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Grads bid adieu to ND, SMC

After four years of juggling busy class schedules, a changing social scene, crazy football weekends and close friendships, the Class of 1999 will say goodbye.

They have heard about tradition; they have heard story after story about the unique character that each of their schools has to offer. They have learned the simple skill of building lofts and the more delicate art of constructing a future. They have spent hundreds of late nights in front of computer screens and textbooks, and filled millions of minutes with conversations that built the friendships that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

This weekend 1,796 Notre Dame undergraduates and 325 Saint Mary's undergraduates will say goodbye to their college years, carrying with them the tradition they have spent four years learning to understand.

Each of the classes have watched their schools change throughout their stay; there was a constant growth in technology on both campuses. Notre Dame saw the construction of several new buildings — four new dorms, the additions to Notre Dame Stadium and the Main Building, and Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center. Saint Mary's students gave input for future renovation plans by voicing their ideas for the Performa proposal and utilized a wired campus with cable and ResNet for the first time.

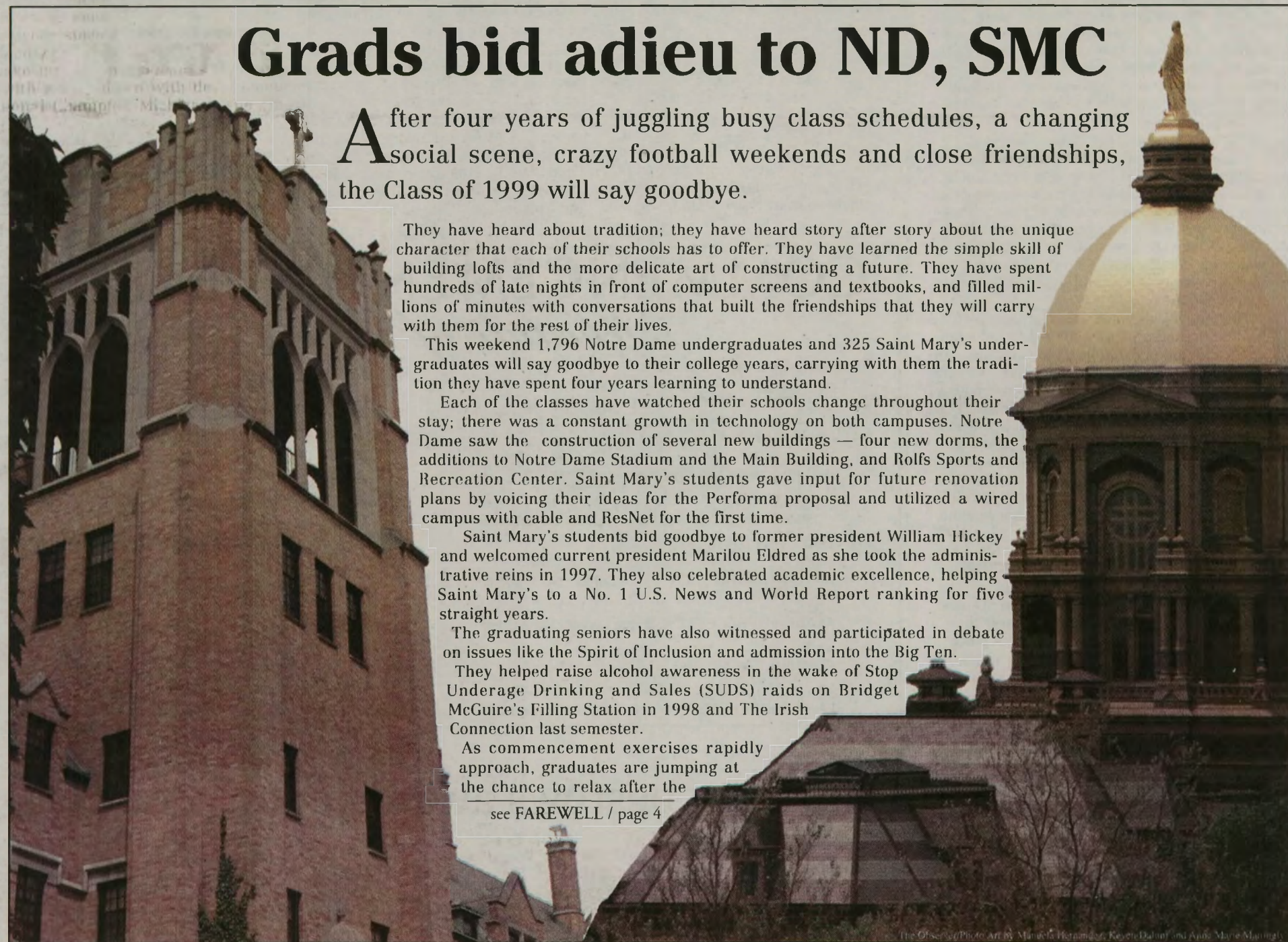
Saint Mary's students bid goodbye to former president William Hickey and welcomed current president Marilou Eldred as she took the administrative reins in 1997. They also celebrated academic excellence, helping Saint Mary's to a No. 1 U.S. News and World Report ranking for five straight years.

The graduating seniors have also witnessed and participated in debate on issues like the Spirit of Inclusion and admission into the Big Ten.

They helped raise alcohol awareness in the wake of Stop Underage Drinking and Sales (SUDS) raids on Bridget McGuire's Filling Station in 1998 and The Irish Connection last semester.

As commencement exercises rapidly approach, graduates are jumping at the chance to relax after the

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Valedictorians spent college focused on life, service

Education and biology major came to learn, not compete for grades

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's senior and valedictorian Carrie Ferkenhoff has never been focused on grades.

This is partly why she said she was "surprised and shocked" when she was named the Class of 1999 valedictorian.

"I initially came to Saint Mary's because I knew there was an emphasis on learning and not competing for grades," Ferkenhoff said. "There is hardly a class here that I've taken that I

haven't loved. The grades just followed from those experiences."

An elementary education major and biology minor, Ferkenhoff has been able to develop her interest in biology and combine it with teaching children during her time at Saint Mary's. The science classes she took focused mainly on environmental issues.

Ferkenhoff credits Saint Mary's with helping her realize her talent for science.

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CARRIE FERKENHOFF
SAINT MARY'S VALEDICTORIAN

Ferkenhoff. "But when I came to Saint Mary's, that changed with the first class I took in the science department. The

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Chemical engineering major thanks family, friends for successes

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Assistant News Editor

Jennifer Ehren loves to sing. When she's not studying, the 1999 Notre Dame valedictorian sings in Chorale and loves to go out dancing with her friends. Her most important memories of Notre Dame, in fact, involve friends and volunteer service work rather than academia.

"There have been ups and downs," said Ehren of her time at Notre Dame. "I can't imagine being anywhere else."

She also can't believe she is this



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JENNIFER EHREN
NOTRE DAME VALEDICTORIAN

year's valedictorian.

"I feel so honored," she said. "It's still shocking."

Humility comes naturally to the chemical engineering major from Cottage Grove, Wis., who said that it wouldn't have been "physically or emotionally possible" to get where she is today without her family and friends. Her grandfather, especially,

"was always my role model."

"Family and friends are the most important things [in life]," she said. "I'd quit," she added, if a job ever threatened her closest relationships.

But Ehren won't have to worry about any corporate stress for a while. On May 28 she begins a two-year commitment to Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program, a

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Puzzle Pieces

When I was growing up, my sister and I spent our quality time hunched over jigsaw puzzles.

We wanted to see how fast we could finish, so we'd slave over them for hours, racing to see who could do the most or who got the satisfaction of fitting in the last piece. To entertain ourselves, we'd make up stories about each image we put together.

Recently, as I reflected on my time at Notre Dame, I realized that Sunday, the Class of 1999 begins a real-life puzzle — one I never want to complete.

When our student ID cards expire, we embark on a tough transition. Our group splinters into 2,000 pieces and scatters, left grasping at memory fragments from these four years. Each memory is integral to an infinite mental jigsaw; to forever remember the whole — the growth, learning, loving and partying — we must keep fitting pieces together.

Entire sections of the puzzle belong to friends and roommates, the people who nursed you through tough times, celebrated your successes and managed to spill Papa John's garlic sauce on your heads at least once. They knew just when to help you procrastinate a big paper by watching "Reality Bites," and you cheered on their Bookstore Basketball squad both in victory and defeat.

There might also be a piece for your rector or for that trusted professor-turned-friend who opened both home and heart to you. And with the rich academic opportunities here, your puzzle probably will include classes that broadened both mental and spiritual horizons.

Even people you never really knew will somehow fit seamlessly into the mental jigsaw. It could be the columnist you read or the one you reviled; perhaps it's the guy/girl you chat with before class, the one you stared at in the dining halls or the security guard that never bought your excuses to drive on campus.

Weekend memories might include the 3 a.m. Fat Shirley's crowd or Ron from The Backer. Some of my fondest weeknight memories include Observer staffers who stayed at work until 4, 5, or even 9 a.m., and of course the 7 a.m. crowd at Nick's Patio — yes, that place does serve beer that early in the morning.

The jigsaw isn't complete without pieces that reflect the tough times that shaped us into stronger people. I reserve some big, ugly pieces of my puzzle for the University administration, which never recognizes the true value and intelligence of its student body. I shudder at its refusal to amend the non-discrimination clause, its refusal to respect the students and its attempts to infringe upon the free press through lousy, undocumented advertising policies that The Observer's editorial board detests. Administrators routinely avoid putting anything in writing, ostensibly to evade accountability for their discriminatory thinking.

In and of itself, however, Notre Dame should not be defined in narrow "conservative, Catholic school" parameters. The unique, intangible magic permeating campus radiates from the students, who bring diverse experiences and beliefs to this campus. The administration ought to value that.

Unlike the jigsaws of my youth, this is one puzzle I never want to complete. Happiness comes not from finishing this puzzle but from the sheer joy of connecting more and more pieces, reliving the story behind each one. So stop, take a deep breath, and absorb these last glorious moments of college.

Good luck. May you never put the final piece into your personal puzzle of Notre Dame memories.

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Gleason to receive Laetare Medal

Special to The Observer

Phillip Gleason, professor emeritus of history at Notre Dame, will receive the University's 1999 Laetare Medal, widely regarded as the most prestigious honor awarded to American Catholics, at Saturday's commencement exercises.

"As the leading figure in the history of American Catholic higher education, Phil Gleason set a rigorous standard of faith-inspired scholarship. As an interpreter of American ethnicity and immigration, he won the acclaim of historians throughout Europe and the U.S. for his insights into the assimilation of diverse peoples into a truly national community," University president Father Edward Malloy said an award announcement.

"Phil's tenacious fidelity to the Church and to Catholic intellectual life recalls many scholars and teachers of his generation at Notre Dame, and we

celebrate them also in awarding him this richly deserved honor," he said.

Gleason, whose scholarship also includes U.S. intellectual and social history, has been a member of Notre Dame's faculty since 1959. A native of Wilmington, Ohio, he graduated from the University of Dayton in 1951 and worked briefly for the U.S. Air Force and as an eighth grade teacher before coming to Notre Dame to pursue a master's degree in history. He received that degree in 1955 and his doctoral degree in 1960.

