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While this year's lottery system was adequate, The Observer calls for a mail in system to minimize lines and confusion.

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Soaking up spirit

Alumni create bright yellow towels to unify football crowds

By JASON McFARLEY
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Mike Costin and Jim Humbert aren't interested in beginning a revolution.

For the University graduates and business partners, shaking things up a bit inside Notre Dame Stadium will do.

"Sometimes it's tough getting people to rally behind something," Humbert said. "I wouldn't even know how to start a movement."

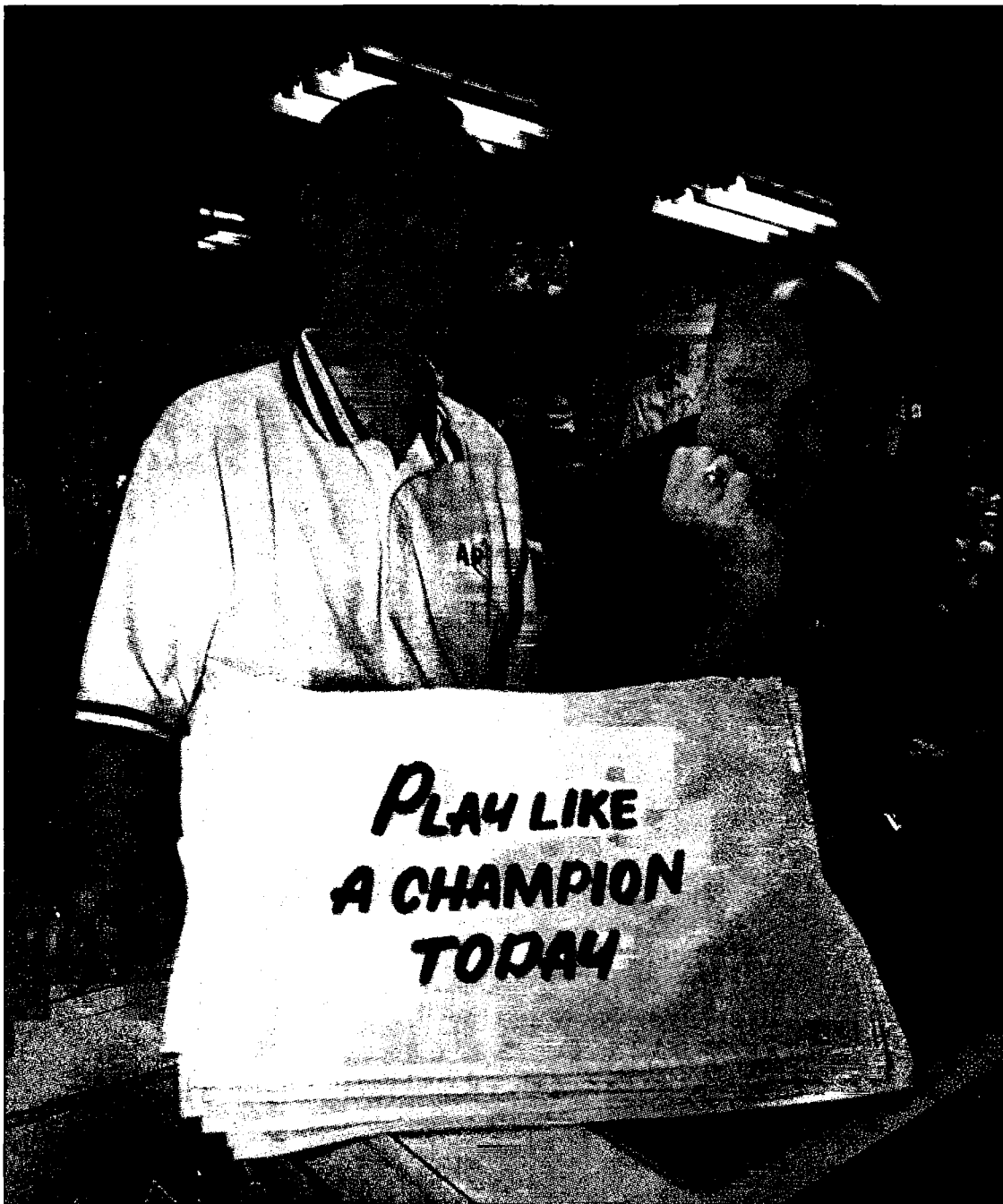
But from offices in their Mishawaka advertising specialty company, Costin and Humbert are quietly, and maybe unknowingly, inspiring change — one 12-by-17-inch piece of fabric at a time.

In response to the football game last fall that turned Notre Dame stadium — and Irish fans' faces — red, Costin and Humbert have designed a towel that the men say will help the Irish take back their field. The small, gold-colored towel is emblazoned in blue lettering with the simple directive: "Play like a champion today."

"The idea grew out of the fact that so much attention was given to the game last year. Surely there were more Irish fans there than Nebraska fans, but every third or fourth red shirt seemed to blend together," Costin said of the so-called "sea of red" phenomenon last year when Notre Dame lost before a home crowd laden with Nebraska fans in red attire.

The apparent choice of Notre Dame faculty and alumni to sell their tickets to Nebraska fans dealt an embarrassing blow to school spirit.

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Notre Dame alumni Mike Costin, left, and Jim Hubert wanted to avoid another team taking over the Notre Dame stadium with its team colors and designed bright, yellow "Play Like a Champion Today" towels to give fans a standard way to show their spirit.

FlipSide sponsors concert

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

Two years ago, members of FlipSide decided to plan a concert for the first weekend of the 2000-2001 school year.

However, members of the club, which sponsors alcohol-free events every weekend, realized that they could not create the type of event they envisioned without some help. After delaying the event for a year, FlipSide members will finally see their vision become a reality tonight in the Joyce Center. The concert features four bands: Right Hand Side, Nine Days, SR-71 and They Might Be Giants.

"FlipSide began planning this two years ago for a year ago, but it became too daunting a task," said Notre Dame junior Michael Rampolla, co-chair of Flipstock.

Saint Mary's student Sarah Hoshaw and Holy Cross student Amelia Marcum also co-chaired the event.

The concert, called Flipstock, is free of charge and open to students with Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross IDs.

Clubs, dorms and departments from all three schools joined forces with FlipSide to plan Flipstock.

"We want it to be an event for all three campuses," Rampolla said. "We got student input to find out who would put on a good live show."

He added that the bands were also selected based on their availability for the concert date and whether concert sponsors could come up with enough funds to pay the bands. Rampolla said he and his fellow FlipSide members hope Flipstock will show students that there are alternatives to drinking on weekends.

"It's the first weekend night of school," Rampolla said, adding that the concert's date was not picked specifically to draw students away from drinking events.

"If that's one of the effects, then I think we've accomplished the goal of showing students there are other things to do," Rampolla said.

"This concert is a big way to do what we normally try to do," said Rampolla. "We want to hit students that first weekend, when freshmen are setting their social patterns. We want to

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Philbin plans to visit campus next week

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Regis Philbin is expected to visit the University next week for a ground-breaking ceremony for a major arts center that the television personality has helped underwrite, Notre Dame officials said Thursday.

University administrators are still negotiating with Philbin's spokespeople to determine when he will appear next week and what his role in the ground-breaking service at the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts will be, according to Dennis Brown, Notre Dame's associate

director of public relations and information.

Earlier this year, Philbin, a 1953 Notre Dame graduate, made a \$2.75-million gift to his alma mater to fund a studio theater in the arts center.

Philbin is the host of the popular nationally broadcast shows "Live! With Regis and Kelly" and "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" He is the father of 1996

University graduate Jennifer Philbin and third-year Notre Dame law student Joanna



Philbin

Philbin.

The center will cost at least \$50 million and is being underwritten in part by a \$33-million gift from the late Edward DeBartolo. The building is expected to open in 2003.

Named in honor of DeBartolo's late wife, the center is currently the last announced addition to the DeBartolo Quad. The arts complex will join DeBartolo Hall, the Mendoza College of Business and the Hesburgh Center for International Studies on the quad.

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INSIDE COLUMN

And then, at band camp ...

Despite the horrible reference to American Pie, I happen to be one of those Bandos, you know, the people who love their school's band — live and breathe it, whether they're in the band or not. I happen to fall in the unfortunate category of "not," and not for a lack of trying on my part.

I first tried out for band as a sophomore (my parents fell for the great myth that the band leaves no time for studying when I was a freshman). I was cut. I came back as a junior and, again, was cut. So I said, I have nothing to lose and everything to gain if I try out one more, one last time.

If you're superstitious, you hear things like third time's a charm, bad things come in threes, and three strikes — you're out. I'm not superstitious, but that's how I felt.

I was the only senior trying out for a first shot at the band. I gave the band everything I had this year — I gave my heart and soul, held nothing back. God must have greater plans for me, because for the third time, I was cut.

I love the Band of the Fighting Irish. I always will. Some people dream about coming to Notre Dame to play football. I came with a dream to play in the marching band. I guess that not all dreams are meant to come true.

So what am I going to do now ... ? The question doesn't haunt me the way it would did my sophomore year. For starters, I bought my student season football tickets. I work at The Observer. I'm on the Club Coordination Council. I fence. I sing at Keough Mass. So I know I'm going to be okay, despite getting cut on the highly competitive clarinet.

What I'd like to know, though, is what other people thought of me. Did I help someone try harder? Encourage them to be more enthusiastic? Did they think I was some bando-freak that didn't know when she was over her head? Maybe even nuts?

I know that I had lots of people rooting for me. They all knew how much I wanted to make it. It feels good to know I had people supporting me, wanting me to be a part of the program. I know the competition was stiff, and they take only the best. It won't injure me any to admit I'm not the best. But I'll always wonder "Why not me?"

I'll always cherish the days I was part of the Notre Dame Band of the Fighting Irish — all 12 of them. Each one helped me grow a little, to be a bigger person, a better person. I took on fear, every time I checked the roster at the end of band camp. I found camaraderie in my audition group. I challenged myself to work harder and be better than I thought I could be and do what I thought I could not.

There are some things I'll never do. I'll never trot out through the tunnel or hike step across the field, march out on Fridays and game days or play the concert on the steps.

But I will always have my memories. Thank you for giving me 12 days to be a part of the band. For letting me march out with you. For letting me learn your cheers. For making me feel welcome when I was with you.

So, listen for me in the stands, I'll be the loudest fan there, shouting my heart out, cheering you on ... Because even though I never actually made the band, I'll always be there with all of my heart and soul.

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

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Lab Tech

THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

24-hour lounge planned
Thursday, August 25, 1988

Student body president Tom Doyle worked with University Food Services to create a 24-hour space in the South Dining Hall's Oak Room, providing food and social space to students around the clock. The 24-hour Oak Room was expected to run on a trial basis beginning September 6, 1988.

Campus store closes
Wednesday, September 3, 1975

After 20 years of business, Gilbert's Men's Clothing Campus Store closed its doors. Store president Robert Hunt cited changes in students' habits of dressing as the main reason for the store's closing.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Parents sue Cal State-Chico frat members

CHICO, Calif.

The parents of an 18-year-old California State University-Chico student who died of alcohol poisoning last October are suing the fraternity he belonged to for wrongful death, negligence and unfair business practices.

First-year student and Pi Kappa Phi fraternity pledge Adrian Heideman died last fall after drinking an entire bottle of blackberry brandy during an initiation ceremony, according to the lawsuit filed in San Francisco Superior Court.

Now, almost a year after their son's death, Michael and Edith Heideman are suing the national organization Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, the local chapter of Pi Kappa Phi, and fraternity members Brandon Bettar, Mark



Yates, Daniel Santos, Richard DeLuna, Theodore Bloemendaal, Benjamin Hopfer, Sam Dobbryn and Nicholas Sutton, according to the lawsuit.

The Heidemans claim the national and local fraternal organizations are to blame for wrongful death, hazing, dangerous initiation rituals, endangerment and abandonment, improper medical care, failure to supervise initiation events, failure to provide supervision, negligence and unfair business practices.

The plaintiffs are suing the individ-

ual fraternity members for wrongful death and alleged selected incidents of negligence.

In a separate legal proceeding on Feb. 5, Bettar, DeLuna and Dobbryn were convicted of the misdemeanor of providing alcohol to Heideman, who was a minor. The three members were sentenced to serve 30 days in jail and pay a fine of \$640 each.

All of the defendants listed in Heideman's parents' lawsuit were sought for comment, but by press time, had either failed to return phone calls or could not be reached because they had changed their listed phone numbers.

On Aug. 20, a judge rejected the local chapter of Pi Kappa Phi's claim that it cannot be held responsible for Heideman's death.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Professor returns from Washington

PHILADELPHIA

After seven months as a top presidential advisor, University of Pennsylvania political science professor John Dilulio resigned earlier this month from his post at the White House to return to the University. On Aug. 17, Dilulio stepped down as head of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives — a cornerstone of President Bush's compassionate conservative agenda — and became the first senior Bush official to resign. Bush brought Dilulio to Washington to head up the faith-based initiative, which was designed to increase the flow of federal funds to religious-based charities and organizations. But during his seven-month tenure inside the Beltway, Dilulio faced criticism from groups and politicians on both sides of the debate over federal funding for non-profit, religious organizations. Many decried the constitutional legitimacy of devoting federal money to any organizations based in religion, and Dilulio, as the figurehead of the initiative, found himself caught in a national debate.

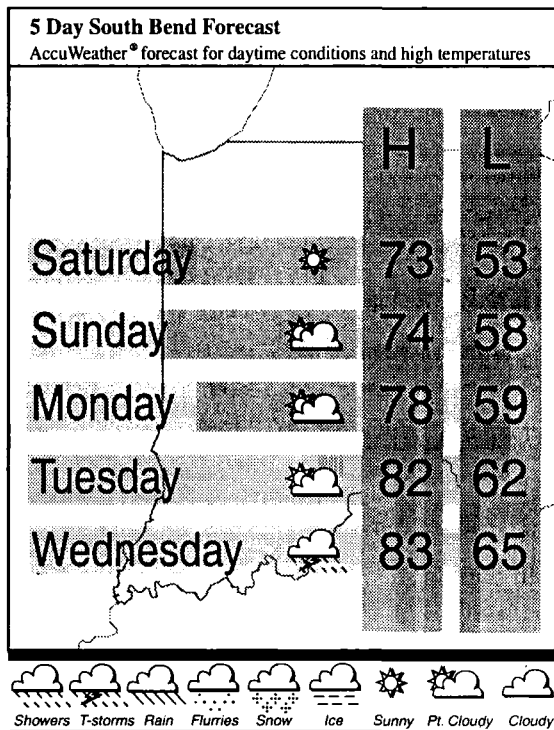
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

Dining hall donates food

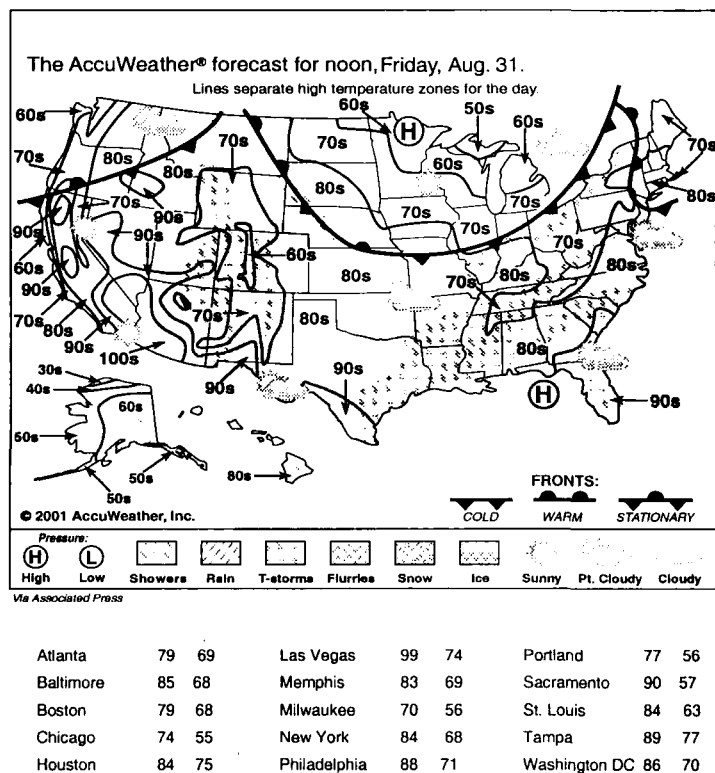
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

La Posada customers can expect some changes in their dining environment during the next few weeks, according to a cafeteria official. No plans have been made regarding the quality of food at the campus dining hall, only the amount of food saved from the garbage. David French, newly appointed general manager of food services, said he wants to reduce the quantity of wasted food and donate more to charity. French said the cafeteria plans to implement programs that will encourage students to waste less food. Proportioned meals will be served at every food station within the next few weeks, he said. He also wants to use an idea that has succeeded at schools he worked for on the East Coast. Every week the amount of disposed food is measured, and the following week students are challenged to waste less. If they do so, the amount of food they save is donated to the charity of their choice. French said he plans to tell managers and workers to encourage students to take less food, reminding them that they can always come back for more.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



New CIO looks to create strategic vision for OIT

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Gordon Wishon, who was involved in the logistics of information technology support during Desert Storm, tackles his new job as Chief Information Officer for Notre Dame with the same ambitious approach that characterized his Air Force career.



Wishon

Wishon assumed the newly created position of CIO, which manages 150 full-time OIT employees and an annual budget of \$17 million Aug. 1. He has served as CIO of the Air Force Institute of Technology in Dayton, Ohio and more recently at the Georgia Institute of Technology for seven and a half years.

His goal is "to not only provide direction to OIT but to provide strategic direction to the University for its use of technology and to support the administrative needs of the institution," he said.

Although he has only been in his office for a week, Wishon is beginning to formulate a new strategic plan for information technology that will guide Notre Dame through the next decade. The plan is tentatively due out in July.

"We're going to be taking a close look at the organization ... evaluating our ability to meet ever growing demands," he said.

Wishon is in the process of meeting with University vice presidents and deans, and he intends to discuss issues surrounding information technology with students and faculty as well.

Wishon wants to increase the University's ability to keep pace with advances in technology as well as addressing recurring problems facing OIT including Internet outages and e-mail problems. He intends to make security and employee recruitment priorities.

"Recruiting and retaining qualified professionals is one of the primary challenges that higher education faces," he added.

Wishon commended the University's ability to recruit top ranking students and faculty but believes Notre Dame should work equally hard to attract the very best staff in information technology.

"A very complex technology environment requires a very good staff," he said. "Recruiting is an essential component of the overall strategy."

In the future, Wishon also hopes to secure a faster, more reliable Internet connection for Notre Dame, but that will be difficult because of the infrastructure in the area.

"The major fiber pads just don't go through South Bend," he said.

Wishon sees many challenges facing him, but he is confident that these problems can be worked out.

"Each incoming class has a higher expectation of Notre Dame when they come. Keeping ahead of that demand is extremely challenging and it's the most exciting part of my job," he said. "It's going to be a busy few years."

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"OIT service similar to other universities" *page 8*

Printing charge instituted

By HELENA PAYNE
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◆ Printing will cost 10 cents a page after first 1000 sheets

The University recently ended the period of free and unlimited printing, requiring students who print more than 1,000 sheets of paper a year in University computer clusters to pay 10 cents per sheet.

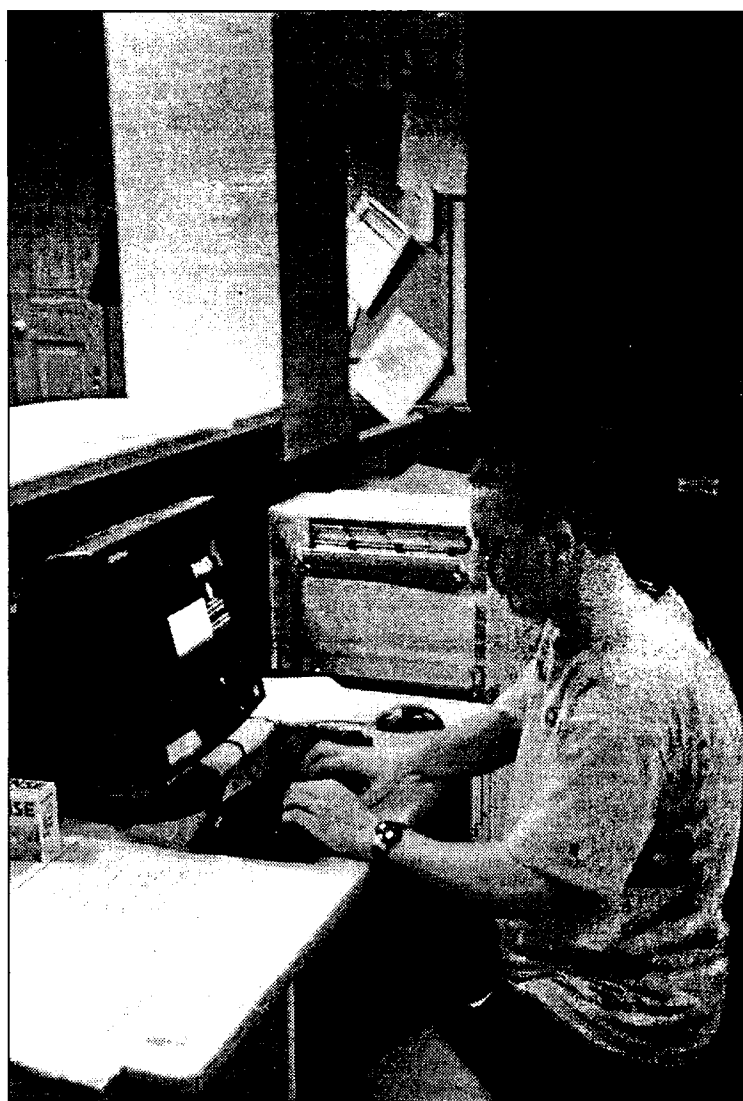
All students have begun the 2001-2002 school year with a balance of 1,000 sheets of paper, allocated by the University, which can be printed from a cluster. The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) will deduct the number of pages students print each time they use the clusters' printers. When the balance reaches zero, the charges begin.

