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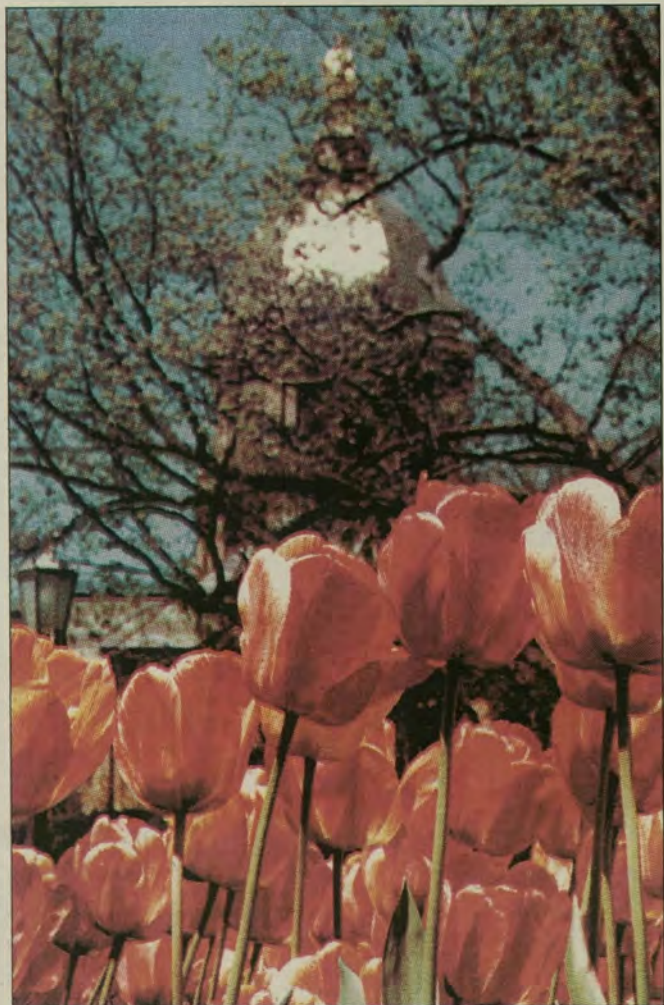


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Seniors prepare to leave the Land o' the Irish



The Observer/Dan Cichalski
The graduating seniors will bid farewell to the familiar campus sights of the Golden Dome, LeMans Hall, and the Basilica.



The Observer/Kimm Michalik

ND to graduate 2,030

By HEATHER COCKS
News Editor

They graduated from enormous lecture classes to tiny discussion groups; from section 35 in the end zone to section 29 at mid-field; from Bridget's to the Linebacker and Coach's; from dorms to off-campus apartments.

Now, over 2,030 seniors will graduate from the University of Notre Dame at the 152nd Commencement exercises on Sunday, exchanging the Golden Dome for life in the real world.

In addition, 260 master's and doctoral students in the Graduate School, 219 master's degree students in the College of Business

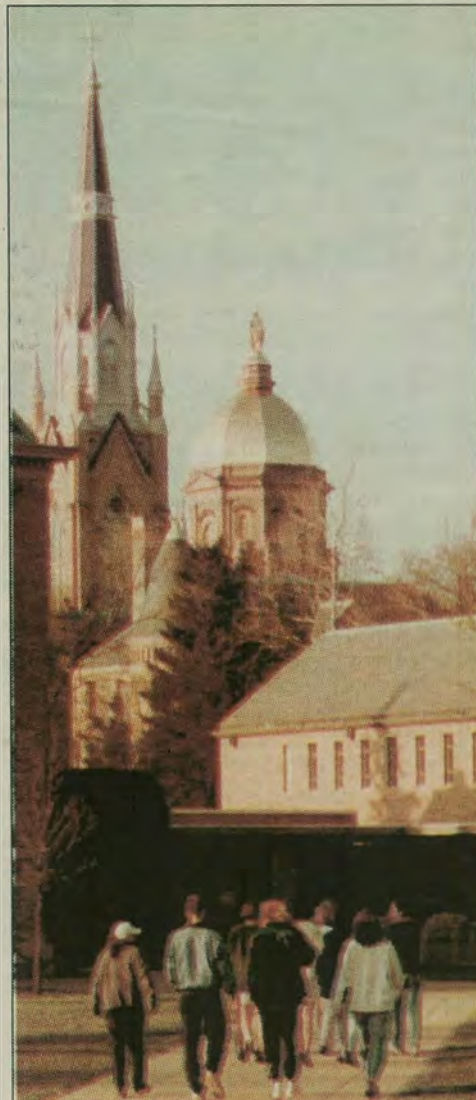
Administration, and 200 law students will be awarded degrees for their years of work.

"I'm a little nervous," admitted senior Benjamin Baltrano. "It's a combination of nostalgia about the last four years, and excitement for the future."

Agreed Megan Shepherd, "I'm overwhelmed. I've done a lot of thinking about my time here and the special people I've met, and I'm scared to be saying goodbye to them."

The majority of seniors had positive things to say about their four years at Notre Dame and the lessons

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The Observer/Kevin Dalum

SMC graduates 365 in 150th commencement

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's Editor

On a warm August morning the members of the class of 1997 turned onto the tree-lined lane that leads to Saint Mary's College. Four years ago, they thought that 8 a.m. classes were a good idea, that their professors were always right, and that the Linebacker was just a defensive player on the football team.

Four years later, the seniors discov-

ered that, because of the Linebacker, 8 a.m. classes are not such a good idea, and have argued relentlessly with their professors.

After countless hours of studying it all comes down to one piece of paper. This weekend, in the 150th Commencement exercises, 365 women will graduate from Saint Mary's College and receive this piece of paper.

"I never could have imagined what would take place over the next four

years when I first drove in the front gates of Saint Mary's," said senior Aimee Heimann. "As I leave now it is bitter-sweet, I will take away with me memories and friends that will last a lifetime."

Of the 365 degree candidates, 213 will receive a bachelor of arts degree, 66 will graduate with a bachelor of science, 54 with a bachelor of business administration, six with a bachelor of fine arts, and the remaining four with a bachelor of music.

Kentucky congresswoman Anne Meagher Northup will be leaving the graduates with parting words as the 1997 commencement speaker for the 150th graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 17. A 1970 alumna of Saint Mary's, Northup became the first Kentucky woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in more than 60 years and the first Republican to represent Kentucky's Third Congressional

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■ ND VALEDICTORIAN

Koritnik handles busy balancing act with success

By DAVID FREDDOSO
News Writer

It's not easy being perfect. It's even harder to be perfect for four consecutive years.

But Anjanette Koritnik pulled it off somehow. "I'm far from perfect," laughed Koritnik, a chemistry major from Livonia, Mich. Maybe she's right, but she was still good enough to maintain a cumulative GPA of 4.0 over her four years at Notre Dame. Her hard work has made her the valedictorian of the University of Notre Dame's 1997 graduating class.

Koritnik, who was selected from among the University's top-ranked seniors, had not even seriously considered going to Notre Dame until

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Graduation Schedule

■ SMC Activities
■ Notre Dame Activities

Friday, May 16

1 p.m. Nurses' Pinning Ceremony
2 - 4 p.m. A & L Honors Convocation
4 p.m. Baccalaureate Mass
4 p.m. Notre Dame Choral Concert
6:30 - 8 p.m. Senior Reception
7:30 p.m. Liturgical Choir Concert
8 - 10 p.m. Graduate School Reception
8 p.m. Concert
9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Graduation Dance

Saturday, May 17

8:30 - 11 a.m. Senior Brunch
9:30 a.m. ROTC Commissioning
11:30 a.m. Phi Beta Kappa Installation
Noon Commencement
Noon - 2 p.m. Box Lunch
2 - 3:30 p.m. University Reception
4:10 p.m. Candidates Assemble Procession
4:30 p.m. Academic Procession
5 - 6:30 p.m. Baccalaureate Mass
6:45 - 8 p.m. Graduation Dinner

Sunday, May 18

9:30 a.m. MBA Program Ceremony
10 a.m. Law School Commencement
12:30 p.m. Prayer Service
Distribution of Bachelor and Master Diplomas
Academic Procession
1:30 p.m. Commencement and
2 - 4 p.m. Conferring of Degrees

Church of Loretto
101 DeBartolo
Angela Ath. Facility
Sacred Heart Basilica
Century Center
Sacred Heart Basilica
CCE
Washington Hall
Joyce Center - North

Dining Hall
Joyce Center - South
101 DeBartolo
Court of Le Mans
NDH & SDH
CCE
Joyce Center
Joyce Center South
Joyce Center South
Joyce Center & SDH

Reflecting Pool
Sacred Heart Basilica
Joyce Center - North

Joyce Center - North
Joyce Center - South

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■ SMC VALEDICTORIAN

Urda follows in family tradition with top honor

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's Editor

Twenty-four years ago, Kathleen McGuire-Urda was selected to represent the Saint Mary's College class of 1973 as the valedictorian. Now, almost a quarter of a century later, she will relive that moment as her daughter graduates with the same honor.

"It is absolutely wonderful, a genuine thrill to watch Kathleen receive this honor. I feel very fortunate and proud," said McGuire-Urda.

Kathleen Urda, an English major with a minor in history, will represent the Saint Mary's class of 1997 as the valedictorian, carrying on a family tradition.

Urda's maternal grandmother, Grace Sullivan McGuire, was one of the first lay women to teach at

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

No regrets

This is not my manifesto. This is not my laundry list of everything that is wrong with Notre Dame nor a megalomaniac diatribe on how the world should be. For reading selections of this nature, see the final paragraph.

As with any institution, Notre Dame is a reflection of society, including its tendencies toward greed, selfishness and self-preservation. Institutions are made up of individuals, and no individual is immune from an occasional lapse of compassion.

But 95 percent of the people who make up this school are some of the most talented, caring and dedicated individuals in the country. In any institution, a small number of members can give a bad name to the rest. Notre Dame is lucky to have a much smaller than average percentage of "bad apples."

But it is the small number of individuals at the other extreme that make up the Notre Dame experience that everyone speaks of collectively but experiences individually. Occasionally a professor is genuinely excited about teaching undergraduates — he gets personal satisfaction from seeing the broadening of minds that his effort can create. This is the professor who becomes more than an educator and dares to befriend his students.

The people who take the time to nurture and guide, to educate rather than inform and are not here just to research are such a large part of the positive experiences of a graduating senior. For every time I have been looked at as if I were a small rodent while roaming Decio Hall there has been a professor ready to help at a moment's notice, with a smile and a handshake or even a hug.

This school is not perfect, but no institution is. Notre Dame is rich in history and tradition, most notably Catholic traditions. But any time you have a heap of power concentrated in the hands of a few, decisions will not always be made in the common student's best interests.

The insular administrative system that handles everything from monetary decisions to student justice must balance the public image and interests of the University with the individual needs of the students. At times results have to be biased in favor of one or the other. Prominent students in whom the University has vested interest may at times get away with murder, or a similarly serious crime.

Yet despite its faults, or perhaps because of them, Notre Dame has prepared me and others well for the future. I leave with no regrets, except that I am leaving so many friends behind, and not all of them students.

• This month's reading selections include student government's spring report to the Board of Trustees, which is all about how Notre Dame needs to be more Catholic.

According to Seth Miller, student body president emeritus, "This report is vastly different from any other we have seen. It does not rely on a strong base of student opinion or conventional wisdom on campus." This is the work of a "highly educated focus group of Notre Dame students" who really know what the student body wants and needs, while acknowledging that most students will not agree with them.

I guess when you are on your way out, you no longer have to appeal to your constituency when reporting to the powerful groups capable of implementing change.

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■ NOTRE DAME AT A GLANCE

University gives O'Malley Award posthumously to Houck

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame's Frank O'Malley Award, given annually by student government and the Notre Dame Alumni Association, has been awarded posthumously to John Houck, professor of management and co-director of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business until his death in December at age 65.

The role of religious belief and ethical values in business was the principal subject of Houck's teaching and research.

"Professor Houck could put morality in the coldest of souls simply through his teaching," wrote one student in nominating Houck for the award. "When he died, the biggest heart on campus left with him."

A native of Beloit, Wis., Houck was graduated from the University in 1953 and received a J.D. degree from the Notre Dame Law School in 1955. He also held an MBA degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a masters of law degree from Harvard. A

former Ford and Danforth fellow, he had been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1957.

The O'Malley Award is named for Francis "Frank" O'Malley, who died in 1974 after 42 years as a member of Notre Dame's English department.

He was famed for his explorations of the relationship between religious belief and literary imagination.

His "Modern Catholic Writers" course, which included the works of Gerard Manley Hopkins, Paul Claudel, Leon Bloy,



Georges Bernanos, and Graham Greene, was the most popular undergraduate elective at Notre Dame for more than three decades.

■ NAMES FROM THE CLASS OF 1997

Special to The Observer

Every graduating class around the nation has certain members with unique histories, and the Notre Dame class of 1997 is no exception.

• **Kristina Ervin** has academic, artistic, and academic talents, but will pursue none of those fields after commencement. Instead, like approximately 10 percent of her classmates, Ervin will devote one year of her postgraduate life to volunteer service. Working with the AmeriCorps program La Casa de Esperanza, she will care for abused, neglected, and HIV-positive children at one of 8 homes in the Houston area. Ervin was a member of the Dean's List as a studio art major with a concentration in sculpture and education; in addition, she served in the adult education program at the Center for the Homeless and earned four monograms and two Rockne Student Athlete awards as a member of Notre Dame's nationally ranked women's volleyball team.

• **Eugenio Fernandez** is one of Notre Dame's two Rhodes Scholars. He majored in philosophy and theology as well as joining the Congregation of the Holy Cross as a seminarian. He will study philosophy at Oxford University for two years before returning to Moreau Seminary to continue on the path to ordination. His goals include the attainment of master's and doctoral degrees, ultimately hoping to teach at the university level.

• **Terry Jones** became a small-time crack dealer in the West End of Cincinnati, serving time in a reformatory for assaulting another teenager. A prison guard drove Jones to reform and join the mentoring program of the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative and, thanks to his own mentor, he turned his life around. He will graduate from the University of Notre Dame with a management degree, having attended Notre Dame for all four undergraduate years.

• **Lori Miller** lost her sight at age 2 due to cancer of the retina, but took part in a vast array of activities at Notre Dame, most notably the creation of the Students with Disabilities Office. An American Studies major, she also served on the Multicultural awareness council, the task force for Disabilities Awareness Week, and the campus branch of the South Bend chapter of the American Cancer Society. A member of the Notre Dame rock climbing club, she is an ardent skier who is proficient on the flute and piccolo; she also served as an alternate on the U.S. goal ball teams in the 1992 and 1996 Paralympics.

ND loses LaCugna, Booker

Catherine Mowry LaCugna, the Nancy R. Dreux professor of theology, died of cancer on May 3, at Saint Joseph's Medical Center.

LaCugna, a member of the University of Notre Dame faculty since 1981, won the Frank O'Malley undergraduate teaching award in 1993 and the Rev. Charles E. Sheedy C.S.C. Award for excellence in teaching in 1996.

She primarily studied and taught the practical applications of the doctrine of the Trinity for the life of the Church. She lectured in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Australia.

LaCugna wrote numerous articles and reviews in popular journals on spirituality, ethics and feminist issues in Catholic theology and liturgy. She also authored three books including, "God For Us: The Trinity and Christian Life," which won the first place award from the Catholic Press Association.

A 1974 graduate of Seattle University, LaCugna also received her master's degree from Fordham University in 1974. She received her doctorate degree from Fordham in 1979.



LaCugna

Retired Notre Dame law professor Frank Booker died on May 6, after suffering a stroke. He was 67 years old.

Booker, a member of the law faculty since 1970, practiced in Missouri and Florida and taught at Stetson College of Law. He specialized in evidence and torts.

In addition to teaching, Booker held several administrative positions in the Law School, including director of the Notre Dame London Law Centre from 1972 to 1975, chair of the admissions system from 1975 to 1978 and director of Clinical Legal Education from 1981 to 1984.

Professionally, Booker served as a consultant to the Legal Services Corporation in Washington, D.C., and on an American Bar Association committee on federal rules of evidence for the Australian Law Reform Committee.



Booker

COMMISSIONING

General Joseph Ralston, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will deliver the Commissioning Ceremony address to the University of Notre Dame ROTC students at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Joyce Center. All ROTC branches will commission candidates.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

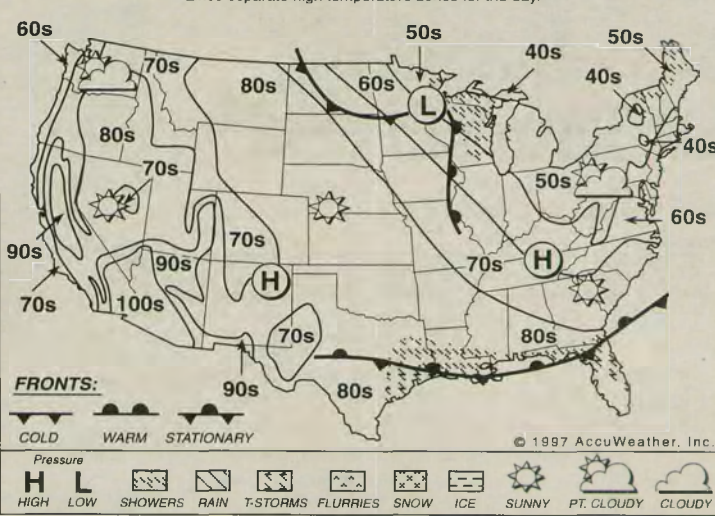
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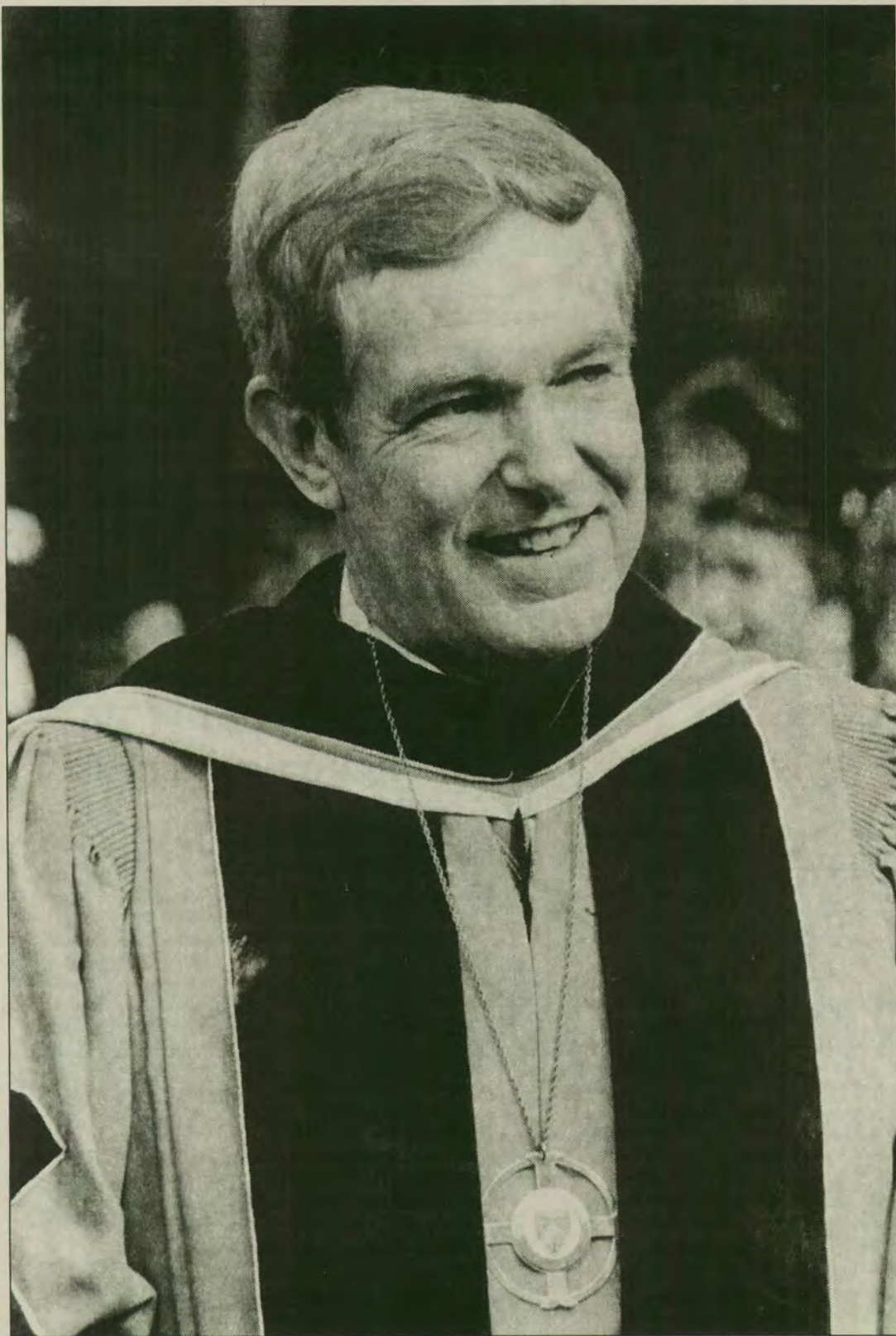
■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, May 16.

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| Boston | 49 | 44 | Indianapolis | 52 | 39 | New York City | 60 | 62 |
| Chicago | 57 | 40 | Kansas City | 67 | 42 | Sacramento | 90 | 54 |



The end of an era

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's Editor

As the class of 1997 prepare themselves to be presented as the 150th graduating class of Saint Mary's College, President William Hickey prepares himself to preside over the Commencement exercises for the last time.

With graduation hours away, and with Marilou Eldred waiting in the wings to assume the Saint Mary's College presidency, College officials reflect just how much the College has grown in Hickey's tenure as president.

A chapter in the history of Saint Mary's College was brought to a closure with the announcement of Hickey's resignation last April, marking the end of a 35-year career in higher education exclusive to Saint Mary's College.

When Hickey assumed the presidency in 1986, he viewed the sesquicentennial as the ideal time to turn the College over to a new administration.

"That seemed to be the perfect moment of transition in leadership which would allow a new president to set the agenda for and launch the next 150 years," Hickey said.

However, the \$30 million sesquicentennial fundraising campaign, coupled with the North Central reaccreditation review, set back those plans.

As he officially leaves office on June 1st, Hickey will leave behind a long history at Saint Mary's College, having held positions in virtually every level of leadership within the College, beginning as a biology instructor in 1960. He served as biology department chair, vice-president for academic affairs, vice-president and dean of faculty, and acting president twice, before assuming the role as the ninth president of Saint Mary's College.

In Hickey's second year in office, the College gained national prestige as it made its debut in the U.S. News and World Report's top ten midwest liberal arts colleges. For the following three years, the College has ranked number one in its class — a feat only one other college in the nation has met.

In addition to the accolades and awards, Hickey stresses development efforts such as establishing the Center for Academic Innovation, and the creation of the Presidential Merit Scholarship program as his greatest contributions to the College.

Carrying the college through what is known as one of the most challenging times in higher education, Sister Rachel Callahan, chair of the Board of Trustees, said, "It is no accident that Saint Mary's is the number one Catholic women's college, and a good part of why that is so, is because of the kind of icon this president has been for the college," she said.

Mary Lou Gorno, Chair of the College's Board of Trustees, agreed. "In the history of Saint Mary's College, the chapter on Dr. Hickey will be a long one," she said.

Students as well seemed to support Hickey's decision, as student body president Jen Turbiak stated last year following Hickey's resignation, "We thank President Hickey for all of his dedication. We respect him, and I believe the way in which he presented his resignation shows his class and his pride for the college, Turbiak said.

Reflecting on his term as the ninth president of Saint Mary's College, Hickey said, "I wouldn't hesitate to say that the Saint Mary's I assumed the presidency of in 1986 is a stronger, more stable, and more intellectually exciting institution in 1996."



Hickey as vice president and dean of faculty, 1975.

Hickey, after delivering his inaugural address and officially assuming the presidency of Saint Mary's College on Sept. 7, 1986.



Hickey presents a gift to the Pope in honor of the College's sesquicentennial.

The Hickey Years

1960



1970



1980



1990



1960: Joins the Saint Mary's faculty as a biology instructor

1970: Gains professor status

1971: Named biology department chair

1972: Appointed as VP for academic affairs

1974: Serves as acting President of the College

1975: Named VP and Dean of Faculty

1985: Serves as acting President of the College

1986: Inaugurated President of Saint Mary's College

1994: Launches the College's Sesquicentennial Celebration, along with a major fundraising campaign

1994: Completes the corporate reorganization of the College

1996: Announces his resignation

1997: Steps down as SMC President, leaving the helm to Marilou Eldred

FOUR YEARS IN REVIEW

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10 BIGGEST STORIES

#1

of the 1993-97 academic years



January 31, 1995

Administration bans GLND/SMC, denies recognition

After GLND/SMC was prohibited from meeting on campus in January, protests were organized and councils passed resolutions calling for official recognition of the group. However, recognition was never granted. Later in the year, the administration created a committee to address gay and lesbian issues.

GLND/SMC, in addition to other campus organizations, are currently awaiting a revision of the University's non-discrimination clause to include sexual orientation. The Office of Student Affairs promised in the spring of 1996 to consider amending the clause, but no decision has been reached to date.

2 Mara Fox dies in weekend crash



Mara Fox, a Lyons freshman, was killed early Saturday morning when she was struck by a car along Douglas Road.

Fox was walking back to campus from Macri's Deli with three other freshmen and one of their older brothers.

A Notre Dame law alumnus was being questioned about the incident.

Nov. 15, 1993

3 Jury clears Rita of Fox's death



After nine hours of deliberations, a jury acquitted Notre Dame Law School graduate John Rita of causing the death of Mara Fox on Nov. 13, 1993, while driving drunk.

Rita faces a retrial this summer on a second charge of leaving the scene of an accident.

Nov. 9, 1994

4 SMC appoints Hickey's successor



After an exhaustive one year search, the Board of Trustees at Saint Mary's College appointed Marilou Eldred as the new College president.

The first female layperson to hold the job, Eldred comes from a job as academic dean of the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn. William Hickey served as president for 10 years.

April 14, 1997

5 Committee calls for gay student group



After a year of research, the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs called for an officially recognized gay and lesbian student group.

Vice president of Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara responded by establishing a "University group for gay students."

March 1, 1996

6 Authorities clear Kinder and Farmer

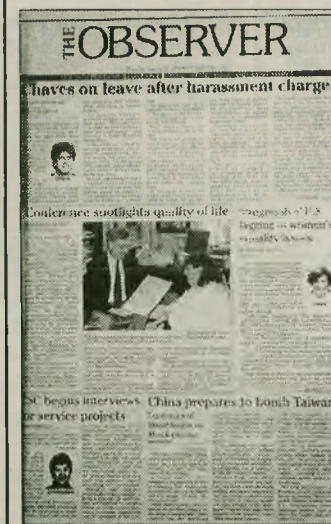


Sophomore running backs Randy Kinder and Robert Farmer were cleared of any wrongdoing in connection with an alleged assault incident following the Notre Dame football team's loss to Brigham Young that fall.

Both men will graduate from Notre Dame on Sunday.

Feb. 1, 1995

7 Chaves on leave after harassment charge



Following an allegation of sexual harassment, associate professor of sociology Mark Chaves took official leave of his teaching duties.

Chaves, a tenured professor, was accused of making sexual suggestions to a female undergraduate research assistant.