Gleason chaired Notre Dame's history department from 1971-74. He was a visiting professor of American Catholic history at Catholic University of America in 1982 and chair of the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs from 1986-88.

Gleason has received numerous awards from Notre Dame for his teaching and scholarship. He also has received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Loyola University in Chicago, the University of Dayton's Marianist Award and the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

The Laetare Medal is so named because its recipient is announced each year just before Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. "Laetare," the Latin word for "rejoice," is the first word in the entrance antiphon of the Mass that Sunday, which ritually anticipates the celebration of Easter. The medal bears the Latin inscription, "Magna est veritas et prevalebit": "Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail."

Established at Notre Dame in 1883, the Laetare Medal was conceived as an American counterpart of the Golden Rose, a papal honor which antedates the 11th century. The medal has been awarded annually at Notre Dame to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

Among the 120 previous recipients of the Laetare Medal are Civil War General William Rosecrans, operatic tenor John McCormack, Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day, novelist Walker Percy, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, death penalty abolitionist Sister Helen Prejean and medical ethicist Dr. Edmund Pellegrino.

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MAY, 14

9 p.m.-1 a.m.
GRADUATION DANCE: Joyce Center - North Dome

SATURDAY, MAY, 15

2-3:15 p.m.
UNIVERSITY RECEPTION: CCE

5-6:30 p.m.
COMMENCEMENT MASS: Joyce Center - South Dome

SUNDAY, MAY, 16

1:30 p.m.
DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION: Joyce Center - North Dome

2:30 p.m.
ACADEMIC PROCESSION: Joyce Center - North Dome

3-5 p.m.
COMMENCEMENT: Joyce Center - South Dome

5:30 p.m.
LAW SCHOOL CEREMONY: Hesburgh Reflecting Pool

FRIDAY, MAY, 14

4 p.m.
BACCALAUREATE MASS: Angela Athletic Facility

5:30-7 p.m.
SENIOR DINNER: Noble Family Dining Hall

7:30-10:30 p.m.
SENIOR RECEPTION: Century Center

SATURDAY MAY, 15

8:30-11 a.m.
SENIOR BRUNCH: Noble Family Dining Hall

Noon
COMMENCEMENT: Le Mans Courtyard
(poor weather: Angela Athletic Facility)

Following Commencement
COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION: Dining Hall Green

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■ FACULTY AWARDS

University bestows awards upon professors

Special to The Observer

The Colleges of Arts and Letters, Science, Engineering and Business Administration and the Law School presented several teachers with outstanding teacher awards for the 1998-99 academic year.

Patrick Schiltz, associate professor of law, received

the Outstanding Teacher Award from this year's law school graduates.

Douglas Kinsey, professor of art history and design, won the Sheedy Award for excellence in teaching in Arts and Letters.

Katherine Speiss, assistant professor of finance and business economics was the winner of the

College of Business Administration Undergraduate Teaching Award.

Michael Sain, Freimann professor of electrical engineering, was the recipient of the College of Engineering's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Dennis Jacobs, associate professor chemistry and biochemistry, received the

Shilts/Leonard teaching award in the College of Science.

In addition, 50 undergraduate teachers earned the first Kaneb Teaching Awards, which celebrate the full extent of excellent undergraduate teaching at Notre Dame.

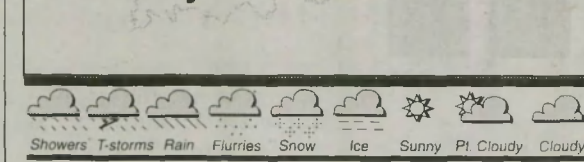
The award was created from a gift by University trustee John Kaneb.

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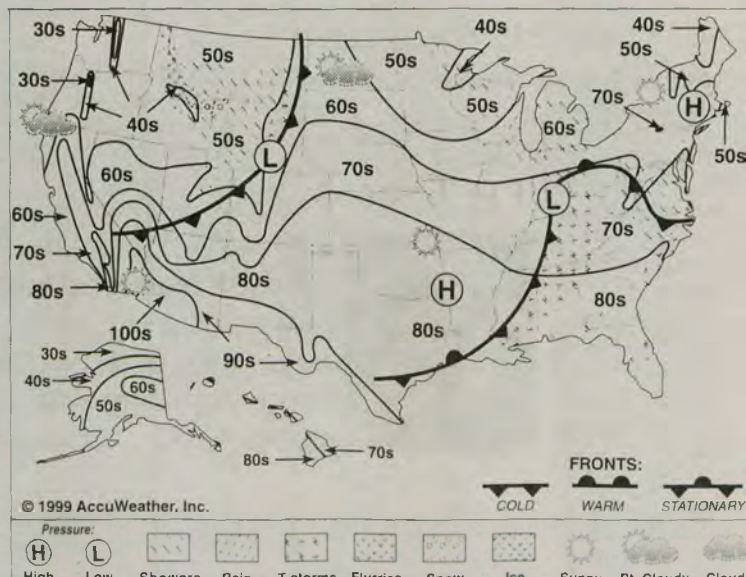
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Friday	67	45
Saturday	77	51
Sunday	83	56
Monday	83	66
Tuesday	81	65



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■ NATIONAL WEATHER



Atlanta	80	59	Las Vegas	96	62	Portland	52	47
Baltimore	62	51	Memphis	84	61	San Francisco	61	49
Boston	58	49	Milwaukee	56	50	St. Louis	79	60
Chicago	66	52	New York	70	53	Tampa	84	66
Houston	89	71	Philadelphia	70	49	Wash. D.C.	66	54

Freshman loses fight with cancer

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Assistant News Editor

Miranda Thomas came to Notre Dame last August just like every other incoming freshman, ready to take on the world — or at the very least, the campus.

But she had no idea what she would be taking on.

In September, Thomas was diagnosed with leukemia, and left campus to seek treatment at the Indiana University Cancer Center in Indianapolis. She received a bone marrow transplant in early February, but died Monday after an eight-month battle with the disease.

But she will leave behind a memory, however brief, and a lesson about strength to those who knew her well.

"She was able to laugh even throughout her sickness," said Walsh Hall resident assistant Patty Ummel. "When we spoke on the phone, she was always laughing, making jokes about her doctors and medicines. She could find reasons to laugh even in the darkest times."

While Thomas' time at Notre Dame lasted only three weeks, it was evident to those around her that she would have made a tremendous impact on the University.

A member of Walsh Hall's interhall football team, Thomas' tenacity was unparalleled.

"She was thought of as one of the strongest, toughest and most aggressive girls in the hall," Ummel said. "She could

take anybody out."

Her potential for impact at Notre Dame was also evident in those first three weeks.

"I was just getting to know her, but she was very personable. She would have had a zillion friends here," said Walsh Hall rector Sister Patricia Thomas.

"She was a large contributor to the University, even in those three weeks," said Ummel. "She was going to be huge."

Thomas kept in contact with friends at Notre Dame during her illness both through phone calls and letters.

"She always talked about her goals for the illness — what she wanted to do that week. She always sounded hopeful. A lot of the time she didn't achieve those goals, but she never seemed to tire."

But instead of looking for support, it was Thomas who gave it.

"I will always remember what an example she was," Ummel said. "Miranda showed us how to be strong — she showed us when we were worrying about grades, and tests, and roommate problems, about strength. ... It shows what an incredible person she was."

Thomas returned to her home in Sturgis, Ky., last week after doctors realized there was nothing more they could do, Sister Thomas said.

"She got to see her family and friends before she died," Sister Thomas said.

Funeral services were held in her hometown Wednesday morning.

ND prepares for Dunbar hearing

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Notre Dame officials will attend a hearing before the NCAA Committee on Infractions on Friday, June 4 to discuss the University's alleged violations involving gifts former football booster Kimberly Dunbar gave to a number of former Irish players.

To prepare for the hearing, the University has retained the services of Bond, Schoenack & King, a firm that specializes in dealing with the NCAA. The hearing was called after the Committee on Infractions determined that major violations may have occurred. Notre Dame has not appeared before the committee since 1971.

While the NCAA enforcement staff first characterized the violations as secondary, the Committee on Infractions wanted to study the matter on its own, according to committee chair David Swank. Attempts to contact Swank were unsuccessful, but he has indicated in the past that his committee's desire for a hearing was not a rejection of the enforcement staff's recommendation.

"We want to have a careful look at the case to make sure that it is in fact a secondary case, or if it's a major case," Swank told the Chicago Tribune. "Regardless of whether it's secondary or major, you'd have to decide what penalties should be imposed."

The enforcement staff studied Notre Dame's report, interviewed people involved and considered earlier precedent in concluding that a secondary violation had occurred, said Chuck Smrt, NCAA director of Enforcement.

"We made a recommendation that they process it as secondary," Smrt said, but the Committee on Infractions chose to file the case as

major and hold a hearing. For a case to be processed, the enforcement staff must believe that a violation of some kind has taken place, according to Smrt.

At the hearing, the enforcement staff members will read the allegations and report their findings. Notre Dame officials will have an opportunity to respond and the Committee on Infractions will ask questions.

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DAVID SWANK
NCAA COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS

University president Father Edward Malloy will be among those attending the hearings on behalf of Notre Dame.

Bond, Schoenack & King will help Notre Dame prepare, according to Dennis Moore, director of Public Relations.

"We have no experience of this process. This is what they specialize in," he said. "You're looking for someone who knows to advise you on what the process is."

University officials are reviewing the information they reported to the NCAA and are putting together a response to the letter of inquiry sent by the Committee on Infractions. The response was returned Monday, Moore said.

After the hearing, the Committee on Infractions will deliberate on possible sanctions, a process that could take as long as six weeks. Once the committee returns its decision, the University

will have 15 days to appeal.

Penalties for a major violation could include a loss of television appearances or restrictions on recruiting or postseason play. Secondary violations carry a smaller sanction, ranging from probation without penalty to a minor loss of scholarships.

Notre Dame has never been assessed for a major violation. The University has appeared before the Committee on Infractions twice — in 1967 and again in 1971 — but did not receive sanctions in either case.

Since reporting the incident to the NCAA in March 1998, Notre Dame has continued to share information with the NCAA enforcement staff.

While ESPN reported last week that Dunbar took former Irish players Jarvis Edison and Allen Rossum, along with Rossum's girlfriend, on a trip to Las Vegas in 1997, Moore said that is not a new development in the case. It is one of the incidents the University reported to the NCAA.

"[ESPN] was bending over backward to give the impression that there was something new in the case, but there wasn't," he said. "Nothing that has come out is the least bit new to us or to the NCAA, we've given it all to them."

Dunbar, who is currently serving a four-year prison term for embezzling more than \$1.4 million from Dominiack Mechanical, Inc. of South Bend, reportedly gave \$18,000 in gifts to 12 Notre Dame football players, five of whom were members of the 1998 squad. Any gifts given after June 1995 are considered violations of NCAA regulations because of Dunbar's \$25 membership in the Quarterback Club, which has since been disbanded.

