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Friday Feature

Grace readies to house administration

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

The northeast corner of Mod Quad may seem more like an abandoned lot of barren rubble than a legitimate part of campus with the current renovation of Grace Tower. But with the renovations operating on schedule, the summer of 1997 should see Grace bustling with activity again.

Presently, most of Grace's existing room walls have been removed, to accommodate administrative offices larger than the areas formerly allotted for residences, according to Mike Smith, director of facilities engineering.

The fall's demolition has affected all 11 floors which are slated for renovation. Although the basic superstructure of the building has not changed, floor plans redesigned to accommodate administrators are now noticeably different from those which had previously housed 500 students.

Rewiring, drywall, and painting are among the many finishing touches workers are currently applying.

In a relocation frenzy scheduled for early next summer, many departments will be shifted from the Main Building to Grace in order to allow for the former structure's two-year renovation to commence. According to Smith, the offices of financial aid, student accounts, and the office of the registrar will move into Grace provisionally after its \$9 million renovation is complete.

"The human resource types of departments will have to be moved temporarily into Grace so that the Main Building can be taken care of," Smith explained. "They will be moved back, but administrative offices that don't deal with students will remain there."

Those departments include the offices of development, accounting, and investments.

At the same time as that Main Building project, Flanner Tower will



While over 70 workers are laboring to have Grace Hall ready by April to house Main Building refugees, signs from the building's days as a residence hall remain.

also begin renovations similar to those in Grace, where many walls have been knocked out to accommodate offices.

"When completed," Smith said, "Flanner will be converted for academic offices currently housed in the library."

Both towers, built in 1969, were designed for housing very large numbers of students. But according to Smith, "the most successful dorms, socially, on this campus are those with three or four floors," since they allow for more personal social interaction.

When this failure of the towers was finally confirmed in recent years, the decision was made by the Office of Residence Life to open four new dorms on West Quad. It was believed that this

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Legislation may open security logs to public

By MAUREEN HURLEY
Associate News Editor

Students may have open access to security logs maintained on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses in the near future, pending national legislation.

A proposed bill to toughen up guidelines on reporting crimes on college campuses will be up for vote when the 105th Congress convenes in January.

The proposed legislation, "The Open Police Logs Act," demands that campuses maintain daily police or security logs "recording in chronological order all crimes against persons or property reported to its police or security department, the date, time and location of such crimes, and, if an arrest has been made, the names and addresses of all persons arrested and charges against such persons arrested."

Security on Campus Inc., a nationwide organization focused on students' rights with regard to safety and security issues, is the primary group rallying behind efforts to increase student safety by making students more aware of crime issues.

The most notable provision in the bill, which is an amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1965, specifies that "all entries in daily logs shall, unless otherwise provided by State or Federal Law, be open to public inspection."

"What we are trying to find out is the truth, to save lives," said Connie Clery, who founded Security on Campus Inc. after her daughter was beaten, raped, robbed and murdered 10 years ago in her dorm room at Leigh University in Pennsylvania.

Officials at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's concur that a pro-active approach is necessary in order to maintain a safe college environment.

"I believe one of the best strategies to maintaining a safe campus is being aware," said Phillip Johnson, assistant

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Life Skills extends athletes' services

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

The University Athletic Department has provided a program that will help student-athletes to take better advantage of academic and service opportunities available at Notre Dame. Among other things, the Life Skills program assists student athletes who wish to try community service that they would not normally have the time or resources to be involved in.

"We have set up the program so that it helps in the holistic development of players," said Frances Shavers, coordinator of the program. Among other things, Life Skills emphasizes community service, academic honors programs, and better access to Notre Dame's Department of Career and Placement Services.

"We have been working closely with Career and Placement and they have been very helpful," Shavers said. "We also get assistance from Academic Student Services setting up study skills classes and ways to help the athletes bring



The Observer/Rob Finch

Hunter Smith, a punter for the football team, advised sixth-graders at Darden Elementary School yesterday on how to determine the difference between good and bad friends.

their entire college academic life into focus. We also want to recognize the possibilities for academic positions and awards, such as the Rhodes scholarship, for which the athletes may not have the time or information to apply."

Athletic Director Mike Wadsworth also elaborated on the purpose of the program.

"One of the many reasons that we wanted to start this program up," he explained, "was because we want to do all we can, not only to win but also to deal with the education of our athletes."

"Most of these students," he added, "have strongly focused

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New Age 'sculpture' drapes SMC in aprons

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's News Editor

In the midst of the portfolio review for art majors on campus, junior fine art major Kimm Michalik brings art out of the museum and into the Saint Mary's College community.

Instead of using clay or bronze in working on her sculpture project entitled "Found Object in Context," Michalik used administrators in aprons to make her artistic statement. The apron was chosen as her 'object' because of its strong symbolism. The apron has been traditionally associated with the home and the kitchen, and was in a sense a woman's uniform. Various women administrators donned the aprons to show the contrast between this out-dated uniform and the business suit that has replaced it.

As a part of the project, male administrators also wore aprons to show how men are taking on more household responsibilities in addition to their traditional work-



The Observer/Kim Michalik

College President William Hickey was one of over two dozen Saint Mary's administrators to don aprons as participants in a symbolic art project.

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Awake to the possibility of love

I spent fall break in a children's hospital at Stanford University. My youngest brother, eleven years old, was being tested for and conclusively diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. He underwent surgery and began chemotherapy which he will continue for a year. Never in my life have I known a stronger individual than my brother. Seeing someone you love in so much pain, especially when so young, is more than just a reality check. Only the Lord's strength and my brother's indomitable spirit made it bearable.

Brandon Williams
Assistant
Viewpoint Editor

In a children's hospital you are surrounded by pain. The wails of young kids pierce you like arrows, while the silent oratory of their undaunted souls inspires. The most perspective altering aspect of my experience was the complete absence of racial and class barriers at the hospital. My family met a Hispanic woman and her daughter, Sapphire. Sapphire was only nine years of age but already had up to twelve seizures a day. Meanwhile, Sapphire's mother has been diagnosed with breast cancer, and it is spreading to her brain. She will forgo treatment until she is sure that her daughter can be healed. These are two of the kindest people I have ever met. Our two families struck up a friendship instantaneously.

My family is white, theirs is Hispanic. This racial difference alone could be the basis for adamantly opposing political views, self-enforced separations, and even hatred. However, what we shared was something that sociologists and politicians rarely take into account: when facing pain and death there is no division, only prayer; in a hospital filled with insurmountable odds, only hope; walking down corridors of sickness, only love.

Why only when faced with the most extreme of circumstances do we open our eyes to the truth? We spend our days sleeping and, only when violently awakened by the most intense of dreams, do we see the sun's light. To our eyes, used to darkness, the light seems overpowering, even painful. The sad thing is it doesn't have to be that way. If we just opened our eyes, we could dream and the light would permeate even the most mundane or disheartening situation with beauty and color.

Here at Notre Dame and in America we point fingers at the poor for being lazy, or at the rich for being stingy, or at the whites for oppressing, or at the immigrants for stealing jobs. In truth, there are problems in our society, and all the sides have valid points. This necessarily perpetuates the search for government or administrative solutions. Why don't we instead solve the problems ourselves by choosing to look higher? We are racist until we fall in love. We argue vehemently until we meet the other side. We engage in class warfare until we stand at a hospital beside another human being.

Rousseau said, "Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains." I say Rousseau was wrong. Christ made everyone free but everywhere people are sleeping through this freedom. Think of what we could do if we aspire to climb to a Christ-like love before Christ has to pull us up with tragedy. I know that this is idealistic, but it's the Christmas season, and we're a new generation. I know two families from Palo Alto and Montana who have already seen it happen.

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

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

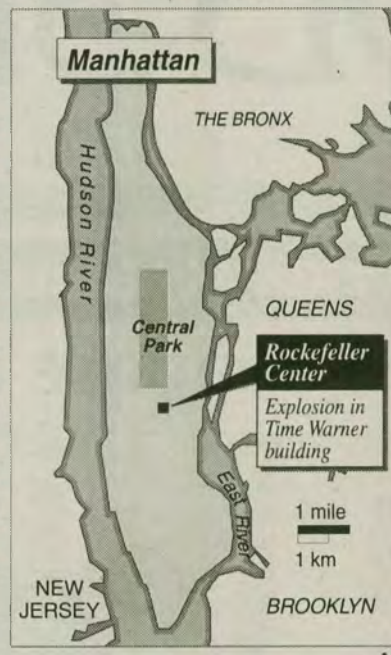
Explosion rocks Rockefeller Center during Christmas rush

NEW YORK
Smoke from a restaurant fire at Time Warner's headquarters shot up through the building and sparked an explosion on the roof, rattling windows and startling pedestrians crowding Rockefeller Center to view the Christmas tree.

Two restaurant workers suffered minor burns and six other people were treated for trauma due to the fire, which started in a packed TGI Friday's restaurant on the skyscraper's ground floor.

The smoke apparently rose through the ducts and caused an explosion shortly after 7 p.m. in an empty machinery room on the top floor of the 33-story building, said Fire Chief Edward Butler.

"All I saw was a ball of fire from by the ice machine," said Willie Monroe, who works in the restaurant's kitchen. "Suddenly the whole restaurant was just shaking. People



were just running out. They just panicked."

Thick black smoke briefly billowed from the machinery room and smothered the roof as workers and restaurant patrons poured into the street.

"People were coming out with soot and burns," said Anton Ruskaj, who works across the street at the Fashion Cafe.

Two kitchen workers were in stable condition and being treated for burns.

Five other restaurant employees and a police officer were treated for trauma.

The Time Warner building is across the street from the headquarters of The Associated Press and looks down on Rockefeller Plaza, which was filled with people admiring the famous tree and waiting for the Christmas show at Radio City Musical Hall.

Clinton selects Albright, Cohen

WASHINGTON
With a nod to history and politics, President Clinton nominated U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright on Thursday to be the first female secretary of state and chose GOP Sen. William Cohen to be defense secretary. With trouble simmering in Bosnia, the Middle East, North Korea and central Africa, the president declared that his new foreign policy team would "make sure that ... America remains the indispensable nation — the world's greatest force for peace." Clinton also moved National Security Adviser Anthony Lake to the CIA and promoted Lake's deputy, Sandy Berger, into Lake's job in the West Wing of the White House. The administration expects swift confirmations for Albright, Cohen and Lake; Berger's new position doesn't require Senate approval.



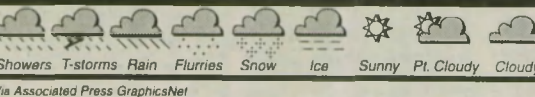
Police praise boy for saving mom

INDIANAPOLIS
A woman who was beaten, raped and held hostage overnight by an ex-boyfriend managed to summon help by smuggling a note to her son's teacher under the pretext that it was a permission slip for a field trip, police said. The second-grader was hailed for playing along with the ruse as his mother was getting him ready for school. "He is a little hero," said Speedway Police Chief Jeffrey Dine said. "He did a hell of a job." The ex-boyfriend, Hilton Pittman Jr., was charged with rape, criminal confinement, criminal deviate conduct and criminal trespass. Bond was set at \$60,000. Dine said Pittman, 33, forced his way Tuesday evening into the apartment where the 27-year-old woman lives with her son and 3-year-old daughter. She tried to call police, but the man ripped the phone from her hands, chased her, tore off her clothes, beat her and tied a pillow case around her face, police said. Pittman also raped her during the night, according to police. At dawn, she said she had to wake her son for school. After he was ready, she asked him to bring her the letter from his school that she was supposed to sign. "When the boy asked what letter, she said it was the letter about the field trip she was supposed to sign. The boy brought her a blank sheet of paper," Dine said. The note the mother gave her son said: "Please call police for me. I been rape and the man still in my house." The school principal called police.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

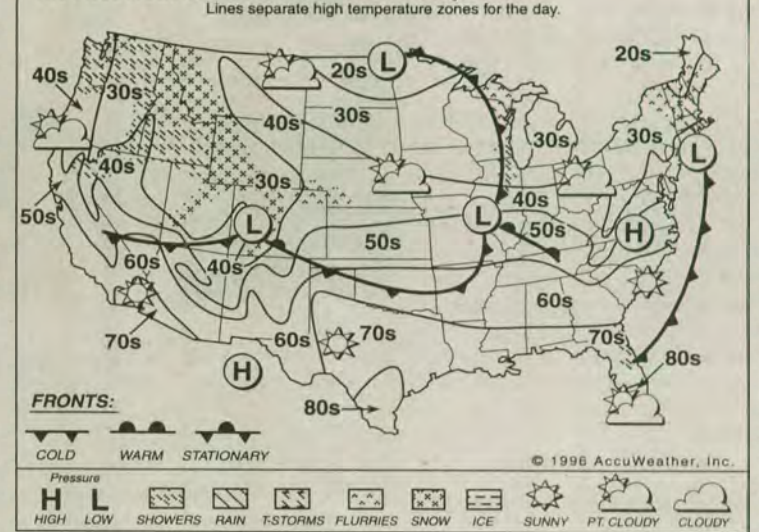
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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Art presentations provide overview for SMC students

By ANGIE LITTLE
News Writer

A renaissance of sorts will hit the campus of Saint Mary's College. This Wednesday, the fine arts students at Saint Mary's presented their semester art portfolios to be reviewed by members of the art faculty at the Gallery in the Moreau Center for the Arts.

