

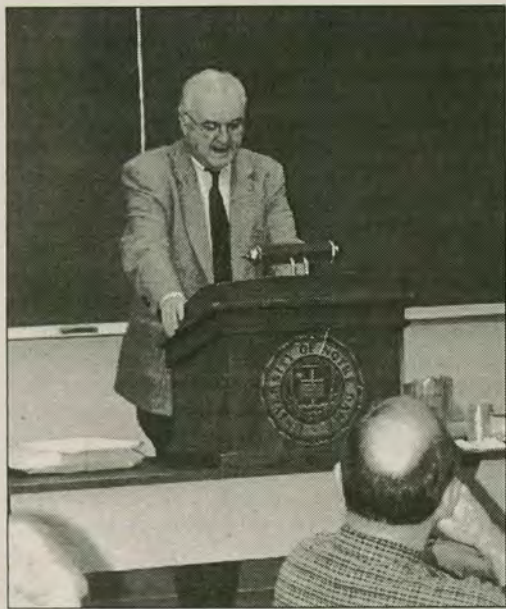
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■ FACULTY SENATE

Malloy's hiring 'erodes' confidence of Senate



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Father Richard McBrien, chairman of the Faculty Senate, directed the debate on the vote.

By RUSSELL WILLIAMS
Assistant News Editor

The long-awaited vote by Faculty Senate regarding a disputed theology department hiring has transpired, and it's not all good news for University President Father Edward Malloy. Additionally, an October decision by the Office of Residence Life to oppose a proposed demonstration by the College Democrats was denounced in a different resolution.

In last night's Faculty Senate meeting, held at the Center for Continuing Education, the Senate voted 29-5, with three abstentions, to approve a resolution which calls into question Malloy's actions in overruling the theology department's hiring committee and its chair this past summer.

The dispute centers around the procedure followed by Malloy in hiring a Holy Cross priest to a visiting professorship at Notre Dame. The professor,

who is currently a member of the faculty, was hired in June. He visited the campus and met with the theology department's hiring committee from April 10-12 last semester. That committee reviewed a presentation by the professor and his credentials, and issued a report expressing its opposition to his potential hiring.

What followed was a flurry of communications and meetings involving Lawrence Cunningham, chairman of the theology department; former Provost Timothy O'Meara; Harold Attridge, dean of the College of Arts and Letters; and members of the theology department. The members of the department and the department chair overwhelmingly supported the decision not to hire the candidate.

But Malloy overruled the theology department recommendation, and his actions inspired a lengthy investigation by the Faculty Senate's Academic Affairs Committee. The investigation



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G. Robert Blakey, O'Neill Chair, shared his concerns over the resolution's language.

began just after the introduction of the issue by theology Professor Jean Porter on Sept. 11.

The resolution passed last night was drafted by the Academic Affairs Committee and was altered during the meeting to state its purpose more clearly.

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Early grads seek recognition

By ANN KEARNS
Assistant Saint Mary's Editor

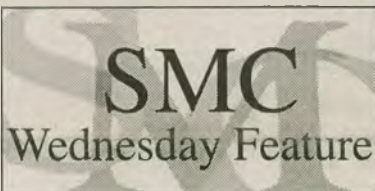
As the end of the semester approaches, most students are consumed by finals, papers, and plans for Christmas break. To a select few, however, it marks the close of their college career.

Saint Mary's College will be graduating a few of their seniors this December. Among them are, Yolanda Ramirez and Leanne Doms. Ramirez will be graduating with a degree in sociology, and Doms will be graduating with a communication degree.

Currently, they are facing fears of what lie ahead, and they are coping with the emotions that go along with graduation.

They have the added pressure, however, of doing this without the comfort of knowing their peers are experiencing the same feelings and without the distraction of ceremonies and parties.

When seniors finish their graduation requirements at in



December, they are given the option of being a part of the ceremony in May. Most do decide to do this, signifying a close to their undergraduate endeavors.

Doms commented that although she feels she will miss out on a traditional senior year by not completing her requirements in May with the rest of her class, she is looking forward to participating in the activities planned in May.

Now, however, her attention, as well as Ramirez's, is focused on what awaits them after they complete their last final.

For Ramirez, she will return to her home in Panama to work for a year and then pursue a master's degree in social psychology.

Doms plans to stay in the South Bend area to work

before she applies to Notre Dame Law School.

Although these students have earned their degrees and successfully completed the graduation requirements, Saint Mary's does not hold a ceremony or a reception honoring their accomplishments.

The students have commented that they would prefer to participate in the May ceremony, but they would enjoy a reception acknowledging their early graduation.

"I think it would be cool to have some ceremony or party. It's a big deal to us, and I would like to celebrate with the families, teachers, and other students," Doms commented.

Teresa Marcy, assistant to the vice president, explained why the school does not hold a reception for the seniors graduating in December.

In the past, a luncheon was held for the students, but this practice stopped when seniors began deciding at the last minute that they were going to

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The feast is on...



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Stomper Bob played to a packed house at the Class of '99 dinner last night at the LaFortune Ballroom.

The debate continues: Should athletes be paid?

By JOHN DEBOY
News Writer

On Saturday, Southern California quarterback Brad Otton's 5-yard touchdown pass to Rodney Sermons gave the Trojans a 27-20 overtime victory over the Irish and most likely cost Notre Dame an \$8.5 million Alliance Bowl payout.

Bowl game or no bowl game, however, the high fees paid by bowl sponsors to participating universities have served to rekindle debate over the exploitation of student athletes by their schools. Additionally, intercollegiate athletes and others have continued to call for monthly stipends that would give college players a small percentage of the profits gener-

ated in big-time college sports.

At Notre Dame, where the athletic department ranks among the most financially successful in the nation, some student athletes claim that sports standouts at Notre Dame, many of whom come from disadvantaged backgrounds, may deserve a slice of the pie generated in large part by their successes on the field.

In a recently published book entitled "Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Exploiting College Athletes," Walter Byers, former executive director of the National Collegiate Athletic Association

(NCAA), claims that "the wheel of fortune [in college athletics] is badly unbalanced in favor of the overseers and against the players."

According to Byers, "the coaches own the athletes' feet,

Only two of 25 varsity athletic programs at Notre Dame generate more revenue than expense. Should we only pay the student athletes in two of those 25 programs? I don't think that would be fair."

Michael Wadsworth

the colleges own the athletes' bodies, and the supervisors retain the large rewards. That reflects a neoplatant mental-ity on the campuses that is not appropriate at this time of high

dollars."

In response to observations made by Byers and others, many close to the college athletics scene have ignited an intense debate over whether or not student athletes should be entitled to a portion of the revenue that they help generate for their schools. In a recent Time magazine essay, journalist



Steve Wulf proposed a \$100 monthly stipend for Division I intercollegiate athletes, a modest compensation that he feels would provide some financial relief for students who come

from disadvantaged backgrounds.

While Wulf is quick to admit that student athletes should be thankful for the educational opportunities afforded them via athletic scholarships, he feels that recent increases in the number of athletes who leave early for professional opportunities, among other reasons, are indicative of a need for reform in intercollegiate athletics.

"[Athletes leaving school early is] one of the reasons the NCAA is finally looking into granting intercollegiate athletes ... some financial relief," Wulf wrote. "Other reasons are their susceptibility to glad-handing

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■ **INSIDE COLUMN**

DART 101:
15 minutes
of hell

It's that time of year again, kiddies! Women and men all across campus are just choking on the joy and excitement in the air! Personally, I'm just thrilled it's back in my life again!

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For those of you like me, a mechanically challenged blonde-American, The Observer is proud to present a step-by-step guide to your DART appointment — from the first number you dial on a touch tone phone to your eventual need for large, frequent doses of Prozac.

1. Get out your microscope and attempt to decipher the classes listed in your DART book. Using your DART worksheet — yours for the low, low price of only \$25,000 a year — create a non-conflicting, reasonably balanced schedule consisting of classes required by your major, minor, degree, and college.

2. Now wake up, because the schedule you'll actually get will resemble this in no way, shape or form.

3. Dial DART (1-800-YOU'RE-SCREWED). Wait for the solo riff from the person playing the xylophone on the other end of the line. This is the theme music of... The DART Man. Do not trust this man. This man is EVIL. He may seem genial and deeply concerned about your scheduling welfare, but he is actually — and you heard it here first — the Antichrist.

4. Enter your student ID number, followed by your PIN number, followed by Orel Hershisier's ERA, followed by the semester code, followed by the number of shots you need before you can effectively forget that the USC game ever took place.

5. By this time you've reached your 7.5 minute time limit and DART rudely hangs up on you whether you've finished with it or not. Repeat Step 4.

6. Enter the course call number of your most-needed class. Await the most annoying noise ever manufactured by mankind. Sorry! The class is full! (OR: The building this class was supposed to meet in is currently being renovated into yet another bank vault to house the checks coming in from NBC! OR: This class never actually existed in the FIRST place, you sucker!)

7. Repeat Step 6 until you have been closed out of each class you wish to take.

8. You may begin sobbing now.

There you go — the complete insider's guide to DARTing. Okay, class, are there any questions?

Q. What does DART stand for, anyway?

A. Doomed Attempts to Register by Telephone.

Q. Name the one class in the 1997 Spring Semester DART Book you are just dying to take.

A. "Understanding Museums", offered at 4:15 on Thursdays. Here's what I want to know: How can you not Understand a Museum? What's there not to understand? You open the door, you wander around speaking in hushed tones, you "Do Not Touch" the displays. Who's having problems with this?

Q. You would definitely get an A in this course, Mary Beth.

A. I know. Too bad it conflicts with another course of choice, "Road Vehicle Dynamics."

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■ **WORLD AT A GLANCE**

Bomb on commuter train kills two, seriously injures 35

PARIS

A bomb exploded on a commuter train in a station in the heart of Paris during the evening rush-hour today, killing at least two people and seriously injuring 35.