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GOOD LUCK IN ALL YOUR ENDEAVORS.

— THE 1999-2000 STAFF

Farewell

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stress of finals and enjoy the relationships they have built over the past four years.

Excitement, disbelief and nervousness are the feelings sweeping the campuses as seniors wind down their four years.

"I cannot believe four years have come and gone," said Notre Dame senior Tricia Sevilla. "It's all felt like one packed year with all of the changes on campus and events we've been a part of."

"I'm definitely nervous," said Saint Mary's senior Kelly Curtis. "It's a scary thing to leave a place that you've become so comfortable in."

After acting as information resources this year for many underclassmen, the Class of 1999 finally has time this week to reflect on what college has meant to them. In most cases, this has been the friendships and the sense of "home" that Notre Dame and Saint Mary's provide.

"It's so easy living here. [Notre Dame] kind of becomes home and you start thinking of this place more as home than your actual home," said Notre Dame senior Sean Leonard.

"After only one semester here, I knew that my life was at Saint Mary's," said Saint Mary's senior Jamie Simmons. "My first memory is driving down the tree-lined road, just knowing that this was the only place I wanted to be."

"I just grew up being here," said Saint Mary's senior Carey O'Neill. "The friendships that I have gained here have helped me grow both spiritually and intellectually, and I know that these are going to be the friends that I keep for the rest of my life."

Many seniors agree that friendships are the most important part of what makes Notre Dame and Saint Mary's special.

"It's been four awesome years," Notre Dame senior Erik Endler. "The friendships will be what we remember more than any class."

But leaving the security blanket of those friends is frightening as well as sad, seniors said.

"I didn't expect to make such lifelong friendships here," Curtis said. "It is scary to leave that."

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position she chose over a Fulbright teaching assistantship in Korea.

She described the "gut-wrenching" decision of choosing ACE over the Fulbright as "probably the hardest decision of my life." She didn't want to get "caught up" with the Fulbright name, she said, instead of doing something she really wanted to do.

Ehren will join 46 other Notre Dame students as new members of the ACE program, where during the next two summers, she will attend classes on campus to get her masters degree in education. When the fall comes, she will head to Biloxi, Miss., to teach high school students.

Like many college graduates, Ehren admitted she doesn't know where she'll be

Senior Week activities have kept students busy while they prepare to take their place in the world beyond South Bend. Many graduates have jobs waiting for them this summer, while others will continue their education in graduate schools around the country.

Elizabeth Dole, former president of the Red Cross and a possible presidential candidate in 2000, will give the Notre Dame commencement address at the exercises which start at 3 p.m. on Sunday, one hour later than past ceremonies. Dole will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from University president Father Edward Malloy during the ceremony.

Jane Bryant Quinn, the nation's leading commentator on personal finance and Washington Post syndicated columnist, will speak to Saint Mary's graduates at commencement exercises on Saturday at noon in the Le Mans courtyard. The valedictorian for the Saint Mary's class of 1999 is Carrie Ferkenhoff.

Notre Dame's valedictory address will be delivered by Jennifer Ehren, a chemical engineering major from Cottage Grove, Wis. Ehren, a Howard Hall resident, was chosen by a committee from the Office of the Provost to give the address from a field of 17 students selected by the deans of the four colleges and the school of architecture.

Notre Dame will also award a number of honorary degrees Sunday. The recipients are: Aaron Feuerstein, president and chief executive officer of Malden Mills Industries; Roberto Gutiérrez, president and cofounder of the Hispanic Telecommunications Network; Patrick McCartan, managing partner of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue; Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, president of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia; Regis Philbin, veteran broadcaster and cohost of "Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee;" Cornelius Pings, president emeritus of the Association of American Universities; Sister Kathleen Ross, president of Heritage College; John Schiffer, senior physicist and associate director of the physics division at Argonne National Laboratory; and Edmund Cardinal Szoka, president of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City.

in 10 years.

"There's industry," she said, noting the possibilities for engineers in both environmental and pharmaceutical work. Most likely, she conceded, 10 years down the road will find her in the process of pursuing her PhD to teach at the collegiate level.

Spiritual, people, and growing are words that came to mind when Ehren described her experience at Notre Dame. The University, she said, is a place for great growth as a student and an individual.

"I love that it's really easy to be spiritual here," she said, noting that above all, she loves the community aspect of the University.

Among her many lessons here, Ehren has learned a great deal about responsibility and civic duty.

"We're all teachers and we're all students [for our entire lives]," she said.

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professors in the biology department were so supportive. I realized that science was a talent I had and not a weakness."

Ferkenhoff was able to use her student teaching experience this year to incorporate elements of environmental education.

"I was finally able to use what I have been learning and see how it worked," she said. "It was wonderful to be able to do a lot of lesson plans and, since I knew my passion was environmental education, to incorpo-

rate that into the various plans I used to teach my fourth grade class."

Throughout her four years at Saint Mary's, Ferkenhoff was a member of the track team her freshman year and the cross country team her junior year. Along with three other Saint Mary's students, Ferkenhoff started the Saint Mary's Environmental Coalition her sophomore year. Besides educating people, the group holds recycling drives every week during the academic year. She is also involved in Peacemakers.

Ferkenhoff's love of teaching and environmental education led her to work at Rum Village Nature Center and Fernwood Botanical Gardens.

"Working at Fernwood, I was doing exactly what I wanted to do," she said. "I gave presentations to students about what animals do in winter, took them on hikes and did pond studies. My boss gave me the freedom to teach, create displays and come up with lesson plans designed to teach children about the environment."

Ferkenhoff also served as a teaching assistant for an ornithology class.

"I took the ornithology class my sophomore year and mentioned to my professor that I wished I could take it all over again," said Ferkenhoff. "She asked me to TA in the class so I did get to take it all over again, just without the tests."

**From the Department of Management, Faculty
and the Administrative staff
we would like to congratulate our graduating 1999
Seniors and especially our award winners.**

The Hamilton Award for Management, Beatrice Przybysz

The Management Award for Management, Michael J. Scott

The Justin Harris Brumbaugh Memorial Award, Jennifer L. Kaminski

The Dean's Award, Christopher Patka

The Walgreen's Award, Christopher Gahagen

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Best wishes for a successful future!

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BIGGEST STORIES

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of the 1995-99 academic years



February 8, 1999

Trustees reject Big Ten membership

After a heated debate focusing on Notre Dame's identity and athletic programs, the Board of Trustees rejected an offer to join the Big Ten athletic conference and its academic affiliate, the Committee for Institutional Cooperation. Malloy cited the Trustees fear that the University would lose its unique institutional identity as the ultimate rationale behind the decision. Students had opposed membership in the conference because they were concerned that undergraduate education would suffer under the influence of the CIC, which focuses on graduate education and research.

2 SMC appoints Eldred president



After an exhaustive year-long search, the Board of Trustees of Saint Mary's College appointed Marilou Eldred as the new College president. The first female layperson to hold the job, Eldred came from a position as academic dean of the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn.

Apr. 14, 1997

3 Council sends clause to Malloy



The Academic Council voted to approve an amendment to add sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause. The amendment was then sent on to University president Edward Malloy. Malloy presented the amendment to the Board of Trustees, which rejected it Feb. 5.

Nov. 18, 1998

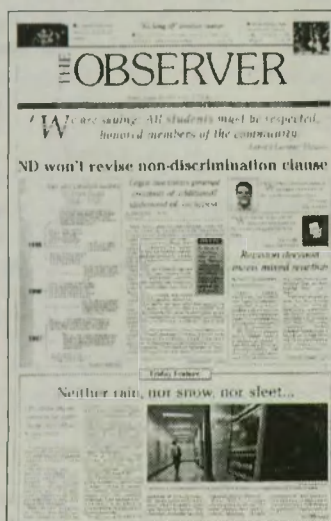
4 Bridget's closes after police raid



More than 165 patrons received citations for underage drinking at Bridget McGuire's Filling Station when local and state excise police raided the bar. Police cited Bridget's for violations of state liquor laws and management voluntarily closed the establishment.

Feb. 2, 1998

5 University adopts 'Spirit of Inclusion'



President Edward Malloy announced that the University would not revise its non-discrimination clause to include sexual orientation, arguing that the courts define homosexual orientation differently than the Church does. Instead, officials offered a statement entitled the "Spirit of Inclusion," which accepts all people into the community.

Aug. 29, 1997

6 Eldred denies The Alliance



President Marilou Eldred denied official club status to The Alliance of Lesbian, Bisexual, Straight and Questioning Women of Saint Mary's College after six months of deliberation. Eldred claimed that other campus organizations were already meeting the proposed goals of The Alliance.

Feb. 27, 1998

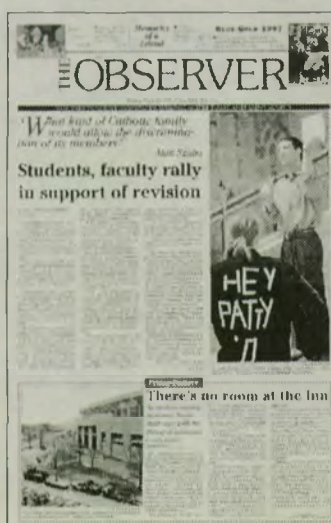
7 Garrick resigns to protest gay policy



Father David Garrick, assistant professor of communications and theatre, resigned in protest of the University's approach to gay and lesbian students and faculty. Garrick said that, after coming out as a celibate homosexual in an April 1996 letter to The Observer, he was suspended from Basilian ministry.

March 19, 1998

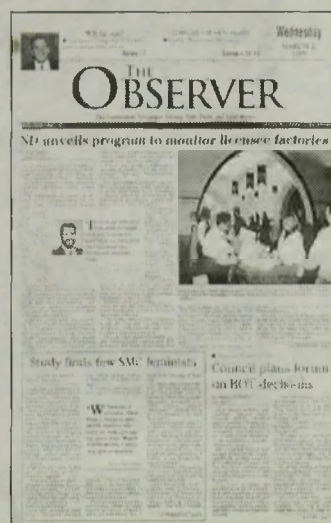
8 Students, faculty rally for change



In the first protest of its kind, almost 400 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's faculty, staff and students gathered to express their support for the addition of sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause. Many students felt the change was necessary following the University's January 1995 refusal to recognize GLND/SMC.

Apr. 25, 1997

9 University combats sweatshop labor



University officials announced plans to hire the independent accounting firm PriceWaterhouse-Coopers to monitor conditions in factories producing Notre Dame apparel. Notre Dame also founded a sweatshop task force and was an early member of the Fair Labor Association.

March 3, 1999

10 Moore wins suit for discrimination



Former offensive line coach Joe Moore won \$86,000 in damages from the University in a suit claiming that head football coach Bob Davie discriminated against him on the basis of age. A court considered granting Moore additional damages but ultimately decided against increasing the award.

Aug. 25, 1998

STUDENTS THROW SQUID. COPS BUST ICONN. TRUSTEES REJECT BIG TEN, CLAUSE CHANGE.