The majority of students embraced the opportunity to gather the work they had accumulated from their different art classes and to present them in one display.

"The review gives you the opportunity to see your work come together," junior Catherine Bohan said. "You can see yourself separate from it, and from that perspective it is easier to pick out your strengths and weaknesses."

Professor Marcia Richard, chair of the art department, feels that the review is one of the strongest features the program has.

"It is a way for students to get an overview of their work, which is something that doesn't happen very often," she said. "Students are surprised by the connections that

are made from one area to the next."

Professors review each student's portfolio, focusing on her level of experience, technical and problem-solving abilities, and training. Then the professors have the opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions.

"Some students go into the review feeling they have had an unsuccessful semester," Richard said. "But when they see all of their work come together, something happens. Most times they realize they have made a breakthrough, and that is very exhilarating."

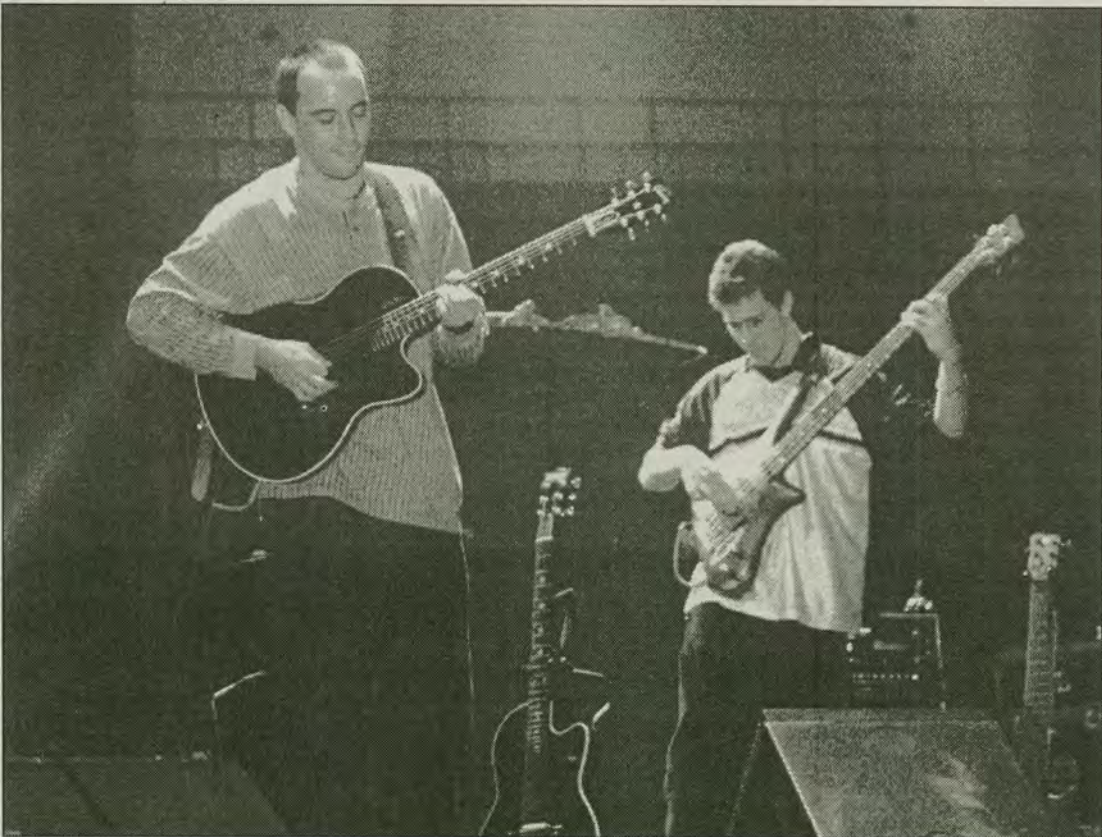
Students agree that they benefit from the reviews, and they do not take the criticism personally.

"The review is great because you receive feedback you wouldn't normally get," senior Erin Whealon said. "I take my criticism as being constructive. After all, that is what the faculty is here to do."

Following the review, students were either given a "pass," a "commendation," or a "fail," depending upon their performance. About 15 percent of the 45 reviews received commendations.

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So much to say, so much to say...



The Dave Matthews Band played to a packed Joyce Center last night. The band opened with a morose, low-key number, closed with "Dancing Nancies," and, in between, performed many of the hits from their two most recent albums.

Security, we have a problem... Gasoline leak sets golf cart ablaze

By HEATHER COCKS
Associate News Editor

On Wednesday morning, Notre Dame Security rushed to the scene of a golf cart fire on Courtney Lane.

An athletic maintenance staff member was driving the cart along that road, which runs between the football practice field and the tennis courts, at approximately 9:30 a.m. Rex Rakow, director of Security, reported that the fire was caused by gasoline, which apparently leaked out of the tank.

"I guess the driver noticed he was getting a hot seat, and he pulled over," chuckled Rakow.

The fire was not severe, and the driver was unharmed.

"I think it was more comical than serious,"

Rakow said.

In other news, Security apprehended a wanted man following what began as a routine license check early Tuesday morning.

The man was pulled over for speeding on campus, according to Rakow. After tailing the driver for a few minutes, an officer flashed his lights, and eventually apprehended the man.

"We ran his license through the national computers," Rakow said, "and it turned out there was an outstanding warrant for his arrest."

The suspicious character, a South Bend resident, was wanted for "malicious trespassing in the Turtle Creek area." Rakow speculated that his crime had been destruction of property. Such instances have been reported as recently as Nov. 26 in the parking lots of that apartment complex.

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Grace

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would allow for the kind of socialization indicative of the University. Grace and Flanner, on the other hand, were selected to be converted into office buildings.

Bill Kirk, assistant vice-president of residence life, saw this

as a creative move which will strengthen dorm unity for the former tower men. "By moving the guys from Grace and Flanner," he said, "we're creating different styles of residence living. I don't think you get a stronger sense of section unity than you see in Flanner Hall, but they're weaker with regard to hall unity, and that is what we are trying to increase with the move."

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place jobs.

For both the men and women participating in Michalik's project, the apron was a reminder of women's heritage and a tribute to the hard work done by mothers and grandmothers.

Approximately 25 administrators participated in the project, including the associate dean of faculty, Patrick White, who incorporated it into his afternoon lecture, and College President William Hickey.

"I participated in this project because it was a student project, and if I'm around at the time, I'm willing to help out. It was an innovative, creative look at art," Hickey offered.

Michalik petitioned various administrators a few weeks in advance to gain an estimate on who would participate in her project, and also to receive feedback from her willing participants.

"I was very excited to receive so many responses from willing

participants. It showed me a lot about how the administrators take to the students, that they are involved with them and not isolated from their concerns," Michalik said.

Michalik chose to do her project directly outside of the administrators' offices in LeMans Hall in order to expose students who pass through the hall on their way to their classes. This work of public art provided the students with stimulus for conversation as well as a greater awareness of gender issues in the workplace.

Patti Valentine, the director of public relations at Saint Mary's, was impressed with Michalik's work. "I enjoyed participating in this project," she said. "I thought that it was appropriate and significant taking place in an all women's college setting."

Athletes

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during their entire academic lives on the one aspect, the one sport. For many of them this will come to a screeching halt at the end of their collegiate career. We want to give them a chance to put all they've done together and present it to possible employers."

The program began in June 1995, when Tom Kelly was promoted to associate athletic director. He was charged with putting together a program similar to the NCAA Life Skills/ChAMPS program. ChAMPS stands for "Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success." Kelly examined both programs at other schools and opportunities available at Notre Dame before setting out to determine the best way to create a campus program.

The program now in effect depends on the Captain's Council to help bring ideas for service and tutoring for athletes.

"The coaches and players have all been really supportive," Shavers said, citing

involvement by former players such as Tony Rice, starting quarterback for the 1988 national championship football team.

One example of the service opportunities available through the program is "Athletes Against Drugs," a program which takes athletes to local elementary schools to talk to kids about how to stay off drugs.

"We go to the kids and each player takes about five or six aside and talks to them about how to keep drugs out of their lives," said Scott Palumbo, a kicker on the football team and one of the organizers of the program. "We relate to them as friends, and we have even had t-shirts made up that we give to the kids. But I do it just to see the smiles on their faces."

Palumbo used the Life Skills program to organize his idea. "Back in the summer, when we were at Culver [Military Academy] for training camp, myself, Hunter Smith, Jim Sanson, Scott Cengia and the rest of the kickers decided that we wanted to do some sort of anti-drug thing. Then we went to Ms. Shavers and she asked us to open it up to all sports

teams, and the program has really taken on an entirely new life since then."

The Life Skills program, according to Wadsworth, has effectively helped student athletes extend their experiences beyond the playing field to let them survive in the day to day working world.

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Thomas Roman Nicholas Schlidt

Dedring: Prevention is key to peacekeeping



By VIVIAN GEMBARA
News Writer

Juergen Dedring, a former senior official at the United Nations, brought his thoughts on international peace to the Notre Dame campus yesterday afternoon. Moving towards international peace, he posited, will require refocused strategies for the peace research community and changes in the international peace agenda.

Dedring began the lecture by examining the two primary approaches toward defining peace. Discerning between the "negative" and the "positive" approach is necessary to properly assess the post Cold War world of peace and conflict, he explained. "Negative" peace, he elaborated, concentrates on whether violence is existent or not, whereas "positive" peace is "peace with justice."

Dedring noted that the three components of positive peace are ecological stability, economic well-being and social justice. He asserted that peace research must assess each area in order to deal with the shifting focus on peace issues in the post Cold War era. The ultimate goal of this, of course, would be to establish something stronger than simply an absence of violence.

"The relevance of focusing on positive peace in

peace research is obvious," Dedring explained. "Non-violent revolution and transformation of integral conflicts has a lot of potential in years to come; the underlying statement is that people have to resist the violence."

He also emphasized the new and urgent need to focus attention on issues of interpersonal violence. The presence of violence in interpersonal relationships begins with the family, he said, while employment groups and social circles also comprise the network of interpersonal relations. Identifying violence at these levels, Dedring explained, will educate peace researchers on the source of cultural violence, and it will help answer questions on how to deal with it.

"The presence of violence in interpersonal relationships is a basic condition we need to resolve if we want to move forward in world peace," he said.

As evidence, Dedring cited case studies such as one recently conducted in Peru, which exposed both forced sexual relationships within families and societal acceptance of wife beating. As another example, Dedring stated that within South Korean culture, spousal abuse is

also commonplace.

The necessary reorganization of the priorities on the peace research agenda will take into account the interpersonal aspect of research. Dedring outlined a new agenda with four main priorities: first, to aim for a world without violence; second, to find a non-violent resolution of inter-group conflict; third, to establish strategies to prevent conflicts; and fourth and finally, to realize a world community with a systemic equilibrium.

Current programs of peace research focus on the peace agenda, but according to Dedring, they still need to pursue the new aspects in a more pro-active fashion.

"It is a utopian thought," he remarked, "but it takes us out of the immediate and lets us focus on the future, showing us how to remedy the problems."