"Obviously somebody has to pay for any service in the community," said Larry Rapagnani, assistant provost of OIT, referring to the University's decision. "You benefit from services rendered when you pay tuition."

The printing fee may alleviate some of the printing queue back-ups that occur when large documents are printed. Students may be more judicious with their printing choices now that they can incur charges.

Although he lives off campus, senior Matt Peters frequently stops in computer clusters because of the convenience, but has been annoyed by people who print a large number of pages.

"A lot of times, you'll go up there and people are printing 100 slides," said Peters. "Hopefully, it will alleviate



KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

Senior John Nahrgang logs on the Pharos printing system in the LaFortune Cluster in order to send a print job. This year, the Office of Information Technologies is charging students 10 cents a sheet for these print jobs after a student has exceeded 1000 sheets printed during the academic year.

really long lines."

According to Rapagnani, University statistics showed that over 80 percent of students print less than 1,000 sheets of paper in an academic year. He added that the limit could cause people to be more careful about their printing habits in the computer clusters.

"Any service that appears to be limitless people will consume rather readily," Rapagnani.

Some students, like sophomore Christina Martini, said the 1000-sheet limit appears worse than it is.

"One thousand pages seems like a lot," Martini said. "But I guess it depends on your major."

Another student, junior Erin Riley, uses the clusters' printers only occasionally, but has already had problems with the new rules.

"I got charged for printing pieces of paper that didn't come out properly," Riley said.

The printing stations currently only record what has been printed, whether or not the pages have anything on them or if they print correctly.

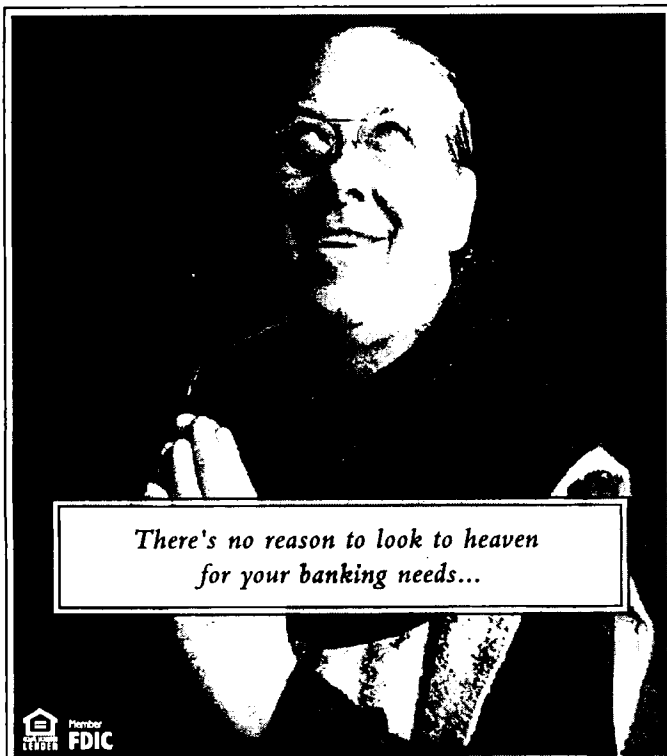
"I think it would be fair to have some kind of compensation for any malfunction that takes away from your balance," Riley said. "They're not taking money away from your pockets, but they're trying to take it away from a balance."

All of the campus computer clusters have a detailed description of the new guidelines.

According to Rapagnani, the new rule is similar to those of the University's peer institutions.

Rapagnani will meet with the Graduate Student Union later to discuss their concerns on the issue. Rapagnani said the grad students have expressed greater concerns with the new charges than undergraduates.

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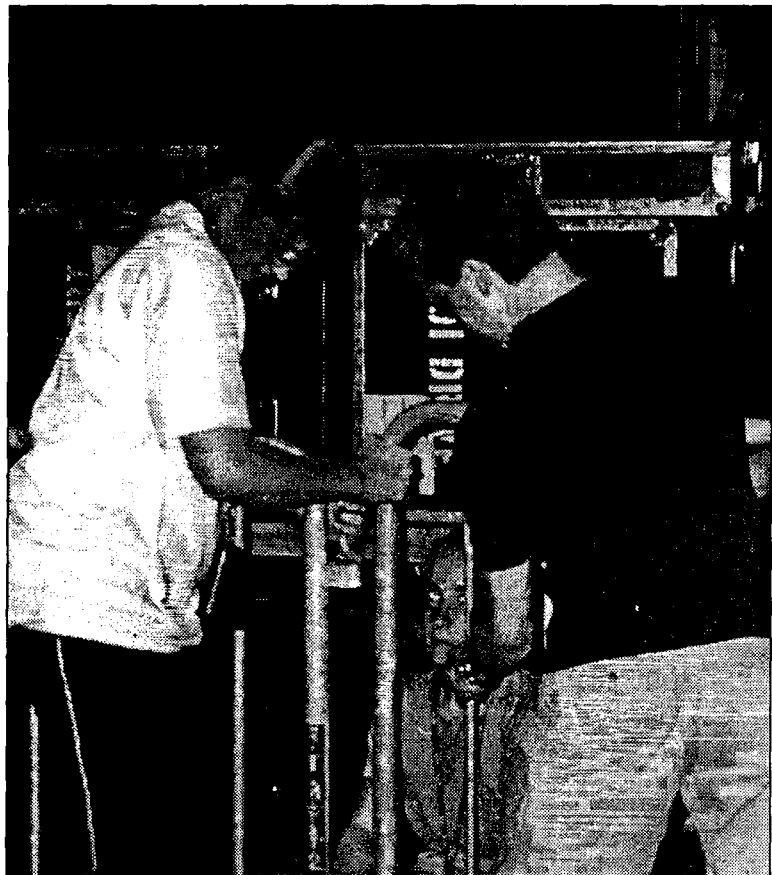
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Students set up the Joyce Center's North Dome for the concert Thursday night. FlipStock was moved inside because rain is predicted for tonight. Students may enter Gate 3 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Flipstock

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show [all] students that there are alternatives to drinking."

Flipstock planners do not anticipate having to deal with intoxicated students trying to attend the concert.

"As with all FlipSide events, it is our expectation that students will not come to the event intoxicated out of respect for the event and other students attending the event," Rampolla said. "Students

will be checking IDs at the door because it is a student-run event. However, if there is a problem, stadium ushers will be used."

The doors of the Joyce Center open at 5:30 p.m. and students should enter through Gate 3.

"This is the first annual," Rampolla said. "We hope it will continue."

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Towels

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school spirit.

Following the Sept. 9 Irish loss to Nebraska, and again after Oregon State defeated the team at the Fiesta Bowl Jan. 1, Costin and Humbert began formulating a game plan of sorts.

"We decided to make this kind of a mission. We wanted to use this as a catalyst, something that would make a big difference in recapturing our home field," said 1972 graduate Humbert, owner and president of AP Image Team, Inc.

"We started thinking about what we could have to bond everyone together," added Costin, a 1979 alumnus, who also serves as company president.

"This is the most natural thing we can think of."

The towels easily could appeal to the campus community, said Brian Moscona, student body vice president.

"I think that a lot of people around here want to promote the school, and I think that would be a great way to do it," Moscona said. "It would do a great deal to promote school spirit."

Costin and Humbert con-

tacted Moscona this summer about the interest student groups might have in the inspiring merchandise. In the past, Moscona had worked with the company to create T-shirts for Stanford Hall and the 2003 class council.

In fact, API has found a loyal clientele in University student clubs and athletic squads seeking screen-printed and embroidered apparel. This year, the firm fulfilled orders from dorms preparing for Freshman Orientation activities and from the volleyball team.

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Student body vice-president

The towels are apparently already a popular choice among some on campus.

The cotton towels have retailed for \$10 in the Varsity Shop in the Joyce Center and the Warren Golf Course shop,

where the items sold out their first week there. One towel is also on display at the LaFortune Student Center.

The towels are part of a "Play Like a Champion" line that also includes key chains, magnets and other merchandise.

Costin recalled the pride he's seen the towels inspire.

"At the Warren course, we've seen a lot of people

using them as golf towels. I remember talking to a man one day who was telling me about the great new golf towel he had bought," said Costin, who feigned ignorance of his company's towels being sold in the shop.

"I looked at the guy's bag and told him I didn't see the new towel there. He said, 'I don't use it on the course. I've still got my brown towel to wipe off my clubs,'" Costin said.

That speaks to the enthusiasm about the towels that Costin and Humbert believe will become contagious.

"It's not only the towel itself that has the potential to unify the crowds but the message on it: 'Play like a champion.' That's what Notre Dame's all about. Win or lose, our fans act like people we want to represent us," Costin said.

The idea for a Notre Dame fan towel is a takeoff on the tradition that fans at the University of Tennessee and other colleges practiced for years. When the Irish meet the Volunteers at Notre Dame Stadium Nov. 3, perhaps Costin and Humbert's towels will be the start of an early tradition there.

"We don't want to stop our worthy competitors from bringing their towels," Costin said. "But we also don't want a repeat of last year."

"We don't want this to appear that it's not a tough place to play," Humbert said.

And maybe that starts one champion-themed gold towel at a time.

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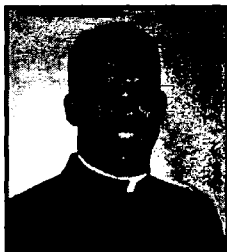
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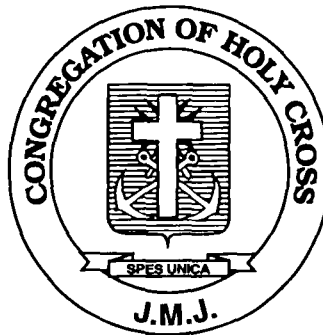


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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Concorde begins training: An Air France Concorde embarked on a series of flights Thursday to train pilots and staff who have been out of practice since the supersonic jet was grounded after last year's deadly crash. Transportation Minister Jean-Claude Gaysot said that the decision on returning the needle-nosed liner to the sky would be made imminently, but he gave no date. The Concorde fleet was grounded after an Air France plane crashed outside Paris over a year ago, killing 113 people.

Aaliyah plane overloaded: Bahamian aviation officials released an estimate Thursday of the weight of the plane that crashed in clear skies last week, killing the singer Aaliyah and eight others, and an independent expert said the figures indicate it was overloaded.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Ex-House chaplain dies: The Rev. James Ford, who served as chaplain of the House of Representatives for two decades, has died, his family said Thursday. He was 70. Ford, who ministered to House members and their families from 1979 until his retirement last year, died Monday. His family did not disclose the cause of death.

Wildfire nears national park: Crews battling a 17,000-acre wildfire near Glacier National Park braced Thursday for more unfavorable weather and guardedly sized up their progress against the blaze. "We've got a few scratch lines around the tiger, but the tiger's still a tiger," said Bob McKinney, information officer for the Moose fire. People who fled about a dozen houses Monday under an evacuation order were allowed to return home briefly Thursday for their belongings.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Minister avoids sex charge: A Richmond minister found guilty of having sex with a 15-year-old girl could face up to 50 years in prison, but police have to find him first. The Rev. Larry A. Flake, 55, was found guilty of sexual misconduct with a minor Wednesday in Wayne Circuit Court. The court also ruled him a habitual offender. Flake has two previous felony convictions. Flake did not show up this week for his jury trial on two counts of sexual misconduct and one count of rape. He went missing after being released on bail.

Market Watch August 30

Dow Jones	9,919.58	-171.32
Up: 1,062	Same: 215	Down: 2,024
Composite Volume:	N/A	
AMEX:	870.98	-7.86
NASDAQ:	1,791.68	-51.49
NYSE:	586.10	-7.43
S&P 500:	1,129.03	-19.57

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-17.57	-2.36	11.07
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-10.11	-1.35	12.00
NASDAQ 100 INDX (QQQ)	-3.70	-1.39	36.17
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-6.26	-1.07	16.01
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	-5.49	-3.31	56.94

Police capture Sacramento killer

Associated Press

CITRUS HEIGHTS, Calif.

Turned in by his own terrified brother, Nikolay Soltys was captured hiding under a desk in his mother's back yard Thursday after a 10-day nationwide manhunt for the Ukrainian immigrant accused of butchering six relatives.

Soltys, 27, had apparently slipped into the yard during the night despite round-the-clock surveillance of the home by detectives. He was carrying a backpack containing a knife authorities suspect was the weapon used to kill his pregnant wife, 3-year-old son and four others.

Soltys was barefoot, unshaven, dirty and "looked like he could have been hiding in a field somewhere,"



Soltys

Sacramento County Sheriff Lou Blanas said.

The sheriff said Soltys was speaking freely to prosecutors, though he did not yet have a lawyer. Blanas declined to release details.

The capture just a few miles from the scenes of the grisly murders ended a manhunt that had reached all the way to the East Coast. Authorities said they believe Soltys never left the Sacramento area, with its large Ukrainian and Russian communities.

Deputy Sheriff Bill Samuelson said Stepan Soltys was eating breakfast at around 7:45 a.m. when he looked through a glass back door and saw his fugitive brother under the desk.

Nikolay motioned for Stepan to be quiet, but Stepan instead assembled relatives in the garage, where police had installed a panic button. Neither the alarm nor a phone police had given the family worked, so the family piled into the car and fled, Samuelson said.

Surprised detectives saw the

garage door fly open and the car speed away.

The family drove several blocks to a framing shop, where employee Jennifer Murphy helped Stepan call police.

"A man came up to me with his cell phone and he was all shaky. He kept pushing buttons 1-1-9, so I knew he wanted to dial 911," Murphy said. "I brought him into the store and dialed 911 for him."

Dozens of deputies stormed into the cluttered yard and arrested Soltys without a struggle. He was carrying a metal potato peeler in his pocket and a map of the Sacramento area.

Authorities said they believe Soltys had been staying in woods behind the house. Blanas said the family didn't know undercover detectives were watching the home, and an officer had checked the yard Wednesday evening.

"At night there's so many ways to get into that back yard, you can't cover every inch," Blanas said.

GERMANY

Central Bank rolls out first euro notes

Associated Press

FRANKFURT

Europeans on Friday got a first look at their new currency - seven state-of-the-art notes that are said to be the most counterfeit-proof in the world and that planners promise will help unite the continent like never before.

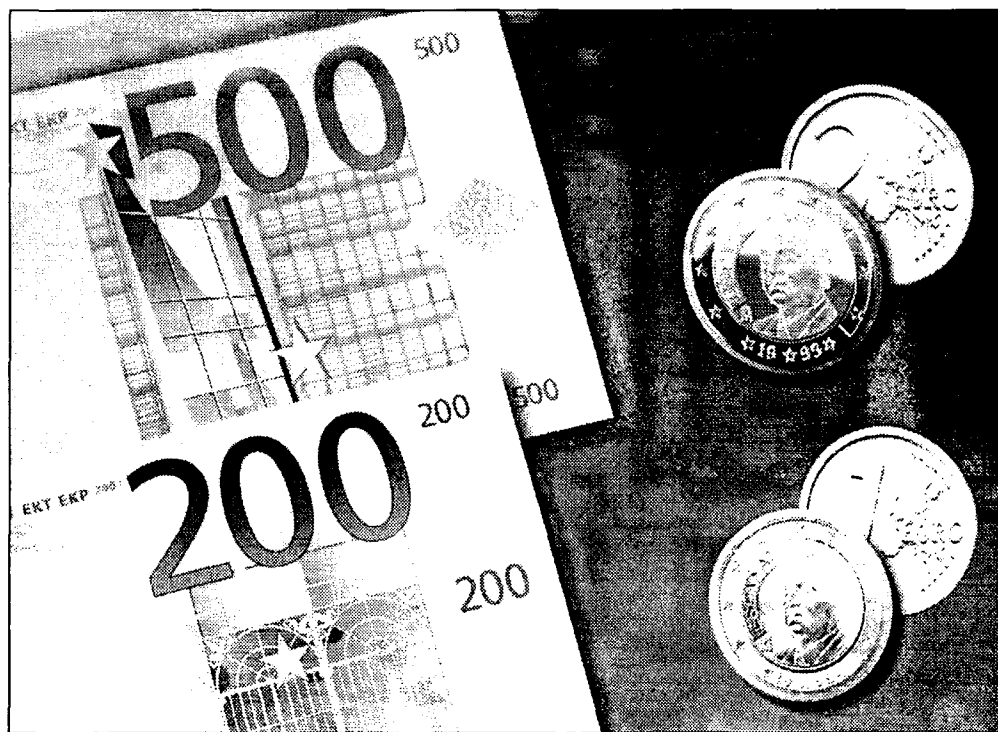
The European Central Bank, which governs monetary policy for the 12 nations, has kept the euro notes under wraps to give counterfeiters as little time as possible to unravel security features. The colorful bills start circulating Jan. 1.

Bank President Wim Duisenberg was lit up by a blaze of flashes from jostling photographers as he held up a transparent star encasing the new bills in denomination's of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 euros. A euro is currently worth about 91 cents.

"The euro is much more than a common currency," Duisenberg said. "It is a symbol of European integration."

Outside the Frankfurt, Germany opera house, where the bills were introduced, workers dangling from ropes peeled away large plastic sheets to reveal two story-high copies of the notes hanging from the bank's headquarters.

The introduction of the euro bills as money people can touch and feel will be a historic step in bringing Europeans closer together, Duisenberg said. Starter kits of coins are introduced



AFP Photo

This weekend the distribution of euros to Spanish banks will begin, ready for the adoption of the single European currency in January 2002.

in most countries in December.

"In some 100 days' time, the euro will be in our pockets, it will be our money, a tangible reality and not just the virtual market currency which it has thus far been perceived to be by many Europeans," Duisenberg said.

The euro has existed since Jan. 1, 1999 when national currencies were pegged to it, but 300 million people in the euro bloc have continued to use their old national currencies as cash. After the New Year changeover, national currencies will still be accepted as legal tender during transitional periods rang-

ing from two to six months.

The bank's primary job now is creating a sense of confidence in the new currency. After the bank earlier Thursday helped the euro gain against the dollar with an interest rate cut, officials turned the focus on security.

The new bills incorporate measures tried and tested on outgoing national currencies - such as raised printing so people can identify the real thing from fakes by touch - with features unique to the new bills.

Some of those features were purposely kept secret.

"There are always more security features than you

explain to the public," for security reasons, said Regina Schueller, a bank spokeswoman.

The bills feature watermarks and security threads - a dark line that becomes visible when the bill is held up to light. Tilting brings out holograms printed on a foil stripe at the edge of the smaller bills. Another stripe near the center can only be seen under very bright light.

The bigger bills - the 50, 100, 200 and 500 - have a foil patch with a hologram of the bank note and its value. They also have ink on the numerals that changes color as bills are moved in the light.

Officials: football ticket distribution a success

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

After months of planning, football ticket distribution for the 2001 season was an overall success, according to student leaders involved in the process.

"I thought it was fair. Above all, it accomplished its goal, and that was to get people to sit together with their friends," said Matt Smith, president of the class of 2003.

This year's process involved students receiving lottery numbers on enrollment day and then purchasing their tickets by class on assigned days. The system represented one of many changes made in the past few years in student ticket distribution.

"For the most part, students who saw the process in the past thought that this year was a great improvement," said class of 2004 president Keri Oxley.

Oxley, Smith and senior class president Peter Rossmann were part of the committee that developed this year's ticket distribution system. Other members of the committee included student body president Brooke Norton and vice president Brian Moscona, along with head stadium usher Russell Gagnon and representatives from both the Student Activities and ticket offices.

"Going in, we knew students wanted it as simple as possible," Norton said. "We really wanted to create something we could do year in and year out."

The committee will meet again soon to evaluate the process and



Seniors wait in line to purchase their football tickets at the football ticket office Tuesday. This year's system is being touted by student government officials as better than last year's.

decide how to proceed in planning next year's ticket distribution, Moscona said.

"We did get a lot of positive feedback from students, though we did get some complaints," Norton said. One of the major complaints she cited involved students having to stand in line.

She said the committee will use organizations such as the Student Senate and Hall President's Council to get additional feedback from students.