1998-1999

Fires, debates over discipline and two big decisions in London highlight '99

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Burning couches, flying squid and a declaration of institutional independence were among the highlights of Notre Dame's 1998-99 academic year — a year filled with much debate, little change and a string of minor controversies.

Perhaps the one issue which truly captivated the Notre Dame community was the possibility of the University joining the Big Ten athletic conference.

Citing the importance of Notre Dame's unique institutional identity, the Board of Trustees voted on Feb. 5 to not enter negotiations on joining the Big Ten and its academic arm, the Committee for Institutional Cooperation (CIC), but the debate leading up to that decision addressed a wide range of issues.

"The decision was complex," said University president Father Edward Malloy in February. "The decision transcends the many individual factors, academic and athletic. The ultimate [rationale behind the decision] lies in a loss of institutional identity."

Big Ten membership was widely considered to be one of the University's biggest decisions since its admission of women in 1972, and what began as an athletic issue came to symbolize a much larger debate about Notre Dame's identity.

When the Faculty Senate voted in December to encourage CIC membership, debate on the Big Ten centered on Notre Dame's academic priorities. While CIC membership could have enabled the University to improve its graduate programs, there was concern that undergraduate education would suffer as a result.

Big Ten membership could have threatened Notre Dame's financial success, some said. However, there were a variety of opinions on the subject, and finances never fully entered the public discussion of the issues.

Undergraduate students overwhelmingly opposed Big Ten membership and showed it. Banners such as one reading "Big Ten, Big Mistake," were hung from dorm windows and the Student Senate unanimously supported a resolution calling on the Trustees to reject conference membership. Among the concerns for many students were the threat to undergraduate education, regionalization of the athletic program and a loss of Notre Dame's independence.

Ultimately the decision was made by



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

While the Irish regularly meet up with Purdue and other Big Ten rivals on the gridiron, the Board of Trustees voted in February not to join the athletic conference. Debate over Big Ten membership dominated campus discussion for much of the winter until the board's vote on Feb. 5 decided the issue.

the Board of Trustees, which followed the Board of Fellows' unanimous vote to not enter negotiations with the Big Ten.

An inclusive 'Spirit?'

This academic year saw a continuation of Notre Dame's struggle with gay rights issues as the Board of Trustees chose not to add sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause and another faculty member resigned over the issue.

In the wake of Father David Garrick's resignation in March 1998 and the Faculty Senate's call for the clause amendment that May, the non-discrimination clause was hotly debated for much of the fall semester. A number of campus groups voted to recommend the addition, culminating in the Academic Council's Nov. 17 vote, which sent the matter to the Board of Trustees.

Talk show pioneer Phil Donahue came to speak at two campus rallies in support of the amendment and 120 students fasted for three days before the Trustees' meeting, hoping to influence the decision. However, a strong recommendation had already been

made when the Board of Fellows unanimously voted against the proposal on Dec. 1.

The administration kept this recommendation silent until the February meeting, where the Trustees "expressed their full support and affirmation" for the Fellows' decision. In their report the Trustees formally reaffirmed the goals put forth in the Spirit of Inclusion statement.

Since the decision, campus activists for the clause have been relatively quiet with the exception of the March resignation of Mark Jordan, an openly homosexual professor of medieval studies. Before leaving to take a chaired position at Emory University, Jordan harshly criticized Notre Dame administrators for their reluctance to legally protect homosexuals.

"This atmosphere allows the University to selectively get rid of whomever they want, or at least threaten them," he said. Jordan's resignation came a few months after Carolyn Woo, dean of the College of Business Administration, revealed at an Academic Council meeting that a candidate for a job in the College was rejected for being a practicing homo-

sexual.

April showers don't douse fires

The Notre Dame Fire Department had a busy April as flames lit the night sky over campus on two occasions.

An explosion and fire at the Notre Dame power plant in the early morning hours of April 15 injured two bystanders and destroyed six cooling cells that provide campus air conditioning. Eleven days later, an unrelated power outage motivated students to take to the quads, where they lit six bonfires across campus. No one was injured in the disturbance, but disciplinary action was taken against a number of students.

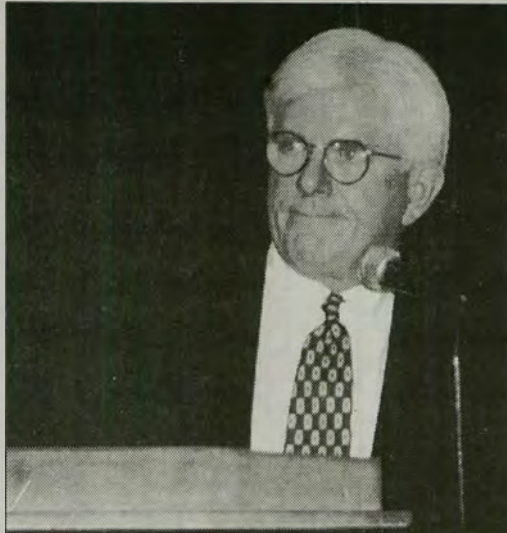
No cause has been discovered for the power plant fire and both of the injured University staffers were released two days after the blaze. Early estimates set the damage at \$1.35 million and officials expect that campus-wide air conditioning will not be repaired until the summer of 2000.

The disturbance during and after the blackout was criticized by administrators and student leaders at the Campus Life Council meeting that day. Disciplinary action will likely be taken



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Franchise food services came to LaFortune Student Center this year with the addition of Burger King. Students flocked to the fast-food establishment with their Flex points, also introduced this year. Starbucks coffee was also sold for the first time in Reckers, the new 24-hour restaurant.



The Observer/Dave LaHeist

ND alum and talk show pioneer Phil Donahue came to campus twice to speak in favor of adding sexual orientation to the University's legal non-discrimination clause. The rallies and other campus activism culminated in a three-day hunger strike, but no change to the clause was made.

NEW SWEATSHOP POLICY UNVEILED. TWO HURT IN POWER PLANT FIRE. STUDENTS SET FIRES ON QUADS.

The Year in Review



A Notre Dame Security official looks on as one of six bonfires set on campus during and after the April 26 power outage burned itself out. There were several confrontations between students and Notre Dame Security and Fire officials, and those involved who could be identified will be disciplined when classes resume in August.

against involved students next semester.

"I had always held out this hope that students at Notre Dame were different, but I was very disappointed," said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life.

The Dunbar plot thickens

As the school year comes to an end, Notre Dame prepares for a hearing before the NCAA Committee on Infractions over the gifts that former football booster Kimberly Dunbar gave to a number of former Irish football players.

The year began with the announcement that five members of the 1998 squad were to be declared ineligible, and then immediately reinstated, for taking a trip to a Chicago Bulls game paid for by Dunbar.

The hearing will be held June 4, and a decision will likely be reached by the Committee in the ensuing weeks regarding possible sanctions. While it initially appeared that the violation would be ruled secondary in nature, the Infractions committee said on April 21 that it may be major. Punishments for a

major violation could include loss of television revenues and bowl appearances. Committee members gave no indication, however, of which way they would rule or if they would judge that Notre Dame lacked institutional control.

The University has hired the law firm of Bond, Schoenck & King to prepare for the hearing. This firm is experienced in defending universities at NCAA hearings.

No sweat for ND

As universities across the nation dealt with the issue of labor abuse in licensed apparel manufacturing, Notre Dame took the unprecedented step of hiring an independent monitoring firm to ensure that its licensees comply with the University's code of conduct.

Notre Dame hired the accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers in March to conduct random spot inspections of factories for code violations. The University has also joined with more than 50 colleges and universities nationwide in the Fair Labor Association, a White House initiative to ensure safe working conditions in the manufacture of clothing sold in the U.S. and has entered into several other alliances to prevent sweatshop

labor.

"We continue to seek ways to strengthen our code by improving accountability structures and by joining other universities seeking ways to more effectively oppose inhumane workplace conditions," said Father Malloy said in a written statement.

Notre Dame has also formed a task force to study the issue of sweatshop labor and discuss further adjustments to the code. Two issues under consideration are payment of a living wage and full disclosure of factory locations.

Student activists have criticized the University on these two issues, and a number of rallies and teach-ins have been held in the hopes of influencing the administration. The task force will likely make a recommendation on these issues next year, according to its chairman William Hoye.

Renovating SMC

A long-term study of renovations to the Saint Mary's campus conducted by the Performa consulting group neared completion in April when the Board of Trustees of the College approved the group's proposals for a range of campus

facilities.

Plans include revamping the Angela Athletic Facility, the first floor of Le Mans Hall and the Noble Family Dining Hall. Overall, the Trustees chose to focus renovations on improving existing facilities rather than constructing new ones. They also decided not to build a free-standing student center.

The Trustees followed many of the recommendations of the consulting group, which had held a number of campus-wide forums to solicit opinion on the subject.

"The Board of Trustees generally approved what Performa had proposed but they made some minor changes," said College president Marilou Eldred.

A messy football season

Flying squids and trash heaps outside the Joyce Center marred an otherwise memorable football season as student behavior again drew criticism and controversy.

The traditional halftime marshmallow fights turned ugly during several football games this season as seniors flung a variety of marine life through the air, causing injuries and security problems in the stadium. Two non-students were hurt during the Baylor game, but conditions improved at the Louisiana State game after numerous warnings, ejections and widespread confiscation of marshmallows and other projectiles.

"This is really out of character for Notre Dame," said Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Notre Dame Security/Police. "Fun is fun, but when fun is getting people hurt, we have to reevaluate our definition of fun."

Another "fun" tradition reconsidered this year is the annual campout for football tickets. Campus security and residence life officials expressed disappointment in student behavior during the three nights of camping out and at the amount of trash and debris students left outside the Joyce Center in their wake.

"It was disgusting," said Kirk. "Just the mess was distressing enough. It was something that was embarrassing for me to look at. It was obvious that a lot of alcohol was consumed."

Administrators said they would study different options for next year's ticket distribution, but no plans have been formally announced yet.

Busted ... again

SUDS (Stop Underage Drinking and Sales) made its presence felt around campus this year with its second major bust in 1998.

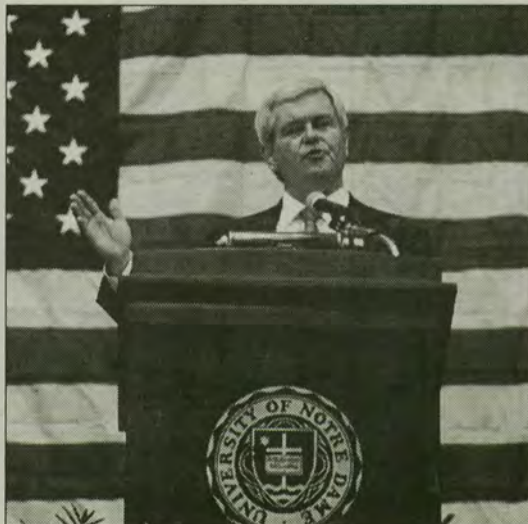
The state agency, which cited 165 minors at Bridget McGuire's Filling Station in January 1998, issued 94 "minor in a tavern" citations at The Irish Connection on a Thursday night in November. Most of those cited were Notre Dame or Saint Mary's students.

