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Cavanaugh fall victim is 'optimistic'

By TOM ENRIGHT
News Writer

Former Cavanaugh Hall resident and 1998 alumna Katie McCoyd, who fell down an elevator shaft shortly before graduation last spring, has recovered and begun her career at DC systems.

McCoyd fell about 30 feet down the shaft after trying to jump out of the elevator, which stopped five feet above the second floor. As she tried to climb out backwards, she swung under the car into the shaft. After landing in the basement, McCoyd was transported to St. Joseph Hospital and later to Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago for more care. She suffered a broken pelvis and underwent surgery.

The story, which was first published in the senior issue of The Observer last May, reported that Notre Dame officials were unsure whether she would be able to attend graduation. McCoyd recovered enough to attend the ceremony but had to walk with crutches for the next 10 weeks. She must still attend physical therapy three times a week.

"Things are going well," she said. "I'm optimistic."

■ STUDENT SENATE

Kirk addresses summer improvements

By TIM LOGAN
Assistant News Editor

Topics ranged from the statue of St. Ed to commencement speakers as Vice President for Student Affairs Bill Kirk addressed the Student Senate last night.

Kirk focused primarily on residence hall renovations, Saferide expansion and cable access in dorm rooms.

"I don't know of any halls scheduled [for renovation] in the next year," said Kirk, who noted that the two-summer restoration of Morrissey Hall was more extensive and more costly than had been anticipated. The project used up a large portion of the money which is allocated each year for major residence hall renovations.

While Kirk was unable to specify which dorm would be renovated next, he did point out that all are continuously maintained.

"A lot of renovation in residence halls we don't see. Other than things working the way they should be, you wouldn't know about them," he said.

Kirk also told the Senate that laundry machines were installed in Keenan and Stanford halls over the summer, and that he expected machines would be installed during Christmas break in one of the four men's dorms that still lack service.

Kirk thanked student leaders for their work on expanding Saferide service to Thursday nights, and pointed out that the waiver which students signed at enrollment is primarily intended to give warning and inform them of what responsibilities they bear in using the service.

"It lets people know that they assume certain risks in certain activities. Transportation is inherently risky," said Kirk. He acknowledged that the waiver would not hold up in a court of law if the University was at fault in an accident.

With the recent installation of cable television in dorm rooms at Saint Mary's, several senators questioned whether similar service would come to Notre Dame.

"If they have it, why can't we? We have a lot more money than they do," asked Morrissey senator Ryan Constantini.



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Student Body Vice President Andréa Selak explained plans by the Office of the President to expand Saferide and improve student-faculty relations at last night's Student Senate meeting.

Several years ago, University administrators considered the addition of cable, but decided against it because of the cost. "It was clearly an expensive proposition,"

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Caught on tape ...



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Television crews from WXYZ Detroit filmed Notre Dame juniors as they waited in line to buy football tickets. The footage will be aired in Detroit to preview the Notre Dame v. Michigan season opener.

■ NEWS ANALYSIS

Cease-fire halts Irish violence

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
Associate News Editor

In response to the tragic car bombing in Omagh, Northern Ireland which killed 28 people, the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) announced a cease-fire. That announcement came just minutes before a national, inter-denominational moment of silence was planned in memory of the victims.

Another group, the Real I.R.A., claimed responsibility for the attack, but joined the INLA in the decision to stop the violence.

"In the aftermath of the Omagh bombing, there were two ways to go," said Professor Seamus Deane, the Keough Chair in Irish Studies. He explained that the loyalists could either decide to kill in revenge and perpetuate the violence or that the groups could decide to call a cease fire and work for peace.

"Maybe the Omagh bomb will be the last kind of that travesty,"

said Deane, who pointed out that car bombing violence is not only atrocious but arbitrary.

The Continuity I.R.A. is now the only order which has yet to call for a cease-fire.

Deane did not think the failure of the Continuity I.R.A. to join the other groups would

occurred on the heels of the Northern Ireland Peace Agreement which was signed this spring. The historic agreement was approved by the majority of voters in both British Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic but left many wondering what effect it could really have.

"The treaty was always a pretty frail affair," said Deane. He felt that the bombings did nothing to weaken the treaty, as it was lacking real strength from the start.

"Right now there is such a disgust at the carnage at Omagh," he noted. This disgust has led to a mandate

to get a resolution to the three decades of violence. Deane felt that the bomb served to strengthen Gerry Adams and the Sinn Fein political party, as they are now much more securely embedded in the Northern Irish scene. This strength has put David Trimble

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SEAMUS DEANE
KEOUGH CHAIR IN IRISH STUDIES

detract from the impact of their movement.

"I think the Continuity I.R.A. has probably lost so much political power and has become so isolated that they are politically weakened to the point of perdition," he explained.

The bombing, which was the deadliest single sectarian assault in 29 years of violence,

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

The Rush

The starved and exhausted crowd pulsed like a single being; eyes weary and hands outstretched they called to the guards for mercy. Distraught voices hovered above the filthy crush of bodies, words of anguish rising at each passing hour: "Let us in! Please, let us in!"

A scene from revolutionary France or cold-war Russia, perhaps?

Try the student football season ticket line. Yesterday.



Heather MacKenzie
Assistant Managing Editor

If you have been a slacker like me for the past couple of years and haven't experienced the joy of buying football tickets for yourself and about 47 of your closest friends, let me summarize. You find the people in your group whom you like the least and get them to start camping out in front of the JACC at noon the day before you need to buy tickets. You leave them to suffer there as long as possible, preferably all night, so they can establish a place in line when the rush begins on the doors at about 5 a.m. At this point, you replace their sloppy-drunk selves with fresh replacements to guarantee you have someone coherent enough to handle the 47 applications, IDs and wads of cash needed to actually get your tickets. You also pick people who are cunning enough to schmooze with the guards, upping the chances of sneaking inside earlier than the people who refer to security officers as "Those fat guys in the front of the line."

Then the waiting begins.

I can't think of anything that students here get more worked up about than getting their football tickets. It was a mob scene, with people ready to attack their brethren just to keep place in line. People came home with bruises and smashed toes, war wounds for the fight to be in Section 28 instead of Section 29. There was this one kid, hereafter known as "Green Shirt," who had the unfortunate luck to get inside the doors before a large, loud group ahead of him. He fled with cries of, "Green shirt, you're going down!" and "I'm going to search every Dog Book until I find out who you are! I never forget a face!" If I were him, I'd be scared. These guys looked like they meant it.

I do realize we all attend the University of Notre Dame, where football is about as close to Godliness as being clean is. Even when we just about missed a spot in the AP Top 25. But yesterday, in the middle of the mess of camping out and waiting in an impossibly slow and tedious line so I could plunk down 100 bucks for a few bits of colored paper, I discovered a few things about what really matters to the students at Notre Dame.

My theology professor was greeted with apathetic, non-committal answers when he asked whether or not the US should have dropped bombs in the Middle East, but ask anyone about their tickets and they'll tell you how they suffered for their seats. About 30 token people are usually around to rally for homosexual rights or environmental consciousness, but they'll sleep on concrete all night with their hair in old pizza and beer, just to watch a game that some would say this University isn't even very good at.

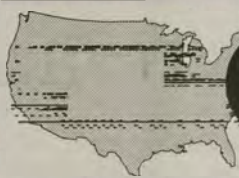
I was there, too. Maybe we should all start to think about what really matters.

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Outside the Dome

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State attorney general combats use of 'date rape' drug

STATE COLLEGE, Penn. Because of the growing popularity of GHB as both a recreational and "date rape" drug, the state attorney general is taking action.

Attorney General Mike Fisher has petitioned to make GHB illegal in Pennsylvania after two Penn State students were admitted to the hospital with life-threatening symptoms in July.

GHB, which can be made at home and stands for Gamma-Hydroxybutyric Acid, is often used recreationally because it can cause euphoria. But the exact dosage to reach euphoria without risking death is unclear, said Barbara Petito, deputy press secretary for Fisher.

"The threshold between getting high and overdosing is very thin," Petito said.

The Penn State students took overly large doses of GHB in hopes of getting "high," said Lt. Diane Conrad of the State College Police Department. Both

were on respirators for several days and were in near-death condition, Conrad added.

"The incidents at Penn State were two of the more serious ones," Fisher said.

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MIKE FISHER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

This instance of GHB abuse had a major impact on Fisher's decision to petition the state Department of Health to make it illegal, he added.

Current state law does not prohibit the possession, manufacture or distribution of GHB. If the petition is approved, GHB would be classified as a Schedule I controlled substance, along with heroin and several other drugs, Petito said.

"It is a drug that has been abused and can have dangerous consequences. We need to take steps to make sure it's made illegal," Fisher said.

GHB was banned by the Food and Drug Administration in 1990 after a determination that the drug had no medicinal uses, Petito said.

So far this year, there have been 17 reported cases of GHB use in Pennsylvania alone, Fisher said. There were more than 600 reported cases in 1996, he added.

No cases of GHB use have been reported to University Health Services, director Margaret Spear said last month.

■ UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Fraternities ban alcohol at parties

AMES, Iowa University of Iowa fraternities have decided to go dry this year, but Iowa State officials say a switch to substance-free Greek housing is not in the plans for this year. U of I's Inter-Fraternity Council voted unanimously to ban the serving of alcoholic beverages at fraternity-sponsored parties held at chapter housing facilities. Effective Aug. 1, the U of I dry policy allows members who are over 21 years of age to possess and consume alcohol in their rooms if minors are not present. "[Members] need to be in their rooms, door closed, not in any common areas [if consuming alcohol]," said Mary Ellen Gillespie, assistant director of student life at the U of I. The policy also allows the chapters to sponsor parties with alcohol at off-campus locations, such as restaurants or bars. The decision to go dry was made voluntarily by student members of the Inter-Fraternity Council at U of I, Gillespie said.

■ WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Bookstore wars heat up online

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. With the installation of new electric scanners, book buying at the Western Kentucky University Bookstore has never been so fast. Lines snaking around the third floor of the Downing University Center are moving considerably faster. And with today's World Wide Web wizards, there may soon be no wait at all. The advent of online booksellers like Amazon.com are radically changing the way students — and the world — buy books. "The online discounts are much greater," said Ben Boyd, a spokesman for Barnes & Noble's Web site, barnesandnoble.com. Paul McDougal, director of the College Heights Bookstore, said he isn't sitting idly by while a chunk of the bookstore market goes online. By this time in January, he hopes to have all the bookstore's wares available on the Web. Armed with credit cards, students could complete their book shopping at 3 a.m. if they like.

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■ INDIANA UNIVERSITY

University battles computer spam

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. IU stepped up its war against spam during the summer. The Office of the Vice President for Information Technology isn't battling the well-known processed meat, but rather e-mail spam. Spam is defined as commercial or bulk e-mail sent unsolicited. "It's the bulk mailers we're really going after," said Scott Hutton, lead security engineer for the Information Technology Security Office. In June and July, IU's e-mail accounts were inundated with spam mailings, said Mark Bruhn, the office's technology policy officer. One company in particular, WorldNet Marketing, sent a large amount of e-mail, Bruhn said. "It was kind of ironic, actually," he said. "We were getting unsolicited mail about a product about unsolicited mail." University Information Technology Services was receiving about 15 complaints per day, and the extra mail was putting a strain on the network's resources.

■ UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Court rules on illegal club funding

TUCSON, Ariz. A federal court ruled earlier this month that a Wisconsin state university violated the U.S. Constitution by forcing its students to help finance on-campus clubs that have political, religious or ideological agendas. But because University of Arizona student groups are funded differently than those at most state schools, any similar cases might not stand in Arizona courts. The Seventh District Appeals Court affirmed a lower court decision Aug. 10 that the University of Wisconsin-Madison could not require students to pay the activity fees. "The university was forcing students to financially support private organizations that they did not agree with," said Jordan Lorence, a lawyer who argued the case before the court. While the Associated Students of the UA does give money to political and religious organizations, about \$265,000 of its nearly \$800,000 1997-98 budget came from mandatory student fees.