Committee members said they believed this year's system was

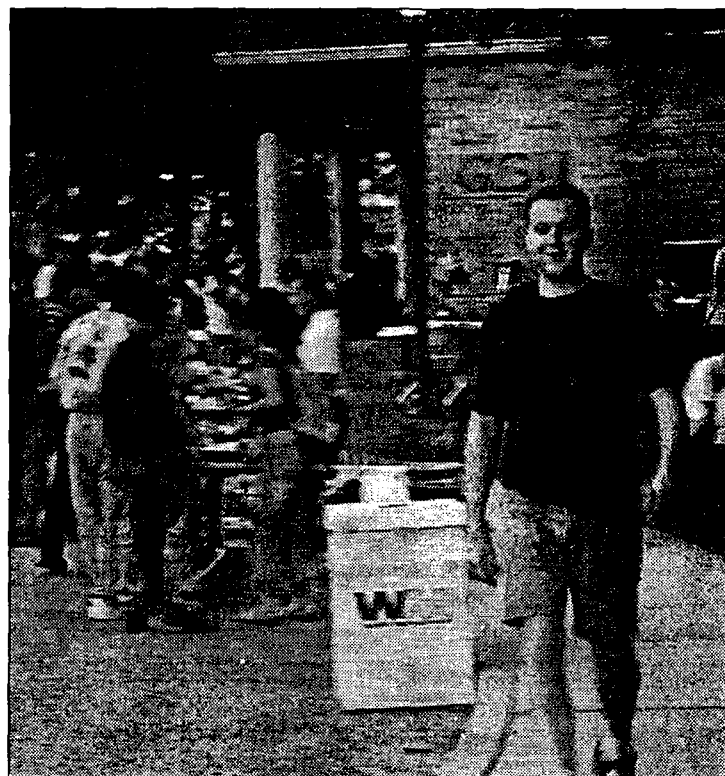
an improvement over the previous one.

"We think it was so much better than what happened last year. I've talked to 30 or 40 students, and they're very happy," Moscona said.

"I think the process ran smoothly, but we're looking for more ways to improve efficiency for the students," said Oxley.

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TAKING IT EASY



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Graduate students came together Thursday afternoon for food and conversation at the O'Hara-Grace parking lot. The picnic was one of the events the Graduate Student Union is hosting to welcome graduate students back to campus.

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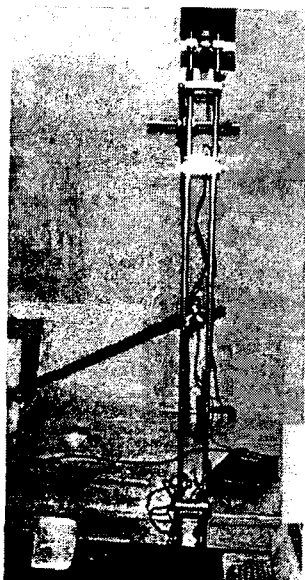
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5 rectors join Notre Dame staff

By ELIZABETH LEE
News Writer

Five dorms have new leaders this fall as Carroll Hall, Howard Hall, Keough Hall, Lyons Hall and Sorin College all welcome new rectors.

Carroll Hall is now led by Father Jim Lewis who served as rector for Notre Dame's undergraduate program in London the past two years.

Prior to his work in London, Lewis did various kinds of social work, serving as a therapist in the psychiatric unit of St. Joseph's Medical Center in South Bend, as well as at Central Professional Group in Joliet, Ill.

Although he enjoys the football games and retreats, Lewis was mainly drawn to the community life at Notre Dame.

"I wanted to contribute to and be a part of such a vibrant communal reality," he said. "In my short time on campus, I've been touched by the generous support and welcoming of a great many [people who have been] present to me, informative, and inclusive. These are the gifts that I hope to offer as rector."

Lewis has been a Carmelite priest for 18 years and enjoys film, the theater, classical music and the Rocky Mountains.

Kathy Brannock, the new rector in Howard Hall, attended Notre Dame as an undergraduate before graduating from Notre Dame Law School last May.



Brannock

She is dedicated to service and took a year off between undergraduate and law school to teach for AmeriCorps.

During her law school days she served as the assistant rector in McGlinn Hall. As an undergraduate, she spent most of her time in Siegfried Hall — where she was a resident before it was converted to a men's dorm.

"Not many people remember that [Siegfried] was a women's residence hall originally," she said.

Originally from Albany, N.Y., Brannock had never planned on living in Indiana, but she said something about Notre Dame keeps drawing her back.

She feels blessed to have had so many opportunities at Notre Dame and is excited about her new position.

"I have met many incredible and talented women," she said. "So far my experience has been wonderful, and I am looking forward to a great year."

Father Peter Jarret, a 1986 Notre Dame graduate, is the new rector in Keough Hall.

He lived in Flanner Hall for four years and was a resident



Dunn

assistant his senior year.

After graduating with a degree in government, he entered Moreau Seminary, where he earned his Masters of Divinity in 1991.

He was ordained a priest at Sacred Heart in April 1992. For the past six years he was the pastor of St. Pius X parish in Granger, where his term expired in July. Free to take another assignment, Jarret decided to return to Notre Dame, excited to be back in the community.

"Life in the residence halls is a key part of being at Notre Dame, and I was very excited at the opportunity to live, pray and work with students," he said.

In addition to his work as rector, Jarret, the youngest of seven children, enjoys reading and NASCAR racing.

Sister Susan Dunn, a Dominican Sister, has recently become the rector of Lyons Hall, where she is currently enjoying "the wonderful views of Saint Mary's Lake."

Previous to her arrival at Notre Dame, Dunn spent 12 years at St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, N.Y., where



Jarret



Lewis



Peters

for the past three years she worked in the residence life area.

Dunn enjoys walking, biking and reading, and is a fan of women's basketball. She is also attempting golf.

"Please note that I did not use the word 'enjoy' with golf yet," she said.

Sam Peters is the new rector in Sorin College and came to Notre Dame in 1995 to join the Congregation of Holy Cross formation program at Moreau Seminary. He will profess his perpetual vows Saturday. Although he will soon formally dedicate his life to God, he didn't always envision a life in the Church.

Peters said he planned on becoming a dentist while studying Biology at Loyola University in Chicago, but later heard another call.

"God had other plans for my life, and I switched from saving teeth to saving souls," he said.

He also enjoys playing basketball and golf.

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Conference highlights manuscripts

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame's extensive collection of medieval manuscripts will be the focus of a two-day seminar Sept. 13-15 that celebrates the appointments of Michael Lapidge and Jill Mann to endowed professorships in the Department of English.

Titled "Medieval Manuscripts at Notre Dame," the conference will draw an international cadre of medieval literature specialists from as far as Japan for discussions on traditional manuscripts as well as the technological advances that are making manuscripts more accessible.

Sessions will take place in the Center for Continuing Education in McKenna Hall.

Mann and Lapidge joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1999 as Notre Dame Professors of English, coming from the University of Cambridge. Lapidge is a renowned scholar of Anglo-Saxon literature. Mann is widely regarded as one of the world's foremost scholars of Middle English literature, and also writes extensively on medieval Latin.

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OIT service similar to other universities

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Assistant News Editor

While similar sized private institutions Notre Dame, Cornell and Stanford compare favorably in terms of technology and availability of computers, Notre Dame's system is much less reliable and experiences longer and more frequent network outages.

Notre Dame's two separate daylong Internet outages and e-mail outage last year greatly exceeded the number of outages Cornell and Stanford experienced.

The University's network was severely disrupted three times last year: on Sept. 12, 2000 for a full-day of e-mail outage, on Nov.

6-7, 2000 when Internet resources outside of Notre Dame were unavailable for 36 hours and on March 11-12, 2001 when a failure at the University's Internet provider, Genuity, caused outside Internet resources to be unavailable for 18 hours.

Cornell experienced one Internet outage last year, when the Internet line from their provider in nearby Syracuse, N.Y. was cut, according to Wes Kahle, director of customer services and marketing at Cornell. However, the outage occurred in the morning and was fixed in the afternoon, less than six hours later.

Stanford University, whose main Internet access is also provided by Genuity, has not experienced any problems this year. However, Ethan Rikleen, a network and systems administrator at Stanford, said if there was a problem with Genuity's Internet service, students would have similar problems to those that Notre Dame experienced during its two outages.

When the computers are working, all three schools have clusters readily available for student use as well as in room network connections.

Cornell's cluster system is similar to Notre Dame's in that clusters are located at locations such as the student union and the library and are open very late, or in some cases, 24 hours a day.

Stanford offers clusters in both these locations, but also has small clusters in each dorm, with one computer for every 20 students in small dorms and a complex formula for larger dorms.

"There are 75 clusters, the

ones in the residence halls ranging from two to 18 computers. Most of them have around five, six or seven computers, but the one in the student center has at least 40 computers," said Rikleen.

Although students do not have to leave their dorms to access a cluster, 95 percent of Stanford students choose to bring a computer and use the clusters mainly to print, use an application they do not have, or as social space.

Notre Dame currently allows students to print in clusters free of charge for the first 1,000 sheets and then charges 10 cents a page for printing; students at Cornell and Stanford pay for printing beginning at the first sheet.

Cornell charges 10 cents a page to print and Stanford 7 cents a page. Notre Dame students would have to print more than 3,300 sheets during each academic year for Stanford's system to be cheaper. These fees are deducted from students' accounts using a method similar to Domer Dollars.

Stanford and Cornell have slightly more advanced tools available to them through their universities — especially when registering for classes.

While Notre Dame only recently introduced a Web registration tool, both Cornell and Stanford students have used the Internet to register for classes and enroll for several years.

In the past, Notre Dame students used the telephone or, more recently, computer terminals at the library or registrar's office. Stanford's system allows students to register anytime during a specified period and there are no limitations as to when particular grade levels can register. Even with the new Web registration tool, Notre Dame still requires students to enroll by filling out a form at the Joyce Center at the beginning of each semester.

"Our course registration is totally online and we don't typically have a problem with the number of students registering at one time, although we have a date they must finish registration by," said Rikleen.

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Ethan Rikleen
Stanford network and systems administrator

SMC hosts contemporary artists

By JENNIKA KIRKBRIDE
News Writer

Beginning today, Saint Mary's and the Moreau Center for the Arts will welcome three contemporary artists to display their work in Moreau's main galleries.

A reception tonight in Moreau celebrates the opening of the season and introduces the work of Barbara Campbell, Marcella Hackbardt and Cassandra Hooper. The free reception runs from 5-7 p.m.

Pennsylvania-based painter Campbell displays her own unique interpretation of everyday landscapes in the Sister Rosaire Extension Gallery.

Campbell uses vivid color and form to blend reality and her perception of reality into what is sometimes unrecognizable.

"The physical space encircling us invariably works its way into our interiors, affecting us physically," she said.

The main components of her work include the use of "brilliant color, formal elaborations, areas of heavy painting and areas of light, untouched canvas," the artist said.

A pitiful, shriveled little shrub she encountered one day on her walk home is one of many memories that inspires her art.

She noticed that someone had taken the time to carefully place a very small and elaborate fence around its base in order to guard it.

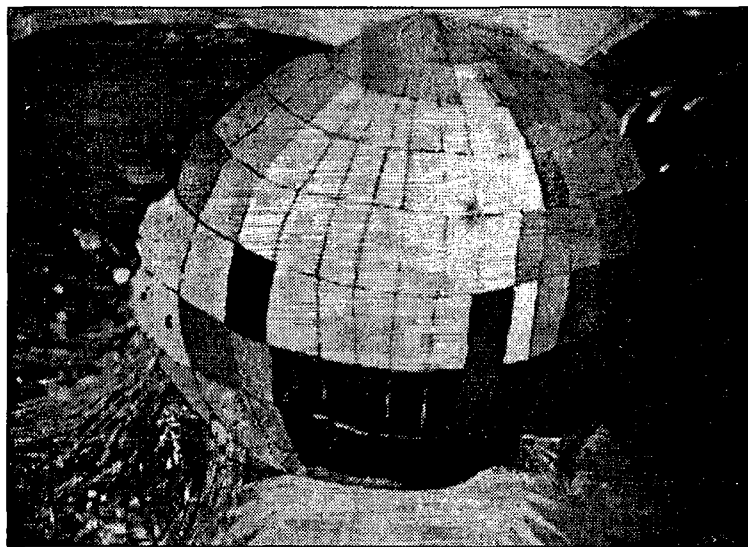
"That act, which seemed so ridiculous in so many ways, really struck me," she said. "I was struck by its poignancy and by an impulse which desires decoration and beautification and a kind of order even in futility. That act right there sums up why I make paintings."

Campbell is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley's Master of Fine Arts program, and her work has most recently been included in Miami University's "Young American Painters" exhibit.

The Little Theatre Gallery displays the photographic art of Hackbardt. Her art deals with the conflicting ideas of motherhood from society and the reality of the role of a mother.

"Mainstream images of mothering evoke a mismatch between what we ought to be feeling and how we feel," Hackbardt said. Her photographs both question and celebrate the paradoxical emotions of maternity, "unity and separation, strength and fragility, intimacy and invasion, and pleasure and resentment."

She sees her work as only one in "a chorus of voices." Hackbardt is currently a pro-



STEPHANIE GRAMMENS/The Observer

The contemporary artwork of Barbara Campbell is currently on display at the Moreau Center.

fessor at Kenyon College in central Ohio. She continues to create and teach art because, "the stakes are high ... art is pivotal in our society."

The final artist welcomed in this exhibition is the mixed media artist Hooper, whose work can be seen in the Hammes Gallery.

"Hooper's work begins with photographs, which are then layered with other art forms including lithography, etching, painting, collage and computer generated imaging," said Melanie Engler, director of public relations for Saint Mary's.

She creates surreal environments which expose her audience to spaces of hidden dangers and secrets, inviting them

into worlds "that have never been experienced, but seem oddly familiar," according to the artist.

Hooper describes her work as, "Invented places and hauntingly real spaces ... which conjure feelings of both isolation and involvement." Her latest series, "Tug", will explore "the struggle between identity and personal introspection."

The exhibit runs through Sept. 28. The gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon; and Sunday from 1-3 p.m.

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Car seat belt use higher than ever

Associated Press

More people than ever are wearing seat belts and fewer children are being killed by air bags, the government says in fresh evidence that a decades-long focus on auto safety is paying off.

Automakers are building safer vehicles, but experts say people's behavior is the big reason for reduced highway fatalities.

"The most crashworthy vehicle, the most well-designed car in the world is not going to help you in many situations unless you take the personal responsibility to help the vehicle help you," National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator Jeffrey Runge said.

NHTSA released data Thursday showing 73 percent of people observed in the front seat of vehicles around the country this summer were wearing seat belts — the highest since the agency began keeping statistics seven years ago, when 58 percent wore seat belts.

Experts say more seat belt usage, along with tougher laws and improvements in highway and auto safety, are part of a change in the culture of road

travel that emphasizes safety and is responsible for a huge drop in the highway death rate.

Last year, there were 41,800 fatalities, or 1.6 deaths per million miles traveled. There were 47,878 deaths in 1977, and because vehicle miles traveled each year has increased significantly since then, the rate was more than double at 3.3 per million.

The decline has occurred as the federal government has stepped up safety requirements, such as requiring air bags, and consumers have demanded more safety features.

Former NHTSA Administrator Diane Steed said when she was at the agency in the 1980s, automakers said safety didn't sell. Now they actively promote it through ad campaigns.

"We did everything we could when I was there to make it clear that you can choose safety options when buying a vehicle," Steed said. "And you could actually see a change in the way companies were advertising."

In 1980, consumers ranked safety ninth among 12 features they considered when buying a vehicle, according to Maritz Marketing Research. Now it's

ranked sixth out of 26 features.

NHTSA, insurers and the auto industry spend millions each year on public service campaigns encouraging motorists to buckle up and put young children in car seats — away from air bags.

The Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign celebrated its fifth anniversary Thursday by releasing a report that shows the number of small children killed by air bags has fallen sharply since 1996.

Government statistics show the number of confirmed child deaths fell from 25 in 1996 to six in 2000, while the number of automobiles with air bags rose from 22 million to more than 80 million.

An air bag comes out of the dashboard at rates of up to 200 miles per hour, faster than the blink of an eye. They were designed to protect adults, and the force can be too strong for small children and can cause head and neck injuries.

At least 191 people, including 116 children, have been killed by the force of deploying air bags, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Air bags have been credited with saving about 7,224 lives.

The government began allow-

ing switches to deactivate air bags in 1995 and recommends the passenger-side air bag be turned off if a child under 13 is riding in the front seat. By Sept. 1, 2003, all vehicles must have advanced air bags that deploy with less force or not at all when children are in the front seat.

While air bag deaths decline, NHTSA says seat belt use continues to climb nationwide, though it varies by region and vehicle type.

Drivers and passengers in cars wore seat belts 76 percent of the time, while those in pickup trucks did so only 59 percent of the time.

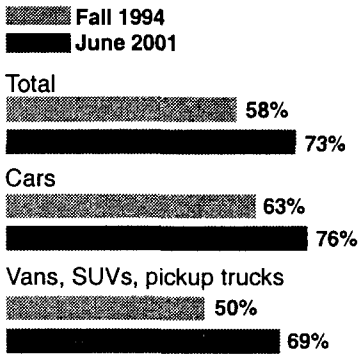
People in the Northeast are least apt to wear seat belts — 62 percent in the most recent survey — while Southern motorists dramatically increased seat belt use from 69 percent to 76 percent since last fall. NHTSA credited the increase to high-profile enforcement campaigns in the region.

NHTSA uses the statistics to target its safety messages.

"It's easy to see that in spite of our great gains, there is much more that needs to be done," Runge said. "It is not time to quit and rest on our successes."

Seat belt usage is on the rise

A much higher percentage of Americans are wearing their seat belts according to a recent study. Experts credit tougher laws and campaigns encouraging motorists to buckle up.



The South saw a big increase since last fall in seat belt usage, the Northeast still lags behind. Here are figures for June 2001.

	North-east	Mid-west	South	West
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2 more claim share of Powerball win

Associated Press

DOVER, Del. The holders of the fourth and final winning ticket in the \$294.8 million Powerball drawing — a first-grade teacher and her brother from the Pittsburgh area — stepped forward to claim their share of the jackpot Thursday.

"I guess we'll help the economy somewhat," said Kathleen Kearney, who with her brother, Michael Kearney, won \$73.7 million.

Kathleen Kearney said she will keep teaching despite her winnings, although she will buy a new car to replace her 8-year-old Toyota, find a good doctor to treat her arthritis and maybe take some trips.

She also will spend some money on her students. "Certainly better snacks," she said.

Michael Kearney, a lawyer with two teen-age daughters, hasn't decided what to do with his share of the lump-sum, pre-tax payment of \$41.4 million, which they will split equally.

"It's kind of shocking to win that kind of money, so I really haven't given it much thought," he said.

Kathleen Kearney said she waited so long to come forward because "I never win anything." They didn't check their ticket against the winning numbers until Wednesday.

Unable to reach state lottery officials by phone, they decided to drive to the office in Dover, about an hour from Kathleen Kearney's home.

"We said 'We're here,'" Michael Kearney said.

The jackpot was the third-richest lottery prize in U.S. history. The holders of the three other winning tickets in last Saturday's drawing stepped forward earlier this week: an ex-convict from Kentucky, a medical records clerk from Minnesota and a couple from Maine.

Earlier Thursday, co-workers of Maine winner Pat Wales dropped their claim to a piece of the prize.

The facts did not support their assertion that the winning ticket had been bought for an office pool, said John McVeigh, a lawyer for the plaintiffs.

"Once we got the answers, we decided to dismiss," McVeigh said.

In the lawsuit filed Wednesday, four people who worked with Wales at Lincoln Financial Group in Portland said 19 people had kicked in \$10 apiece to share 190 Powerball tickets.

Terrence Garmey, a lawyer for Wales and her husband Erwin, insisted the winning ticket belonged to the couple, offering as proof sales records from the store in New Hampshire where it was bought.

He said Pat Wales bought 190 numbers for her office pool, then a few minutes later bought 20 for herself and her husband. The winning ticket, Garmey said, was among those 20.

Garmey said Pat Wales was "devastated" when told her co-workers might sue. "She put her head on the table and sobbed," he said.

McCain recovering from surgery

Associated Press

PHOENIX

Sen. John McCain was recovering Thursday from surgery for a benign enlargement of his prostate and was expected to make a full and rapid recovery, his spokeswoman said.

The Arizona Republican experienced no complications during the procedure Wednesday — his 65th birthday — at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Phoenix, spokeswoman Nancy Ives said.

McCain was expected to leave the hospital Friday and plans to return to work when the Senate convenes Tuesday, Ives said.

"He sounds great and is looking forward to coming home,

getting back to Washington and getting back to work," she said.

Because of the surgery, McCain canceled a planned Sept. 4 speech in Minneapolis, but it wasn't known whether he would miss any other public appearances.

Enlargement of the prostate is common among older men and can lead to urinary difficulties. During the procedure, enlarged prostate tissue blocking the urethra is cut away.

Doctors also broke up stones that had accumulated in McCain's bladder because the prostate was large enough to prevent the bladder from emptying completely, Ives said.

The stones were too large to remove without an incision, so a laser was used to break them

into smaller fragments, she said. McCain was given general anesthesia during the operation, which lasted about 70 minutes.

McCain had said as he entered the hospital Wednesday that he looked forward to having "this minor" problem resolved.

The former presidential candidate underwent surgery last August to remove melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer, from his temple and upper arm. McCain's office said checkups since then have found no further signs of cancer.

