, undefeated heavyweight champion of the world.

The Cornhuskers, who have been sailing along as the nation's top-ranked squad for roughly half the season, have not showed any signs of being distracted by the Lawrence Phillips' affair nor quarterback Tommie Frazier's Heisman chase. In fact, Tom Osbourne's defending national champions just continue to roll over people with a corn-fed offensive line and a stable full of backs, not the least of whom being frosh phenom Ahman Green. Their option is devastating and their defense underrated and speedy.

Steve Spurrier and his Gators finally put the Bowden jinx to rest this season. And they did it with style. Florida State, Auburn, and everyone else on UF's slate found the "Fun-and-Gun" air attack, so masterfully directed by Heisman hopeful Danny Wuerffel, to be just unstoppable. Speedy Ike Hilliard and remarkable former walk-on Chris Doering (who holds numerous SEC receiving records) give the pin-point thrower lethal targets. UF's defense, though, may be quite susceptible to the option, as evidenced by Arkansas.



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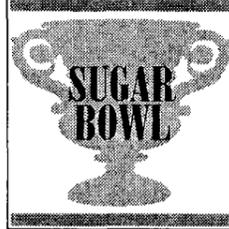
Texas (10-1-1) vs. Virginia Tech (9-2), Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

Believe it or not, the Longhorns ended the season ranked ahead of Notre Dame in the USA Today/CNN Coaches' Poll even though Texas was handed a thorough spanking by the Irish. Maybe the fact that coach John Mackovic is president of college football's coaches' association can explain that one a little bit. Whatever the case, the Bourbon Street barons of the Sugar Bowl have two top ten teams whose backers are more than willing to hit the watering holes and hotels of the N'Awlins.

Defensive end Tony Brackens is the Longhorns' key. The havoc-causing Brackens has been named a first-team All-American by a few organizations, despite the fact he missed a few games with a knee injury, including Texas' visit to Notre Dame Stadium.

Quarterback James Brown, who should be fully recovered from a nagging lower leg injury, will have his eyes on the playmaking Mike Adams(above). The underrated Adams has captured the eye of many NFL scouts.

Virginia Tech has recently been the darling of those who wish the bowl alliance would let things be decided on the field and not the boardroom. Were it not for Miami's long-deserved probation, odds are the Hokies would be spending New Year's Eve somewhere else. Still, VT rebounded from two embarrassing early-season losses to post a 9-2 record, including wins over Miami, Syracuse, and Virginia. Running back Duane Thomas is the driving force behind the Big East champions, while a quality defense compliments the ball control attack.



Northwestern (10-1) vs. Southern California (8-2-1), Jan. 1, 5 p.m. (ABC)

"The Granddaddy" once again has been frozen out of national title implications but does feature college football's greatest story this year, the improbable Northwestern Wildcats. Gary Barnett's 'Cats continually proved skeptics to be wrong with their undefeated run through the Big Ten. Oh, by the way, they play USC.

NU and Darnell Autry beat Notre Dame, Michigan, and Penn State. Almost as impressive, they beat the Sports Illustrated cover jinx. The loss of inside linebacker and emotional leader Pat Fitzgerald is bound to hurt but the wave of emotion the Pasadena Purple is riding cannot be underestimated. A loss would confirm what many still suspect - the 'Mildcats are not an endangered species just yet.

Southern Cal resided on the other end of the spectrum. A mid-season drubbing at the hands of the Irish and an inexplicable loss to cross-town rival UCLA took away what little credibility John Robinson's national championship argument had in a New York minute. It's saying something that Keyshawn Johnson talks a better game than he plays.



The Observer/Kevin Klau

Tennessee (10-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), Jan. 1, 1 p.m. (ABC)

Two teams on the downside collide in the Citrus Bowl. The bowl officials in Orlando are still salivating over the fact that they have two top five pitted against each other and they didn't have pay nearly what the Alliance Bowls dole out.

The Buckeyes will still be smarting from the Michigan disaster but bring some of the nation's best skill position talent to the table. With NFL scouts galore in attendance, possible Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George will have his eyes focused not on a trophy, but on a payday. The battery of Bobby Hoying and Terry Glenn will be out to prove to doubters their worth. The OSU defense must make the adjustments necessary to prevent another Tim Biakatubuka-type performance from any one of UT's greyhounds.

Many argue that the Volunteers are the most over-rated team around, an argument with some merit when you look at who they've beaten and how they did it.

Close calls against cupcakes Kentucky and Vanderbilt have made Peyton Manning's team look very unlike a top five club. Still, 10-1 in the SEC and one of the nation's best quarterbacks are enough to make this one interesting.



OTHER BOWL MATCH-UPS

LAS VEGAS BOWL Date: Dec. 14, 1995.	Nevada (9-2) vs. Toledo (10-0-1)
ALOHA BOWL Date: Dec. 25, 1995.	Kansas (9-2) vs. UCLA (7-4)
COPPER BOWL Date: Dec. 27, 1995.	Texas Tech (8-3) vs. Air Force (8-4)
ALAMO BOWL Date: Dec. 28, 1995.	Michigan (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-3)
SUN BOWL Date: Dec. 29, 1995.	Washington (7-3-1) vs. Iowa (7-4)
HOLIDAY BOWL Date: Dec. 29, 1995.	Kansas St. (9-2) vs. Colorado St. (8-3)
INDEPENDENCE BOWL Date: Dec. 29, 1995.	Michigan St. (6-4-1) vs. LSU (6-4-1)
LIBERTY BOWL Date: Dec. 30, 1995.	E. Carolina (8-3) vs. Stanford (7-3-1)
CARQUEST BOWL Date: Dec. 30, 1995.	UNC (6-5) vs. Arkansas (8-4)
PEACH BOWL Date: Dec. 30, 1995.	Virginia (8-4) vs. Georgia (6-5)
OUTBACK BOWL Date: Dec. 30, 1995.	Penn State (8-3) vs. Auburn (8-3)
GATOR BOWL Date: Jan. 1, 1996.	Clemson (8-3) vs. Syracuse (8-3)
COTTON BOWL Date: Jan. 1, 1996.	Colorado (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2)

Peerless Prognosticators

The Irish Extra staff will never be confused with Danny Sheridan but they have put together a respectable cumulative record of 85-53-6 this season. No spreads are involved so don't go running to your favorite bookie just yet.