He concluded with hope that people will remember the old adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

"Peace building provided in a preventative fashion means less mitigation when problems erupt," he said. "Prevention is needed to heal a society before it falls ill with a terminal disease."

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SECURITY BEAT

MON., DEC. 2

1:01 p.m. A Badin Hall resident reported the theft of her bike from the Badin Hall bike rack. The bike was not locked at the time of the theft.

6:45 p.m. Security responded to a two car accident outside of gate 6A at the Joyce center. There were no injuries reported.

TUES., DEC. 3

5:30 a.m. An Alumni Hall resident reported the theft of his CD player from

his room over Thanksgiving break. The room was locked at the time of the theft.

WED., DEC. 4

12:45 p.m. An Alumni Hall resident was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of injuries sustained during a fall.

2:20 p.m. A Keough Hall resident reported the theft of his bookbag from the South Dining Hall.

5:00 p.m. Security responded to a two car accident on Douglas Road. There were no injuries reported.



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Security

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director of Security at Notre Dame.

Strategies to get crime statistics and preventative information out to students so far this semester include the Security Beat published in The Observer, 1,500 table tents and over 600 flyers in the residence halls on crime prevention and notices posted on Security's link on the University's home page on the Internet, according to Johnson.

In addition, in the event of a serious crime on campus, alert bulletins are posted in the residence halls.

Saint Mary's security department employs similar reporting strategies. According to Richard Chlebek, director of Security, in

the instance of a serious crime on campus, campus watch bulletins are distributed throughout the residence halls. In addition, the department circulates brochures and flyers on crime prevention, and hosts a weekly programming in the residence halls regarding personal safety.

"We've done a lot to try to enhance our programs, and tried to reach out to students describing the services of the department," said Johnson.

However, despite an abundance of information on security issues on the campuses, officials express discouragement over students' tendency to take a safe campus for granted, thus making themselves vulnerable to crime.

"If you look at the campus, there's relatively few occurrences of crime [compared to society]. Therefore, most students are living in a way that

makes them vulnerable," Johnson said. "Students need to be aware, not fearful. They just need to take good sense steps."

Chlebek agreed. "No one's immune from becoming a victim. We work to build awareness to maintain a safe environment for students to learn, grow and socialize."

Along with congressional lobbying and providing legal support for victims of violent crimes on campus, Security On Campus Inc. maintains a home page on the World Wide Web with continual updates on violent crimes reported across the nation. In addition, it provides links to security-related pages on the Internet, including the Notre Dame Security homepage.

The organization is still most noted for its work to bring about awareness of current legislation created to publish crime statis-

tics, and to make that information more readily available to current and prospective students of colleges.

Campuses are currently held responsible for reporting crimes to students due to the Campus Security Act of 1990, which requires all colleges and universities receiving federal funds to release annual statistics on murder, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft to the public.

In September, following criticism that colleges bury those statistics, the House of Representatives unanimously approved a resolution calling the Department of Education to toughen up on the enforcement of the 1990 act. During that same session, "The Open Campus Police Act" was initially presented, yet tabled until the next congressional session.

Security officials cite the societal trend of under-reporting of crimes, particularly sex offenses, as the primary problem inherent in compiling campus crime statistics.

"One of our biggest problems is that the students themselves don't report to anyone some of the offenses that occur," Chlebek said. "The breakdown of statistics may not be totally reflective of what occurs on campus."

At Notre Dame, the crime statistics are posted on the Internet, at <http://www.nd.edu/~ndspd>, and copies are made available to students, prospective students and employees, Johnson said.

Saint Mary's statistics are posted in a brochure "Campus Safety Awareness Information." They are given to students at orientation and are always available at the security office, according to Chlebek.

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Ex-official admits trashing papers

By MARCY GORDON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON
A former Commerce Department official who helped arrange trade missions discarded documents related to the trips two months after a federal judge ordered the department to turn such papers over to a conservative group, lawyers said Thursday.

The official, Melinda Yee, testified in a deposition Wednesday that her department colleagues didn't inform her of the Freedom of Information Act document requests by the group Judicial Watch and did not ask her to search for them.

Yee's testimony was confirmed Thursday by both her lawyer, Nancy Luque, and Larry Klayman, the chairman and general counsel of Judicial Watch. The group successfully sued the Commerce

Department in January 1995 to force it to release the trade mission documents.

Failing to direct Yee to provide her notes of planning meetings for the trade missions and other related documents would be "a serious violation of law," Klayman charged.

But Luque said Yee's notes dealt mainly with logistics for the trade missions rather than "substantive" matters. She said the notes likely covered a trade trip to China and possibly one to India.

A status conference before the federal judge in Judicial Watch's case is scheduled for Friday.

By questioning Yee and other current and former department officials, Judicial Watch is seeking to discover whether the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown offered U.S. companies invitations to trade missions as a way of raising campaign contributions for

Democrats.

Luque said that Yee "had absolutely no role in deciding who would go" on the foreign trade missions. Yee also made clear during her sworn testimony Wednesday that she never engaged in fund-raising activities while at the Commerce Department, Luque said.

According to Luque and Klayman, Yee testified she threw away the notes in question and related documents after she became a senior adviser to Brown in July 1995. Because she was leaving her job in the trade area, Yee reckoned she no longer needed the notes, Luque said. The attorney said her client at that time was unaware of the judge's order.

In May 1995, U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth ordered the Commerce Department to turn over more than 30,000 pages of documents to Judicial Watch.

Clinton lights, dedicates national Christmas tree

By LAWRENCE KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

On a crisp evening, President Clinton pressed the button to light the sparkling, multicolored national Christmas tree Thursday, dedicating it to peace and love and the young people of world.

"Let us rejoice that our nation is at peace and in what we have done ... to help other people in other lands to make their peace," the president said.

It was the fourth time that Clinton has presided over the lighting of the 40-foot Christmas tree on the Ellipse south of the White House.



Clinton

"Hillary and I look forward to being here every year," he said. "I told her I never quite get into the spirit of Christmas until I come here to the Pageant of Peace." The first lady, wearing a bright red muffler and matching mittens, applauded in agreement.

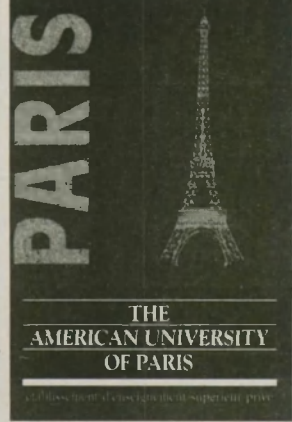
With the illuminated White House, the Washington Monument and the Jefferson Memorial serving as background props, Clinton said the tree represents "a spirit of sharing and giving, of gathering with family and friends, and coming together as one community."

"At Christmas and throughout the year the greatest gift we can give our children is the gift of peace," Clinton said.

He then pressed the button and the tree came alive in an electronically changing pattern of design and lights, flashing from white to green to red.

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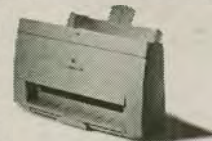
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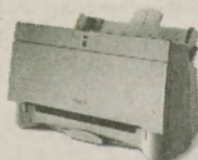
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■ CAPITOL COMMENTS

A year of football, demonstrations and frustration

December is traditionally a time to reflect on what was and to peek into the crystal ball on what is yet to be. Thus far this year, the competition for the honor of top news story on campus has been fierce. Football scores, coaching changes, new stadium seats and lights have rivaled binge drinking, women's rights, racist attitudes, the Student

ate programs. Some have even advocated term limits for all administrators with the rank of vice president or higher. A few have pointed to Coach Holtz as a classic example of the need for new blood at the turn of each decade, and some have suggested that Father Malloy's two "no confidence" vote considerations by the Faculty Senate in recent years makes him an ideal candidate.

The joke circulating in alumni circles concerns the new 20,000 football seats. What effect will it have on alumni? The average price of a scalped ticket will fall from \$80 to \$60! What else can we expect next football season? My friend answers, "More expensive ticket prices for more seats promised to every contributing alumnus but given on the basis of your contribution so those seats are actually nonexistent to us not in the Sorin Society (\$1,000 or more contribution). And we can expect more expensive parking located farther away from the stadium unless we give \$3,000 or more (at which time the University also provides parking near the stadium).

It is ironic that a University that prides itself on being the most Catholic of all American universities keeps such a keen eye on the financial bottom line and maintains a conservative, closed, self-righteous image. Ask Lou Holtz how he was robbed of a national title in 1993 because of ND's "holier-than-thou" image in college sports.

Some think that Notre Dame discriminates during its application process by setting aside a quarter of the class for children of alumni. It is known that ND selectively weighs the public relations impact of any decision, especially when it denies gay students recognition or the ability to celebrate coming out day. Yet my alumnus friend finds it hypocritical that the University would accept a \$5,000 grant from the Liberate Foundation. As he likes to quip, "Take the fag money, but call them 'fags' to

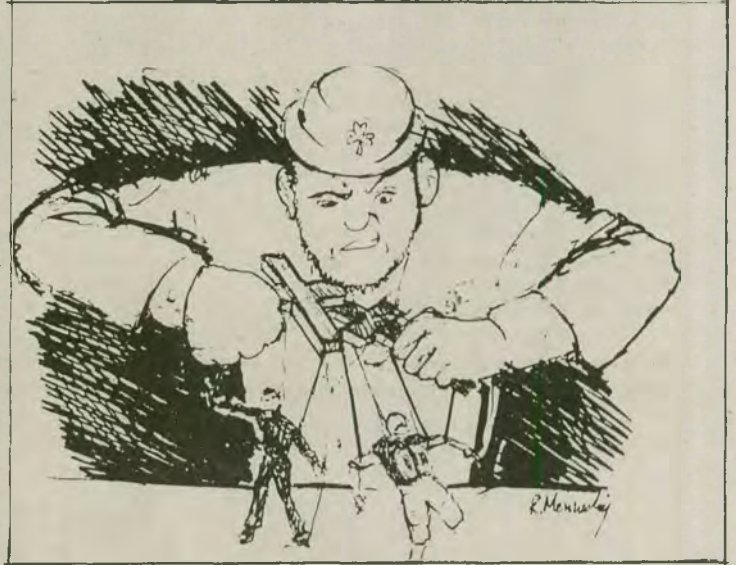
cover your butt."

Notre Dame takes care of its friends my friend characterizes as "conservative Catholic Kooks." Certainly ND will never take the lead on issues like ordaining women clergy in the Catholic Church. Yet, it remains silent when the fanatic conservative students who march goose step with the Catholic Church's party line display their immature prejudice by publishing a trash paper, the Right Voice or Reason or Whatever... it's not worth knowing its title. If they were not so personal and nasty, but insightful and academically polite, their views might be worth evaluating.

At times when an injustice is being committed, I give thanks for students who step up above their fellow Notre Dame clones to speak up for what they believe... liberal or conservative. My selections for the best efforts this semester go to freshman Matt McCoyd of Flanner Hall who wrote a letter in favor of free speech for GLND/SMC and Observer Copy Editor Sean Smith who wrote an article on fear of the unknown when dealing with GLND/SMC.

As The Observer celebrates its thirtieth anniversary, we all can be proud of how much it has improved professionally and technologically advanced over the years. Without The Observer, slick deals would be the rule of the day in the main building.

Authority talks a mean game, but the press always changes the dynamics of the argument by exposing all points of view.



As we approach 1997, it is only a matter of time before gay issues will prevail throughout our legal system because anything less is discrimination on the scale of race or physical disability. Notre Dame will be one of the last to recognize gay students. It will only be a matter of time before women play a more active role in the Church, maybe during the next Pope's tenure. Notre Dame will lag a little in that regard too. However, it will be a rather long time before another Cardinal Bernardin emerges in the American Catholic Church. Unfortunately, until tolerance, humility and forgiveness permeate the campus, the next Bernardin will not be from Notre Dame.

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Gary Caruso



Senate and Faculty Senate frustrations and free speech demonstrations by gay students. Tragically, most of these events would never have occurred if Notre Dame administrators had shared the philosophy of former Chicago Cardinal Joseph Bernardin.