Police said there was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast on the edge of the city's famed Latin Quarter. French television said the bomb was made from a gas canister similar to those used in the 1995 wave of bombings claimed by Algerian militants.

Officials said the explosion occurred at 6:05 p.m. at the Port-Royal station, on the RER regional line used by thousands of commuters in and out of the French capital.

It detonated just as the train was pulling into the station, where the platform is partially above-ground. French radio said the two people were killed instantly, but that more might have died had the entire station been underground, concentrating the force of the blast.

Besides those who were seriously hurt, police at the scene told The Associated Press that 50 others suffered minor injuries.

A witness told France Info radio she heard a large boom when the blast went off and smelled something like gun-smoke right away. "There was a sort of detonation and a strong odor like on a firing range," she said.

A few minutes later, the wail of ambulances filled the area around the station between the Boulevard St. Michel and the Boulevard Montparnasse.

"There was an explosive device that was put in a subway car," Prime Minister Alain Juppe told reporters.

He said officials put back into effect an emergency vigilance plan activated after France was hit last year by eight deadly subway bombings. Algerian Islamic extremists claimed responsibility for most of the bombings, which involved gas canisters packed with nails, nuts and bolts.

Interior Minister Jean-Louis Debre said France was tightening its borders as a precaution, and train stations and airports across France were on alert.



Clinton defends women, children

LA PAZ, Bolivia

Hillary Rodham Clinton urged Central and South American nations Tuesday to do more to combat maternal mortality and lamented that the Republican Congress had cut U.S. aid for such efforts. "Without access to family planning, women often turn in desperation to illegal, unsafe abortion procedures that account for half of all maternal deaths in this country," Mrs. Clinton said during a two-day visit to Bolivia. "Deaths from abortion complications are responsible for 30 to 70 percent of maternal mortality in the hemisphere, depending on the country." Mrs. Clinton delivered her remarks at the 6th Conference of Wives of Heads of State and of Governments of the Americas. Earlier, she toured a health clinic and a community bank in poor neighborhoods to commend programs helping women and children escape poverty.

Charges accumulate for ex-agent

MANASSAS, Va.

A former FBI agent already charged with threatening to blow up a minister has been charged with threatening to murder his wife as part of a divorce battle. Eugene Bennett was indicted Monday on attempted murder and bomb making charges. He was indicted in September on charges of abduction, two counts of firearms violations, burglary, making a bomb threat, and insurance fraud. Authorities say Bennett lured his estranged wife, Marquerite Bennett, and the Rev. Edwin Clever to the Prince of Peace Methodist Church on June 24 and strapped what he said was a bomb to the minister. The bomb turned out to be a fake, using modeling clay in place of plastic explosives. Attorney Paul Ebert said the attempted murder charge stemmed from allegations that Bennett was plotting to kill his ex-wife for insurance money. Authorities found a real bomb and bomb-making materials in lockers at two college campuses where Mrs. Bennett works.

Fiber-rich food fends off heart disease

DALLAS

The more fiber people eat, the lower their risk of heart disease, a new study finds. The research, conducted on elderly men in Finland, found those with the highest consumption of fiber-rich food suffered one-third fewer heart attacks over a six-year period than did those with the lowest intake. "It really pays to eat a little fiber, and it doesn't seem to be important in which form," said Dr. Pirjo Pietinen, the study's lead researcher and head of the Department of Nutrition at Finland's National Public Health Institute in Helsinki. The research, published in Monday's issue of the journal Circulation, was based on 21,930 smokers aged 50 to 69. The study calculated that for every 10 grams of fiber that the men added to their diets, their risk of dying from coronary heart disease fell by 17 percent.

Company fined for bootlegged medals

NEWARK, N.J.

The company that holds the government contract to make the nation's highest combat decoration was fined \$80,000 Tuesday for selling 300 bootleg Medals of Honor. H.L.I. Lordship Industries Inc. also will give the government \$22,500 it received for illegally selling the bogus medals for \$75 apiece at memorabilia shows from 1991 to 1994. "True Medal of Honor recipients and their families have a right to be outraged by (Lordship's) conduct," U.S. District Judge William G. Bassler said in imposing the maximum fine allowed under federal guidelines. The family-owned company also could lose its status as a government contractor. Its only business is making medals and insignia. The Hauppauge, N.Y., company pleaded guilty before sentencing to a single misdemeanor count of making unauthorized medals.

■ **SOUTH BEND WEATHER**

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Coldwater	25	24	New Orleans	65	50	Seattle	44	37
Denver	47	19	New York	43	37	Tulsa	57	30

Playwrights' work comes alive SACC reconsiders teacher evaluations

By SARAH CORKREAN
News Writer

Writing for the stage is a time consuming task that demands continuous editing, a skill that many writers never master.

In an effort to help the writer revise by offering feedback, three Saint Mary's College students' plays, written for Ramona Morris' play writing class last spring, were selected as a sampling of the most stageworthy to be performed at a reading last night in the Moreau Little Theatre.

Under the direction of Mike Morris, the plays of Corinne Hanrahan, Tiffany Bowman, and Katie Brown were performed by student actors with minimal rehearsal and little or no scenic elements.

Hanrahan's play "Better Late Than Never" focused on the issue of young love and sexual pressures. Bowman's play "Once Upon a Street Corner" focused on young teens dealing with physical abuse and the courage to seek help. Brown's play "An Elevated Affair" featured a corporate businessman confronted in an elevator by

his wife about an affair he had with another woman.

"This provided a great opportunity for us playwrights to see our plays put on with real actors. By seeing my ideas come to life and viewing first-hand what works and doesn't in action, I can revise and possibly enter the play in contests," said junior Katie Brown.

The plays will be performed again tonight at 8 p.m. at Moreau Little Theatre. There will be a short discussion period following the performance to collect audience feedback.

By SASKIA SIDENFADEN
News Writer

Members of the Student Academic Council Committee (SACC) are taking significant steps toward improving student-faculty relations and improving the accuracy of Teacher Course Evaluation (TCE) forms.

In an effort to establish "meaningful contact with our students," Barbara Walvoord, director of the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, is attempting to gain direct student input and commentary via student organizations like SACC. Addressing a topic of concern to all students, the group, chaired by Brendan Kelly, had many suggestions and criticisms on current policies, including professor office hours, open-door policy, and direct links to friendly student-teacher interaction.

Walvoord addressed the problem of common abuses of professor office hours, claiming that "accessibility is really important" to student development. Unfortunately, according to Walvoord, professors are seldom held accountable for keeping their office hours. "In my opinion, you should be at your office hours. Otherwise, don't even bother," Kelly further suggested that professors accommodate students in more casual situations, in an effort to develop student-faculty relations on a more personal basis.

Similarly, an open-door policy was suggested to encourage

student communication with professors. Member Theresa Sullivan admitted, "Decio Hall can be intimidating because the doors are always shut." Other members agreed that "you only ever go when you have a crisis."

Walvoord went on to address the effectiveness of the TCEs, their uses, and their role in evaluating individual professor performance. Questions focus on subjects such as course content, teaching methods, and work load, including a space for general student comment.

"How should we slice the data so that it is most useful?" was the question posed by Walvoord to SACC members.

Kelly suggested including a male-female identifier on the bubble forms to distinguish student gender for more detailed evaluation. Walvoord agreed that gender could "factor into evaluating student responses."

Other members mentioned that issuing the TCEs at the end of the course is very ineffective. "By the end of the semester, the damage is done and students just want to get out of class early," Kelly said. Sullivan suggested administering the forms at a different time or having each teacher make up an individual TCE. "I had a teacher that handed out his own TCE," Sullivan said. "He took the time to make his own and he asked some pretty tough questions asking us to scrutinize him really hard." Tactics such as these, Walvoord agreed, would enhance the accuracy of the TCEs.



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
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Senate

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Professor G. Robert Blakey, the W. and D. O'Neill Chair at the Law School, voiced his support of Malloy's decision and initiated debate over the wording of the resolution, which included a statement that read: "Be it further resolved that a president who makes such decisions does not deserve the confidence of his faculty."

"I struggle with the wording of the resolution," said marketing Professor Joel Urbany. Blakey and Urbany both questioned the strength and appropriateness of the original wording.

The final version of that clause reads: "Be it further resolved that a president who makes such decisions seriously erodes the confidence that a faculty ought to have in a president."

The resolution states that Malloy's decision to hire the theology professor harms the University as a whole "by undermining the well-established and beneficial model of rational collaboration that exists between a departmental faculty and the University's administration with regard to hiring decisions."

Other concerns were raised by Blakey regarding the references to the decision by Malloy and its effect on the University as a whole.

"This is a matter of internal

politics and not a matter of the Senate," said Blakey. Blakey also questioned the openness of the theology department hiring committee. He said that the hiring by Malloy opened up the formerly closed character of the theology department's hiring.

In response, Porter pointed out that the hired professor's personal qualities and credentials were never called into question when the issue was raised with the Faculty Senate. "We haven't spoken to the qualifications of the candidate [in the Senate]," said Porter, reiterating that the resolution targets the procedure Malloy followed.

In stark contrast to the deliberations over the resolution disagreeing with Malloy's actions, the Senate passed a resolution denouncing the administration's denial of a peaceful demonstration earlier this semester, quickly and without any debate.

Particularly, on Oct. 10 Assistant Vice-President for Residence Life William Kirk denied the application submitted by the College Democrats for a peaceful demonstration celebrating National Coming Out Day. Kirk opposed the demonstration because he felt it violated du Lac, the student handbook replete with rules and regulations on student life and behavior. The resolution passed by Faculty Senate follows a similar resolution approved earlier in the semester by Student Senate.