Jan. 25, 1996

8 Hickey defers Alliance decision

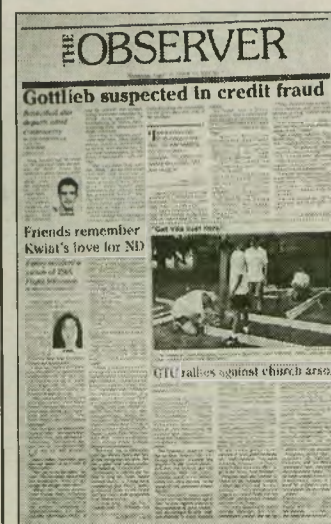


President Hickey announced his deferral of official recognition of The Alliance for Lesbian, Bisexual, Straight, and Questioning Women.

The Board of Governance had approved recognition a week earlier, setting what seemed to be a precedent, especially in regard to Notre Dame's refusal to acknowledge GLND/SMC.

April 16, 1997

9 Kwiat dies in TWA crash, Gottlieb faces charge of credit card fraud



Notre Dame senior Patty Kwiat was en route to France when TWA Flight 800 crashed and claimed her life.

On the same day, former Notre Dame point guard Doug Gottlieb was officially revealed as a suspect in credit card fraud and theft from fellow students.

Aug. 28, 1996

10 ND will expand stadium seating



The \$50 million expansion of Notre Dame Stadium, announced in May 1994, left alumni excited at the prospect of more tickets, but dismayed at the projected change in the stadium's historic facade.

22,000 seats have been added in an upper tier, and will open in time for the Georgia Tech game on Sept. 6, 1997.

Aug. 19, 1995

Year provides roller coaster of emotions

By HEATHER COCKS
News Editor

1996-97 was a bittersweet year for the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community, tempered by frustrations while celebrating the beginning of new eras on both campuses.

A disappointing loss to Ohio State and an unexpected defeat at the hands of Air Force left students and media alike speculating wildly about Lou Holtz's future with the Notre Dame football team. On Tuesday, November 19, Holtz opened his weekly press conference with a prepared statement officially announcing his resignation but failing to explain it in concrete terms.

"I cannot honestly give you a reason for my resignation, except to say I feel it is the right thing to do," Holtz said. He dispelled rumors that another job offer fueled his decision, but gave strength to the popular claim that this departure came more from coercion than restlessness.

"It is difficult to leave Notre Dame at this time, for many reasons," he said. "I will miss the students; and I would have loved to have had the opportunity to coach in the new stadium, which I observed from its original conception to its completion."

"But the main reason I regret leaving is because I will leave a talented group of young men who I respect and love," Holtz added.

Defensive coordinator Bob Davie, who developed standouts Kory Minor, Melvin Dansby, and Renaldo Wynn during his three-year tenure, had unofficially secured the coveted position by the time the Irish took the field that Saturday against Rutgers.

"When I think of all the great coaches who have been involved with this program, I feel a tremendous obligation to do everything I can to maintain and build on this tradition," Davie said.

A New Era

The Board of Trustees selected Marilou Eldred to succeed President William Hickey as the leader of Saint Mary's College. Eldred, the first female layperson to assume the position, vacated a job as academic dean and vice president of the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn.

"Women's colleges are critical because women need to be able to identify themselves and assume a role in society," Eldred said at the April 14 announcement to College students. "I have long admired and respected Saint Mary's as a leader for women's colleges in the United States."

Mary Lou Gorno, chair of the Board of Trustees, led a search process shrouded in silence and one year in duration. Before presenting Eldred to the community, she praised her as the right choice.

"Marilou Denbo Eldred's goals are articulated in Saint Mary's own mission statement," Gorno said. "[Eldred] believes passionately in the value of a liberal arts education as the critical foundation for any undergraduate major."

Working for rights and recognition

Eldred may inherit a touchy and somewhat controversial situation from her predecessor, as the fate of The Alliance for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Straight and Questioning Women currently hangs in the balance.

The Board of Governance at Saint Mary's deliberated for one month, considering the group's submitted proposal and mission statement before approving official recognition of the student group on April 8.

"The students know that this is for everyone, and I'm excited to see where it's going to go," said Carol Jones, one of The Alliance's founding members.

Enthusiasm and euphoria were short-lived, however, as official recognition was deferred by Hickey eight days later. His self-imposed deadline for a final decision about The Alliance is May 31, the end of his tenure at Saint Mary's.

Gay and lesbian students at Notre Dame faced an uphill struggle as well. Vice-president of Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara promised last year to raise the issue of adding sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause; one year later, the revision had not been publicly addressed and no decision was announced. The College Democrats, joined by GLND/SMC and their supporters, spoke out in frustration about the lack of administrative action, holding a rally on the steps of the Main Building on April 24.

"Every person who is touched by this University is suffering because non-discrimination is not considered an issue by the administration," said J.P. Cooney, co-president of the College Democrats.

Stated Molly O'Shaughnessy, "Two words can change a lot. We don't deserve to live in an atmosphere of hate. No one does."

Faculty members joined the students in protest, but the demonstration may have missed its main target, as O'Hara was out of the office when the student congregation turned the mike over to the speakers.

"What kind of Catholic family would allow the discrimination of its members?" queried Matt Szabo as he waved a copy of the Catechism.

The College Democrats submitted a petition signed by over 2,000 students to O'Hara, along with what Cooney deemed a "cordial" letter asking that officials use the summer to further reflect upon the issue.

No word has been received from O'Hara regarding the status of clause revision.

Achieving Reform

The Student Senate voted in favor of a new constitution that reorganizes student government into a Student Union designed to be more accessible to students and more efficient.

"I'm proud that the student body has finally decided to get together and change the system for the better," said former chief of staff Brendan Kelly, who created the reform committee in November 1996.

The restructured Student Union is led by the student body president and vice president; the first to take office under the new system were Matt Griffin and Erik Nass. Just below that office on the hierarchy are the Executive Cabinet and the Student Senate, led by Nass. Hall Presidents' Council, Student Union Board, Club Coordination Council, and class officers are accountable to the Executive Cabinet. Those organizations approved the constitution before the senate's deciding vote on March 5.

One of the hot topics debated prior to the vote was the role the Campus Life Council plays as the sole conduit to the Office of Student Affairs. Led by Griffin, the CLC is not a member of the Union due to the fact that faculty members participate.

One senator felt that the CLC might unintentionally impede communication between Student Affairs and the senate, resulting in lack of response from that office to senate concerns and letters.

Concerns ultimately did not affect the new constitution; it passed 14-2 without any friendly amendments or resolutions from the senate.

Controversial hiring

Led by department chairman Professor Lawrence Cunningham, several theology professors expressed strong dissatisfaction with a hiring decision made by University president Father Edward Malloy.

The professor, currently a member of the Notre Dame faculty, visited campus in April 1996, after which time the theology department's hiring committee informed Malloy that it disapproved of the potential hiring. Malloy later hired the candidate

despite their qualms.

The Faculty Senate, over the course of three meetings in the fall 1996 semester, overwhelmingly approved a resolution stating, "Be it further resolved that a president who makes such decisions seriously erodes the confidence that a faculty ought to have in a president."

Senate members also raised questions as to the level of collaboration that exists between University administrators and hiring committees.

"[The hiring] undermines the well-established and beneficial model of rational collaboration between ... faculty and the University's administration," states the resolution.

The Silver Anniversary

The University of Notre Dame admitted its first women in 1972, and 25 years later, students and faculty reflected on both co-education and co-residentiality.

"Men are better when women are around. There's no doubt that they bring something to our campus," said Father Theodore Hesburgh, considered the integral figure in Notre Dame's journey toward co-education.

"It's wonderful that we're celebrating 25 years of co-education, but we still have a long way to go," said senior Katie Hazard, noting that Notre Dame is firmly rooted in Catholicism, something that many consider a male-oriented tradition.

In a speech concluding the week's festivities, Hesburgh recalled someone posing the question, "How do you feel the Church ought to treat women?"

"I have a simple, uncomplicated answer — the same way they treat men," Hesburgh stated.

Switching frequencies

Close to two years of planning finally came to fruition for the WVFI-AM radio station, as the Office of Student Affairs approved their proposal to move to the FM band.

"We've been doing this for so long ... It's all we've been doing for the last two years," station manager Mike Flood said. "It's the biggest deal the station has ever seen."

Currently, the station has been restricted by its AM frequency, only audible from certain locations in a smattering of Notre Dame dormitories. The new 100-watt broadcasting system will increase that range to four miles, encompassing Saint Mary's College and even parts of the South Bend area.

Prior to the approval, Flood announced a new music policy designed to attract more listeners and play what demographics claim are the favorite artists of college students.

"We will still play lesser-known bands," Flood stated. "But our rotations will contain a lot more 'popular' music."

Out with the old, in with the new

Over 1,000 men from Grace Hall were relocated — somewhat unwillingly — to the new West Quad dorms, the first of which to crop up were Keough Hall and O'Neill Family Hall. Reactions to the structures were mixed, with Grace devotees lamenting the long hallways that differ radically from the square sections

boasted by the two high-rise dorms.

"It seems to me the new dorms were designed by people who assumed they knew what the students wanted but didn't really ask the students how they would want them," stated junior Tom Daignault.

Despite concerns about the smaller capacity of South Dining Hall, others were optimistic about O'Neill and Keough's location.

"It's nice being close to DeBartolo and COBA," allowed junior Steve McMullen of Keough. "It almost seems like a whole different University since we're on the exact opposite side of campus."

Mike Wassmer, who moved into O'Neill, concurred that the location has its advantages. "There always seems to be more people hanging out on South Quad," he said.

The two women's dorms, McGlinn and Welsh Halls, are currently being erected and will be filled with Knott and Siegfried residents in August 1997.



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Supporters of an amendment to the non-discrimination clause rallied on the steps of the Main Building on April 24. The College Democrats, who led the peaceful rally, submitted a petition to Professor O'Hara signed by 2,000 students, and asking for further deliberation during the summer.

Flanner Hall residents are also saying their good-byes and electing new dorm team names in preparation for their transfer into Knott and Siegfried.

Notre Dame Stadium, which ceased to exist in its previous form during the summer of 1996, nears completion and will open to the public when the Irish play Georgia Tech on Sept. 6.

In addition to the over 20,000 extra seats encasing the original red brick facade of Notre Dame Stadium, NBC purchased lights to be permanently affixed to the building. Officials assert that no night games are scheduled, but that the lights are an investment in a "quality television picture."

"They [NBC] just know from experience that late in the year it starts getting dark early in the day in northern Indiana," explained Mike Smith, director of Facilities Engineering.

Vacating the Dome

Extensive interior renovation of the Main Building, expected to last one year, will displace the offices currently operating from that locale. University President Father Edward Malloy will transfer his desk to Hayes-Healy, as will Student Affairs, Public Relations, and others. Grace Hall will serve as a permanent location for the remainder of the personnel who will move.



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As Flanner Hall vacates next semester, personnel from the Main Building will fill the new offices in the now-empty Grace Hall.

SMC bestows honors at ceremony ND Grad

By ALLISON KOENIG
Saint Mary's News Editor

On Sunday, May 3, Saint Mary's annual Honors Convocation convened in O'Laughlin Auditorium. The newly-hooded class of 1997, the faculty and administration were in full attendance of the ceremony.

College president William Hickey presented the first award, the valedictorian's medal, to senior Kathleen Urda. Hickey then presented the Saint Catherine Medal to junior Genevieve Morrill.

College-wide awards were the next to be recognized. Four students received accolades in the Sister Franzita Kane Writing Awards: Kathleen Urda, Sharon Zielski, Sara Wolfert and Emilie De Angelis.

Three students were recognized by the Dorothy Manier Writing Awards; Angela Little received the fall award, while Laura Carroll and Chengdong Liu retained spring honors. Jill Moore took home the freshman/sophomore award while Janet Kelley received the junior/senior recognition for the Helen Carroll Award in Religious Studies. Sarah Northway won the Sister Annice Donovan Prize for Philosophical Writing.

Individual department awards were then announced. Tara Grewe received the Sister Edna Service Award for the art department. Four biology students received departmental awards; Courtney O'Rourke won the Mother M. Rose Elizabeth Award in Biology, Jennifer Tarkowski won the George and Juanda Bick Nature Award, and Jennifer Bertucci and Kara Masucci shared the Sister M. Rosaleen Dunleavy Allied Medical Award.

Ten awards were announced in the business administration and economics department. Becky Rodarte was honored with both the Academic Achievement Award and the Ernst and Young Award. Emily Ruffner was also a dual winner of the Wall Street Journal Award and the Marketing Award. Mary Ann Livovich won the Frank A. Yeandel Service Award, Sandra Staton received the Accounting Award, Nicole Nielsen won the Economics Award, Ann Caroline Uhl won the Finance Award, Brittany Anthone received the International Business Award and Maggie Ryan received the Management Award.

The chemistry department announced the winners of two awards; Heidi Simmons received the American Institute of Chemists Award, while Amy Brinkhoff and Michelle Trzop received the Mother M. Rose Elizabeth Award. The communication, dance, and theater department also declared the winners of its two awards. Brandee Carlson won the Communication Award, while Caroline Quinlan and Natale Waitkus took the Terpsichorean Award for Excellence in Dance.

Marianne Banko received the sole education honor: the Mary A. McDermott Award. The English department announced Kathleen Urda as the recipient of the Elisabeth A. Noel English Prize, and Margaret Lenczewski and Bernadette Pampuch as the winners of the Laurie A. Lesniewski Creative Writing Award.

The history department named Mary Pat Buckenmeyer and Leslie Seymour as the recipients of the Martha Montgomery Schurz Memorial Award. Kathleen Maxbauer was honored with the Blecka-Zatko Essay Award. The

humanistic studies department announced Abby Johnson, Janet Kelley, and Ashley Ratcliffe as the winners of the Thomas More Award.

Margaret Ehlers was declared the winner of the Milko Jeglic Award, the single honor bestowed by the mathematics department. In the modern languages, Amy Brabeck and Amy Cox won the French Prize, while Candy Alvarado and Anna Rafaj won the Spanish Prize. Lindsey Friend won the Music Department's sole award.

The nursing department named Nicole Schmidt as the recipient of the Evelyn McGuinness Award for Excellence in Nursing, and Michelle Hooper as the winner of the Humanitarian Award.

The political science department named Leecia Anderson as the Juliette Noone Lester Award winner, and Jessica Zigmond as the winner of the department's Achievement Award. Psychology students Rebecca Shelby and Ashley Ratcliffe took home the Outstanding Scholarship Award and the Outstanding Achievement Award respectively.

Emily Haire won the sociology, anthropology, and social work Outstanding Scholarship Award, while Amberly Hershberger received the Outstanding Achievement Award. Kristina Campbell was awarded the Women's Studies Prize by that department.

The final awards of the day were presented to two faculty members. President Hickey awarded biology professor Richard Jensen the Maria Pieta Award, and presented business administration and economics professor Jerome McElroy with the Spes Unica Award.

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learned.

"Academics have definitely expanded my mind and my perspective on the world," stated Alison Howard, who immersed herself in both running track and maintaining a double major.

Shepherd in particular felt Notre Dame's influence on her academic choices. "I came here wanting to do pre-med and physics. Now I'm pre-med and theology, and will leave here to do work in the theological field."

A number of Notre Dame's lessons, according to the seniors, come not from scholastic endeavors but from the ample extracurricular opportunities.

"The out-of-classroom moments taught me the most," said Banks. "I learned a lot from my friends and the other special people I met here."

Said Baltramo, "Notre Dame fosters a selflessness and caring for others that a lot of other schools don't, especially while keeping a competitive atmosphere like the one we have here."

"Some things aren't perfect here, but I still had a great experience," he concluded.

"The key to Notre Dame is knowing you are meant to be here, and taking advantage of everything available," senior Megan Pater said. "The people make ND special, and they made my experience a

great one."

Political analyst Mark Shields, a 1959 alumnus, will give the principal address and is slated to receive an honorary doctor of laws degree. Mexican-American theologian Rev. Virgil Elizondo is this year's Laetare Medal recipient, and will also address the seniors.

Other honorary degree recipients are: David Billington, professor of civil engineering and operations research at Princeton University; Sister Rosemary Connelly, executive director of Misericordia/Heart of Mercy Center in Chicago; Rita Dove, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and professor of English at the University of Virginia; Roman Herzog, president of Germany; Leon Lederman, Nobel Prize-winning physicist and director emeritus of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory; Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit; Arthur Martinez, chairman and chief executive officer of Sears, Roebuck and Co.; Barry Munitz, chancellor of the California State University System; Ara Parseghian, founder of Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation and former Notre Dame head football coach; Antonin Scalia, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; and Ann Claire Williams, 1975 Notre Dame Law School graduate, University trustee and federal judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

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Thanks for all your help over the years.

African-Americans celebrate 50 years at ND

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Notre Dame admitting women. But 50 years ago, Frazier Thompson, a track star and pre-med major, became the first African-American student to graduate from Notre Dame.

He was offered a track scholarship in 1945, after attending Notre Dame in 1944 through a Navy program.

"Back then a lot of African-Americans went on to college when they got funding from the military," said Melvin

Tardy, assistant director of the office of admissions and the treasurer of Black Alumni of Notre Dame.



'I wasn't trying to prove anything. I just wanted to be me. I just wanted an education.'

Frazier Thompson

Thompson, who died in 1991, was quoted in 1990 in "Ebony Side of the Dome," Black Alumni of Notre Dame's newsletter, as saying, "I wasn't trying to prove anything. I just wanted to be me. I just wanted an education. I

wasn't trying to prove a point."

After he graduated, Thompson worked for the U.S. Postal Service until 1955, when he moved on to the International Resistance Company, where he worked until 1974.

Black Alumni of Notre Dame, a subgroup of the Alumni Association, plans to honor the occasion of Thompson's graduation by naming 50 distinguished African-American alumni at its tri-annual, all-classes reunion this summer.

"We plan on honoring alumni who contributed a lot as Notre Dame students," Tardy said. "They also have

achieved in their professional and personal lives after graduation. The main question was to see if they exemplify what our alumni are doing.

"Most people do not know about the more distinguished African-Americans that have graduated from this University, outside of the sports players," he continued.

"For example, Gary Cooper, who was the ambassador to Jamaica, and his brother Jay, the former mayor of Pritchard, Ala., both graduated from Notre Dame.

"We have many alumni who have received recognition for service and professional achievements, but people need to know about them."

The group also plans for

Thompson's surviving family to represent him at this ceremony. In addition, they will establish a scholarship in Thompson's name to benefit all students.

Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame from 1952 to 1987, unofficially organized the Black Alumni of Notre Dame in 1985.

"He brought 20 alumni back to campus that year to determine why so few African-American alumni were returning to campus," Tardy said.

"We planned an all-classes reunion in 1989, then we officially formed Black Alumni of Notre Dame to assist the University with this," Tardy said.

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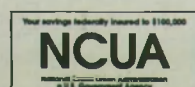
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West Quad dorms prompt 18-hole golf course construction

Juday Creek health draws local concern

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

Progress in the construction of Notre Dame's new golf course north of Douglas Road is at a standstill as administrators and community members consider its repercussions for a dying creek and await the approval of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' (IDNR) to begin work.

Underwritten by William Warren, Jr., a 1956 alumnus, the \$7 million course is planned to be constructed on a 260-acre property between Juniper and Ironwood Roads. But the area is also home to Juday Creek, which has felt detrimental effects of construction in the past. With this new project, environmentalists do not want history to repeat itself.

"The stream has deteriorated over that last 20 years due to development upstream from campus and on Grape Road," said Ron Hellenthal, director of Notre Dame's environmental research center.

Hellenthal, who was hired to advise University officials about the creek's history, has been conducting studies for the past two decades regarding the state of the stream, which he says is poor.

"During the mid to late '80s, almost all of the organisms in the creek disappeared, he said. "Many of the steps the University is taking may help improve the stream and bring it back."

Those steps include digging a number of bends in the creek, adding more gravel to its bed to provide a cleansing effect, planting trees to increase the stream's canopy and installing a filtration system to screen pollutants from Ironwood Road.

According to Dennis Brown,



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Juday Creek, which runs through the proposed land for the Warren Golf Course, is drawing controversy from environmentalists.

associate director of Public Relations, these alterations should be sufficient for the University to attain the permits necessary to begin the project and sidestep Indiana's new anti-degradation provisions to the Great Lakes Water Quality Initiative.

"According to IDNR, we cannot do anything to harm the creek. We have demonstrated that with the present plans we are actually trying to help it. We fully anticipate having things approved," Brown said. If permission is granted as anticipated, the course will be built by August 1998 and ready for play in spring 1999.

Hellenthal believes that planners, including designers Coore & Crenshaw Inc., are keeping the health of the stream in mind.

"The University is doing an incredibly responsible job. I think it has gone out of its way to respond to all the concerns it's received," Hellenthal said.

Some of those concerns have come from neighbors like J.C. Sporleder of the Izaak Walton League, a national conservation organization, who is not completely confident in the University's plans for the creek.

"We are not against the Notre Dame golf course; we are against possible impacts to the creek," Sporleder said.

The organization, whose local nature center lies downstream from the proposed course, is most concerned with loss of floodways that could cause flooding to nearby properties during heavy rainfall as well as with a plan to pump ground water into Juday Creek, which could change the chemical makeup of the natural stream.

Members have requested a public hearing to voice their opinions in front of the Army Corps of Engineers, which dictates the wetland statutes of the federal Clean Water Act. The meeting has yet to be approved.

"The course plan includes many things that Izaak Walton likes. We just want to investigate all the consequences because it should be possible to have a high quality golf course and a healthy creek," Sporleder said.

Land on old course holds new dorms, construction proceeds on schedule

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

The construction of McGlinn and Robert and Kathleen Welsh Family residence halls is continuing one month ahead of schedule and will be completed in four to six weeks, according to Mike Smith, director of facilities engineering.

"They're coming along great," Smith said. "All that's left is painting, carpeting, moving in the furniture and putting a mint on the pillow."

With structure completion set for mid-July, the dorms, which each have a \$20 million price tag, are progressing more quickly and efficiently than their counterparts, Keough and O'Neill Family Halls, which were completed just days before the opening of the fall 1996 semester.

According to Tim Ackerson, on-site project manager for Casteel Construction, an earlier scheduled starting date helped the project move along.

"We are now one full month ahead of schedule compared to O'Neill and Keough. Mike Smith saw that we'd have an easier time if we laid the foundation for McGlinn and Welsh earlier," Ackerson said. "Then, because the foundation was set, we

had more grace period as far as when we could start different aspects of the project, and now we're ahead.

"They have to put down carpet and install a few doors and things," he continued about the work of the 40-member crew, "but when they're done, it takes the owner, which is University of Notre Dame, about a month to move in."

According to Paula Carlacchini, project manager for facilities engineering, the process of moving in will begin directly after construction completion.

Bed units and student room furniture is scheduled to be delivered on June 15, and all general furniture, including that for lounge, study room and social space, should be in place by July 7.

"Really, by the end of July, we will be ready to move everybody in. The rectors should be in around that time, and then it will be all ready for school," Carlacchini said.

Additionally, chapel furniture will be provided by University artisans and ready for the dorms' openings in the fall.

"We construct all the altar furnishings in our carpentry shops, and that is in the works. Some of it is already done," Carlacchini added.



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McGlinn Hall, along with its counterpart, Welsh, is nearing completion. Both dorms' structures should be completed within six weeks.

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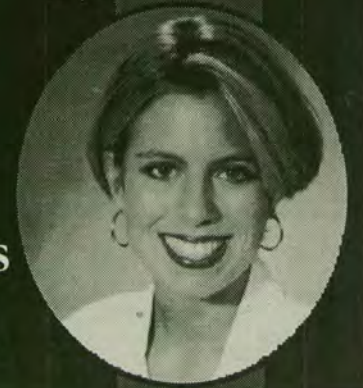
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ND kicks off \$767 million fund-raising campaign

Colloquy 2000 provides basis for largest drive in ND history

By HEATHER COCKS
News Editor
and MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

In an unprecedented fund-raising effort, the University has pledged its intent to raise \$767 million by the year 2000 in "Generations: A Campaign for the Notre Dame Student."

Aiming to augment scholarship funds, faculty positions,

campus libraries and construction plans, the campaign is the largest of its kind ever undertaken in Catholic higher education and the ninth-largest capital campaign now in progress in American academia.

"The total [dollar amount] is intended to suggest a realistic appraisal of what is both possible and necessary," said University President Father Edward Malloy. "In the same vein, if we had a hope and dream list, this is what would be on it."

The wish list was created in conjunction with the Colloquy for the Year 2000, a campus-wide study to determine the needs and priorities of faculty,

students and staff, and which also serves as part of the University's accreditation report. Once defined, administrators determined the amount of money necessary to accommodate each request as thoroughly as possible.

Over 60 percent of the total monetary goal has been attained thus far, with some of the \$470 million already being invested in projects like the Main Building renovation and construction of the dorms on West Quad. The stadium project is not part of the campaign.

"Most money, especially that for construction, is given for a specific project. What people give will hopefully correspond to what our goals are," University provost Nathan Hatch said.

"We're completing what we call the 'quiet phase' during which we talk to the people most likely to donate the largest amount," said Dennis Moore, director of Public Relations. "Now we're heading into the last, most time-intensive stage directed at a larger group of people."

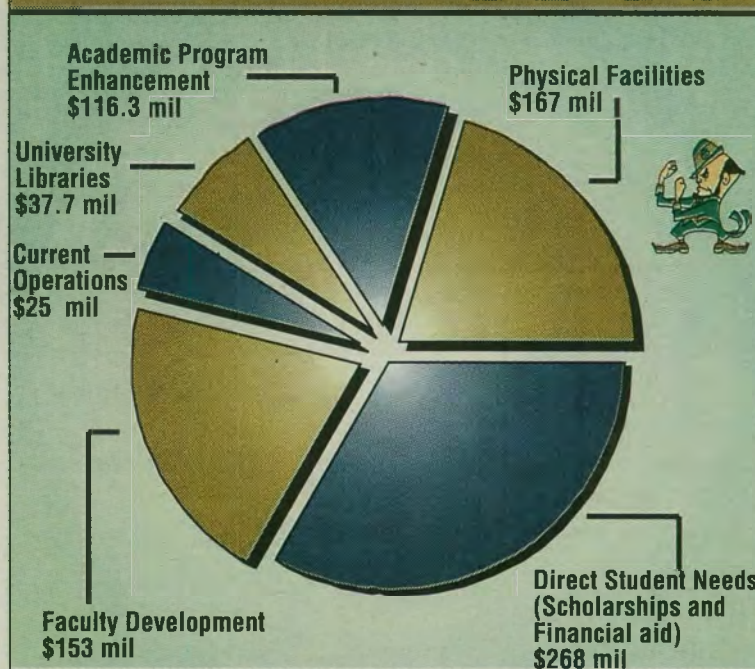
The fundraising proposal outlines the allotment of \$268 million for direct student needs, including undergraduate, graduate and law scholarships. Malloy explained that endowments given for financial aid, which pay annual dividends on donated gifts, provide Notre Dame with a lasting source of funds.

"Endowments are like constant dollars. If we just spend that money, it's more decisive and immediate, but the more internal resources we have, the more control we have over the mix of our student body," Malloy said.

He clarified that once invested, five percent of the endowment is available annually; thus, it is a guaranteed source of financial assistance that cannot be spent all at one time.

Presently, the University provides consistent assistance to students who earn status as Notre Dame or Holy Cross Scholars, with the latter intended for minority students. Malloy asserted his desire to continue the expansion of those programs, with special interests in increasing the percentage of minority

Funds for "Generations"



applicants.

"We need to keep up our effort to recruit minority students, and competition to recruit the best minority students is driven by the amount we can offer them," Malloy said.