The nearby Cardinal was a person many thought could be our first American Pope. Bernardin's mission was one of inclusion and diversity. His efforts to heal the rift between American Catholics from the left and right through Project Common Ground is a model for the entire Notre Dame community. And while Bernardin routinely received criticism from his peers in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., at least Cardinal Roger Mahoney of Los Angeles routinely stood by him in an attempt to make American Catholics tolerant, humble and forgiving.

If Notre Dame had a Bernardin in its ranks, several of my alumni friends would not have turned the love and loyalty of their youth into disgust and frustration. They are fed up with the University's obsession for more money and new graduate studies at the expense of ND's renowned undergradu-

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Most all the time, the whole year round, there ain't no flies on me/ But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I can be!"

—Eugene Field

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Responsibility must be part of ND curriculum

Dear Editor:

As much as I hate to spoil Coyne's fun, I'm afraid that I'm not quite ready to give up that last word just yet. However, before I go any further, I will make one solemn promise to those who have grown tired of my letters — this is the last one. But for now, I still have a few matters in mind that I believe are worth clearing up.

However, before I begin my rebuttal, I'd like to acknowledge the obvious fact that Coyne and I have inevitably wound up addressing different audiences. Therefore, if you're the type of person who is rapidly running out of door space as more and more of Coyne's precious articles appear, then you can go ahead and turn the page — I'm sure that the Accent section's latest soap opera update will hold your attention much longer than I can. On the other hand, if you've ever spent a Saturday night sober, listening to the annoying and pointless babble of the ubiquitous mass of sloshed socialites outside your door, then read on and see if I can't manage to make a little sense. Then later you can trade info with your cooler than cool friends — you can tell them what Oross had to say this time and they can tell you who's sleeping with whom on Days of Our Lives.

After upbraiding me so righteously in the past, Coyne slipped down into the realm that was supposedly reserved only for the likes of me — the personal attack. He writes, "I know the type of person you are, the standard brooding intellectual who bites his thumb at everything 'mainstream' Notre Dame because of its bile attitudes and compromised morality." He goes on to accuse me of being "a misanthropic teetotaler" and "the quintessential angry young man," then states that the motive behind my anger is basically jealousy for his ability to "enjoy [himself] both in the bars and [in his column]."

Guess what? Yep, he's missed it again. While I admit that I do oppose underage drinking, being an actively-recruiting "teetotaler" was never part of my policy. Let's get one thing straight — I couldn't care less if you're over 21 and you drink. Doesn't bother me a bit. While we're at it, why not dispel one more myth — that I'm driven by deep moral conviction. Sorry, but so-called "morality" has absolutely nothing to do with my position. All too often, "morality" becomes nothing more than a hollow buzz word for

repressive, ultraconservative, ethnocentric banter. If I had any desire to be "moral," I suppose I'd spend my time attacking Matthew Apple's web page or denouncing the gay and lesbian community — as it is, I'm not inclined to do either. Accordingly, the morality of drinking has never been the issue with me. If you want to know whether it's "right" or "wrong," then talk to a priest, pray to Buddha, consult the Oracle, break out the magic eight ball, chart the stars, or get your palms read, but leave me out of it. (Now I've alienated about a quarter of my audience — still think I'm in this for fame?)

And you know what? I never said that it was the issue. What I have been arguing for from the very beginning is responsibility, and if I sound a bit angry and misanthropic in addressing the "mainstream" of Notre Dame, that's because I have every reason to be. Look at the situation on this campus. The "national leaders of drunkenness" have quite a nice little home here, don't they? A lax alcohol policy, indifferent rectors and RA's, sympathetic faculty members — what more could the aspiring young lush look for in a school? (Farewell to my administrative readers...)

But what do the more assertive drunks in the bunch do with all of these boons? They sit back and whine about their lack of freedom. In petty little tantrums, they blame the University for their problems and they ask to be treated like adults. And most of all, they get furious when someone like me, unencumbered by the haze of intoxication, points it all out and makes them own up to what they've been doing. After all, what's more annoying to a drinker than being pulled out of his or her buzz?

Unfortunately, no one seems to see the dangerous side of developing in an environment like the one here at Notre Dame where one or two or three (or four or...you get the idea) nights of indulging one's thirst carries with it little or no consequences. But I see it. And I'm not afraid to point it out. And if that makes me a "crusader," then I guess it's a label I'll learn to live with.

Because that danger lies in the very fact that the people will someday venture away from the Golden Tap and out into the real world. Eventually, they'll be in a situation where their random nights of fun carry a price — both for themselves and for those around them. Don't get me wrong — some of them will be

just fine. They'll whisk themselves away to the blissful professional world where the champagne flows in rivers and their three-martini lunches are always just right, and they'll look back on their days here (the ones they can remember anyway) with a fondness you can't imagine. Don't believe me? Take a look at some of our more distinguished alumni when the next home football game rolls around. (Another segment of the readership gone...)

But some of them won't be so lucky. Some of them will take the irresponsibility lessons they learned here and put them to good use. They'll be the ones I spoke of in my first letter — the date rapists, the drunk drivers, the domestic abusers, and the twelve-steppers. And to the very end, they'll swear it wasn't their fault. The tease they were going out with, the slippery road, the nagging wife, the pressure of their job — they'll always find somebody to blame.

Now of course, it won't happen anybody here. They only get drunk every once in a while and only because there's nothing else to do and they never drive when they're drunk — well, except for that one time but it wasn't very far and there was no way around it — and they'd never hurt anyone else or force them to do something they didn't want to do, only sometimes it's so hard to tell, especially when the "anyone else" is drunk too. No, it'll never happen to anyone here.

And now, our friends the walking wasted can even breathe a little easier than before — as I said, these are my final words on the subject.

Oh, and one last note to those who, like Coyne, found me to be more hateful and bitter than enlightening: If you're worried that someday in the not-so-distant future I'll be perched atop the water tower with an assault rifle in one hand and a crumpled stack of Coyne's columns in the other, all the while screaming, "they never listened!" you can relax — I'd never find a target that was worth the bullet anyhow. (There, now I've alienated everybody...)

S.E. OROSS

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■ RIGHT OR WRONG?

Timing is everything in abortion, euthanasia

"How can I give my only boy to the state to kill?", Mrs. Barbara Peterson said as her 18 year-old son, Brian, surrendered to Newark, Delaware, police. Brian and his girlfriend, Amy Grossberg, also 18, are charged with first-degree murder for killing their baby boy after she gave birth to him on Nov. 12 at the

Charles
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Comfort Inn in Newark. Delaware law provides for the death penalty where the victim of an intentional homicide is under 14 years of age. The prosecutors are seeking that penalty against both Brian and Amy.

The autopsy showed that the full-term, healthy baby died from "multiple fractures... with injury to the brain due to blunt force, head trauma and shaking." Their lawyer does not concede that Brian and Amy killed the baby, but they did put him in a plastic bag which they put in a trash container in the hotel parking lot. It is unclear whether the injuries to the baby happened before or after he was put in the trash bin. After the birth, Brian and Amy returned to their colleges. The incident came to light when she was hospitalized for complications from the delivery. The next day a search dog found the body of the 6 lb., 2 oz. boy in the trash bin.

Mrs. Peterson's question has a point. On what reasoned basis can the State of Delaware claim the right to kill Brian and Amy? They are candidates for lethal injection, not because they intentionally

killed an innocent human being, but because they waited ten minutes too long and used the wrong method. Brian and Amy would be in the clear if they had hired an abortionist to solve their problem, even during delivery, by a partial-birth abortion, which is legal thanks to President Clinton's successful veto of the ban enacted by Congress. The Supreme Court has decreed that abortion may not be banned, even in the ninth month, when it is sought to protect the mother's mental health as could be claimed in a case such as this. Had Brian and Amy exercised their "right to choose" in this way, the abortionist would have dilated the entrance to the uterus sufficiently to deliver the baby's body, except for the head. He would have delivered the baby, feet first, except for the head. He then would have inserted scissors into the base of the baby's skull and opened the scissors to enlarge the hole. He would have inserted a suction catheter and sucked out the baby's brain. The head would have collapsed and the abortionist then would have removed and disposed of the body. If they had chosen that course, Brian and Amy then could have gone back to college, not as targets of a homicide prosecution, but as vindicators of the preferred constitutional "right to choose."

Brian's attorney, Joseph Hurley, said that he "can't imagine" using an insanity defense. In fact, Brian and Amy would seem to be more in touch with reality than are the Supreme Court and the State of Delaware. Their boy was no less a human being — and, in truth, no less a person — during delivery, or at his conception, than he was when they killed him or put him in the trash bin. Yet the Court and the State would have mobilized the federal marshals to protect their right to kill him before birth and even during delivery. But because

Brian and Amy waited for ten minutes and didn't use an approved method of killing, the State says that they themselves must be killed. So who's crazy? As columnist George Will put it: "Could Delaware choose to execute (Brian and Amy) by inserting scissors into the bases of their skulls, opening the scissors, inserting suction tubes and sucking out their brains? Of course not. The Constitution forbids choosing cruel and unusual punishments."

The killing of newborn babies, who could have been legally and secretly aborted, is not all that rare. This case drew attention because Brian and Amy are children of wealth and who could have easily had an abortion. But their case reminds us that legalized abortion will inevitably lead to infanticide and euthanasia. All three are founded on the denial of personhood to the victim.

In any legal system where personhood is the condition of possessing rights, all human beings are inherently entitled to be treated as persons, especially with respect to the right to live. In *Roe v. Wade*, in 1973, the Supreme Court ruled that the unborn child is not a "person" at any time before birth and therefore has no constitutional rights. The Court declined to decide whether the unborn child is a human being. Rather, the Court decreed that, whether or not he is a human being, he is a nonperson. The ruling is therefore the same in effect as a ruling that an acknowledged human being may be treated as a nonperson and deprived of the right to live. Once that principle is adopted, it cannot be contained. Partial-birth abortion is one application. Brian and Amy made another. And euthanasia of burdensome and useless incompetents will predictably follow.

Through the depersonalization of the innocent, our legal system fosters the "culture of death," described by John

Paul II as "a war of the powerful against the weak: A person who, because of illness, handicap, or more simply, just by existing, compromises the well-being or lifestyle of those who are more favored tends to be looked upon as an enemy to be resisted or eliminated." (*Evangelium Vitae*, no. 12)

To resist to the culture of death, we must insist that the right of the innocent to life is absolute, without exception, because it comes from God. Ironically, the tactics of some opponents of abortion have had the unintended effect of reinforcing the abortion culture. In any civilized society, the question must be whether innocent human beings may be legally executed. Some abortion opponents have proposed merely to regulate abortion or to allow it for the life of the mother, rape, or incest. Such compromise tactics frame the issue in terms of which innocents may be killed. The campaign to ban Partial Birth Abortion was a further retreat, framing the issue not in terms of *whether*, and not even in terms of *which*, but in terms of *how* the killing may be done. That campaign did expose the depravity of the abortion culture. But it reinforced that culture by focusing on the method of killing rather than on the murder as such. Brian and Amy could fairly conclude that if the method is what counts, their method was more humane than puncturing their boy's head and sucking his brain out.

Brian Peterson and Amy Grossberg, in a sense, are themselves victims of the culture of death. They will be tried according to fair procedures in a court of law. But the ultimate culprits are the judicial and other promoters of a system which sanctions the execution of the innocent in any case whatever.

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'Tis the Shop

By DAN CICHALSKI
Assistant Accent Editor

The Christmas season has always been characterized by familiar traditions. Selecting a tree and trimming it, sending the cards, caroling, "It's a Wonderful Life," eggnog and, of course, shopping.

What once seemed like just another part of the whole Christmas experience has developed into its own entity. There is Christmas and then there is Christmas shopping.

From gifts and cards to decorations and accessories, there is always something to buy in the weeks before December 25. And the retailers do all that they can, and perhaps more, to make sure that the consumers out there do not forget to buy, buy, buy this holiday season.

At the University Park Mall in Mishawaka, stores hauled out the garland and the trees in the middle of November and the Shopping Season is now in full force.

Camelot Music brought out its stock of holiday music on November 4 this year, and even that was too late for some consumers. "We had customers come in here the week before Halloween asking for Christmas music," said Dan, a manager at the Camelot store in the mall. "Sometimes, depending on when the [new Christmas] music hits, we've had it out before Halloween."