The University disciplined those involved, who were also fined by the city of South Bend.



The Observer/John Daily

A student rears back and prepares to throw a frog during halftime of the Baylor game. Two spectators were injured during halftime, which saw squid, fish and other projectiles catapulted through the sky.



The Observer/Joe Stark

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich spoke at Stepan Center in April. His speech came on the heels of former senator Bill Bradley's semester as a visiting professor and preceded the commencement speech of Elizabeth Dole.

Dole, Quinn to address ND, SMC grads

GOP presidential candidate will speak to ND Class of '99

By CHRISTOPHER SHIPLEY
Assistant News Editor

When Elizabeth Dole was chosen in the fall to give the commencement address to the Class of 1999, few political analysts expected her to jump into the 2000 presidential race.

Dole's January decision to step down as president of the Red Cross placed her name in political circles with other heavyweights in the race like Al Gore, George W. Bush, Jr. and former Notre Dame visiting professor Bill Bradley.

The buzz surrounding the support Dole's campaign would receive in the 2000 election, should she decide to run, has Notre Dame students curious and excited to hear her deliver the keynote address at the 154th commencement exercises on Sunday.

The invitation for Dole to speak was extended in a letter written by University president Father Edward Malloy on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the officers of the University who expressed that Dole's service work with the Red Cross was ideal for the keynote address at graduation.

Adam Rieck, a senior from Dillon Hall who met Dole two years ago when she spoke at an event sponsored by Student Union Board, described Dole as "a good person, who is down to earth and very easy to talk to."

"I think it's wonderful to have Mrs. Dole speak," Rieck said. "She is, in my opinion, one of the most talented politicians, and I think she would be an excellent presiden-

tial candidate."

Dole has formed an exploratory committee to assess her chances of competing with some of the other candidates in the 2000 election.

Her public service credentials are extensive and her desire to serve has led to positions in three different presidential administrations. Dole served as American Red Cross president from 1991 until she stepped down in January. She was Secretary of Labor from 1989-1990 under President George Bush, Secretary of Transportation from 1983-1987 under the Ronald Reagan administration and served as Federal Trade Commissioner for President Richard Nixon from 1974-1979. She was the first woman to serve in many of these positions.

Some concern arose with the University administration over the idea that Dole's change in political ambition might affect the direction of the graduation speech and turn the event into an opportunity for personal political gain. University policy, however, prohibits politicians giving the keynote address from using the pulpit to make a stump speech.

According to Dennis Brown, associate director of Public Relations and Information, the administration is confident that Dole's speech will not include a political agenda.

"We have every confidence that the speech will be directed at graduates and not on politics," Brown said. "Keep in mind that this decision was done last fall, and at that point the presidential election was not a consideration."

Seniors agree that they want Dole's speech to be directed at their futures and not on the upcoming election for president.

"I've heard soundbites from her speeches at other schools and some of them have been campaign speeches," said St. Edward's Hall senior Sean Leonard. "I want to hear her address us, the graduates, and not her political intentions."

Author, financial commentator will talk at Saint Mary's

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's News Editor

Jane Bryant Quinn, a nationally renowned commentator on personal finance, will speak to Saint Mary's graduates at commencement exercises on Saturday.

Quinn, who has written columns for publications such as Newsweek, Good Housekeeping and The New York Times, was chosen because she "exemplifies what we want Saint Mary's women to be," said College president Marilou Eldred.

"She was chosen for several reasons. One, because she is an expert in the field of personal finance, which is largely dominated by men," Eldred said. "Also, her public presence as a financial consultant will be helpful to individuals looking to begin careers."

Quinn's public experience ranges from books to television.

Quinn is the author of the best-selling "Everyone's Money Book" pub-

lished in 1978. She also wrote "A Hole in the Market" and "Making the Most of Your Money."

She is currently the co-host of the PBS program "Beyond Wall Street." Before PBS, Quinn worked for CBS News, including "CBS Morning News" and "Evening News with Dan Rather." Additionally, Quinn hosted her own program, "Take Charge!" and has appeared on "The Home Show," "Good Morning America," and "Nightline," to discuss personal finance.

"Jane Bryant Quinn is clearly a leader in her field," Eldred said. "We are confident that her address will inspire our audience, parents and students alike, and that her comments will be useful and pertinent to the Class of 1999 as they prepare to enter the job market or graduate school."

Quinn was named by the World Almanac as one of the 25 most influential women in the United States, and won an Emmy for outstanding news coverage. She is a three-time winner of the National Press Club award for consumer journalism.

"She can offer the importance of wise financial management and speak about developing one's career in the field of financial management or any other field," Eldred said. "She is a role model for Saint Mary's graduates because Saint Mary's women become experts in their field, and we hope that they will contribute to the larger society."



Dole



Quinn

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Board of Trustees to consider Performa plans

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Saint Mary's Editor

Plans for a new dining hall, bookstore, coffee house, mail center and study area will be presented to the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees during its June retreat. Under this plan, Havican Hall would be demolished and the Early Childhood Development Center would be relocated. If approved, the project is expected to cost between \$65 and \$70 million.

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees will be presented with the time frame and a detailed financial component for the projects included in the master plan designed by Performa Consulting at the board's June retreat.

Performa Consulting presented a master plan to renovate campus facilities in order to improve student services and recreation spaces at a community meeting, which included some changes since it was presented to the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees at the end of April. The plan is the result of information gathered by the company during 1998 and 1999.

The cost of the total master plan will be between \$65 to \$70 million, said Carolyn Merrow, a Performa senior planner.

Changes to the plan include demolishing Havican Hall and creating a new multi-purpose facility to serve as a confer-

ence center and provide gathering space for large groups.

"One of the things we tried to do throughout the planning was to find a use for Havican Hall," said Merrow. "Our thinking is it doesn't make sense to keep it because it is in an odd location in relation to the rest of the campus buildings."

The Early Childhood Development Center in Havican will be relocated to another space on campus.

The proposed multi-purpose facility is one of the least defined spaces that want to do the most, said Merrow. It will include gathering space for 1,200 people, meeting and break-out space for conferences, classroom and seminar space for instructional purposes and catering and food services.

The proposals, approved by the Board of Trustees at their meetings on April 23 and 24, include revamping areas such as the first floor of Le Mans Hall, Angela Athletic Facility and the Noble Family Dining Hall.

"The board decided that the overall goal is to reinvest in existing facilities although this may include some new construction," College president Marilou Eldred said.

More possible campus improvements approved by the board include the addition of a swimming pool and better recreational facilities to Angela Athletic Facility.

Haggar College Center will be renovated to house administrative offices. Renovations to the Noble Family Dining Hall will include the addition of space for campus retail facilities including a bookstore, travel agency, post office and a general store. Study space will also be included.

Although there had been a push for the construction of a student center, Eldred said the board decided that creating a single building as a student center went against its objectives.

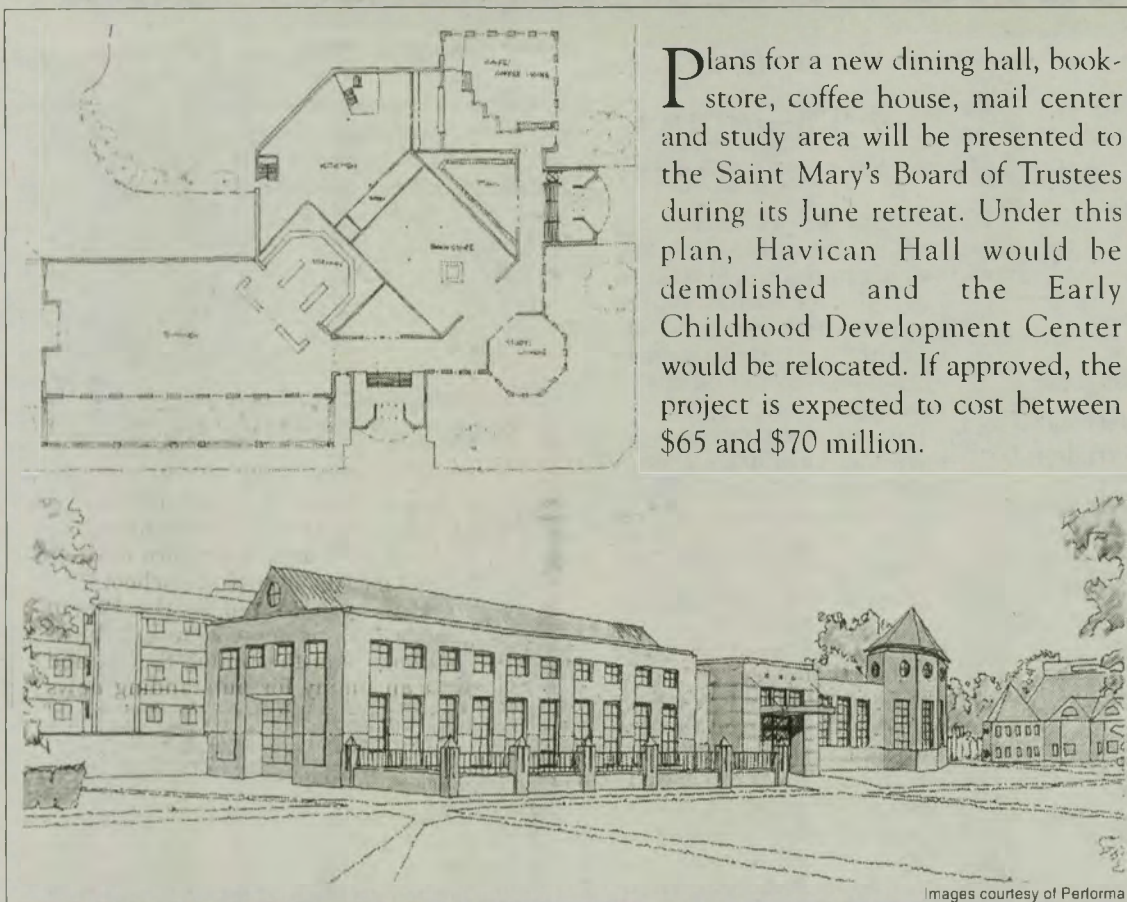
"There are two reasons the reasoning shifted regarding building a new student center," said Eldred. "First, we talked about the need to enhance a sense of community throughout the campus. The point of this is trying to build community on campus and you don't have to have just one place to go do that."

"The second reason is there is a great need for large and small gathering space all over campus. That is why we would disperse the space throughout campus rather than putting all the meeting space in one building," she said. "This decision does not diminish the student center kind of space. Rather it enhances student space by having it throughout campus."

The plan also includes creating apartment-style housing which would be built in phases to accommodate increased enrollment.

Other changes include renovations to classrooms and faculty offices in Madeleva Hall, Science Hall and Moreau Center for the Arts, updating residence hall rooms in Le Mans Hall, Regina Hall and Holy Cross Hall, centralizing shipping and receiving and improving lighting, signs and parking campus-wide.