University Provost Nathan Hatch will address the Faculty

Senate on Jan. 11 in the Center for Continuing Education auditorium. A full record of both resolutions passed by the Senate, in addition to the minutes from last night's meeting, will be available within the next two weeks on the Faculty Senate internet home page.

Graduates

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stay another semester. "It is not clear until the last minute who will be finishing," according to Marcy.

Regardless of when in the

academic year a student graduates, the feelings stay the same. Nostalgia, relief, and concern are common feelings shared among all seniors.

As Doms commented, "I just wonder what I am going to do and feel when I walk out of that last final."

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"where what's new is probably old"

SMC justice series focuses on community

By SARAH CORKREAN
News Writer

Volunteers are needed year-round, not just during the holidays, expressed Center for the Homeless volunteers during the third installment of the Saint Mary's College Justice Education series.

A panel presentation, "Repairing the Fabric of Community," explored ways in which the South Bend Center for the Homeless creates community while working to provide services which assist homeless residents.

Sister Marilyn Zuglish, who is completing research at the center, and Chris Beckman, a Saint Mary's junior who works at the center, discussed the involvement and impact of the South Bend community on the center.

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities are not the only ones that come together at the center throughout the school year. Other community groups that volunteer time and money include the South Bend School District, which offers tutoring services for children, and Marriott and Burger King, which offer job opportunities for residents of the center.

The shelter started out as an overnight house and has grown as more rooms, education, parent nurturing and job training classes have become available. The center now has rooms and facilities to house 140 residents a night. Seventy percent of the residents are from St. Joseph's County.

The center's mission is to bring together disparate groups in society so that each can discover the dignity, worth and God-given potential of the other. Beckman called attention to a need for more housing for families of single fathers with children.

"It breaks your heart to tell families we have no room. The children are starving for the attention and love that the center is able to provide. We offer so much support for kids by just hugging them while their parents seek the opportunities the center provides and into toward self-sufficiency and into their own housing," said Beckman.

Beckman discussed her concern for transportation to the center for Saint Mary's students as the number of volunteers increases.

"I take car loads of Saint Mary's volunteers to the center and not everyone can always fit in the car. Saint Mary's needs some form of transportation for those students who want to help out in the community," said Beckman.

Zuglish and Beckman both expressed their astonishment with the staff and in their ability to start over each day with hope when a new face walks in the door searching for help.

"[The center] is a place where you can laugh, cry and see the reality of life while feeling at peace with yourself knowing that you are able to help those less fortunate members in the community," said Beckman.

Carters target U.S. sweatshops

By MICHAEL LEWIS
News Writer

While illegal in the U.S., sweatshops or workplaces that ignore established workers' rights standards exist in surprising numbers in several of the nation's major centers of industrial production.

"You can support the good guys or the bad guys," Iona Carter said, referring to unfair employers as the "bad guys" and characterizing herself, her husband and unions as the "good guys." She and her husband travel to different schools and sites in the U.S. presenting their findings and suggesting possible ways to counter illegal labor practices.

In New York 2,000 of 6,000 clothing manufacturing facilities are sweatshops, according to Pat Cronin. Cronin, the Midwest director of organizing for the Union of Needletrades,

Industrial and Textile Employees (UNITE), joined John and Iona Carter, and Kathleen Maas Weigert, the assistant director of academic affairs and research at the Center for Social Concerns (CSC), in a presentation on sweatshops on Nov. 26 at the CSC.

One company that Cronin cited as an example of poor labor practices was the Los Angeles-based Guess Inc. According to Cronin, this company underpays workers, does not pay overtime, forces laborers to take their work home with them, requires 10-12 hour work days, and conducts fixed inspections of workplaces in order to appear legitimate.

New Orleans, El Paso, and several other major cities have problems similar to those in New York and Los Angeles, according to Cronin. He also said there are hundreds of

sweatshops just across the southern border in Mexico, where unions are discouraged, and the government silences or abducts union sympathizers.

Cronin encourages student involvement in an effort to eliminate sweatshop conditions. He said phone calls, letter writing, conversations with salespeople, campus-wide activities, and boycotts directed toward companies that violate labor laws would greatly advance the cause.

John Carter said purchasing alternative products and selecting clothes that have a union label would help as well. Buying from unionized American manufacturers supports proper labor practices and the U.S. economy, he said.

The Carters spend most of their energy working on this project, and envision increased efficacy for their activities if college students become active.

■ HALL PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

SLF seeks donations for authors

By SEAN SMITH
News Writer

The 30th annual Sophomore Literary Festival (SLF) needs more financial resources. Stephanie Thomas, SLF's fundraising chairperson, spoke before the Hall Presidents Council and asked each dorm to donate as much money as possible to support the festival.

The festival features five authors, all of whose expenses must be paid by SLF. According to Thomas, one author can cost up to \$30,000 a night — an

amount of money well exceeding the entire SLF budget.

The deadline for donations is Dec. 16. Dorms, clubs, or other parties interested in donating money to the festival must contact Thomas by this date.

In other HPC news:

• HPC's financial budget for this year was disclosed. Part of this \$29,635 budget, a sum of \$22,000, has already been set aside for special projects and hall allocations. Such projects include the well-known Mr. Stanford contest and the Cavanaugh Karaoke. After

reporting the council's financial situation, treasurer Lee Hambright advised the dorm presidents: "We'll give you tons of money. Just organize stuff."

• A campus-wide clothing drive will be held on Dec. 12. Representatives from each dorm will visit rooms asking for any unwanted clothing items for donation.

• On Dec. 13 in the LaFortune Ballroom, Student Activities is sponsoring a Christmas Movie Night, featuring holiday films that include "When the Grinch Stole Christmas."

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Court: Hawaii must license gay marriages

By BRUCE DUNFORD
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU

A judge on Tuesday barred Hawaii from denying marriage licenses to gay couples in a case that has already led Congress to allow other states to refuse to recognize such unions.

The ruling is certain to be appealed.

Kirk Cashmere, an attorney for three homosexual couples who sued the state, said Circuit Judge Kevin Chang "in a nutshell ruled that the sex-based classification in the state's marriage law is unconstitutional."

Chang said the state failed to show any compelling state interest to deny gay and lesbian couples the right to marry, Cashmere said.

Copies of Chang's ruling were to be distributed later Tuesday.

A spokeswoman for the conservative Family Research Council said the ruling defies the wishes of the majority. Polls say 70 percent of Hawaii's residents oppose same-sex marriages.

"This ruling is a slap in the face of the Hawaiian people who have made it clear that they don't want liberal judges tampering with society's foundational institutions," Kristi Stone Hamrick said.

Two gay men and two lesbian couples sued in 1991 for the right to marry, to the dismay of some national gay rights organizations that felt

the move was premature and would provoke a backlash.

It certainly prompted furious debate. In the state Legislature, lawmakers failed to agree this year on either a proposed constitutional amendment to ban them, or domestic partnership legislation giving gay and lesbian couples many of the legal and financial benefits of married couples.

Congress, meanwhile, approved a law President Clinton signed in September, saying the federal government will not recognize gay marriages and allowing states to refuse to recognize such marriages licensed in other states.

An appeal of Chang's ruling would send the case back to the Hawaii Supreme Court, which ruled in 1993 that denial of marriage licenses to same-sex couples amounted to gender discrimination under the state constitution's Equal Rights Amendment.

The state Supreme Court sent the case back to a lower court to give the state a chance to show a compelling public interest in allowing such discrimination.

In a two-week trial in September, Deputy State Attorney General Rick Eichor argued that Hawaii's marriage law is intended to promote the best environment for the procreation and rearing of children.

He said children thrive best when raised by biological parents.

Stipends

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agents and boosters, the alarming number of incidents of petty theft and hostility involving jocks—just check today's sports section—and the isolation of athletes from the rest of the campus."

Others, such as Archie Manning, a former Ole Miss quarterback and father of current Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, agree.

"I would love to see college athletes have a little spending money," Manning said. "I've been outside college dressing rooms, and I'm ready to go to dinner with my family, and I see kids going back to the dorm who can't afford to do anything."

Many student athletes at Notre Dame have voiced similar opinions. Several, including freshman tight end Mike Gandy, are displeased with the fact that the NCAA, in addition to prohibiting payments to athletes, does not currently allow students on athletic scholarship to hold jobs during the school year.

"I'm in favor of [student stipends] because the NCAA has rules about jobs—what jobs we can hold and when," Gandy said. "Right now they only allow us to have jobs during the summer. Athletes bring a lot of money to their schools, so I don't think that it would hurt to give them a little extra spending money in return."

While recent protests by athletes and others have prompted current NCAA executive director Cedric Dempsey to appoint a special committee that will explore the financial situations

of needy student athletes, many coaches and athletic administrators remain unenthusiastic about the idea of giving periodic payments to intercollegiate athletes.

According to Michael Wadsworth, Notre Dame's athletic director, offering athletes a pay-for-play stipend could cause serious administrative problems at Notre Dame and other Division I universities. Foremost among Wadsworth's concerns is the question of which student athletes would be eligible for a stipend.

"Only 2 of 25 varsity athletic programs at Notre Dame generate more revenue than expense," Wadsworth said. "Should we only pay the student athletes in 2 of those 25 programs? I don't think that would be fair."

"The student athletes who participate in the revenue-generating programs don't necessarily work harder or have greater athletic ability than the student athletes in the other 23 programs," Wadsworth added. "Because of that, I would be very concerned about the structures that a pay-for-play system might create at this or any other university."

John MacLeod, Notre Dame's head basketball coach, largely agrees with Wadsworth.

"The problem comes in with the question of who gets the stipend," MacLeod said. "Do you pay the stipend to every student athlete, or just football and basketball players? Do you pay it to partial scholarship athletes, or just full scholarship athletes? That's where the problem is."

Wadsworth also pointed out that athletic departments at many colleges and universities wouldn't be able to carry the

financial burden of having to provide additional funds for their athletes.