McCain just returned from a five-day congressional delegation trip to Estonia, Latvia, Bulgaria and the Czech Republic.



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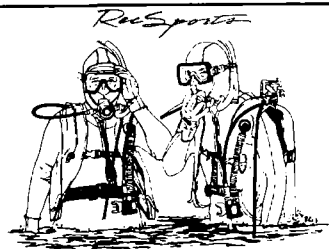
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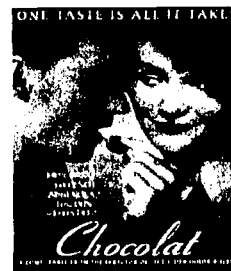
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Begin planning for mail-in system

This year's student football ticket lottery and distribution went smoothly with little frustration and few problems. The lines moved quickly. The crowds weren't too large. The combined efforts of Notre Dame's student government and the ticket office produced a system that ran as well as can be expected.

Nevertheless, the lottery system should still be scrapped for a mail-in system. Students want a mail-in system similar to ones used at other schools. They want the convenience of filling out one form, sending in their checks and waiting for their tickets.

Even the best lottery systems still require at least two trips across campus, possible interference with class schedules and the hassle of coordinating ticket groups

while trying to prepare for the beginning of school.

A mail-in system would eliminate all these hassles. It could be handled in the spring for 75 percent of the student body leaving only freshmen, new graduate students and transfer students to deal with a lottery in the fall.

When Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona took over student government last April, they didn't have enough time to organize a mail-in system. The lottery system they created was an effective stop-gap solution but is by no means perfect.

They have already proven they can create an effective lottery system in just a few weeks. With several months to develop and implement a mail-in system, student football ticket sales can run even more smoothly in the future.

The Observer
Editorial

Seeing through media biases

With the advent of cable television came the 24-hour news cycle and the need for cable news programs to latch onto sensational stories. Enter and exit the O. J. Simpson case. Enter and exit President Clinton's impeachment. Enter and exit the 2000 presidential election and post-election selection of a president.

Enter Representative Gary Condit's relationship with missing intern Chandra Levy.

It is now time to exit the Condit aspect of the story and concentrate on Levy's disappearance.

Many cable program hosts, most notably on the Fox Cable Channel, have used this story for political reasons. Of course, politics was forever changed for the worse when Newt Gingrich adopted the scorch-the-earth and hold-no-prisoners approach to win control of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994. Since that time, both Democrats and Republicans use any opportunity to spin a positive light for their causes.

Coverage of Condit has gone beyond news and information. Everyone knows that he is a hormonal horn-dog. Some suggest that it probably comes from his repressive upbringing within the Baptist Church. But that is not news anymore since we could list repressed Catholics or Methodists or whatever religion who act just as badly with their brand of morality. Until Condit was implicated when Levy disappeared, his affairs had no standing regarding his performance as an elected official.

This writer supports the true meaning of "fair and balanced," rather than Fox's fair and balanced "according to the conservative way of thinking" approach that reeks throughout that cable network's

reporting. Give me Chris Matthews of MSNBC's "Hardball" any day. While the former Democratic press secretary to ultra-liberal Speaker Tip O'Neill infuriates many Democrats with his criticism of Bill Clinton, he consistently holds to a set of principles regardless of party affiliation.

During the upcoming school year, this column may support and espouse the Democratic Party's approach to problems while criticizing the opposition. It may call attention to issues that are uncomfortable for conservatives or Republicans. Unfortunately, in the past, regardless of what appeared in this column, those who disagree seem to read only what they want and misrepresent what is written in their e-mail responses. Despite those misinterpretations, this column will be more like MSNBC than Fox.

With that said, here is one Democrat who sees Condit acting like every other elected official, regardless of party, who has been caught having — how did Condit describe it? Oh, yes, he could not come right out and say that it was romantic or intimate or just an uncontrolled urge. For his rigid pride and immediate denial of his relationship, he has paid a terrible price at the hands of those self-righteous individuals whom should be called "the sex police."

Conservative commentator and self-appointed morality police chief William Bennett told CNN's Wolf Blitzer that adultery alone is not a disqualifier to hold public office. Yet in the next breath, Bennett tried to demean Democrats in general by saying that at least Republican flirts such as Senator Packwood and Representatives Livingston and Gingrich chose to resign while President Clinton and Representative Condit did not. Nothing like a little conservative spin to support

Republicans and debase Democrats.

Blitzer countered that House Republicans Henry Hyde and Dan Burton, also participants in extra-marital dalliances, did not resign. Bennett said that their trysts had occurred years ago and chose to turn the discussion back to attack Condit's current situation, calling Condit a "serial adulterator."

If one focuses on the allegations that Condit attempted to obstruct the investigation in order to hide his personal life, then his fitness to serve as an elected official is correctly questioned. His best approach should have been to say that he was romantically involved from the start. He could have blamed it on the pressures of office or the long separations with his wife. Or he just could have said it was a weakness for which he was ashamed.

It does not matter now, for his political life has ended. Should he run and be reelected, he will still be rather ineffective and will always be embattled. Those who are using Condit as red meat for their causes should beware. Casting stones at glass houses tend to splinter everyone.

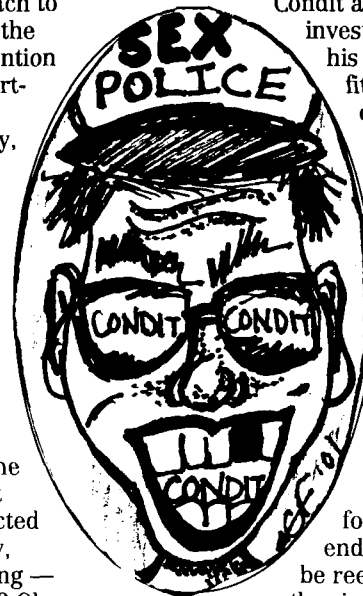
And all of us, regardless of religion or personal values, have no business casting the first stone. Try conveying that message in an e-mail to a cable news host when precious ratings are on the line.

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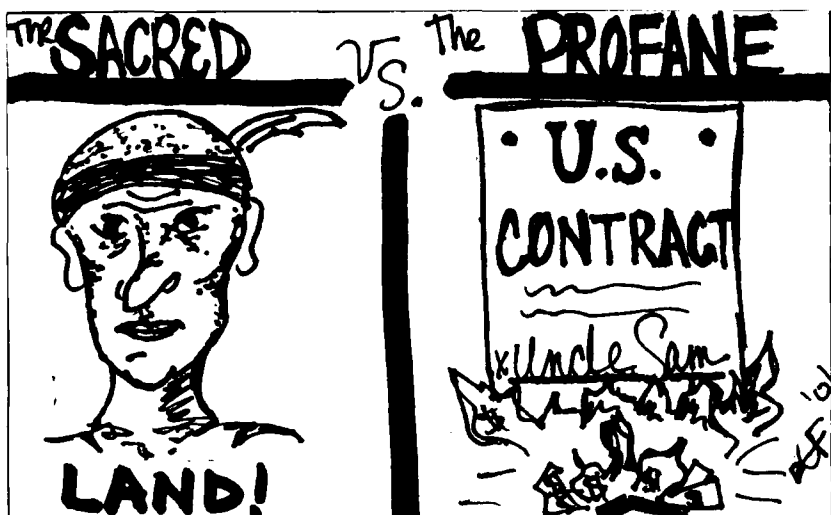
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Politicians who complain about the media are like ships' captains who complain about the sea."

Enoch Powell
politician

GUEST COLUMNS



Examine America's past before condemning others

LEXINGTON, Ken.

It is interesting that so many Americans rally behind the U.S. military's efforts to thwart such terrible countries as Iraq from taking over Kuwait in order to gain the "black gold, Texas tea," extinct dinosaur remnants called oil. The reason I would say that is because the United States has this same history of usurpation of other people's land and resources.

Joshu Goebeler

Kentucky Kernal

Some groups may recognize this policy as "Manifest Destiny." In 1877 the U.S. government claimed ownership of the Black Hills after promising it to the Sioux. In 1868, the United States signed a treaty that set aside the Black Hills "for the absolute and undisturbed use of the Sioux." But it soon came to pass that gold was discovered in the Black Hills.

Words, when molested by money, can quickly become as malleable as the yellow metal that symbolically birthed this unnatural concept. The gold brought in a flood of the gold-seeking explorers who invaded the land just seven years after the Black Hills treaty was signed by President Andrew Johnson.

After Custer's defeat at Little Big Horn in 1876, Congress told the Sioux that they could either give up the Black Hills or lose earlier pledged federal rations, medicine, blankets and food. Only 10 percent of the adult males signed the treaty to give up the Black Hills, but in 1877 Congress enacted it anyway.

One federal judge disapproved of the government's deal, saying, "a more ripe and rank case of dishonorable dealing will never, in all probability, be found in our history." One could argue that our ability as a nation to follow the edict of the popular vote is somewhat askew even in these modern times.

In 1980, the Supreme Court awarded eight Sioux tribes \$106 million in compensation. The court said that this was retribution for

"a taking of tribal property."

The Sioux refused the millions, insisting instead that their land be returned. The money has been sitting in a government account. The interest on the account has now made the funds grow to as much as \$570 million.

The Sioux still refuse to touch the money because they don't see the Black Hills as something that can be sold. To the Lakota Sioux, the Black Hills are sacred.

The Lakota call the Black Hills "Wamaka Og'naka I'cante," meaning: The heart of everything that is. Some people may think it foolish for the Lakota to turn down this money when they and other Native Americans make up the most impoverished section of our nation's population.

It may be easier to empathize if we consider the following question. What dollar amount would you put on your family, your beliefs, your convictions and serenity?

So, we wave our flags, we rally our troops and our population. America has been carefully crafted as a benevolent benefactor of the bullied peoples of the world. That is a wonderful mythology to strive toward as a nation.

But what are we really made of? Do we truly practice the values we claim to hold?

The Native Americans of this country were attacked and overcome by our forefathers in much the same way that Kuwait was invaded and occupied by Iraq.

I believe that as American citizens we need to stand tall and practice the values that we espouse. If we are really more concerned with helping people be free than we are with helping economies embrace free-market capitalism, then let's see it in some action, because it doesn't seem to have ever been of much value in words.

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Crossing the line with college rankings

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Vir.

Kudos to the Princeton Review, those infamous test-prep gurus in New York City. They have effectively created a set of rankings that no college actually wants to win.

This year, the University of Tennessee was the unhappy recipient of the Review's well-known "best party school" national title.

Juliana Chan

Cavalier Daily

Not only is the distinction ridiculous, it is a nightmare for officials who must deal with the deluge of questions and complaints from media and prospective students.

Admissions officials at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville were rattled, to say the least, when they discovered that their school beat out everybody else for the unfortunate title. Tennessee took top honors for "most beer" in the Review's "Best 331 Colleges" book, making the university the uncontested leader in the parties category.

This is the same University of Tennessee that is, according to its school web site, investing in research centers and academic programs to "provide an outstanding education for undergraduate and graduate students." Vice president and provost Dr. Loren Crabtree said, "students are our top priority" in his online welcome letter. With information praising Tennessee's commitment to students' intellectual development and students' accounts of their strictly social development, prospective students understandably would be confused.

Social rankings simply cause prospective students to color any and everything else that admissions officials say with distrust. Tennessee's admissions office might be extolling its worldwide renown in medieval history research, but that won't prevent the "most beer" distinction from swirling in the backs of prospective students' minds.

The more studious contingent at Tennessee will not be taken seriously, since the school is more commonly known for having the nation's rowdiest party animals — the students who begin partying on Wednesdays and don't stop until the last drop of liquor is consumed on Sunday night.

The Princeton Review may have had prospective students in mind, but it certainly ignored the dignity of the faculty at Tennessee, which is affected by the overall reputation of the school and thus the extent to which students take school seriously. Tennessee's faculty members are the unwitting losers in all of this because their hard work and scholarship has been marred by this senseless award.

Though academic rankings can also hurt a college's reputation, they keep a school's goals in line by making academic excellence the primary mission. Social rankings, on the other hand, do nothing but cripple a school's reputation.

Administrators waste countless hours answering to the public about its social reputation.

The Princeton Review handles college rankings a little differently than organizations like U.S. News & World Report and Kaplan. Unlike U.S. News, Princeton Review publishes additional rankings based on college students' opinions about the quality of life and campus atmosphere in an attempt to give color commentary to its rather cut-and-dry academic rankings.

But with such embarrassing titles as "best party school," "professors suck all life from materials" and "students least happy," you can be sure any administrators would be more than a tad upset if they heard that their college's name topped those lists.

This was unfortunately the case with Tennessee. Crabtree made it clear that academic rankings and the success rates of graduates are the criteria schools ought to be focusing on ("Top Party School" Ranking Rankles Officials at U. of Tennessee at Knoxville," The Chronicle of Higher Education, Aug. 21).

Yet they are forced to spend time excusing their students' flamboyant behavior outside of the classroom. This takes time away from administrators that could be spent looking for high-quality professors, attracting good students and improving class curricula.

If a prospective student interested in Tennessee's respected chemistry program heard current students saying they "swill warm beer, hang out with sorority girls, pass out, wake up around noon, put on (their) orange (clothing) and sneak some Jack Daniels into the game," he might assume that was the norm.

The Princeton Review should veer away from student surveys altogether.

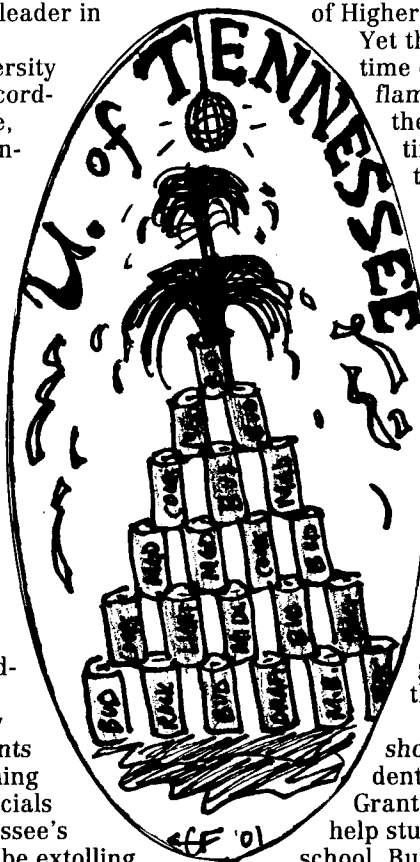
Granted, its mission is simply to help students choose a good school. But when this mission distracts administrators from improving their academics, this is where they ought to draw the line.

The rankings have lauded the lesser-known efforts of the University of Virginia, which received high marks for its libraries and having an administration that "runs like butter." In the same way, they have questioned the academic rigor of schools like University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa and University of Georgia, whose students apparently "almost never study."

As the college admissions season revs up again, the Princeton Review should reconsider how far it will play the ratings game. Maybe after checking on the schools they have rated poorly in the past, they will finally see what an injustice student surveys are.

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You don't need no stinkin' books

You just dropped five Benjamins on books for this semester. They ran out of used books for your classes the first day. They changed editions after one year, making student to student book deals as common around here as changes to du Lac.

All this hassle begs the question: "What if I just didn't buy books this semester?"

Do you dare? Are you that big of an academic rebel? Can you successfully tell the bookstore to bite you without failing out of school?

As Tony Robbins would say, "Yes, my friends, YOU CAN." You have five classes. I am hooking you good people up with five strategies that will help you, the poor college student, to have a Hammes-free experience.



Jeff Baltruzak

short circuits

Strategy #1

So, inevitably, you will have to read pages 1-50 of Plato before Thursday's discussion. So does that cute member of the opposite sex in your class. Think of your lack of books as a social opportunity. Get together with that person to "discuss the material." You just might "discuss" your way to a passing grade.

Things will get crazy if you try to overcome having no books strictly with "discussions." People talk, and you soon might be known as a male book slut, or a nerd ho if you are female. We need another strategy for those classes with ugly people in them.

Strategy #2

Visit the library and actually CHECK OUT A BOOK! People actually do this — I checked. That Plato book you need is freely available there for no charge. You may be thinking, "I thought the library was for overworked, underpaid TAs with beards." Not so. They let undergrads in there too.

Unfortunately, the library will not provide you with any sort of hook up. The library is prude like that.

Strategy #3

With two classes taken care of, we move to our third strategy: listen to your professors. Professors are all different, but have one common thread. They talk about what interests them and what they know the most about, just like regular people. Whenever they go off on a crazy 25-minute tangent, remember what it was about. They'll test you on that.

Strategy #4

Every office of every department of every college has a big copy machine that can copy like 100 pages a minute. Get a job at one of these places, or get your friends to let you in the office. Then copy the books while laughing hysterically about your victory over the Hammes Bookstore. If anyone asks what you're doing there, rub some toner on your hands and face and then say, "This toner tastes like cocoa powder."

Strategy #5

Drop a class. Nothing feels better. But you should have some fun with it. Get up in the middle of the first class and say really loud, "You people are the problem with America," and light your notebook on fire as you leave.

That takes care of all your classes with passing grades. Celebrate your 2.0 by blowing your extra \$500 on a huge party with a bad Vanilla Ice impersonator.

And laugh a villainous laugh everytime you pass the bookstore.

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Schedules and

Buying books is rarely a pleasant process. Scene

By JACQUELINE OSTROWSKI
Scene Writer

For Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, the semesterly mass exodus to the bookstore marks either a fresh start or a biannual hassle. The bookstore and the book-buying processes vary from the students who buy every text (often eager freshmen) and load their arms with piles of books, to the students who forgo the bookstore in favor of online buying or patronizing off-campus bookstores.

High prices seem to be the top concern among students who do frequent the campus bookstore.

"Everybody complains about prices," said Derek Demske, a local high school student who worked at Hammes bookstore during this year's hectic buying season.

Freshman Rebecca Dunn stopped her search for textbooks to confirm Demske's testimony. "It's going along rather smoothly ... except for the financial part," she said.

Some students are lucky enough to have their textbooks make a repeat appearance in another class.

"I'm an English major, so sometimes I already have some books [from previous classes]" said senior David Gonzalez. "But I usually buy all my books at the bookstore."

Still, although Gonzalez has frequented the bookstore each semester, he is far from happy with the process.

"I think it's pretty terrible — the prices and their policy on the buy backs. When you go at the end of the semester to sell, it's ridiculous what they give you back, if they buy them back at all," he said. "It seems kind of unfair to me."

Those students who wish to look for a better deal can try dorm book sales. Typically, students use posters to advertise books for sale in hopes of getting a better return than the bookstore may offer; however, e-mail is a newer method that also catches many students' attention.

"I got e-mails from people in my dorm who

were selling books, but I had already bought all my books," said freshman Tessa Garcia.

Some students, usually upper-classmen, do seek other alternatives to bookstore shopping or dorm sales.

"I buy my books at Borders whenever possible," said senior Kyle Demko. "New books are only a couple dollars more than used books at the campus bookstore, and Notre Dame students get a discount on books there [when they show their student IDs]."

Demko had considered online purchasing, but figured that "with Borders right here, it's just as easy to drive over there."

Online shopping offers students one way to avoid the bookstore's monopoly on prices. However, the search can be intimidating, especially if a student is unfamiliar with online merchants.

"I thought about [online purchasing], but I thought it'd cost more after shipping," said Dunn.

Still, others do utilize the Internet for their book search. It's quick, convenient and some students claim that browsing Web sites instead of bookstore aisles can save a patient consumer money.

"I go to the Internet first [before going to the campus bookstore]," said senior D.J. Cattin, who has used BarnesandNoble.com to make several online book purchases. "The Internet doesn't have all the books all the time, but sometimes you save money. It depends on how many books you're looking for."

As for those pesky shipping prices, Cattin said they can be avoided with a larger order. "Or, sometimes you can find specials online or use coupons," he added.

Although other choices clearly exist in local bookstores or on computer screens, the majority of students still flock to the campus bookstore. Still, that doesn't stop them from staring in disbelief at the cashier who announces their total. Bookstore cashiers see another side of the book-buying process that few students



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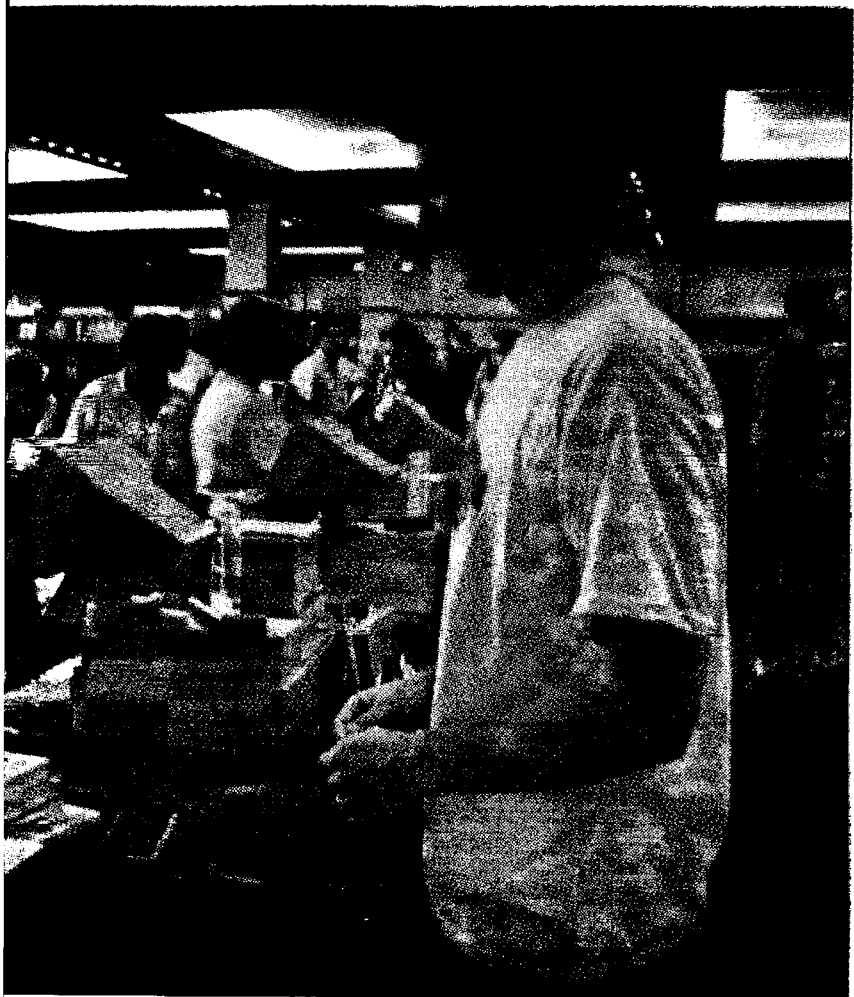
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Saint Mary's sophomore Mary Pendergast writes a check to Haggard College Center in the amount of \$300 for books.