"What is just loans and work-study for several students right now will ideally become solid scholarship money," Moore added. "Endowments are a nice way of ensuring we have constant funds to back up that aid."

Concluded Hatch, "Our goal is to have full need met."

In addition to financial aid, the campaign will also focus heavily on raising funds for the construction of physical facilities. A science teaching facility and new bookstore are in the planning as goals of the \$167 million-facet of the project.

"The science building will be totally devoted to undergraduate education. It will address the question, 'What will science teaching be like in 10-15 years?'" Hatch said.

Faculty development is also strongly represented in the plan, with \$153 million allotted for its strengthening. Much money donated will be used to create more endowed professorships, but continuing education for current professors will also be targeted.

"We want to enhance the people we have now, but we feel the faculty should grow. We also would like to draw more professors to keep a good faculty/student ratio without increasing tuition," Moore said.

Malloy and Hatch explained that the advantage of additional endowments is that tuition then pays for a smaller percentage of faculty salaries; thus, an increase in endowed professorships has no effect on tuition costs because those donations are not included in the University's annual operational budget.

This is especially pertinent as the University has changed its distribution of faculty teaching, research and service time commitments, allowing

professors less time in the classroom.

"That translates to either larger classes, or more professors. We'd prefer the latter," Malloy said. "Teachers can maximize their vast potential and live up to our high expectations."

Another \$116.3 million will cover the enhancement of various University programs, both on campus and abroad, and \$37.7 million will be used to augment campus libraries.

The final \$25 million will be added to funds for current operations, including grounds up-keep and building renovations.

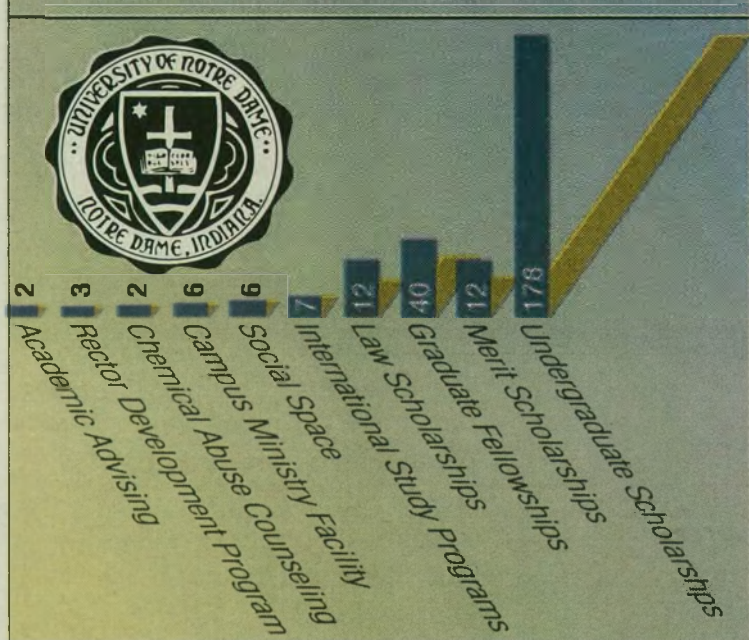
As it stands, Notre Dame has made history with the funds already amassed en route to the \$767 million goal, although the final stage of the campaign is about to kick into high gear. Malloy explained that soliciting the final 39 percent will require a concerted effort from University officials.

"If we don't raise another dime, this still goes on record as the largest amount raised by any Catholic university," he said. "But we still need to engage the interest and support of a broad range of people. It's daunting, but doable."

FACT FILE:

- "Generations: A Celebration of Notre Dame" will be rebroadcast locally on Sunday, June 1, at 8 p.m. on TCI cable channel 3. The program, which originated live from Washington Hall on May 3, was seen via satellite downlink by some 190 Notre Dame alumni gatherings throughout the Americas and Europe in what is believed to have been the most extensive use ever of live satellite television by a college or university. Co-hosted by Notre Dame alumna and NBC Sports anchor Hannah Storm and former chair of the University's Board of Trustees David Keough, the program featured a major address by Father Edward Malloy and the announcement of Notre Dame's \$767 million fund-raising campaign.

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'With Patty, you could be sitting around doing absolutely nothing and having the time of your life.'

Not forgotten

'Mara was one of the best people I ever knew.'

From hurt, fond memories of Kwiat emerge

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Editor-in-Chief

Outside the main door of Farley Hall, a newly-planted tree oversees a plaque honoring the memory of Patty Kwiat.

Kwiat, who died aboard TWA Flight 800 last July, would have graduated this Sunday with her fellow members of the class of 1997. It has been a year of emotional highs and lows for Kwiat's friends in Farley Hall, pierced at times by the shocking pain of such a tragic loss.

But as her friends go through the final days of Senior Week — sharing times that should have included Kwiat — the somber tone that characterized the first few months of school has been replaced with a simple gratitude for the chance to have known the woman whose infectious smile "touched so many people."

"With Patty, you could be sitting around doing absolutely nothing and having the time of your life," said Suzy Fry, a Farley Hall resident assistant and one of Kwiat's closest friends.

The University will award a posthumous degree to Kwiat at commencement this weekend.

According to friends, the reflections on Kwiat come at times when they are hanging out together and a sense persists that something —



The Observer/Kevin Dalum
At the base of this tree outside Farley Hall lies a plaque honoring Patty Kwiat.

someone — seems to be missing. It is a sense that has been especially felt this week.

"Notre Dame reminds me so much of Patty that it's hard leaving now. Graduation means mov-

ing away from where we knew Patty," said Katie Yeend.

"We used to go rollerblading around campus, and now when I go running around campus, I think of her," Yeend continued. "When we're doing something fun, I think of how much she would have enjoyed it."

The reflections are common to all Kwiat's friends, but more often than not, they're personal and left unspoken.

"We're all thinking about her, but no one really wants to bring the party down" by talking about her death, said Katie Flynn. "It's somber, but it makes me happy, because I know that I had that time with her. It makes me think, 'Wow, what an amazing person.'"

Besides rollerblading, Kwiat was also known for her love of movies, Bob Marley, and especially children. She babysat for a Notre Dame professor, Jim Langford, and spent time at his farm for disadvantaged children located south of South Bend.

Her love of children has prompted Flynn to create a fund in her name in which the proceeds will be donated to a different children's foundation each year on her birthday, May 30. The funds, collected from friends, will be given this year to Langford's camp program, "There Are Children Here."

"She just loved children, just adored them," Flynn said. "We thought she would want nothing more than for the money to go to children."

The dorm has also established a scholarship fund in Kwiat's name, which recently benefited from funds raised from a charity concert given by George and the Freeks last month.

"All of her friends were there," Fry said. "It was so emotional that I wasn't prepared for it. She touched so many people beyond our own experiences with her. It was so nice to see her world come to life again."

At the end of the school year, Farley Hall held a senior farewell Mass at the Grotto, in which each senior lit one of the candles. A candle was also lit for Kwiat.

"We carry her memory in our hearts," said Sister Carrine Etheridge, Farley Hall's rector. "She's missed here."

But for all the great memories, some pain still persists.

"It's been a rough year," Fry said. "Try imagining having one of your best friends here and then having her gone so suddenly. Your heart just aches."

Fox's death brought class of 1997 together

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Editor-in-Chief

Inextricably linked with the euphoria that came with the thrilling victory of the Florida State weekend in November 1993 will always be the shocking hurt that resulted from the death of Mara Fox.

Fox, then a freshman in Lyons Hall, was walking back to campus from Macri's Deli along Douglas Road when she was struck and killed by a car driven by John Rita, then a Notre Dame law student.

More than three years later, as her classmates graduate this weekend, Fox is not forgotten. Her memory was honored during last Sunday's Mass at Lyons Hall, and a slide show paid tribute to her time, however brief, at Notre Dame.

Mara's friends described her as someone in love with everything in life. "[She] was one of the best people I ever knew," said Jennifer Ramirez, one of Fox's roommates.

Fox was known for her vibrant enthusiasm for helping others, especially through donating her time to ASAP, a dorm service project that coordinated babysitting for the children of teen mothers so that they could attend parenting classes.

The impact of her death upon Lyons Hall was immediate. "Her death really brought her class together quickly," said Sister Kathleen Beatty, rector of Lyons Hall. "It just made me realize how fragile life is and how important it is to make the best of the time we have."

In response to Fox's death, the dorm organized a Fun Run that has since become an annual tradition. Held on the anniversary of her death, the run raises money for a sophomore who has decided to study for a semester in Spain. Fox had planned on going to Spain her sophomore year.

A plaque and likeness of Fox also adorns the main hallway of Lyons Hall.

For Ramirez, thoughts of Fox still occur whenever she goes out with friends.

"When we go out ... it feels like someone was left behind," Ramirez said. "Dances too; she loved to dance."

"She had a great sense of humor," Beatty said. "Every once in a while, I'll see a freshman that makes me think of her."

The University will award Fox a posthumous degree this weekend, but her family members will not be coming from her home in Oakton, Va., for the graduation ceremony. Even more than three years after the fact, the legal questions surrounding Rita's actions on the night of Fox's death have not yet been resolved.



In Memory Of:
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This artist's rendering appeared on the cover of the program for Mara Fox's memorial Mass in November 1993.



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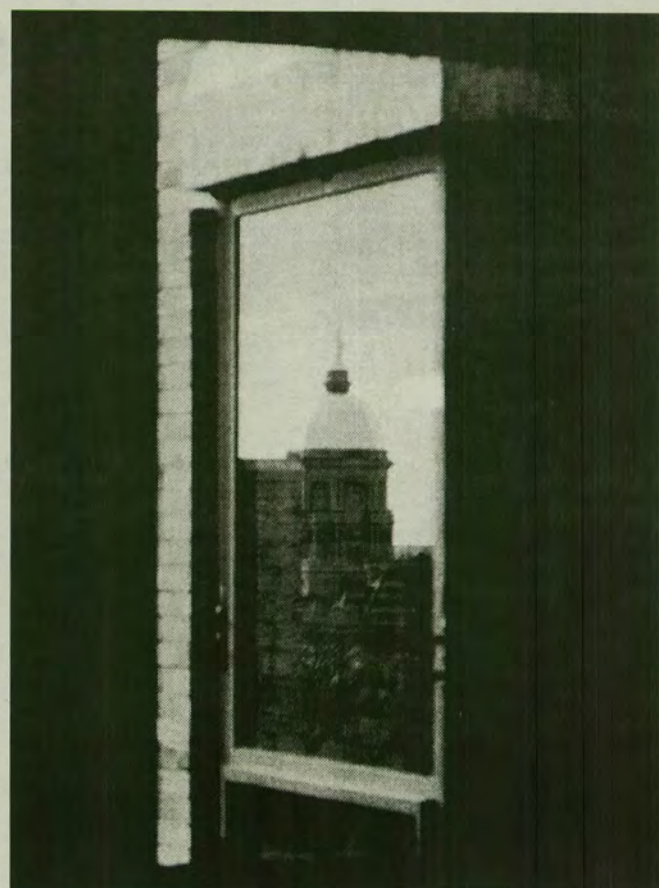
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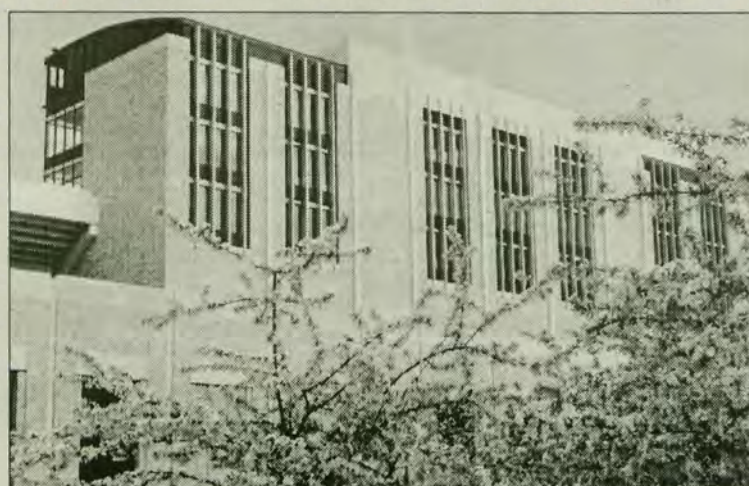


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Hesburgh receives his 135th honorary degree

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

Last week in New York, two different institutions honored Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of Notre Dame.

The College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y., awarded Hesburgh an honorary law degree.

It is his 135th honorary degree, which, according to the Guinness Book of World

Records is the most bestowed on any one person, living or dead. The late Herbert Hoover, former president of the United States, holds the second most degrees with 89.

"I only get one or two a year," Hesburgh said. "But I have one from each of the Ivy Leagues and a couple from overseas. I am running out of those kind of schools though."

In receiving the degree, Hesburgh attended the graduation at the College of Saint

Rose and addressed the graduating class.

"I go and talk to the kids," he said. "I tell them what they have to expect and what they have to look forward to."

Also last week, the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO) awarded Hesburgh the Ellis Island Medal of Honor at a ceremony in the recently refurbished Great Hall on Ellis Island.

"A few years ago, the island was in an absolute state of

ruin," he said.

"It was so bad that they even offered to sell Notre Dame a plot of land on the island. But they thought that they should fix it up instead. And to keep interest in the program, they created this medal of honor."

"The group gives it out to people who they consider to have worked toward advancements in morals and civil rights in the country," he continued. "The last four presidents have received it, as have many other civic leaders. Every one has to give a speech at the ceremony, and I was also asked to give the closing benediction."

President of the University from 1952 to 1987, Hesburgh has held 15 presidential appointments, including the chairmanship of

former President Carter's Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy.



The Observer/Katie Kroener

Father Theodore Hesburgh was awarded his 135th honorary degree this month from the College of Saint Rose in New York. He has received more honorary degrees than anyone in history.

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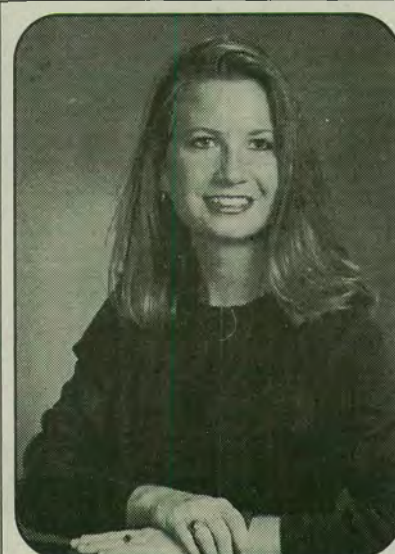
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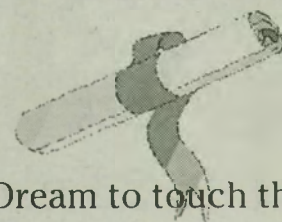
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she visited the place five years ago.

"When I came and visited the campus, I just fell in love with the place," she said.

"My mom was the one who suggested Notre Dame. I didn't mention it, because I thought that it would be too expensive. But my mom said, 'What about Notre Dame?' and I went along."

And today, as she is about to graduate, Koritnik has no regrets about her decision to attend Notre Dame.

"They always say that college is the best four years of your life, and I can't say that Notre Dame has done me bad in that way," she said. "I really think that this is the best place you can come for an undergraduate career. The faculty at Notre Dame is clearly here for the undergraduates."

Koritnik is planning a career in academia, beginning with graduate school in chemistry at Stanford University next month. And then what?

"Actually, I'd like to come back some day and teach at Notre Dame," she said.

At Stanford, Koritnik plans to study biologically active compounds. "I am interested in organic synthesis on an interface with biology — studying molecules to learn more about

their biology."

She has already engaged in independent organic synthesis research under Marvin Miller, Clark professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Notre Dame.

Koritnik has accumulated many academic honors during her time at Notre Dame. She was the recipient of a prestigious Goldwater Scholarship for the current academic year — one of 264 undergraduates selected from a field of 1,200 candidates.

In 1995, she was a summer research intern at the Schering-Plough Research Institute in New Jersey, where she was assigned to an organic synthesis project in the allergy and immunology division.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Koritnik received this year's Notre Dame Outstanding Chemist Award and was an honorable mention member of USA Today's 1997 All-USA Academic Team. She completed her undergraduate studies in January.

But as her roommate, Doreen Supon, was quick to point out, Koritnik has done much more than just compile a stellar academic record in her four years at Notre Dame.

"She actually has a life outside the lab," said Supon. "She isn't just a geek who spends all her time studying."

And Koritnik participated in many extra-curricular activities during her college career. Beginning as a sophomore, she

tutored Notre Dame freshmen and student-athletes in chemistry and physics. She also was a Notre Dame Representative to the 1996 National Bioengineering Career Symposium. A resident of Farley Hall until her senior year, Koritnik volunteered in a number of hall social service activities.

She was a member of the varsity track and cross-country teams during her freshman and sophomore years.

When she was forced by injury to stop running, she decided on the advice of a friend to try out for the Notre Dame Band.

"Going out for the band was the best thing I did at Notre Dame," she said. "It just made the whole Notre Dame experience that much more complete."

This Sunday at the Commencement exercises, when Koritnik gives her valedictory address, she plans to talk about the uniqueness of the students at Notre Dame.

"I'm going to talk about my ideal — how I think Notre Dame students are, and how we go after our dreams," she said. "It will be motivational."

Is perfection going to her head? She doesn't have time to worry about that. She has two other people in mind, Tony and Shirley Koritnik.

"The thing that makes me the most excited is my parents. They sacrificed a lot so that I could come here, and I just want them to have the joy, too."

Saint Mary's are the friends that I have made here, the memories, and the idea that we should always look for opportunities to serve one another," Urda stressed. She will also graduate close to perfection with a 3.99 grade point average.

"I think that a Saint Mary's woman is very identifiable out in the world today. Everyone, from my friends to my professors, especially my English professors, have made my experience here all the more wonderful; we are a close-knit family," said Urda.

Having served as the treasurer of the English club for the past two years, and as a student member of the North Central Reaccreditation Steering Committee on Academic Standards, Urda was nominated into both Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, and Kappa Gamma Pi, the national Catholic college graduate honor society.

In addition to receiving the valedictorian's medal at the annual Honors Convocation, Urda was also presented with the Sister Franzita Kane Writing Award and the English Department's Elizabeth A. Noel English Prize.

"I have a love for English and would really like to teach literature on the college level. Whatever I do, I hope I'm happy," Urda said.

She will present the valedictory speech at graduation, stressing the importance of a liberal arts education.

"The most important things that I will be taking away from

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District in almost 30 years when elected to Congress in 1996.

Northup began her political involvement more than 30 years ago as a state officer for Kentucky Youth for Goldwater. She made her first bid for political office in 1987 as the Republican candidate in a special election to fill a vacancy in the 32nd legislative district of the Kentucky House of Representatives. She won that race and went on to be reelected four more times.

The mother of six children, one of whom — Katherine McCrystal Northup — is a 1995 alumna, Northup will be presented with an honorary doctorate of laws.

Northup will be one of five distinguished honorary degree recipients selected for significant contributions in the areas of medicine, public office, education and the church.

The honorees include Dr. Audrey Evans of Philadelphia, the pediatric oncologist who founded the Ronald McDonald House Charities; Sister Kathleen Feeley, former president of College of Notre Dame of Maryland; the Honorable Maria Josephine Kasindi Kamm, a member of Parliament in Tanzania, East Africa, and a 1960 alumna of Saint Mary's College; and the Most Reverend John Joseph Leibrecht, bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

English major Kathleen Urda, achieving a 3.99 grade point average after seven semesters at Saint Mary's, will deliver the valedictory address.

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Saint Mary's College. She was hired by Sister Madeleva to teach speech and drama before entering the education department, where she helped coordinate the student teaching program in the South Bend area.

"There was no family pressure to go to Saint Mary's. I have always had a connection to Saint Mary's. Once I got here though I realized that it could be my own experience, apart from my mother's and grandmother's. It's a different Saint Mary's now," said Urda.

Originally from South Bend, Urda will be attending the University of Chicago in the fall to pursue a master's degree in literature.

"I'm thinking specifically 18th or 19th century British literature, and would love to continue at the University of Chicago to obtain a Ph.D. degree as well," said Urda.

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The class of '97 fondly remembers Patty Kwiat. May she intercede for us.

Law student Streitz will receive posthumous degree

By DEREK BETCHER
Associate News Editor

Doug Streitz died last summer in a small plane crash just weeks after finishing his second year of law studies at Notre Dame.

A Double Domer, Streitz will be awarded a posthumous law degree from the University at commencement exercises this weekend. He received his undergraduate degree from Notre Dame in 1994, majoring in history and economics in the College of Arts and Letters.

Friends, professors, and classmates echo each other in pointing out the love Streitz had for Notre Dame. Those who knew Doug mourn losing the energy and exuberance that his life had characterized.

"He was just vivacious, he was always on," friend and classmate Katie Elias recalled last fall. "Doug kept us laughing and realizing that there was a world outside of law school."

An infectiously carefree disposition endeared Doug to his friends, who remember him

both for his ready sense of humor and for his straightforward honesty.

"You always knew where you stood with Doug and that kind of openness was particularly helpful in a law school environment," Jonathan Lienhard, one of Streitz's classmates, said.

"He very much loved Notre Dame, he loved this place immensely. He loved law school more than most students do, and he certainly loved his friends and classmates," Father John Pearson, one of Streitz's law professors recalled. Pearson also represented the University at Streitz's funeral Mass last summer.

In his spare time, Streitz was an avid tennis player and had been on Notre Dame's crew team. His interests included law, and friends report that his family, especially his older sister, Kimberly, were very important to him.

Streitz was with two others on June 13, 1996, when shortly after takeoff the trio's single engine plane plummeted nose-first to the ground.

In memoriam...



Special to The Observer

Third-year law student Joseph Ciralo (center), troubled by heart problems throughout his life, unexpectedly suffered a fatal cardiac arrest April 23.

Students, friends, and professors were affected by the loss, praising Ciralo's tough spirit and dedication.

"Joe really fit the spirit of this place," said David Link, dean of the Law School. "He was at some disadvantages, but he never let things get in his way."

A campus memorial service was held on May 6 so friends could join Ciralo's parents both in grief and in celebration of his life. Russell Ciralo will accept a law degree in his brother's place at Commencement exercises.

"He fought for that degree. He wanted it, and fought to pursue it," Link said. "You have to admire that; what a wonderful spirit."

Math program among nation's best

By HEATHER COCKS
News Editor

The University of Notre Dame joined prestigious company when its graduate program in mathematics was named one of the 23 best in the nation.

Princeton, Harvard, MIT and Cornell are among those cited with Notre Dame by the National Research Council (NRC), who formulated these rankings from assessment scores.

"The NRC gets 100 percent of its membership from the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineers, and the Institute of Medicine," explained Alex Hahn, chairperson of the mathematics department. "These organizations are major policy formation organizations in our government; they're top-ranked."

The graduate program consists of 40 professors and approximately 30 students, but Hahn anticipates that the

latter number will increase in the future.

"We now offer a new degree," Hahn said. "It's a master's degree in applied mathematics, with an interdisciplinary focus."

He added that six students have already enrolled in that program and will begin studying in the 1997-98 academic year.

Hahn emphasized the prowess of students and faculty in the program as being crucial to the program's high assessment by the NRC.

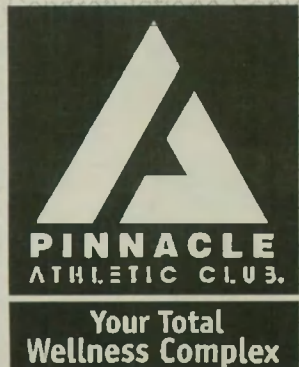
"We have seven or eight research groups that have achieved national or international distinction," he said. "They cover a variety of areas."

Though the NRC's findings were published in 1995, the University was made aware during the year and released the information in the last days of April; Hahn is optimistic about the effect the program's declared status will have on enrollment.

"The American Mathematical Society takes its rankings from the NRC," Hahn said. "Our place in the survey has already proven influential."

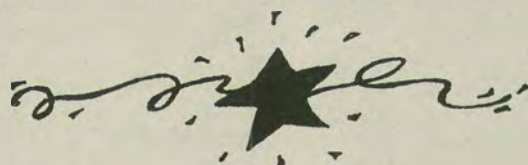
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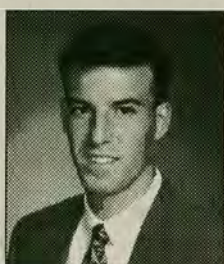
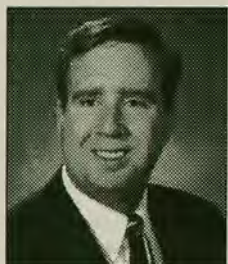
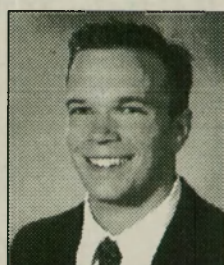
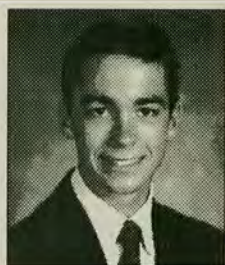
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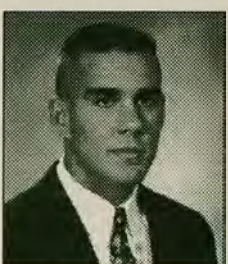
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Mother, daughter study together at SMC

By SARAH CORKREAN
Saint Mary's News Editor

Not only is graduation a time for reflection with friends, but for Saint Mary's senior Stacy Curtis and her mother, Linda Tafelski, they have spent senior week reflecting together as mother-daughter graduates, in anticipation of when they both receive degrees on Saturday.

Both Curtis and Tafelski will receive degrees from the English department, Curtis in English literature and her

mother in English writing.

Because the mother-daughter are in similar majors, they have taken classes together and noted that sharing classroom experiences helped their relationship grow in a number of ways.

"The feelings generated from being in the classroom with my mother are full of emotions," said Curtis. "We did a project together in a Southern Black Women's Writers class and researched the genealogy of our family. It was a great bonding

experience as my mother, grandmother, and myself researched our family's history while creating stronger bonds between the three of us."

Curtis and Tafelski are not the only members of their family to graduate from Saint Mary's. Sheila Curtis, a sister earned her degree from Saint Mary's last year.

"As a mother and graduate, I am a huge fan of women's education; especially Saint Mary's," said Tafelski. "I have seen my daughters develop into articu-

late, educated women who know the issues going on in the world today."

As a mother with a career, Tafelski has posed as a good example for her two daughters of not only how to balance a career and family, but also an education at the same time.

When Tafelski graduated from high school, she won a scholarship and immediately entered a local college. Shortly after, Tafelski thought marriage and starting a family at the time was more important, and dropped out of school to raise a family.

In 1982, Tafelski accepted a job at Saint Mary's, and in the Spring of '83 began taking classes at Saint Mary's while raising two daughters at the same time.

"For myself, this has been a lifelong culmination full of feelings of joy and pride not only for myself, but especially for my daughter," said Tafelski. "It has been a project that has taken many years, and for that I am especially proud of this accomplishment."

Over the past few weeks, the women have taken time to reflect and show their appreciation for one another as mother/daughter and as classmates.

"Sometimes I just send little gifts to my mom to let her know how proud I am of her and how much I appreciate her support as a mother and friend," said Curtis.

Although the two women agree that graduating from Saint Mary's at the same time is unique and special, the two women are not in total agreement of who graduation is more significant for.

"I do not think a college degree is as big a deal for me as for my mom," said Curtis. "It is just normal anymore to earn a college degree at my age and then start a career and family. But for my mom, because she got her degree later in life and worked a long time toward a degree, the degree is more significant for her."