"Not all Division I athletic programs are as financially secure as the athletic department at Notre Dame," Wadsworth said. "At other universities, paying students might cause athletic departments to have to drop some programs, creating fewer opportunities for student athletes instead of more opportunities."

Derek Manner, the starting small forward on the men's basketball team, feels that athletic departments might be able to meet the needs of student athletes through the use of low- or no-interest loans.

"I don't want to say I oppose [student stipends], but at the same time I don't really favor the idea that athletes should be paid," Manner said. "However, the NCAA might look into doing a study on athletes' family incomes to see if some students might need a little extra money to meet the lifestyle demands of certain campuses, like Notre Dame. I'd be in favor of a program that gave low- or no-interest loans to student athletes based on need, just like financial aid."

Wadsworth was equally receptive to the idea of an alternative plan. "I think that there may be some way that we can try to evaluate the financial needs of student athletes without a pay-for-play structure," Wadsworth said. "There may be some other way that we can help students with financial need attend college without being embarrassed by their financial situations—a way that doesn't involve direct pay-for-play."

Time magazine contributed to this report.

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Christmas quiz: put your Santa savvy to the test

By HUGH MULLIGAN
Associated Press Writer

Santas are once more abroad in the land, jingling their bells at every mall, sidewalk chimney and department store toy department.

On almost every downtown corner Salvation Army trombones pump out "Joy to the World," and towering fir trees, gaily bedight, rise over New York's Rockefeller Plaza, the White House and virtually every village green, city hall and state capitol.

It's Christmas again, that "rolling time of the year," as Charles Dickens called it, a time to give and a time to get, and time to get rolling again on our third annual Christmas Quiz.

What do you really know about our most celebrated and venerated holiday?

Here are 20 questions for you and your guests to mull over with the mulled ale before settling down to a long winter or, at least, an after-dinner nap.

Answers and a scoring code follow the questions.

THE QUESTIONS:

1. What were the first names of Scrooge and Marley?
2. How many Magi or Wise Men came to Bethlehem?
3. What prompted the Magi to chose another way home?
4. Which Old Testament prophet predicted great happenings in tiny Bethlehem?
5. Who wrote the words to the carol "Silent Night"?
6. When is the feast day of Santa Claus celebrated?
7. What Christmas delicacy did Mrs. Bob Cratchit prepare in a copper cauldron in her wash house?
8. Which renowned Christmas card artist was still turning out "a batch of three or four paintings a week" at age 100?
9. Which of James Joyce's "Dubliners" short stories takes place at Christmastime? Clue: Film director John

Huston made it into a memorable movie.

10. Who was the surprise guest speaker when President Franklin D. Roosevelt lit the National Tree at the White House in 1941?

11. Which Nativity masterpiece was stolen from a church in Palermo, Sicily, in 1969 and has not been seen since?

12. What were True Love's first and last gifts in the delightful rondeau "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?

13. For what crime did William Sydney Porter, alias O'Henry, the author of "The Gift of the Magi," spend several Christmases in the Ohio State penitentiary?

14. What popular revel, evocation of the Middle Ages, takes place in Philadelphia during the holiday season?

15. Which movie has had the most TV reruns during the holiday season?

16. Who were the stars of the film "White Christmas"?

17. Who played Santa Claus in the 1947 original film version of "The Miracle on 34th Street"?

18. Who played the little girl?

19. How did the della Robbia wreath get its name?

20. Sherlock Holmes, Ellery Queen, Inspector Maigret and many other fictional sleuths have solved Christmas crimes. What is today's best-selling mystery novelist Mary Higgins Clark's contribution to the genre?

THE ANSWERS

1. Ebenezer and Jacob.
2. St. Matthew, who tells of their visit in his Gospel, did not specify how many. In early Christian times their number varied from two to six. A 4th century fresco in the Catacombs of Domitilla, outside Rome, depicts four. By the 6th century, tradition settled on three. Any number from 2 to 6 is acceptable.
3. In Matthew's Gospel the Magi were "warned in a dream" not to return to Herod, who sought to kill the child, so "they departed into their own country another way." (Matthew 2:12)
4. Micah, an eighth-century B.C.

Hebrew prophet, prophesied: "But thou Bethlehem Ephrata, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me one who is to be ruler of Israel, whose origin is from the beginning, from the days of eternity." (Micah 5-2).

5. Father Joseph Mohr, the parish priest in the little Austrian village where the mice had eaten the bellows of the church organ.

6. Dec. 6 is the feast of St. Nicholas, the original Santa Claus.

7. Her Christmas pudding.

8. Anne Mary Robinson, better known as Grandma Moses.

9. "The Dead."

10. Winston Churchill.

11. Caravaggio's "Nativity," one of the master's last works, painted in 1609, the year before he died.

12. If sung properly as a rondeau, with each day's new gift followed by a repetition of all the previous gifts, the answer is "a partridge in a pear tree."

13. Bank embezzlement.

14. The Mummers Parade.

15. Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."

16. Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye.

17. Edmund Gwenn.

18. Natalie Wood.

19. It is the family name of an uncle and nephew, Luca and Andrea della Robbia, acclaimed sculptors in Florence, Italy, during the early Renaissance. From their workshop came exquisite ceramic wreaths sculpted with a floral motif in brightly enameled glazed terra cotta.

20. Her recent short novel "Silent Night," where the criminal trail begins under the tree in Rockefeller Plaza.

SCORING

Award one point for each correct answer. Compute your holiday IQ via this scoring scale:

- 20 — You are the brightest star on anybody's Christmas tree of knowledge.
16 to 19 — Qualified for lead reindeer

Oh, Christmas tree

The tradition of the Christmas tree dates back to the Middle Ages and caught on in the United States in the 1800s. Today approximately 15,000 U.S. growers tend 1 million acres of Christmas tree farmland. Prices this year will remain steady at \$3.10 to \$5.65 per foot. A look at holiday evergreens:

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Arizona cypress	Fraser fir*
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Canaan fir	Noble fir*
Concolor fir	Norway spruce
Douglas fir*	Scotch pine*
Eastern redcedar	Virginia pine*
Eastern white pine*	White spruce

*Top sellers

Projected



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Sources: National Christmas Tree Association, The Everything Christmas Book, The Tree & Shrub Expert, Trees of North America

on Santa's midnight run.

11 to 15 — Up on the rooftops with the season's headiest performers.

6 to 10 — Down the chimney with a thud.

1 to 5 — Meltdown time for Frosty the Snowman.

0 — Goose eggs are more traditional at Easter.



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■ WHERE I'M CALLING FROM

Celebrate the true spirit of the holiday season

As I sit here munching on cold turkey and the last slice of Mom's apple pie, I am reminded by the robust roundness of my post-Thanksgiving belly that the season of gluttony and cupidity is just beginning.

While I mourn the passing of Thursday's feast, I take solace in the

Thomas Coyne

knowledge that there's plenty more where that came from. So wipe that last crumb of stuffing from your mouth and forget about that giving thanks stuff — it's time to open up those stockings and clean out that fireplace — it's time to get greedy — ready or not, here comes Santa Claus.

In anticipation of the onslaught of Christmas columns that will be saturating the pages of The Observer, I want to get my two cents in before every writer on campus gets on the seasonal soapbox and berates us for our shallow Christmas spirit. I can already hear the plaintiff whining of Christmas crusaders: "Christmas isn't about getting, it's about giving; Christmas is too commercial; Christmas isn't about religion anymore; Christmas is more than Rudolph; Christmas starts too early," etc.

To them I say, "BAH, HUMBUG!" I'll tell you exactly what the holiday is about and why we love it. It's big, bright, flashy, commercial, obnoxious, tasteless, and gaudy as hell. And we eat it up! It's Americana! We love it for the same reason we love Las Vegas — because Americans love to overdo everything.

And as much as we love gaudy, we hate God-y. We don't like to be reminded that religion might be involved in our Christmas fun so we have conveniently taken God out of Christmas and replaced Him with such divine figures as Frosty and a fat, bearded philanthropist. We've opted for "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" instead of "Silent Night," and the three wise men this Christmas are the Grinch, Heatmizer, and whoever found their kid a Nintendo 64. And if you don't like it, too bad. Go ahead, tell us Jesus is the reason for the season, and I'll tell you to explain that to the store owner at UP Mall with money falling out of his pockets and the homeless guy getting kicked out of the mall because he offends the shoppers.

You may choose to lament this commercializing of Christmas spirit, but I choose to revel in it. What a glorious season!

Don't waste December in want of the old white Christmas with the carolers and the nativity set — get out to the mall and witness the magnificence of manic mall crowds that trample each other to spend their money on useless gifts for people they don't like; witness the laughable insincerity of Christmas cards sent by the bundle; experience hot, sweaty masses packed with people passing out and others wondering why they even bother coming once a year; hide as relatives invade your home to compete in a round of Christmas Family Feud while they bombard you with pinches and kisses and Christmas sweaters that are always too small. Joy on Earth! Christmas time is here again!

And we all know Christmas is more than a holiday — it's a game, a competition for victory in the Christmas category of "net gifts" (gifts gotten minus gifts given.) Sure, giving is great and all that, but have you ever gotten as much satisfaction from buying someone else a new J Crew sweater as you have from getting

one? Sing along! 'Tis the season to be greedy, gimme, gimme, gimme, more, more, more! It's time to cash in for a year of good behavior, time for young kids to collect on all those parental bribes and threats of coal. It's time for getting, and I want a helluva lot more than my two front teeth this Christmas.

For those of you generous souls who like to give just for the sake of giving (ha ha, suckers!), I thought I would enclose my own personal Christmas want, I mean wish, list. And contrary to popular opinion, I've been a very good boy this year.