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classes and books ... oh my

we investigate what bothers you most about it — and where else you can turn.

TONY FLOYD/The Observer

Major Kevin Kraft purchases his books at the Hammes Bookstore. This week to have the opportunity to spend their summer earnings.

ever witness.

"Mostly, they're in shock," said cashier Patricia Smith of typical student reactions to high prices. "On the positive side, everyone is so polite. Crazy ones are rare. They're ready to get going. Most of the students are so dedicated and want to get on with their education." Smith added that she'd only dealt with one rude student in the past year of working at the bookstore.

"We had a crazy one in here the other day," countered neighboring cashier Katie Bobo, who had a different experience. "One girl had a copied [student] ID card, and she wanted to use it to ring up her books on her student account. She made a scene and finally threw her credit card at us ... but it [the credit card] didn't work," said Bobo.

To cut down on the stress of the book buying process and to make sure you get your books, director of Hammes Bookstore retail operations Jim O'Connor suggested that "it's always better to shop earlier. It gives you the best availability of used books."

Most students follow this trend, buying books before classes have even met for the first time.

"The weekend before school started, we were real busy," said Damske.

Although the rows still seemed relatively busy on Tuesday and Wednesday, most underclassmen seemed decidedly optimistic about the intimidating process.

"I have a sister in college, so I knew how it'd be," said Dunn.

Freshman Justin Alanis shared this relaxed attitude.

"I'm kind of nonchalant about it," said Alanis, who paused from looking up his schedule on Irishlink to share his thoughts and acknowledge that "[books] are expensive as hell."

Another common lament involves weak arms, since so many classes require multiple textbooks. "Core requires a lot of books," said sophomore Jen Gushurst, eyeing the seemingly endless piles of Core texts.

Empty shelves and a lack of used books also rank high on the list of student complaints. The line at the back of the textbook section was busy for most of the afternoon as students tried to find out when their required texts would arrive.

"A lot of people have problems finding books. The tags are confusing, and a lot come in late," said Damske.

Employee Nichole Armstrong, who often helps students with specific textbook concerns, is all too familiar with these situations.

"We get a lot of price complaints, especially when there aren't used books," said Armstrong. "We had 700 used books for Chem 113, but once they were gone, people complained."

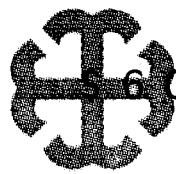
However, management at the bookstore notes that used books are a more plentiful option than they had been a few years ago.

"The availability of used books has increased dramatically," said O'Connor. "We are aware of the prices of textbooks and we are very sensitive to that."

Interestingly, O'Connor has observed that not all students will choose used textbooks when given the option. "You'll find that students in higher disciplines will choose the new book," he said, attesting this to the fact that students may want to keep the book for future reference.

Used or new, online or on campus — the possibilities are endless when it's time to buy books. From jaded upperclassmen who find other ways to purchase to optimistic freshmen, each student can personalize the book buying process to avoid hassles and get results.

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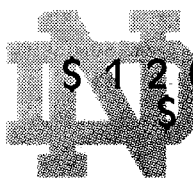
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cubs rally behind homers by McGriff, Mueller

Associated Press

CHICAGO

If the Chicago Cubs make the playoffs, remember this game.

Bill Mueller watches his game-winning homer clear the ivy as Sammy Sosa cheers in the background.

Looking for something to give them a spark since they dropped out of first place, they finally got it Thursday — in a big way.

Mueller hit a solo homer in the bottom of the ninth, and Fred McGriff had a three-run shot as the Cubs rallied for a 5-4 victory over the Florida Marlins.

The Cubs overcame a four-run deficit — their largest comeback of the year — and remained four games behind Houston in the NL Central. The Astros beat Cincinnati 6-1 on Thursday.

"It's a huge game for us," said McGriff, who became only the second player in major league history to reach 80 RBI in 14 straight seasons. "Hopefully, we can look back and say this was a huge win for the Cubs."

Mueller's home run was his first since May 2. He was on the disabled list for three months after breaking his kneecap May 13, and has struggled to find his hitting stroke since he returned Aug. 13.

"It's definitely a great feeling," Mueller said. "It's frustrating when these guys are going into their sixth month and I had to start over. Some of that hard work, hopefully this will be the start of it paying off."

Kyle Farnsworth (4-3) struck out two and gave up a hit in one inning.

Ricky Bones (3-4) allowed run and a hit in one-third of an inning for Florida, which lost for the 14th time in 17 games.

Florida wasted home runs by Preston Wilson and Mike Lowell, as well as one of Jesus Sanchez's better outings of the year. Sanchez, 0-for-4 in his last six starts, allowed only one run and four hits in six innings.

But McGriff finally got the Cubs going in the sixth, leading off with a triple to the deep corner in right field. Kevin Millar made a nice relay, rifling the ball to second baseman Luis Castillo.

But Castillo's throw to third was way off, sailing several rows up into the stands to score

McGriff and cut the Marlins margin to 4-1.

McGriff came up big again in the seventh. Braden Looper came in for Sanchez, and promptly gave up a single to pinch-hitter Corey Patterson. Two outs later, he walked Sammy Sosa.

Armando Almanza relieved, and McGriff sent his 2-1 pitch soaring high into the air. It looked like it might drop, but it carried just enough for the three-run homer that tied the game at 4.

"I was hoping, but I wasn't really sure," McGriff said. "I saw Millar going back like he had a bead on it. Next thing you know, the wind got ahold of it and carried it on out."

The fans gave McGriff a standing ovation, continuing to cheer until he came out of the dugout for a brief curtain call.

It was McGriff's fourth home run since joining the Cubs on July 27. He joins Hank Aaron as the only players with 80 RBIs in 14 or more straight seasons.

"It was just a high fly ball that kept carrying, carrying," Millar said. "Mueller's ball was hit better than McGriff's. But McGriff's got 440 homers."

Bones relieved to start the ninth, and got Eric Young on a flyout to right. Mueller then sent a 2-2 pitch rocketing over the right-field fence, and the Cubs spilled out of the dugout to meet him at home plate.

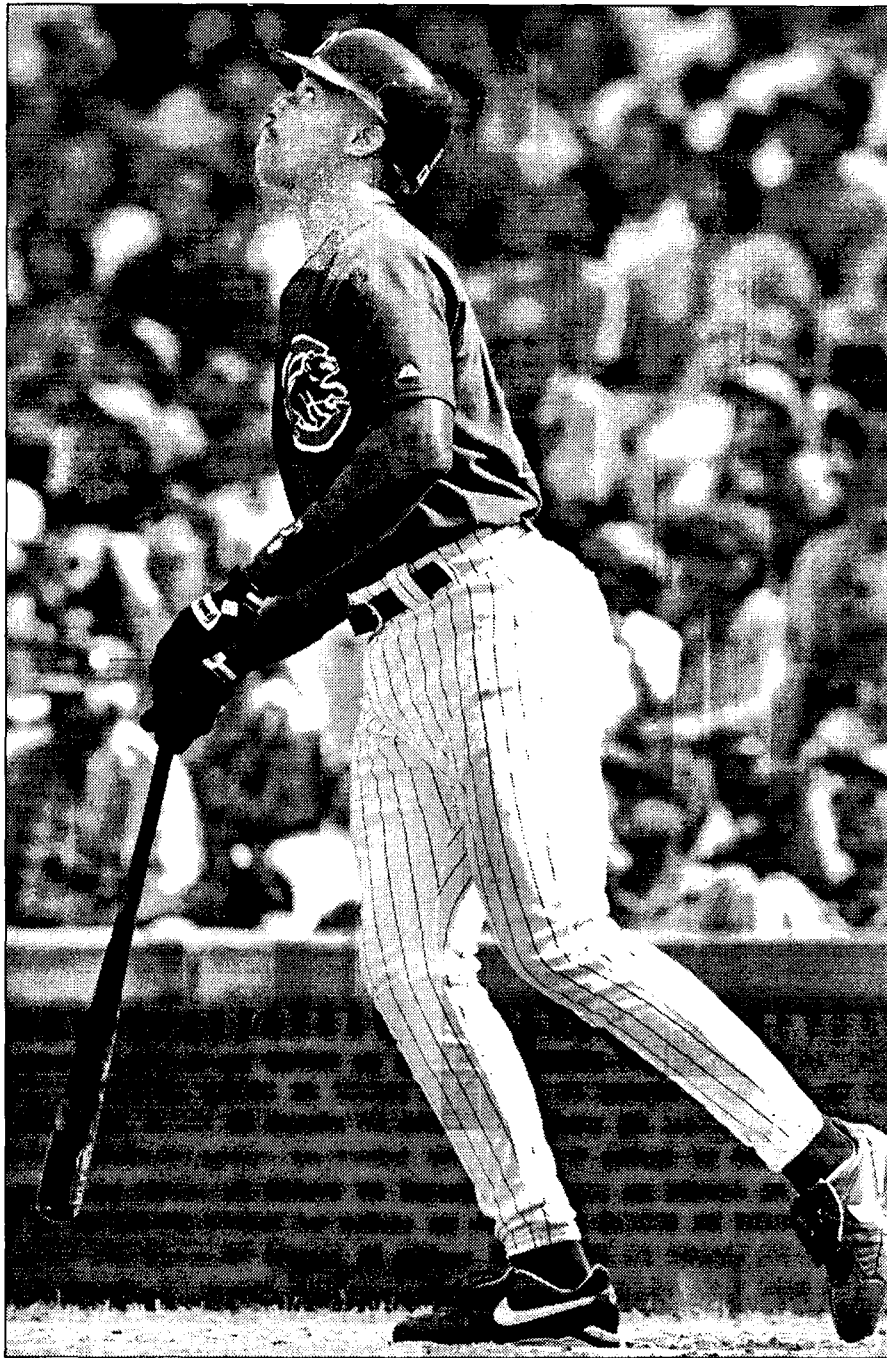
It was Chicago's first game-winning home run since June 2, 1999, when Sosa hit one against San Diego.

"Anybody coming back in this type of race wants to help," Mueller said. "They remember how they were playing before. That's how I remember myself playing. Right now, that's a little ways off. So it's frustrating to be playing and knowing what you can do and not being there yet."

Mueller's homer also made up for his fielding error in the second, which gave the Marlins their first run. Lowell made it 2-0 in the fourth with a solo homer to left, his 15th of the year.

The Marlins added two more runs in the fifth inning, thanks to more sloppy fielding. Derrek Lee led off with a single, and Cliff Floyd followed with a grounder to short that should have been a double play.

But Ricky Gutierrez bobbled the ball, and could only get Lee. Floyd reached, and Wilson followed with a homer that soared over the left-field fence and out of the park to give



Cubs first baseman Fred McGriff watches his three-run, eighth inning blast sail over the right field fence during the Cubs 5-4 win.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Alomar's homer keys Indians to 3-1 win over Sox

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Just as he's done all season, Roberto Alomar did it all for the Cleveland Indians on Thursday night.

Alomar hit a two-run homer and threw out a runner at third, helping Bartolo Colon and the Indians complete a three-game sweep with a 3-1 win over the fading Boston Red Sox.

Alomar, rarely mentioned as an AL MVP candidate despite having statistics comparable to Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, homered off Hideo Nomo (11-6), scored twice, walked and made two outstanding defensive plays.

Alomar, whose .340 average is second in the league behind Suzuki's .351, leads the sensational rookie in several offensive categories and has had another Gold Glove season at second base.

And still, he's somehow being overlooked.

"I don't know why," acting Indians manager Grady Little said. "He does things day in and day out that help us win games. Whether it's on offense or defense or with something he says to somebody in the clubhouse. He's a superstar."

Colon (11-10) pitched six innings and was helped by

Alomar and Omar Vizquel, who each threw out a runner on consecutive plays in the fourth inning.

Colon, who won for the first time since July 27, had three losses and two no-decisions in August after going 4-0 the previous month. He said he felt his groin pull slightly while warming up before the game.

Cleveland used three relievers to get to the ninth, with Bob Wickman getting three outs for his 26th save.

Once again, Wickman had to pitch out of a jam. He gave up a leadoff single to Mike Lansing and a one-out base hit to pinch-hitter Carl Everett before striking out Chris Stynes.

Wickman, who had to get out of a bases-loaded threat in the ninth on Wednesday, then got Manny Ramirez to fly to center for the final out.

The Indians' sweep was their first over Boston since 1996. With their fifth straight loss, the Red Sox headed home for a weekend series against the Yankees six games back of the AL East leaders.

"We're not down," Red Sox manager Joe Kerrigan said. "We play with a lot of desperation, a lot of passion. We're scratching and clawing, knocking guys over at home plate. Guys are getting mad in the dugout. You can't ask for much more than that."

Boston, which hasn't trailed by more in the division this season, went 1-for-23 in the series with runners in scoring position.

"We're pressing a bit in those situations," Kerrigan said. "I think we're trying to do too much. We work the count well with nobody on, but with runners on, we're in too much of a hurry."

Indians manager Charlie Manuel remained hospitalized following abdominal surgery on Tuesday and Little ran the club for the third straight game.

Manuel, who had scar tissue removed from previous surgeries during the procedure, is expected to be released on Friday and could rejoin the club in Chicago this weekend.

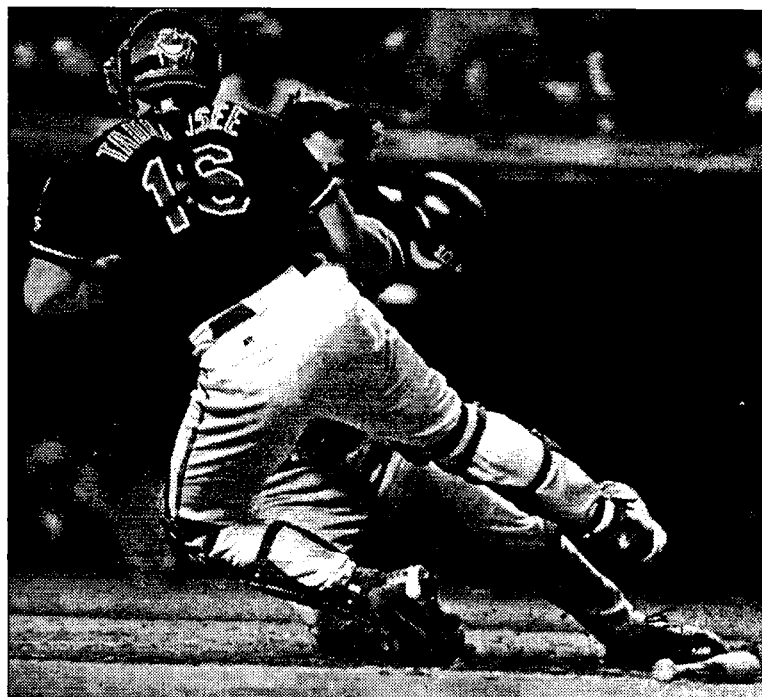
Alomar's 16th homer gave the Indians a 3-1 lead in the second.

After Vizquel singled with one out, Alomar drove Nomo's fast-ball over the wall in center for his third homer in eight career at-bats against the right-hander.

"I'm just playing my game," Alomar said. "I'm just coming to the park every day prepared to play and tonight I was lucky enough to hit the big homer when we needed it."

Or cut down the runner.

In the fourth, Shea Hillenbrand tried to stretch a double into a triple and was



Boston's Scott Hatteberg plows into Cleveland's Eddie Taubensee trying to score. Hatteberg was called out.

thrown out by Alomar from short right.

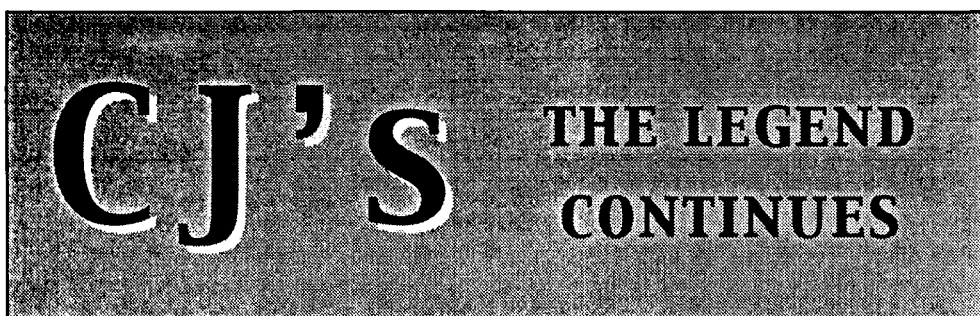
Scott Hatteberg followed with a single and was nailed at the plate by Vizquel while trying to score on Mike Lansing's double.

Left fielder Ellis Burks missed Lansing's shot with a dive, but center fielder Kenny Lofton hustled to get the ball and threw to Vizquel, who fired a strike to catcher Eddie Taubensee.

Hatteberg came in standing up and tried to jar the ball loose from Taubensee, who managed to hang on after getting flattened.

Jim Thome's RBI single in the first scored Alomar to give the Indians a 1-0 lead.

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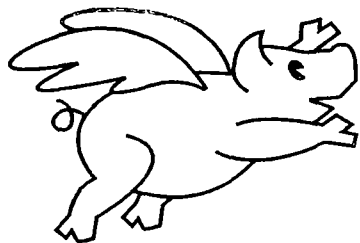
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Marshall football players suspended

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The NCAA has suspended 14 Marshall athletes for improperly receiving extra work benefits, the school said Thursday night.

The announcement, which involves 12 football players and two men's basketball players, was made Thursday by the school, two days before the Herd opens the season at No. 1 Florida.

According to the NCAA, two football players must sit out one game; 10 football players will miss three games; and the basketball players must miss 30 percent of the upcoming season.

Sports information director Ricky Hazel said some starting players were among those suspended, although he wouldn't release any names. He said quarterback Byron Leftwich — a 3,000-yard passer last season — wasn't among them.

The penalties will be served immediately while the university appeals.

"This is unfortunate, but I prefer to reserve further comment on this situation until we know the result of our appeal," Marshall football coach Bob Pruett said.

Neither the school nor the

NCAA said what the extra benefits were. A statement issued by the school said the benefits were given prior to February 2000.

Thursday's announcement is unrelated to a current NCAA investigation into study materials given to several athletes by an assistant professor two summers ago.

The Associated Press had reported that Bruce McAllister, an assistant professor of anatomy and physiology, gave a study guide to students in his class and told them to read it over. The study guide ended up being the actual exam.

McAllister, who also served as a flexibility coach for the football team, was fired.

Marshall reported those allegations in October 1999.

Dave Wellman, the university's director of communications, declined further comment Thursday night.

"I can't say anything except what's in the statement," he said.

Marshall has been hit with NCAA sanctions at least twice previously.

In 1969, the Mid-American Conference suspended Marshall indefinitely and the NCAA placed it on one year's probation after 144 football recruiting violations were revealed.

Kicker boots her way into Division I football history

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.

Ashley Martin became the first woman to play and score in a Division I football game Thursday night, kicking three extra points in three tries for Jacksonville State against Cumberland.

A huge cheer went up from the crowd of 11,312 as Martin ran on the field for the first time for Division I-AA Jacksonville State, her brown ponytail dangling down her back.

The standing ovation got louder when she put the ball high through the uprights to give Jacksonville State a 14-0 lead midway through the first quarter. Jacksonville State won 72-10.

Martin's kick, made easier by an offside penalty against Cumberland, landed just short of an adjacent field house. Earlier, starting kicker Steven Lee put his PAT on the roof to cap the first drive.

But that didn't matter. Martin punched the air after the kick and ran to the sidelines, where she was greeted by teammates and coaches who patted her on the helmet.

She made it 21-3 later in the opening period on a low, knuckleball kick. She got a third PAT in the fourth quarter.

After the game, teammates chanted "Ashley! Ashley!" as coach Jack Crowe presented her with the game ball.