Tim Sherman
(33-13-2)

- Orange Bowl
- Fiesta Bowl
- Sugar Bowl
- Rose Bowl
- Citrus Bowl
- Alamo Bowl
- Cotton Bowl
- Gator Bowl
- Outback Bowl
- Aloha Bowl
- Holiday Bowl
- Peach Bowl
- Liberty Bowl
- Sun Bowl
- Independence Bowl
- Copper Bowl
- Carquest Bowl
- Las Vegas Bowl



Tim Seymour
(28-18-2)

- Notre Dame Florida
- Southern Cal Texas
- Ohio State
- Michigan
- Colorado
- Syracuse
- Penn State
- UCLA
- Kansas State
- Virginia
- Stanford
- Washington
- LSU
- Texas Tech
- UNC
- Nevada



Mike Norbut
(24-22-2)

- Notre Dame Nebraska
- Virginia Tech
- Northwestern
- Ohio State
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- Oregon
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- Toledo



Tom Schlidt
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Mike Day
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- Notre Dame Nebraska
- Northwestern
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Andy Cabiness
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- Notre Dame Nebraska
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Gameday



IRISH ON THE OFFENSIVE. . .

Controlling ball, clock essential

By MEGAN McGRATH
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame offense is going to have to do more than just score in order to beat Florida State in the Orange Bowl.

The Irish will have to keep the Seminoles from working their top-ranked offense, and that means dominating time of possession.

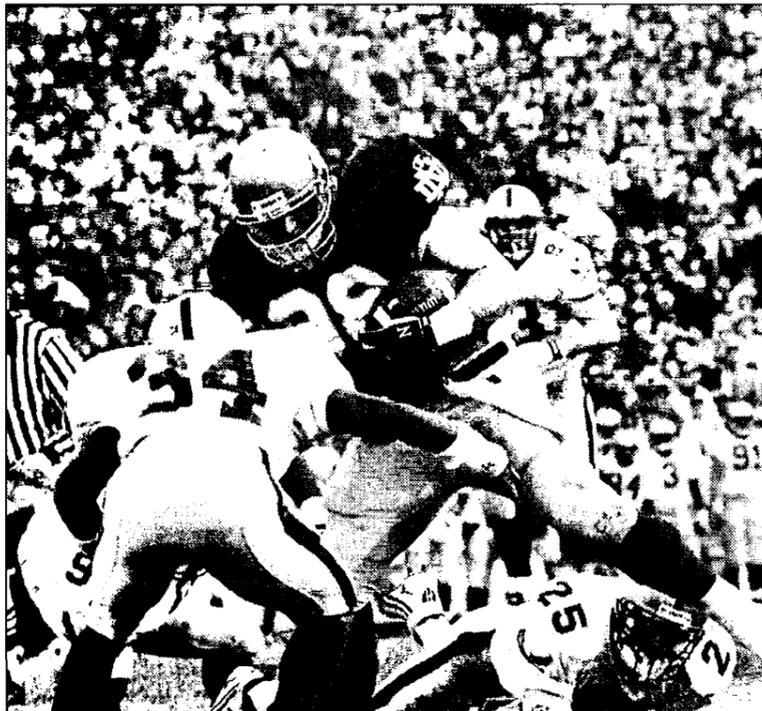
"We're not going to put a whole lot of points on the board," head coach Lou Holtz said. "It's going to come down to how well we can slow them down."

While it will be the defense's job to slow Florida State when they have the ball, the offense will need to slow the overall tempo of the game. Improvements in the offensive line and the emergence of freshman Autry Denson indicate the Irish have the talent to control the ball.

"The last time we played them (1994), the game wasn't as close as the score indicated," Holtz said. "But last year we had some struggles on our offensive line and they have really improved and made some great progress."

The offensive line has helped Notre Dame rack up 2572 rushing yards, averaging 233.8 yards a game. Junior Randy Kinder has been the main benefactor of the line's improvement, earning 809 yards in ten games. However, due to disciplinary reasons, Kinder will likely be unavailable against Florida State.

Without Kinder, the Irish will rely even more on junior fullback Marc Edwards and Denson. Edwards is tied with Kinder for most rushing touchdowns at nine, and Denson is right behind with



The Observer/Dave Murphy

In what could be his last game in an Irish uniform, tight end Pete Chryplewicz should be able to take advantage of a substantial size advantage.

eight.

Edwards is second on the Irish, averaging 65.2 yards a game. Denson averages 63.2 yards, and both backs are getting 5.1 yards a carry.

But Notre Dame remains haunted by a sack by Navy's Fernando Harris, which ended quarterback Ron Powlus' season.

"We're pretty close to being back on top, and are capable of beating anyone in the country," Holtz said. "But without Ron Powlus, you take out very a strong quarterback and makes us ques-

tionable there. You can't expect to be as strong with a second string quarterback."

Junior Tom Krug led Notre Dame to a 44-14 win on the road against Air Force, starting in place of Powlus. Krug has the advantage of a talented receiving corps, featuring All-American candidate Derrick Mayes, who is averaging 18.4 yards a catch.