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Reno extends inquiry to Gore and fund-raising

By DAVID JOHNSTON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Attorney General Janet Reno advanced a significant step closer on toward deciding whether to ask for an independent prosecutor to investigate Vice President Al Gore's role in fund raising for the 1996 campaign, government officials said.

Reno ordered a 90-day preliminary inquiry into whether Gore lied to investigators last year when he was initially interviewed about his telephone solicitations to donors from the White House, the officials said.

The investigation into Gore's fund-raising calls was reopened after the White House produced a 1995 memo last month that suggested Gore and other Democratic campaign officials discussed how the money he solicited would be used.

In addition, investigators in recent days have interviewed several of the meeting's participants, who have indicated that Gore could have known that some of his fund raising would be funneled into direct re-election efforts — which could be illegal, the officials said.

If Reno determines at the end of the three-month investigation that there is evidence that Gore misled investigators, she will be obligated under the independent counsel law to refer the case to an outside prosecutor.

Gore's lawyer said on Wednesday that Gore had done nothing wrong.

"The vice president volunteered to be interviewed, and he has been interviewed twice," said the lawyer, James Neal. "I am totally satisfied that Vice President Gore has fully, completely and honestly answered every question asked of him, and I am confident that when this investigation is completed, the Department of Justice will reach the same conclusion."

Reno has reached this stage before in deliberating whether to seek an independent prosecutor to examine Gore's fund raising.

Some officials doubted that her decision on Wednesday indicated that she would ultimately seek an independent prosecutor into campaign finance abuses — suggesting that the evidence against Gore is insubstantial. Others said that Reno was unpredictable on such issues and could go forward with the appointment.

The issue has been a contentious one. For more than 18 months, the attorney general has refused to request that an independent counsel look into campaign finance irregularities in the face of angry Republican denunciations that she has covered up for the White House and has shielded President Clinton and Gore from possible prosecution.

Reno's decision on Wednesday was contained in a formal notification to the three-member panel of appel-

late judges who actually select independent counsels. But the Justice Department did not announce its action on Wednesday, awaiting an authorization from the judges.

Nevertheless, Republicans attacked Reno for focusing on only one of the numerous allegations of wrongdoing and for setting up a timetable that will delay a decision until November, after this year's congressional elections.

"An independent counsel is a

terred by an inquiry by another independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, into Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky, a former White House intern.

But unlike the inquiry into Clinton's conduct, an independent prosecutor investigating even a seemingly narrow issue like the vice president's phone calls could lead to a wider examination of alleged campaign finance abuses. Such an inquiry could take years, exacting a political and legal toll in an embarrassing, costly and disruptive process that could distract the Democratic Party through the 2000 presidential campaign.

At issue is whether Gore knew that any of the 46 fund-raising calls he made from the vice president's office raised money that in part was diverted to "hard money" accounts at the Democratic National Committee, which are subject to federal election law and can be used to directly support candidates like Clinton and Gore.

Last year, Reno said that if Gore had used his White House office to raise hard money, the telephone calls could be considered a violation of a federal law barring government officials from raising political funds on federal property.

But last December, when Reno formally rejected referring the phone call issue to an independent prosecutor, she

absolved Gore of wrongdoing in connection with the calls. At the time, she based her decision on what she said was the lack of any suggesting that the vice president knew his solicitations raised "hard money."

Justice Department investigators have raised additional questions about Gore's statements in part because of newly discovered handwritten notations on a Nov. 21, 1995, White House memorandum that suggests ore may not have been candid about the phone calls.

Several copies of the underlying campaign budget memo had been provided to prosecutors. But the copy with an aide's handwritten notations was not turned over by the White House until last month, nearly 18 months after the Justice Department first subpoenaed campaign-related material.

The notations, written during a White House meeting, also held on Nov. 21, indicate that participants, who included Gore, discussed diverting part of the contributions into hard money accounts. The notes were written by David Strauss, the vice president's deputy chief of staff, and were released publicly last week.

Among the participants at the meeting were Clinton; Donald Fowler, the former Democratic National Committee chairman, and Marvin Rosen, the former Democratic Committee finance chairman. Gore appeared to be an enthusiastic participant, and was quoted by his aide as saying "count me in on the calls."

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ATTORNEY FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

must for the entire campaign fund-raising investigation," said Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., who is chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

Earlier this month, the panel voted to cite Reno with contempt for refusing to provide lawmakers with a memo from Charles La Bella, the former head of her campaign finance unit, recommending the appointment of an independent prosecutor.

But to Democrats her action once again raised the specter of yet another independent prosecutor who could be appointed to investigate an administration already bat-

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tion," said Kirk. "The wisdom of that decision is debatable ... and I wish we'd come up with a different decision."

However, he pointed to a survey of students at the time of the previous proposal which indicated a lack of support for cable installation if it came at a significant cost.

Installing cable today would cost "millions," Kirk estimated, and the money would likely come in the form of a small increase in room and board costs rather than a pay-by-use system which is "something the University is not interested in doing," Kirk continued.

Senators thanked Kirk as well as the department of Facilities Operations for the work on campus improvements over the summer.

"The campus looks great, a lot of good things were done over the summer," said Matt Mamak, chair of the Residence Life committee.

In other Senate news:

- The body brought up their resolution to increase student involvement in the commencement speaker process, but chose to send it back to the Academic Affairs committee for further adjustment.

The resolution, which was proposed last spring during the controversy over the selection of Indiana Lt. Governor Joe Kernan, calls for better execution of the selection process as it is currently designed.

"This resolution says that we support the current mechanism and we expect the [junior] class officers to do their part and the administration to do their part," said senator Constantini. The present system calls on the junior class presidents to make recommendations to University officials, who then select and invite a speaker.

During the debate, the Senate agreed to strike a statement in the resolution which called for a speaker "with a national reputation."

The motion was sent back to the Academic Affairs committee for some final adjustment, and will likely come up for a final vote at next week's meeting.

- Pasquerilla East senator Stephany Foster, who chairs the Multicultural Affairs committee, voiced concern about the lack of representation by The Observer at recent prejudice reduction workshops held for campus media and student leaders.

"In the last year there has been a series of complaints about prejudice within The Observer," said Foster. "Why

are they not obligated to attend [the] retreats and workshops?"

Kirk explained that The Observer is not funded by Student Activities, but rather through the \$6 fee assessed to each student by the Office of Student Affairs. Therefore, the paper is independent, and not accountable to the Office of Student Activities.

Kirk suggested the Senate take it upon themselves to address the issue with The Observer if they thought it warranted further attention.

- Student body vice president Andréa Selak announced the Office of the President's plans for the coming semester, which include expanding Saferide, improving student-faculty relations and working with the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs to host multicultural/diversity awareness workshops in residence halls.

Student Government plans to create a lunch program in which students and professors within departments and colleges can meet and get to know each other. They also hope to revive the Hall Fellows program, which pairs each residence hall with a certain professor in an effort to improve student-faculty relations.

Ireland

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and the Loyalists into an awkward position as they are now forced to respond to Sinn Fein.

"Unionists cannot refuse to talk to Sinn Fein because when they weaken the political process they strengthen the cause of the militant," he said. If leaders do not do everything in their power to promote political structures which will facilitate a true solution to the troubles, a return to violence would be imminent.

According to Deane, Loyalists must now either get the political process moving and deal with issues that arise with Sinn Fein or suffer a continuing decline in strength. That decline would be brought about

by a public backlash should they feel that Unionists were detracting from the political peace process.

As to whether the existence of the various groups on each side helps or hinders the process, Deane suggested that it was not the existence of the separate groups but the hostility of the militant groups that sets the process back.

"I think their hostility has to some degree weakened the political process," said Deane. He explained that while the degree of support that the more extreme groups receive is difficult to determine, the support stems from areas like South Armagh and Fermanagh where there has been steady belief in the sentiment that the peace process represents a surrender.

Deane did not feel that there

was much of a parallel to be drawn between the type of terrorist violence that has become synonymous with Northern Ireland and that to which the United States has recently been exposed.

He did note, however, that what can be taken from the Northern Irish experience is that it is "far better to address the root of the problem than to combat it with increased resistance."

This sentiment seems to agree with the Sinn Fein position which opposes the recent impetus in both the Dail in the Republic of Ireland and the House of Commons in Britain to enact measures to crack down on paramilitaries on both sides of the border.

The Irish Times contributed to this report.

■ CORRECTION

A graphic in yesterday's edition of The Observer incorrectly listed some of the offices contained in Flanner Hall. Those offices located in the Hall include the Arts and Letters Faculty/Emeritus Offices, the Journal of Formal Logic, and the Office of Academic Space Management.

The Observer regrets the error.

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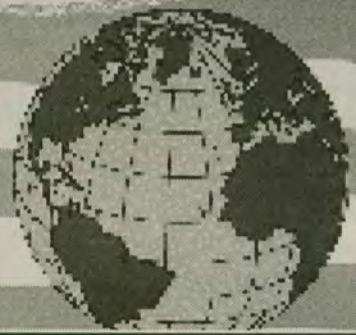
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Chinese take blame for floods

BEIJING

Charges are mounting that bad policies and official neglect have worsened this summer's disastrous flooding in China, and the government has made the unusual admission that its land use mistakes are partly to blame and announced sweeping policy changes. Officials have clearly been shocked by the vast scale of damage in southern and northeastern China, where severe flooding persists. This year's rains have been torrential, but not as great as in some years when the extent of flooding and the damages were less. In the last few weeks, the official press has carried increasingly sharp articles and editorials on the harmful effects of clear-cutting timber along the upper reaches of the Yangtze River, for example, and the human invasion of vital wetlands along the river's course.

Diplomats claim Sudan helped Iraq after Gulf war

KHARTOUM, Sudan

At the end of the Persian Gulf war in 1991, when Sudan was one of Iraq's few remaining friends in the world, the government here struck a bargain with Baghdad, foreign diplomats and Sudanese said Tuesday. In return for Iraqi financial help and assistance by military and civilian experts, Sudan agreed to allow its installations to be used by Iraqi technicians for steps in the production of chemical weapons, they said. The deal was beneficial to both countries. Struggling Sudan got economic help, and Iraq was able to move ahead with chemical weapons far away from the gaze of U.N. weapons inspectors. "Sudan is a wonderful place to do secretive things," a former Sudanese government official said. A diplomat here said the Clinton administration had known about the Iraqi chemical weapons activities here for some time.

Subway mosquitoes evolve

LONDON, England

Mosquitoes that used to feed on birds have acquired a taste for human blood after decades of living in the London subway system, scientists say. The mosquito population that moved into the London Underground tunnels when they were dug 100 years ago have slowly evolved, said Kate Byrne, a population geneticist at London University's Queen Mary and Westfield College. Unable to find birds, the mosquitoes began preying on rats, mice and humans. Now they prefer the blood of mammals, Ms. Byrne said Wednesday. Scientists say the underground mosquitoes behave so differently from their above-ground relatives that attempts to mate the two failed. "They look to be completely distinct from each other," Ms. Byrne said.

Hurricane Bonnie strikes Carolinas

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WILMINGTON, N.C.

Taking one of history's busiest storm routes, Hurricane Bonnie blew into the Carolinas with stinging rain and howling, 115 mph winds Wednesday, then slowed to a crawl that could mean a prolonged drenching.