BOG awards

White for leadership

By ALLISON KOENIG
Saint Mary's News Editor

Associate dean of faculty Patrick White received the third annual Leadership Award at the Celebrating Leadership Luncheon on April 28. The award is given to an outstanding Saint Mary's faculty or staff member who exemplifies leadership in the College community. The executive student governing body, the Board of Governance, chooses the recipient of the award each year.

"The leadership award is important because it comes from students. We have a voice," said Beth Ann Miller, student vice-president emeritus.

"Saint Mary's cultivates a leadership community. The award is the least we can do to thank those who inspire us," she added.

"I was especially flattered to receive the award because [director of student activities Georgeanna Roudebush] was the first to receive the award. I admire her, and all that she's brought to leadership," White said.

"It is also flattering to receive this award from the student leaders on the Board of Governance, who are some of the greatest in either community. They have accomplished a lot," he added.

White has aided in pioneering several leadership functions since his 1988 arrival at Saint Mary's. White has been involved with programs such as the FIPSE grants and COLT teams, the annual Play of the Mind weekend, the Leadership Development Committee, and the Center for Academic Innovation Grants Committee.

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NBC contracts ND games through 2005

By HEATHER COCKS
News Editor

Home football games at Notre Dame have been a staple on NBC Sports for over five years, and that tradition will continue into the next century.

Executive vice president Father E. William Beauchamp announced that the University has extended its contract with NBC through the 2005 football season — the second time the agreement has been renewed since its inception in 1991.

"This guarantees that the six home games will be nationally televised every year," said John Heisler, director of sports information. "Our alumni come to rely on that."

Prior to 1984, the NCAA handled telecasts of their sporting events; after that date, schools like the University of Oklahoma broke away and formed the College Football Association, which sold its rights to the ABC network.

"ABC always leaned toward broadcasting games regionally," Heisler explained, "but that was not well received by our alumni, who are all across the country."

NBC and Notre Dame had a previous affiliation involving men's basketball games. According to Heisler, this catalyzed their interest in securing home football Saturdays.

"Not only does this guarantee that fans can see the home games, but there's a

strong chance that ABC, CBS, or ESPN will show interest in the away games," Heisler said.

Among the adornments on the renovated stadium are lights that illuminate the field at night, facilitating the late-evening telecasts. NBC paid for the lights because, Heisler explained, the total cost of renting lights for each game eclipsed the fee for permanent installation.

"Don't expect any night games," he advised. "The lights help with late games, especially with an overtime rule that means the games could last a long time."

"But we have no plans to reinstate the use of night-time football games," he stressed.

Funds from the newly-linked contract will be directed to aid for all students, not for strictly athletic scholarships.

"The principal beneficiaries [of the NBC deal] have been the more than 200 Notre Dame students whose scholarship aid has been the direct result of the agreement," Beauchamp said in a press release.

Though no official schedules have been released, Notre Dame is slated to play home games against Florida State, Tennessee, and Nebraska through the 2005 season.

"For fans and alums who want tickets and can't get them, this deal is great. It's been a big improvement for Notre Dame football," Heisler said.

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John Heisler

Malloy breaks ground for Eck Center

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

Wielding make-believe shovels and pretending to toss dirt over their shoulders, Father Edward Malloy and benefactor Frank Eck "broke ground" on May 2, marking the start of construction on the new bookstore.

The Eck Center, a two building facility to be erected near the Morris Inn, will house a visitors' center, Alumni Association offices and the new bookstore.

Despite nature's dank obstacles, which moved the ceremony indoors to the Center for Continuing Education, the project commenced amid a congregation of University administrators and Alumni Association members, whose office will open in the center upon its December 1998 completion.

"It's raining outside, so I'm going to have to ask you all to use your creative imaginations," said Malloy as he began the makeshift ceremony. "This is either bad May weather or excellent study-day weather."

"We'd like to thank Mr. Eck for making it possible for the Alumni Association to have a new home," said Rod West, president of the alumni board of directors.

In addition to housing the association and visitors' center in one 20,000 sq. ft. building, the Eck Center will allow space for a new 70,000 sq. ft. bookstore behind the Morris Inn to replace the existing Hammes Bookstore. According to Malloy, the location on Notre Dame Avenue will provide a greeting place for Notre Dame visitors.

"It will serve as a grand welcoming spot for the people who come to the University," Malloy said. "We see in front of us what we think is going to be one of the most attractive parts of this campus. It will welcome back those who have known Notre Dame first-hand."

Augmenting his history of gen-

erous donations to the University, Eck, a 1944 alumnus, decided to underwrite construction of the project for \$10 million as an expression of his strong commitment to Notre Dame.

"It's truly a wonder to do something good while you're still here and alive to do it," Eck said, concluding an anecdote about a baseball fan's misconception that he, the benefactor of Frank Eck Stadium, was dead.

"I'm glad I'm alive because I've found that whatever you do for this school comes back to you 10-fold to 100-fold!" he said.

Malloy presented to Eck an artist's rendering of the completed building and expressed his

gratitude.

"We all know that Frank has been generous to Notre Dame. He rose to the occasion. Thanks for allowing Notre Dame to dream big dreams," Malloy said.



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Father Edward Malloy and benefactor Frank Eck "break ground" for the new Eck Center.

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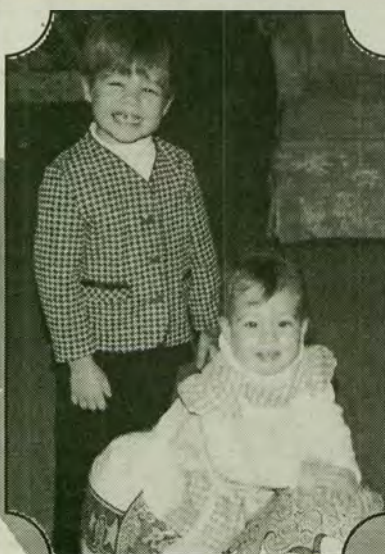
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■ WHEN PIGS FLY ...

Looking back on four years

What exactly did I learn?

The people I met during orientation week freshman year weren't necessarily my best friends for life. I occasionally see my freshman-year roommates

Bernadette Pampuch



on campus, and sometimes we still say "Hi." I don't remember a single person I met during the Graffiti Dance, but I still have the shirt. I learned how to put up a loft. I learned how to take down a loft. I learned how to forge room condition reports at the beginning and the end of the year.

I will forever be known as "that girl hugging the tree in the Dogbook," and was asked to a toga party and six SYRs because of it.

I never did learn the Pythagorean Theorem. I only slept through final exams three times. I have cried in front of professors twice, both of whom were freshman biology instructors. I have bickered about liberation theology, Dante, Toni Morrison's perception of mythology, photosynthesis, and the Spanish department's blatant ignoring of Latin America. I once wrote an 18-page paper detailing a four-page short story for an English class and summed up the entire New Testament of the Bible in a single paragraph. I kept the Honor Code.

I studied abroad for a semester, widened my vision of the world, and learned that all Americans wear white socks and white sneakers.

My student loan is just about equal to the amount of money I owe my parents for four years worth of long-dis-

tance telephone bills. Papa John's received two pizza orders a month from me for nine months a year for four years, bringing the amount of money I paid to Papa to about \$500. I could have purchased 700 acres of Costa Rican rain forest for the amount of money I paid to the bookstore. I held two jobs at once for over a year, entered a beauty pageant and used the money I won to pay tuition, and never once had to sell blood.

La Casa de Amistad, the Homeless Shelter, the Center for Social Concerns: Volunteer work made me realize I can't change the world but I can help a little bit. I hate CSC vans with a passion and learned the hard way why they tell you not to back up in one.

College parties aren't what I thought they would be, but I still managed to develop a taste for warm beer. There was a time when I thought "Otter's Room" was the pinnacle of coolness. I remember when drinking Zima was hip, and a dance club called "Basix" was the best place to groove. The bouncers at Bridget's have a special place in my heart for allowing me in when I was still 17. And 18. And 19. And 20.

Thursday nights are forever Senior Bar nights. For the rest of my life, every time I hear the song "Oh What a Night," I will have flashbacks to a dark, dirty dance floor at The Linebacker. I have heard that it is not advisable to make phone calls at three in the morning when drunk, and that the scariest thing about the Beer Goggle Effect is that it is capable of making even disheveled Observer staff members look good after a certain point.

I never drove drunk, and went to great lengths to make sure no one else did. I am rumored to have hidden some Brazilian girl's car keys in an oven once.

I have had my car searched for alcohol by overzealous Notre Dame securi-

ty guards on Tuesday afternoons. I have been told that I was lying when I insisted that I was part of the Spanish Choir and needed to get to Crowley Music Hall to practice (three years in Coro Primavera, thank you) and that just because my friend had four suitcases in my car didn't entitle him to being dropped off at his dorm when it was raining. I got on campus more than once by telling the guard on duty that I had to pick donuts up from the architecture building.

I kept a long-distance relationship alive for six months. I have broken up with boyfriends and other strangers

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over e-mail, over an answering machine, and over seven cups of coffee at Steak 'N Shake.

Sneaking into the dining hall was pretty easy, especially when I entered through the kitchen. Finding a friend who liked poetry as much as I did was pretty rare. I developed an odd love for the Internet and stopped hating squirrels. I ate candy skulls and celebrated "Day of the Dead" thanks to Alianza, saw more African films than most Midwesterners get a chance to see, and learned how to dance Panamanian reggae.

I had to go to the emergency room after a linebacker stepped on my foot at a Stanford Hall formal. I went to the emergency room when one of my friends fell in a hole rollerblading. I went to the hospital when Tracy had her baby, when Danny had a collapsed lung, and when the Infirmary misdiagnosed me with a cough and I ended up with bronchitis.

I learned a lot from hospitals. I learned that friends don't laugh when you accidentally fall backwards off your bed and hit your head on the radiator; good friends are the people who will accompany you to the emergency room, and that really good friends are the ones who will stay with you until the CAT scan is finished.

Classmates came and went, but friends always stayed, sent postcards even when they were in Italy, bought me Mr. Mistys at the Dairy Queen when I most needed one, shared pints of Ben and Jerry's in the Martin's parking lot at three in the morning, cried on my shoulder, shared their apartment, invited me home for Thanksgiving, and drove me around Houston looking for the perfect nightclub. It wasn't all books and cramming for exams, just mostly. Sometimes it was all that and more.

Saint Mary's and Notre Dame were worth more than I ever could have imagined. I can pay my parents back for the tuition, but never for the opportunity to pray at the Grotto on lonely autumn nights, for the first flower my SYR date brought me, or for the last four years of college.

Thank you. I've learned a lot.

Bernadette Pampuch will graduate from Saint Mary's College with a degree in English writing May 17. She will be continuing her column next year from Mexico City, and is looking forward to graduate school.

■ DOONESBURY

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know no way of judging of the future but by the past."

—Patrick Henry

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A response from the president

Dear Editor:

For about one month, I have publicly remained silent about the vast amount of criticism towards the senior class officers that has been printed. It began with an allegation by Steve Myers in his Gipper column, followed with a letter to the editor by Francis Cloran, and culminated with another letter to the editor concerning Senior Week. In addition to these public accusations, I have received several personal letters and phone calls.

I have not written before now because I did not realize the widespread belief of these rumors and accusations. Furthermore, I felt that those who know me understood the facts concerning the events called into question. I did make an effort to contact each critic and discuss the issues at hand. I write now because of a letter I received that urged, "We want to hear from you, and until we do, what other choice do we have but to listen to rumors?"

I would first like to address the charges that appeared in the Gipper. The only truth in the column was that a pub crawl took place, that I went on it, and that I did get left in Chicago. The event was not an official Class of '97 event. Money from the Senior Class Account was not used to fund it. It was organized by a pub owner in Chicago so that seniors moving to Chicago next year might become familiar with and frequent his bar. Some seniors who knew the owner sold tickets for him to cover the buses. It did not sell out.

The next issue revolves around the Senior Class Formal. The reason the event was not publicized more profusely, was that there was an unexpected holdup in the approval process which must precede advertising. The Office of Student Affairs was concerned with the food options that were going to be available at Union Station. The contract we had established called for cold finger foods, and Student Affairs thought we should add heated food. We did not have the funds to supply this option, so Student Affairs finally decided to pay part of the bill for us. In the end, through limited advertising and word of mouth, the event sold out and was a success.

Finally, the most recent complaints have been about Senior Week. When this letter goes to print, the week will be over and I hope that it lived up to everyone's expectations. The class was allocated \$5,000 for the week, and through fundraising this number was significantly increased. It is very difficult to program a week of activities for a class of over 2,000 with this limited budget. I did petition the Budget Committee for a \$3,500 increase, but was denied this request. We based our ticket purchases on our budget, last year's Senior Week, and response to this year's Welcome Back Week activities. The trip to Cedar Point and the Cubs game both sold out. We hoped and expected that both of these events would sell out, and we encouraged those who were unable to get tickets to go on their own and meet the class. Neither of these activities is difficult to acquire tickets for. The class could not purchase additional tickets because of the corequisite (Student Affairs) that bus transportation also be provided. The budget was already overextended, and additional expenditures could not be made. These were only two of 14 events that the class planned. I hope that the negative reaction concerning these ticket shortages did not discourage attendance at the other events.

I apologize for any miscommunication surrounding class events in the last semester. It has been my privilege to serve you as a class officer for the past two years. I thank you for giving me this opportunity, and I look forward to continuing to serve you until new officers are elected at our five-year reunion. Best wishes in all that you do after graduating this weekend.

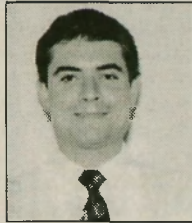
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President, Class of 1997

■ WINTER OF MY DISCONTENT

Notre Dame's real charm comes from its people

I have been using these pages to hurl molotov cocktails at Notre Dame's administration for almost four years now. In that time this column has criticized the University for everything from such minor issues as its myopic parking policies and

Chris
Kratovil

dining hall inefficiency all the way on up the line to attacking the local institution of single-sex dormitories and the heavy handed, often thugish, practices at the University's Office of Student Affairs. But despite its assorted institutional shortcomings, I can honestly say that looking back now over my four years at Notre Dame I do not regret even a day that I spent here.

I stand by my assertion that the University policies I have critiqued in this column — most notably gender segregation, the lack of resources directed towards the almost quarter of the student body that lives off-campus, the misplaced emphasis on athletics, and the patronizing way in which undergraduates are often treated by the local bureaucracy — are deeply flawed and represent a disservice to the Notre Dame community. But in the greater scheme of things these are only small complaints. Notre Dame is an exceptional place at which I have had a wonderful experience.

In examining the root causes of Notre Dame's exceptionality, I am forced to reject most of the factors that those very pretty "This is Notre Dame"-type glossy brochures identify. Yes, the education I have received here is very good — certainly among the best available. But it would be naive to believe that there are not anywhere from a dozen to 20 other

universities in this country where an equivalent or even better education is available. What's more, at a few of Notre Dame's peer institutions such as Berkeley, Virginia and Michigan, that equal-or-better education can be obtained at around one-third of ND's asking price. So even as I leave South Bend a contented educational costumer, the quality of my schooling is not the primary source of satisfaction with Notre Dame.

Those omnipresent ND promotional pamphlets also tend to emphasize Notre Dame's religious affiliation, or to use the local jargon, the University's "Catholic character." True, every dorm has its own chapel and mass schedule; and, yes, by almost anyone's standards the Grotto must be considered among the most serene and spiritually alive of places. But as in any other environment, religion at Notre Dame is what you make of it; the days of compulsory mass attendance have been over for decades and the two mandatory theology classes that every student must take need not even pertain to Catholicism *per se* (to illustrate, my first theology class was taught by a protestant minister). Notre Dame deserves credit for emphasizing the spiritual side of the human experience and presenting students with the opportunity to weave a religious thread into the broader fabric of everyday life, but that is as far as it really goes; that oft invoked image of the football team going to the Basilica en masse before games is a great photo opportunity but simply not modern ND's reality. So while I appreciate the fact that religion at Notre Dame is, in the words of one University officer "there if you want it," I cannot conclude that my experience here owes its exceptionality to the presence of a crucifix in every classroom.

Nor can I ascribe the fulfilling nature of my collegiate years to the existence of volumes of football-related lore on this campus or the presence of one of the top football programs in the country here — no matter how pretty those pictures of the old stadium on gameday looked in those

color brochures. This school's innumerable traditions and achievements in athletics certainly contribute very greatly to the national visibility of Notre Dame, but have little impact on the day-to-day lives of individual students. The fact that on six Saturdays each fall tens of thousands of plaid-pants wearing alums and "friends of Notre Dame" descend on the campus certainly provides an interesting and unique backdrop for one's college years, but this phenomenon can hardly be said to be the source of Notre Dame's greatness. The madness of a football Saturday is a by-product of, or perhaps a tribute to, Notre Dame's exceptionality, not its cause.

So in the end I must look beyond the full-color University-printed propaganda in my search to identify why I love this place. The answer is, of course, that Notre Dame is populated by a truly amazing group of people, faculty, students and staff alike. How a small school located squarely where the "Rust Belt" and the "Corn Belt" intersect and characterized by abominable weather has managed to assemble the human resources that it has is a testament to the fact that, as much as it pains me to admit this, our administration is doing something very right. You could strip this place of the Dome, the Basilica, the Grotto, the Stadium, all the new high-dollar buildings, the national championships, the NBC contract and all its traditions; but if you left the faculty, staff and student body intact you would still have one of the world's great universities. Notre Dame is fortunate enough to have a dedicated staff and an extremely competent and accessible faculty who are, for the most part, here to actually teach rather than merely compose obscure articles. I utterly reject the often vocalized notions that Notre Dame is marked by a "lack of diversity" (whatever that means), an apathetic student body and a lack of intellectual vigor. Where but Notre Dame can one make — as I have actually done — friends and acquaintances who hail from literally all 50 states? I would tend characterize that as "diversity." At what

other university is it easier to forge friendships with persons of divergent interests; I've never had a theater class or an engineering class, yet because of the unique social climate here I count several "theater people" and engineers amongst my best friends. The "mood" on the Notre Dame campus is genuinely different than at any other university I have ever set foot on, a spirit- of cooperation, friendship and community really does permeate this place — at least the glossy brochures get that much right.

The only right way to end a column giving my final impressions of my time as an undergraduate is by thanking the people who made these last four years possible and worthwhile. Needless to say, my Mom and Dad head that list — I would never have made it through here without their constant love and support. Surviving in the ridiculous human zoo that was poor, doomed Flanner Hall freshman year is an experience that will stay with me for the for the rest of my life — thanks for that 10B boys. My semester in London was easily the zenith of my Notre Dame years — sincere thanks to everyone who was over there with me. Most of the professors I encountered here made a genuine contribution to my intellectual and human development, particularly Professors Jim Langford and John Roos. I am deeply grateful to the people I have worked with here at The Observer for giving me the opportunity to ramble in print on a biweekly basis, with special thanks to the various Viewpoint editors I've worked under, and Liz Foran — a good friend and fine journalist. And finally I would be remiss if I failed to express my heartfelt gratitude to Heather for all that we've shared over the last year and a half.

It has been a very great privilege to regularly share my thoughts with you all. Thanks for reading and, on occasion, taking the time to respond. God bless you all.

Chris Kratovil will attend law school at the University of Texas at Austin in the fall.

Best wishes for
the graduates

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my prayers and best wishes to the members of the Class of 1997. Commencement is a time of many mixed emotions. Pride in your achievements, excitement and apprehension about new beginnings, happiness and sadness all come together as you prepare to leave.

For those of you who are graduating seniors, I hope that we have achieved our goal of providing you with an education that integrates the life of the mind with the life of the heart. May your commitment to your faith in God and to the service of God's people match your dedication to your chosen vocation and profession. We have high expectations of our graduates. The tremendous contribution that our alumni make to society and to the Church is a testament to the importance of these high expectations.

For those of you leaving with graduate and professional degrees, I hope that you will carry with you the best of our traditions as they relate to your discipline. If you bring to your chosen field a strong set of ethical convictions and a commitment to justice, you will represent the very best of Notre Dame.

Finally, a note of gratitude to all of you. You not only take from here; you also give. You have made a variety of contributions to your fellow students, to the University and to those of us who remain behind to assist students who will follow you.

May Our Lady, Notre Dame, continue to watch over you in the years ahead. We are blessed to have you as members of the Notre Dame family.

PATRICIA O'HARA

Vice President of Student Affairs

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Separation of church and state taken too far

Dear Editor,

Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork, in his book "Slouching Towards Gomorrah," says the radical rejection of Western values in the sixties on the college campuses is a main reason why our country is morally decaying. Indeed, one month before I began my freshman year at Notre Dame a former neighbor (a good friend of my sister who was a student at Saint Mary's) and two of her friends blew up the Army Research building in Madison, Wis., in protest to the Vietnam War. Madison's ROTC building was burned down by other students.

I lived near Madison and that summer there was much excitement among my friends and relatives about a real revolution. The overwhelming feeling was that our government was so completely corrupt that we must change it. Fortunately for me I was able to rediscover my identity in Jesus Christ and thus find God's will amidst a people rejecting its Judeo-Christian heritage.

After I graduated from ND I tried to work within the system to help change it. For several years I was a social worker but became disenchanted with our welfare system. I went back to school to get a master's in theology. I began ministering God's Word many hours a week in the juvenile centers and the St. Joseph County jail. I supported myself by substitute teaching. Substitute teaching also provided me time to prepare myself for the jail ministry by reading God's Word during silent work periods.

Although I kept myself strictly within the guidelines of the so-called separation of church and state doctrine, the students recognized I was a Christian. I lived in their neighborhood, rode the city bus with them to school, played basketball with them, and preached the gospel to them after school. My students did not have many teachers that did what the Indiana Constitution requires of them: "to encourage by all suitable means moral improvement."

I found out the hard way why my fellow teachers were afraid to obey the constitution and the Indiana statute called "Morals Instructions," which stated: "Every teacher shall present his instruction with special emphasis on morality." The teachers knew they risked incurring the wrath of our Federal Judiciary if they were loyal to the oath they all made to uphold the Indiana Constitution. They knew if they encouraged the morality required by the authors of our state constitution, written in 1851, they risked losing their job.

This is precisely what happened to me. In the fall of '92 some students asked me to be the sponsor of a Bible Club they wanted to start. I sent a note to the principal asking about this possibility. Suddenly I was fired from his school. Without a single witness I had been accused of passing out Christian literature in my class. I continued to substitute in other schools until November of '93 when I was accused of bringing a Bible into the classroom and affirming student's belief in Creationism. I was permanently banned from teaching in all South Bend public schools for doing so.

For six months the School Corporation refused to grant me a hearing. Under law my only avenue of appeal was to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). It took the EEOC 18 months to get to my complaint. I entertained little hope of a fair ruling because during this time the EEOC had just passed rules restricting anyone in the workplace from proselytizing. That meant placing a Bible on one's desk or wearing a cross around your neck could subject one to a lawsuit. Fortunately the U.S. Senate intervened and stopped the EEOC from successfully passing such regulations.

The EEOC decision stated I violated the Roberts decision of 1990 made in the 10th Circuit Court of Colorado. The EEOC claimed that because of the Roberts decision teachers are forbidden to silently read a Bible in the presence of students. Such acts violate the First Amendment, the separation of church and state, they said. The EEOC also claimed the school fired me because my performance was substandard although the record showed that I received 99 positive teacher evaluations to every negative one!

I then filed a lawsuit in the Federal District Court in South Bend requesting my constitutional right to a trial by jury.

After I exhausted my savings on lawyers I then had to proceed pro se and put my case together myself. The federal judge, Robert Miller, a 33rd degree Freemason, illegally dismissed the case without a hearing. A Notre Dame law professor told me I would have easily won in a jury trial.

Notre Dame law school then helped me appeal the case to the Seventh Circuit Court in Chicago. A Notre Dame law student argued my case. Again, the Seventh Circuit agreed with the EEOC and the Federal District Court.

I prayed for a lawyer who was an expert in the First Amendment. Through a Notre Dame friend I secured a lawyer out of Atlanta who won one of the largest 25 verdicts in history, and argued the lead

Supreme Court case of 1986-87. He also had appealed the infamous Roberts decision in 1992 but lost. He said my case had much merit and believed we had a chance of winning in the Supreme Court. Congress had passed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and I was protected under that law plus under the First Amendment.

Unfortunately in January of this year the Supreme Court turned down his appeal on my behalf.

Particularly interested in this decision were some of the 8,000 prisoners who go through our county jail each year. For several years I was the person chosen by our county government to be the person authorized to pass out Bibles and Christian books to the prisoners. In addition I was one of three persons allowed to come into the jail anytime of day to preach the gospel. During my 10 years of jail ministry the government never censored the content of my preaching or Christian literature in my efforts of reforming the prisoners.

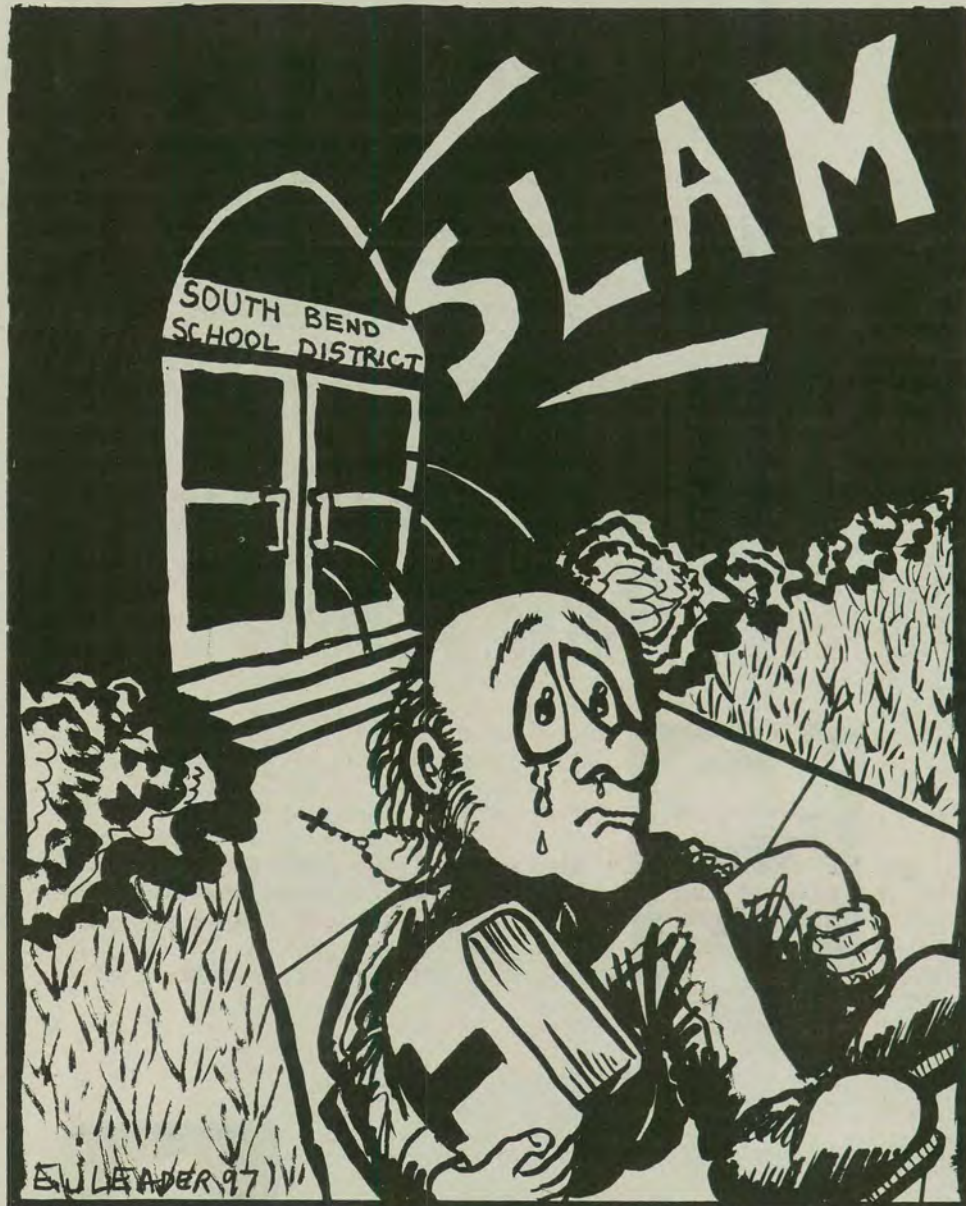
Yet this government said I violated the separation of church and state when I silently read the Bible in the classroom in the presence of students. Many of these students were relatives of the 8,000 yearly prisoners I routinely visited. It was not a secret that some of the prisoners' deepest desires were to have their children believe the Bible so they would not end up in deep sin like they themselves.