The plans also calls for providing more green space for outdoor activities and channeling traffic to the perimeter of campus.



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O'Hara to leave Student Affairs, head Law School

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
Associate News Editor

For the past nine years, Patricia O'Hara has been both a professor at Notre Dame Law School and the University vice president for Student Affairs. As such, she has overseen departments running the gamut from Campus Ministry to University Health Services. But effective July 1, O'Hara will move on to become the Joseph A. Matson Dean of the Notre Dame Law school when current dean David Link retires.

"I hoped that I would be able to work with the rectors and hall staff to sustain the strong tradition of residentiality at Notre Dame and that I would be able to work with the directors of the 11 departments within Student Affairs to sustain their momentum of providing high quality services to the Notre Dame student body," O'Hara said of the goals she held when she was named a University vice president.

Rectors who have worked under O'Hara's leadership praised her.

"Professor O'Hara has been a wonderful boss and companion. She cares passionately about the student body and has given her all to that for the nine years she's been in that position," said Sister Mary Ann Mueninghoff, rector of Pasquerilla East and a current member of the Campus Life Council (CLC). "I find her fair, articulate and compassionate."

Former CLC member and Morrissey Hall rector Father William Seetch highlighted O'Hara's thoroughness as one of her best qualities.

"Most people look at a problem from one or two angles. She looks at it from probably six or seven," he said. "She has a broad-ranging intellect and approach to situations. There's no half-cooked answers from Professor O'Hara."

Throughout her tenure, O'Hara has seen the number of female students enrolled at the University increase steadily. This necessitated the conversion of Pangborn and Cavanaugh Halls into female residences and the construction of the four new West Quad dorms.

O'Hara also believes that moving Grace and Flanner residents to smaller residence halls was a beneficial change in that it created smaller residential communities.

"[These changes] helped us recapture some intermediate-sized residence halls that have proved excellent facilities for creating community," she said.

O'Hara is able to interact indirectly with residence life through her relationships with law students who also serve as assistant rectors.

"She's brought a lot to the table. She really puts herself into the job,"

said Michael Hickey, a third-year law student and assistant rector in Siegfried Hall. "She's been able to use us effectively and empower us."

O'Hara said another major change in the Notre Dame community during her tenure has been the increased number of minority students.



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FATHER WILLIAM SEETCH
RECTOR, MORRISSEY HALL

"When Father Malloy first took office as president in 1987 — under-represented students comprised only 7 percent of the undergraduate student body. [Malloy] hoped to increase that to 15 percent within his first five years as president. In fact, we reached that goal in the first three years of his presidency and have been trying to increase the percentage ever since."

Director of Multicultural Student Affairs Iris Outlaw said O'Hara has

'WE'LL SORELY MISS HER.'

IRIS OUTLAW
DIRECTOR OF MULTICULTURAL
STUDENT AFFAIRS



been an asset throughout her term.

"[Working with Professor O'Hara has] been a very good experience for me," she said, noting that she took on her position the year after O'Hara took over Student Affairs. "Under her tutelage, the department has really grown with regard to what it does for students of color."

Outlaw said that Multicultural Affairs has received much financial support and latitude in the types of programming under O'Hara's leadership.

"I think we'll sorely miss her," she said. "She was a good ally for our department."

O'Hara expressed enthusiasm about her new position as dean of the law school and hopes that she will be able to make the school even better.

"I'm excited about the challenges. I'm excited about the challenge of trying to lead the law school to the next level of excellence and at the

same time I'm humbled by the appointment," she said.

She recognizes that following the longest-serving law school dean in the United States will be no easy task.

"Dean [David] Link leaves big shoes to fill," she said. "The law school is currently ranked 21st in U.S. News and World Reports and much of its advance in its ranking is attributable to the efforts of Dean Link."

Current law students who have taken O'Hara's classes believe that she will be an excellent dean.

"Everyone in the law school loves her," said Karen DuBay a third-year law student. "I'm really excited. I think she's going to be a great dean."

O'Hara expressed support for her successor, Father Mark Poorman, who currently serves as an executive assistant to the University president.

"I think Father Poorman is a wonderful choice for this position," she said. "He's well known to undergraduates and enjoys a strong base of popular support among students. I think all of this will contribute to his ability to build bridges with students."

Poorman expressed a similar admiration for O'Hara and hopes to be able to live up to her performance in the position.

"She's one of my close personal friends. I think the world of her," he said. "She brought a powerful intellect and her own dedicated Catholic faith to the position. The phenomenal job she did has born incredible fruit in Student Affairs."

"I look forward to the privilege and the challenge of serving in the position," he added. "She has set a very high standard."

O'Hara said that the most challenging parts of her job were not those that students would expect, yet it was interaction with the Notre Dame community that she found most fulfilling.

"On far more occasions than I will ever be able to count, I have seen our students demonstrate over and over again their intelligence, their deep commitment to faith, and the obligation they feel to share their gifts with those in need, and my most enduring memory of my time in Student Affairs will be the goodness of our students," she said.

O'Hara graduated summa cum laude and first in her class from Notre Dame Law School in 1974. She was elected vice president for Student Affairs by the University's Board of Trustees in June 1990 and was the first woman to serve as an officer of Notre Dame.

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Timeline and major events in Student Affairs during her tenure.

1974

*Graduates from Notre Dame Law School.

1981

*Joins Notre Dame Law School as a professor.

1990

*Named vice president for Student Affairs, the first female officer of the University.

1991

*Students United For Respect sits in at the Office of Student Affairs to call for greater diversity-awareness programs.

1992

*Gays and Lesbians at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's (GLND/SMC) denied official club status.

1992

*Irish Guard temporarily disbanded for alcohol-related offenses.

1996

*GLND/SMC denied club status again. O'Hara recommends formation of a University-sponsored group for homosexual students.

1996

*Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs forms.

1997

*Spirit of Inclusion statement released.

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ND joins another sweatshop monitoring coalition

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Notre Dame has joined forces with Harvard University, the University of Michigan and the California University system in a new effort to monitor licensed apparel manufacturers.

The universities will hire an international accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers, to conduct and report on inspections of licensed factories. Notre Dame has been working with the firm since March, but this new initiative will allow the University to join with others and pool its resources, administrators say.

"This is one more thing we're doing to try to do to eradicate

sweatshop labor in the manufacturing of Notre Dame apparel," said William Hoye, associate vice president and counsel and chair of the University's sweatshop task force.

Under the new program, the universities can pay PricewaterhouseCoopers to visit more factories, according to Hoye, because of the increased financial resources and because one inspection can provide multiple schools with information.

Monitoring under this system will begin sooner than under the Fair Labor Association (FLA), a White House-backed organization to track wages and labor conditions at factories that manufacture garments

sold in the U.S. Monitoring by PricewaterhouseCoopers will likely begin in the next few months, while members of the FLA advisory council do not expect their group to be fully staffed until early next year.

Notre Dame was a founding member of the FLA, which has grown rapidly to include more than 60 American colleges and universities. But the group has been criticized by labor unions and student groups because it does not require public disclosure of apparel factory locations or guarantee that workers receive a "living wage."

These are two issues which Notre Dame's sweatshop task force will continue to study over the summer and which

they may recommend adding to the University's Code of Licensing Conduct next year, Hoye said. Notre Dame's sweatshop task force includes faculty, administrators, two student members and representatives of adidas and Champion.

Several members of the task force may travel this summer to apparel factories in Central America where Notre Dame merchandise is made to study working conditions there, Hoye said. That is dependent, however, on finances and timing.

The University will remain a member of the FLA and of the American Apparel Manufacturing Association, a group which certifies qualified factories as "no-sweat work-

places." It is not unlikely that Notre Dame will look for more anti-sweatshop agreements.

"We're trying to pursue all the credible options," Hoye said. "If we think that [one] will add something new that we're not already doing, we'll think about that."

The University is also cooperating with the Follett Corporation, which manages the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, to help pay PricewaterhouseCoopers to carry out further inspections. Many of the same factories that manufacture licensed Notre Dame apparel also do so for Follett, according to Hoye, and thus collaboration is mutually beneficial.

Four men will answer call to seminary life

By LAURA PETELLE
Assistant Managing Editor

While most graduates are preparing for jobs or postponing the real world for a few more years in medical, law or grad school, four Notre Dame men are pursuing a different post-graduate avenue: the seminary.

Jeff Duba, Nate Wills, Chuck Witschorik and Michael Wurtz will enter the Holy Cross novitiate on August 10. The four men currently live in Moreau Seminary, as members of Notre Dame's college seminary program. They will spend next year, their novitiate year, in Colorado. After that, the men will pursue master of divinity degrees here at Notre Dame.

"Being a public minister in the Church really excites me," said Wills. "I think I have some gifts and talents to share, and I really feel like a life of service and celebrating the sacraments is something I feel called to."

"It's kind of hard to explain to people [why I'm in the seminary]," Duba said. "It has to do with a sense of vocation or a call from God. To tell you the truth, I've realized that what I want to do with my life is basically introduce people to Christ. ... The priesthood is probably the way I can best do this, but if I don't become a priest, I'll still [bring people to Christ]."

The four men, if they choose to complete the seminary training, will become Holy Cross priests in about four years.

"What really attracts me to the Holy Cross fathers, is just

that the kind of people in the order are fabulous men, really inspiring," Duba said. "These guys are incredibly well-rounded, and normal guys."

Because Notre Dame is a Catholic school with students who are active in liturgy and service and serious about their faith, the men found the community to be extremely supportive of them their vocations.

"Notre Dame is just a vibrant faith community," said Duba. "It's a community that's open to and actively encourages the idea of religious life. I've never come across anybody here who has a problem with it. I've had nothing but encouragement from the community here."

"In general, [people at Notre Dame] have been wonderfully supportive," Wills said. "Coming here my freshman year, I expected people to cringe or give me a strange look when I said I was in a college seminary program, thinking about religious life and priesthood, but I've just got so many great supporters. It's allowed me to enter into conversations that I otherwise wouldn't have been able to."

In fact, Wills said, people talking to him about their faith is one of his favorite things about ministry.

"They've let me into their lives in such a wonderful way. It's an aspect of their life that they don't normally let people into, and that's a wonderful thing. That's been just a great opportunity and has really confirmed in me a call to ministry," Wills said.

Brother Scully to leave Keenan Hall

By COLLEEN GAUGHEN
News Writer

His presence and his stories will be missed the most, but the legacy of Keenan Hall rector Brother Bonaventure Scully's service and ministry will live on after he moves to Baltimore to work with the Xaverian Brothers.

Scully is stepping down after 14 years of service to the men's dorm. Formerly an educator in Memphis, Tenn., Denver and Baltimore, Scully came to Notre Dame in 1985 and began teaching a freshman seminar. The Class of 1999 is the last group of freshmen he taught.

"Brother is an incredibly smart man," said rising Keenan senior Billy Marshall. "No matter what subject is brought up, he has something to say about it; and it's not just an opinion, but an informed opinion."