Arriving hours after a half-million people had fled inland, the storm swamped roads, knocked out power to at least 240,000 and peeled a roof from a hospital. There were no immediate reports of deaths or serious injuries.

There also were preliminary reports that the storm created new inlets that cut two small barrier islands in half, authorities said.

Andrew Tawes was among the few who remained on North Carolina's Outer Banks as the storm hit, staying to look after his house and cabinet shop. His wife and two children fled the island to stay with relatives.

"I've got thousands of dollars in wood and materials in my shop right now," he said. "I'm scared to death."

The storm reached land early in the afternoon at Cape Fear, near the South Carolina state line. It slowed from 16 mph to 8 mph as it eased ashore, and forecasters said it could linger over North Carolina for as much as a day and bring 15 to 20 inches of rain.

As of 7:30 p.m., Bonnie was centered near Wrightsville Beach, about 20 miles north of Cape Fear. Four to five inches of rain already had fallen in the Wilmington area by midafternoon.

"I suspect it's going to be raining very heavy for a long period of time and as it winds down," said Jerry Jarrell, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

The storm was expected eventually to veer to the northeast and move out to sea near the North Carolina-Virginia line.

Officials said Bonnie could raise water levels in some areas by 9 to 11 feet. Tide levels 9 feet above normal were reported in some areas Wednesday afternoon.

"We're not talking about one burst of water, like a tidal wave," said state Public Safety Secretary Richard Moore said. "We're talking about the water being backed up in our sounds by the winds for as long as the hurricane lingers."



AP Photo

Owners of a North Carolina business board up windows in preparation for the brutal winds and rain brought on by Hurricane Bonnie.

The Carolina coast has had countless hurricanes, including three in 1955 alone that killed more than 200 people, because it juts out into the Atlantic near the Gulf Stream, a route often fol-

lowed by storms. With its pace and vast, 400-mile breadth, Bonnie could inflict more damage than Fran, the last major hurricane to hit the North Carolina coast.

SERBIA

Cannon fire kills relief workers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

IJEVO

Three people bringing supplies to refugees have been killed by cannon fire from a police vehicle in what appears to be the most serious government effort yet to harass aid workers.

The three, all ethnic Albanians working for the Mother Teresa relief organization, were killed on Monday as they rode on tractors pulling wagons loaded with supplies for some of the ethnic refugees who have fled a government military offensive in the province of Kosovo. The number of refugees has grown to upwards of 300,000.

The wagons were piled with food and white boxes with large blue circles bearing the name of the donor, Doctors of the World. Still, a government statement explained the shooting by saying the police in an armored personnel car-

rier could not see what was in the wagons and became suspicious and opened fire.

The attack occurred in an open field at midafternoon in the village of Vlaski Drenovac, about two miles from here. The three slain aid workers were local representatives of the Mother Teresa group, which handles distribution of most international refugee supplies.

The attack seems to confirm the suspicions of many relief workers that the government has decided to make distributing supplies more dangerous, both for the aid workers and the refugees.

The Yugoslav government's military offensive, which began five weeks ago, has hurt the rebels, but brought disaster to civilians. International relief workers estimate as many as 20,000 homes have been damaged or destroyed by government forces.

With troops continuing to shell and

burn villages, most refugees are afraid to return home, or have no homes left.

Getting adequate supplies to many of the civilians has been impossible because they have scattered into small groups in remote areas to avoid government attacks.

The killings on Monday seem to follow a pattern established as soon as the military offensive began. In the early stages, the government refused to allow relief convoys to go to many areas where civilians were fleeing.

Now, under Western pressure, the government has relented somewhat on restricting access, while tightening control in other ways. It has blocked imports of some humanitarian supplies, and delayed by weeks the entry visas for additional staff members that international agencies say they need.

The police are also harassing local employees of the agencies, foreign officials say.

Market Watch: 8/26

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■ SUDAN

Benign use seen for chemicals in Sudan factory

By STEVEN LEE MYERS and
TIM WEINER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The chemical that the United States cited to justify its bombing of a Sudanese factory last week could be used for commercial products, the agency overseeing the treaty barring chemical weapons said on Wednesday.

The United States has insisted that the chemical found outside the plant could only mean that the plant was intended to make the nerve agent VX. Sudan contends the plant made medicines and veterinary products.

The international treaty group, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, conceded that it was not aware of any commercial product on the market that contained the chemical, nor of another chemical compound made with it.

But its spokesman, Donato Kinigier-Passigli, said in a telephone interview on Wednesday that a search of scientific papers showed the chemical, known as EMPTA, could be used "in limited quantities for legitimate commercial purposes." The uses, he said, included fungicides and anti-microbial agents, and not just the production of VX.

One Pentagon official said that the treaty organization had simply uncovered academic examples of possible use with no real evidence that any commercial products are made from EMPTA.

"Just because you identify a chemical agent for commercial uses, that does not mean anyone makes it," the official said.

In the chemical industry, experts said they were not aware of any commercial uses for EMPTA, nor could they foresee any practical uses based on what is known about the chemical. Aldrich Chemical Co. in Milwaukee makes the chemical and sells it at \$45 a gram to laboratories for research. But a spokesman said the company was not aware of its use in any commercial products.

The Clinton administration leveled the Shifa Pharmaceutical Industries Co. plant in Khartoum with a volley of cruise missiles last Thursday, saying it had evidence linking the factory to the manufacturing of VX and to a shadowy network of terrorists.

Facing questions about the decision to bomb the factory, senior administration officials said on Monday that a soil sample collected nearby provided irrefutable evidence of the presence of VX at the plant.

Kinigier-Passigli emphasized that the organization had come to no conclusions about the administration's charges or the Sudan's counter-charges. The independent organization administers the chemical weapons treaty, signed by more than 160 nations and ratified by the U.S. Senate last year.

Still, the organization's disclosure raised questions about the administration's categorical assertions that there could be no other possible explanation for the presence of EMPTA, or ethyl methylphosphonothionate. Wednesday's disclosure added to a number of inconsistencies in the administration's accusations, including statements by a senior

intelligence official hours after the bombing that the plant in Khartoum was heavily guarded and produced no commercial products.

Administration officials declined on Wednesday to discuss the evidence or the caveats raised by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. However, defense and intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they still believed there could be no other explanation for the presence of EMPTA in a soil sample secretly collected outside the facility several months ago.

On Wednesday, several American experts in chemical warfare and analysis offered another possible explanation. They said the chemical's structure resembled that of an agricultural insecticide, known as FONOFOS, which is commercially available in Africa.

While the two are not identical, they have molecular similarities and could be confused in a laboratory test performed under less-than-ideal conditions, said Hank Ellison, a counterterrorism expert who ran the Army's chemical and biological warfare programs at Fort Campbell, Ky., in the 1980s.

Ellison, now the president of Cerberus & Associates, Inc., a security consulting firm in Michigan, said that while the chemical characteristics of FONOFOS and EMPTA were not identical, they were "very similar" and those similarities "could be misinterpreted in a lab analysis."

"I imagine this soil sample wasn't taken under the best of

circumstances, by somebody placing it in a cooler and immediately sending it to a lab," he said. "And quality control for the storage and manufacture of pesticides and insecticides is not the highest in the world, so that could increase the possibility of seeing similarities in the chemical structure."

The defense and intelligence officials dismissed the possibility that the United States could have misinterpreted the soil sample.

In the Hague, an official with the chemical weapons organization, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said scientific research also suggested that EMPTA could be the byproduct of the breakdown of other pesticides.

The international treaty, which the United States Senate ratified last year despite the reservations of many conservative Republicans who said the organization would never be effective does not identify EMPTA by name.

But the treaty covers it under the "Schedule 2" list of chemicals that are subject to scrutiny by the organization's inspectors. By definition, chemicals included on Schedule 2 can have legitimate commercial purposes. That is unlike chemicals on Schedule 1, which are deemed to have no other use than to kill people and are strictly prohibited.

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons is the international agency whose more than 400 engineers and diplomats oversee the inspections of governments and chemical companies around the world to assure they are not

making prohibited agents.

The group searched known scientific literature in response to press inquiries on EMPTA.

The Sudan has not signed the treaty, so factories like Shifa Pharmaceuticals are not subject to its inspectors, unlike companies in the United States and other nations that have approved the accord.

While the organization did not identify any products using EMPTA, officials said they could not rule out the possibility as strongly as the administration has.

The official at the organization, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the scientific research showed companies including the Mobil Corp. and International Chemical Industries of America had conducted research into commercial applications that used EMPTA.

The Sudan has called for an international investigation of the missile strike, which killed one person and wounded seven others, according to the government in Khartoum.

Thomas Carnaffin, a British engineer who worked as a technical manager during the factory's construction from 1992 to 1996, said he never saw any evidence of EMPTA or other materials involved in the production of VX.

"I suppose I went into every corner of the plant," he said in a telephone interview from his home in England. "It was never a plant of high security. You could walk around anywhere you liked, and no one tried to stop you."

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Iraq inspector quits, accuses officials of cave-in

By JUDITH MILLER
Associated Press

The longest-serving U.S. weapons inspector in Iraq resigned Wednesday, charging that the U.N. secretary-general, the Security Council and the Clinton administration had stymied the inspectors on "the doorstep" of uncovering Iraq's hidden weapons programs.

The inspector, Scott Ritter, said in his resignation letter that the failure to push aggressively ahead with the inspections was "a surrender to Iraqi leadership" that made a "farce" of the commission's efforts to prove that Iraq was concealing chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs.

Ritter asserted that the lack of will stemmed from a policy shift by the U.N. Security Council and the secretary-general that was backed "at least implicitly by the United States." He made his resignation letter public in an effort to force the United States and the United Nations to return to a tougher stance.

The administration heatedly denied Ritter's conclusions, saying it had faithfully backed the inspections in Iraq.

An administration official insisted that the United States was "keeping up the pressure on Iraq in ways that really affect him." Within the last week, for instance, the United States and its allies have quietly moved ships into waters near Iraq to keep President Saddam Hussein from smuggling out oil by sea.

A spokesman for the secretary-general, Kofi Annan, said he "does nothing at the behest

of Iraq," Richard Butler, chairman of the inspection team, declined to comment.

In an interview, Ritter asserted that the administration had been secretly trying since late last year to find a diplomatic solution for its confrontation with Saddam and in doing so had abandoned a policy — in effect since the end of the Persian Gulf war in 1991 — to use sanctions and the threat of military force to compel the Iraqi leader's cooperation.

The administration has publicly backed the inspectors, who have insisted on full and unfettered access to sites in Iraqi suspected of being used to conceal weapons or the expertise needed to make them. Twice in the last year the United States has threatened military action against Iraq for obstructing the inspections, and in February, U.S. warships were moved within striking distance.

But last week, U.S. officials acknowledged that the United States and Britain had privately urged Butler to stop trying to hold surprise inspections of sites in Baghdad. The officials said they wanted to avoid an open confrontation with Iraq after Hussein said he would no longer cooperate with the inspections.

"The illusion of arms control is more dangerous than no

arms control at all," Ritter wrote Wednesday. "What is being propagated by the Security Council today is such an illusion, one which in all good faith I cannot, and will not, be a party to."

Ritter, a former Marine intelligence officer, joined the commission in September 1991, soon after its creation, and was assigned to help the inspectors ferret out whether Iraq was hiding information and material relating to its programs to build weapons of mass destruc-

tion, and if so, how. Ritter called "concealment inspections."

The administration repeated its assessment in late November, he said, warning the inspectors again not to conduct more inspections aimed at revealing how Iraq was concealing the information — what

Ritter called "concealment inspections."

In addition, Ritter said, administration officials told the inspectors that military action over the Christmas holidays was "domestically unsustain-

able," meaning it would be politically unpopular.