The U.S. Supreme Court let stand the ruling of the EEOC, the Federal District and the Seventh Circuit Courts. My silent reading of the Bible could somehow contaminate the children. My lawyer, Wendell Bird, wrote the Supreme Court: "The Corporation's act of firing Mr. Helland, and the Seventh Circuit's approval, are nothing short of extraordinary given that broad latitude courts have given schools to advocate and even endorse activity as outrageous as sexually explicit, profane, and lewd language and activity during school time on school grounds. *Brown v. Hot, Sexy and Safer Productions*, 68 F. 3d 525 (1st Cir 1995). It is an odd world when condom distribution in public schools is not thought to encourage promiscuous activity, but when student mention of religion in public schools is thought to risk permanent contamination of all hearers."

Someone other than Robert Bork who has mastered the thinking of the Federal Courts is Paul Fisher. Mr. Fisher is a classmate and friend of my dad, Class of '43. He was president of his 50-year Notre Dame Alumni reunion in '93. He was counter intelligence in both WWII and Korean War. He wrote a 350-page book entitled: "Behind the Lodge Door: Church State and Freemasonry in America" and an 80-page book entitled "Their God is the Devil: A Study Of Papal Encyclicals Regarding Freemasonry And Allied Secret Societies." These books document that the Supreme Court from 1941 to 1971 was dominated by Freemasons. They also document that the Catholic Church since 1739 has repeatedly declared that the Freemasons are subversively anti-Christian and anti-free government.

Fisher's explanation helps us understand why the Supreme Court so boldly distorts the meaning of the words of our Constitution. Almost every Founding Father wrote or agreed that the Bible ought to be the main textbook in our schools! Thomas Jefferson, a deist and the alleged creator of the separation of church and state doctrine, was president of the Washington, D.C. school board. He used two books as the primary reading material in his government schools, the Bible and Watts Hymnal!

Robert Bork wrote, "There seems no possibility of retrieving democratic government from the grasp of the Supreme Court, which now governs us in the name of the Constitution in ways not remotely contemplated by the framers and ratifiers of that Constitution." Bork later added that a constitutional amendment might deliver us from the tyranny of the



judiciary.

The Federal judges know full well that Dr. Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence wrote, "If we ever take the Bible and God's principles out of our schools we will have a crime explosion on our hands." They also know that Fisher Ames helped pen the First Amendment. Ames wrote that the Bible needs to be the main textbook in schools if we intended on preserving our nation as a true Federal Republic. The Federal judiciary, comprised almost exclusively of lawyers, ordered the destruction of the morals of our youth when they ordered out all religious influences from government schools. They did this using the names of our Founding Fathers as their authority. Their motives were evil.

The word "lawyer" in Greek can trace its meaning to "society devourer," and in the Latin dictionary "lawyer" can mean "shyster." Combine this with membership in the Freemason secret society and we are dealing with dangerous and crooked "Federal" judges. Jesus knew what he was talking about when he said in Luke 11:52, "Woe to you lawyers, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering." The Federal Judiciary will suffer greatly for disobeying our Lord's command written three times in the gospels: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Because of evil Supreme Court decisions there is an increasing need for bigger government and more lawyers to handle all the crimes now being committed. Because the Supreme Court has kicked God out of school statistics reveal that 65 percent of all crime is committed by school age children. Tragically, this country has many people willing to take our tax dollars as wages in exchange for prostituting themselves by working to help further the evil designs of a corrupt government, a government operating in open rebellion to its creators, the framers and ratifiers of the Federal Constitution.

My friends in the 60s wisely discovered that our government had become very corrupt. However, most failed to discover that an even greater corruption lay in their own hearts. Only faith like that of our Founding Fathers in the Blood of Jesus can cure the corruption in the heart. Jesus said, "First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean."

St. Peter said, "Save yourself from this corrupt generation." St. Paul told us how to do it: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

PETER S. HELLAND

Local resident

This is the time to rem

■ ACCENT ASKS...

What will you remember most about your years at Notre Dame?



Mike Flintosh
Off-campus

"Florida State victory during freshman year."

Jennifer Sutton
Pasquerilla East

"My roommates coming home from AnTostal covered with war-paint and fruit roll-ups."

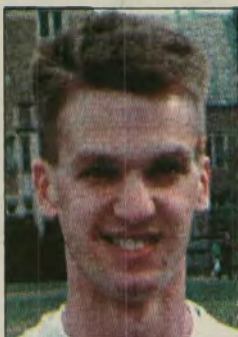


Jake Rademacher
Off-campus

"Walking away Sunday evening after the last night of 'Grapes of Wrath.' "

Dave Mullen
Alumni

"Going to Ireland."



Matt Mendlik
Zahn

"Waking up each morning and knowing I was at Notre Dame."

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By JOSEPH WEILER
Assistant Accent Editor

I guess what they say is true — You always remember the good times. That's good news for this week's graduating seniors, because remembering is not something that they will take lightly in the next few months, years, and even decades.

As they don their caps and gowns a small tingle may run down their spines. Yes — it will be a tingle of joy. It will be in anticipation of standing in front of parents, friends and family and realizing that they've made it — they've succeeded and are finally done with college. But more than that it will be the tingle if memories. It will set in that they are finally finished and from hence forth their lives as student sat Notre Dame will lay behind them.

As the tingle fades they will look in the mirror to make sure that their hair is perfect and their gown is straight and their caps are tilted just so. And perhaps they may see something else in that mirror. Instead of a mature, college grad who is ready to face the world, they may see a young freshman wearing not a cap and gown but blue jeans and an ND sweatshirt.

They may remember walking onto campus for the first time as a student looking up at the Golden Dome and thinking "My God, this is all mine for the next four years." Or maybe they'll remember meandering around at the graffiti dance with a marker in hand and wearing a clean white T-shirt. They might see themselves running around campus for their first North Quad/South Quad snowball fight.

They'll remember their first football game in the student section and singing the alma mater at its close. Not only that, but they'll remember a great year, going 11-1 overall. Of those twelve games, two will stand out — Florida State and Boston College. Some may see themselves rushing the field after the Florida State game and others will remember frolicking in Stonehenge afterward.

Just as memorable will be the last field goal of the Boston College game, when our cherished football team

came within one kick of a n still others will remember wa the "House that Rockne built" vated. Of those who tried to r and were discouraged by a ro chalk that up as a great memo The young men and women mirror and watch themselves

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night talk. They'll remembe dining hall table and spend friends or skipping class to si tiful spring day.

■ AND THAT'S ONE TO GROW ON

KEEPING IN TOUCH V

By JASON HUGGINS
World Wide Web Correspondent

Many students complain about the music scene here at Notre Dame, but seldom do anything about it. Even though they support campus bands and other musical groups, they often don't know when or where their favorites are performing, let alone know where to find this information.

One brave Domer, however, decided to take action this semester and give our beloved music scene a boost by creating OpenMic — Notre Dame's first, only, and best Web-based campus music forum. Andy Brenner, a senior electrical engineering major living in Keough Hall, is OpenMic's creator and curator. Brenner is also the pianist for George and the Freeks (www.nd.edu/~egoldsch/), a member of the Folk Choir, and one of the founders of the Keough Kafe, a venue for campus musicians held weekly in Keough's first floor social lounge.

"If I had one goal for my senior year, it would be to get this campus excited about music again," says Brenner on why he created OpenMic. OpenMic (www.nd.edu/~openmic/) will help Brenner achieve his goal in two key ways. First, it is a place where people can go to find campus band homepages and other music-related organizations, such as wvfi 640 AM (www.nd.edu/~wvfi/), and SUB (www.nd.edu/~sub/). Second, with its monthly "Events" calendar, OpenMic is a clearinghouse for information on where and when bands are next performing.

When visitors enter OpenMic's main page, they are offered four options: "Links," "Events," "News," and "Feedback." The "News" section complements the "Events" calendar with brief summaries of newsworthy campus band accomplishments. For example, the first bullet point congratulates the winners of the NAZZ Battle of the Bands: Cod in Salsa, the Florida Evan's Show Band and Revue, and the Skalcophilks. The "Feedback" section invites visitors to send comments or questions, and discuss any-

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Some will recall meeting their future husband or wife and some will remember making decisions that have affected the rest of their lives. For some, the best memories come away from Notre Dame or Saint Mary's. Summers in Washington, semesters in London, Australia, France and Austria or a year in Italy, Spain, or Ireland. A great number of them will remember some of their best times in serving others. Hundreds will remember working for poor communities in Appalachia or spending the morning fixing houses with Christmas in April and others spent much of their time tutoring impoverished children.

Some of these moments may bring a tear to the eyes of our graduating seniors as they watch themselves progress through four years. But many more memories will make them laugh like four guys in a car singing Wilson Phillips' "Hold On" at the top of their lungs. Others will reminisce about toga parties or SYR dates that kept falling asleep.

And the parties — oh the parties. They will remember fantastic parties and having wonderful times. But they will also recall terrible nights they can't remember and even worse mornings they wish they would forget. Who can forget the jello pits of AnTostal or the utter insanity of PigTostal. Saint Patty's Days were unbelievable and Spring breaks were even better.

Pictures of Morrissey men running through the campus in February in nothing but boxers or groups of men streaking through the library wearing nothing at all will come into focus. Promises of bringing the Grateful Dead to campus will occasionally bring a chuckle to their lips.

Roadtrips with buddies will glimmer into view as a few drunken men go on a random search for a large body of water, or the quest to get to New York city. Some will remember trying to go rockclimbing while in a drunken stupor or just hungover and others will remember late night trips into Chicago.

Yes, the seniors will look in the mirror and watch themselves grow up. They came here like so many before them thinking perhaps that they knew everything. They leave having learned so very much.



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thing music-related.

"I would like OpenMic to be a resource for every student; a place where people can go to on a regular basis," says Brenner. In the future, he would like to see the "Feedback" section expanded to include many forum discussion areas. Also, Brenner would like to feature all music groups at Notre Dame, including choirs and members of the music department.

Brenner is graduating this weekend, but OpenMic will continue to grow. In the fall, Andy Herman, a freshman business major from Stanford Hall, will be taking over the administrative duties of OpenMic. Herman is excited about his new responsibilities. About the future of OpenMic, Herman says, "[OpenMic] will give new bands a great opportunity to get some free publicity."

Even though it has only been around for about a month, OpenMic has received almost 700 visits. But with a small personal budget, publicity is difficult. To remedy this, Brenner has displayed posters near the entrances of all campus computer clusters. Brenner has also relied on word-of-mouth from the campus bands. Concerning the response to OpenMic, Brenner says, "I would like to thank the bands. They have been very supportive about everything I'm doing."

Next fall, Brenner will be working for GE in their Medical Systems division. Even though he is leaving next month, Brenner has already left his mark at Notre Dame. Brenner's enthusiasm and love for music will live on as long there is an OpenMic.

Jason Huggins is a junior MIS major from Thousand Oaks, CA. When Jason isn't busy taking down his loft in Keenan Hall, he enjoys playing his Ovation acoustic guitar. To find out more about the music scene at Notre Dame, visit his homepage at <http://www.nd.edu/~jhuggin1/>.

■ ACCENT ASKS...

...and more memories

Amy Schmidt, Kathryn Sutliff,
Stacy Raczka, and Megan
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"Friendship."



Erin Gowen
Lyons

"Chicken strips at the Dining
Hall."

Alan Smith
Flanner

"Getting trapped in the
Architecture Building's elevator for
two hours in the middle of the
night."



Duane Cobenais
Carroll

"Lou Holtz finally leaving."



Brian Welch
Carroll

"No parietals at Carroll Hall."



Moving On Up

■ ACCENT ASKS...

What is your favorite memory of Saint Mary's College?

Courtney O'Rourke
Mishawaka, Indiana
Biology

"Laughing my way through four years here."



Jennifer Ligda
Evergreen Park, Illinois
Communications

"Going to Nick's at 8 a.m. on Saint Patrick's Day and having beer for breakfast."

Gayla Spenney
Marshall, Missouri
English/Communications

"Playing freeze tag with shower shoes in the rain."



Corrie Hanrahan
Wheaton, Illinois
Business/Theatre

"Meeting with friends at the dining hall and talking about the night before."

Meghan Maloney
Applevale, California
Biology/Nursing

"Having dancefests in my room with my roommates during final weeks."



Weep not for the memories...

By NORA MEANY
Saint Mary's Accent Editor

"I will remember you....
Will you remember me?
Don't let your life pass you by...
Weep not for the memories."

--Sarah McLachlan

Spring is here again. South Bend is thawing out, the flowers are beginning to bloom and Saint Mary's College is graduating another class of mature young women. Although the challenges of school have been met and dealt with accordingly, the class of 1997 are facing the next struggle of graduating — packing and moving out. Deciding what to take with as one embarks upon the real world can be a quandary.

Along with the knickknacks, furniture and unreturnable books that have been amassed in the last four (or five, sometimes six) years, the graduates will be taking their memories of college in their hearts. Untangible and priceless, these touching moments are the stuff that teary-eyed reunions are made of. However, along with the monumental events are the everyday occurrences that one tends to forget off-hand.

"It's the little things that I'll miss the most," says Amberly Herschberger, a graduating social work major. "Popping in on somebody at 2 a.m. to say hello. Things like that."

When asked what their favorite memory is, the standard reply from many was that there was "too much" to recall. Although scrapbook-fillers such as certain SYRs, spring breaks and wild nights of bar-hopping were easy contenders for a favorite, it seemed that the warmest thoughts are made up of a million little things put together.

"I think that I will miss meeting with friends in the dining hall for breakfast and talking about the night before," says Corrie Hanrahan, a double business and theatre major.

When taking a stroll down memory lane, here is a list of a few understated memories that should jog the brain, but usually get lost in the shuffle of thought.

- 10) Roaming the floors of a Domer dorm trying to find a party.
- 9) Ordering pizza and watching a movie with people from your floor.
- 8) Your first buzz.
- 7) Countless all-nighters to finish assignments.
- 6) Midnight Meijer runs.
- 5) Waiting for the last shuttle at the Grotto on a Saturday night.
- 4) Going off campus for dinner freshman year.
- 3) Panicked trips to University Park mall for last-minute shopping.
- 2) The guy that never called back.
- 1) Seeing bands play anywhere from the Joyce Center to Bridget's.

Although the applause will fade with the end of Saturday's commencement ceremony, the memories will stay vivid and sharp in the minds of the Class of 1997. And hey, if connections to Saint Mary's College dwindle, it's only a few years until the "big ten" reunion. So clear your calendars for the first weekend of June in 2007, and most of all, "weep not for the memories...."



■ WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish surprise in inaugural season

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

Even though the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team finished its season a mere game above .500, its record makes more of a statement than one might give it credit. The five wins and four losses symbolize the beginning of a new branch of the Notre Dame athletic tradition.

After gaining varsity status last year, the team entered this year with a lot of pressure facing it and even more expectations from both its players and those who made it a varsity sport.

"I think our most important game for us this season was our first," senior Cara Buchanan said. "We were really nervous because we knew a lot of people were watching us, both fans and those who chose it as a varsity sport, and there

were also a lot of people who were expecting us to fail."

The team disappointed those who expected to fail because it definitely did not. In fact, the team only lost one game in its first six, a 20-13 setback to Vanderbilt.

More important than its record, however, is what emerged from the season. Of course, obvious adjustments had to be made, such as adjusting to a coach versus an advisor as a club has, but the team worked through the adjustment period and came out on top.

"I think the hardest part was adjusting to our coach and having her get used to us and how things are done," Buchanan commented.

Now that the foundation has been laid for the women's lacrosse team, it can go forward and continue to establish itself in the Irish tradition.

One of the major factors that

works against the team is the location of the University in relation to the popularity of lacrosse. Lacrosse is relatively unknown in the Midwest, and that hurts the opportunity to pick up any recruits from this area.

"Most of the girls around here play soccer because lacrosse doesn't exist," Buchanan said. "It will be necessary to get the girls playing in high school and also to get recruits from the East Coast where lacrosse is big."

Still, even though Buchanan is graduating, she is confident in the new-found tradition she has helped to create.

"I think it will stay strong. It will be necessary for the team to stay enthusiastic with the sport, but I think the future of the program is bright."

"I think the school made the right decision going varsity with it."

■ TRACK AND FIELD

Tracksters end solid season on sour note

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's men's track and field team finished second at the Big East outdoor championships at Villanova University on May 3-4, falling to Georgetown, 166-137.

The Notre Dame's women's team, 13th a year ago, finished in sixth place with 58.50 points, while Villanova won the women's title with 135 points.

The outdoor finishes mirror the 1997 Big East indoor championship results for the Irish.

The men's team was second to Connecticut by just four points in the indoor, and the women were sixth behind Villanova.

The Irish finished the first two days of the outdoor championships down 60-50 to Georgetown. Derek Seiling won the steeplechase crown for the Irish, while Mike Fleisch placed second in the shot put. Dan Frigo placed fifth in the high jump, and Marshaun West added an eighth-place finish in the long jump.

The Irish narrowed the margin to four points going into the second day of competition after the Irish placed fifth in the 4x100 relay, but Georgetown extended up the lead to 78-58 after the 1500 meters. The Irish could not catch the Hoyas, losing 78-69.

Mike Brown and Dave

Gerrity led the Irish on day two as they placed first and third in the pole vault.

Chris Smith took third in the javelin, and Jay Hofner's fourth-place finish in the hammer throw rounded out the day's field events for the Irish.

Errol Williams ran in a pair of finals and placed third in the 200 meters and fourth in the 110-meter hurdles.

Bobby Brown was fourth in the 400 meters and Jeff Hojnacki was second in the 800 meters.

Troy Langevine was seventh in the 400-meter hurdles, and Derek Seiling was seventh in the 1500-meters.

Jason Rexing, who won the 10,000 meters for the second consecutive year, came up short in his attempt to repeat as the 5,000 meters winner. Rexing finished second with a time of 14:22.01, just 0.76 out of first place.

Alison Howard was Notre Dame's only winner in the women's meet, breaking her own school record to win the 400 meters in 53.81. Howard also placed third in the 200 meters in 24.01.

Outstanding freshman Dominique Calloway was a spark for the Irish. She finished second in the 100-meter hurdles and the 200 meters. She also finished fifth in the 100 meters. Nadia Schmiedt took second in the 400-meter hurdles for the second consecutive season.

Davie

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student body. We will continue to be a football team that plays with great toughness, great desire, and great enthusiasm, but above all, with class."

Though his words sound like something straight out of a Holtz script, Davie vowed to be his own man.

But it is his familiarity with the Irish program that was one of his main selling points in getting the job.

"Bob Davie emerged as the unanimous choice of our selection committee because of his intensity and his conviction about the standards and values of Notre Dame and its football program," stated Wadsworth.

That selection committee consisted of Wadsworth, University executive vice-president Father William Beauchamp, and assistant athletic director George Kelly.

"We feel very fortunate to have had a candidate of the caliber of Bob Davie already on our staff," Beauchamp said. "Bob's person-

al and professional strengths, his knowledge of the University and the program, and his appreciation of all that it means to be the head football coach at Notre Dame made him the clear-cut choice to succeed Lou Holtz. We look forward with great anticipation to the Bob Davie era at Notre Dame."

That era will likely be characterized by the hallmark of Davie's defenses — aggressiveness.

Such aggressiveness very much could have meant that Davie would no longer be at Notre Dame had Holtz not stepped down.

Coveted last year by schools to

be a head coach, Davie admitted that had the Irish not come calling, he might have moved on.

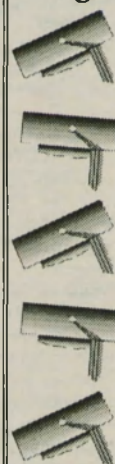
"Right now, I feel like the luckiest man alive," Davie said. "Words can't describe how proud and honored I am to be the next head football coach at Notre Dame."

"I've waited a long, long time for this moment," Davie said. "I can tell you, standing here, that it's been well worth the wait."

"I promise to the Notre Dame family that I'm going to do everything in my power so that hopefully one day people will look back on this as a great decision for Notre Dame football."

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■ WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tar Heels prevent Irish repeat

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Assistant Sports Editor

In a season filled with a majority of ups, the Irish were forced to endure one major down. Despite being ranked No. 1 for much of the season, the women's soccer team fell short of its goal to repeat as national champions.

Before the largest crowd ever assembled for a women's soccer final, the Irish were forced to take on their rival, North Carolina. In a tight match, Notre Dame fell short. With 9:04 left in the second overtime, Tar Heel forward Debbie Keller drilled in a header off of forward Rakel Karvelsson's assist to score the only goal of the 120-minute battle. Keller's goal lifted UNC 1-0 over ND and to the nation-

al championship.

Earlier in the season, the Irish defeated North Carolina, 2-1. Freshman Jenny Streiffer played a major role in the victory, scoring both of the goals to ensure a win. The game-winning goal came in the first overtime, earning her MVP of the Duke-Adidas Women's Soccer Classic.

Throughout the season, the team was bestowed with numerous honors. Not only was Notre Dame the Big East regular season champions, but the Irish were also the Big East tournament champions. Head coach Chris Petrucelli was named Big East Coach of the Year, and Streiffer was named Big East Rookie of the Year.

Senior captains Jen Renola and Cindy Daws

were both named first team All-American, while freshman Jen Grubb and junior Kate Sobrero were named to the second team. Streiffer and junior Holly Manthei were named to the third team.

Several milestones were reached in this season as well. Daws gained the title of career points leader. Manthei broke the record for assists in the NCAA tournament in the semifinal game against Portland.

Next year, Irish fans will get a glimpse of the Class of 2001. The class boasts some talented players, including Meotis Erickson, who is considered one of the top players in the nation. Petrucelli also signed Monica Gonzalez, who led her club team to the national championships in 1995.



Senior goalie Jen Renola received All-American honors following the 1996 season.

■ VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame struggles to overcome injuries, schedule

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Heading into the 1996 volleyball season, hopes were high

as head coach Debbie Brown had all of her six starters returning from a 27-7 team that advanced to the NCAA Pacific Regional.

However, the Irish suffered their worst record (22-12) in Brown's six-year tenure under the Dome as injuries and the inability to finish matches

plagued the squad all season long. Despite the disappointing season which saw the Irish fall out of the top 25 from their preseason ranking of sixth,

Brown still sees the positives in their season.

"We lost more games than I have before, but it was still the most fun I've had. It was really a great team. They worked really hard, and I think they will come away from this season with great memories."

Even before the first match, Coach Brown and company were faced with a daunting challenge after junior setter Carey May suffered a dislocated shoulder that would sideline her for nearly half the season.

Junior Jaimie Lee slid over from her outside hitter slot and filled in at setter in May's absence. Lee's play earned her Big East Player of the Year honors.

Despite the efforts of Lee, the Irish were never able to get into the groove. Their starting lineup was not on the floor for more than a handful of matches with senior Jen Rouse and junior Angie Harris ending the year on the shelf.

The remarkable senior class provided the glue to hold the team together, and some young players showcased their talents on their way to remaining perfect in Big East play while making their fifth straight NCAA tournament appearance.

"It would have been nice to see us healthy, so we could have gotten really comfortable," Brown said. "We had great depth, and if we wouldn't have had that depth, we would have had a horrendous season."

The graduating class of Jenny Birkner, Jen Briggs, Kristina Ervin, and Jen Rouse helped Brown build the program into a national power. They have set an example for talented players such as sophomore Lindsay Treadwell and freshman Mary Leffers.

The leader of the seniors was two-time captain Birkner, who is one of just two players in Notre Dame history to be on the top 10 list of hitting percentage, kills, digs, assists, blocks, and aces.

"They have given a ton to the program," Brown said of her graduating seniors. "They are all very good students and have been terrific examples for our young players. It was a really special class."

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■ FOOTBALL

Irish seniors bid farewell after frustrating season

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

Any other school would have been satisfied. If nothing else, the 1996 football season could be characterized as a solid one, certainly nothing to scoff at or feel bad about. However, Notre Dame is not any other school.

For the third straight year, the Irish did not contend for the national championship. Put simply, an 8-3 season in which the Irish failed to land a major bowl bid is considered a disappointment in this neck of the woods.

"It's kind of frustrating the way we ended and not going to a bowl," said senior tailback Randy Kinder. "But all things considered, it was probably the best decision for the program."

Things did start out well for the Irish last fall. When Jim Sanson's kick sailed through the uprights to defeat Texas, 27-24, Notre Dame fans confidently pointed to a national championship.

However, Ohio State took the dagger and viciously drove it through the heart of Irish fans, prematurely ending any talks of a title with a 29-16 victory at Notre Dame Stadium. Fans, players, and coaches were devastated following the defeat.

"The national championship is done," a red-eyed Powlus said outside the locker room. "It's over."

After thrashing the No. 20 ranked Washington Huskies, 54-20, two weeks later, Notre Dame suffered what seems to have

Boston College, Rutgers, and Pittsburgh. With a major bowl bid on the line, the stage was set for Notre Dame's visit to USC for the season finale.

Leading most of the way against the Trojans, the Irish moved ahead 20-12 and needed just one successful PAT off the leg of Sanson to put the game away. However, God was not on the Irish side on that day, and when Sanson's kick sailed wide, Notre Dame's 13-year unbeaten streak over the Trojans was just a memory.

"This is probably as tough a loss as I've ever had," said head coach Lou Holtz following the game. "I feel bad for the seniors and the players that made mistakes. I know how they feel."

The Irish will say farewell to a much traveled group of seniors who experienced more than their share of highs and lows in four years. From the incredible win over Florida State in the Game of the Century to the devastating Northwestern upset and the USC disappointment, it has certainly been a roller coaster ride.

Five defensive starters, including Renaldo Wynn, Alton Maiden, Kinnon Tatum, Lyrion Cobbins, and Bert Berry, have seen their time at Notre Dame come to an end. On the offensive side, Jeremy Akers, Marc Edwards, Pete Chryplewicz, Randy Kinder, and Robert Farmer will move on to life after Irish football.

"As a group, we've been through a lot during our four years together," said Akers. "It's going to be hard to move on."

Good and bad, they gave Irish fans something to remember.



Nose guard Renaldo Wynn saved his best for last. The Observer/Mike Ruma



Fullback Marc Edwards' college career ended early due to injury. The Observer/Mike Ruma

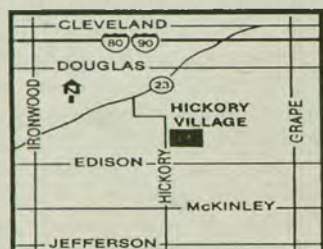


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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women's squad makes history in March Madness

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

When the class of 1997 stepped on to campus as freshmen, the women's basketball program was a mediocre team in a mediocre conference.