The Irish could also exploit the Seminoles' lack of size at linebacker by working huge tight ends Pete Chryplewicz and Leon Wallace.

SEMINOLES ON THE OFFENSIVE. . .

Irish up against balanced attack

By MEGAN McGRATH
Sports Writer

To say that Florida State has a high-octane offense is a bit of an understatement, in addition to being further abuse of a tired cliché.

Bobby Bowden and his Seminoles have come under fire this season for running up the score on hapless opponents, scoring 70 points on three occasions. They average 551.5 yards a game and 48.8 points per contest.

"We couldn't have picked a tougher opponent than FSU," Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz says. "It's going to be key for us to limit them to a reasonable number of points and yards."

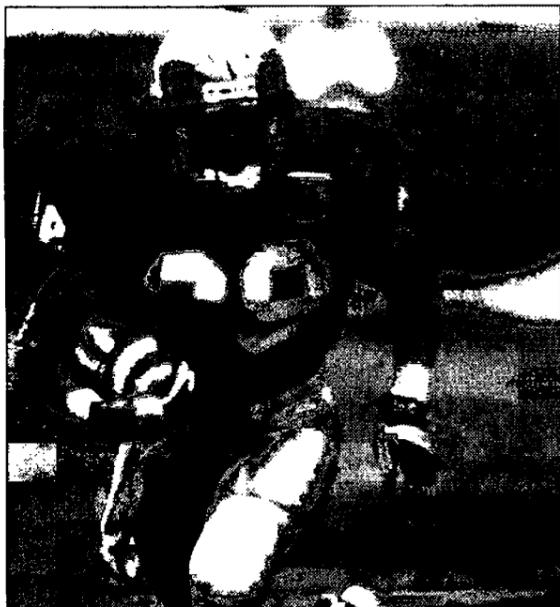


Photo Courtesy of Florida State Sports Information

FSU tailback Warrick Dunn is one of the game's better scat-backs. He ripped the Irish in 1994 for 163 yards.

That could be a tall order for the Irish defense, as the Seminoles bring a fast-paced, balanced offense to the Orange Bowl.

Leading FSU is senior quarterback Danny Kanell. Kanell is sixth in the nation in passing efficiency with a 145.5 ranking and sixth in total offense with 273.7 yards.

According to Holtz, the most impressive thing about Kanell is his mastery of the no-huddle offense.

"When they were behind Florida last year, they went to the hurry-up offense and caught up," Holtz says. "They ran it all spring and their defense couldn't figure it out, and they've used it to great success this year."

Kanell's favorite targets are wide receivers Andre Cooper and E.G. Green. The duo became the first pair in school and ACC history, and only the sixth in NCAA history, to earn 1,000 yards receiving in the same season.

Green leads the 'Noles with 1,007 yards and a 16.8 yards-per-catch average. His ten touchdown catches is second to Cooper's total of 15. Cooper earned 1,002 yards and averages 14.1 per catch.

"FSU is dangerous because they run a lot of variations in the no-huddle," Holtz says. "They will come out in the shot-gun, and then switch to the I-formation and run the ball."

Doak Walker finalist Warrick Dunn is the Seminoles' leader on the ground. The junior running back became the only player in FSU history to rush for consecutive 1,000-yard seasons this season. His 1,297 yards on the year breaks Sammie Smith's school record for rushing. With great moves and superb quickness to the corner, Dunn resembles the phenomenal Barry Sanders. His one drawback is his size but with excellent back-up Rock Preston, that is less of a concern for Bowden.

FSU's offense sputtered against Florida, earning just 322 total yards, over 200 less than their average. However, the 'Noles were without center Clay Shiver, a player Holtz calls "a coach on the field." Shiver will be back in the line-up directing the Seminoles at the Orange Bowl.

The Breakdown

A position by position look at who holds the advantage



Quarterbacks



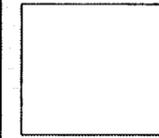
Danny Kannell gets the nod simply because he has the big-game experience that Thomas Krug lacks. Kannell can make or break FSU's chances.



Running Backs



Randy Kinder's absence will hurt but Autry Denson and Marc Edwards are durable. The duo of Warrick Dunn and Rock Preston is top-notch.



Receivers



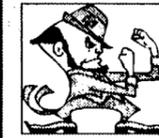
Andre Cooper and E.G. Green drop their share of balls but are still lethal. Notre Dame's big tight ends could be keys against a small FSU defense.



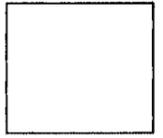
Offensive Line



The Irish won in 1993 because they controlled the line of scrimmage. The same must occur for another ND victory. They're plenty capable.



Defensive Line



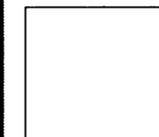
Paul Grasmanis has been a mainstay while Renaldo Wynn has finally started to realize his potential. Seminole Reinard Wilson is tough.



Linebackers



The 'Noles boast two of the nation's better 'backers in Todd Rebol and Daryl Bush, but the Irish have an outstanding four-man corp.



Secondary



FSU's defensive backs may still be having nightmares about Florida, but Krug is no Danny Wuerffel. The 'Noles have the talent to rebound.



Special Teams



Scott Bentley is erratic but still records big numbers. The Irish must handle punts and Scott Cengia must erase 1994's missed PAT to succeed.



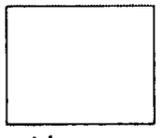
Coaching



Bobby Bowden doesn't lose many bowl games. Lou Holtz doesn't lose many big games. The month of preparation is Holtz's best friend.



Overall



The Irish should control the ball even without Kinder and Ron Powlus. They better. --Tim Sherman



SEMINOLES



THE STATS . . .