Ritter declined to discuss which administration officials gave him and the other inspectors this advice.

Seeking to defuse the crisis in February, Annan and Saddam signed an agreement establishing new rules for the inspections. Ritter said that while he and other inspection officials were deeply worried about the agreement's impact, he decided not to resign, but rather to test Iraq's willingness to comply with the agreement.

He was encouraged, he added, by the fact that the Security Council warned Iraq of "severest consequences" if it

blocked the inspectors — language that suggested the United States might carry out military strikes on Iraq if Baghdad reneged on its word.

Ritter, in fact, returned to lead a controversial inspection in early March.

But in June, Ritter said, the Clinton administration decided that it would no longer support intrusive inspections solely for the purpose of gaining access to sensitive sites, inspections that Ritter characterized as crucial to the inspectors' mission.

In meetings at the State Department and the Pentagon, he said, he sensed a lack of support for what he called "concealment inspections," and felt that such inspections were becoming a "political liability" in the administration view.

In July the inspectors received what Ritter called "two of the best pieces of intelligence information we've had in a long time" about Iraqi weapons activities. Ritter declined to disclose the nature of the information. But he said he advised Butler, the chairman of the inspection team, that the time had come to act, and that Butler agreed.

While Ritter refused to discuss the nature or target of the inspections that he claimed the administration helped stop, he said they were aimed at one of Saddam Hussein's principal secretaries, Abed Hamid Mahmud, who he said is responsible for orchestrating Iraq's effort to conceal information and material, and at the Special Security Organization, which carries out Mahmud's orders.

SCOTT RITTER
FORMER U.S. WEAPONS INSPECTOR

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Student Government: Putting Students First

■ RUSSIA

Banks invest in dollars as ruble value declines

By CELESTINE BOHLEN
Associated Press

MOSCOW
As Russia searches for a new government and a program to pull the nation out of a tailspin, fresh panic swept through its financial institutions Tuesday as the currency plunged about nine percent, three banks announced a merger to shore up their stability and the government unveiled a plan to stretch out the repayment of its debt.
Coming at a moment when Prime Minister-designate Viktor Chernomyrdin is still negotiating with the Parliament over the makeup of his new government, the ruble's abrupt drop stoked new fears of inflation similar to the spiraling rates that plunged Russia into a depression in the early 1990s.
"The situation is worse today because then, the country was dependent on domestic production, however bad it may have been," said Mikhail Berger, editor of the newspaper Segodnya. "Now, big cities are

mostly dependent on imports, and traders can no longer get credits, not from banks, not from abroad. So there is a danger that supplies to the cities will fall short."
The drop in the value of the currency was the deepest in four years, and it was stopped only when the Central Bank intervened to hold its value at 7.8 to the dollar, after trading was twice suspended. In the 10 days since the ruble's value was weakened from its previous level of 6.2, the bank has spent an estimated \$1 billion to buy rubles in currency markets to keep it from falling too far, too fast.
The lunge for dollars was driven mostly by Russian banks that scrambled to trade rubles for dollars and other foreign currencies. The moves reflected a pessimism by bankers and investors about the outlook for the ruble as well as the uncertainty over whether Chernomyrdin can halt the crisis.

Chernomyrdin, in meetings Tuesday with parliamentary leaders, said he was open to a coalition government that would necessarily include members of a Communist opposition that has been a resolute foe of Russia's now-sput-

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ANONYMOUS AMERICAN INVESTOR

tering economic reform program.
Putting forward the Parliament's demands in unusually blunt and bold terms, Speaker Gennady Seleznyov, a Communist, pressed for a greater role for the legislature in a system that until now has been dominated by President Boris Yeltsin.

With Yeltsin now acting increasingly like a lame duck, space has opened up on the political spectrum for new forces. Chernomyrdin, whom Yeltsin all but anointed as his political heir in an address to the nation Monday, is one beneficiary, but others include members of Russia's powerful financial elite, many of whom support the new prime minister, and the legislature itself.
"I cannot rule out the possibility that the president might step down before his term is over, leaving the country in the hands of a more predictable prime minister," Seleznyov said.
At his press conference Tuesday, Seleznyov struck a defiant note, warning Yeltsin to keep his hands off the new government and saying the parliament will insist that Chernomyrdin follow the legislature's own anti-crisis package — now in preparation — before confirming him.
Russia's deepening troubles came on a day when major investors anxiously awaited Russia's plan to restructure about \$40 billion in Russian short-term domestic debt, of which about 25 percent is held abroad.
The plan, delayed Monday so it could be reviewed by Chernomyrdin, will allow investors holding Russian short-term Treasury bills, which were sold with maturities of up to three years, to trade them for three new issues of Russian securities that will mature over three to five years, with varying interest rates and staggered redemption schedules.
Alternatively, investors can swap their ruble-denominated notes for a new security, maturing in 2006, denominated in dollars but paying a slender five percent annual interest rate.
Reaction to the plan was cool at best, especially in the United

States.
"If the question is whether this package will secure Russian access to capital markets in the future, then the answer is no, it doesn't," said an American investor who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "This is sort of the 'slash and burn' approach to restructuring."
Nonetheless, some analysts said the repackaging is a needed step forward.
"No one would buy or sell Russian debt because no one knew what price to put on it," said Charles Peabody, an analyst with Mitchell Securities Inc. in New York. "This is an attempt to get the markets working again by establishing some price for the debt, but obviously fiscal reforms are going to be equally important."
Even so, some foreign analysts were already expecting losses as high as 30 percent on treasury bills, or GKOs, given the loss of faith in the Russian market after the tumultuous events of the previous 10 days.
Much of the turmoil has involved Russia's banking system, which has faced a double-sided problem of a cash shortage and debts they cannot fully repay. A 90-day moratorium has been imposed on bank debt owed abroad, and three major Russian banks on Tuesday announced a proposal to form a new banking company in a bid to bolster their capital base. Some analysts saw the merger plan, involving Uneximbank, Menatep and Most-Bank, as an attempt to circle the wagons against the growing storm.
In a statement Tuesday night, Menatep chairman Alexander Zurbav suggested the new consolidated banking group would join forces to press the Central Bank to loosen its control on Russia's money supply to pump more money into the banking system.
"The softening of the tough monetaristic policy is an absolute necessity understood by everybody," he said.
Two days after Yeltsin replaced Kiriyenko with Chernomyrdin — five months after he replaced Chernomyrdin with Kiriyenko — Russians and foreigners alike were left waiting for a clear signal of how the new government plans to pull the country out of its crisis.
In an interview published Tuesday in the newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda, Chernomyrdin said his first priorities would be "the protection of the population's social interest, the payment of wages and pensions." Next on his list would be an industrial policy because, he said, "Russia cannot be pulled out of the crisis by purely monetary steps."
Chernomyrdin's choice of words, harking back to Soviet terminology, suggested more government support for Russia's flailing industries, and not the kind of tough measures proposed in recent weeks by Kiriyenko.
"To predict what Chernomyrdin will do is very difficult," said Boris Nemtsov, an outgoing member of the Kiriyenko government, in an interview Tuesday. "During his five years in government, there have been seven governments. This time, in a best case scenario, inflation will not be so big, 15 to 20 percent next year. In the worst case, there might be hyper-inflation, 100, 200 or even 1,000 percent."

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3	12:15-12:45	Step I	M/W/F \$27	8	5:35-6:30	Step	T/Th \$27
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Campus Bible Study

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Wednesday, September 2, 4:30 pm

Montgomery Theatre/LaFortune

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Wednesday, September 2, 5:00-8:00pm

LaFortune Ballroom

Africentric Spirituality: Freshman Intro

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Wednesday, September 2, 7:00

Hesburgh Library Lounge

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Sunday, September 6, 4:00 pm

Sorin Hall Chapel

Spanish Mass

Sunday, September 6, 1:30 pm

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Sunday, September 6, 12:30 pm

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2nd Reading Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

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Jim Lies, C.S.C.

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With this column we welcome to this community all new students and we welcome back our returning members as well. Notre Dame is only all that it can be when we are all here together. Those of us who live on campus year round welcome the return of all of you. There is an appropriateness to the hustle and bustle which happens when we are all gathered in this place. Oh, we might have appreciated the solitude for a while but it doesn't take long for one to realize that this university was built for a purpose (other than construction!). It is a gathering place for intellectual conversation, inquiry and discovery; for spiritual challenge, growth and development; and for service to the larger community for the building of the kingdom of God. Along with the academic component, we believe that Campus Ministry, the Center for Social Concerns and the residential nature of this university play an integral role in the Catholic education of the men and women of Notre Dame. They are all pieces in the larger puzzle which is Notre Dame, and which makes us unique among universities in this country.

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Know, again, of our welcome. If there is anything that we in Campus Ministry can do for you, please call us. And join us, if you will, in the building of the kingdom of God right here at Notre Dame.

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■ THE BEAT

Summertime at Notre Dame — a well kept secret

As The Observer humorously pointed out in the Campus Scene section of Tuesday, August 25, 1998 edition, the most popular and "universal Notre Dame question" is the very imaginative question: "How Was Your Summer?" I would have to agree with that one.

Brittany Morehouse

The Observer also suggested that there are "four stereotypical responses" to this question. They can be categorized under one of the four: The Europe Traveler, The Intern, The Beach Bum and The Summer School Student. Right again.

Finally, The Observer went so far as to spell out the most probable, comedic answers for each of these four students. It is here that I beg to differ. My opinion comes from recent experience as a summer school student. Notre Dame in the warm summer months is magical.

My motivation was not to "get those tougher classes out of the way" as Tuesday's piece assumed. Nor was I able to slack off with the workload because it was easier — it wasn't. It was just more manageable.

Summer school is the most wonderful opportunity to take in all of the magic that is Notre Dame. Although many people immediately grimace when they hear the words "summer school" because of what they think the words imply, in fact, these misgivings are unfounded.

Indeed, the summer campus is a lot more quiet and relaxed. This atmosphere adds to the comfort and flexibility that surround the student. Professors are even more available and accessible. The small classes are inviting and rewarding because the opportunity inherent in the intimate setting of small groups. It's really not that bad — I promise.

Tuesday's piece claimed that job positions had been "filled by the overly ambitious people who had secured employment before they left campus in the spring." However, I discovered it was rather easy to find jobs. Indeed, I fell into one myself accidentally, without even seeking it.

As for weekends and the Fourth of July, there is plenty to do within driving distance of South Bend. For example, Cedar Point is only three-hours away, and the many pleasures of Jacobs Field, The Flats, and other Cleveland hot-spots are a mere four hours drive. Most classes ended early afternoon, allowing for two and a half days of mini-vacation at the end of each workweek. I went to Chicago for the Fourth, "just like every other summer school student," but I didn't go to the Taste (didn't need to; and I had a great time even so).

Attending Summer School is like being adopted into a warm, accepting second family. I have always felt that perhaps the best explanation for why ND is so special is that the university is like one gigantic family. This sensation of being embraced in the welcoming arms of Irish hospitality emanated

even more strongly during the summer; it was very easy to fall into those widespread "arms."

During the summer, students stay in different dorms than those of the regular school year. As a result, they feel more comfortable in making themselves at home, and

more able to befriend those who live in other dorms during the school year. What is remarkable is that just when you decide you have already met the most fabulous people and you have the most fantastic friends, you meet even more under these ideal circumstances, and the magic of great friendships blossoms.

Early August, right before classes concluded, I was having a conversation with a gentleman who had been coming to stay at Notre Dame in the summer for the past 10 years with an

organization to which he belonged. As we talked about majors and long term goals, he interrupted me to comment on my enthusiasm: he said that he had never met a student from any other university that was quite so effusive about his or her school.