I want: 1) The Main Building — so that my roommates and I can move in and turn it into a 24 hour house of debauchery. 2) For S.E. Oross to send me a bottle of good Scotch. 3) For S.E. Oross to come over and drink it with me. 4) Three copies of *The Rules* to give the girls that sent letters to the editor slamming me for my dating column. 5) For college to last four more years. 6) For a decent college bar to open up in South Bend (preferably in my backyard). 7) For red hair to become a campus-wide aphrodisiac. And finally, 8) for peace, joy, and happiness for all humankind (or at least for myself and the people I like.) I might be asking a bit much from old Santa — I'll settle for the Main Building.

Perchance in the midst of all the holiday hoopla you might be reminded that Christmas has "Christ" as a prefix for a reason — that holiday means holy day and Christmas was not created by Macy's and Hallmark to boost winter

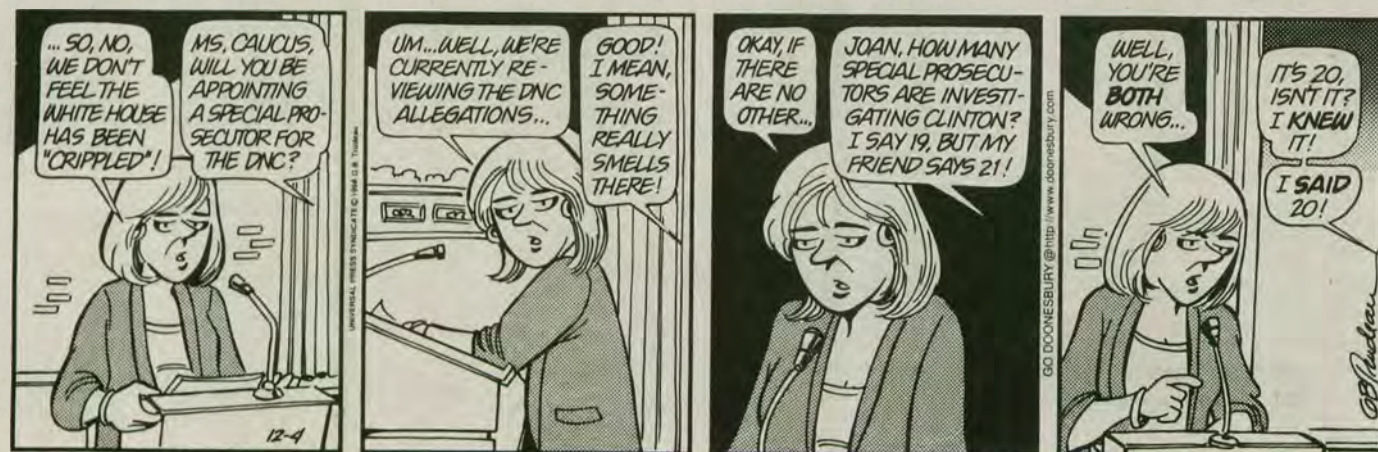


sales. Perhaps you'll see someone invite a lonely stranger into their house for Christmas dinner or someone working in a soup kitchen on Christmas eve. Maybe you'll get a card from an old friend that says more than "Merry Christmas, Love, X" or maybe you'll get a gift from the person that you love, a gift that you'll never use, and you'll think it's the greatest thing anyone ever gave you. Maybe then you will remember something about Christmas that is very easy to forget.

But that's a big maybe — in the mean time, let's roast up a couple turtle doves and a few French hens and drink egg nog 'till it tastes like champagne. 'Tis the season for elves and reindeer and twinkling blue lights on plastic green trees and kids who can't sleep because visions of "Gimme!" dance through their heads. The endless lines, the gaudy pines, the Christmas whines, the "hands off, it's mine's!" Sounds like a savior is born to me.

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Unless you do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Here comes Hanukkah

By ASHLEIGH THOMPSON
Associate Accent Editor

Despite plastic Santas sitting happily on front lawns each December, most Christians try to remind themselves that they are preparing for one of the most important religious holidays of the year. It seems as if the story of the Three Wise Men and the baby in the manger has been reenacted by elementary schools since anyone can remember, and the actual event of Jesus' birth seems longer ago than most can imagine. But contemplate this: Before there was Christmas, there was Hanukkah.

This Thursday evening, millions of Jewish Americans will recall the ancient miracles of Hanukkah as they light the *shamash* candle as well as the first of the eight remaining on the *menorah*. Each night, an additional candle is lit — not an action to be taken lightly. The Hanukkah candles may not be used for any other purpose than celebration (like reading, for example), and must burn for a minimum of 18 minutes. As these serve to advertise the miracles they commemorate, they are usually placed in a window for all who pass by to see.

A typical family Hanukkah celebration in the United States may include a gift exchange and foods prepared with oil such as *latkes* (potato pancakes) or donuts, while games are played and traditional Jewish songs recited.

A *dreidel* is most certainly found amongst this activity, and children gamble upon the letters that land. The letters on the four sides of the *dreidel* represent the Hebrew sentence, "Nes

gadol hayah sham," or "A great miracle happened there."

So, what exactly was this miracle? A common Hanukkah story relates the battle

not only fought well, but actually defeated the Syrians.

This first Hanukkah miracle is followed by a second. A small jar of oil was discovered in the

sacred Jewish temple, ravaged and made unclean by the enemy during the war. While this jar contained only enough oil to burn for one night, the flame inexplicably persisted for eight.

The significance of the Hanukkah story may reflect the perseverance of the persecuted Jewish people. It may serve as a reminder that God continually watches his children. Perhaps a concrete interpretation just isn't the point of the tale.

Orthodox congregations may tend to interpret accounts of this historical event literally and completely, while Reformed sects might simply draw upon the symbolism of the event for strength and inspiration.

This Jewish holiday, while not as important as others such as Yom

Kippur, remains significant because it marks a victory gaining religious freedom for the Jewish people. While Passover remembers political freedom, the commemoration of religious freedom associated with Hanukkah reminds Jewish brethren across the world how hard they have fought — and continue to fight — for autonomy and peace.

Unfortunately, Hanukkah slowly has become "Christmas: the Jewish Version." The creation of Hanukkah Harry certainly was intended as a twist on Santa Claus, and the Hanukkah Bush covered with blue and silver balls plays a strange counterpart to a Christmas Tree. Perhaps Hanukkah fell victim to commercialism not long after Christmas did, but it is unfortunate that, in this country, it will forever remain in the shadow of its Christian partner.

While Christmas and Hanukkah celebrate very different events, the commonalities they share extend far beyond anything found in a shopping mall. Both acknowledge hope, and recognize the importance and rewards of faith for a people. Light is central and symbolic for both, as well.

After all of the *latkes* and fruitcakes have been eaten this holiday season, wondering who received the most presents or commercial air time won't matter. The spirit of excitement, family and religion will be celebrated by all, just in time for New Year's.

Accent would like to thank Rabbi Kram and his son Josh for insight helpful in the writing of this article.



between a small group of rebel Jews led by Judah the Maccabee around 165 BCE. Although they faced huge numbers of enemy forces, the brave and persistent Jews

■ ACCENT SPEAKS

Merry Christmas (Oh, and Happy Hanukkah, too)

By MEGAN FERSTENFELD
Accent Copy Editor

Every year, Thanksgiving comes to pass with relative tranquillity, but then the madness begins. While we are all asleep with our bellies happily satiated from stuffing and pumpkin pie, something strange happens. As if touched by a magic wand, the world seems to transform itself overnight into an all-out Christmas extravaganza. Stores erect huge window displays of gift-wrapped products, trying to outdo each other with holiday glitz. The radio stations abruptly abandon the Top 40 for old holiday favorites from the classic "Little Drummer Boy" to the Beach Boys "Little St. Nick." Flyers abound announcing the arrival of Santa at community events and in the malls to listen to the wish lists of countless wide-eyed children.

With all of this fuss and attention, it's easy to slip into the mindset that Christmas is a universal holiday. Yet, while many Notre Dame students are decking their dorm rooms with lights and wreaths, Jews around the world are putting on their *yarmulkes* and getting out their *menorahs* in preparation for a holiday of their own.

Yes, I'm talking about Hanukkah. You know, that other holiday that falls in December each year. Unfortunately, at a predominantly Catholic university such as Notre Dame, Hanukkah doesn't tend to get a whole lot of mention. For

many of us, the only contact we've had with this holiday is from watching "Fiddler on the Roof" in high school. Or, perhaps we are more familiar with Hanukkah through Adam Sandler's "Hanukkah Song":

"Here comes Hanukkah
So much funukkah
To celebrate Hanukkah
Hanukkah is the festival of lights.
Instead of one day of presents
We have eight crazy nights!"

It's sad, but it's true. Aside from a sound bite here and there, Christmas so successfully monopolizes the market and the media that one tends to forget about the other religious holidays that coincide with it. For example, local television newscasts will run a five minute feature on the length of the lines to see Santa Claus and then out of feigned interest flash a picture of a Jewish family lighting the *menorah*. The radio stations follow suit in that they are so generous as to reserve a second to say, "Happy Hanukkah!" at the end of a long string of Christmas music. Oh, and don't forget how all those cheap catalogs that sell Christmas trinkets try to be PC by adding a token *dreidel* in the lower left-hand corner on page 72.

Of course, if you live in Brooklyn or Chicago, you may see a few less Christmas lights and more men in *yarmulkes*. Still, on the average, Hanukkah all but disappears behind

the gigantic veil of Christmas.

What right have we to flaunt our holiday so ostentatiously in front of others? What makes us so special that we can take over the cities with choirs and bands and 20 foot trees? I mean, you certainly don't see the prophet Elijah standing on a street corner handing out candy canes. Where's the justice here?

As it stands, our poor Jewish counterparts just can't compete with all of our excessive Christmas cheer.