SCORE BY QUARTERS					PASSING					FIELD GOALS											
1	2	3	4	Tot	Comp	Att	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Lg	Bentley	PUNTING			Tot					
Florida State					257	402	63.9	2957	32	13	NA	Liss49				9-16					
Opponents					38	59	64.4	571	4	1	NA	No	Avg	Bk	Lg	KICKOFF RETURNS					
TEAM STATS					RECEIVING					PUNT RETURNS			INTERCEPTIONS								
FSU					Opp					No			Avg			TD					
Lg					Lg					Lg			Lg								
First downs	290			205	71	1002	14.1	15	55	3	25.0	0	45	3	25.0	0	45	3	25.0	0	45
Total yards	6067			3799	60	1007	16.8	10	85	16	20.8	0	30	11	18.5	0	30	4	7.5	0	11
Total yards per game	551.5			345.4	43	294	6.8	3	20	11	12.6	0	64	3	4.7	0	13				
Avg. yards per play	885			822	30	340	11.3	3	35												
Rushing yards	2451			1452	27	220	8.1	0	28												
Rushing yards per game	222.8			132.0	18	213	11.8	0	33												
Rushing plays	420			446	14	157	11.2	0	42												
Passing yards	3618			2347	13	178	13.7	3	27												
Passing yards per game	328.7			213.4	7	114	16.3	1	26												
Passes completed	297			194	5	16	3.2	0	10												
Passes attempted	465			376	4	54	13.5	1	18												
Passes intercepted	14			16	4	24	6.0	0	9												
Fumbles / Fumbles lost	18 / 6			32 / 19	1	-3	-3.0	0	0												
Penalties-Penalty yards	76-731			76-572																	
Third down conversions	77-136			68-152																	
Percentage	44.7			56.6																	

THE STARS . . .

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Andre Cooper	WR	6-2	194	JR
2	Samari Roope	CB	6-1	170	SO
3	Scott Bentley	K	5-11	178	JR
3	Sony Recorder	K	5-11	178	PR
4	Troy Saunders	CB	5-10	185	FR
5	Theon Rackley	S	6-2	215	FR
6	Robert Hammond	S	6-3	185	SO
7	Billy Brown	WR	6-0	180	FR
7	Aaron Daly	WR	6-0	175	SR
8	Damian Harrell	WR	6-3	190	JR
9	Peter Warrick	WR	6-0	175	FR
10	Dan Kendra	QB	6-2	225	FR
11	Dexter Jackson	QB	6-1	185	FR
12	Thad Busby	QB	6-3	215	SO
13	Danny Kanell	QB	6-4	215	SR
14	Richard Brown	CB	6-1	189	FR
14	Marlin Green	S	6-0	190	SR
15	Phillip Riley	WR	5-11	185	FR
16	Sean Key	CB	6-1	180	FR
18	Sean Hamlet	S	6-0	190	JR
19	E.G. Green	WR	5-11	185	SO
20	James Colzie	CB	5-10	160	JR
21	Deon Humphrey	LB	6-4	215	FR
22	Pooh Bear Williams	RB	6-1	266	SO
22	Tigger	WP	3-6	87	FR
23	Byron Capers	CB	6-1	194	JR
24	Rock Preston	RB	5-9	183	SO
26	Harold Battles	S	6-0	200	JR
27	Rodney Walls	CB	5-10	160	JR
28	Warrick Dunn	RB	5-9	178	JR
29	Sean Liss	P	6-4	220	JR
30	Jeremi Rudolph	RB	5-10	185	FR
30	Red-Nosed Reindeer	RD	2-4	130	SC
31	Lamar Glenn	RB	6-1	235	FR
32	Khalid Abdullah	RB	6-0	218	FR
33	Dee Feaster	RB	5-9	175	FR
33	Dee-Lite	RAP	5-5	140	SR
35	Todd Frier	S	5-10	180	FR
36	Town Crier	YE	6-0	98	SR
36	Dennis Andrews	RB	6-4	247	SR
37	Marcus Bullock	WR	6-0	180	FR
37	Sandra Bullock	TE	5-6	125	SO
38	Rendell Long	RB	6-2	220	SR
38	Mario Edwards	DB	6-2	211	FR
38	Mario Joyner	MTV	6-2	211	COM
39	Hank Grant	LB	6-2	224	FR
39	Hugh Grant	John	6-0	120	SS
40	Lamont Green	LB	6-3	220	FR
41	Jason Poppell	S	5-11	189	SO
41	Shevin Smith	S	6-0	191	SO
42	Jermaine Green	RB	5-8	170	SO
43	Ronney Daniels	WR	6-2	211	FR
44	Daryl Bush	LB	6-2	230	SO
45	Henri Crockett	LB	6-2	238	JR
45	Davy Crockett	CS	6-2	238	SR
46	Travis Sherman	LB	6-1	222	JR
47	Vernon Crawford	LB	6-2	230	JR
48	Todd Rebol	LB	6-0	215	SR
49	James D' Amico	LB	5-11	230	SR
51	Kevin Long	C	6-5	262	SO
52	Demetro Stephens	LB	6-3	236	FR
53	Clay Shiver	C	6-2	280	SR
55	Reinard Wilson	DE	6-2	245	JR
56	Sam Cowart	LB	6-3	239	JR
57	Eric Thomas	OL	6-3	253	FR
58	Peter Boulware	DE	6-5	238	SO
59	Andy Crowe	TE	6-3	262	SR
60	Anthony Phillips	OT	6-5	295	FR
61	Dale Valente	C	6-4	294	FR
62	David Walker	LB	6-0	196	SR
64	Tim Johnson	OG	6-4	295	SR
65	Chad Bates	OG	6-3	269	JR
66	Lewis Tyre	OG	6-5	272	SR
67	Juan Laureano	OL	6-5	283	SR
68	Jason Whitaker	OT	6-5	265	FR
69	Gideon Brown	OG	6-2	276	SO
70	Tra Thomas	OT	6-8	319	SO
71	Todd Fordham	OT	6-5	292	JR
72	Jeremy Brett	DL	6-3	310	FR
73	Greg Frey	OT	6-4	302	SR
73	Glenn Frey	EG	6-0	180	SR
74	Danny Campbell	OG	6-1	240	SR
75	Billy Rhodes	DE	6-1	240	FR
76	Brian Erb	DE	6-5	238	SO
77	Jesus Hernandez	OG	6-2	288	SR
77	Jesus Jones	VOC	6-2	145	EU
78	Marcus Long	OG	6-3	323	JR
79	Forrest Conoly	OT	6-6	325	SR
79	Forrest Gump	KR	6-1	200	FR
80	Ron Dugans	WR	6-3	287	FR
81	Melvin Pearsall	TE	6-1	242	SO
84	Myron Jackson	TE	6-5	255	FR
85	Andre Wadsworth	NG	6-4	270	SO
86	Tyrant Marion	DE	6-2	252	SR
89	Wayne Messam	WR	6-4	210	JR
90	Greg Spiers	NG	6-2	260	SO
92	Jerry Johnson	DL	6-2	270	FR
93	Chris Walker	DL	6-6	225	FR
94	Sean Mitchell	DE	6-4	255	FR
95	Julian Pittman	DE	6-3	265	SO
96	Connell Spain	NG	6-2	285	JR
98	Orpheus Roye	DT	6-4	275	SR