Then, he paused, reconsidering and reflecting on what he had just told me. He added, impressed with the import of this new realization, that in fact, every student here seems to enjoy and appreciate Notre Dame as I do. I could only smile.

Being on campus during the summer session makes you feel that you are a member of a very special, close-knit, companionable family. It is not surprising, then that some people resent a little bit that now that everyone is back, I feel like people are invading my space. I think, however, that it isn't so much the invasion that is creating this vague sense of discontent. Rather, it is the sense of loss that comes with the closing of a very special, serene time of year spent with similar-minded people who have come together in a remarkable place.

The serenity of summer is gone, that is true. But we must remember that the energy and verve of autumn has its own allure. Let the warm memories fade even while we enjoy the ram-bunctious antics of Notre Dame in all its autumnal glory.

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■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Tomorrow is often the busiest day of the year.'

— Spanish proverb

on the road



Photo courtesy of Mr. Joseph Milford

Pearl Jam pulls all the stops (and yields)

Ending their Ticketmaster boycott, the band returns to the road for their longest tour in 5 years

Like many great bands, Pearl Jam has musically and personally changed. During the time of their first album, *Ten*, Eddie Vedder would climb the scaffolds and crash into the crowds. The songs were very riff-heavy, and guitar solos were ubiquitous. However, the performances surrounding the release of *Vitalogy*, however, reflected a far darker side of the band, much brought on by the death of Kurt Cobain. The band members just weren't as "on fire" as they were in the past and hardly interacted with the crowd, much less with each other. Though the release of *No Code* showed signs of the band lightening up, the band still had their faces carved in granite.

Even this fanatic was a little worried about the band's upcoming summer tour; on their Letterman appearance last April, they seemed as if they were fulfilling an unpleasant penance. When recording the newest album, *Yield*, the band returned to their roots, and not only does the band sound like it did years ago, but they also play with the same amount of energy and charisma.

Having caught a couple shows on the first leg of the North American tour, I was amazed at the band's good humor. Fans have grown tired of seeing the band in such a sullen mood in the past, so it was great to see Pearl Jam having a blast again. Bassist Jeff Ament's feet literally never touched the ground, while lead guitarist Mike McCready amazed the crowds with his incredible fingerwork. Stone Gossard, who has built of a reputation of completely ignoring the crowd, was much more interactive with people in the audience.

For the tour, ex-Soundgarden drummer Matt Cameron has been filling in for Jack

Irons (due to health reasons), and the intensity at which Cameron plays is unbelievable. No offense to Mr. Irons, but Pearl Jam cannot let him be simply their tour drummer. He brings a musical edge to Pearl Jam that hasn't been heard in years.

Even though Vedder hasn't done any crowdsurfing on this tour, his behavior on stage is just as wild as it was during the *Ten* days. He dances with stagedivers, shares his bottle of wine with members of the audience, and has stopped hiding behind that huge mass of curly hair (which has been cut substantially).

As far as setlists go, the band pulls all the stops. The band plays an equal number of songs from its five albums, although they usually play a few more from *Yield*. At least two of the Big MTV Three ("Alive," "Evenflow" and "Jeremy") make the list plus favorites like "Daughter," "Betterman" and "Corduroy." The band sometimes treats the crowd to a rarity, which are usually songs the band covered years ago that are now popping up again. Among these are The Who's "Baba O'Riley" and "My Generation" and Neil Young's "F---n' Up."

Contrast to the last time I saw Pearl Jam in '95, I was extremely impressed how well they have matured musically without forgetting about their past. They have overcome the burden of success and have actually begun to accept. The band is no longer focused on bucking Ticketmaster and the music industry, and they are once again doing what they do best: playing music.

Emmett Malloy



One Sweet New World

The Dave Matthews Band crashes into Chicago

Three friends and I embarked on a voyage to the New World Ampitheatre in Tinley Park, Illinois. We had all come to see one of the biggest rock groups of our time: the Dave Matthews Band. The crowd of probably 17,000 was getting over-anxious as the opening act Poi Dog Pondering ran through a modest set of funk and R&B tunes. When Carter Beauford, Stefan Lessard, Dave Matthews, Leroi Moore and Boyd Tinsley finally came out the crowd went nuts.

Matthews greeted the crowd with his trademark, "How's everyone doing this evening?" and began to noodle around on his guitar. The noodling then turned into a song with the whole band coming in to play "Don't Drink the Water." Although this song is rather slow for an opener, the band played with an ultra-high level of intensity.

The next song, "The Last Stop," drove the audience wild with Dave's screaming vocals and Boyd's Middle Eastern-influenced violin lines. "One Sweet World" came next, and even though it's one of the group's better songs, the crowd hardly reacted, most likely because the song was only released on an independent recording.

The greatest aspect of the Dave Matthews Band is their ability to jam with one another. They are one of the few bands that can turn 4-minute radio singles into 15-minute epics. One of the great examples of this ability shined through on "Jimi Thing" which was played near the end of the set. Each member got a chance to play solos culminating in everyone playing together.

Each member of the DMB usually has their own moment in the spotlight. Dave is best known for his boyish charm and funny comments during the set. He acted hurt and dejected after a fan accidentally threw a frisbee at his head after "The Dreaming Tree." He said he didn't know what his name was. Then Dave jokingly said, "My name is Jimi." After that, he began the chords to "Jimi Thing." Boyd Tinsley played with such great passion on "Lie In Our Graves," taking a solo during the middle section. Leroi Moore impressed the crowd with his musical talents, playing both flute and saxophone during the ending jam of "#41." Stefan Lessard opened up the sensational "Crush" with a sweet bass solo. "Rapunzel" was highlighted by the expert drumming of Carter Beauford.

The worst part of the show were the inconsiderate concert goers. During "Crush," my one friend thought it was raining. I told him "How could it be raining? We're in the pavilion." I was right, it wasn't raining; some drunk guy was relieving himself on my friend. That unpleasant experience could not ruin one of the most impressive displays of music today, though. It is hard to find a contemporary band that blends showmanship and musicianship. The Dave Matthews Band is successful in blending these two arts.

Geoff Rahie

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

The home run chase continues for Mac and Sosa

Fish get the best of Birds in extra innings

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS
Mark McGwire had a 509-foot answer for Sammy Sosa.

After Sosa hit his 52nd home run earlier in the day, McGwire responded with No. 54 Wednesday night, a two-run shot that moved him closer to Roger Maris' hallowed record in the St. Louis Cardinals' 7-6, 10-inning loss to the Florida Marlins.

McGwire, now within eight homers of breaking Maris' record of 61 homers in a season, is only the third player in NL history to hit

54 homers and the first in 49 years. Ralph Kiner hit 54 homers in 1949 and Hack Wilson hit a league record 56 in 1930. McGwire's homer was one of six in a two-inning burst after the game had been scoreless through six. John Mabry also had a two-run homer in the Cardinals' five-run eighth before the Marlins hit four home runs in the ninth, including three on consecutive at-bats by Derrek Lee, Cliff Floyd and Kevin Orie, in an eight-pitch sequence off reliever John Frascatore.

Mark Kotsay's three-run pinch-hit homer off Jeff Brantley tied it 6-6. Both Florida's home-run barrage was only witnessed by about half of the crowd of 30,004, having been satisfied by McGwire's latest shot that helped the Cardinals take a 6-0 lead.

After the St. Louis bullpen blew its 29th save, Randy Knorr's RBI double in the 10th off Juan Acevedo (6-3) sent the Cardinals to their fifth straight loss. The Cardinals have lost eight games when leading after eight innings.

Antonio Alfonseca (3-6) worked two scoreless innings.

Fernando Tatis tripled to lead off the eighth and McGwire drove an 0-1 fastball from rookie Justin Speier for the shortest of his four 500-foot-plus homers this year at Busch Stadium. Center fielder Todd Dunwoody never moved as the ball soared over his head and landed just above the wall used for background beyond center field.

McGwire hit 58 homers last year, 34 with Oakland and 24 with the Cardinals after joining St. Louis on July 31.

He warmed up for the effort with eight homers in 15 batting-practice swings, including one that banged off the scoreboard beyond the left-field wall. But before ending a seven at-bat homer drought — roughly his season ratio — his power had been straight up.

McGwire hit towering popups in the first and sixth off Marlins starter Kirt Ojala and took a called strike in the fourth, never taking the bat off his shoulder.

He has 30 games to reach Maris' mark with 19 of those at home, where McGwire has obliterated the stadium record with 28 this season. The previous mark was 18.

Mabry also had a two-run homer off Speier, who has allowed four homers in 11 2-3 innings, in a five-run eighth. Ron Gant added a run-scoring double.

Speier knocked down Brian Jordan with his first pitch after giving up McGwire's homer.

Marlins manager Jim Leyland was ejected after home-plate umpire Harry Wendtstedt warned both benches.

Wood's 16 strikeouts pace Cubs to win

Associated Press

CINCINNATI

Sammy Sosa finally made contact against Brett Tomko, hitting a towering shot for his 52nd homer Wednesday as the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 9-2 to end a four-game losing streak.

Kerry Wood (12-6) struck out 16 in eight innings, the second-highest total of his rookie season, as he won for the first time since July 31. Wood, bothered by a "dead arm" in early August, has double-digit strikeout totals in two of his last three games.

Sosa, who had struck out in his six career at-bats against Tomko (11-10), hit a solo homer in the third inning that smacked an advertising panel on the facing of the third deck in left-center field.

The homer, estimated at 438 feet, drew a standing ovation from a large part of the crowd of 20,315 and moved Sosa to within one of Mark McGwire as they close in on Roger Maris' record of 61.

Sosa has homered in each of the Cubs' last 13 series. His 23rd homer on the road this season matched the club record shared by Hack Wilson (1930), Ernie Banks (1960) and Dave Kingman (1979).

Fifteen of Sosa's homers have come in Wood's starts.

Gary Gaetti drove in four runs to help Wood become the first Cubs rookie to win 12 since Mike Harkey in 1990. He allowed three hits and walked three before yielding to Rod Beck.

In his four starts since complaining

of the tired arm, Wood has struck out 8, 11, 3 and 16.

He has struck out 10 or more in eight starts this season, including his record-tying 20-strikeout performance against Houston on May 6.

Wood has struck out 223, two shy of the club's rookie mark this century. Tom Hughes struck out 225 in 1901.

The Cubs gained a split of the two-game series by piling up three runs in the second off Tomko, a second-year pitcher who is fading as the season winds down. Gaetti doubled home two runs and eventually scored on Manny Alexander's suicide squeeze bunt.

Sosa, who struck out in his first at-bat, came up with two outs in the third and took a ball.

After a mighty swing-and-miss on the next pitch, he backed out, shook his head, adjusted his batting gloves and composed himself. He homered on the next pitch.

The 52 homers are the second-highest total for a Cub, trailing only Wilson's 56 homers in 1930. The solo shot gave Sosa a career-high 130 RBIs this season, fifth-best in franchise history.

The homer was Sosa's only hit in five at-bats. He also struck out three times.

Gaetti added a sacrifice fly in the sixth and an infield RBI single in a four-run ninth.

Aaron Boone hit his first major-league homer, a solo shot, and center fielder Lance Johnson threw into the Cubs' dugout to let in the Reds' other run in the fifth.

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■ NFL

Bears will cut ex-Irish star this weekend



Courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information
Rick Mirer's career as a Chicago Bear will end this weekend as the two sides could not solve a contract dispute.

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill.

The No. 2 pick in the 1993 draft will be cut if the Chicago Bears can't trade him by Sunday, Mark Hatley, the Bears' vice president of player personnel, said Wednesday. The announcement came after the Bears and Mirer failed to reach an agreement to cut Mirer's \$10 million contract.

"I wish it would have worked a different way," Hatley said. "We just decided we needed to go in another direction."