If you're still not convinced, think of all how many little Jewish children are cruelly subjected to images of elves, reindeer and sleigh bells each year, when then don't even own a single ornament. Moreover, they see dozens of advertisements with families sitting around the table eating ham and drinking egg-nog, while in their own home their mothers are making *latkes* (potato pancakes fried in oil to symbolize the oil of the *menorah*) and *koogles*. It's a wonder they don't all develop inferiority complexes.

And they're not alone. In recent years, African-Americans have revived an ancient holiday called Kwanza. As far as I know, this is also a festival involving light, based on a traditional African religious ceremony. Keep your eyes open and see just how much media attention they receive! It's not too likely that we'll be watching any commercials with over-friendly salesclerks dancing around and singing, "Happy Kwanza!" do you?

Okay, now that we are all filled with

sympathy for our fellow Americans who don't celebrate Christmas, how do we go about tipping the scales more in their favor? Well, perhaps the process could begin with ourselves. After all, the Christmas season is about inclusion, not isolation. The truth is, we could stand to learn a lot from our Jewish brethren. In fact, many of our traditions are based upon ancient Judaic rituals. If you're willing to listen, you might find that the underlying message of Hanukkah is not so different from that of the Christ Child.

Whatever you do, don't alienate yourself this holiday season. Attend a service at a synagogue, try a *latke*, learn a *dreidel* song. To your surprise, your ignorance may blossom into tolerance, or even a true appreciation of another tradition. If we want to live in a society of harmony, it's critical that we recognize everyone for their uniqueness. While it may sound cliché, "Peace on Earth and good will toward men" can only be realized through mutual respect for different cultures and creeds.

Yes, it's a wonderful time of year, but it is not exclusive to Christians. Even though Christmas may consume the airwaves, the spirit of the season should supersede religious divisions. When it comes right down to the bottom line, it makes no difference whether you light the candles on a *menorah* or an advent wreath—this is a time for all to be merry.

Happy Hanukkah to all! (And Merry Christmas, too!)



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But the key may be Brown's ability to scramble away from pressure and get up field.

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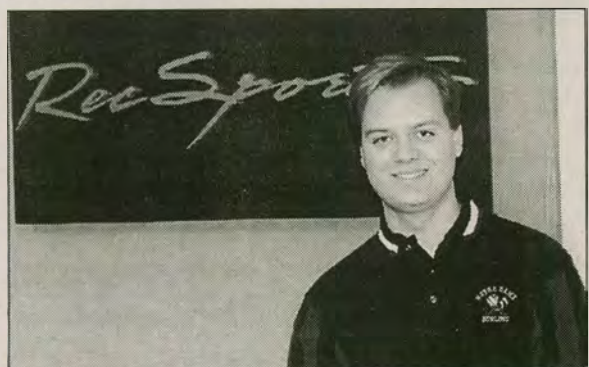
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limited experience in the setter slot.

"We were a little bummed after Carey got hurt and the two losses over the weekend," Ervin noted. "But it was encouraging to see that Lauren stepped in and did a great job. So, it was good to see that we could play without Carey even though we really miss her being out."

In Monday's practice May was limited to setting but did very well according to Brown.

"We didn't want her to block or serve yet and she said that she felt some pain but it was something she could play through. We're hoping that she is going to be able to play."

Hofstra comes into the Joyce with a 19-16 mark and earned the last slot in the region with an America East Conference championship and qualified for the tournament with a triumph of Midwest American Conference champ Siena in an

NCAA play-in game. So, the Irish will look to be in action Sunday as well.

"As best we can figure we would equate them with several teams in the Big East," commented Brown whose squad is undefeated in two seasons of Big East play. "So, we kind of know what we're up against and if we play like we did in the conference we anticipate we should beat them."

"I think we got a great bid in the tournament after a somewhat disappointing season," Ervin said. "It's like a whole new season so everybody is really refreshed and excited for this."

Joining Ervin in Notre Dame's tournament run will be a host of players with experience. Senior captain Jenny Birkner has been a consistent force for the squad as she can usually be counted on for double digits in kills. Another senior Jen Briggs has filled in for the injured Angie Harris and has led the team in kills six times since being placed in the starting lineup.

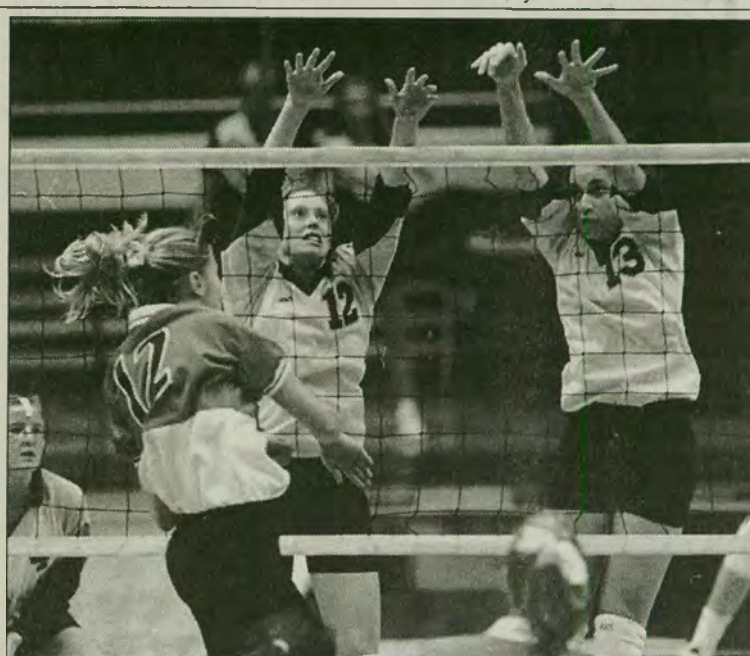
Big East player of the year

junior Jaimie Lee has led the Domers in kills since returning to her natural hitter position from setter. May had set assist records in '95 and if she can return healthy, the offense has run the more smoothly with her at the helm. With 6-5 blocker Jen Rouse out sophomore Lindsay Treadwell has used her athletic ability and offensive prowess to provide a threat in the middle. The sole starter without NCAA experience is the 6-4 freshman Mary Leffers. Leffers has been dominant at the nets this year as she has accumulated close to 150 blocks on the year. So, experience will be one of Brown's best assets.

"They definitely realize the magnitude of it and realize that it's a new season and that every match is critical," Brown said of her experienced unit. "I think we have a group that's been able to rise to the occasion in the past and I think that's what we're anticipating is going to happen in this tournament."

"I think that's very important mainly because the experience we have on the floor carries a lot of weight during a game especially when other teams may lack that experience," Ervin observed.

If the Irish can slip by Hofstra they will need every bit of that



The Observer/Rob Finch

Notre Dame will need strong play at the net if they hope to advance through the NCAA tournament.

experience to put together a win over the twelfth ranked Ohio State Buckeyes on Sunday for a trip to the Regional which will likely be held at the home of the top seed, University of Florida Gators.

Note:

The first 330 students are admitted free. After that, a student ticket is three dollars.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Terps name new head coach

By DAVID GINSBURG
Associated Press

Ron Vanderlinden, who helped turn around struggling football programs at Colorado and Northwestern, has been hired to do the same thing at the University of Maryland.

Vanderlinden, the defensive coordinator at Northwestern since 1992, will be introduced as the Terrapins' new head coach at a news conference Wednesday, athletic director Debbie Yow told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

He succeeds Mark Duffner, who was dismissed last week and had a 20-35 record at Maryland.

Vanderlinden, 40, received a five-year contract with an annual base salary of \$130,000.

Yow had planned to interview

several candidates. But she focused her attention on signing Vanderlinden after he reiterated his interest in the job.

"Ron was our No. 1 candidate. He called Sunday night and we spoke at great length Monday," Yow said. "He clearly was our top choice, and I was happy and pleased once we got into serious discussions."

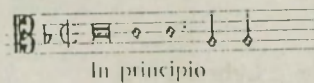
Northwestern won the Big Ten title and went to the Rose Bowl in 1995. With Vanderlinden as defensive coordinator, Northwestern led the nation in scoring defense last year.

Vanderlinden followed coach Gary Barnett to Northwestern from Colorado, where Vanderlinden had spent nine seasons.

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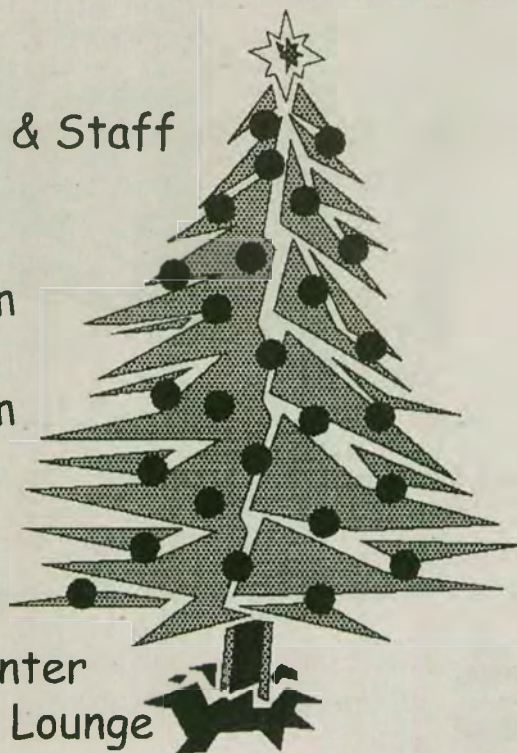
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and see what happens."

When asked about Roberts' comments that Davie requires "a four year commitment," Davie was a little less complementary.

"That's just not accurate,"

said Davie. "I do think continuity is very important in a staff, but there is no kind of guarantee whatsoever as to how long someone will stay on your staff."

The Joe Moore situation is a little more nebulous. The 64-year-old Moore, who recently completed his ninth season as the Irish offensive line coach,

was unavailable for comment last night, and players and coaches alike declined comment on his status.