This year's crop of new Christmas "carols" may seem relatively small, but is made up of a few big names in the recording industry. Jimmy Buffett has released "Christmas Island," featuring traditional and original songs such as "Happy Christmas (War is Over)" and "Ho Ho Ho and a Bottle of Rhum."

Vanessa Williams and Michael Bolton have also come out with Christmas collections this year and "Star of Wonder" (country) and "O Come All Ye Faithful" (alternative) feature holiday tunes recorded by some of the biggest artists in each musical genre.

Even though prospective shoppers may feel they are drowning in the tidal wave of retail advertising for the holidays, Dan sees very little change in the shopping patterns each year: "It never changes. Always, the day after Thanksgiving there's mobs of people in the stores shopping like crazy. The traffic patterns

never change. What seems to get earlier every year is trying to find people to work. We start looking in October."

One aspect that shoppers might not consider when the buying blitz begins is that the date of Thanksgiving plays a big role in the crowds out at the stores in December. "Black Friday," the day after Thanksgiving, has a lot to do with that. The only people who have to work that day, it seems, are cashiers in stores. Some consumers choose that day to begin their shopping while those who have already started take advantage of the free day to join the throngs in line at the cash registers.

But those who waited until Black Friday to begin their shopping are a week behind this year. "The calendar's screwed up this year," said Dan. "Last year, [the third week in November] was Thanksgiving week. Sometimes, Thanksgiving comes and you still have another week to go until December. Now, you don't; you've got Thanksgiving and December [was] Sunday. It goes right into it. People are going to start thinking, 'Holy moley, I've got to get moving.' We think there's going to be a bigger crunch."

If there is any one business that appears to have gotten the most, if not more, out of Christmas (and other holidays for that matter), it is Hallmark. The Hallmark store in UP Mall has aisles and shelves stocked with cards, ornaments, snow globes, winter villages and other gadgets and trinkets for Christmas collectors. Designs on boxed cards range from Norman Rockwell reproductions to Elvis Presley to traditional heartwarming religious messages to the zany and amusing Shoebox line.

Although they are recognized as a card company, Hallmark's biggest draw this time of year is their ornaments. In addition to familiar depictions of Santa Claus, reindeer, nutcrackers and wide-eyed children, there are always unique decorations that can help personalize any tree. For science fiction fanatics, there are "Star Wars" and "Star Trek" figures; sports fans can hang Troy Aikman, Larry Bird, or Nolan Ryan from the boughs; and children will be happy to see Quasimodo, Esmeralda or other Disney characters bending the branches.

If it seems that Christmas begins before summer is over, that might be because it does at

Hallmark. "The ornaments go up in June," said Debbie Bickel, a manager at the store in the mall. "You have so many collectors and so many different series. They come in and if we don't have the ornaments, they put their names on waiting lists. Sometimes [Hallmark] has maybe three or four late [ornament] releases."

The rush for ornaments is the result of Hallmark's policy of not duplicating ornaments. They come out for six months and when they are sold out, that's it. "Every year they start two or three new series and then they have the continuing, ongoing series," Bickel said. "On October 24, I tried reordering a lot of the ornaments that I was already sold out of and I couldn't get them. Hallmark was already out."

Although the ornaments are on display and up for sale for half the year, Hallmark kicks off its Christmas season with an open house each year. "Hallmark Christmas Open House is usually two weeks before Thanksgiving," Bickel said. "That's when Hallmark nationally advertises their special products for the upcoming season."

It might seem like few buyers would notice Christmas ornaments in October, let alone June. And it might be hard to believe that such things would be sold so early in the season. Early Christmas card sales are understandable since people want to get them out to their friends and relatives early. But Hallmark is already watching their stock leave the shelves quickly: "This year, they're [shopping] early," said Bickel. "This year I've found that our sales have increased tremendously, even before Thanksgiving weekend. They were up 19%."

Of course, no shopping season or experience would be complete without a stop at one major department store to find nearly everything within the confines of a single outlet.

Sears is among the largest stores at University Park and they also gear up for Christmas early. "Our first day [with the Christmas merchandise out] was October 13. That's three weeks later than what it was last year," said a Sears manager who preferred that his name not be used. "I think we have a well-displayed, tremendously stocked Christmas department."

"Tremendous" is an appropriate term to describe Sears' selection. Their extensive display of lights includes indoor/outdoor stringed sets in virtually every combination in which such

Christmas in Chicago



By DAN CICHALSKI
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With the semester ending and all those last papers, tests and finals looming in the distance; with nearly every dorm on campus trying to hold a Christmas SYR tonight and tomorrow; and with all those last dinners and parties with friends that will be on the other side of the country for a month between semesters, December is perhaps the only month during the school year where there is not enough time to do everything that needs to be done.

And there is definitely not enough time for fun.

But for those who will put off packing or studying (shh, don't tell Mom and Dad) and take tomorrow or a "study day" to venture out into the frigid Midwest, there are plenty of holiday-related things to do. And Chicago has most of them.

The Windy City kicked off its holiday celebration two weeks ago with the tree lighting ceremony and Magnificent Mile Lights Festival. But there are plenty of displays and

other events continuing through the month of December.

The heart of the Chicago's Christmas spirit is located in the area of State and Randolph Streets, near Marshall Field's on the north side of the Loop. State Street was recently renovated and reopened to become more of an attraction in the city and features lights, shopping and Sears' Skate on State ice rink.

The windows facing the street at Marshall Field store are adorned with holiday scenes and the outside of the store is done with trumpeting angels, calling shoppers and tourists into the store to spend their money. And don't miss the Christmas tree in Dale Plaza at Washington and Dearborn streets.

Santa Claus hangs out in the Trim-A-Hug department on the seventh floor of the Carson Pirie Scott store (among other places) until Christmas Eve. The store is located on State Street between Madison and Monroe. There's also a "Breakfast with Santa" until December 24 as well but that involves buying tickets and making a reservation for the breakfast and accompanying show. Call (800) 374-3000 for information.



opping Season

lights can come: multi-colored; red, white and green; all red, green, blue or white; red and green. They even carry Kodak and Crayola brand lights. There are also light sculptures. Designs are available in the shape of holiday greetings ("Merry Christmas" for example) or symbols (a shooting star).

For those who prefer the consistent height and guaranteed fullness of a plastic Christmas tree, here is a small forest from which to choose six-and-a-half to nine-foot Montgomery Pines, Mountain Firs, White Feathers, Bennington Pines or Arctic Spruces.

No extensive (and expensive) Christmas display would be complete without some animated or lighted figures there to liven up the scene. This category includes Santa in the bathtub singing carols or on the scale weighing in at 308 pounds. There is also Mrs. Claus baking a gingerbread house and Santa ironing his coat. Sears even has several Disney figures, most notably Mickey and Minnie Mouse, all dressed up for the holidays.

Like Camelot Music and Hallmark, Sears has already had good business for the opening of its Christmas season. "The Craftsman Tool Belt [was] already sold out [a week before Thanksgiving]," the manager said, referring to their collection of Sears/Craftsman ornaments which feature Craftsman tools in a festive way. "We sell out of items long before Halloween. As soon as we get [the displays] up, people come in and buy them because they know we only get one shipment. When it's gone, it's gone."

Sears and other stores hope that their Christmas stock will join the Craftsman Tool Belt, leaving empty spaces on the shelves. Otherwise, it might not be considered a successful season. "Last year, we didn't have anything but, other than some bows, wrapping paper, and maybe some Christmas cards and some lights after Christmas," the Sears manager said. "People were coming in for our half-price Christmas sale, and there wasn't anything to buy. And that's the idea: to sell out before Christmas. And, of course, when this is all gone, then this section becomes the patio furniture."

Patio furniture in January. It fits right in with Christmas ornaments in June.



A couple of holiday theater productions are currently running in Chicago. Through December 30, the Goodman Theater continues its traditional production of "A Christmas Carol," which might be of interest to those who did not get enough of it with Notre Dame's performance. The Goodman is at 200 South Columbus Drive.

"That's Christmas! Chicago's Merry Musical" is premiering at the Shubert Theater (22 West Monroe Street) until January 5. The show stars Sandy Duncan, formerly of "The Hogan Family," and features special guest Darlene Love.

For those who enjoy relating the holidays to the natural world and other cultures, the Adler Planetarium offers a holiday-based exhibit. On Lake Shore Drive east of Soldier Field and north of Meigs Field, the Adler Planetarium presents the "Star of Wonder" sky show which explores possible astronomical explanations for the Star of Bethlehem that led the shepherds to the stable where Jesus was born.

On the north side of the city, all along as well as beyond Michigan's Magnificent Mile, shop-

pers, holiday nuts and light lovers will find more to keep them all warm and fuzzy inside. While the stores along Michigan Avenue may have individual displays and various events on the weekends, one thing visitors can count on throughout December are the windows at Saks Fifth Avenue. Compare and contrast the displays in the New York-based store with that of Chicago's own Marshall Field & Co.

One of many hotels with public Christmas displays, The Ritz-Carlton on East Pearson Street, features a twenty-five-foot tree trimmed with handmade ornaments. Just east of Water Tower Place, the hotel also has a sugar-coated "Children's Wonderland" around the Victorian tree throughout the season.

At the northern end of the Mile, the 900 North Michigan Shops boast a forty-five-foot decorated Christmas tree. Also in the area, Paul Stuart provides entertainment with a string quartet every Saturday throughout the season.

Up towards the end of the Magnificent Mile, on Walton Street just east of Michigan Avenue, the Drake Hotel lights up a twenty-foot tree with 1,000 lights, in case the Daley Plaza and

900 North Michigan trees were not enough. Two holiday trains chug through a winter village of sweets until January 1.

The Lincoln Park Zoo, located on Cannon Drive in Lincoln Park along Lake Michigan, contains more than fifty light displays arranged in holiday and animal scenes. The "Zoolights Festival" is lit up from 6-9 p.m. weekdays and one hour later on weekends. On December 8, Santa and other holiday characters will join caroling groups as they serenade the animals in "Caroling to the Animals."

If the Windy City cannot provide enough relaxing distractions for overworked, studied-out college students, then the only hope left is to make it through finals and go home and collapse on the couch until Christmas Day. What better excursions can you find for this weekend or the middle of next week that can take your mind off the inevitable, looming exams?

The warm lights and friendly visitors and merchants in Chicago are sure to thaw out frozen bodies and drive out any "Bah-humbug" sentiments lurking within.

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

'Huskers eyeing Big 12 crown Gators look to snap Tide in title contest

By R.B. FALLSTROM
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ST. LOUIS
John Mackovic can't do much about his big-talking quarterback, except hope he can somehow back it up.

Texas is a 20-point underdog to No. 3 Nebraska in Saturday's inaugural Big 12 championship game in St. Louis. And if Longhorns quarterback James Brown isn't impressed by the two-time defending national champions, insisting his team will win by three touchdowns, his coach is.

"After losing early in the year they've kind of steamrolled through their schedule," Mackovic said. "I can't ask our

players to forget that. Our job is to find a way to play them and beat them."

It's a very tall order. Nebraska, the North Division champion at 8-0 and 10-1 overall, has outscored opponents an average of 48-9 since losing 19-0 to Arizona State on the second week.

The Cornhuskers are fourth best in the nation against the run and fifth best against the pass. They have allowed only 12 touchdowns all year and are zeroing in on a shot at a third consecutive national title. If they win, they're headed for the Sugar Bowl against top-ranked Florida State.

Texas has the top offensive team in the Big 12. But at 7-4

overall and 6-2 in the conference, the unranked Longhorns are just happy to be in the big show.

"It's a goal we set and we kind of took the hard way," said offensive guard Dan Neil. "But we're here."

Texas was 2-2 after consecutive losses to Notre Dame and Virginia in September, and 3-4 after consecutive losses to Oklahoma and Colorado in October. Virginia walloped the Longhorns 37-13, but the other three losses were by a combined 10 points.

Since the 28-24 setback at Colorado Oct. 26, Texas beat Baylor, Texas Tech and Kansas. Then came the game that loosened Brown's lips, a 51-15 pasting of Texas A&M last week. Brown was named Big 12 offensive player of the week after passing for 336 yards and four touchdowns and producing 594 yards total offense in that game.

"I think we're going to win by three touchdowns," Brown said Monday.