THE STRATEGIST . . .



BOBBY BOWDEN

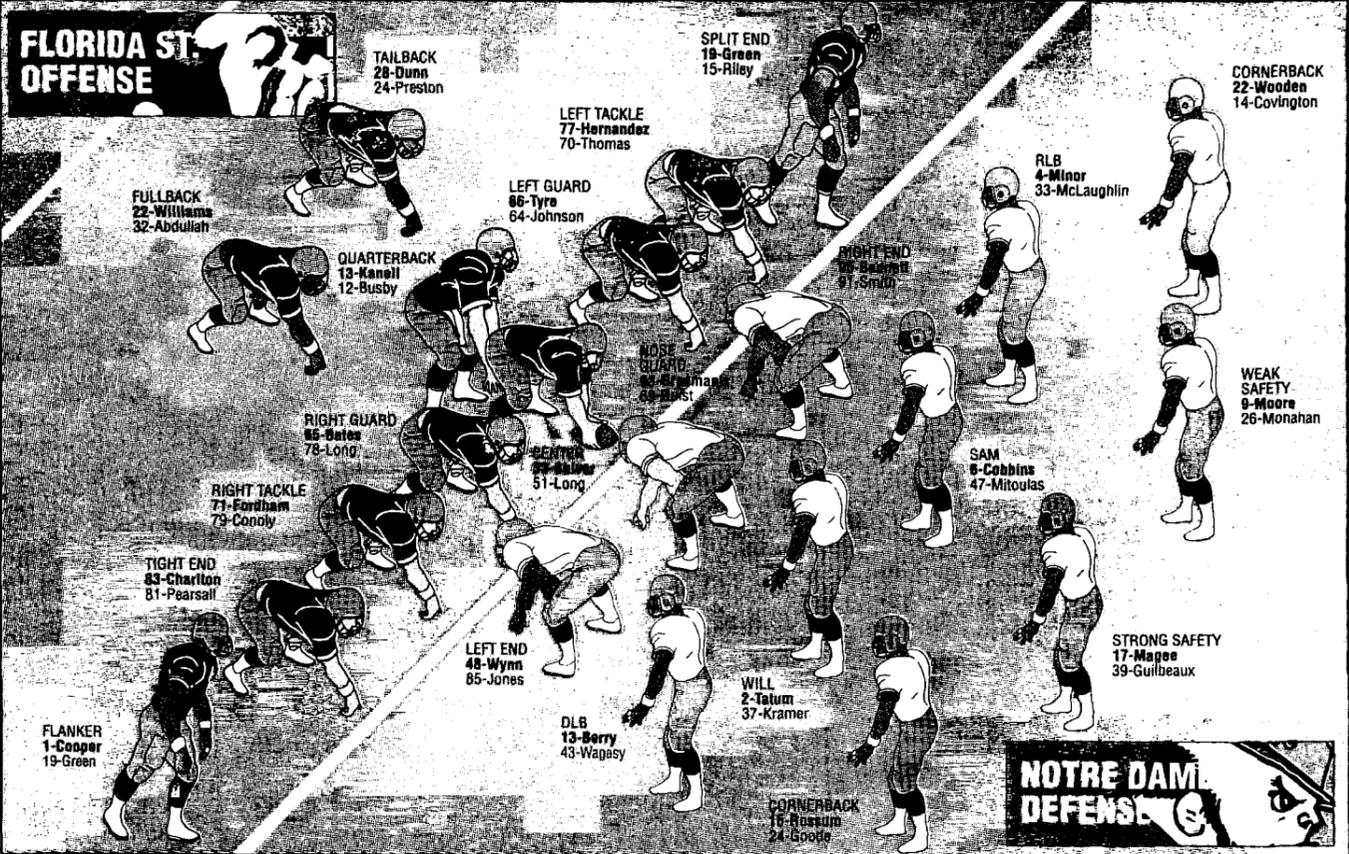
20th season at Florida State
Career Record: 258-81-4
Against Notre Dame: 2-1
Highlights: Second winningest active head coach in college football, he has a 14-3-1 bowl record including 10 wins in a row. Coached the Seminoles to a National Championship in 1993.