"I don't know about that," said Roberts of Moore's rumored departure. "You're going to have to talk to him."

"We're not talking about anything right now," offered sophomore offensive lineman Mike Rosenthal.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Duncan leads Wake over Bulldogs

By RICK GANO
Associated Press

CHICAGO

He could be bumping Shaq or guarding Hakeem or trying to score on Patrick. Instead, Tim Duncan is glad he stayed in school.

So, obviously, is Wake Forest. Duncan scored 19 points, grabbed 17 rebounds and blocked four shots Tuesday night to pace the second-ranked Demon Deacons to a 74-43 rout of Mississippi State in the Great Eight tournament.

"I'm happy with what has happened so far. We're playing well, we're off to a good start and I believe I'm getting better," Duncan said. "I'm happy with where I am."

Duncan knows he'll eventually be a million-dollar NBA star. But for now, he's enjoying his final year of college ball.

"I'm just concerned with what happens now, not later," Duncan said. "There are a lot of different reasons. I wanted to stay because I wanted to."

The Demon Deacons (5-0) ran off 19 straight first-half points Tuesday night, withstood a mild rally by the over-matched Bulldogs and then took control early in the second half.

"We were efficient, methodical and we ground them down on the inside and made the shots hard to take," said Wake Forest coach Dave Odom.

Mississippi State (2-2) lost all five starters from last year's Final Four team. The Bulldogs went nine minutes without a basket during the first-half Wake run.

"This is a learning experience for our young players," said MSU coach Richard Williams. "Sometimes it's hard to get the attention of the new

guys in practice until they go through something like this.

"Even when we executed, Tim blocked shots. There is nothing you can do about that. It's talent."

The 6-foot-10 Duncan reached double figures in scoring and rebounds for a 14th straight game dating back to last season. Even when he didn't block shots, he altered their trajectory or angle.

When Duncan was double teamed on offense, he was able to get the ball to open shooters.

"Tim continues to fight against a lot of pressure with one, two and three men on him," Odom said.

"I just take my time, attack, find the open shooter and try to turn them into the frustrated ones," Duncan said.

Jerry Braswell added 15 points for Wake. Mississippi State got 12 points from Tyrone Washington.

Braswell and Steve Goolsby scored five points each and Wake had a pair of 3-pointers in the 19-0 run that opened up a 28-9 lead with six minutes left in the half.

State kept its poise and ran off the final nine points of the half to cut Wake's lead to 32-21.

But Wake took command early in the second half. Duncan scored seven points and Tony Rutland hit his second 3-pointer as the Demon Deacons moved ahead 49-29 with just over 13 minutes left.

"We gave up the points at the end of the half and we had to re-establish ourselves and show that we weren't going to give up the game," said Duncan.

Wake shot 45 percent (28 of 62) from the field and held the Bulldogs to 30 percent (18 of 61).

Celebrations Around the World



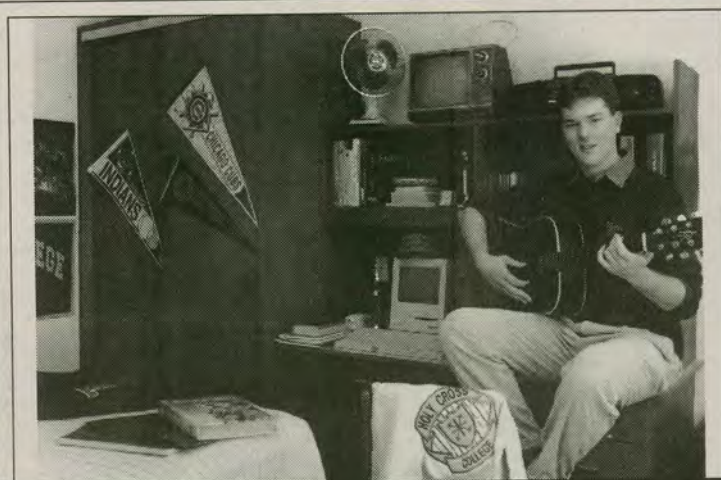
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■ HOCKEY

Simon named to junior squad

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame freshman forward Ben Simon (Shaker Heights, Ohio) has been named to the 1997 United States national junior hockey team, which will compete in the '97 World Junior Championship, to be held Dec. 26-Jan. 4 in Geneva and Morges, Switzerland.



Simon

Simon is one of just 15 current collegiate players named to the junior national team and is one of only three players from a Central Collegiate Hockey Association team to be named to the 22-player junior national squad, joining Lake Superior State forward Jason Sessa and Michigan State forward Mike York. Simon and York will face off Friday night, when the Irish travel to East Lansing to take on the Spartans.

In preparation for the world junior championships, the U.S. junior team will participate in an eight-day training and competition camp from Dec. 17-24, to be held in Fussen, Germany. The camp will include a two-day mini-tournament, held Dec. 21-22, featuring national junior teams from Germany,

Slovakia, Sweden and the U.S.

In addition to Sessa and York, five other members of the junior national team play for teams on Notre Dame's 1996 schedule, including two players from St. Cloud State—defenseman Josh DeWolf and forward Mark Parrish—and a trio of forwards from Boston College—Blake Bellefeuille, Jeff Farkas and Marty Reasoner.

The roster features 10 returnees from the 1996 U.S. junior national team, which won three of its final four games to post a 3-3-0 record and finish fifth at the '96 world junior championships, which were held in Massachusetts.

"This team features many players with experience at this level of competition," said Jeff Jackson, USA Hockey national coach and the former head coach at Lake Superior. "We look for strong leadership and hard work to provide our country with a good showing. Collectively, this team is very good."

Jackson's assistant coaches include Greg Cronin, the interim head coach at the University of Maine, and Mel Pearson, the current assistant at the University of Michigan.

Simon has played in all 13 games for Notre Dame this season, recording four assists,

including a three-assist effort in the 7-5 comeback victory at then #3 Bowling Green. Prior to joining the Irish, Simon racked up 342 points (166 goals, 176 assists) during his prep career, which included three seasons with the Shaker Heights High School team and one with the Cleveland Barons.

Simon has spent the past three summers playing in foreign countries with various U.S. national teams. He played in Japan with the U.S. select-17 team before competing with the U.S. junior national team in Camrose, Canada, during the summer of '95. Simon spent last summer training in Finland with the U.S. world junior national team.

While with the Cleveland Barons last season, Simon was his league's third-leading scorer after totaling 45 goals and 46 assists in 50 games.

Simon's commitments with the junior national team will force him to miss a pair of Notre Dame non-conference games at Princeton (Dec. 28-29) and a CCHA home game vs. Miami University (Jan. 3).

■ BASEBALL

Lidge to try out for U.S. national team

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame sophomore right-handed pitcher Brad Lidge has been invited to participate in the 1997 USA Baseball national team trials, to be held January 8-12 in Tampa, FL. Lidge is among 66 amateur players who have been invited to assemble at Tampa's Legends Field, the spring training home of the World Series champion New York Yankees. The trials will serve as the first step in USA Baseball's evaluation and development process.

Participating players will be eligible for the 1997 USA baseball team, which will compete in the International Cup, to be held August 1-10 in Barcelona, Spain. In addition to its international competition schedule, the USA baseball team will play a domestic tour schedule in the summer of 1997, visiting several U.S. cities while playing international baseball powers such as Cuba, Nicaragua, Korea, and Australia. The 1997 squad will be lead by Bob Milano, the current head baseball coach at the University of California.

The players will be broken into three 22-man teams and the USA baseball staff will conduct player skills testing on January 9 (the session will be open to major league scouts). Two games will be played each day, from Jan. 10-12, following morning workouts.

Lidge is one of two players from the Big East Conference among the 66 invitees, joining Rutgers sophomore outfielder Adam Neubert. Lidge and Purdue sophomore right-handed pitcher Andrew Helmer are the only players invited to the national trials who play collegiately in the state of Indiana.

Lidge—who was drafted in the 42nd round by the San Francisco Giants after graduating from Cherry Creek High School—appeared in seven games last season on the deep Irish pitching staff, going 1-0-1 while posting a 5.40 ERA.

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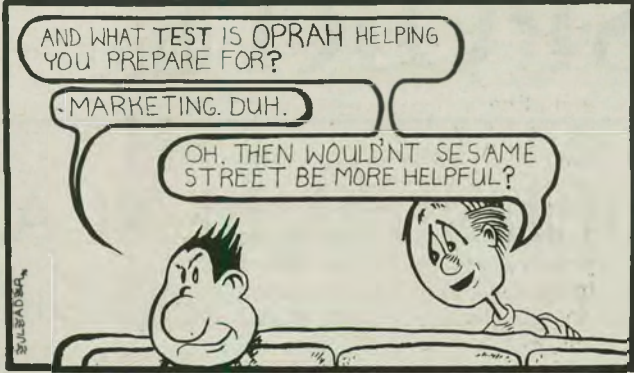
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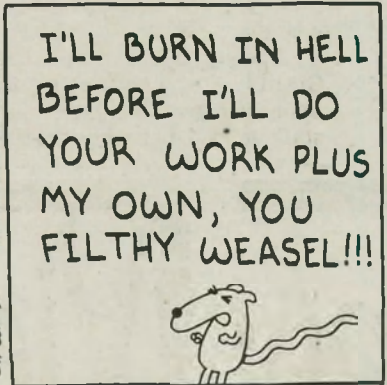