Four years later as the seniors are prepared to graduate, the women's program has also graduated to a new level, becoming a national power.

"We just finished the most outstanding run in the history of Notre Dame basketball," head coach Muffet McGraw said after their 80-66 semifinal loss to eventual champion Tennessee.

"I couldn't be prouder of these two people beside me. I think they are both All-Americans. They had tremendous seasons and NCAA tournaments. I can't say enough good things about the way they have taken our program from nowhere to the Final Four."

McGraw was referring to the top two leading point scorers in Notre Dame history, Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither.

The first players to have worn the Blue and Gold and eclipse the 2,000 point mark carried the Irish to the Final Four in Cincinnati as well as into the national spotlight.

The Irish finished ranked in the top five in the nation and shattered the program's previous record of 23 wins with their mark of 31-7.

In the pre-season WNIT, McGraw's squad made some noise, knocking off two top 10 squads before losing to Tennessee. The Irish were off to their best start in years, cracking the top 10 for the first time in the history of the program.

However, the squad hit several speed bumps, including losing freshman guard Niele Ivey for the year. The team had already lost two scholarship players before Ivey went down with a torn ACL.

Big Ten foes Wisconsin and Purdue upset the Irish in the same week, and the Irish saw their national ranking fall. Over Christmas break, they made their national television debut on CBS, but an unranked Ohio State team

bested the Irish.

That loss would mark their last loss until they came up against top-ranked and then undefeated Connecticut. After they had fallen out of the top 20, the senior class took over and helped the team recover.

Complementing the superstars Morgan and Gaither were point guard Jeannine Augustine and forward Rosanne Bohman. Augustine and Bohman saved their best for last and played up to their potential in their final year.

The Irish cruised through Big East play, winning 22 of their final 24 games with their two losses coming at the hands of their old nemesis, the UConn Huskies. With a couple of weeks remaining in the regular season, McGraw lost the versatility of Kari Hutchinson to a broken hand. Hutchinson would return for postseason play, but the team was down to just six healthy scholarship players.

After the Big East tournament, the Irish were slighted with a six seed in the East Region, but they lost walk-on Adreinne Jordan to an injury.



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Senior sharpshooter Beth Morgan led ND to its best record ever.

The depletion of the bench forced McGraw to dress volleyball player Kristina Ervin and team manager Christy Grady. The team's leadership refused to allow injuries to affect its play.

"I could not be prouder of my team," McGraw said. "I don't think there was any other team in the country that has been through what we've been through, and to win 31 games is an outstanding accomplishment."

In the march through the NCAA tournament, McGraw's squad learned all about March Madness, putting together an unforgettable run.

After a 93-62 shellacking of Memphis in the first round, Morgan and Gaither poured in 29 apiece in a thrilling 86-83

upset of the Texas Longhorns in front of the burnt orange crowd.

In South Carolina, the second-seeded Alabama Crimson Tide stood in the way of the Irish and the Elite Eight. But the sharpshooting of Morgan and Sheila McMillen turned a nine-point deficit into an 87-71 win, combining for five three-pointers in a matter of minutes to ignite a 22-0 run.

In a contest with tickets to Cincinnati on the line, Gaither was too much for George Washington, proving to be a force inside with 25 points and 16 rebounds in a 62-52 win.

Although their first trip to the Final Four did not go as planned, the Irish enjoyed their opportunity at the Big Dance.

"It was a great experience," Morgan said. "The Final Four is a great accomplishment for our team and our program. Going out and playing as poorly as we did is disappointing, but a lot of players got through a program and don't get the chance that we did. I think looking back we're very proud of that."

During their run that can only be described as remarkable, the mix of youth and experience and of superstars and role players created a feeling that someone would step up and knock down the big shot or snag the rebound.

That chemistry and mix was something unique to the Irish squad which was pivotal in the most successful season in the history of the program.

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■ MEN'S SOCCER

Making strides to the next level

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

Over the course of the last four years, the Notre Dame soccer programs have come of age.

Everyone is aware of the accomplishments of the women's squad, which in 1995, became the first team, other than North Carolina, to win a national championship in over a decade. After years and years of virtually unchallenged titles for the Tar Heels, the Irish became pioneers of the path toward parity in collegiate women's soccer.

Although the Notre Dame women have been well-respected for a number of years now, the men have just recently made their mark on the national scene. After an extremely disappointing 1995 season in which the team finished 9-10 overall, including a 4-7 Big East debut, the Irish came out in 1996 with something to prove.

They wasted no time in doing so. The team, which had not claimed a single road victory in its first Big East season, traveled to Providence for its regular season opener and emerged with a solid 1-0 victory.

The next test for Notre Dame would be at home, as sixth-ranked, Big East favorite St. John's invaded South Bend. The Irish and Red Storm re-

mained deadlocked throughout regulation and were forced to play overtime to decide the contest.

The Irish struck first to open the first of two 10-minute overtime halves, but St. John's responded with a goal of its own to tie the score with about five minutes left in the period. Notre Dame closed the period with a second goal to take a 2-1 lead in the second half of overtime.

The Irish proceeded to shut down the Red Storm for 9:49 but could not hold their lead, as St. John's scored on a fluke goal with 11 seconds remaining. Although on the surface, it appeared like a blown opportunity to advance in the polls, the tie actually proved to be the first sign that the Irish were for real. St. John's would eventually tear through the NCAA tournament to claim the school's first national championship.

Notre Dame slid in and out of the top 25 for the rest of the season, compiling an impressive record of 10-6-2, despite dropping four of its last five contests. Due to the slow finish, there were many who doubted the postseason potential of the Irish. But once again, Notre Dame responded to the challenge.

The Irish opened the Big East tournament by defeating Georgetown in a difficult game,

which took place during an early November snow storm. From there, the Irish journeyed back to the east coast for the fifth time in two and a half months and back to Piscataway, N.J., for the second time in less than a month.

Their first trip there had resulted in a difficult loss at the hands of No. 6 Rutgers, but the Irish would not have to face the Scarlet Knights until the finals of the tournament, as they drew a rematch with Connecticut, who had forged a tie at Notre Dame earlier in the season.

On the strength of two first half goals by freshman Andrew Aris and sophomore Ben Bocklage and sensational goal-tending from Greg Velho, the Irish jumped out to an insurmountable lead and advanced to the Big East championship game against Rutgers.

Senior Konstantin Koloskov recorded the only goal of the game, and the Irish won their first Big East title in just their second year in the conference. The victory guaranteed Notre Dame a berth in the NCAA tournament for the third time in four years, but the Irish were not satisfied yet.

Senior co-captain Tony Capasso, the heart of the Irish squad and the team's leading scorer, explained that they had



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Midfielder Tony Capasso helped lead the Irish to the Sweet Sixteen.

been there before.

"We (seniors) do not want to lose in the first round like we did our first two years (1993 and 1994)," said Capasso. "We want to leave a mark on this program."

And that they did.

Notre Dame faced No. 2 UNC-Greensboro on the road, and junior Ryan Turner scored an unassisted goal early in the second half to give the Irish a 1-0 upset and a trip to Charlotte, N.C., and the Sweet 16.

Following the first round game, midfielder Matt Johnson said, "The atmosphere around the field (before the game) was beautiful. You could just tell something good was going to happen."

The Irish took on UNC-Charlotte and were not able to extend their season any further,

falling victim to the 49ers in another 1-0 game.

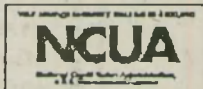
"I just told our guys how proud I am of them," said Berticelli. "People counted us out, and we continued to battle. We finished the season by playing four nationally ranked teams and won three — and could have very well won the fourth."

In 1996, not only did the Irish silence their critics and demonstrate their heart, they put Notre Dame men's soccer on the map. Due to the efforts of this year's senior class, which includes Capasso, Koloskov, Brian Engesser, Peter Gansler and Chris Mathis, and the underclassmen who made up the supporting cast, Notre Dame, with its dominant women's squad, may now be considered one of the premier soccer schools in the country.

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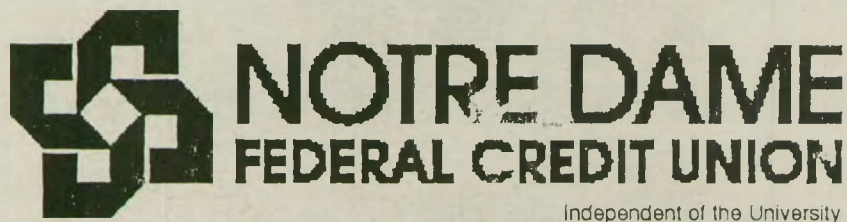
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■ SAINT MARY'S SOFTBALL

Duo says good-bye

By KERRI NELEN
Assistant Saint Mary's Sports Editor

When seniors Gretchen Moore and Katie Maxbauer say good-bye this graduation weekend, they will be saying it to more than their friends.

For the past four years they have been key players for the Belles softball team. Though at times demanding, both athletes will walk away with memories they shall cherish for a lifetime.

"We got to do something other students did not get the opportunity to do," Maxbauer said. "It has been my greatest involvement outside of my academic life at Saint Mary's."

Moore has discovered that her senior status provides a new experience.

"This year really stands out.

I never thought I would maintain a leadership position on the team," Moore said.

"When you are out on the field, it doesn't matter what year you are. But there are times when you notice the other girls are looking up to you. I have really enjoyed being a senior."

As both women hung up their cleats for the final time, they said farewell to a family as well as a team.

Though many great game moments stand out in their memories, it is the friendships that have meant the most.

"There's always those great moments in the games," Maxbauer explained. "But it's the friendships that we have made that have changed our lives. It has been so amazing."

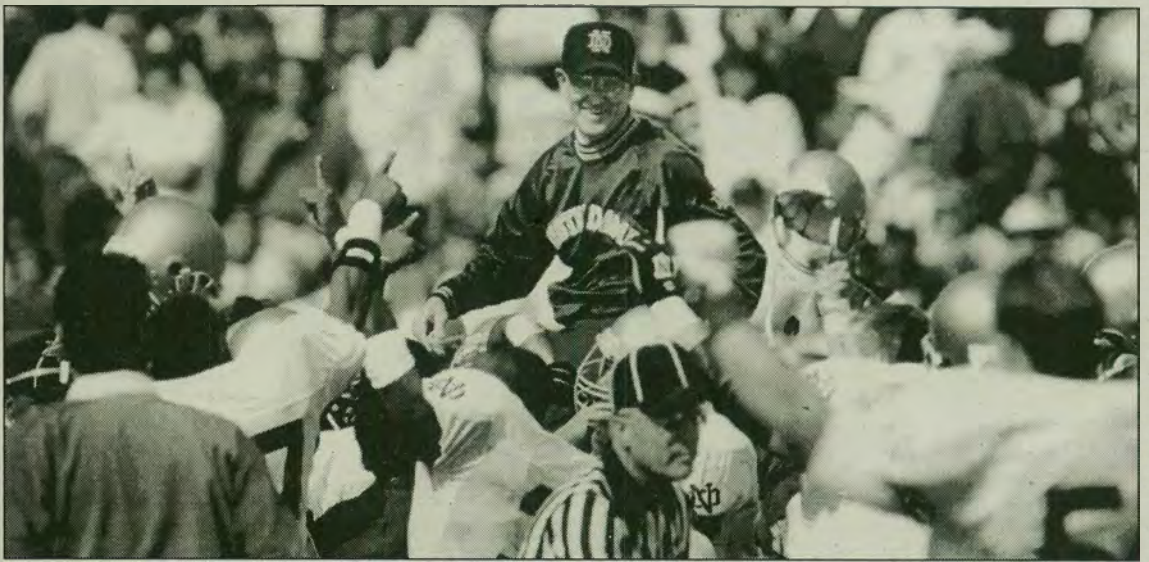


Photo courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information
amassing 100 wins in 11 years.

Lou Holtz will be remembered as one of the finest coaches in Irish history,

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and their eighth national championship the following season.

He also did something else.

He became a Notre Dame legend, whether he wanted to or not.

"When I was hired, I said I didn't come here to be a legend, but to merely serve Notre Dame," Holtz said in his prepared resignation on Nov. 19. "It is up to others to ascertain whether I accomplished this or not."

Holtz's love for Notre Dame is

well documented. Holtz grew up in a Catholic home surrounded by relatives who loved and respected Notre Dame, and his earliest encounters involved the University and its storied history.

"I went to St. Aloysius grade school, and we were taught by the Sisters of Notre Dame," said Holtz when asked to recount his early exposure to Notre Dame. "At lunch, at recess, and at dismissal, we marched out to the Notre Dame Victory March. The impressions I formed about Notre Dame came about because the people I respected so much — my mother, my father, my

grandparents, my other relatives — held Notre Dame in such high esteem."

And there can be no doubt that Holtz did, too. In his resignation, he talked about how hard it would be to leave "the best job in the world, the most rewarding," and insisted in his prepared statement that "I am sure there will be many coaches in the future here at Notre Dame, but I feel confident when I say none will be any prouder than I was to represent this University or more loyal to its beliefs or more grateful for the opportunity."

When all is said and done, Lou Holtz will be remembered as a true Notre Dame man, which is exactly what he would desire.

"I will always cherish the fact that I had the opportunity to be a representative of Our Lady's school, both on and off the field. To a Catholic such as myself, no man could ask for a more important role in life."

But there is one additional role which Lou Holtz has played, and will continue to play, whether it is important to him or not.

Legend.

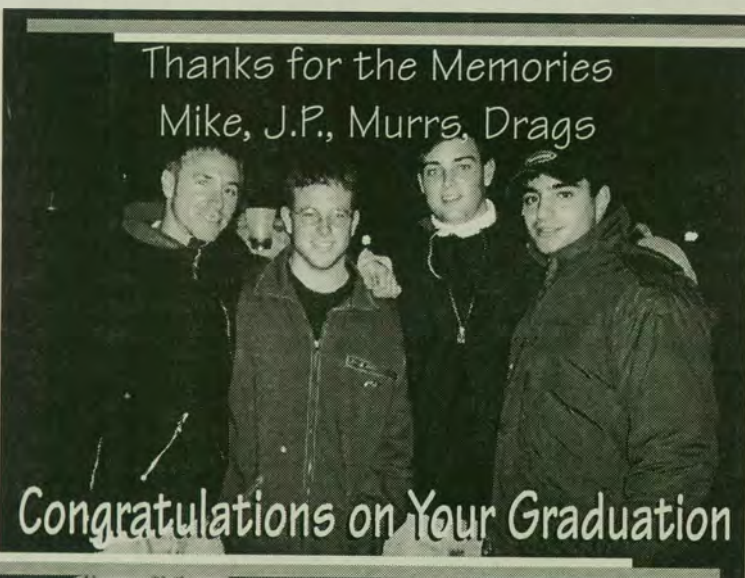
Lou Holtz will always be considered a legend, regardless of whether he views himself as one or not. His accomplishments are simply too great, his personality too strong to categorize him as anything less.

"I don't think there's any question that Lou Holtz will be right at the very top of the legendary coaches who have been at Notre Dame, along with Knute Rockne and Ara Parseghian," said athletic director Michael Wadsworth following Holtz's announcement.

"He has just represented the University in every way in which we could possibly hope, and as a result I think that will be recognized well into the future and will qualify him as one of the great legends of the University."

True legends never do die, and Holtz is one of those legends.

His memory will live on at Notre Dame long after he himself has left.



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We'll miss you, Lou!

Holtz resigns

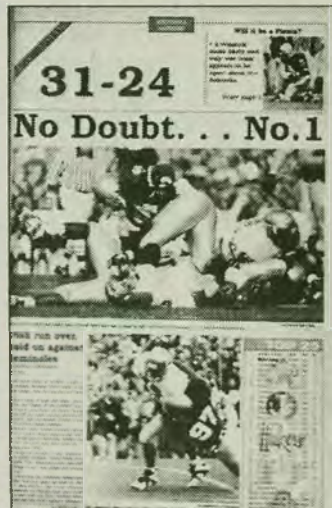
After 11 years as head football coach at Notre Dame, Lou Holtz officially announced his resignation. His 100 career wins are second only to the legendary Knute Rockne's 105 victories.

Despite consistent success over the course of the 132 games he coached at Notre Dame, Holtz's only national championship came in 1988 with team leaders Tony Rice and Tony Brooks.

Holtz did not indicate any specific reasons for his departure, and gave no sign that another coaching offer was imminent.

November 20, 1996

2 Game of the Century



31-24
No Doubt... No.1

One of the most anticipated showdowns in recent history lived up to all the expectations, as second-ranked Notre Dame upset favorite and top-ranked Florida State, 31-24. Shawn Wooden broke up Charlie Ward's last-second attempt to secure the monumental win for the Irish.

Nov. 15, 1993

3 Women's soccer win championship



National Championship Edition
THE OBSERVER
Top of the hill

The ever-improving Notre Dame women's soccer team reached the ultimate goal of a national championship by defeating Portland 1-0 on a Cindy Daws penalty kick.

The Irish also ended North Carolina's dynasty in the semifinals with a 1-0 shocker.

Dec. 4, 1995

4 Irish join Big East



SPORTS
Arm-ageddon? Proctor says he's ready. But he's not alone.

Missing Murphy
Resigned coach says he's back. Head coach at Arizona State.

Rosenthal resigns
The Bigger East

Athletic director Dick Rosenthal announced during the summer of 1994 that Notre Dame would join the Big East Conference for most sports.

The move was seen as especially helpful to John MacLeod and the struggling men's basketball program.

Aug. 30, 1994

5 Davie takes the helm



THE OBSERVER
It's official: Davie succeeds Holtz
Irish find replacement in the ND family.

Irish defensive coordinator Bob Davie accepted the head coaching job less than one week after Lou Holtz announced his resignation.

Davie is only the second head coach to be hired from within the ranks of the Irish staff.

Nov. 25, 1996

6 Women's hoops reach Final Four




SPORTS
Lady Irish handle Colonials, dance to Cincinnati

Led by seniors Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither, the Irish women's basketball team defeated favored George Washington in the NCAA regional finals to advance to the team's first Final Four.

March 25, 1997

7 Fencers claim national title



SPORTS
National Champions

The Notre Dame fencing team came from behind in the final day of competition to defeat Penn State and secure the first Notre Dame national championship in any sport since 1988.

March 23, 1994

8 Eagles dash Irish dreams



41-39
Destiny Denied

Boston College sacked Notre Dame's hopes of a national championship when David Gordon kicked the longest field goal of his career (41 yards) to erase a thrilling Irish comeback and to give Boston College a 41-39 victory in the final game of the 1993 season.

Nov. 22, 1993

9 Irish snap Carolina streak

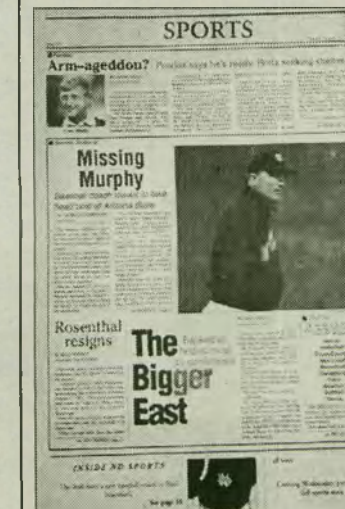


SPORTS
As good as the best

Chris Petrucelli's women's soccer team tied North Carolina 0-0 to snap the Tar Heels' 92-game winning streak. It was the third time that a historic streak was snapped by an Irish team.

Oct. 3, 1994

10 Rosenthal steps down as AD



SPORTS
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Missing Murphy
Resigned coach says he's back. Head coach at Arizona State.

Rosenthal resigns
The Bigger East

Athletic director Dick Rosenthal announced that he would step down, effective as of August 1, 1995. Mike Wadsworth was named as his successor.

Aug. 30, 1994

The Year in Sports

'96

Ex-Irish point guard
Doug Gottlieb accused
of credit card fraud

Aug. 28

Women's soccer wins
Big East championship

Men's soccer upsets
Rutgers to claim
conference title

Bob Davie succeeds
Lou Holtz as head
football coach

Nov. 10

Nov. 17

Nov. 24

Women's soccer makes
third consecutive
appearance in NCAA

Dec. 8

John Christoforetti
claims third straight
Bengal Bouts title

Women's lacrosse plays
first official game as a
varsity sport

Fencing team finishes
2nd behind Penn State
at NCAA Championships

Mar. 1

Men's lacrosse defeats No.
4 Hofstra for its first victory
ever over a top 5 opponent

Mar. 12

Mar. 23

Women's tennis captures
Big East championship

Apr. 4

Apr. 19

August

September

October

November

December

January

February

March

April

May

Men's golf becomes first ND
team to claim consecutive
Big East titles

Sept. 29

Lou Holtz resigns his posi-
tion as head football
coach after 11 seasons

Men's soccer advances
to Sweet 16 of NCAA's
for first time

Volleyball wins second
straight Big East
championship

Nov. 19

Nov. 24

Nov. 30

USC defeats football
team to end ND's 13-
year dominance of the
series

Women's swimming wins Big
East championship meet

Power forward Pat Garrity
and head basketball coach
John MacLeod receive Big
East honors as Player and
Coach of the Year

Men's basketball defeats
TCU to earn third consecutive
home game in NIT

Feb. 22

Mar. 4

Women's basketball advances
to Final Four with victory over
George Washington

Mar. 18

Mar. 24

Freshman small forward
David Lalazarian announces
that he will transfer from ND

Apr. 16

Apr. 27

Sixth-seeded Dos Geses
prevails over fourth-seeded
Swoosh in the Bookstore
Basketball XXVI finals

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■ SWIMMING

Women rise to top of conference in second season

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team had a solid regular season, followed by an outstanding post-season, which saw the squad claim the Big East championship in just its second year in the conference.

The team went 7-5 overall but dominated in Big East competition to attain a 3-0 mark within the conference in the regular season. When it came to the conference championships, though, the Irish truly began to shine.

They started somewhat slowly in the first two days and trailed Miami by 103 points after one event on the third day of competition. However, the Irish, who had the experience of finishing third at the championships just a year earlier, knew what it would take to make a run at the title. And that is exactly what they proceeded to do. When all was said and done, Notre Dame had prevailed over the Hurricanes by a score of 661-547.5.

Two of the key swimmers for the Irish were senior Erin Brooks and freshman Shannon Suddarth. Brooks registered repeat victories in both the 100 and 200-meter backstroke. She broke the pool and meet records in both events. Brooks' 200-meter backstroke performance set the school record



Brooks

and automatically qualified her for the NCAA championships.

Suddarth also did some record-breaking at the championship meet, surpassing Notre Dame marks in both the 100 and 200-meter breaststroke with times of 1:03.70 and 2:16.76, respectively. Both swimmers qualified Suddarth for consideration in the NCAA championship meet.

Other key swimmers were freshmen Liz Barger, Allison Hollis, and Alison Newell. Barger took first in the 100-meter butterfly and third in the 200. Hollis finished third in the 200-meter backstroke and fifth in the 100. Newell won the 200-meter butterfly and claimed second, behind Barger, in the 100 despite qualifying first in the preliminaries with a school record time of 55.86.

The Irish sent three swimmers to the NCAA championships, and all three experi-

enced certain degrees of success. Brooks repeated as an All-American with her eighth-place finish in the 200-meter backstroke. Suddarth broke her own school record in the 200-meter breaststroke twice more at the NCAA meet. She swam 2:16.31 in the preliminaries and then finished 13th in the finals with a record-shattering swim of 2:15.41. Finally, Newell also broke her own Notre Dame record by swimming a time of 2:00.53 to take 13th in the 200-meter butterfly.

The seniors who will be missed when next year rolls around include Brooks, Amy Bostick, Karen Daylor, Karen Foley, and Alyssa Peterson.

The Irish men's swimming and diving team concluded its regular season with a record of 7-5, which included a first-place finish at the Notre Dame Relays in October and a second-place finish at the Notre Dame

Invitational in December.

The season included a high-light win over rival Boston College by the score of 234-66, as well as a pair of disappointing losses to Big East foes Connecticut and Pittsburgh and close calls versus St. Bonaventure and Western Kentucky.

In their second season in the Big East conference, the Irish went 1-2 and finished in the familiar position of seventh at the championship meet. The positive side of the postseason championships for Notre Dame was the fact that the Irish recorded season team bests in 14 different events at the meet.

Two Irish swimmers, senior

Matt Rose and junior Ron Royer, set personal bests in two separate events. Rose placed fifth in the 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2:05.45 and took 10th in the 200-meter individual medley in 1:53.10.

Royer swam the 100-meter freestyle in 46.19 to grab 11th overall and finished 10th in the 50-meter freestyle with a mark of 21.04. The highest finish for the Irish in the meet was accomplished by Steele Whowell, who touched the wall second in the 100-meter breaststroke in 57.25.

The team bids farewell to seniors Rose, Ryan Beville, Ron Lambert, Rich Murphy, and Josh Saylor.



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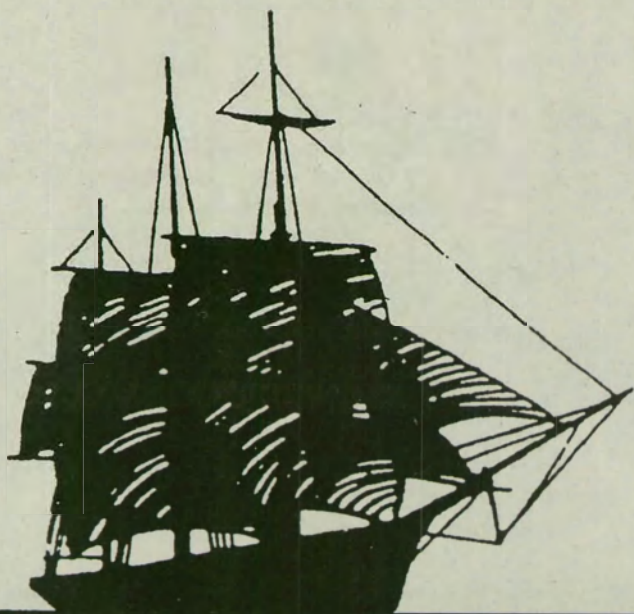
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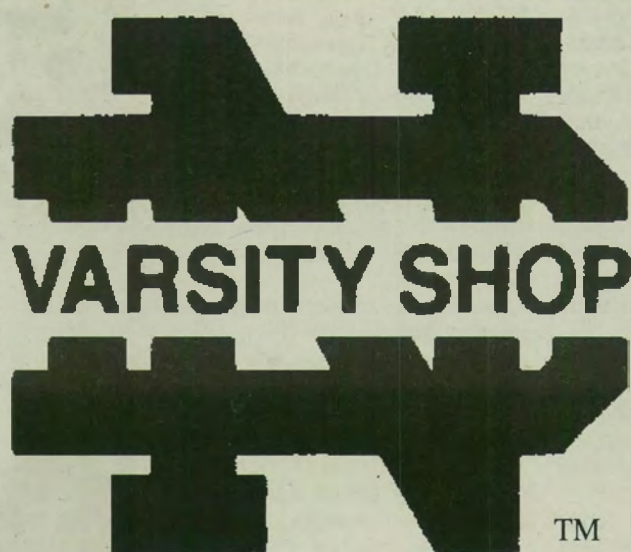
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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Dos Geses surprise the pack

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

Overcoming obstacles comprised the main theme of the 1997 Bookstore Basketball tournament.

When the 597 teams took to the courts on April 9, the first barrier the field had to surpass was the construction that eliminated half of the courts at Stepan Center. Add in nearly two weeks of cold weather and frequent rain, and the level of basketball was significantly hindered.