"I didn't do a thing, all these guys put all the heart and hard work in it," Martin said.

The NCAA doesn't keep such records, but Martin by all counts was the first female to play in Division I.

At least two other women have suited up in

Division I games without playing. Kathy Klop dressed out for Louisville in 1995 and Katie Hnida for Colorado in 1999, but neither saw action.

In an interview days before the game, Martin wasn't worried about setting any records. "I've got a job to do, and that's what I'm focusing on," she said.

Cumberland already was on the short end of another famed record: The Bulldogs lost 222-0 to Georgia Tech on Oct. 7, 1916, in what remains the most lopsided score in college football history.

Crowe invited Martin to join the team this season after it appeared the Gamecocks needed an extra kicker. She was one of the guys on the sideline — running out with the team and holding up her red helmet with everyone else during the opening kickoff.

But Martin had an obvious distinction: She was the only Gamecocks player shadowed by network TV crews and news photographers.

Martin won the chance to kick during fall drills, making 20-of-22 PATs during scrimmages.

She also kicked in high school, making 2-of-4 field goals and 79-of-92 extra points. She was selected homecoming queen at East Coweta High School, located southwest of Atlanta, and accepted the crown in her uniform.

The only woman to previously score in a college football game was Liz Heaston, who kicked two extra points for then-NAIA Williamette University in 1997.

The most famous attempt to break the Division I gender barrier came at Duke, where Heather Sue Mercer was cut from the team in 1995 and again in 1996. Mercer won \$2 million in a discrimination lawsuit against Duke, which is appealing the amount of the judgment but not the verdict.

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Memphis coaches indicted

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn.

A federal grand jury on Wednesday indicted two former Memphis high school coaches in a recruiting scandal involving former Alabama lineman Albert Means, who was cleared the same day by the NCAA to play for the University of Memphis.

Lynn Lang, former head coach

at Trezevant High School, and his former assistant, Milton Kirk, were charged with conspiracy, bribery and extortion, and warrants were issued for their arrests.

"The indictment alleges that it was a principal object and purpose of the conspiracy to wrongfully obtain money and other things of value from universities, or fans known as boosters associated with the universities,

seeking to recruit" Means, federal prosecutor Terry Harris said.

Means, a former Parade All-America defensive lineman at Trezevant High, transferred to Memphis in January after playing last fall at Alabama. He left the school after hearing allegations that Lang and Kirk sold his talents to Alabama for \$200,000.

Kirk testified under oath this week at a Memphis school board hearing that Crimston Tide booster Logan Young paid Lang to get Means to sign with Alabama.

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US OPEN

Safin survives tiebreakers, defeats Ljubicic

Associated Press

NEW YORK

When things go wrong, as they often do for Marat Safin, he cocks his head and flails his arms like a conductor trying to coax every ounce of drama from a Russian symphony.

There were discordant moments and attacks of angst Thursday at the U.S. Open before despair ultimately turned to triumph for Safin. He nearly exhausted his allotment of tiebreakers but outlasted big-serving Croat Ivan Ljubicic in the second round, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).

For nearly 3 1/2 hours, Ljubicic had the demonstrative defending champion flailing, and then some. Safin buried his head in his hands, slammed balls into the net and directed at least one obscene gesture toward himself.

"I'm like this. I can't change," he said. "It's difficult to play the other way — to be quiet on the court and nice to everybody. I'm getting angry with me, my coach, my father, everybody."

He smiled and noted: "I'm doing better. I didn't break any rackets today."

Perhaps only because he won. Safin, trying to shake a yearlong slump compounded by injuries, rarely looked like the player who stunned the tennis world by routing Pete Sampras in last year's final.

But in the tiebreakers Safin was poised, aggressive and a little lucky, and he closed out the win with a 136 mph ace.

"I was a little bit scared but passed through," he said. "My tennis is coming back. Each time I feel better and better."

After winning the first-set tiebreak, Safin was up 3-0 in the second when Ljubicic took an injury timeout. ATP trainer Juergen Doss massaged his lower back as the Croatian player lay face down on center court at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The treatment worked. Ljubicic recovered and the two men traded serves of over 130 mph. Each player managed just one break and their huge serves produced a combined 37 aces, 21 for Ljubicic

and 16 for Safin. Ljubicic made 65 unforced errors to 38 for Safin.

The end came on Safin's third match point after he had often been frustrated by mistakes that left him with his head hanging.

Only 21, Safin fears he has already peaked, and he's dubious about recapturing the form that overwhelmed Sampras a year ago.

"It was too perfect," Safin said. "I cannot play like this all the time. It can happen once in my life — last year."

As if to prove it, in 2001 Safin hasn't won a tournament and has reached only one final. His best Grand Slam showing came at Wimbledon, where he advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to Ivanisevic. He has been slowed by back and knee injuries but says he's healthy now.

Safin went through three coaches in 2000 and this year hired seven-time Grand Slam champion Mats Wilander, who has worked with the Russian on his tactics and temper.

"I'm not so confident like last year, so I have to start from the beginning, from the basics," Safin said. "Had a bad year — a horrible year, I could say. Better times will come for sure. I want to win a few more Grand Slam tournaments, and it will be perfect."

"And I will win," he added with a laugh. "Otherwise I shoot myself."

Despite the marathon, the Open remained largely upset-free. Four-time champion Pete Sampras won the final match of the night, beating qualifier Andre Sa 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-3.

"They're all tough," Sampras said. "All these guys are out to knock me out."

Second seed and double U.S. Open champion Andre Agassi survived a second-round scare when he scored a hard-fought 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (7-1) victory over Chilean Nicolas Pietrangeli.

Massu, playing inspired tennis, kept Agassi on center court for three hours and 20 minutes as he came back from a break down in the fourth set and saved triple match point in the 10th game to extend a match in doubt until the fourth-set tie-break.



KRT Photo

Marat Safin returns a serve Thursday at the U.S. Open. Safin Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic 7-6 (5), 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5) in second round action.

Agassi finally asserted himself as he raced in to a 6-0 lead in the tie-break before eventually winning it 7-1.

A recurrent shoulder injury forced American Jan-Michael Gambill to retire trailing Mikhail Youzhny 6-4, 4-1.

Earlier, ninth-seeded Tim Henman shrugged off a pecu-

liar odd-year Open jinx, defeating Fernando Meligeni 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Henman, a semifinalist at Wimbledon, has lost in the first or second round of every Open he's played in an odd-numbered year since his debut here in 1995. Now he's in the third round after Thursday's

victory.

He won the first two sets, then drifted through the third before putting Meligeni away.

Henman shrugged off 38 unforced errors and won 44 of 55 first-serve points.

In other matches, former No. 1 Marcelo Rios defeated No. 22 Andrei Pavel 7-5, 6-4, 6-0.

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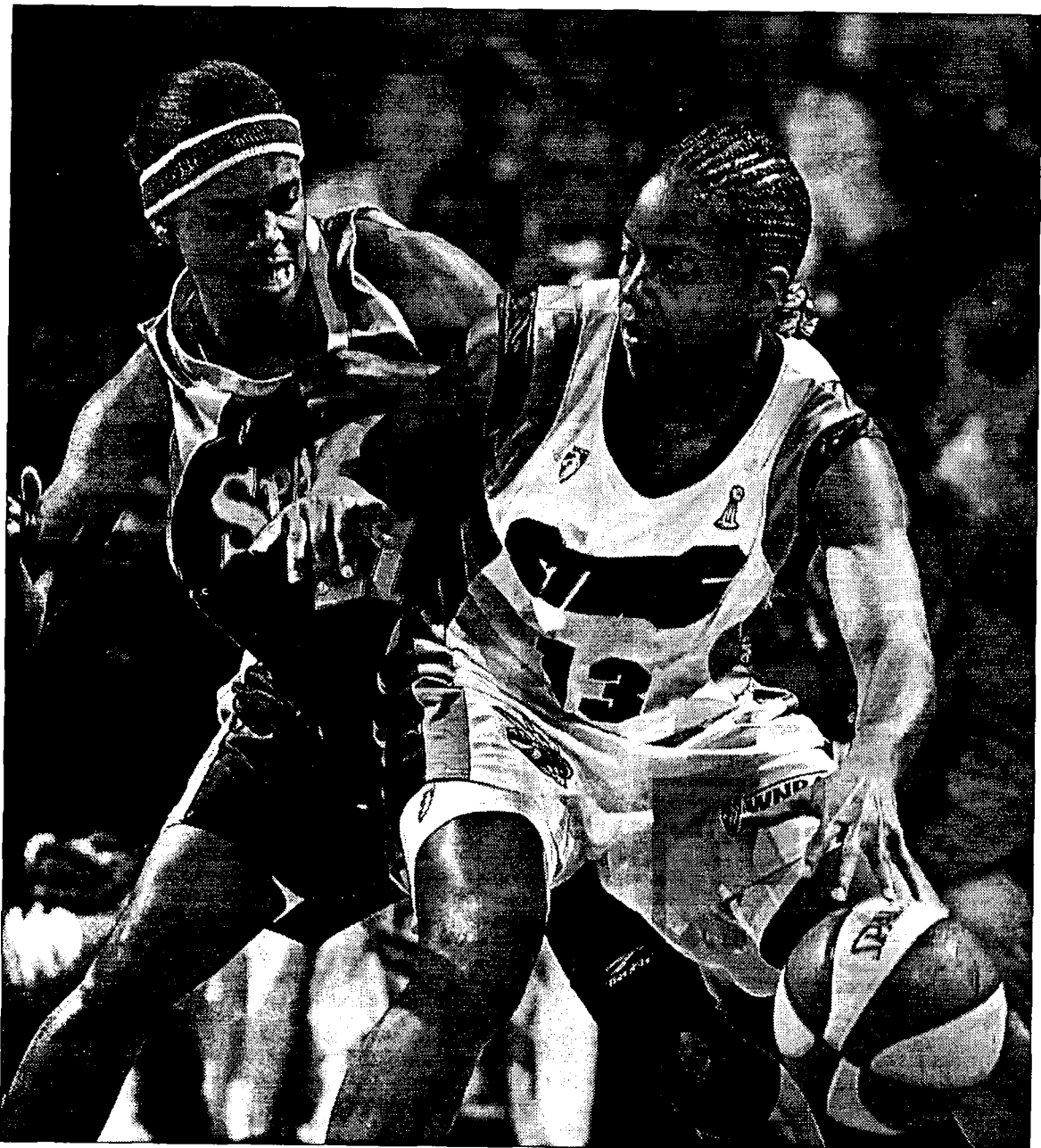
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WNBA

Charlotte takes first game of WNBA Finals



Charlotte Sting Tonya Edwards dribbles past L.A. Sparks Tameca Dixon during Game 1 of the WNB A Finals earlier this week.

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. With his Los Angeles Sparks trailing Charlotte by double digits, Michael Cooper didn't bother with any inspirational speeches or waste his time talking about the NBA championships he won. Instead, Cooper simply called his team together and asked them if they wanted to win. The answer was a resounding "Yes."

The Sparks played dominating defense in the second half Thursday night and got 24 points and eight rebounds from Lisa Leslie in a 75-66 victory over the Charlotte Sting in Game 1 of the WNBA Finals.

"Champions find a way to win. If I had to say anything to them that was it," Cooper said. "I can say all I want, but it's up to them to get it done. At winning time, they decided they wanted to get it done."

The Sparks did it by holding Charlotte scoreless for over seven minutes in the second half, finally allowing a basket with 1:09 to play and the game out of reach.

"We can't go into droughts against L.A.," Charlotte coach Anne Donovan said. "You can't not score for seven minutes and survive."

Leslie showed why she was the MVP of both the regular season and the All-Star game with a dominating second-half performance to rally the Sparks from an 11-point deficit.

"We didn't make good defensive decisions until the second half and I think it's fortunate that we won because we waited so late to become aggressive," Leslie said.

18 points. "We have to go in composed, ready to play and ready to do battle. They are going to come at us, but we're going to go in there and play hard."

At first, the game seemed like a showdown between Stinson and Leslie and their different styles of basketball.

They closed out the first half by exchanging baskets — Stinson making fancy jumpers using tricky dribbling and behind the back passes, and Leslie answering by lowering her shoulder and driving the ball to the basket on consecutive possessions.

But Stinson got the last word of the half. She missed on a running jumper in the final seconds of the half, but scrambled for her own rebound, caught it in the air and heaved it back up and in for a 39-35 Charlotte lead at the break.

"Stinson had a very good game, she was just phenomenal coming off the picks," Leslie said.

Stinson gave way to Allison Feaster at the start of the second half, giving the former L.A. reserve ample opportunities to run the offense. She did, scoring on three consecutive jumpers to pad Charlotte's lead to 48-39.

Another Stinson layup gave the Sting their largest lead of the night at 50-39 with 16:16 to play.

After that, the Sparks — especially Leslie — seemed to wake up.

Leslie and Dixon started an 18-8 run with aggressive drives to the hoop that resulted in numerous trips to the line. After cutting the lead to 58-51, Leslie converted a pair of three-point plays that pulled the Sparks within one at 58-57 with 8:35 to play.

Dawn Staley answered with a 3-pointer for Charlotte, but L.A.'s stifling defense shut the Sting down over the next six minutes, forcing five turnovers, hurried shots and bad passes.

As Charlotte was self-destructing, the Sparks were taking off.

Ukari Figgs scored on two running jumpers to give the Sparks a 63-61 lead they did not relinquish. Milton hit a 3 only seconds after drawing her fifth foul and Leslie pushed it to 68-61 with a spinning layup.

"We were just trying to get the score back even and once we did, we were like sharks," Leslie said. "We went after them."

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3	5:30-6:45	Power Step n' Pump	M/W	\$33
4	8:30-9:30pm	Cardio Box	M/W	\$26
5	12:15-12:45	Flex n' Tone (ends 12/20)	T/Th	\$23
6	4:15-5:15	Step II	T/Th	\$26
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ND VOLLEYBALL

No. 20 Irish ready to play

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

The excitement of Notre Dame women's volleyball has so far been confined to the practice courts in Rolfs Recreation Center. Tonight, they get to come out and play.

Joyce Center fans get their first glimpse of the No. 20-ranked 2001 squad when the Irish take on the Bobcats of Southwest Texas at 7 p.m.

"We're excited about the season, we're excited about the team," said Irish head coach Debbie Brown. "Certainly our main efforts as a coaching staff are getting the team ready to play."

Brown also hopes for a strong fan turnout, both from Notre Dame students and the local community. Members of Notre Dame's sports promotions staff have been working overtime promoting this weekend's Shamrock Invitational.

"I think that it being the first weekend with everybody back on campus, and the fact that there isn't a football weekend, it might be great for students to have something here to do with

both soccer and volleyball playing," Brown said.

Besides taking on three quality opponents, the Irish must re-adjust to their home court. After three weeks of workouts in Rolfs, Friday's workout was only the team's sixth practice in their home arena.

"It's a little bit different because you don't have the walls behind you, so serving and passing and spatial orientation is a little different," Brown said. "I think that our team will be perfectly comfortable in the arena."

The Irish, led by preseason Big East Player of the Year Kristy Kreher,

"I think of it as an opportunity to play more matches earlier in the season before we get into the conference, before we get into the tougher competition."

Debbie Brown
head coach

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Southwest Texas returns only two starters from last year's Southland Conference championship squad. Because the Irish take on the Bobcats first, Brown isn't sure what to expect.

"The two returners that they have coming back are their setter and their outside hitter," Brown said. "So we know the core of their leadership, but we don't really know the players on their team very well."

The Owls of Florida Atlantic bring six new faces — four freshman and two transfer students. Brown remembers the Owls suffering hard knocks last season, when they finished fourth in the

Atlantic Sun conference.

"Florida Atlantic had a tough year last year, but they were really hurt by injuries," Brown said. "At the beginning of the

season, they had four starters that were out with injury."

The Vandals of Idaho finished sixth last season in the talented Big West conference.

"Idaho, I think is a pretty strong, competitive program," Brown said.

The three matches serve as preparation for next weekend's USBank/Arby's Invitational in Lincoln, Neb. next weekend. In Lincoln, the Notre Dame takes on three higher-ranked teams, including defending national champion Nebraska.

"I think of it as an opportunity to play more matches earlier in the season before we get into conference, before we get into the tougher competition," Brown said.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish set to kick off Big East competition

Observer Staff Report

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will kick off its 25th season of varsity competition this Saturday night when it faces off at home against Big East rival Villanova.

After two exhibition wins last weekend, Saturday's game marks Notre Dame's first season and first Big East game.

Last year, the Irish topped the Wildcats 2-1 on Oct. 20 at Villanova. Junior Erich Braun scored both Irish goals to give Notre Dame the edge.

Villanova went scoreless until Joe Noonan scored the Wildcats' only goal with 11:20 remaining in the game.

Saturday also marks the inaugural season for head coach Bobby Clark, who signed on with the Irish in January after turning around the men's soccer program at Stanford University.

Clark hopes to make similar improvements here in South Bend, where Notre Dame is coming off a disappointing 7-8-2 overall record, and a 4-7 record in the Big East.

The squad failed to qualify for the eight-team Big East conference tournament, finishing ninth.

This year's squad returns eight starters from last year's team, including captains Griffin Howard, Andreas Forstner and Greg

Martin.

The Irish are entering the regular season after an undefeated weekend exhibition tournament, as the defense held opponents Michigan and host team IPFW scoreless, and Notre Dame cruised to 5-0 and 3-0 victories.

Clark hopes that the weekend exhibition tournament gave him and his team a good idea of where his team stood in terms of room for improvement.

"We did some good things this weekend, but we also did some things that we need to work on," Clark said.

However, he pointed out that, while decisive, the victories of last weekend mean very little heading into the regular season.

"It was just a preseason tournament," he said. "We know that we will have to step up our play because the talent level will step up."

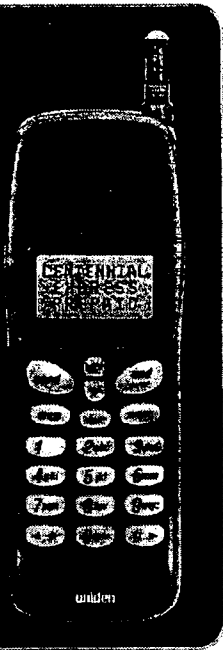
The key this season for the Irish will be improving on an offense that scored only 19 goals in 17 games last season, while maintaining a dominant defense — led by Forstner and Howard — that shut out six of its 17 opponents.

The game kicks off Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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VOLLEYBALL

NCAA enacts scoring rule change

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

The old adage that defense wins championships may still ring true, but now for NCAA volleyball teams across the country so does this: defense scores points.

The beginning of the 2001 season brings a host of key rule changes in the collegiate women's game.

Adopting the standard international, club and men's collegiate scoring rules, the NCAA made three major rule changes to be implemented this season.

First, the NCAA has exchanged its sideout scoring method for what is hoped to be a more fan-friendly and time-saving rally scoring system. Second, teams will still play a best-of-five-game match, but now the first four games will be played to 30 and the fifth, if necessary, will end at 15. And lastly, the let serve will be ruled legal as long as it lands in bounds.

The change to the rallying scoring system will be the most noticeable difference. A team no longer must control the serve to score a point. Anytime the ball hits the floor, a point will be scored.

While these changes alter the scope of the game, players and coaches alike aren't stressing about the implications.

"It's still the same game — pass, set, hit," said Irish head coach Debbie Brown. "... Our younger players have all played [with the new rules] in club. It's not like its something we haven't seen before."

While most players have experience playing with the rally method outside of the collegiate sphere, they have also gotten a taste of it within the NCAA. In previous years, if a match went to the fifth game, the rally scoring method was used.

"We certainly will need to cut down on unforced errors. Before, an error might not have hurt us as badly. Now there is that much more less room for error."

Debbie Brown
Irish head coach

The rally method may bring more parity to the game. Errors previously resulting in a change of service will now also result in a score change as well.

"As a team, we'll have to play more together," said Saint Mary's senior defensive specialist Denise Langois. "Everybody has to be ready."

The equal threat and bonus of a point scored each time the ball hits the floor will keep players on their toes.

"We certainly will need to cut down on unforced errors," Brown said. "Before, an error may not have hurt us as badly. Now there is that much more less room for error."

The rule change involving let serves will also alter the dynamic of the game slightly.

In previous seasons, a serve that touched the net was not a legal serve. Now under the new guidelines, a serve that hits the net and lands in bounds is allowed.

Brown sees this change as an effort to balance out the scoring opportunities.

Langois agreed, pointing out there is no way to alter strategy to accommodate the rule.

"A let serve is hard to deal with," she said. "It's not something you can practice, it's near impossible. You just have to be ready for that ball to drop straight down. It can be good for your team at times if your serving, but you have to realize the same thing could go the other way."

Neither the Irish nor the Belles have significantly altered their season preparations in response to the rule changes, although both squads have simulated the new system with scrimmages.

The rule changes come in the wake of an effort to increase the fan base for the sport.

According to Brown, the rally scoring system will shorten the length of matches from sometimes three hours to less than two. With a more condensed package, the sport will be more marketable for television. Fans will appreciate the changes as well.

"There is a sentiment that it makes the game a little more fan friendly," Brown said. "There's a bigger sense of urgency with each serve which makes it easier to get into."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles look forward to promising start



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Two players work on setting during practice Aug. 23. The Belles begin their season this weekend.