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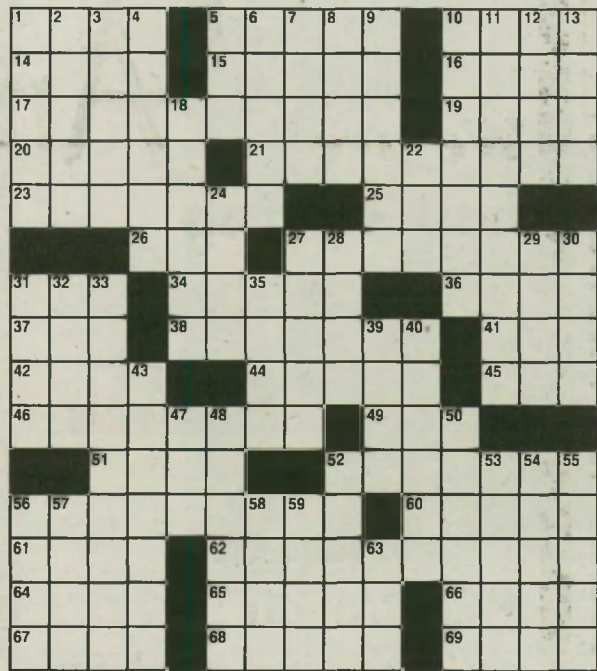
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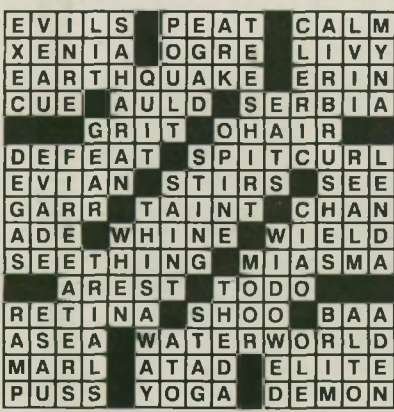


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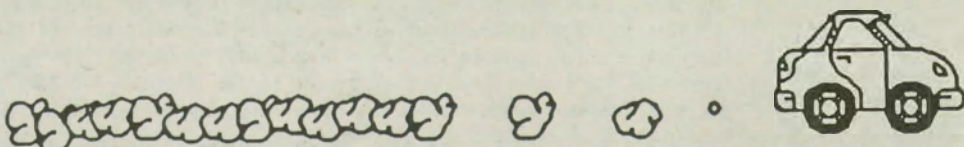
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■ VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame makes fifth straight NCAA appearance

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

For a team that has been hindered with numerous injuries, and has under-achieved with just a 8-10 out of conference mark, a second season wipes the record clean. For the Notre Dame volleyball squad, this second season comes in the form of the NCAA Tournament and it has already gotten off on the right foot as they received a favorable bid.

This past Sunday the Irish learned that they were given the fifth seed in their 12-team Central region. A top-notch schedule aided the team's seeding as eleven schools on their schedule made the 48 team field. The bid marks the fifth straight appearance in the tournament for Debbie Brown's squad. (Notre Dame is only one of four schools which saw its teams in women's soccer, men's soccer and volleyball all advance to the NCAA's this season with the others being George Mason, Maryland and Washington.) The five slot entails hosting a first round match against Hofstra tonight at 7 p.m. and the possibility of hosting a second round match. The winner of tonight's

contest will host the fourth seed Ohio State on Sunday due to facility conflicts in Buckeye land.

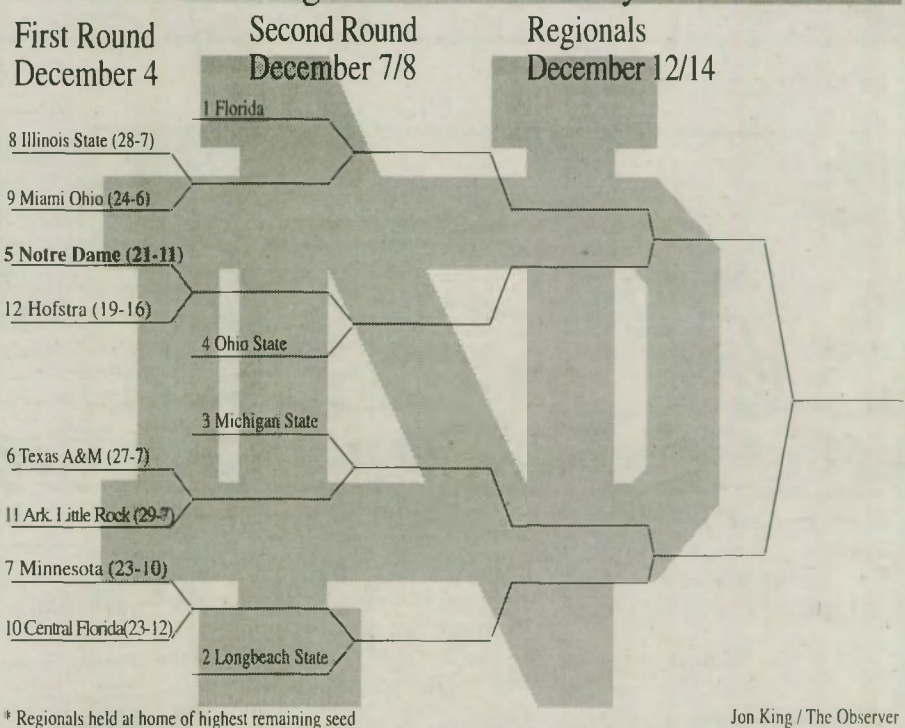
"I don't think it could have been any better for us," commented Brown. "We did not anticipate that we would be able to play at home in the second round as well. At this time of the year the home court advantage is really important, we can get a lot more rest, and we don't have to worry about travel."

Senior hitter and backrow specialist Kristina Ervin echoed Brown's sentiments, "We were very excited when we found out we were hosting the first and second rounds. Also, the fact that we will play Hofstra is exciting because we know we can beat them."

The squad is coming off a tough week-end in which they failed to win a game as Washington State and Pacific swept the Irish setters. Adding to the dismay was a dislocated finger on the hand of setter Carey May who had to sit out this week-end but is hoping to be available for tonight's contest. Filling in nicely for May was freshman Lauren Stettin who has

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NCAA Central Region Women's Volleyball Tournament



■ FOOTBALL

Future uncertain for coaches

By DYLAN BARMMER
Assistant Sports Editor

Transition continues to look anything but smooth for the Notre Dame football program, as widespread speculation has it that both offensive coordinator Dave Roberts and offensive line coach Joe Moore will not be returning to the Irish coaching staff for the 1997 season.

Roberts has been considered a strong candidate for a head coaching job since Lou Holtz announced his retirement a few weeks ago, with much of the speculation having him heading down South, where both his personal and coaching roots began.

Roberts, who turns 50 in February, grew up in Greenville, S.C., and joined the Irish staff three years ago after 10 seasons as a collegiate head coach, including a successful five-year stint at Division I-AA power Northeast Louisiana, whom Roberts guided to a fourth place ranking in the final I-AA poll in 1992.

Many sources felt that Roberts would leave the Irish after this season, citing his having taken a pay cut to remain on with the Irish and enjoy the tutelage of Holtz. Roberts, for his part, is not giving any answers.

At least not yet. "If you're going to stay with Bob (Davie), you have to make a four year commitment," said Roberts when contacted last evening. "I'm looking at other opportunities right now, trying to see what will shake down."

With a bevy of college coaching changes this season, the opportunities are indeed plentiful. There have been 20 head coaching changes in the Division 1-A college football



The Observer/Brandon Candura

Offensive Coordinator Dave Roberts is a prime candidate for numerous available head coaching positions.

coaching ranks this year, with 13 openings still remaining. But with a flurry of new hirings in the past few days, Roberts realizes he will have to decide quickly if he is to make the jump back into the head coaching circle.

"They're starting to fill up real quick, so if something comes up, I'm going to have to jump at it," commented Roberts of the remaining vacancies. Just yesterday, Illinois replaced the fired Lou Tepper with Chicago Bears offensive coordinator Ron Turner, and Fresno State hired Baltimore Ravens assistant Pat Hill to replace Jim Sweeney, who retired after 19 seasons at the helm of the Bulldogs.

Roberts' departure would leave a gaping hole in the Irish staff, not only because of his abilities as an offensive coordinator, but due to his prowess as a recruiter as well.

In 1986, Sports Illustrated named Roberts one of the top five recruiters in the country, and his presence at Notre Dame has enabled the Irish to sign Southern talent such as tailback Autry Denson and linebacker Lamont Bryant.

"I think he's a good offensive mind, and he obviously knows how to call a game," said Irish receiver Malcolm Johnson of Roberts. "I don't know what his plans are, but he is a valuable coach to any program."

Current defensive coordinator and 1997 head football coach Bob Davie feels no differently.

"I want what's best for Dave Roberts," said Davie when contacted by phone. "I think he's an excellent coach, and he deserves an opportunity to be a head coach. I'm just going to let Dave mull things over, and wait

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■ WOMENS BASKETBALL

Gaither again named player of the week

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame senior center Katryna Gaither was named Big East Player of the Week for the second straight week Tuesday.

Gaither earned the honor after being named MVP of the past weekend's Comfort Inn Downtown Classic tournament, where the Irish claimed the championship. In wins over Ohio and Georgia Tech, she averaged 29 points and 12.5 rebounds, including single-game school records of 40 points and 14 rebounds against Ohio. She recorded a career-high seven steals in 38 minutes of play. In the championship game, Gaither scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds en route to her 28th career double-double and fourth of the season.

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Top Ten Women's Basketball Rankings

	Record
1 Stanford	6 - 0
2 Connecticut	5 - 0
3 Louisiana Tech	7 - 0
4 Tennessee	6 - 1
5 Georgia	1 - 1
6 Old Dominion	4 - 1
7 Notre Dame	6 - 1
8 Alabama	2 - 2
9 Iowa	2 - 1
10 Texas Tech	3 - 0



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Katryna Gaither has led the team to their highest ever AP ranking.

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GLANCE

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Saturday, 4 p.m.

at Purdue
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA Final Four
vs. Portland
Friday, 5 p.m. PST



at Michigan State
Friday, 7 p.m.

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