Dos Geses overcame one of the greatest obstacles in the 26th edition of the tournament with its championship run after being basically overlooked as a major contender for the coveted Bookstore crown.

After last year's champion Dos Kloskas regrouped from the loss of three of its key players, the big question of the tournament was whether Jeff Kloska and Dan Fannon could carry their team to a repeat victory. However, by picking up the top player from the team it beat in the '96 finals (Bob Baxter), a 6-foot-7 football player with the

softest hands of any big guy in the tournament (Tim Ridder), and another tall football player with good hoops ability (Kevin Carretta), it looked as though that question wouldn't be too hard to answer.

With a new team and a new name, Corby's, the team entered the tournament seeded No. 1 and basically walked through it until the Final Four when it met Swoosh III.

Swoosh III returned for its final shot at the title with a No. 4 seed and surprised many by upsetting the top-seeded Corby's, 21-18 in the semifinal round.

But the story of the tournament was the dark horse Dos Geses, who slipped through the view of Bookstore observers relatively unnoticed until the final weekend. With Chris Clevenger at center, Alex and Bill Gese in combination with Ryan Healy spreading the perimeter, and tournament MVP Mike Denvir as the go-to-man, the team had the potential to claim the tournament as its own, and that is exactly what it did.

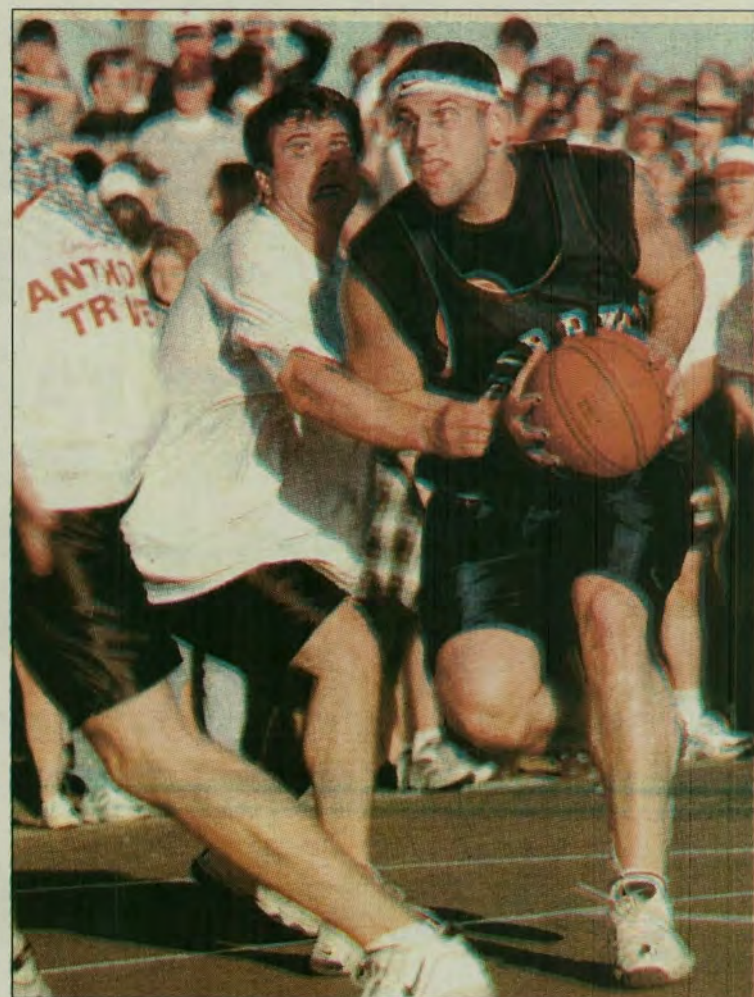
After knocking off the No. 3 seed Muddy Waters in the Elite

Eight and then beating a streaking Primetime in the Final Four, Dos Geses finally received some much deserved recognition as a team to be taken seriously. They answered any doubt about their ability in the finals as they battled to a 22-20 victory over Swoosh III on a rainy Stepan court.

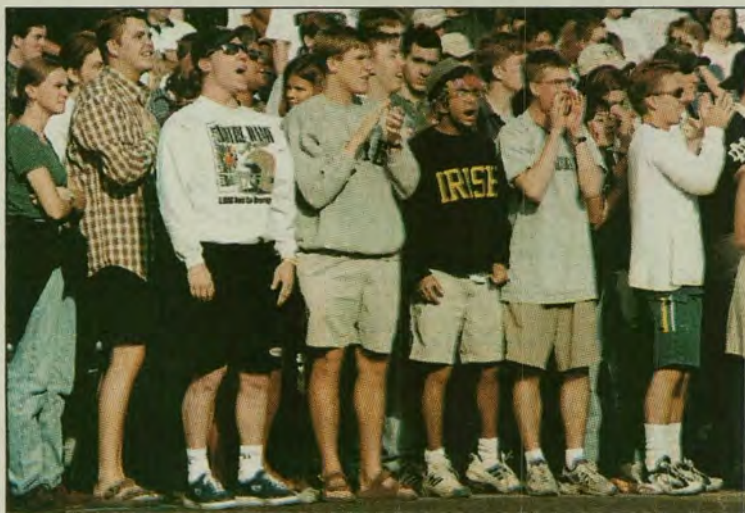
Dos Geses battled through the contest, fighting off the outside shooting of Swoosh's Matt Busam, and even entered the half down one. Denvir highlighted Dos Geses performance, ending the game with two clutch free throws after the teams were tied at 20.

"We liked being the underdog," Denvir commented. "We used it as momentum. We knew we were a good team, but we liked having to scrap for every win."

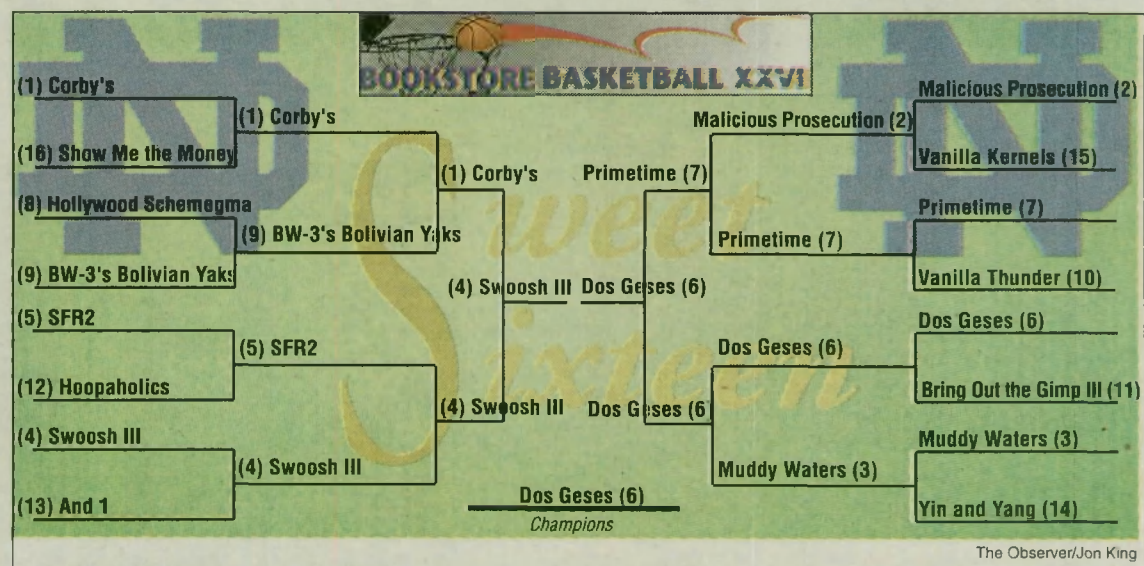
The MVP Denvir joined opponent Jason Newcomer, the 1997 Mr. Bookstore, as the top award winners. Alex and Bill Gese also gained accolades for themselves, being named first team and second team All-Bookstore respectively, as did Busam of Swoosh III.



The Observer/Brandon Candura
Kevin Carretta and Corby's were shocked by fourth-seeded Swoosh III.



The Observer/Brandon Candura
The sidelines were packed at the 26th Bookstore Basketball finals.



BENGAL BOUTS

Few surprises as favorites dominate Bengal Bouts

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

The fans who attended the finals of the 1997 Bengal Bouts got their money's worth as they saw two major upsets, five repeat champions, and eight other great boxing matches.

The highlight of the 67th annual event came on a controversial decision in the 190-pound weight class in which Todd Carcelli defeated reigning champion Mike Mantey.

As proven by his first match which was stopped 1:14 into the first round after he put opponent Craig Prins on his back, Mantey's overwhelming strength was a force to be reckoned with for Carcelli. Carcelli knew he could not match Mantey's strength, so he basically outran him and conserved his energy until he could take advantage of Mantey's frustration and unload a few good punches. Carcelli won on a split decision that brought mixed reactions to the crowd and even surprised himself.

"I was very happy with the fight I fought, but I didn't think I had won," Carcelli said. "What I kept thinking about was the overall experience and the uncanny amount of good, solid people I've met through the program."

In another major upset, senior Ted Pagano defeated defending champion Fred Kelly in the 145-

pound class. Like Mantey, Kelly had walked through his first two bouts, but Pagano was able to wear down Kelly and clinch the split decision.

In the 165-pound class, John Christoforetti won his third consecutive Bengal Bouts title with a unanimous decision over fellow captain Ryan Rans. From freshman year to his senior year in which he was the club's president, Christoforetti epitomized the Bengal Bouts experience and the final title bout was a fitting farewell for him.

"There has only been one other moment that comes close to this, and that was when I received my black belt," Christoforetti said after the match. "But that moment could not really equal this. It was everything that made this the best. All the people, the turnout, and the publicity. The outcome of the fight didn't matter. It just felt great going into it."

Joining Christoforetti as defending champions were Tommy Will in the 135-pound class with a split decision over Lucas Molina, Doug Pollina in the 150-pound class with a stopped contest over J.R. Mellin, Chris Sikora in the 157-pound also with a split decision over John Kmetz, Brian Gaffney in the 180-pound class with a stopped contest over Mike Debiassi, and Troy Phillips in the 190-pound class with a unanimous decision over Dave Butz.

Gaffney's victory provided the best punch of the finals as he was able to throw the senior captain off balance early and knock him down four times before the match was stopped 35 seconds into the second round.

After four years in the program, Damon Affinito was finally able to clinch his class with a split decision over Pete Titterton, and in the 160-pound class, two-time finalist Chip Farrell won the title with a victory over powerful newcomer

Rich Molloy. The Farrell-Molloy fight was one of the best matchups of the finals. Both fighters possessed fundamentally sound fighting styles backed up with serious strength, but Farrell walked away with a unanimous decision.



The Observer/Mike Ruma
Sophomore Brian Gaffney had little trouble defending his title against Mike Debiassi in the 185-pound class.

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

MacLeod, Garrity bring program back from dead

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

Lock the doors, bolt down the shutters, and put the children to bed.

Believe it or not, Notre Dame basketball is back on the map.

Picked by many to occupy the cellar of the Big East conference, the Irish surprised everyone, compiling a 16-14 record, including a respectable 8-10 mark in league play.

To reward Notre Dame for its rise from league doormat to bona fide contender, the conference named Pat Garrity Big East Player of the Year, while John

MacLeod took home coach of the year honors.

However, the biggest shock came in the postseason. Unsure they would even be selected to participate in the NIT, the Irish advanced to the quarterfinals, knocking off Oral Roberts and TCU along the way.

In one of the most thrilling contests in years, Notre Dame tussled with its old nemesis Michigan for the right to move on to the semifinals. Displaying their trademark hustle, determination, and resiliency, the Irish gave the eventual NIT champions everything they could handle.

In the end, the Wolverines survived by the skin of their teeth, slipping past the Irish with a 67-66 victory.

"I told them (his players) they had a great year," said MacLeod following the Michigan game.

"They came from nowhere, they had great character and heart, and accomplished a great deal more than anyone thought they possibly could. And thank goodness they didn't listen to what the people said. It really is a great group."

The one-point loss to Michigan illustrates just how far the Irish had come. In the span of five months, Notre Dame transformed itself from a floundering,

often times abysmal program to a solid, respectable one with a bright future ahead of it.

"This season, we accomplished a lot, and it really boosted the program," said senior center Matt Gotsch. "I feel the program is moving in the right direction, and the seniors here had something to do with that."

While Garrity was the heart and soul of the Irish, he was certainly not the sole reason for the team's success. Senior point guard Admore White took advantage of increased playing time to become the team leader at both ends of the court.

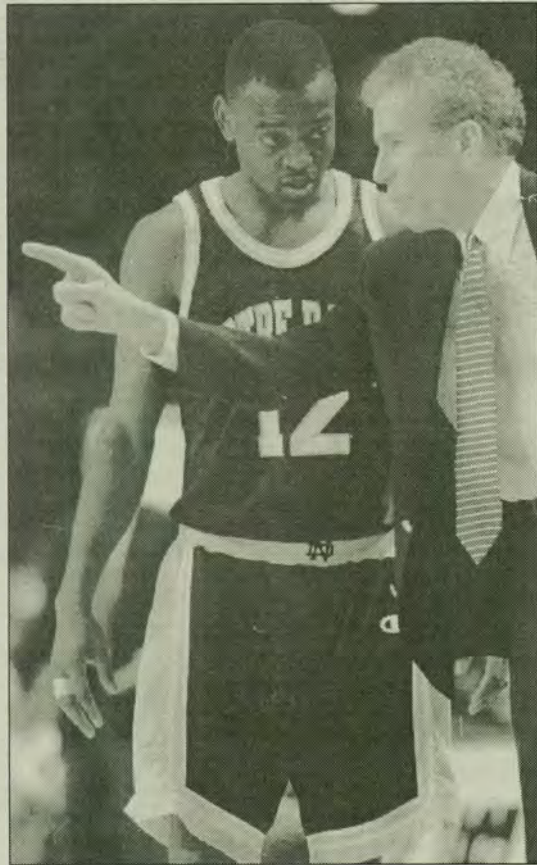
"Admore had a great year for us," said MacLeod. "He really stepped up his play for us, and it showed. Without him, we could not have come close to having the kind of season we did."

Senior guard Pete Miller and Gotsch also played key roles in the Irish surge, picking up the slack when teams collapsed their defense on Garrity. Senior Marcus Young even got into the act, delighting the crowd with his underhanded, "granny" style free throws.

"It's going to be tough next year losing four seniors," said Garrity following the Michigan game. "You can't really put a finger on what they bring to the floor. You can't just look at the statistics and say it will be easy to replace them because they bring something totally intangible to our team."

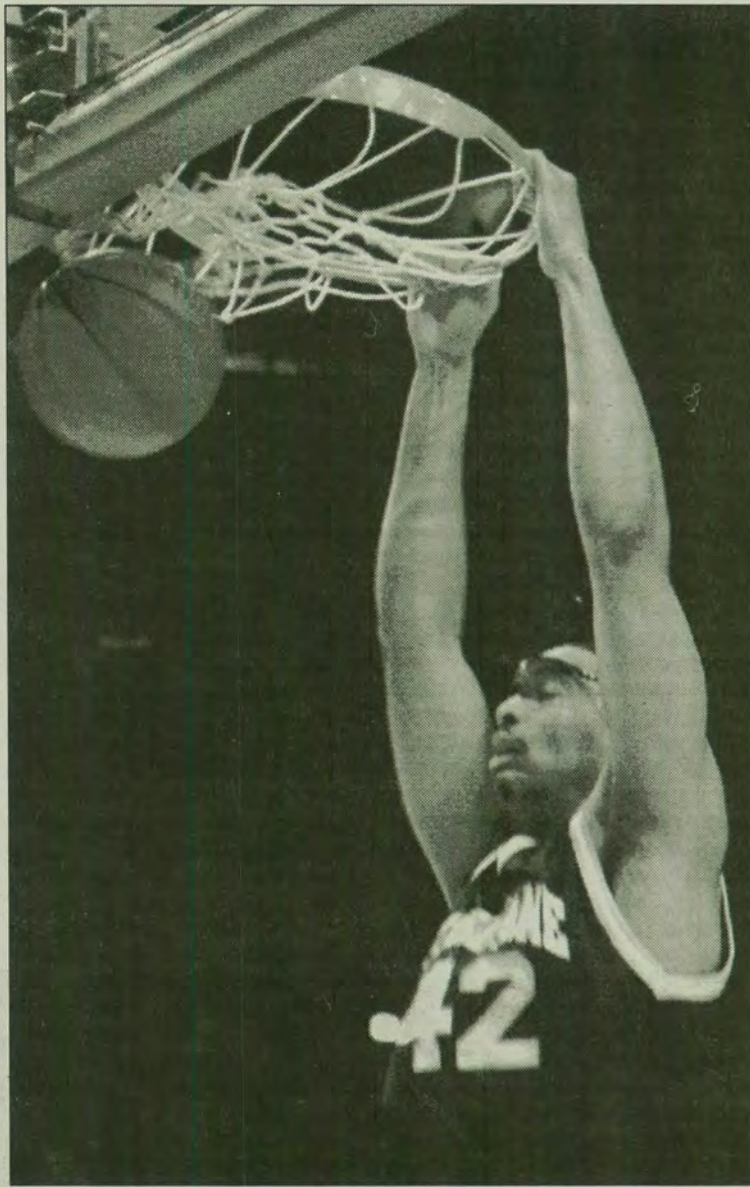
"But they leave on a positive note. I think everyone on the team realizes that we can be a big-time program now, and hopefully they'll bring that attitude next year."

Unfortunately for Notre Dame, the season was not without its share of lows. Point guard Doug Gottlieb, one of the team's top performers in 1996-96, left the University prior to the season after his well-publicized credit card scandal.



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Admore White helped lead MacLeod's squad back into the post-season since the 1991-92 season.



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Senior Marcus Young provided a spark off the bench for the Irish.

To make things worse, promising freshman David Lalazarian, a friend and high school teammate of Gottlieb, announced he was leaving Notre Dame following the school year.

"There were a lot of factors, a lot of details (in the decision to transfer)," said Lalazarian. "It has nothing to do with Doug leaving Notre Dame. I just decided that this is the best thing for me to do at this time. There's nothing more to it."

Small forward Gary Bell, whose career has been marred

by injuries to this point, will undergo surgery on his left shoulder this summer. Bell is not expected to be ready in time for the start of next season and could be out longer.

Despite the bad news, MacLeod and the Irish are optimistic about the future of Notre Dame basketball.

"I'm pleased with what we've accomplished and am confident that we are moving in the right direction," said MacLeod.

Back on the map — it's been a long time coming.



The Observer/Mike Ruma

The Irish enjoyed their March Madness experience this spring.

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■ HOCKEY

Iciers look to rise to next level

Program still building after frustrating year

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

Despite a frustrating 1996-97 season, the future of the Notre Dame hockey team is looking up.

After finishing the season 9-25-1 overall (6-20-1 in CCHA play) and with 10 of their losses coming in the last 11 games, it would be easy to write off the Irish, at least for a couple of years.

But with seven of the team's top eight scorers returning and seven new recruits coming in, head coach Dave Poulin and his team are optimistic.

"Overall, we've added a lot of depth, skill and high power," Poulin commented. "We have a great group of returnees and seven talented newcomers who are all very eager for next season."

To not forget those who will not return for next season, the Irish will lose key players to graduation such as forwards Terry Lorenz and Tim Harberts and defensemen Ben Nelsen and Brian McCarthy.

The class of '97 endured a difficult rebuilding period for the Irish program but will not have the opportunity to reap its benefits.

Despite the ugly record, the 1996-97 season did have its bright spots and exhibited the team's potential.

"We made large strides this year," Poulin explained after the final game of the season, a 3-2 loss to Michigan State. "But they're not quantified in wins. We lost 12 one-goal games this year. If we had gotten four goals at one time or

another in those games, our season would have been completely different."

Still, the second youngest team in Division I hockey is looking to fill the holes created by graduation and seems to have the right artillery to do so.

"We're definitely moving forward," said sophomore Brian Urick, last year's team rookie of the year. "Last year, there were games that we weren't even in. I remember being blown out by Michigan by a score of 13-1. But this year we were in every game."

Leading the way for the class of 2001 will be defensemen Ryan Clark from Littleton, Colo., and Mark Eaton from Wilmington, Del. Clark led the Lincoln Stars to the United State Hockey League's Clark Cup championship, and at 6-foot-4, 215-pounds, will add some bulk to the Irish lineup.

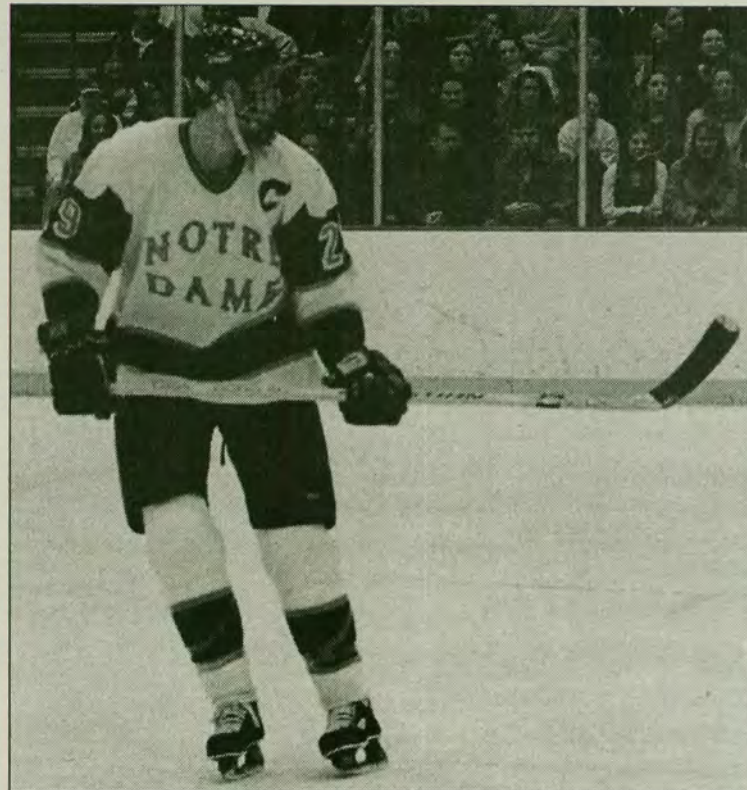
Eaton was named second

team All-USHL and was also awarded the Curt Hammer Award for being the most gentlemanly player who best reflects the goals of the USHL. The two lefthanders will be a welcome addition to the defense that ranked fourth in the CCHA for penalty killing efficiency.

Overall, as the talent-laden Irish team matures, so will its potential for gaining itself a notable presence in the CCHA and the nation as a whole. What remains imperative now is that the team continues to train and improve, and that is Poulin's intention as the team began training this spring, and it will continue to be in the summer.

"This is a huge time for us," he said. "We need to get to a new level."

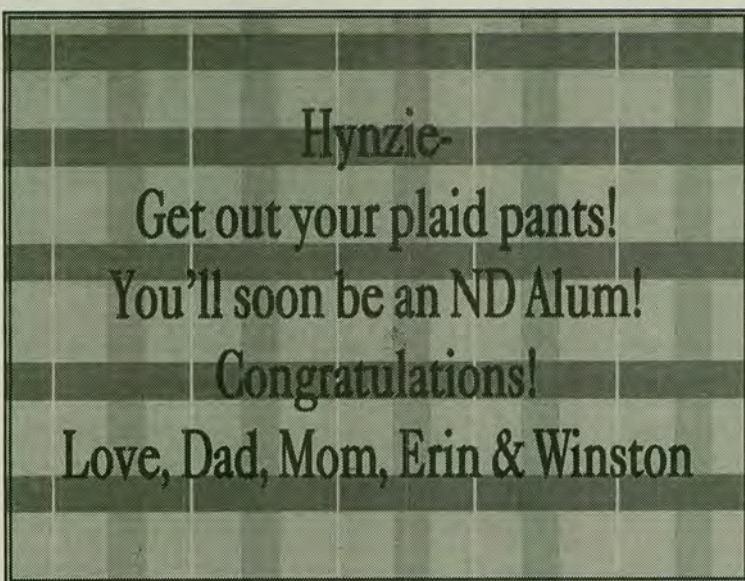
With the addition of new recruits and the leadership of coach Poulin, the Irish look to be close to that new level.



Senior Terry Lorenz and the Irish struggled through a difficult year.

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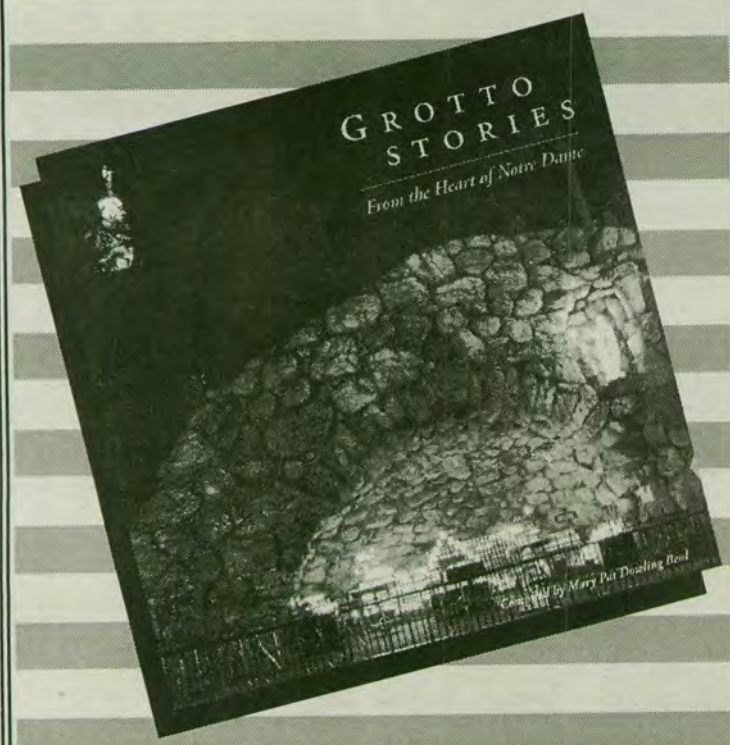
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■ MEN'S TENNIS

Men's team bounces back

Younger squad regains top 25 form in 1997

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Although the '95 and '96 seasons for the men's tennis teams were different in composition and success, the years ended in too similar of fashion for head coach Bobby Bayliss.

For the second consecutive season, the Minnesota Golden Gophers put an end to the team's season. Last Saturday at Illinois, Minnesota ousted Notre Dame from the NCAA Region IV championships. The Irish were the top-seed in the region but suffered a 4-2 loss to the fifth-seeded Gophers.

Bayliss' team went into post-season play ranked 13th in the nation and ended the year with a 19-6 mark. Notre Dame rebounded from a somewhat disappointing 1996 season in which the Irish finished ranked 36th in the nation.

Last year's squad was senior laden with three of the six sin-

gles players in their final year under the Dome. This season, the top player was a freshman (Ryan Sachire), and there was only one senior who saw significant action.

This year, a younger team jumped out of the gates with a six-match winning streak that was one of the best starts for the program in recent years. The Irish also closed the regular season on a high, finishing the year with a 10-match winning streak that ended in the finals of the Big East conference championships against Miami.