Scully is a brother in the Belgian-based Xaverian order which emphasizes missions but has recently made advancements in education and prison ministry. Scully also co-founded the Notre Dame Encounter (NDE) program in Campus Ministry with Sister Jo Giarrante, then rector of Pasquerilla West.

"We took a team down there to experience that 10 years ago," said Scully. "The diocese of Richmond sponsors a retreat for college students throughout the state of Virginia. They come together five or six times a year, and we took 10 people from Notre Dame to experience it. They became the first NDE participants."

Ministry and community have been the focus of every event in Keenan, according to Scully. From the Great Pumpkin Carving in October to the Keenan Revue in January to Diversity in Human Rights Week in March, Keenan has been a consistently active dorm promoting service and ministry throughout the year.

"Promoting people to service is what I think is important," said Scully. "I see some needs and I push students to meet them. People say, 'Oh there's nothing to

to serving at the Dismas House, a South Bend halfway house, where he has cooked dinner every Monday night for the past 14 years.

"It's rumored that he's cooked a different meal every night," said rising Keenan sophomore Matt Kloser. "Brother is so flexible, and when he hears about a need, he meets it, like our 24-hour clothes drive for Hurricane Mitch and Indian reservations. He knows of so many needs out there."

The kitchen at Dismas House was recently dedicated to Brother Scully.

"Even though I get tired now at night, I'll miss staying up and talking with the kids," he said.

Scully has earned students' respect and admiration, according to several residents.

"His door is always open," said Kloser. "He never stops working."

Scully does not see leaving as an end but as a beginning.

"I'm not retiring, I'm moving on," said Scully. "There are some other ideas we're working on, such as establishing our religious community for volunteers in Baltimore. We're working on Basic Christian Communities, a youth ministry concept from South America that has taken root in this country."

After working in Baltimore, the future could take him anywhere, he said. It is not yet decided who will be Keenan's next rector.

"It's going to be interesting to see what goes on in the dorm next year," said Marshall. "A big part of Keenan tradition is leaving with Brother."

'A BIG PART OF KEENAN TRADITION IS LEAVING WITH BROTHER.'

BILLY MARSHALL
KEENAN SENIOR

do here,' but I don't know if that's fully true. You can create your own things to do, and that is the notion of the [Keenan] Underground."

While the Keenan Underground provides weekend social events from quiz bowls to swing dances, the Diversity in Human Rights Week offers an opportunity for students to learn about diversity through knowing themselves.

"We try to get one another to participate in a program where we would deepen our understanding and acceptance of other people," he said. "We all say we're not bias or prejudice, but in the end we are. And we have to see what we are. This week is for trying to provide opportunities to do that, and it's very difficult."

Scully has also been dedicated



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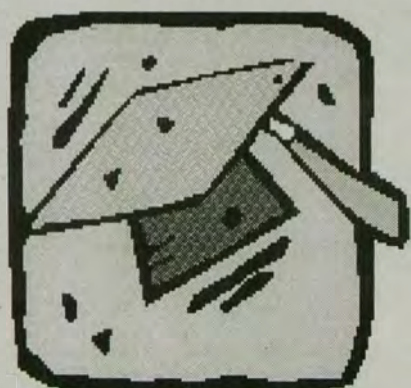
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Feigl to receive President's Medal

Special to The Observer

Dorothy Feigl, outgoing vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty at Saint Mary's, will be presented with the President's Medal in recognition of outstanding community service and contribution to the life of the College at the Saint Mary's commencement ceremony.

During Feigl's 33 years with the College, she served first as a chemistry professor and in her current position for the past 14 years. She has overseen the work of 19 academic departments, as well as the Cushwa-Leighton Library, the Center for Academic Innovation, the Freshman

Office, the Registrar's Office, the Office of Information Technology and the foreign

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study programs. Feigl has also secured millions of dollars for external funding to support new and existing academic

programs.

Feigl's colleagues had high praise for her.

"She is a delight to work with, always straightforward and direct," said Teresa Marcy, assistant to the vice president.

Feigl will spend next year on sabbatical before returning to teaching in the chemistry and physics departments.

"She's passionate about the kind of education students receive," said Linda Timm, vice president of Student Affairs. "She's very dedicated to this institution. I look forward to seeing her in a lab coat and goggles."

Sarah Magness contributed to this article.

Rioters to appear in fall Residence Life hearings

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Approximately 12 students will have hearings with the Office of Residence Life for their involvement in the disturbances that took place during and after the power outage early April 26, according to Jeffrey Shoup, director of Residence Life.

Students will be disciplined for obstructing police and fire officials, adding fuel to bonfires and disrespecting security personnel. Reports have been filed with Residence Life, Shoup said, but most hearings will not be held until next semester. Disciplinary action will be decided after the hearings are held.

It is policy of the office of Residence Life not to hold disciplinary hearings during final exams, and the reports were not completely filed or reviewed before classes ended. Any involved students who will be on campus in the summer or who live in the area may be called in to Residence Life, Shoup said.

Administrators will not release the names of students involved or discuss individual cases, but they have repeatedly emphasized that the behav-

ior of some students that night was unacceptable.

"I hope our students recognize how inappropriate it was," said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life. "There's just nothing attractive about this behavior."

Shoup expressed hope that the disciplinary process will remind students of what their responsibilities are to the University community.

"I think you could say our process is a way to educate people of our standards," Shoup said. "This is a way to re-educate people about what is appropriate and what is inappropriate."

During and after an approximately 40 minute power outage at 1 a.m. on Monday, April 26, large groups of students left darkened buildings and flooded the quads. Six bonfires were lit in various locations across campus, which fire officials put out before any significant damage was done.

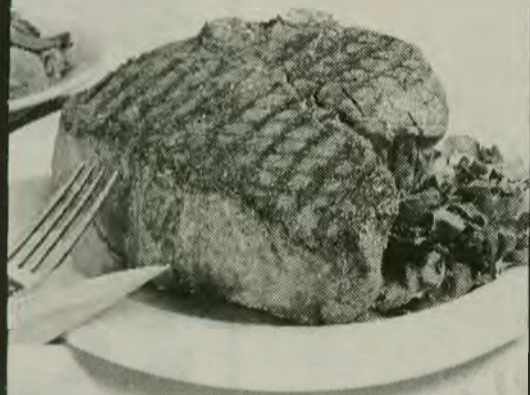
Some students harassed fire and security officials who were attempting to douse the blazes, and a few attempted to physically obstruct their efforts. Those identified in the disturbances will have a hearing with the office of Residence Life.

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Marisa Limon	St. Anthony	Brownsville TX	4th
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Veronica Maldonado	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Dallas TX	2nd
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John McMahon	St. Petersburg Catholic	St. Petersburg FL	History
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Regina couch fire causes dormwide evacuation

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's News Editor

A small fire caused the evacuation of Regina Hall Saturday night as Saint Mary's Security and the Notre Dame Fire Department (NDFD) worked to

control the blaze.

A couch in the south lounge was ignited at approximately 7:08 p.m., and the fire was controlled by Security within minutes, officials said.

NDFD and the South Bend Fire Department (SBFD)

arrived on the scene at 7:13 p.m., extinguished the smoldering couch and removed smoke from the building. Students returned to their rooms at approximately 9 p.m.

The cause of the fire is still unknown.

Regina Hall director Melinda Brown said she noticed smoke coming from the lounge. She removed a couch cushion and realized the couch was on fire.

"The probable cause of the fire is a cigarette," said Marty Orłowski, NDFD crew chief.

"Saint Mary's did not ask for a fire investigation, so the cause will be documented as 'suspicious.'"

Saint Mary's Security chose not to investigate the fire because it was probably accidental, said Patti Valentine, director of Media and Community Relations.

"The fire department had said that the cause was most likely accidental due to an ash or a cigarette, and Security felt that no additional investigation was necessary," Valentine said.

The fire could have been a serious danger because certain toxic materials are

released when couches burn, explained Al Kirsits, SBFD battalion chief.

"Because of the material in couches, a simple couch fire is different," he said.

"Couches can generate toxic smoke, and the fuel for the fire causes increased temperatures in buildings. Especially in old couches, if even a small hole is burned, it can smolder. When you think you've got it out, it re-ignites."

Saint Mary's prohibits candles and strings of lights in dorm rooms; however, smoking in selected lounges, like the south lounge, is allowed.

"This is one of the reasons that there is no smoking in dorm buildings at Notre Dame," Orłowski said. "Our primary concern is student safety. There are no candles allowed and no smoking allowed to practice fire prevention."

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■ SECURITY BEAT

Police arrest man for vandalism

By COLLEEN GAUGHEN
News Writer

The Notre Dame Security/Police arrested Michigan resident Jose Banda on May 6 for theft after receiving reports that several automobiles had been broken into in the C-1, D-2 and D-6 parking lots during the past few weeks.

The most recent of the break-ins occurred early Thursday morning between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m., when stereo equipment and compact discs were stolen from a locked car in the D-6 parking lot.

"He's a known thief and burglar," said director of security police Rex Rakow. Banda was also found in possession of marijuana and other stolen material and is now in jail, according to Rakow. The department is investigating the situation further.

Students whose cars allegedly were broken into included rising junior Pat Gilligan and rising sophomores Peter Baggenstos and Arnaz Battle.

Senior Russ Chiapetta's car was keyed, but nothing was stolen.

"[The thief] had a device that knocks out the lock on the car door," said Chiapetta. "[Gilligan and Baggenstos] were on their way to storage and each lost about \$1,200 worth of stuff," Chiapetta said. Battle lost his stereo.

Rakow said the break-ins are not necessarily due to students moving out, but that the probability of theft increases whenever there is a large gathering of cars.

"There hasn't really been much theft this year," said Rakow. "It's just been these last three weeks."

According to Rakow, there have not been any more reported break-ins since the arrest of Banda, but he still cautions everyone to be aware of what is going on and to report any suspicious activity.

"It's also helpful to check your car everyday," Rakow said. "If you see anything suspicious or out of place, call in and we'll check it out."

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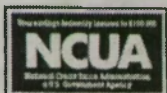
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Many graduates focus on service, spirituality

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Assistant News Editor

While some seniors sign with Fortune 500 companies or plan road trips after graduation, many are preparing to spend months or even years living in different states and countries working with the poor.

According to Andrea Shappell, director of the senior transition program at the Center for Social Concerns (CSC), approximately 170 seniors have committed to service projects upon graduation. That number is down from last year's group of 188, but Shappell added, it should raise to around 180 by the end of summer.

"Some students see [service] as a way of exploring career options," said Shappell, who said she noticed a trend for students to defer job offers or graduate school to commit to service opportunities. For most students, she said, "[service] is a natural transition."

"I didn't want to jump into the business world," said Melissa Matheny, who plans to spend two years with the Peace Corps working as a bee-keeper in Latin America. "Making money is not what life is necessarily all about."

Students from all backgrounds

will spend the next year helping others.

"I really wanted to do service," said 1999 Notre Dame valedictorian Jennifer Ehren, who will participate in Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program.