FLORIDA STATE

Sept. 2	at Duke	W, 70-26
Sept. 9	at Clemson	W, 45-26
Sept. 16	NC STATE	W, 77-17
Sept. 23	CENTRAL FL.	W, 46-14
Oct. 7	MIAMI	W, 41-17
Oct. 14	WAKE FOREST	W, 72-13
Oct. 21	GEORGIA TECH.	W, 42-10
Nov. 2	at Virginia	L, 28-33
Nov. 11	at North Carolina	W, 28-12
Nov. 18	MARYLAND	W, 59-17
Nov. 25	at Florida	L, 24-35

THE SITE . . .

ORANGE BOWL
 Opened in 1937
 Capacity: 75,500
 Largest Crowd: 82,227
 Surface: Grass
 ND at Orange Bowl: 9-7-1
 FSU at Orange Bowl: 12-16



Mayes

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vocal leader.

"I don't really know how to approach the situation," Mayes said. "When people are reaching out for instruction, that's when you can feel comfortable lending a hand."

Members of the the Irish receiving core, the AFROS (America's Finest Receivers On Saturdays) don't find any problems with asking Mayes for advice.

"I wouldn't want to be under any other receiver my freshman year," fellow receiver Bobby Brown said. "Just watching his performance on the field has helped me a lot."

48 catches and 6 touchdown receptions this season can do that.

Mayes' 22 touchdown receptions makes him the career leader in that category. It's reason enough for his teammates to have voted him the team MVP for the second consecutive year. Mayes joins Tony Rice and Rick Mirer as players in recent Irish history that have enjoyed that honor twice in their careers.

"It's a real honor and a tribute to the other guys," Mayes said. "They're all just great to be around."

They obviously think likewise.

"We've seen all the great receivers this year in (USC's) Keyshawn Johnson, (Ohio State's) Terry Glenn and (Texas') Michael Adams," sophomore receiver Malcolm Johnson said. "Derrick's number one on my list."

Mayes has one more catch and five less touchdowns this season than last, which is considered by many to be an off-year. Criticisms are riding high and visibility is dimming for Mayes, who now finds himself on a top ten team heading for the Orange Bowl.

"It doesn't bother me," he said. "It's just a reflection of stats."

Though he was the only weapon on a

feeble Irish squad in 1994, he personally carried the team to a 6-5-1 record. Not good for Notre Dame's standards but not bad considering Mayes often found himself playing in 1-on-11 situations.

Mayes was the only glimmer of hope on a team of dread. He provided the only solace for fans and was the only subject for NBC's cameras.

After scoring against Air Force in 1994, Mayes was flagged down by field reporter John Dockery, in the end zone, who took his gloves and gave them to his father.

"He asked me about it on that Friday," Mayes said. "I told him, 'I'm not going to look for you,' and he said, 'Don't worry, I'll be there.'"

Everyone was at his beck and call in 1994. But the team got hammered because of a lack of depth and confidence.

Mayes contemplated going pro and skipping his senior season, but something called him back. Things like going out a winner and being with his teammates kept him rooted in South Bend.

But the 1995 season was not what it was supposed to be. Losses to Northwestern and Ohio State hurt. An awful individual performance against Washington ached.

It was the game in which he broke the career touchdown record and caught the game-winning two-point conversion. But it was marred by a couple of dropped passes and a fumble.

"It was not the way I envisioned [breaking the record]," he said after the game.

The pride factor kicked in when he returned to Notre Dame. Self-imposed extra work after practice was the answer.

"He caught 300 passes after practice that Monday," recalled Brown. "It was amazing to see that kind of determination. He showed the true Derrick Mayes that day."

It's the behind-the-scenes, Clark Kent-persona that Mayes exudes in practice



The Observer/Rob Finch

Derrick Mayes leaps to collect a touchdown pass against Navy. It was his 22nd touchdown reception of his career.

that makes him a leader. Just when you don't expect him to need extra practice, he stays late to work on his catching skills.

Derrick Mayes working on his hands. What a weird concept.

"It's a credit to the way he is," Johnson said. "(Excellence) is the standard he sets for himself. That's just the way he is."

Excellence is what the AFROS strive for. But without Mayes next year, a less-experienced receiving core may not be ready to shine in the big show.

"There's always someone to fill the shoes," Mayes said. "They have the capabilities and their talents are going to carry them."

Their abilities can carry them, but if they don't have the mental edge, the

road could be a tough one. But that's where their leader comes in.

"A lot of what he does is he gives us confidence," Johnson continued. "A lot of the stuff he says is motivation. I think we're going to surprise a lot of people."

So might Mayes.

In the pros, that is.

A so-called off-year has lowered his draft stock in the eyes of some critics. And with his last game in the gold helmet approaching quickly, he can't help but think about his future.

"Everybody thinks about their next of employment," Mayes said. "You have to think about supporting yourself. I know what I can do. Regardless of where I go, the cream always rises to the top."

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Rolling Thunder



The Observer/Mike Ruma

By Tim Sherman

With his straight-ahead style on and off the field, Irish fullback Marc Edwards has earned The Observer's Player of the Year honors

Ask an opposing defensive coordinator for a thumbnail sketch of Marc Edwards' playing style and you would likely hear something along the lines of "good vision, straight-ahead style, relentless worker".

Ask a teammate for a quick run-down on his personality, the same would apply.

On the field, the Irish fullback sees things others don't - holes in the defense, strengths of the defensive, and easy ways to pick up blocks.

Off the field, the junior has the parallel visions - holes in the team's makeup, strengths of the Irish, and easy ways to pick up his downtrodden teammates.

"Basically, he does a lot of stuff in the locker room like talking to us," freshman fullback Jamie Spencer said. "Anytime you're down, he's there to pick you up. He's pretty laid back. But once

he hits the field, it's all business. He attacks it."