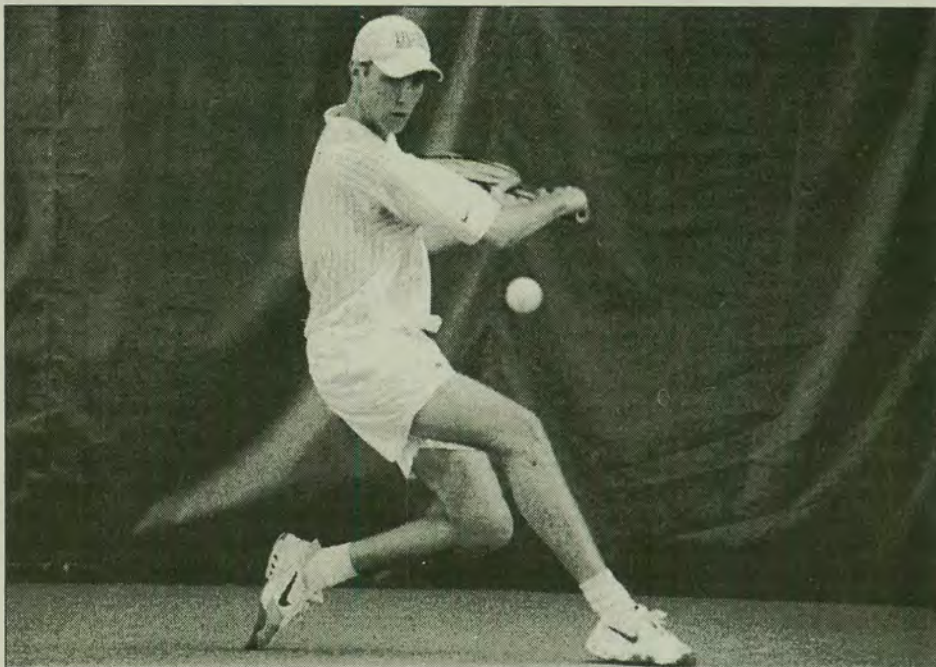
Highlighting the season was Ryan Sachire, who had an outstanding rookie year as he filled the No. 1 singles slot and had a mark of 17-3 in match play to earn the Midwest Regional Intercollegiate Tennis Association Rookie of the Year.

In the middle of the lineup, experienced players Jakup Pietrowski and Ryan Simme provided Bayliss with solid play. Brian Patterson picked up where he left off his freshman campaign, going 13-6 at the No. 4 singles slot.

Near the bottom of the lineup was junior Eric Enloe, who gave Bayliss a lift, posting a 10-2 mark in dual match play.

Sachire was not the only member of the Irish team to receive personal accolades. Second year assistant coach Andy Zurcher was named the Regional Assistant Coach of the Year. Zurcher graduated from Notre Dame in 1993 and was an All-American by his senior year after coming in as a walk-on.

Bayliss will have plenty to work with next season after making strides in getting to his goal of getting the program back to the status of where it was in 1992 and '93 when it finished in the top 10 in the nation.



Freshman Ryan Sachire made his presence felt in the world of college tennis this year.

■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Women netters overcome adversity

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

In the 1996 season, the Notre Dame women's tennis program had a breakthrough year in which it finished in the top 10 and went to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament.

With the most successful class in Irish history graduated, Jay Louderback had his work cut out for him in seeking some of the success his squad found that year. To make things more difficult, senior captain Erin Gowen suffered a season-ending knee injury in the first dual match of the 1997 season.

The Irish were able to rebound from the loss of their captain and a stretch in which they dropped six of seven matches to put together an eight-game winning streak before bowing out of the regional tournament.

Louderback found his team with a record of 10-10 after an 8-1 loss to a seventh-

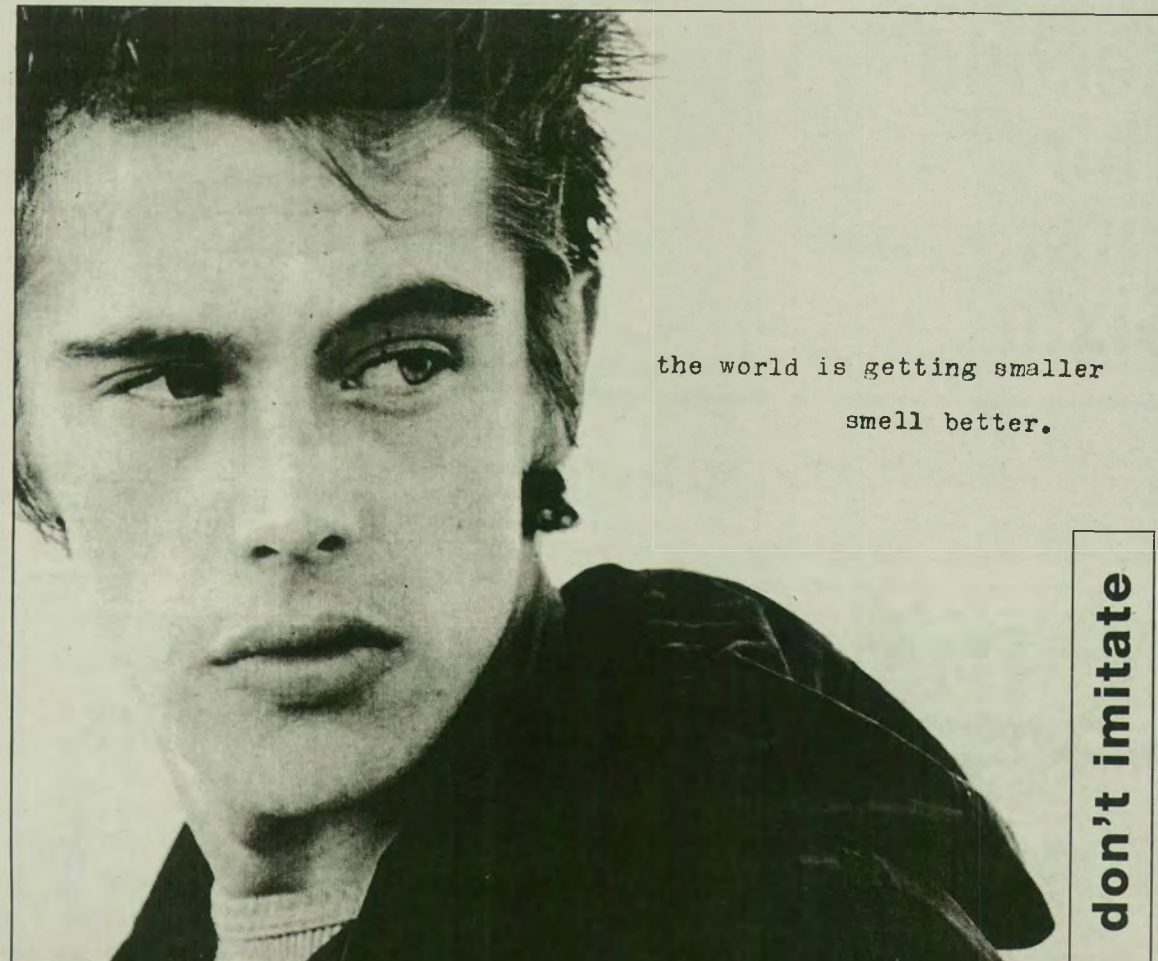
ranked William & Mary squad. The young squad was then able to salvage the season and compile an 18-11 record on the way to a second straight Big East conference championship.

Sophomores Jennifer Hall and Marisa Velasco carried the load in the top two singles slots. In Hall's freshman campaign, she earned All-American honors and finished the year ranked ninth in the nation.

After the injury to Gowen, Tiffany Gates was the lone Irish senior. She posted a solid 12-10 record while competing in the third singles slot.

One of the pleasant surprises for the Irish was freshman Kelly Zalinski, who finished her rookie year with a 15-7 mark in dual match play.

Next season, Louderback will look to a more experienced squad to help them return to the top 10 play they achieved a year ago.



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■ FENCING

Fencers flirt with second championship of decade

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

Winning a national championship has become a standard by which one Notre Dame teams trains, and it's not the football team.

However, like the football team, the Irish fencing team set a precedent for itself when it won a national championship three years ago and since then has dealt with consolation prizes.

For two years in a row now, the Irish have placed second to Penn State at the NCAA championships, but unlike the Irish football team, second place is not a travesty. Although the goal of the team lies in recapturing the national championship, a second place finish remains a testament to the relentless effort of the Irish fencers.

"I am very proud of this team. They gave it their all," head coach Yves Auriol commented. "It is just tough to come close and not reach our goal."

Fencing creates an equal mix of both team and individual achievement, and the individuals on the Irish fencing team have shone.

Magdol Krol is the latest of the Irish fencers to make a name for herself. The freshman from Vancouver, British Columbia, took first place in the women's epee championship. After defeating 1996 champion Nicole Dygart of St. John's 15-14,

Krol finished her first season with a 20-5 record.

Last year's star, sophomore Sara Walsh, placed second in the women's foil competition for the second year in a row and was also named first team All-American for the second consecutive year. Walsh's overall record mirrored Krol's at 20-5.

Following Walsh in the foil competition for the Irish was Myriah Brown, who placed fifth and earned a spot on the All-American second team for the second year in a row.

The Irish finished the regular season with only one loss to, yes, Penn State back in January. The team remained undefeated through February and March up until it once again met the Nittany Lions at the national championships.

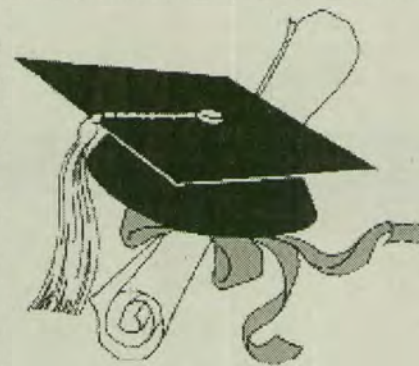


The Irish hopes of another national championship were foiled by their rivals, the Nittany Lions of Penn State.

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■ MEN'S LACROSSE

Historic win highlights Irish year

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite a disappointing finish, the men's lacrosse team once again proved that it belongs among the top teams in the country. The Irish ended the year with a 9-3 record, with two of the

losses coming at the hands of the same opponent.

Loyola (Md.) had Notre Dame's number in 1997 and was responsible for bringing its season to an end last weekend, dominating the Irish in the first round of the NCAA tournament, 21-5.

The ninth-ranked Irish were

led by Ned Webster, who cashed in on two scoring opportunities in the game at Towson, Md. The remainder the offense was accounted for by Stedman Oakey, Adam Sargent, and Brad Owen, who each scored.

Loyola had already beaten the Irish on their home field this season. The first matchup proved to be the closer of the two as Loyola pulled away for a 12-7 win on March 15. The only other team to beat Notre Dame this season was Massachusetts, which also had the advantage of playing on its home turf. The Irish battled it out in that contest but fell by the heartbreaking score of 6-5.

The season highlight was a home victory over Hofstra on April 4. The fourth-ranked Flying Dutchmen became the highest ranked team that the Irish have ever defeated. The win for Notre Dame officially placed them on the map.

Said junior attackman Jimmy Keenan, following the historic triumph, "It was definitely a big win for us. Everybody's got a lot of confidence. We really believe we can beat anyone in the country."

Although Loyola proved to be the team that Notre Dame just could not beat, the positives of the Hofstra win and the season-long performance of the Irish certainly have a balancing effect on the disappointment of the year's finale.

Leading the team in goals through 10 games in 1997 were sophomore Chris Dusseau (29), junior Burke Hayes (23), and attackman Will DeRiso (18).

The graduating seniors include co-captains DeRiso and Steve Cashen as well as defenseman Bryan Welch.



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With 43 points, Will DeRiso helped guide the Irish to a 9-3 record.



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■ GOLF

Men first ND squad to claim consecutive titles

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

On the strength of a second place finish by Brad Hardin, the Irish captured their second consecutive Big East title during their fall season.

Hardin shot rounds of 70 and 74 en route to his impressive showing. Seniors Brian Donohoe, Joel Hepler and Doug Diemer, along with junior Bryan Weeks, all finished among the top 15 at the tournament.

The team was the first at Notre Dame to win a Big East championship back in 1995, and their victory in 1996 made them the first Irish squad to repeat as Big East champs. What very few people realize is that 1996 actually represented the team's third consecutive conference title.

"It's just a great way to end your senior year," Hepler said. "To win three straight conference championships, two of them Big East, is a great feeling. We couldn't ask for anything more."

But the Irish did achieve more.

In addition to winning the Butler Spring Invitational, Notre Dame highlighted its spring season with a third-place finish at the 14-team Cleveland State Invitational on April 29. Leading the way for Notre Dame were Weeks, Donohoe, and Hepler. Weeks claimed a share of fifth place, Donohoe grabbed sole posses-

sion of seventh, and Hepler earned a tie for eighth.

In the third and final round, Donohoe became the sixth Irish golfer this decade to shoot a 69. He joined teammates Hepler and Hardin as members of the elite group. There has not been a better score by a Notre Dame player in the 1990s.

The Cleveland State Invitational marked the final official event for the Irish seniors — Diemer, Donohoe, and Hepler.

The women's golf team closed out its season in style as the squad grabbed second place at the Illinois Spring Classic in Champaign, Ill.

Junior Tracy Melby led the way for the Irish, achieving her first medalist finish ever at the tournament. Melby shot a five-over 78 in the second round to follow her first round score of 75. She finished one stroke ahead of Illinois' Loretta Lytle.

Marty Anne Hall played two memorable rounds in her last collegiate tournament, as the senior scored 78 and 81 to capture eighth place out of 73 golfers. This was the highest finish in her career at Notre Dame.

Junior Katie King and freshman Beth Cooper tied for 13th for the Irish, while freshman Andrea Klee tied for 18th.

In addition to Hall, there are three other seniors who have now played in their final tournament at Notre Dame. They are Brigitte Beaudoin, Lacey Canavesi, and Kassio Shea.

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■ BASEBALL

Notre Dame has sights set on Big East crown



The Observer/Brandon Candura
Randall Brooks is hoping the Irish can bring home the Big East title.

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite a Tuesday loss to Villanova in the first round of the double elimination Big East conference tournament, the Irish have remained in contention for the post-season title.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early lead, but fell behind 2-1 when the Irish struck in the bottom of the second inning. Villanova continued to pour it on though, adding one in the third, three in the fourth, and two each in the sixth and seventh frames to extend to a 9-2 advantage. The margin was too much for Notre Dame to overcome, and the Irish were within one game of being bounced from the tournament.

The squad rallied on Wednesday, however, to stave off elimination, as sophomore right-hander Alex Shilliday fired

a complete game to beat Seton Hall, 4-3. Shilliday fanned six Pirates and allowed just three walks on the day.

Shilliday's performance only slightly overshadowed senior catcher Mike Amrhein's second-inning home run, which tied him for the Notre Dame record for most career homers with 37.

The win guaranteed a ninth consecutive 40-win season for the Blue and Gold.

Yesterday, in a do or die game for both teams involved, Notre Dame ousted West Virginia from the tournament by a score of 8-1. Sophomore Chris McKeown was spectacular on the mound for the Irish. The left-hander struck out six batters en route to a four-hitter and his first complete game of the year.

Today, Notre Dame will play a rematch against Villanova. The winner will advance to chal-

lenge St. John's for the Big East crown. The conference champion earn an automatic berth in the NCAA championships.

Notre Dame's record now stands at 41-18. Even some of the Irish players must be slightly surprised by their current mark. The team started 1997 by going 9-11 in its first 20 games. Since then the Irish have won 32 of 39 and captured the Big East National Division title.

The 1997 campaign has also been highlighted by the efforts of three Notre Dame players who were honored by the conference.

Shortstop Brant Ust followed in the footsteps of sophomore Jeff Wagner by earning the Big East Rookie of the Year award. Ust also joined Wagner and senior right-hander Darin Schmalz as members of the 1997 All-Big East first team.

■ SOFTBALL

Blue Demons end Irish swingers season in doubleheader sweep

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

For the first time in four years, the Notre Dame women's softball team will not go to the NCAA championships.

The Irish ended their season last Saturday when they were swept by DePaul in a doubleheader, 4-0, 10-4. The Irish finished the season 35-25 with the fewest wins since 1992.

"I think the whole team's pretty disappointed," senior Meghan Murray said. "I don't want to say that we assumed we'd go on, but we kind of expected it because we had in the past."

"Overall, we had a lot of ups and downs this season."

However, everything that came out of the season was not negative. Many of the Irish players have been recognized for their performances during the season and during their careers at Notre Dame.

Four seniors were elected to the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District V softball team. Joy Battersby, Katie Marten, Kara McMahon, and Murray were

elected to the all-district team and now have the opportunity to be announced to the Academic All-American team.

Battersby, a pitcher who finished her career with a 45-34 mark, has been selected twice as Academic All-American as has Marten. Both players were selected as second team in 1996 and third-team in '95. Marten also was a NFCA All-American third team selection for both the '95 and '96 seasons and has the opportunity to become the first Irish player to be selected All-American three times.

She was also selected to the coaches' first team all-region and will now be considered for All-American selection.

Murray left the Irish as the only player in Irish softball history to hit over .400 in a season, accomplishing that in both her junior and senior seasons. Murray finished the '96 campaign with .404 average and was named Big East Player of the Year. She holds the record for highest career batting average at .380.

For McMahon, it is the first

time she has been named academic all-district. She also is a two-time All-Big East selection.

Murray and sophomore pitcher Angela Bessolo were named coaches' second team all-region. Bessolo led the team with a 1.46 ERA and conference play with a 0.85 ERA.

"All four seniors have won awards this year, and maybe we didn't play as well as we had hoped the last weekend, but I think we can all walk away and feel good about it," Murray commented. "We all leave wishing we could come back and play more, but we can't hang our heads because we've had a great four years."

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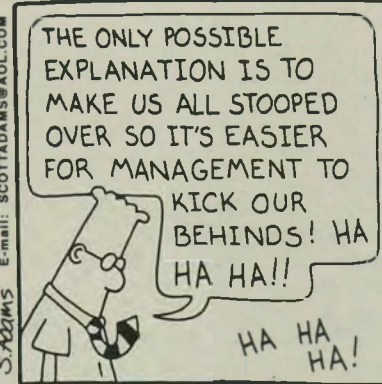
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21 Business owner's concern

24 Room freshener

28 Mendelssohn's "Elijah," e.g.

32 Guthrie and others

33 Backfire
- 34 "South Pacific" lass

35 Discloses

36 Rub out

37 Part of Pedro's diet

39 Martinique erupter of 1902

40 How some "Melrose Place" stories proceed

41 German sausages

42 Where to buy a suit

44 Writer Barthelme

47 Giant star in Scorpius

52 "There was — woman..."

53 Audience
- DOWN**

1 Dispose of, informally

2 Letter for Cynewulf

3 Lay — (exaggerate)

4 Puts blades to blades?

5 Wipes out

6 Shelled

7 Butchers' measures

8 "The Lord of the Rings" creature

9 Postal rtes.

10 Ballyhoo

11 Twisthand

12 River at Orsk

13 Cartoonist Lazarus

14 Implore

20 They can be grand

22 Cheers

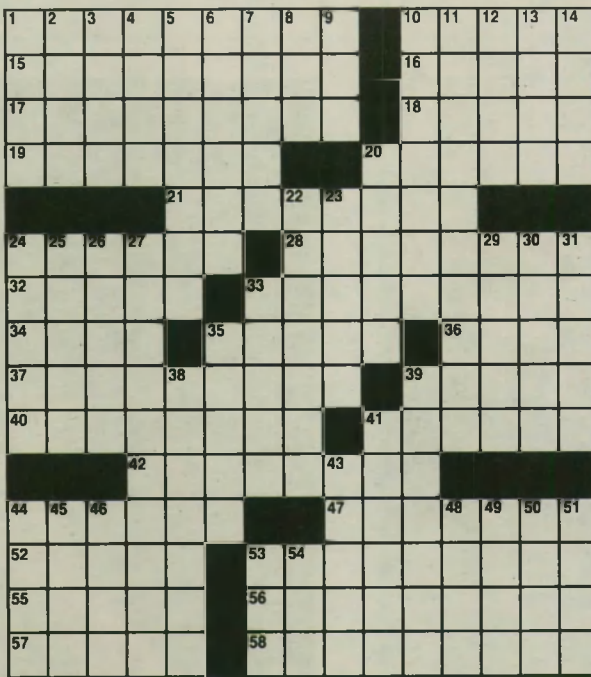
23 Cleaving tools

24 Shellbacks

25 Running wild

26 Ada of "Bleak House"

27 Bombshells



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- 29 Certain stocks

30 Estuary feature

31 Gives the double O

33 One two of two-and-two

35 Duck —

38 Mrs. Marcos et al.

39 Jamboree structure

41 Accustomed

43 Must
- 44 Extinguish

45 Pip

46 Central point

48 "... can't get up!"

49 Stationery order
- 50 River to Donegal Bay

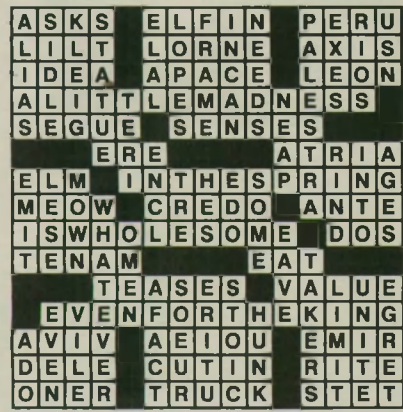
51 J.F.K. sights

53 Trail

54 1994-95 name in the news

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The Observer Sports Stories of the Year



Stepping Out and Stepping Up

Holtz resigns as head coach . . .

By DYLAN BARMMER
Senior Sports Writer

When Lou Holtz stepped foot on the Notre Dame campus as the University's 27th head football coach back in November 1985, he brought something very important with him.

A winning attitude.

"I'm intense," said Holtz when asked to describe his attitude several years ago. "I think if you are going to do something, you ought to try and do it as well as you can. I don't take losses very well — I admit that. I really and truly don't."

It was contagious.

And it was exactly what Notre Dame football needed.

Holtz, who had previously resurrected programs at N.C. State, Arkansas, and Minnesota, was hired with the intention of returning Notre Dame to the pantheon of great college football programs, an elite group which the Irish had been denied membership to over the previous five years under the lovable, yet incompetent Gerry Faust, who compiled just a 30-26 record in his five seasons under the Golden Dome.

Holtz did just that, needing only two full years to put the Irish back into a major bowl game for the first time in seven seasons, and achieving the ultimate accolade in college football when he led the Irish to a 12-0 record

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. . . Davie set to fill Lou's shoes

By TIM SHERMAN
Senior Sports Writer

Throughout his career, Bob Davie has been in the shadow of big-name head coaches — Jackie Sherrill, R.C. Slocum, and, of course, Lou Holtz.

In the past several months, that long shadow has changed to a bright spotlight — a very bright spotlight.

On Nov. 24, athletic director Mike Wadsworth announced that the defensive coordinator would succeed Holtz as the 28th head coach at Notre Dame.

Even though he has had no coaching experience except for a brief stint during Holtz's 1995 absence due to a neck injury, Davie already has a clear mission statement.

"My goals for this program are simple. They coincide with the mission of this university," the Sewickley, Pa., native said. "Number one, be the best at everything we do, but do it with integrity and do it with balance in our lives, we as coaches and we as players."

"Number two, continue to be the model program in this country for developing student athletes. Not only graduate them, but develop them as a total person. I want our players to know we care about them, and their self-worth is not judged solely on wins and losses."

"Third, I want to put a team on the field that represents the very best of Notre Dame and the very best of our

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The Observer/Mike Ruma

Cindy Daws' stoic career ended being honored as the best player in the land.

Daws caps stellar career

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Simply the best.

That is what senior midfielder Cindy Daws is considered by everyone in the world of women's college soccer.

In her final season wearing the Blue and Gold, the native of Northridge, Calif., garnered practically every individual award in existence, leading the Irish to their third straight national championship game.

Daws swept post-season player of the year honors winning both the Missouri Athletic Club Player of the Year as well as the Herman Trophy.

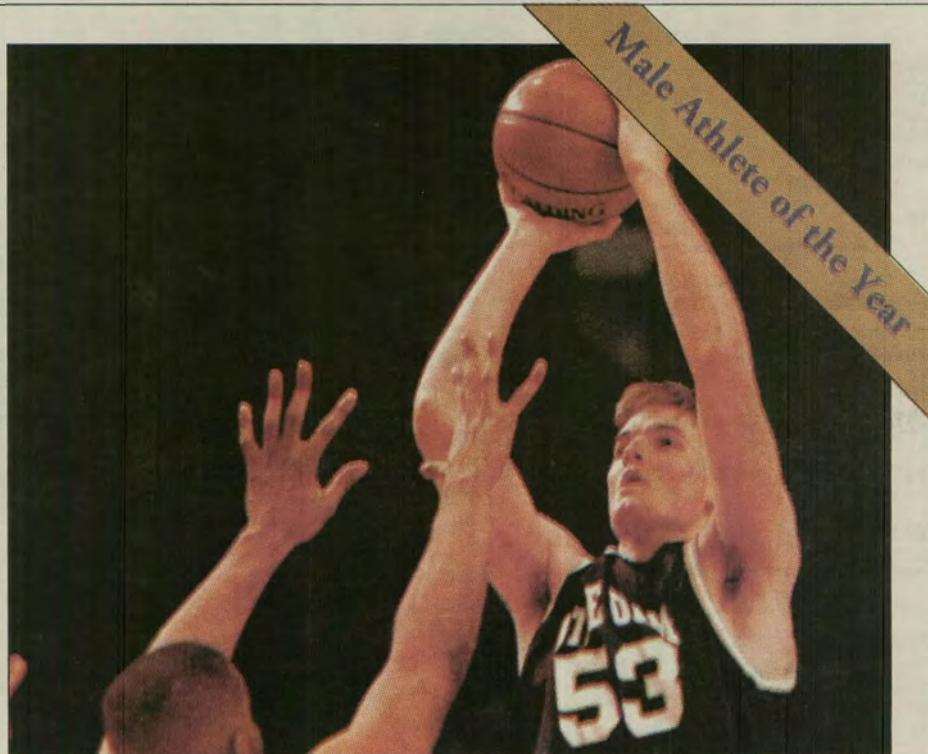
Over her four years under the Dome, Daws was named All-American three times, while the

Notre Dame program established itself as one of the top three programs in the nation.

Her name can be found all over the Irish record books after amassing 61 goals and 67 assists to become Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer with 189 points, eclipsing Michelle McCarthy.

Daws and her classmates established Chris Petrucelli's program, compiling an 87-8-3 record, making four NCAA tournament appearances, and three trips to the championship game, and winning the national title in 1995.

Daws will leave Notre Dame this weekend, remembered as the best player to come through one of the best programs in the country, one which she helped to build.



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Pat Garrity elevated his game last season to become Big East Player of the Year.

Garrity boosts program

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

Although he is only a junior, Pat Garrity has made an immeasurable impact since arriving on campus back in August 1994.

The Monument, Colo., native started in every game as a freshman and averaged 13.4 points and 5.1 rebounds. In his sophomore season, Garrity stepped up and scored 17.2 points and 7.1 rebounds.

This year, when it seemed that he could not get any better, Garrity registered 21.1 points and 7.4 rebounds. On a team full of seniors, Garrity was an on-the-court leader like no other. When he was being double and triple-teamed, he found the open man, and when no one else was on, Garrity

rose to the occasion.

His efforts were the driving force behind Notre Dame's 16-14 record and its ability to play competitively with the teams in the Big East. Due to his high level of intensity and consistent statistical production, Garrity beat out such players as Providence's Austin Croshere, Boston College's Danya Abrams and Georgetown's Victor Page to become the 1997 Big East Player of the Year.

What's more, he is the first player to win this award and also earn first team GTE Academic All-America honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Most recently, Garrity was invited, with just 65 others, to the trials for the United States 22 and Under National Team.