Mackovic projects a much quieter confidence.

"You can't have a season and look back and wonder what if?" Mackovic said. "We're happy where we are. We're doing it at the right time of the year."

With the exception of the Arizona State game, Nebraska has been doing it all of the time. The Cornhuskers have won 31 in a row in the Big 12. They rebounded nicely from the lone loss, squashing Colorado State 65-9.

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA

While James Bates isn't likely to win a national championship ring, he doesn't have to worry about going out in public with bare fingers.

No. 4 Florida, winner of three straight Southeastern Conference titles, is looking for a fourth Saturday night against No. 15 Alabama in what has become an all-too-familiar pairing in the league championship game.

"It wouldn't be bad to fill up all four fingers on one hand with SEC rings," said Bates, a senior linebacker for the Gators.

Alabama (9-2) would like to stop Florida's march and defend the honor of Bear Bryant, the only coach to win five consecutive league championships. Even to this day, the man who wore the houndstooth hat still looms over the Crimson Tide program.

"I always say the people here love coach Bryant and they tolerate the rest of us," said Gene Stallings, a Bryant protege who is stepping down after seven years as the Alabama coach. "I understand my role."

The Gators (10-1), champion of the Eastern Division, have played in all five SEC title games. They would have been going for Bryant's record this

year if not a 28-21 loss to Alabama in the inaugural game in 1992. The Tide went on to claim the national championship that season.

Alabama played for the next two SEC championships as well, losing to Florida 28-13 in 1993 and 24-23 in 1994, the first year the game was played at the Georgia Dome. The latter defeat ruined the Tide's perfect season and is the most convincing piece of evidence that the Gators may be able to rebound from a devastating 24-21 loss to Florida State last week.

"The true test of a team is when they bounce back from adversity," said Donnie Young, the best player on Florida's injury-ravaged offensive line. "Hopefully, we'll be able to show that we have some oomph to us."

Two years ago, Florida squandered a 31-3 lead against Florida State, which scored four touchdowns in the fourth quarter to earn a 31-31 tie. A week later, the Gators came through with a memorable fourth-quarter drive against Alabama, using a fake injury and two trick plays to score the winning touchdown.

Now, Florida is hoping to bounce back from another Florida State disappointment, a game that cost the Gators their No. 1 ranking and almost certainly a chance to win their first national title.



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Texas signal caller James Brown will have to play a flawless game if they hope to pull off an upset of the Cornhuskers.

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Point guard Admore White must be more productive this weekend as the Irish open Big East play at Providence.

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Providence provides first test

By DAVE TREACY
Associate Sports Editor

Bring on the bad boys in the Big East, says head coach John MacLeod and his Notre Dame squad.

For one game, at least. Then don't come back until 1997.

Notre Dame's conference season begins Saturday at Providence against a dangerous Friar ballclub. The Friars are Notre Dame's only Big East opponent before the coming of the new year.

Providence will challenge the Irish with an explosive starting line-up and a deep bench ready to contribute. MacLeod is especially wary of point guard God Shammgod and his divine abilities in the back court.

"(Shammgod) is bullet-quick," MacLeod evaluated. "There are not many point guards with the acceleration that Shammgod has. He is in the (Allen) Iverson category."

The Irish will also need to be concerned when the other four Friar starters are on the floor. Providence is loaded with quick, athletic players.

"Their top four players, (Derrick) Brown, (Austin)

Croshere, (Jamel) Thomas, and (Ruben) Garces give a clear indication of where most of their points will come from," MacLeod commented.

The Friars' defense will also prove difficult to contend with. Providence likes to press their opposition, execute half-court traps with regularity and play a match-up zone in the half-court game. Notre Dame's offense, led by top scorer Pat Garrity, will have to fight against the pressing defense to keep the ball on the offensive end of the floor.

The Irish offense has been the product of Garrity and freshman David Lalazarian to date. Both players average double figures in the scoring column, unlike any of their teammates.

"We were a bit tentative last year," MacLeod remembered. "This (game) could be a wild affair. We've seen (Providence's pressure), and we're going to see it again."

The Notre Dame defense will do its best to contain an exciting Friar offense, especially center Ausin Croshere.

"We have to be continually aware where (Croshere) is," MacLeod said. "He likes it outside, but will drive to the basket, and he's good from the foul line."

He's a unique player."

The Irish offense will likely feature the same group that performed in the Indiana contest. Garrity, as has been the trend, will be expected to keep Notre Dame in the game, although MacLeod would love to see others get involved.

The emergence of Lalazarian as an offensive threat, while a positive sign, is simply a necessity as other players besides Garrity must put points on the board. Point guard Admore White, ineffective through the opening stretch, must combine ball distribution with legitimate scoring potential to give Garrity and his low-post cohorts.

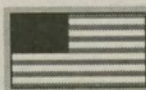
Notre Dame welcomes back the services of shooting guard Antoni Wyche, who contributed to the Irish cause with two assists against Indiana.

It is uncertain who will start at Providence, Wyche or senior captain Pete Miller, but MacLeod is positive that Wyche will contribute in the Big East opener.

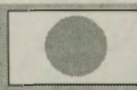
"(Wyche) gives us some power, speed, and quickness in the line-up," the coach evaluated. "He is big, strong, and quick at the two-guard."

Notre Dame's Big East fortunes are hard to predict after a strong showing against the fourth-ranked Indiana Hoosiers last weekend. Hopefully their fortune-tellers will see a victory in the squad's first conference confrontation.

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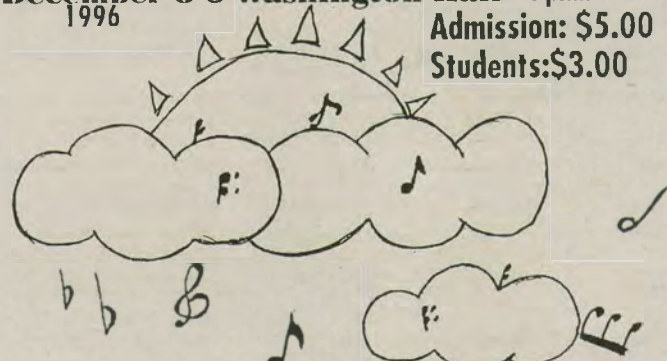
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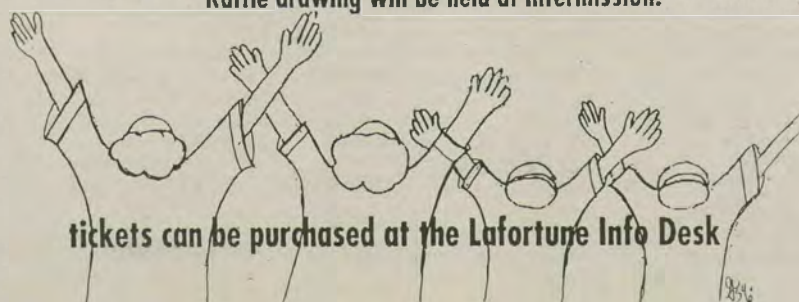
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heartbreaking," said Portland assistant coach Bill Irwin. "The girls set their goal this year to get back, and we've got our chance on Friday night again."

The defending national champions also will discover what it is like to defend their title. The team is not coming into the Final Four as the favorite; instead they enter as the underdog.

"According to the NCAA tournament committee, we still are an underdog," observed Irish head coach Chris Petrucelli. "We are the No. 2 seed."

This year the team enters the tournament with a different look.

"We are more talented," Petrucelli said. "We are better in the back, and we are a little more explosive up front. Having a healthy Cindy Daws has made a great deal of difference for us."

There are three freshman in the starting line-up, this year. Each have made tremendous contributions. Solidifying the defense is Grubb. She came to Notre Dame highly acclaimed

and as one of the top defenders in the nation. Besides being a defensive stronghold, she has contributed offensively with three goals and ten assists.

"I definitely need to make good decisions," Grubb said.

The Pilots will have to shut down the other freshman to have any shot at a victory. On the outside, freshman Kara Brown brings to the team speed and excellent long balls. She has chalked up six goals and fifteen assists.

Making a huge impact in the middle is Streiffer, who joins senior Amy VanLaecke and sophomore Monica Gerardo up front. Streiffer is one of the fastest members of the team, and with her speed and ball handling skills combine, she is unstoppable. She was named Big East Rookie of the Year, and she has 22 goals and 22 assists in her freshman campaign. Also she is recognized for scoring the only two goals in the defeat earlier in the season of the North Carolina Tarheels.

"I don't feel pressure from

that," Streiffer said. "I want to do well for the team, and I want our team to do well, so that is the only pressure I feel."

Besides the freshman sensations, the Pilots will have to learn to shutdown Daws to secure a victory. Daws simply makes the Irish team. Besides being the captain and a two time All-American, she received Big East tournament MVP and is also a finalist for the Hermann Trophy, awarded to the finest player in the land. In this record breaking season, Daws has become the Irish's all-time leading goal scorer, and she has the most career points in Irish history. Thus far into the season she has registered 26 goals and 22 assists.

"I am strong on defense, but I need to do my best to get in on attack and be dangerous in any way that I can," said Daws about her role in tonight's game.

The other crucial performance will have to come from the other captain of the Notre Dame team, senior goalkeeper Jen Renola. Renola has had another stellar

season for the Domers. In these past few games, she has rarely been challenged which could be a factor. She will have to learn how to overcome that while warding off the shots of Portland.

Daws and Renola have one thing to their advantage: they will finish out their collegiate careers in their home state. Daws comes from Northridge, Calif. and Renola hails from Lost Gatos, Calif. They are members of the senior class, a class which has appeared in Notre Dame's only four NCAA championships.

With all the hype over a possible North Carolina/Notre Dame rematch, the Irish's semi-final opponent has gotten little attention. Portland is seeded third in the tournament, and they enter with the only unblemished record of 19-0-2.

"Portland is a pretty talented team," Petrucelli said. "It is a very good team in the back. You know that it is going to be well-coached. It is pretty talented group and they will be tough to play against."

The Pilots enter this year's tournament with a new look, that leaves the Irish in a bit of a haze. Portland junior Justi Baumgardt will have to be slowed in the midfield. She provides Portland with a lot of offensive opportunities.

"They have got a really strong center midfield with Justi, Daws said. "She has a strong left foot, and she does a real good job of controlling the midfield."

While the Irish are concerned with the Pilots, they are more concerned over whether or not they know enough about their own game.

"Regardless of what other teams play, it is about us," said Daws. "We need to make sure that we are ready to play."

The final for the Irish will consist of how well the team knows their own game. Each individual member has had all season to study and prepare for this. Now the question is whether or not they can perform under pressure. Whoever aces the test will walk away a champion.

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in her. She'll be very good. Jen Renola can win games for us. I hope she doesn't have to, but she can."

The two-time All-American shares similar sentiments.

"If we can beat teams without me being a factor, that's fine," Renola said. "We have beaten very good teams without me being a factor, but we have also lost to a team (Santa Clara) without me being a factor."

Still, the sense exists that Renola will ultimately play a major role.

Most goalies usually do. "It's a lot of pressure knowing I haven't been used that much this year and that my season really could be one or two games," Renola added. "If you ask people, they'll tell you I played well against North Carolina last year and they don't remember much before that. So obviously that's a lot of pressure."

As usual, however, Renola merely shrugs it off.

"I don't think it's that big of a deal," Renola said. "I think it's just going to be like any other game. I have confidence in my abilities and in our team."

Still, Renola confirms Petrucelli's assessment that the situation can occasionally be-

come stressful.

"Jen's kind of a worry wart," Petrucelli noted. "She'll be like 'I've got to train. I'm not ready.' She always knows when the big games are coming around."

She also knows the caliber of players in front of her.

"With our team, I don't really think any team is just going to pound us and I'm going to be the reason why we win. I just don't think our team is going to get pounded like that."

The Irish head into the final weekend of the season having virtually dominated almost every opponent this year. While Renola watched the team grow together a year ago, she maintains that this year's play has reached a level plane.

"It's been pretty consistent," Renola said. "Last year we went from a total nightmare to being very good, but this year we've been very good consistently. I think we've stepped it up a little now and you have to do that around tournament time."

In last year's final game against Portland, the Pilots only got a few good looks at the Irish goal, but they were perilous ones. Renola believes a similar situation might arise tonight.