By B.J. STREW
Sports Writer

The 2001 season is a welcome breath of fresh air for the St. Mary's volleyball team.

Bolstered by the return of four letterwinners and the loss of only one, the Belles are looking to rebound from a frustrating 7-22 record last season.

"There will be a lot of great competition," said head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek, who is entering her seventh year at the Belles' helm. "We're really excited to face scholarship teams like St. Ambrose. We have good returners and promising freshmen adding depth to the lineup this year."

For the upcoming season, Schroeder-Biek intends to quicken the offense and ultimately the team as a whole.

"We always need to be making an attack," Schroeder-Biek said. "Our back row must always be poised to attack, as well."

The invaluable experience of the 2001 squad will no doubt start from the top with captain Angela Meyers and fellow seniors Jaime Dineen, Jolie LeBeau and Denise Langois. Langois, however, will not be

joining her teammates for the St. Ambrose tournament due to conflicting plans.

In addition to the three seniors on the starting lineup, junior Elizabeth Albert, a transfer to St. Mary's and sophomore Alison Shevik will lend their skills to the team.

Schroeder-Biek said that a freshman might get the coveted sixth spot on the squad, but competition for it is neck-and-neck.

As for the recent change to the rules regarding scoring Coach Schroeder-Biek believes fans and players alike will enjoy a more intense atmosphere.

She is excited to see how it will alter the game dynamics, though she does not plan to alter her coaching style, adding, "We just need to stay up and ready for rallying."

A hard hitter, Meyers, who ranked 10th in the nation among NCAA Division III athletes for digs, has experience and leadership qualities that Schroeder-Biek hopes will help the Belles to become one of the top programs in the league.

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Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Florida (21)	0-0	1,723
2	Miami (33)	0-0	1,710
3	Oklahoma (10)	1-0	1,610
4	Nebraska (3)	1-0	1,472
5	Texas (4)	0-0	1,467
6	Florida State	0-0	1,452
7	Oregon (1)	0-0	1,367
8	Tennessee	0-0	1,347
9	Virginia Tech	0-0	1,164
10	Oregon State	0-0	1,024
11	Georgia Tech	0-0	945
12	Michigan	0-0	926
13	Kansas State	0-0	914
14	LSU	0-0	780
15	Washington	0-0	679
16	Northwestern	0-0	660
17	UCLA	0-0	641
18	NOTRE DAME	0-0	594
19	Clemson	0-0	568
20	Mississippi State	0-0	541
21	South Carolina	0-0	367
22	Wisconsin	1-0	257
23	Ohio State	0-0	186
24	Colorado State	0-0	170
25	Alabama		131

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Florida (28)	0-0	1,429
2	Miami (16)	0-0	1,379
3	Oklahoma (10)	1-0	1,348
4	Nebraska (2)	1-0	1,255
5	Florida State (1)	0-0	1,251
6	Texas (2)	0-0	1,179
7	Oregon (1)	0-0	1,076
8	Tennessee	0-0	1,071
9	Virginia Tech	0-0	969
10	Michigan	0-0	876
11	Kansas State	0-0	852
12	Oregon State	0-0	828
13	Washington	0-0	662
14	Georgia Tech	1-0	658
15	UCLA	0-0	581
16	LSU	0-0	549
17	NOTRE DAME	0-0	535
18	Clemson	0-0	508
19	Mississippi St.	0-0	470
20	Northwestern	0-0	356
21	Ohio State	0-0	260
22	South Carolina	0-0	236
23	Wisconsin	1-0	224
24	Colorado State	0-0	146
25	Alabama		132

Eye on Irish Opponents

Saturday, Sept. 1, 2001

Troy State (0-0) at NEBRASKA (1-0)
 McNeese State (0-0) at TEXAS A&M (0-0)
 East Tennessee State (0-0) at PITTSBURGH (0-0)
 WEST VIRGINIA (0-0) at BOSTON COLLEGE (0-0)
 San Jose State (0-0) at USC (0-0)
 Syracuse (0-0) at TENNESSEE (0-0)

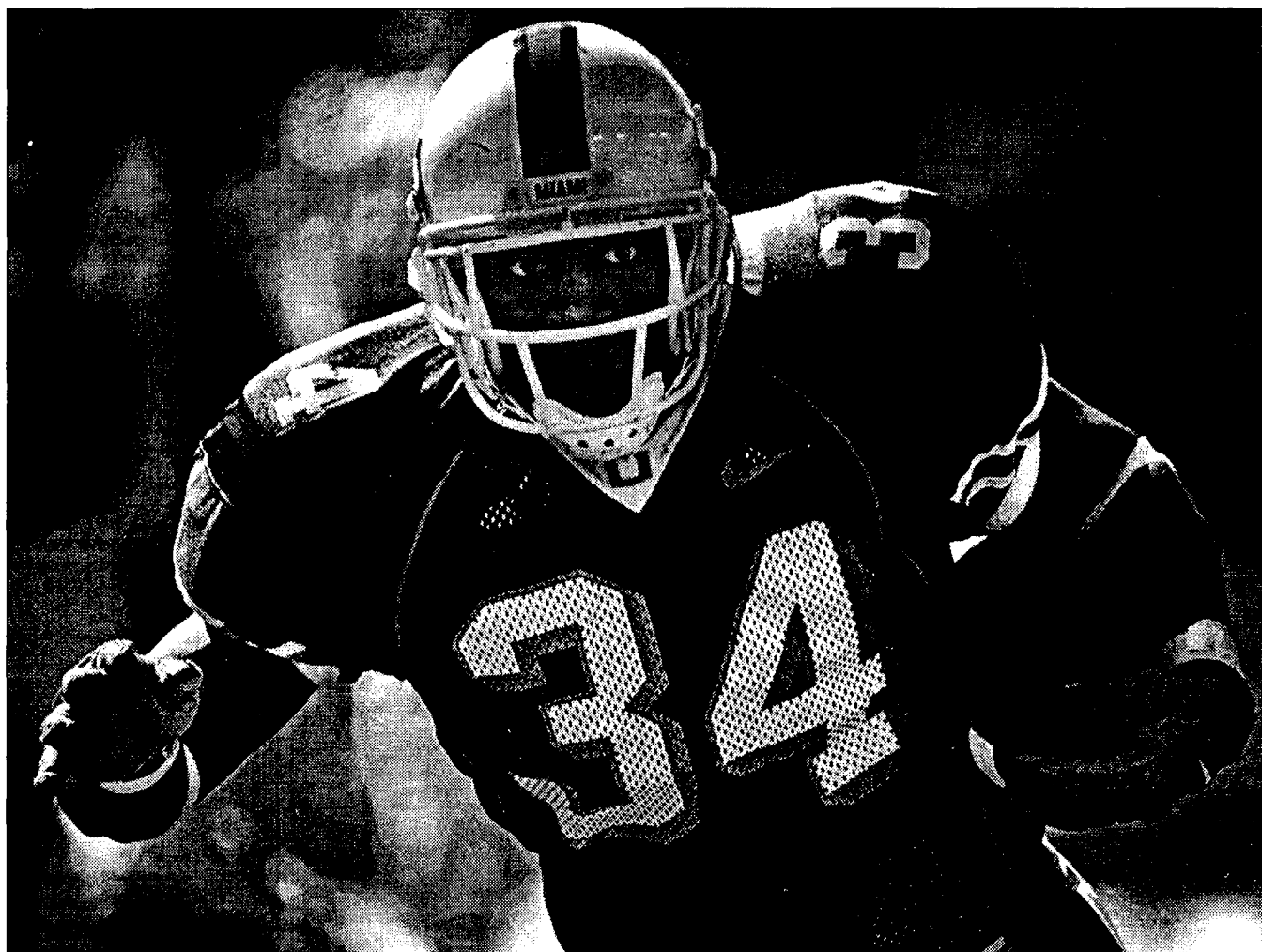
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PURDUE (0-0) at Cincinnati (0-0)

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MICHIGAN STATE (0-0)
 NAVY (0-1)
 STANFORD (0-0)

GAME OF THE WEEK



KRT PHOTO

Miami running back Jarrett Payton, son of the late Walter Payton, runs for a 16-yard touchdown during the first quarter of their 1999 game against Rutgers.

Penn State searches for emotional victory

By GREG LADKY
 Sports Writer

The story lines will inevitably overshadow the Miami-Penn State game in Happy Valley Saturday night.

Joe Paterno is one win from tying Paul Bryant's record of 323 wins as a college head coach. The Nittany Lions will try to match that record in a newly renovated Beaver Stadium.

The excitement will begin at the game's opening. Nearly a year ago, Penn State freshman Adam Taliaferro was par-

alyzed against Ohio State. Doctors told him he might never walk again. Taliaferro responded with a promise that he would lead the Nittany Lions out onto the field someday. This Saturday, he will.

The game itself features the talent loaded No. 2 Hurricanes versus another sub-par Nittany Lions team. The Hurricanes lost four players to the first round of the NFL draft, but somehow return an even more talented team. The strength starts up front with Bryant McKinnie and Joaquin Gonzalez, who form one of the best tackle combina-

tions in recent memory.

McKinnie could have been the fifth Hurricane first rounder, but decided to stick it out in Miami. They are protecting Heisman candidate Ken Dorsey, as well as a slew of talented running backs. Dorsey threw for 2,727 yards and 25 touchdowns last year.

On defense, the Hurricanes have one of the best secondaries around, highlighted by strong safety Edward Reed and rising star cornerback Phillip Buchanon.

Penn State returns just nine starters from a team that went 5-6 last year.

Starting quarterback Matt Seneca was mediocre at best in spot duty last year, but Paterno has promised he is the real deal. Six-foot-3, 330-pound Jimmy Kennedy has all-Big Ten ability and heads a strong defensive front for the Lions.

If the Hurricanes keep their heads in the game itself early, they may be too talented for the Nittany Lions. The Nittany Lions need to harness the energy that will surround Beaver Stadium and jump ahead of Miami. Even the talented Hurricanes can't afford to fall behind in Beaver Stadium.

OTHER TOP GAMES

West Virginia at Boston College

You can bet Bob Davie will tune in as these 2001 Irish opponents open Big East competition in Chestnut Hill. Both programs are coming off bowl game victories and look to join Miami and Virginia Tech atop the Big East.

A lot has changed in West Virginia since their 34-14 home victory over Boston College last year. Rich Rodriguez has taken over for longtime coach Don Nehlen.

Rodriguez's defense returns nine starters from a unit that couldn't catch Irish running back Terrance Howard last October. The Mountaineers present double trouble at running back with Avon Colbourne and former Irish player Cooper Rego, first-cousin of current Irish back Ryan Grant. On the other sideline, Eagles star William Green is the best running back no one talks about.

West Virginia may struggle for a while with Rodriguez's new offensive and defensive schemes. They need to run the ball well and control the tempo Saturday in order to win. Boston College has good talent at the skill positions and can score points quickly, complicating West Virginia's transition to a new scheme.

Wisconsin at Oregon

The Badgers are hoping that last Saturday's game against Eugene prepared them for the storm they will face in Eugene, Oregon. The Badgers are trying to implement a spread attack on offense.

This plan failed versus Virginia. If not for two long touchdowns by wide receiver Lee Evans and several Cavalier turnovers, the Badgers would be 0-1. Coach Barry Alvarez bagged the spread attack at halftime last week and returned to the smash mouth style that has made Wisconsin the best program in the conference over the last eight years.

The Ducks are hoping to smell roses this year. Their offense is dynamite, led by Heisman candidate quarterback Joey Harrington. The defense lost several starters, but All-Pac Ten corner Rashad Bauman claims this defense is the fastest and nastiest Oregon has ever had.

Expect Oregon defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti to stick Bauman on Lee Evans and pose a riddle to the rest of the Badger offense. The Badgers must play their smash mouth football to have a chance.

Eugene has emerged as one of the country's toughest stadiums for the visitors to succeed. The Ducks possess the nation's second longest home winning streak with eight in a row.

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Oklahoma State at Southern Mississippi

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Oklahoma at Air Force

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Illinois at California

2:30 p.m., FOXSN

Miami at Penn State

7:00 p.m., ABC

UCLA at Alabama

6:45 p.m., ESPN

FOOTBALL

Irish passing game remains untested

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Uncertainty is the word that best describes Notre Dame's passing game.

Nobody knows how good it will be. Nobody knows how dangerous it could be. But more importantly, with the game on the line, nobody knows how the players will respond.

"I don't know what we can do this year," said Kevin Rogers, Notre Dame's offensive coordinator. "I know that we can do more, and that has a lot to do with what the quarterback is capable of. I do know that we have three quality receivers."

Rogers is confident that Notre Dame's top three receivers — David Givens, Javin Hunter and Arnaz Battle — will be potent weapons in Notre Dame's offense. And he's excited to have such a strong group.

Last year, with Battle still a quarterback and Hunter sidelined by injuries, the Irish only had Givens and graduate Joey Getherall. And with untested quarterback Matt LoVecchio at the helm, the Irish didn't throw the ball that much.

"Joey and David ... did a great job of being selfless guys last year, understanding that we didn't have a quarterback," Rogers said. "Last year was a deal where we didn't want to go out there and lose the game on offense. Hopefully we'll take a little different attitude and go out there and win the game this year."

With LoVecchio, Carlyle Holiday and Jared Clark, the Irish have three quarterbacks who have valuable experience with the Notre Dame offense.

And as Givens is quick to say, experience is everything.

"I think Matt, Carlyle and Jared Clark all have experience, and with experience comes maturity," he said. "I think we're all more experienced. I think that's a big part of throwing the ball more."

Givens admits that he wants to play a more active role in the Irish offense. And while Notre Dame's top receiver would trade touches for wins in a heartbeat, he wants to play a more personal role in putting points on the board.

The Irish have already worked on passing drills more in practice than they did last year. And although Rogers is satisfied with the progress made by the quarterbacks and receivers, he isn't entirely confident yet.

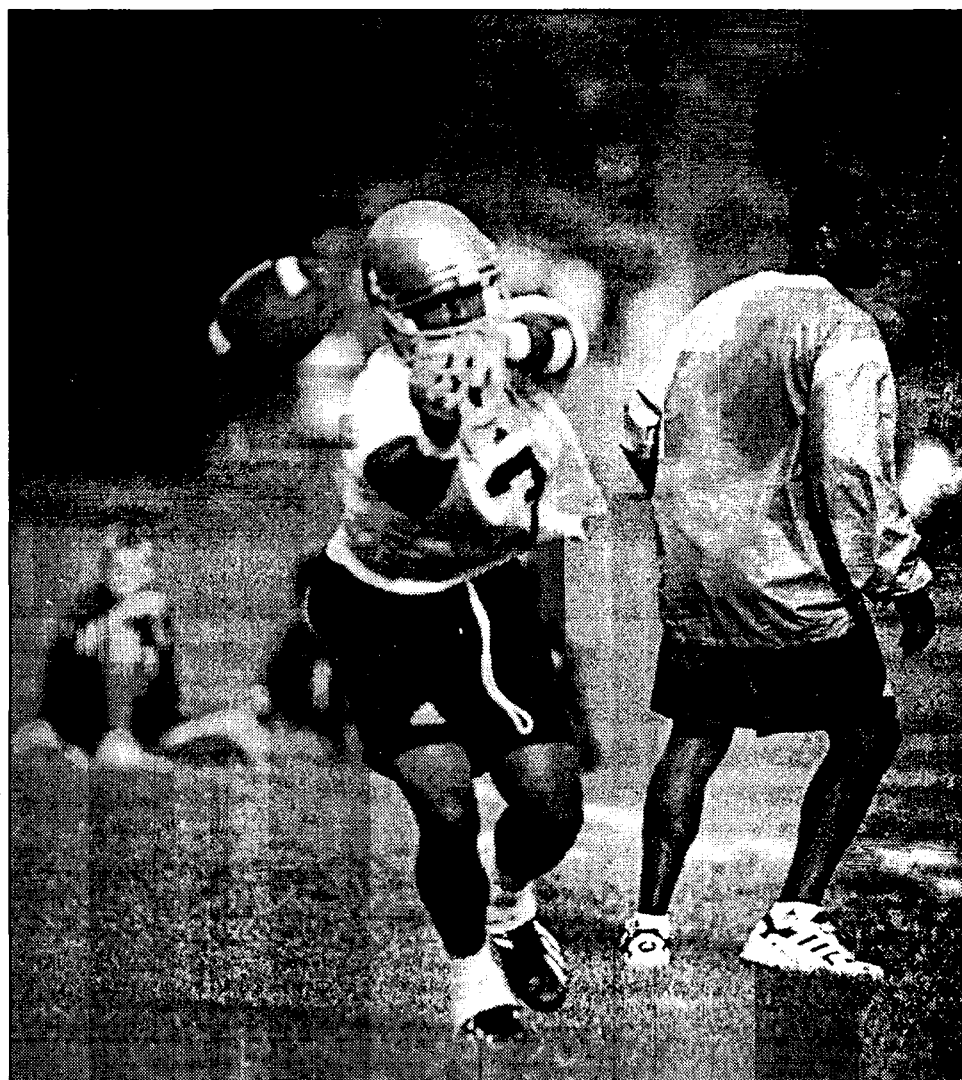
"We'll be able to know when we run this stuff under game tested situations," he said.

Rogers isn't concerned about the physical capabilities of the receivers. In Givens, the Irish have a flashy, quick playmaker with great hands. Hunter — if he stays healthy — provides a solid receiver on the other side of the field. And the quarterback-turned-receiver Battle, who has already proven to be extremely dangerous after the catch, could be an attractive man to run the ball on a reverse.

But nobody knows how effective they can be in a game. And nobody will know until the Sept. 8 season opener against Nebraska.

"The bottom line to us is to get open against bump and run and to be able to throw the ball accurately," Rogers said. "How well we can do that we'll find out soon."

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Senior Arnaz Battle extends to grab a pass during practice earlier this fall. Battle, David Givens and Javin Hunter are Notre Dame's top receivers.

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NOTRE DAME vs. Villanova

Saturday, Sept. 1 @ 7 pm

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to keep everyone organized." Waldrum described Pruzinsky as a "professional," comparing her to NFL great Jerry Rice in terms of her focus and commitment to excellence. "She doesn't know anything but all out," said Waldrum. "She gives you the same consistency all the time."

Foundations of the legacy

The rapid ascension of the Notre Dame women's soccer program to its annual Top 5 position began around the time Sobrero arrived on campus in the fall of 1994. That year would see the Irish advance to the NCAA championship final, eventually falling to North Carolina 5-0.

Sobrero would be an All-American her next four years, eventually securing a spot on the U.S. national team that won the World Cup in 1999. She was the youngest starting defender on that squad.

Four-time All-American Grubb commanded the back line in between Sobrero and Pruzinsky from 1996 to 1999, establishing herself as a hard-nosed defender with a knack for creating offense. Like Pruzinsky, Grubb was a central defender, charged with shutting down opposing forwards in the box.

Grubb is one of only four four-time All-American defenders in NCAA soccer history, and has had two stints on the U.S. national team. As a senior, she also provided a defensive example for then-freshman Pruzinsky, who had always played forward in high school. "I learned a lot from Jen,"

said Pruzinsky. "I wouldn't have been able to make the transition [to defense] as easily."

Waldrum, who has worked with all three players, described Pruzinsky as having advantages over both Sobrero and Grubb.

"The thing Vanessa has over both of them is that she was a forward," Waldrum said, commenting on Pruzinsky's career as a high-school striker, where she scored 79 goals. "Vanessa is more skillful than Kate was."

Pruzinsky recognizes the advantages of her striker experience in terms of ball-handling.

"I wouldn't have the comfort on the ball if I didn't play forward," she said.

The coach described Pruzinsky as more of a pure defender as compared to Grubb, who had a tendency to look constantly for the offensive spark.

"She is so much more of a physical presence," he said. "Vanessa will defend first, then attack."

Pruzinsky describes her playing style as "aggressive."

"I'm not a dribbler, you can't be on defense," she said. "I try to tackle hard."

That ability for suffocating one-on-one defense, combined with lightning-quick recovery speed has made it difficult to over-emphasize Pruzinsky's worth as the soul of the Irish defense and one of the players leading the charge to the NCAA tournament.

Focus and commitment

Notre Dame's legacy of dominant defenders is in the best of hands with Pruzinsky.

Nothing is more a testament to her focus and commitment than her 4.0 GPA in one of



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Vanessa Pruzinski (5) kicks the ball away from two Michigan forwards during NCAA tournament action last season.

Notre Dame's most daunting majors — chemical engineering.

That figure landed her first-team Academic All-American honors, an award unheard of for a player in her sophomore year. She has found a balance between school and soccer that has led to elite success in both.

"The soccer gives me a really nice break from school," said Pruzinsky. "It's hard to find time for everything."

But grades haven't created the tremendous amount of respect from her fellow players that surrounds Pruzinsky the soccer player.

"[The other players] look at her in awe," said Waldrum. "She has the utmost respect from everyone, and she gets along with everyone."