This attacking, straight-ahead mode has been a main factor in making Edwards one of Notre Dame's biggest surprises of the 1995 campaign.

"I think he's gotten better as he gets more experience," Irish coach Lou Holtz. "He has surpassed what I thought he was capable of and I expected him to have a good year."

Much of that success can be attributed to the aforementioned work ethic.

"From what I read and heard, at the start of the season, I would have said that if anyone was really going to step up it would be Edwards," Spencer said. "And after the first day of practice and I saw his work habits, that was just confirmed."

If anyone should know, it's Spencer. The prep All-American entered Notre Dame with high expectations but a pre-

season injury slowed the learning process necessary to becoming the complete player that Holtz requires.

That's where Edwards enters the equation.

"I do try to help out guys like Jamie as much as I can," Edwards explained. "The thing about Jamie was that he missed two-a-days and that's when you do most of your learning. It's just a matter of getting familiar with the offense and picking up stuff like the blocks. It's little things like double-checking your blocking assignment before the play. I have another year to help those guys and whoever else they bring in."

Maybe the best thing Edwards can do in this regard would be to pop a tape of his 1995 performance into a VCR and let Spencer soak it in.

The 6-foot-1, 223-pound Edwards has enjoyed a marvelous season from start to finish. However, his efforts in the middle of the season, particularly the Southern Cal and Boston College games, were what cemented Edwards' role as a "go-to-guy" for the Irish.

Against the favored Trojans, the bruising fullback set the tone for the game by rambling for 112 total yards, scoring 3 TD's and throwing a two-point conversion to Ron Powlus that seemed to tell the Trojan at least one more year to end their Notre Dame jinx.

But if one game defined Edwards', and maybe even Notre Dame's season, it was the contest against the Eagles. In fact, the opening drive in which Edwards ran twice for 47 yards and scampered 17 yards after a screen pass, spoke volumes.

"We just took what the defense allowed because they were doing a lot of different things," explained Edwards,

who was three times named NBC Player of the Game. "They did a lot of twists and stunting so straight ahead plays worked best. To be able to run like we did those first few plays was just a good feeling for the unit."

It was a feeling Edwards was not sure he was going to experience when the season commenced.

"I came into the season with an open mind," Edwards said. "I wasn't sure if I was going to get the ball a lot or just a few times but either way would've been fine. I really didn't get it too much early in the season but I just blocked hard for Randy (Kinder) and those guys. I had some breaks go my way and got the ball a little more."

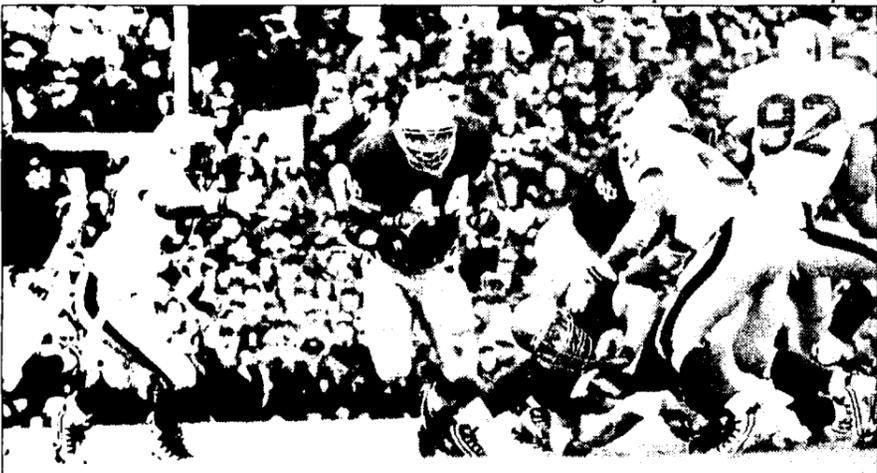
Edwards did enough with those opportunities to give Holtz reason to use him a bit at tailback during the Army and Southern Cal games.

"I like playing tailback," Edwards said. "It's fun to get back there because it gives the defense something to think about. I'm a different style runner than most tailbacks so it's a nice change-up."

Just as Edwards is adept at various positions on the field, he thrives wearing different hats off the gridiron. The mantle of leader is one such role that one of 1996's tri-captains especially relishes.

"I've tried to be a leader this year so it (being a captain) won't be too much of a change. It's no so much of an honor than it is a responsibility. I'll have to do the same type of things that I've done on a little higher level next year. We have a good group of seniors for next year."

Edwards' continued leadership will obviously be needed next season but it was his role on the 1995 team that mattered the most. And that is why he is our Player of the Year.



The Observer/Rob Finch

Notre Dame fullback Marc Edwards burst through the Boston College defense during his finest performance of the season. Edwards' inside runs thoroughly confused the Eagles.

■ Graded Position Analysis--Final Report

By Tim Sherman

Quarterback B+

Ron Powlus' stats declined some last season but he did improve upon the most important number - wins. Muffed center exchanges plagued the Irish for much of the season, but Powlus evolved into a team leader, not to mention a pretty effective quarterback. Tom Krug handled his late season thrust into the limelight with aplomb.

Running Backs A

Marc Edwards was perhaps the team's biggest surprise (see above). Fleet-footed freshman Autry Denson also was a nice find. He showed a knack for making people miss and turning a no-gainer into four yards. Randy Kinder lost his starting job in the middle of the season but still turned out to have a productive enough season.

Receivers B

Derrick Mayes' numbers were not eye-popping but his mere presence prevented many teams from totally focusing on the running attack. Emmett Mosely was reliable, as was the tight end tandem of Pete Chryplewicz and Leon Wallace.