Mirer, who never threw a touchdown pass in a Bears uniform, had already left the Bears' practice facility when the announcement was made and couldn't be reached for comment. When he left the field after spending another practice on the sidelines, though, he talked as if he knew his career in Chicago was over.

"I made it clear that if they choose to keep me on this team, I'm willing to help them if they want to get guys in here and they need cap money," he said. "I wasn't going to go down a drastic amount to make the team unless they were going to make a commitment and I would have the chance to be here more than just four months."

"If they want to show me I'll be here, I'll be here. If not, I'll

go somewhere else." Mirer's salary would have cost the Bears \$3.2 million against the cap this year, and they'll save \$2.3 million by cutting or trading him.

He turned down two offers that would have paid him approximately \$1.5 million, Hatley said. Mirer wanted long-term security, something the Bears couldn't give him.

The Bears have already called other NFL teams, and Hatley said two or three have expressed interest in Mirer — if he's willing to take a pay cut. Mirer's agent, Marvin Demoff, did not return repeated phone calls Tuesday and Wednesday from The Associated Press.

Chicago started preparing for life after Mirer on Tuesday, letting Steve Stenstrom run the No. 2 offense. Mirer spent practices on the sidelines, a baseball cap on his head, and coach Dave Wannstedt said he wouldn't play in Friday's exhibition game against the New York Jets.

"I'm not going to take a chance on wasting a game and then him not being here," Wannstedt said.

This was hardly what anyone expected when the Seattle Seahawks drafted Mirer behind Drew Bledsoe in 1993. He'd rewritten the record book at Notre Dame, and with his strong arm and quick-

ness, many thought he'd be the next great NFL quarterback.

He was well on his way after his first season, when he set NFL rookie records for attempts (486), completions (274) and yardage (2,833). But he faltered his second year and got progressively worse with each season. By 1996, he was the lowest-rated quarterback in the NFL.

But when veteran Erik Kramer broke his neck, the Bears still thought enough of Mirer to give the Seahawks a first-round draft pick for his rights and signed him to a three-year, \$10 million contract in February 1997.

It seemed a perfect fit. Chicago ran a version of the West Coast offense, and Mirer looked forward to starting over just 100 miles from his hometown.

But he faltered almost immediately. He had trouble picking up Chicago's system and by the end of training camp, Kramer had regained the starting job.

Mirer finally got his chance after the Bears lost their first three games. He threw for just 274 total yards, no touchdowns and three interceptions as Chicago lost all three games he started.

He was demoted again — this time behind Kramer and Stenstrom — and he didn't play for two months.

■ NFL

Packers expect Levens to report to camp soon

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis.

Pro Bowl halfback Dorsey Levens is apparently close to ending his holdout, and the bungling Green Bay Packers could sure use his help.

It's just too bad he can't play defense, too.

With one exhibition game remaining, at Miami on Friday, the error-prone Packers have yet to show they're ready to defend their NFC title. They have rough edges to smooth on both offense and defense, although special teams looks fine.

"I thought we were primed and ready last year at this point in training camp. Right now we're not quite where we

were last year," coach Mike Holmgren said Wednesday as negotiations continued on a long-term contract that will pay Levens about \$5 million a year.

In discussing his team's ability to work out the kinks before the season opener against Detroit on Sept. 6, Holmgren said: "We have infused some new players into the starting lineup, particularly on defense. We haven't had all our guys on offense. Brooks will be back, Levens will be in, I'm sure."

Quarterback Brett Favre said it was his understanding that the Pro Bowl halfback would report by week's end.

"I think he will be in. I don't know the details of it, but it sounds like he'll be in by the

end of the week," Favre said.

The Packers fly to Miami on Thursday afternoon, so he could join the team there from his home in Atlanta.

Levens isn't the cure-all to what troubles the Pack, however.

With three new starters on defense, Green Bay has sputtered, applying poor pressure on the quarterback and getting burned by the deep pass.

Flanker Robert Brooks, who underwent back surgery last month, is sorely missed. Fellow 1,000-yard receiver Antonio Freeman has as many drops as catches.

Holmgren's biggest beef? Penalties, 42 of them for 379 yards.

"We're a sloppy football team right now," he said.

And one without its best rusher. Levens' agent, Hadley Engelhard, and Packers chief negotiator Mike Reinfeldt have made significant progress in their contract talks after breaking through a stalemate late last week.

Engelhard lowered his demands on a signing bonus and Green Bay increased its offer to a yearly average of \$5

million, according to Engelhard. Neither Engelhard nor Reinfeldt returned phone messages Wednesday.

But general manager Ron Wolf said even if Levens arrives this week, his long holdout could render him subpar for the first month of the season.

The Packers practice only three times in pads next week, although Levens would be able to take part in individual work.

"It's tough for us because we don't do a lot of hitting in practice," offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis said. "Our hitting is basically over, you know? Maybe we'll have to put some pads on him and just hit him a little."

Favre said the halfback will have his work cut out for him.

"Well, I know he won't be ready. I mean, we have to be realistic," Favre said. "We've been going at this for about five weeks now." Amen, said Holmgren.

"I think any time a player, regardless of how much he's played, sits out the entire training camp? Yeah, I think it's difficult for him to start the season properly," Holmgren

said.

The Packers, who probably will start Travis Jervy at halfback in the season opener, also are concerned about Levens getting hurt.

Engelhard has maintained that Levens has stayed in top condition, working out in Atlanta with a track coach and personal trainer and going through the same regimen he used last year in preparing for an increased role.

"Dorsey's in the best shape of his life," Engelhard said earlier this month. "And he was in great condition last year."

Levens rushed for 1,435 yards and seven touchdowns last season and also caught 53 passes for 370 yards and five touchdowns, numbers he said proved he was worth \$5 million a year even though he had only one season as a starter under his belt.

The Packers made him their franchise player, guaranteeing him \$2.742 million this season, the average of the five highest-paid rushers last year.

But that amount became moot when running backs cashed in on the NFL's infusion of TV revenue this offseason.

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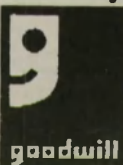
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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Mets retain lead in National League wild-card chase

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO
Hideo Nomo pitched a three-hitter and struck out 10 as the New York Mets retained their lead in the NL wild-card chase with a 4-1 win Wednesday over the San Francisco Giants.

Nomo, returning to the park where he made his major league debut in 1995 and in which he came within five outs

of a perfect game later that season, had the Giants swinging wildly throughout the game.

Nomo (6-11) did not allow a runner until Jeff Kent led off the fifth with a soft single to left. He struck out Barry Bonds three times, whiffed the side in the third inning, and walked only two.

Nomo, who had lost his previous three starts and failed to

last more than five innings in any of them, got his third complete game of the year. The other two came for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Lenny Harris led off the game with a homer off Orel Hershisier (9-9) and Brian McRae had a pair of RBI singles for the Mets, who broke a three-game losing streak.

The other New York run scored on a wild pitch. McRae

went 3-for-4, with three singles.

Harris has hit all three of his homers this season in the past nine days. He was obtained by the Mets from Cincinnati on July 3.

The victory allowed the Mets to stay a game ahead of the Chicago Cubs, who won 9-2 at Cincinnati, in the wild-card standings. The Giants fell two games behind the Mets.

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■ MEN'S GOLF

Connell just misses Amateur cut

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame junior Jeff Connell (Madison, Wis.) came up one shot shy of advancing to match play at the United States Amateur Championship, after the rain-delayed second round was concluded Wednesday morning.

Ten players finished tied for the final nine spots in the 64-player match-play field while Connell's 146 total left him in a 20-way tie for 66th among the initial 312-player field. If two of the players that totaled 145 had instead shot 146, there would have been 30 players in the playoff for the final nine spots.

Connell posted an even-par 70 in his second round on Tuesday morning at the 6,908-yard, par-70 Oak Hill Country Club. Tuesday's play was suspended at 4:29 p.m. due to rain and resumed at 6:33 before another delay halted play shortly after 7:00 p.m.

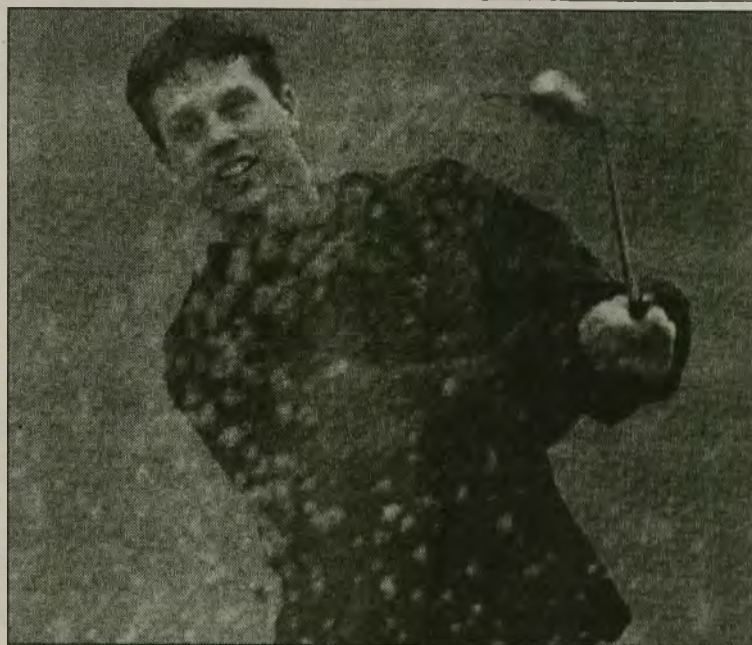
The second round resumed Wednesday morning, with Connell owning a share of 47th place and 94 golfers still yet to finish. Joel Kribel (Pleasanton, Calif.) earned the stroke-play medalist honors with his two-round total of 3-under 136.

At the conclusion of the second round of stroke play, 10 players competed in the playoff for the final nine places in the

match-play field. Seven players advanced to match play after making par on the first hole of sudden death. The final match play qualifier was determined on the fourth playoff hole.

Connell shot a six-over 76 in Monday's first round before carding an even 70 on Tuesday, which tied for the 21st-best score in the second round and the 45th-best round of the 36-hole tournament.

Connell stood tied for 164th after Monday's action but moved ahead of 78 golfers in his push for the match-play round. Only one golfer, Brad Hyler (77-65), jumped ahead of Connell from the first to second round.



Courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information
Irish junior Jeff Connell came up shy in his quest to advance to match play at the United States Amateur Championship.

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Yankees end losing skid with late inning heroics

Associated Press

NEW YORK

With the Yankees on their worst losing streak in nearly a year, Derek Jeter stopped the

skid with a run-scoring single in the ninth inning that led New York over the Anaheim Angels 7-6 Wednesday in the second game of a day-night doubleheader.

In the opener, Reggie Williams

hit a go-ahead, two-run homer as Anaheim won 6-4, sending New York to its fourth straight loss.

"We're still human; there's no doubt about that," Yankees

reliever Mike Stanton said between games.

New York then wasted a 5-1 lead built largely by Homer Bush's first major league homer, a three-run shot in the fifth off Steve Sparks.

Jim Edmonds' second homer of the game, a two-run shot, pulled Anaheim to 5-3 in the seventh. Tim Salmon's RBI single made it 6-4 with no outs in the eighth and chased David Wells.

Mariano Rivera (3-0), who has never gotten six outs for a save, gave up an RBI grounder to Garret Anderson later in the inning, then allowed an RBI single to Darin Erstad that scored Norberto Martin from first with two outs in the ninth.

But Mike Fetters (2-7) walked Jorge Posada leading off the bottom half, Scott Brosius sacrificed against Shigetoshi Hasegawa and Bush advanced the runner with a groundout. Jeter then singled to right.