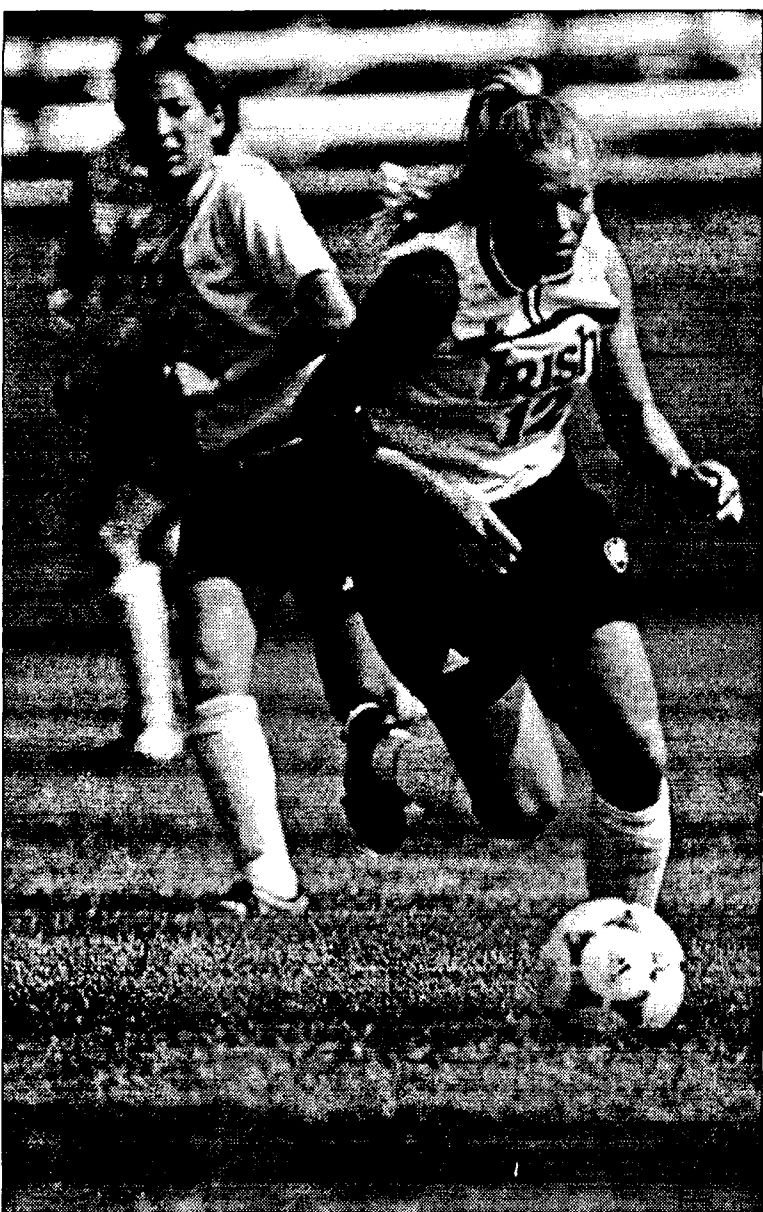
With the Notre Dame defender legacy has to come expectations. Pruzinsky, by all accounts, is the most qualified to accept the torch.

"I want to do everything I can to help the team win the national championship," she said.

Waldrum knows his junior defender is up to the task.

"The torch was passed from Kate to Jen, and now Jen to Vanessa," he said. "She knows that expectation, and she's doing a great job with it."

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ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Sophomore forward Amy Warner darts upfield during an exhibition game earlier this fall against Iowa. Warner is one of several underclassmen coach Randy Waldrum expects to start.

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this year's team and last year's team is the style of play the Irish expect to implement on the field. While last year's team relied heavily upon a possession strategy with the strong play of its experienced midfield, this year's Irish team hopes to capitalize on the blazing speed of its forwards and attack the goal a lot more frequently on offense.

Waldrum is excited about the big play capability of his offense.

"We have more offensive speed and athleticism up front. Hopefully, Amy Warner will pick up where she left off before her knee injury," Waldrum said. "Watch for Melissa Tancredi. She red-shirted last year with a knee injury, but she has played great in practice."

While the Irish offense will be looking for some quick strikes against Penn State, the Irish defense will be concerned with stopping the offensive firepower of Penn State — most notably All-American Christie Welsh.

The experienced Irish defense, led by junior Vanessa Pruzinsky and seniors Monica Gonzales and Lindsey Jones, should be up to the challenge of shutting down Welsh and her teammates.

The Irish midfielders may

have the most difficult task of all against Penn State. They must prevent offensive opportunities for Penn State while at the same time make some critical passes in an effort to give the Irish forwards chances to score.

The midfield will feature senior captain Mia Sarkesian along with juniors Ali Lovelace and Ashley Drier. Sophomore Randi Scheller looks poised to replace the All-American Anne Makinen at the other midfield position.

Highly touted freshman Gunna Gunnarsdottir may also see some time at defense or midfield on Friday, but she is still recovering from a knee injury she suffered over the summer while playing with Iceland's national team.

Irish goalie Liz Wagner also returns after a spectacular 2000 season. Wagner feels confident about the veteran defense in front of her.

"Our defense and midfield should be real strong because we have a lot of experience there," Wagner said. "Christie Welsh is a very physical presence so our whole team has to play good team defense in order to keep the ball away from her."

In their two exhibition wins over the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Iowa, Notre Dame showed flashes of last year's brilliance, but the players know there is still a tremendous amount of work that needs to be done in order for them to return to the

College Cup.

Sophomore forward Amy Warner feels that the team must play with greater intensity and execute better offensively in order to defeat Penn State.

"We played decent in the exhibition games, but I know we can play much better," Warner said. "Penn State will be an extremely difficult opening appointment. Our practices have been much better recently so hopefully that intensity will carry over for this weekend. It would be great to start off this season the same way that we started off last season with a big winning streak."

After tonight's clash with the Nittany Lions, the Irish will have little time to recuperate as they take on No. 25-ranked Hartford on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Field on the second day of the Key Bank Classic.

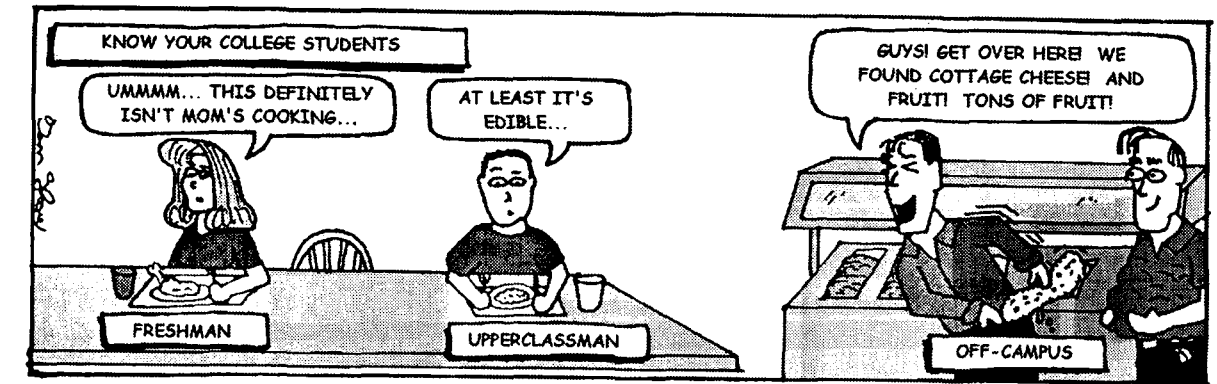
"This will be a good experience for us to start off against some tough teams in the Key Bank Classic," Waldrum said. "We should immediately figure out what adjustments we need to make as we look to return to last year's form."

Hartford will play Friday night at 5 p.m. against the University of Connecticut prior to Notre Dame's game against Penn State. Connecticut and Penn State will play Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

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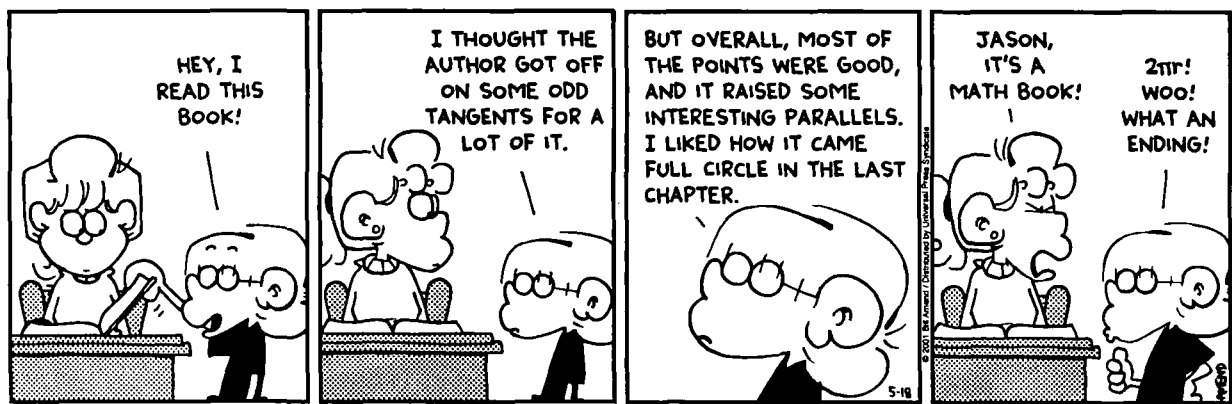
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15 Play an ace?

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19 Early 60's TV listing

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22 Cockpit data: Abbr.

23 Effects

25 OT filler

28 "And _____ bed"

30 "Go Down, Moses" and others
- 33 One of two Roberts

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35 _____ the finish

36 Org. that provides many instructions

37 Globetrotter's catchphrase

42 Time before

43 Bird whose name is the same as its call

44 Mancinelli opera "_____ e Leandro"

45 It's a scream

46 Private cabins

50 Spy's spot

52 Singer of the multimillion-selling album "Watermark"
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3 Means of identification

4 Refuse use

5 Witt rink rival

6 Headway

7 Famous landing site

8 White-collar worker, for short?

9 Tour organizer: Abbr.

10 Catania threatener

11 Muddies, with "up"

12 Choir piece

13 St. John's team

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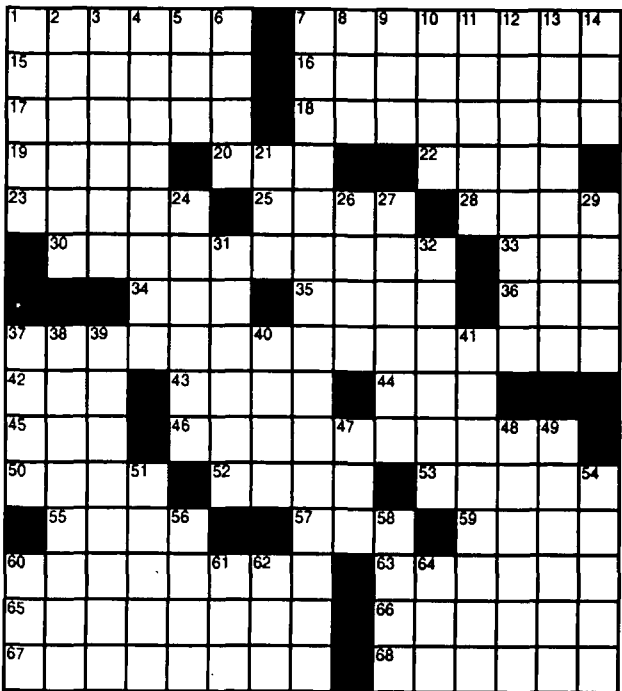
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- 56 Pistol, slangily

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60 Household heads

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62 Albanian coin

64 Big time?

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

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Happy Birthday: You'll be given the green light this year, so prepare to take advantage of your good fortune. Your hard work and dedication will be recognized, and the support that's been lacking in the past will be present. Don't be shy; take the offered help and prepare to make your mark. You have what it takes to be great, so stop thinking about ideas and start initiating them. Your numbers: 9, 13, 28, 33, 41, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Involvement in organizational functions will lead to potential love connections and individuals who can help you achieve your dreams. ○○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't count on having things drop into your lap. You will have to work hard to receive bonuses. Romance can be yours, but don't jump to conclusions regarding the possibilities. ○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Find new experiences that will spark enthusiasm. The time is right to learn new skills and make changes that will help you build a brighter future. The choice is yours. ○○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You should be concerned about debts. Do whatever is necessary to consolidate. Reduce your overhead and ask family members for assistance if you can't get a loan from the bank. ○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotions will run high in your personal life. Put your energy into doing things with your mate, not

a shouting match. You need to have patience and let things calm down. ○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your work will suffer if you let someone monopolize your time. Don't become involved in office gossip that will result in disputes and possible job loss. Contribute by focusing on your work. ○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This is not the time to deal with personal issues. Use time wisely by participating in challenging sports activities. ○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't count on sympathy from those you live with. Get involved in creative projects that will take your mind off your worries. You'll have trouble relating to non-creative people. ○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't discuss your personal life with friends or relatives. Your time will be better spent enjoying light conversations that are stimulating and entertaining. ○○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Overspending will be your downfall. Remember that you can't buy the people you love. Gifts and exotic trips and cosmetic adjustments will cost more than anticipated. ○○○

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Health problems or minor injuries will cause limitations. Take time off to recuperate. A secret affair would undermine your reputation. Think before you get involved. ○○○

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Next in line

◆ Vanessa Pruzinsky steps up as the latest great Notre Dame defender

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

"Defense wins championships." "Defense is more important than breathing."

Cliches, maybe, but junior defender and preseason Big East Defensive Player of the Year Vanessa Pruzinsky is the latest in a legacy of Irish backliners, including Kate Sobrero and Jen Grubb, proving true every buzzphrase about the importance of defense.

Pruzinsky will form the heart of the Notre Dame defense in 2001, patrolling the center of the field. Pruzinsky, in fact, is one of the few solidified starters on defense, and head coach Randy Waldrum is counting on her leadership and ability to be a steady hand around younger players.

"She's more of a leader by example," said Waldrum. "She's not as vocal as other leaders but she has come in as a veteran player."

Pruzinsky recognizes that this year she will have to become a loud leader as well.

"Since Jen Grubb was so vocal, I never felt like I had to be as vocal," Pruzinsky said. "This year I'm going to communicate more

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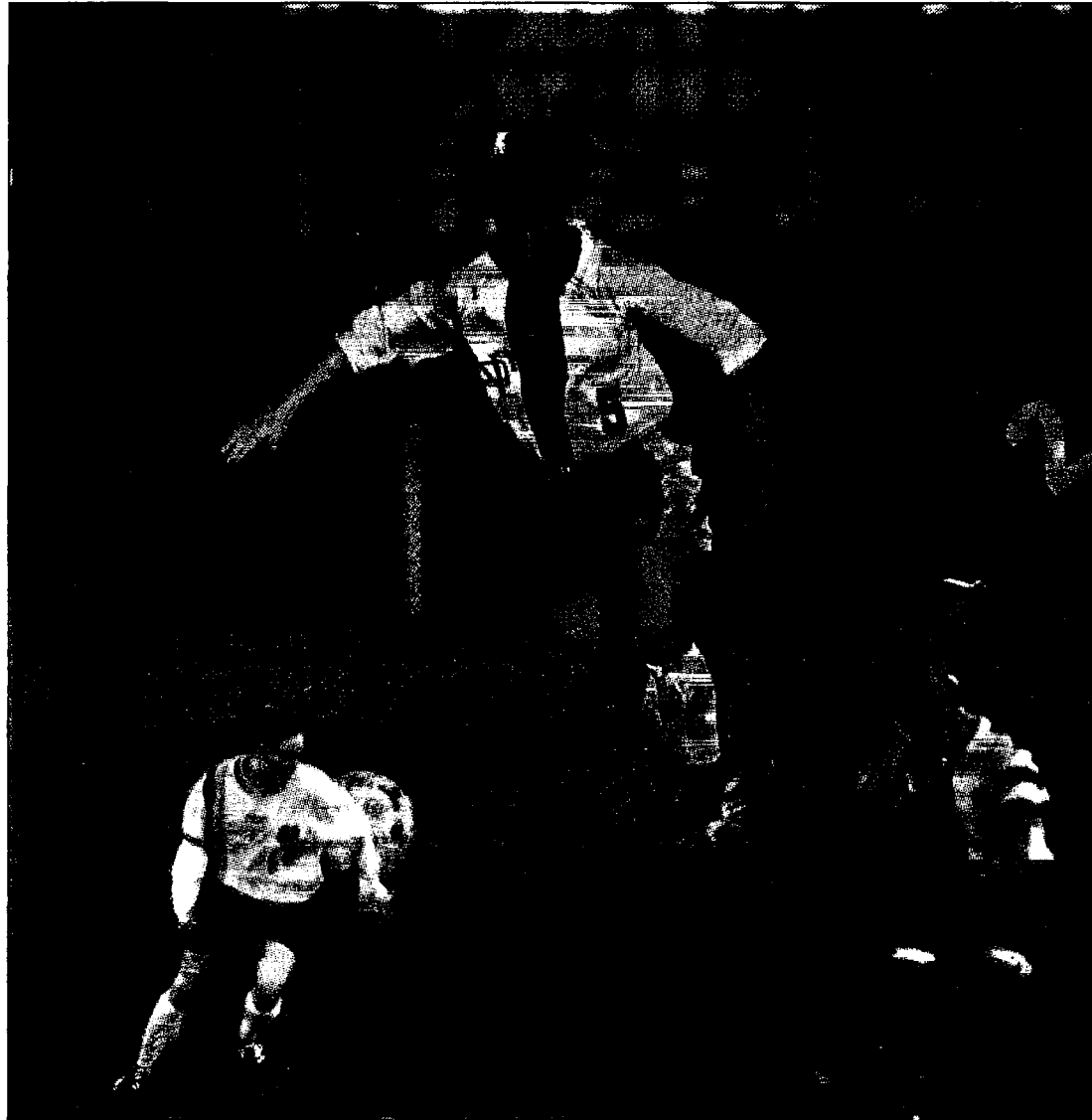


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Junior defender and preseason Big East Defensive Player of the Year Vanessa Pruzinsky hopes to continue the legacy started by Kate Sobrero (bottom left) and Jen Grubb (bottom right).

◆ Irish gear up for weekend tourney against top teams

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

After a long summer of conditioning and exhausting practices, the Notre Dame women's soccer team is eagerly awaiting the beginning of their 2001 season. On Friday at 7:30 p.m., the fourth-ranked Irish host the Nittany Lions of Penn State in the opening round of the Key Bank Classic.

While many other top-ranked teams feast upon lesser opponents during the early stages of the season, the Irish will immediately be put to the test against the eighth-ranked Nittany Lions.

Although the Irish lost four starters from last year's team, including 2000 national consensus player of the year Anne Makinen, head coach Randy Waldrum believes his team has the talent and the athleticism to return to the Final Four.

"The biggest difference between this year and last year is that we're a little younger, but that's not always a bad thing," he said. "We'll probably start five to six freshman and sophomores, and I expect them to bring a lot of energy and excitement to the field."

Another difference between

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SMC WOMEN'S SOCCER

Inexperienced Belles travel to Memphis tourney

By LINDSAY MOLLAN
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's soccer team that travels to Memphis this weekend for a pair of games can be described in one word: young.

More than half of the team's players are freshmen and only six of the 23 roster spots are filled by upper classmen. The inexperience of the team, however, does not seem to concern new coach Bobby Johnston.

"Things are progressing really well. I have the highest respect for our team right now," Johnston said. "They really want to learn. They seem to be very



Johnston

enthusiastic about the style we're playing."

As of Wednesday afternoon, Johnston had not decided on a definite roster for the Rhodes Classic at Rhodes College in Memphis.

"The starting line-up in my mind is not made up yet but we will be a very young team," he said.

The flexibility in the lineup is due mainly to the injuries which have temporarily sidelined junior Heather Muth and senior Jessica Klink, team co-captains, as well as a freshman, Jennifer Concannon.

According to Johnston, no lineup can be permanently set until all of the injuries are cleared. With Muth and Klink on the injured list, only four upperclassmen will be eligible to play this weekend. Like Johnston, however, the team remains confident in regards to this weekend's tournament.

"We'll definitely miss them [Muth and

Klink] but they've been out for about a week now and we've been working around their absences," said co-captain Lynn Taylor.

"[Taylor] will provide a great spark for the team," Johnston said. "We're going to be looking for her to be a leader in the either the midfield or the back."

The Belles offense will rely primarily on the underclassmen. Freshman Maureen MacDonald will start in goal and the forward positions will be held by sophomore Wendy Irvin and freshmen Victoria Necroto and Molly McCavitt.

"A lot of our scoring punch is going to be coming from Victoria, Molly and Wendy," Johnston said.

The two games will be the first test for the Belles. Last week's scrimmages against Bethel and Indiana Tech proved satisfying to Johnston.

This weekend will be the first real chance the Saint Mary's soccer program

will have to prove itself but injuries will make it difficult to get a firm grasp on the team's full potential.

"It's important for everyone to know that this weekend won't make or break our season," Johnston said.

The Belles soccer team may be lacking in collegiate level experience but there is no absence of enthusiasm and optimism.

"We've started with a new attitude," Taylor said. "I think it will be a complete turn around from last year's season."

The Belles face off against the host Rhodes Lynx at 10 a.m. Saturday before facing Millsaps College Sunday at noon. Last year's MIAA soccer champion, Albion, will also be playing in the tournament, although the Belles will not face the Bulldogs this weekend.

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