Offensive Line A

Other than Northwestern, the Irish front dominated against virtually everybody. An early injury to guard Jeremy Akers could have been disastrous but Rich Kaczynski filled in more than admirably. The tackles showed much improvement throughout the season. Leadership and effectiveness were the hallmarks of Ryan Leahy and Dusty Ziegler.

Defensive Line B

Not expected to offer too much, the front three didn't. However, their gritty play, embodied by Paul Grasmanis, was commendable. 12 combined sacks is nothing noteworthy, but considering how small and shallow the line was, one can't complain too much.

Linebackers A

The heart and soul of the defense, the quartet of juniors Lyron Cobbins, Kinnon Tatum and Bert Berry, and frosh Kory Minor was spectacular. The 'backers made the necessary plays with regularity, often changing momentum with the play. This unit was among the nation's best.

Secondary B-

Notre Dame's Achilles' Heel coming into the season, the defensive backfield was a major liability early. However, the maturation of Allen Rossum and the fact that Shawn Wooden realized his potential led to a major improvement, though it was hindered by LaRon Moore's utter ineptitude.

Special Teams C+

Fumbled punts were a major nuisance. In addition, placekicker Kevin Kopka was the biggest flop of the season and could have killed the Irish with his numerous misses. The return game wasn't of the game-breaking variety that Lou Holtz is used to, but it did the job well enough.

Coaching A-

Holtz's surgery could have been lethal but the Irish coaching staff came together and did a great job. Two early losses could have made for a long season, but the USC win was a boost.

Overall Grade 3.37

The Irish rebounded nicely from a tough start. They provide hope for the future.

JOCK STRIP

This FSU matchup pales in comparison

Clearly, this is the only way it should end. About two thousand miles too far east and two years too late, Notre Dame plays Florida State...

The above should read "for the national championship." Instead, insert "in a bowl game, for a lot of money."

It is that former statement that still haunts the minds of upperclassmen.

Although two years have passed, it is that magical Florida State game that dominates conversation in dorm rooms and dining halls.

The memory of Shawn Wooden knocking down Charlie Ward's last pass still lingers.

Most of us haven't gotten past it.

"That," we say in knowing tones to the current freshmen and sophomores, "that was a football game. It will never get any better."

And truly, it didn't.

Two years later, one is hard-pressed to find memories dating after that magical 1993 season.



Tim Seymour
Associate Sports Editor

The Penn State snowbowl which set the tone a year early, the Kevin McDougal-inspired Michigan victory, the heart wrenching loss to Boston College all reappear from the distant past.

The Florida State game stands above them all. It is with no subtle irony, then, that the Seminoles fill out the Orange Bowl dance card opposite the Irish.

The 1993 'Noles, before their 31-24 loss to the Irish were heralded as the best college football team. Of all time. Had Notre Dame's comeback against B.C. not been foiled, the Irish would have had the rare opportunity to beat the best team ever twice.

This year's Seminoles are a poor compensation. As a 9-2 team, Notre Dame could not hope to end up with a more interesting opponent. But something is missing.

The best team ever, two years later, is not even the best team in that football juggernaut, the Atlantic Coast Conference.

These Seminoles just aren't scary. The 9-2 'Noles played only two ranked teams on a schedule that included such powerhouses as Florida A&M. Guess where the '2' in the record came from. Bobby Bowden's boys were whupped

by Steve Spurrier.

The 'Noles don't have a celebrated two sport athlete. It's even been a long time since they were 'equipped' by altruistic alumni.

Still, there was mild celebration when the pairing was announced. The question remains whether it was this year's matchup that people were anticipating, or the images of that fantastic fall day that the name 'Florida State' conjures up.

My suspicion is the latter.

Ron Powlus and Derrick Mayes have done us a great service. They have played good football, they have played winning football. They have represented the University with class. They will never replace McDougal and Lake Dawson.

I respect Paul Grasmanis, Brian Magee, and Lyron Cobbins. But my heart remains with Jim Flanigan, Jeff Burris, and, even with his hands of stone, Pete Bercich.

This year's bowl gives the Irish a chance to crack the Top-5. That's well and good.

But more importantly, it offers the opportunity to wax nostalgic. It will never replace the memories of the 'Game of the Century.'

Nor do we want it to.

AP TOP 25 AP		TEAM	RECORD	POINTS	PREVIOUS
	1.	Nebraska (50)	11-0-0	1538	1
	2.	Florida (12)	12-0-0	1500	2
	3.	Northwestern	10-1-0	1413	3
	4.	Ohio State	11-1-0	1325	5
	4.	Tennessee	10-1-0	1325	4
	6.	Notre Dame	9-2-0	1203	6
	7.	Colorado	9-2-0	1140	7
	8.	Florida State	9-2-0	1128	8
	9.	Texas	10-1-1	1105	9
	10.	Kansas State	9-2-0	963	10
	11.	Kansas	9-2-0	833	11
	12.	Oregon	9-2-0	809	12
	13.	Virginia Tech	9-2-0	801	13
	14.	Michigan	9-3-0	758	14
	15.	Penn State	8-3-0	733	15
	16.	Auburn	8-3-0	637	17
	17.	Southern Cal	8-2-1	536	18
	18.	Virginia	8-4-0	420	19
	19.	Texas A&M	8-3-0	406	16
	20.	Washington	7-3-1	365	20
	21.	Alabama	8-3-0	319	21
	22.	Miami	8-3-0	289	22
	23.	Clemson	8-3-0	225	24
	24.	Arkansas	8-4-0	111	23
	25.	Toledo	10-0-1	86	25

The Irish Extra ranks the Heisman contenders

1.

Danny Wuerffel
Quarterback
Florida



Wuerffel

2.

Eddie George
Running back
Ohio State



George

3.

Tommie Frazier
Quarterback
Nebraska



Frazier

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