New York, which wasted a 2-0 lead in the opener, has allowed 47 runs in its last six games and looks nothing like the powerhouse that raced to a 94-32

record before the skid. The losing streak was the Yankees' longest since a six-game last Sept. 1-6.

"Now, all of a sudden, the question isn't who we're going to play in the World Series, it's how we're going to get there," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "Funny what happens in a week."

The Angels, who began the day with a 3 1/2-game lead over Texas in the AL West, are 6-4 against the Yankees this season — the only team to lead New York in the season series — and could open the playoffs at Yankee Stadium.

"Nothing means anything until you get to the postseason. In 1988, we beat them 11 out of 12 and lost to them in the playoffs," said David Cone, remembering how the Mets dominated the Dodgers during the regular season 10 years ago.

In the opener, Jeff Juden (1-2) won for the first time in 11 starts since June 26 and for the first time in four starts since the Angels acquired him from Milwaukee on Aug. 7.

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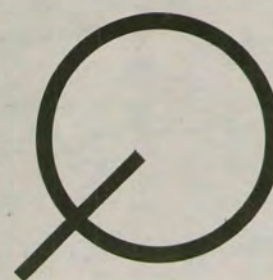
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SEPTEMBER			NOVEMBER		
1	Tue.	at Valparaiso	6	Fri.	Georgetown
4	Fri.	Notre Dame vs. Georgia	8	Sun.	Villanova
5	Sat.	Colorado vs. Georgia	14	Sat.	at Pittsburgh
6	Sun.	Notre Dame vs. Colorado	15	Sun.	at West Virginia
Wisconsin Inttower Invitational			18	Wed.	Toledo
11	Fri.	at Wisconsin	21/22	Sat./Sun.	BIG EAST Championship
12	Sat.	vs. Indiana			
Michigan State Tournament					
18	Fri.	vs. New Hampshire			
19	Sat.	vs. Utah			
19	Sat.	at Michigan State			
OCTOBER					
2	Fri.	Seton Hall			
4	Sun.	Rutgers			
6	Tue.	at Illinois State			
9	Fri.	at Connecticut			
10	Sat.	at Fairfield			
11	Sun.	at St. John's			
17	Sat.	at Duke			
18	Sun.	at North Carolina			
21	Wed.	at Florida			
23	Fri.	Providence			
25	Sun.	Boston College			
29	Thu.	Oral Roberts			
31	Sat.	Syracuse			
DECEMBER					
3-6	Wed.-Sat.	NCAA first and second rounds			
10-13	Wed.-Sat.	NCAA regionals			
17	Wed.	NCAA semifinals			
19	Fri.	NCAA championship			

V-Ball

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a national championship," said Boylan.

Sophomore transfer Michelle Graham and Lauren Stettin will back up Boylan at setter. Veteran defensive specialist Audra Duda will be an important server and leader for the Irish in the back row.

The biggest void for Notre Dame to fill will be among outside hitters, which both Harris and Lee played last year.

The duo handled about 90 percent of Irish passing last year, and one of the two led the team in kills in all but two matches. Lee is the only person on the top 10 career list for kills, hitting percentage, digs, aces, assists and blocks. They shared Team MVP in 1997, and Lee won Big East Player of the Year each of the last two seasons.

Girton will be heavily relied on for blocking and hitting, and junior Mandi Powell for passing. Beyond them, Jameyson, sophomore Adrienne Shimmel and newcomers Marcie Bomhack and

Emily Tarpoff will offer additional outside hitter options for the Irish.

The talent is there for the Irish; the only question is whether they can overcome their inexperience. Seven members of the Irish volleyball team this year were named to the national "Fab-50" list in high school.

"We're a young team but we have very good athletes with good skills — the only thing we lack is experience," said Brown. "The team could just keep getting better and will begin to gel as we get experience. And Treadwell's leadership will be a real key ingredient. This season should be very interesting, because so many things are up in the air."

One of the biggest assets for the team is Brown, who has a career winning percentage of .681 in 12 years as a Division I coach.

While at Notre Dame, the Irish squad has grown better year by year, with six straight NCAA Tournament bids. Brown, a former All-American and Olympian, has been named Big East Coach of the Year, as well as District Coach of the year while at Notre

Dame.

The Irish have never lost a match in the Big East, with 76 straight wins. They will look to extend that streak this season, although the conference is steadily improving. They will also be seeking to advance beyond the round of 16, where they have bowed out for the fourth time in the past five years.

Villanova, the only other Big East team in the NCAA Tournament last season, may pose the biggest challenge within the Big East for Notre Dame.

"I think Notre Dame's always a strong program, but they did lose a couple of very talented young ladies," said Villanova head coach Heather Hoehn. "I think in the Big East, we're going to have some surprising showings and be a little bit stronger conference than we have been in the past."

The first match for the netters will be Tuesday at Valparaiso. Brown said, "We will just be looking to kind of establish a line-up and get our team used to playing. We need to play at a high level."

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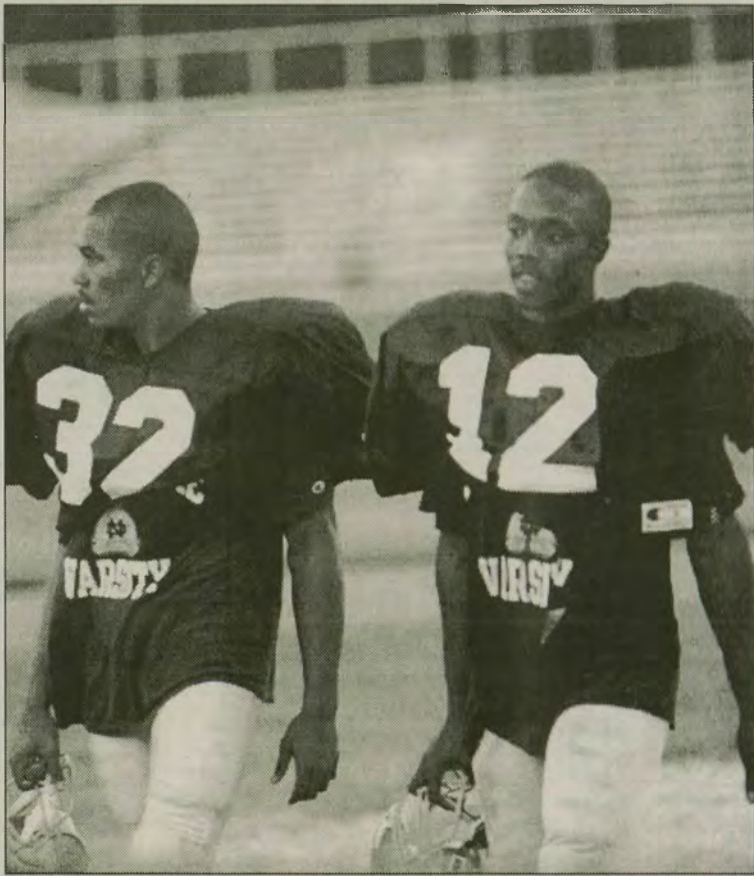
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1998 Notre Dame Football Schedule

Sept. 5	Michigan	Oct. 24	Army
Sept. 12	at Michigan State	Oct. 31	Baylor
Sept. 26	Purdue	Nov. 7	at Boston College
Oct. 3	Stanford	Nov. 14	at Navy
Oct. 10	at Arizona State	Nov. 21	LSU
		Nov. 28	at USC



Freshmen Terrance Howard (32) and Tony Fisher (12) hope that they can make an impact in the Irish backfield.

Football

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14 touchdowns in 1997. The 6-foot, 186 pound tailback garnered New Jersey Player of the Year accolades from the Philadelphia Inquirer and was a Parade prep all-American.

McNair, who appeared to have fullback size in high school, has trimmed down to 221 pounds in anticipation of earning the No. 3 tailback position. McNair, a Mater Dei High School graduate, rushed for a school-record 2,671 yards in 1997 en route to USA Today first-team prep all-America honors. The native Californian was also rated the 20th best

player nationally by the Chicago Sun-Times.

"Every young running back we have is good," said Denson. "Sometimes out of a group of running back recruits, you'll get one really good one. But with these three, there's no drop off."

"They all have certain tools that make them unique. There's going to be some tough competition around here for a while."

But talk of competition can only go so far. Especially when the defending national champions are coming to town.

"We'll just have to wait and see," said Robinson. "It's good to have a lot of quality players, but the bottom line is what they show on the field."

■ WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish begin season with same goal: the title

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame's women's soccer team will get its first taste of competitive action this season as they take the field tonight at 7:30 p.m. in an exhibition game against Ohio State.

The Irish hope to continue the dominance they have enjoyed over the Buckeyes. Notre Dame has won all four contests against OSU, outscoring their opponent 18-1.

Once again, the Irish will be a formidable opponent for the Buckeyes. The Irish enter the season ranked second in the

country. In addition, they return nine starters, including four all-Americans and three starters from the U.S. under-20 national team. Despite the loss of Kate Sobrero and Holly Manthei, Notre Dame still maintains a powerful attack.

The Irish should be solid at every position.

"We are going to put quality players on the field at every position, which is one of the reasons we have had success in recent years," said head coach Chris Petrucelli, who returns for his ninth season at the helm.

Junior LaKeysha Beene

returns in goal for the Irish. Beene played every minute of every game for the Irish in 1997, giving up just nine goals all season. She shut out 18 of her 25 opponents and boasted a 0.36 goals against average.

Ohio State is coming off a rather disappointing season in which they finished seventh in the Big Ten with 3-5 record in the conference and a 9-9-1 overall mark.

The team also lost three of its best offense players in Tiffany Tisdale (9 goals, 3 assists in 1997), all-American Jodie Stranges (9 goals, 2 assists) and Lisa Suttmiller, who holds 11 OSU records. Katy Traeger is the only returning striker for the Buckeyes.

The Irish open the regular season at Michigan on Sept. 1 and the outlook is very positive.

"We are going to be a very good team, one of the best teams in the country, and should have a chance to win the NCAA championship," said Petrucelli.

That championship run begins tonight on Alumni Field at 7:30 p.m. when the Irish take on the Buckeyes.



The Observer/John Daily
Senior captain Monica Gerardo and her teammates look to see where they stand in tonight's exhibition against Ohio State.



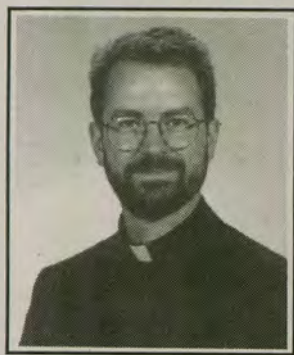
The Observer/Joe Stark
Sophomore Kelly Lindsey will help anchor one of the toughest defenses in the land as the season opens at Michigan State Sept. 1.