"Friday's game could be a game where I only see the ball a few times, but they could be dangerous chances," she added.

The weekend will also mark a homecoming for the Irish netminder. The native of Los Gatos, California will be return-

ing to near her hometown for the second time this year. Since the only loss of the year to Santa Clara occurred at the site, Renola has changed the itinerary.

"Last time the team and everyone came to my house on Saturday and then we lost on Sunday, so we won't be doing that again," Renola joked.

Now, her final games in an Irish uniform will take place right outside of Los Gatos. Looking back on her career, it blows Renola's mind to think about the success she has enjoyed at Notre Dame.

"I came here with the thought that this was a place I could win a national championship," she said. "But if you told me by my senior year, we would have already played in two national championship games with the chance to play in another, I don't know if I would have believed that."

"In a sport where only 11 people play, five or six players can turn a program around and I really think that's what happened here."

So, the place where Renola embarked on her soccer journey will also serve as the site where it comes to a close.

"I can't think of a better place to have it," Renola said.

She also can't think of a better way to end it.

"I expect to win," she added. Her expectations have never been anything less.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women's hoops upset by Purdue

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

After getting off to a quick start that saw them rise into the top ten, the Notre Dame women's basketball team stumbled in West Lafayette.

The were upset by an unranked 3-2 Purdue squad. The loss was the second on the year for the Irish as their previous blemish was to perennial power Tennessee in the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

Things were close the entire first half but the Lady Boilermakers took over in the second half as they outscored the Irish 40-26 for a 73-58 triumph over the Irish. Purdue used a balance attack as four players score in double figures with Jannon Roland leading the way with 23.

Roland lived at the line as she made 11 of 12 from the charity stripe. She also cleaned the glass for a game high 15 boards.

Ukari Biggs added 19 while Mackenzie Curless and Stephanie White chipped in 12 and 10 respectively.

Senior Beth Morgan poured in 22 points and had eight rebounds but that was not enough. Senior center Katryna Gaither had 15 points and seven boards in just 25 minutes of play as she fouled out with 3:57 remaining.

No other Domer had over five points as Rosanna Bohman scored five on one for six shooting but she pulled down a team high ten rebounds.

In the first half the Irish shot 48 percent from the field while Purdue shot just 31 percent but they went into the half with a one point lead.

The second half was an entirely different story as the Boilermaker defense held the Domers to 10 for 30 shooting while the home team shot a the clip of 44 percent.

Free throws were a factor as Purdue had 23 from the line with the Irish just having 10. The Irish hurt themselves as Purdue scored 22 points off Notre Dame's turnovers.

Early in the second stanza the Boilermakers went on a 7-0 run but the Domers fought back to pull the score to 54-52 with 4:53 left on the clock. Then things dramatically turned for the worse as Roland knocked in a three ball which sparked an 11-0 run that blitzed the visitors in just one minute and thirteen seconds. Roland did most of the damage with 17 points and 10 rebounds in the second half.

The team will look to rebound as they will open Big East play with a home game against Providence this Saturday at 1 p.m.

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■ HOCKEY

Youngsters need time to develop to become success

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team's last victory came two weeks ago on November 22 against Bowling Green. Since then, they have dropped four straight Central Collegiate Hockey Association games, plummeting into a tie for sixth place and lowering their record to 4-8-1 overall and 3-6-1 in the CCHA.

To the casual observer, this slide is sincere cause for panic. But, the astute observer sees another trend. He understands that three of those four losses were by one goal margins, and he recognizes that, on any given night, at least two-thirds of this team's starting line-up consists of freshman or sophomores. Such a young team needs time to develop and to acclimate themselves to the high level of play that exists at the college level in general and in the CCHA particularly.

So what does Notre Dame head coach Dave Poulin do to help his young team develop and remedy the situation? Simple. He returns to the basics and to work ethic.

"We've been working a lot on the fundamentals - stopping and starting and things like that," said sophomore left-wing Aniket Dhadphale. "We have returned to the basics."

"He's been working us hard this week," observed sophomore defenseman Benoit Cotnoir.

About the current slide, "No one's panicking," stated Cotnoir. "Three of those losses were close games, and in most of them we outshot the opponent."

"We are getting a lot of pres-

sure on the other teams," agreed Dhadphale, referring to the large number of shots on goal the team has generated. "Guys, including myself, are just struggling to put the puck in the net."

It's not just the raw number of shots that matters, said Cotnoir, it's the quality of those shots. "We're not getting enough of them [quality shots]," he said. "That's something we need to improve."

Opportunities for improvement will come this weekend, as the Boys of Winter take on Michigan State (at East Lansing) on Friday night and Alaska-Fairbanks (7 p.m. at the Joyce Center) on Saturday night.

"Michigan State is one of the top teams in the country," said Dhadphale. "It'll be a good opportunity to test ourselves."

This Irish team seems to play at the level of their opponents, a fact that partly explains the irin-

consistency. And it follows that against a good team, like Michigan State, they will play well.

"We'll definitely pick it up against on Friday night [against MSU]," said Cotnoir. "We expect two points [a victory]."

The game the following night against Alaska-Fairbanks is simply a must-win game for the Poulin's squad. "They're below us in the standings," said Dhadphale, "and we need to beat them. That's what good teams do - they win the games that they should win."

Cotnoir agreed. "We need to win this game; we have to guard against playing at their level. We have to come out and play our game. If we do that, we'll be successful."

Success has eluded the team over the past fortnight, but the astute observer can't help but view it as a learning process for the young team.



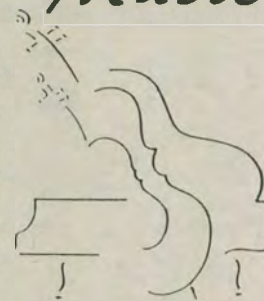
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Observer Staff Report

The wheels of the Notre Dame football coaching staff are definitely turning. Just shortly after offensive line coach Joe Moore announced his departure, Greg Mattison has been named the defensive coordinator in Bob Davie's staff.

The past two seasons Mattison was the defensive coordinator for the Michigan Wolverines and he has been a member of that staff for five seasons.

His work has garnered him as one of five finalists for the Broyles Award which is given to the top assistant coach in the world of college football.

"I am very pleased that Greg Mattison has decided to join our football staff at Notre Dame," Davie, who knows Mattison very well since they both worked at Texas A&M from 1989-1991, said.

"It's obvious when you look at what he's done that he's been successful at every step of his career. He's a close, personal friend of mine, I have great respect for him and I have complete trust in him as a coach and a person. He will be a great fit for Notre Dame," Davie said.

Mattison, who will also coach inside linebackers, has constructed a defense that ranks eighth nationally in scoring defense as well in the top twenty for rushing defense, pass efficiency defense and total defense.

In last year's campaign the Mattison engineered defense was up to eleventh in total defense and third in rushing defense.

He is also no stranger to post-season play as he has coached teams that have gone to the Super Bowl the last seven years. His collegiate coaching career began as a graduate assistant in Illinois in 1976 under Bob Blackman.

In addition to Illinois and Michigan, Mattison has also served for the staffs of Cornell, Northwestern, Navy, and at Texas A&M.

The tandem of Davie and Mattison has produced the "Wrecking Crew" at Texas A&M which in 1991 was the top unit in the country yielding just 222.4 yards per game.

Now Irish fans have just one fewer questions on their minds as the future of the rest of the staff remains unclear.

sor to Moore but Moore had a feeling his time with the Irish was running out.

"I can read people," Moore said. "You learn by watching people, not listening to them. I knew at mid-season coach Holtz would be leaving. I could tell I would be too."

Though Moore had a sense of bitterness in his voice when interviewed, he emphasized that his time at Notre Dame was special.

"How could someone be bitter when they had a chance to spend nine years at the Catholic Disneyland. I have had the greatest nine years of my life here at Notre Dame."

Moore expressed a true love for the players he coached.

"Those are some great guys," Moore said. "It will be tough to have something like I did with those guys. I'll be sad to not have that. But they may be glad."

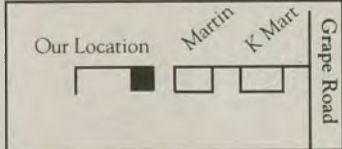
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VOLLEYBALL

Time is now for Irish setters

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

If there is a time when a team wants to hit their stride and be at their best, that time is in post-season play. That time has come for the Notre Dame volleyball team and head coach Debbie Brown is hoping she has her team hitting their stride.

The squad has been up and down all year as injuries have hampered their progress and they currently have a mark of 22-11. What may be more discouraging is that they are just 8-11 in out of conference play which includes drawing the goose egg in the number of wins against ranked foes. But, after their best hitting match of the season in their first round dismantling of the Flying Dutchwomen of Hofstra, they hope to keep that momentum going this Sunday when they host the twelfth team in the nation, the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Ohio State earned a first round bye and also earned the right to host this contest but they have a facility conflict, which works out to the advantage of Brown's squad.

"We're really excited about that (hosting the match), it's something that is definitely in our favor," explained Brown. "It is good particularly at this time of year with the pressure of finals and everything coming up, and we don't have to miss school and don't have to go on the road. We can be in our normal routine and play some place where we're very comfortable and I think that helps a lot."

Senior hitter Jen Briggs echoed Brown's sentiment, "It's nice that it doesn't put us on

the road and we get more rest that way. It is also nice for some of our families in the Midwest to get to come."

The girls from Columbus have accumulated an impressive 26-5 record while playing in the very competitive Big Ten, where they finished third. They are no stranger to NCAA action as it will be their eighth appearance with their best runs making it to the semifinals in both 1991 and '94. Head coach Jim Stone's main offensive threats are Vanessa Wouters who averages 6.47 kills per game and Jen Boleyn who has 14.8 assists per game. Coach Brown discussed how she hopes to overcome the Buckeyes.

"The first thing is we have to have good offensive production like we did against Hofstra. The other thing is we have to at least slow down their big hitter. We're going to try to get the best block we can on her but sometimes we can't control the match-ups due to what the opposing coach does with their rotations. So, we've looked at hitter tendencies and we're concentrating on digging hard shots where she likes to hit it."

On the Irish side of the net the experienced squad sees the pressure of the match lying with the visitors. Briggs discussed the situation.

"We're a pretty experienced team so I don't think we will feel that much pressure. We are just going to play hard and fiery and we're not suppose to win so the pressure is on them."

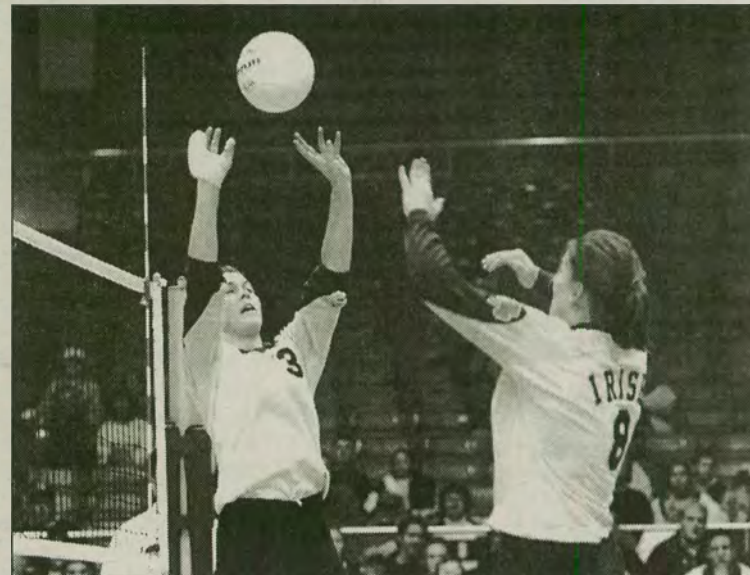
The only starter who does not have NCAA experience is freshman Mary Leffers who has played like a veteran all year long. Seniors Jenny Birkner

and Kristina Ervin join Briggs as the most experienced players while Juniors hitter Jaimie Lee and setter Carey May have been integral parts of the offense in past weeks. Lee earned Big East player of the year and lead the team in kills in their win over Hofstra. Since, May recovered from her dislocated shoulder she has run the offense for several of their best hitting matches of the season. May suffered a setback last week when she dislocated her finger, but she set the majority of all three games Wednesday night.