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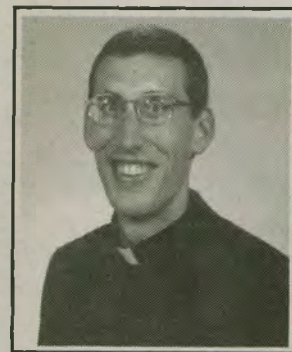
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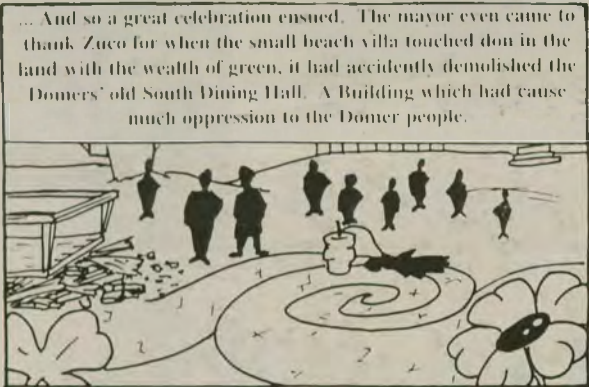
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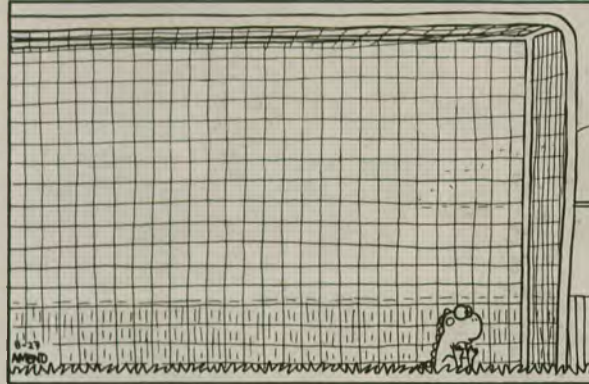
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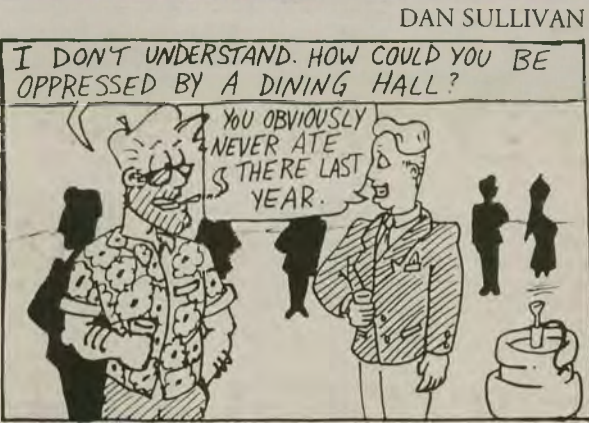
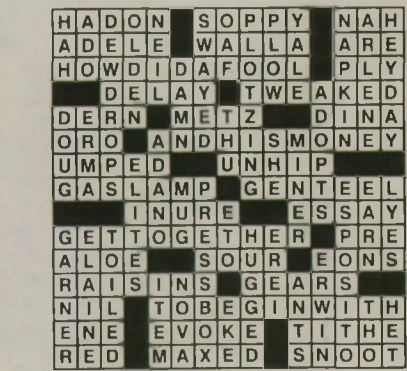
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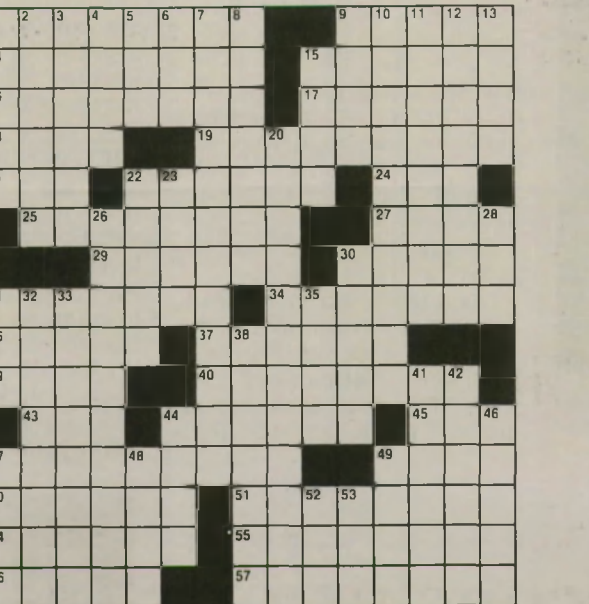
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- Folk Dance** — On Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., the women from Saint Mary's College will be hosting a Folk Dance in the Clubhouse. There is a fee for admission.
- The Big Lebowski** —The film "The Big Lebowski" will be showing at the Annenberg Auditorium at the Snite Museum of Art on Saturday. There is a small price for admission.
- Drive-in on the Quad** — The movies "Scream" and "Swingers" will be playing outside on the big screen on North Quad Saturday at dusk. Free popcorn and sodas to the early birds. Admission only to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students with student ID.

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■ VOLLEYBALL

Netters aiming to reach next level in '98

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

The 16th-ranked Notre Dame volleyball team will be aiming to move higher into the group of elite programs in the nation this season.

The biggest challenges for the Irish will be making up for the loss of top duo Angie Harris and Jaimie Lee to graduation, and remaining consistent and confident despite the team's youth.

"Because of our youth, one of the things we're going to be working to maintain is consistency," said Debbie Brown, in her eighth year as the Fighting Irish head coach. "As in years past, we play a lot of nationally ranked teams, so that will be tough for us. Another challenge will be to defend our Big East title."

Notre Dame will be battle-

tested early, with many of its toughest matches coming in September.

In its first four matches, the team takes on seventh-ranked Wisconsin, 12th-ranked Colorado, and Georgia, which was 30th in the number of points received in the USA TODAY / AVCA Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll.

A win against one of these teams would boost the team's confidence, especially since the team lost to Colorado last season, and was knocked out of the NCAA Tournament by Wisconsin.

"I think they're going to be tough. They're always tough," said Colorado Buffaloes head coach Pi'i Aiu about his team's upcoming match with the Irish. "I think Debbie Brown is one of the best coaches in the nation. I don't think pre-season rankings

mean a whole lot. We're two pretty similar teams playing each other that finished in exactly the same place last year."

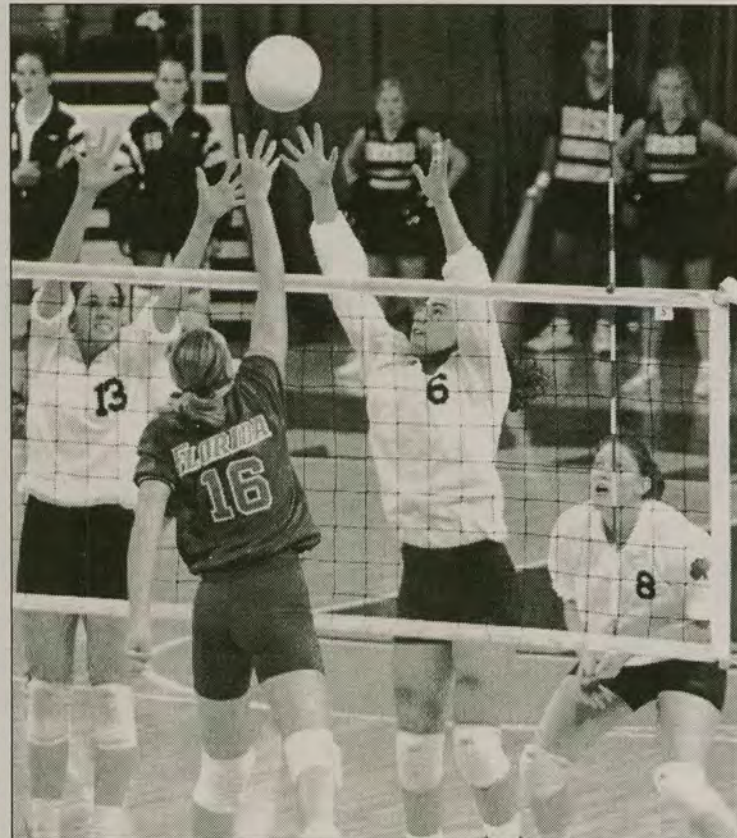
Top players for the Irish this year will be senior captain and middle blocker Lindsay Treadwell, sophomore setter Denise Boylan, and sophomore left frontline player Christi Gerton. All three are returning starters. Brown hopes that junior middle blocker Mary Leffers will soon return to the court after rehabilitation from anterior cruciate ligament injury to her right knee late last spring.

Treadwell, besides being the team's only senior, is a candidate for Big East player of the year and Academic All-America. She has Notre Dame's best career hitting percentage (.298), has only missed one match in three seasons and is the team's top all-around player.

"Throughout her career, Lindsay has been very reliable because she does so many things well," said Brown. "She always seems to come up with big kills in tough matches, is a great blocker, serves very tough and has developed into a primary passer for us. She also gets the job done when she has to set the ball and now is becoming a great leader for us."

Treadwell talked about the goals for this season.

"As a team, our goals are to get past the round of 16, stay undefeated in the Big East, and keep improving," she said. "The team goals are my goals. I think that our goals



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With the graduation of outside hitter Angie Harris (6), senior Lindsay Treadwell (13) and Mary Leffers (8) will step into leadership roles.

are very realistic; volleyball just kind of depends on who's playing well on what day. Right now, we have a lot of skill, but need to fine-tune."

If Leffers is healthy, she will be a top middle blocker for the Irish. At 6'4", she averaged 1.26 blocks per game last season, has the fifth-highest hitting percentage in Irish history and earned All-District honors last season. Without her, the team will have to rely more heavily on younger players such as Jo Jameyson and Malinda

Goralski.

Boylan trained with the USA national program this summer under Coach Toshi Yoshita, who she referred to as one of the top defensive coaches in the world. She is considered one of the nation's top young setters, and will be looked to to play a greater leadership role this season.

"As a team, last year we made it to the sweet 16, so this year we want to make it further, and ultimately to win

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The Observer/Jo Stark

Sophomore setter Denise Boylan, who spent time in the USA national program this summer will again engineer Notre Dame's attack.

■ FOOTBALL

Denson eyes stellar conclusion

By ALLISON KRILLA
Associate Sports Editor

Autry Denson likes to think he's the kind of person who thrives on pressure.

Heading into the 1998 season, the senior tailback needs 990 rushing yards to become Notre Dame's all-time leader. Denson also has sophomore Darcey Levy nipping at his heels, and the talented freshman trio of Tony Fisher, Terrance Howard and Mike McNair breathing down his neck.

Denson is thriving.

"Coming in I knew it would be this way," said Denson. "But I put more pressure on myself than anyone else. It's my senior year, and it's not supposed to get any easier."

According to running backs coach Desmond Robinson, the

competition may be stiff, but Denson has secured the starting role.

"Autry Denson is set as the starter," he said. "He's been in that position for two years, and he's played well this fall."

As for Levy, solid spring and fall camps plus the departure of Clement Stokes and Tony Driver's move to safety have paved the way to the No. 2 spot on the depth chart.

"Darcey is going to play," said Robinson. "He's come out and had a good fall. He's done some positive things during camp."

Although Levy did not see any varsity action in 1997, the 6-foot-2, 208 pound tailback adds another dimension of athleticism to the Irish rushing attack.

While Denson and Levy provide a solid base at tailback, the first-year triple threat of Fisher, Howard and McNair

have provided the drama during this year's preseason camp.

"We're pleased with all the freshmen right now, but the problem is you can only start one guy," said Robinson. "The names you hear in that freshman class, you'll be hearing in years to come."

Names like Fisher, Howard and McNair.

Fisher, a 6-foot-1, 205 pound back from Euclid, Ohio, carried the ball 189 times for 2,143 yards and 40 touchdowns during his senior year at Euclid High School. Fisher earned USA Today Player of the Year honors in Ohio, and was rated the 69th best player nationally by the Chicago Sun-Times.

Howard, a Rancocas Valley High School product, rushed 231 times for 1,450 yards and

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The Observer/Brandon Candura

Senior tailback Autry Denson has a firm hold on the starting tailback slot but the question of who his backup is still needs to be answered.

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GLANCE



vs Michigan
September 5, 2:30 p.m.



vs Valparaiso
September 1, 7:30 p.m.



at Michigan State
September 1, 4 p.m.



at Valparaiso
September 1, 7 p.m.



Cross Country
vs Loyola, Purdue, Butler
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