"I think playing in the tournament is a real positive for us," Brown expressed of her veteran group. "We're not going to go in playing afraid to lose, we're going in with everything to win."

According to Briggs winning will not be all that complicated. "We just need to play our game and execute. We've been playing better and better and if we continue to improve we'll be fine."

So the Domers seem to be hitting their stride and it couldn't have come at a better time as a win this Sunday at 2 p.m. would mean a trip to Florida for the round of sixteen.



Setter Carey May (3) hopes her injury will not slow down the attack. Mary Leffers will also have to play a big part at the nets for a win.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Challenge U Fitness- Sign-ups for the spring classes begin Jan. 16, 7:30 a.m. at RecSports. Look for the schedule in the Jan. 15 edition of The Observer as well as around campus.

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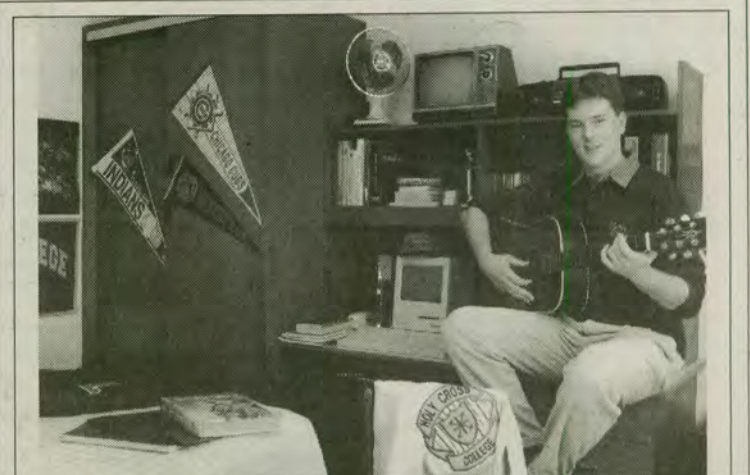
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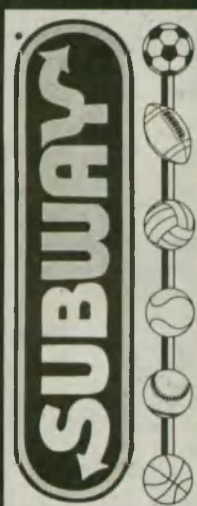
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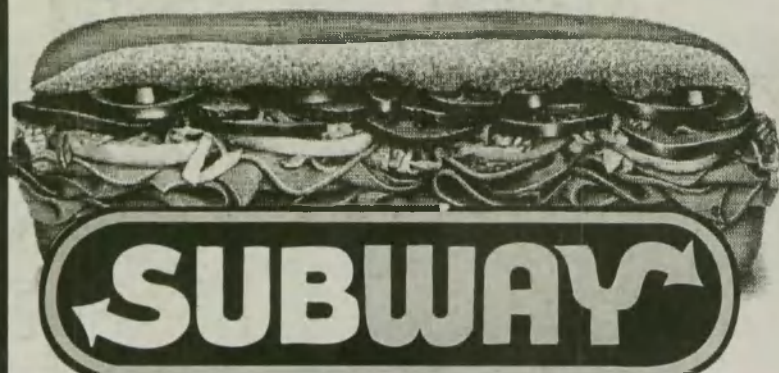
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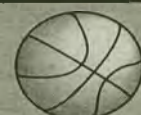


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1 Haiti's François Duvalier, familiarly

8 Sistine Chapel figures

15 Cry of panic

16 Suffered humiliation

17 Astor Cup, e.g.

18 The beginning

19 Old as Methuselah, in a way

20 Floppy takers

22 Bee quest?

23 De Valera's country

24 Con

26 Convince

27 Three-striper, e.g.: Abbr.

28 Par amount

30 "Comprende?"

31 Citrus hybrids

33 Mugged

35 Kind of agreement

37 Important

40 Gets what's coming

44 City, informally

45 — Lee, who lived in a kingdom by the sea

47 Belli's bailiwick

48 Social affairs

50 Takes shape

51 It meant well to Caesar

52 Set in motion

54 Inn serving

55 Sidewalk hazard

56 Do-it-yourselfer

58 Alternative to a station wagon

60 Memorable 1969 hurricane

61 Whatnot

62 Prayer, often

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1 Omen

2 Historic plane of Adm. Byrd

3 Blast furnace product

4 Bagmate for a steelie

5 Spoil, with "on"

6 German compass point

7 Lovers' guide

8 Assents

9 Juin through septembre

10 Bring in the rye

11 Lots of land

12 March, perhaps

13 Dragon's home, in song

14 Ballooned

21 Occasion to say "Whew!"

24 Site of the George Washington Br. tollbooths

25 Sewers have them

28 Nose parts

29 Nose

32 Mud

34 Versified salute

36 Pirates of Penzance, before they were pirates

37 Bush country

38 Serf's opposite

39 Warriors vs. Bulls, e.g.

41 Split

42 Trumpet blare

43 Bob —, TV's Fibber McGee

46 More on target

49 "Gymnopédies" composer

51 Liner cans

53 "Little" Dickens girl

55 Be an eager beaver

57 Suffix with glob

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Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Pursue both knowledge and additional income. An unusual job opportunity arises early in 1997. A casual encounter could lead to an exhilarating romance. Your priorities change. Welcome changes in your daily work routine. Business travel is featured in the summer of '97. Financial assistance will come from unexpected sources. Put money into a family-owned business. Loved ones who stay side-by-side will establish deeper rapport.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: lyricist Ira Gershwin, baseball player Steve Bedrosian, actress Janine Turner, baseball player Larry Bowa.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Give more thought to your relations with older relatives. Find ways to disperse lingering resentment. Sharing a special interest with a newcomer could lead to a wonderful friendship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Friends want to make plans for a vacation weekend. Host a trim-a-tree party if interested in getting to know your neighbors better. Serve some low-calorie treats along with more fattening fare.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Revise your schedule if good friends drop in unexpectedly. Looking at an old photo album or watching a special video will amuse younger guests. Focus on the positive when taking a trip down memory lane.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do not let envy mar this promising day. Rejoice when a friend or family member gets a great job. A co-worker may seek advice about a personal problem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A secret rendezvous makes your heart beat faster. Allow loved ones to express themselves. Let up on a family member who dares to follow a different path.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your career moves into high gear. Enjoy your time in the spotlight; you have earned it! Others ask your advice on a technical matter. Give it only if you are qualified.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A relocating firm wants you to come aboard. The job sounds wonderful, but you have reasons to stay put. Consult your spouse or romantic partner before making a final decision.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Seek help in managing your money more effectively. Consolidate your debts and devise a payment schedule. A business meeting turns into a friendly gathering.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have to take a hard line where spending is concerned. A loved one's reaction may be unsettling. Take a good look at your priorities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Become more involved with a group whose actions you admire. A local charity works wonders in the community where you live. Widening your social circle will broaden your perspective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A mentor offers valuable guidance and support. A relative wants to play a larger role in your life. Friends invite you to a fun social event. Take along a date the other guests will enjoy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Help a shy person handle a delicate situation. Lunch together in a quiet setting. Refrain from asking probing questions. A night on the town need not be expensive if you split the tab.

■ Of Interest

A Student Chamber Music Recital will be held in Annenberg Auditorium at 3 p.m. this afternoon. The concert features works by Beethoven, Brahms, Britten and Schubert. Admission is free.

■ MENU

Notre Dame

North Dining Hall

Chicken Noodle Soup

Grilled Tuna

Bowtie Pasta

Grilled Chicken Sandwich

South Dining Hall

Tortilla Soup

Mississippi Fried Catfish

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In the eye of the storm



Irish goalkeeper Jen Renola looks to lead No. 1 Notre Dame to their second straight national championship this weekend in Santa Clara, Calif.

Notre Dame goalie Jen Renola strives to save the best for last

By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame goalie Jen Renola realizes what is about to happen this weekend in Santa Clara, California.

She understands the storm that is approaching.

She knows that if the Irish are to repeat as NCAA champions, she'll play an integral part. Ironical thing is that Renola has not faced a major challenge yet this year.

The senior holds a .710 goals against average mark this year, but has only had to make 47 saves. What are you going to do when you play on a team that keeps the opposition from crossing over mid-field a majority of the time?

Renola admits that sometimes it's lonely back there.

"After the game, people will say to me that the team played great today and I'll say, 'Yeah they did. It was fun to watch.'"

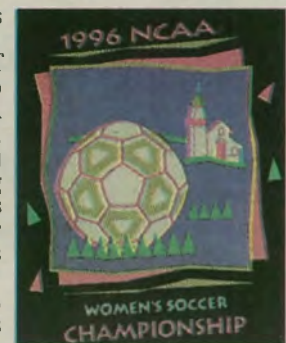
The reason Renola's play be-

comes an issue stems from the fact that the Final Four contains three other teams that can actually play with the 23-1 Irish. The Pilots and Tar Heels possess the speed and ability to match-up with No. 1 Notre Dame. In last year's Final Four, Renola's ability to control the box against both Portland and especially North Carolina helped the Irish shutout these two national powerhouses.

If the Irish defeat Portland in the semifinals tonight, they will most likely face nemesis Carolina in the finals on Sunday. With those teams on the horizon, the last line of defense suddenly becomes vital.

And there's no one that Notre Dame head coach Chris Petrucelli would rather have towing that line.

"I hope Jen Renola doesn't have to touch the ball in the game," he said, "but if she does I'll have the utmost confidence



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Forward Amy VanLaecke and Portland's Wynne McIntosh (right) fight for a header during the 1995 NCAA final.

Portland seeks revenge in tonight's national semifinal

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Writer

They have had exactly four study days to prepare for this final.

The women's soccer team has had four days since their last test against Maryland, and now they are focusing on the final. The cumulative review takes place today at their NCAA semi-final game against the Portland Pilots. In the other contest, the North Carolina Tar Heels will take on the Santa Clara Broncos.

The Irish will first learn how much of a factor revenge is. For the past three years the squad has faced the Pilots in post-season play. Last year, the two met in the NCAA finals. It was a tight game that saw three overtimes. The contest remained scoreless until Irish captain Cindy Daws scored off a direct kick, lifting the Irish over the Pilots, 1-0.

Revenge will be a huge factor in this matchup. The Pilots vowed that they would return this year but this time leave victorious.

"We lost last year in the finals, and it was very



Last year in the finals against Portland, Cindy Daws scored the winner in sudden death as the Irish won 1-0.

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FOOTBALL

Coach Moore not in future plans

By TIM SHERMAN
Sports Editor

In addition to consistently developing some of the nation's best offensive lines in the past nine years at Notre Dame, coach Joe Moore has had tremendous success in sending his players on to quality NFL careers.

Now, it may be Moore's turn to take a crack at NFL success.

The dean of assistant coaches under Lou Holtz, the 64-year old Moore apparently did not fit into the plans of new head coach Bob Davie and now has a decision as to his future to make.

"I was fired at quarter of nine on

Monday morning," Moore said. "Bob Davie came to my house to tell me."

Calls to Davie's office yesterday were not returned.

There still seems to be a desire in Moore to keep coaching. In fact, he has wasted no time.

"I already have two offers to coach," Moore relayed. "One is in college, the other is a pro job. I also have an offer in business."

Moore is widely regarded as one of the best in his field. His track record tells why.

Every offensive line starter for the Irish under Moore moved on to the NFL after his time at Notre Dame.

Included in this group are Andy Heck, Tim Grunhard, and Lombardi Award winner Aaron Taylor.

The line not only has had individual success, their productivity as a unit was impressive. From 1988-1995, six of Moore's lines blocked for a top 12 rushing attack.

"I personally recruited each and every lineman," Moore said. "Maybe someone would give me a name but I saw and recruited all of them."

Now, that task will be in someone else's hands.

Davie has yet to announce a succes-

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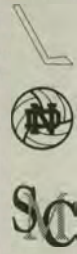
Offensive line coach Joe Moore apparently did not fit into the new coaching scheme.



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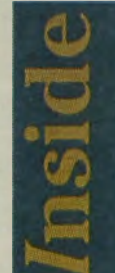
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Defensive coordinator named

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Men set to begin Big East play

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