"I felt a need or desire to give to others," said John Infranca, who wants to "live simply" for the next year with Holy Cross Associates in either Portland, Ore., or San Francisco. "[It will be a] totally different experience than the rest of

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NECESSARILY ALL ABOUT.'**

MELISSA MATHENY
SENIOR

my life will be like."

Many students seek service opportunities to integrate "spirituality, community living" into one's life decisions, said Shappell.

"I don't see it as a way of figuring out your life," she said, but noted that service "opens up a broader base of opportunities."

Bridget Holland might agree with Shappell. Holland is deciding between positions as a college program coordinator or as a member

of AmeriCorps in Northern California. She said she her decision will be based on "whatever's more challenging."

One thing Holland is sure of is that Notre Dame has influenced her decisions.

"[Notre Dame] instigated that goal or desire [to do service]," she said.

Many students agree that Notre Dame's emphasis on service and giving to others has influenced their decisions a great deal.

"My education made me think more [of what it means to] live a Christian life," said Infranca, who will graduate with a minor in theology. He chose to join the Holy Cross Associates because of its influence on community life, something he came to appreciate at Notre Dame.

"I think about things differently," said Matheny. "[Experience at Notre Dame] helped me learn about the poverty of the world."

The CSC will host the Senior Service Send Off on Saturday, May 15, to celebrate the graduates committed to service after graduation. The event will honor the 170 graduates serving next year in more than 40 service programs in 15 countries, according to Father Don McNeill, executive director of the CSC.

*Center for Social Concerns
ceremony will honor
service-bound seniors*

Special to The Observer

Some 170 Notre Dame graduating seniors who are embarking on a year or more of service in this country and abroad will be honored at the University's annual Senior Service Send-Off Saturday at 10 a.m. in Washington Hall.

The ceremony will honor the graduates who will be serving in more than 40 service programs in 15 countries.

Edmund Cardinal Szoka, president of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City and former archbishop of Detroit, will lead a prayer to open the ceremony. Cardinal Szoka will also receive an honorary degree from the University at commencement exercises Sunday.

University president Father Edward Malloy will address the seniors, as will Mark Laboe, a 1989 Notre Dame graduate and Holy Cross associate in Chile from 1989 to 1991. Laboe now directs Amate House, the young adult volunteer program for the Catholic archdiocese of Chicago, where several Notre Dame graduates have been volunteers.

A special feature of this year's send-off will be an appearance by former U.S. senator Harris Wofford, now chief executive officer of the Corporation for Public Service.

Wofford has played an important role in the advancement of volunteer service from the foundation of the Peace Corps to the foundation of AmeriCorps.

Corporation awards financial support to ACE

Special to The Observer

The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) at Notre Dame has received two new grants and annual education awards totaling almost \$1 million from the Corporation for National Service, the parent agency for AmeriCorps and other federal service initiatives.

ACE has been awarded \$119,200 in funding for pro-

gramming to support the program's summer teacher-training and service-learning institute, as well as on-site supervision of ACE teachers by University faculty.

Another grant will provide Notre Dame's Model Programs in Teacher Training and Education with \$100,000 to recruit master teachers as clinical faculty members in the Master in Education Program,

maintain program evaluation and support on-site mentorship of ACE teachers.

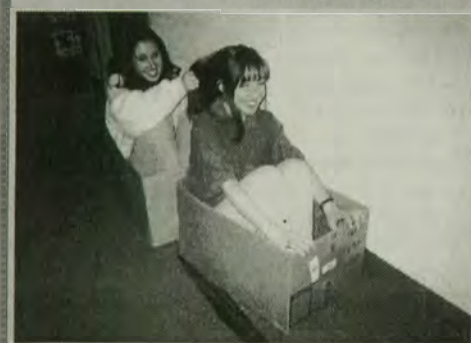
A portion of the latter grant also will be used to fund two significant educational research studies — one by Michael Pressley, the Notre Dame Professor of Catholic Education and professor of psychology, who will examine the challenges for first-year teachers; and a second by F. Clark Power, chair and

professor in the Program of Liberal Studies, who will study moral educators.

Since the founding of ACE in 1994, the Corporation for National Service has served as the program's largest foundational benefactor. At that time, ACE was selected as one of 11 Higher Education Demonstration Programs in a national competition. Through the Learn and Serve America Program and

AmeriCorps, the corporation has provided grants, as well as \$4,725 annual awards to all qualifying ACE participants, who are thereby considered full-time AmeriCorps members. This year, 127 ACE participants will receive more than \$600,000 in AmeriCorps education awards, which the program's graduates can use to reduce federal student loans or to pursue further graduate study.

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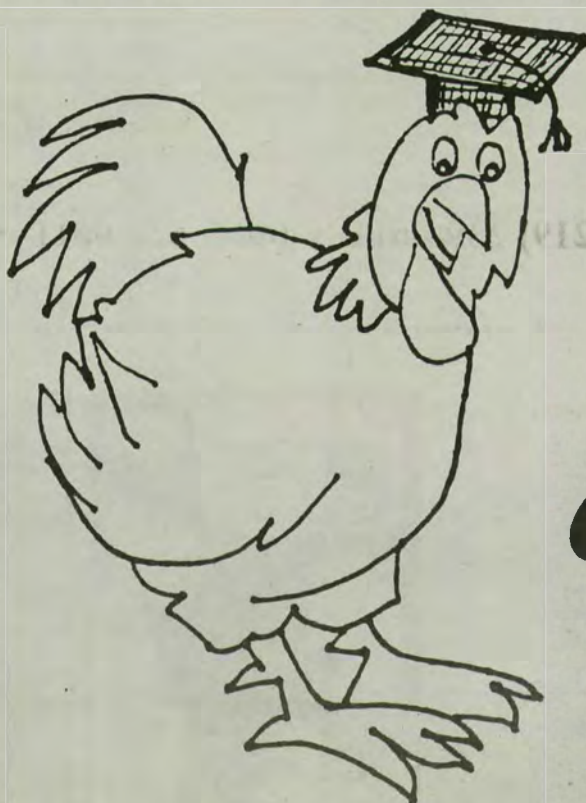
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■ GUEST COLUMN

The Choices We Make Determine the End of the Story

On Feb. 10, 1994, I decided that I'd go for a jog. Unless you remember back that far, this should seem perfectly normal; but if you live anywhere in the northeast of the country, you probably remember the blizzard of 1994.

Spencer Stefko



You may remember it because you had to miss work or because you got to miss school, or because it shut down entire cities for a week. My family and friends remember it because I decided to go for a jog. It was three degrees, and the wind-chill was well below zero. Needless to say, this will not be a story of intelligence.

For the first 3.3 miles of my run, my time was the best that I'd ever had. What happened immediately after would change a whole bunch of lives in a hurry.

I don't remember much about what happened next — just waking up in the hospital about 45 minutes later. Come to think of it, I don't remember much about the next seven months either. I still don't know what really happened. I just know it was something that had to do with my heart. Apparently it's a bad thing when it stops beating. Oh, yeah, I almost forgot — my memory stopped working, too.

It wasn't partially damaged — I didn't just forget little things. Nah. The thing simply broke. Any ability to learn new information was gone. I couldn't remember Jack. (I'm not being crude, Ma — I really couldn't remember meeting Jack.) I couldn't meet any new people, actually (for longer than a few seconds, anyway). I couldn't remember that I had taken a

shower. I couldn't remember that I had eaten. I couldn't learn anything new in school.

We went to Johns Hopkins to see the best neurologist in the country. The group there had never seen anything like this before. Hell, they had never "heard" of anything like this before. They called it pure amnesia, simply for lack of a better term. The only other time this had happened was to someone who had a hemisphere of his brain removed.

For a moment, put yourself in my parents' shoes. Their kid went from captain of two varsity sports teams and president of the student body to a walkin', talkin', no-memory-havin' vegetable. One second your pride and joy (okay, one of your seven prides and joys) has the world by the tail. The next moment, the best doctors in the country are telling you that he probably won't ever be able to live on his own.

College? Law school? Pppbbbbbtttttttt. Unless he had already learned enough to pass the G.E.D., their kid wouldn't even be educated on a high school level.

The real story of this story begins here. My Ma basically shut down her life for the next seven months or so to do everything for me that I used to do on my own. My Daddy had to face the choice that every graduating senior will have to face some day: Work or family? It looks easy on paper, but in reality, the choice could read more like: What you worked for for the past 30 to 40 years of your life or family?

They made the choice that I'm sure everyone wishes they could make — they chose family. They had never had to drop everything of their own interest before, but they did.

Fate asked my brothers and sisters to cancel usual commitments to do things for me — take me to and from rehab, take me to and from school, and to help me with my rehab. It asked them to understand how this kid who appeared

perfectly normal (except for the 35 pounds I put on in the month immediately following my jog) needed someone to tell him when to shower, when to stop showering, and which towel to use. They had choices to make — and never once did they choose selfishly.

My high school best friend was called on to sacrifice her senior prom so she could take me and basically chaperone me for the evening.

My high school teachers never had to face the decision of whether or not to take a kid back in school for a fifth year who probably wouldn't be able to pass his classes. But when the subject came up in a faculty meeting, the head of the discipline board (who had just recently taken me off of probation) closed the matter to debate by saying, "Let's do this."

The high school basketball coach never had to decide which he wanted more: to win basketball games or help kids out. (Doctors had said that physical activity would be good to help me return to the way my life was. Soccer was out because striking a ball with one's head is not — contrary to Looney Tunes wisdom — the best way to regain memory.)

The coach was building an impressive basketball program, but the next step in proving you're serious about winning games is not to let a soft, out of shape zombie on your team who had never played basketball before in his life. Fate made him make a choice.

There's more to the story, but no space here. There's the anecdote about my father walking into the hospital to ask me if I had eaten. I told him "no" right before he realized that there were 8 empty personal pan pizza boxes behind me (that, apparently, was breakfast). I couldn't remember when I ate, so I just ate all the time.

Or the one about me showering constantly until I learned to put my clothes on inside-out to signal to myself, at a glance, that I had showered.

There are the countless stories of me

meeting people 10, 20 times. Just like Corn Flakes: Meet them again — for the first time.

The list is endless, but the stories are for another day. Before I go, I've got three points for everyone.

First, anyone who thinks that graduation is a personal triumph rather than the culmination of other people's effort, is dreadfully misguided. I don't know about you specifically, but my support network deserves the degree I get on Sunday more than I do.

Secondly, everyone in this column was pushed to make decisions that they never dreamed they would have to make. When pushed, everyone in this column — without fail — chose the selfless route. This is the true story. Heck, my Ma never went more than a few hours without seeing me for five or six months.

All graduating seniors will be making these choices in no time. The choices we make will determine the endings to these stories. We can choose to be part of stories that read like this, or we can choose to be part of stories that read like tragedies.

Thirdly, it ain't about money. Any Notre Dame graduate will have a chance to make good money (except the American Studies graduates). But time spent — not money spent — made me recover from this. It didn't matter if my father was a rich man, a poor man, a gingerbread man. All that mattered was how patient he would be with me during rehab, how much time he would invest in me.

These will be our decisions very soon. If we do half as well as the people mentioned above, the people who depend on us will be as lucky as I was.

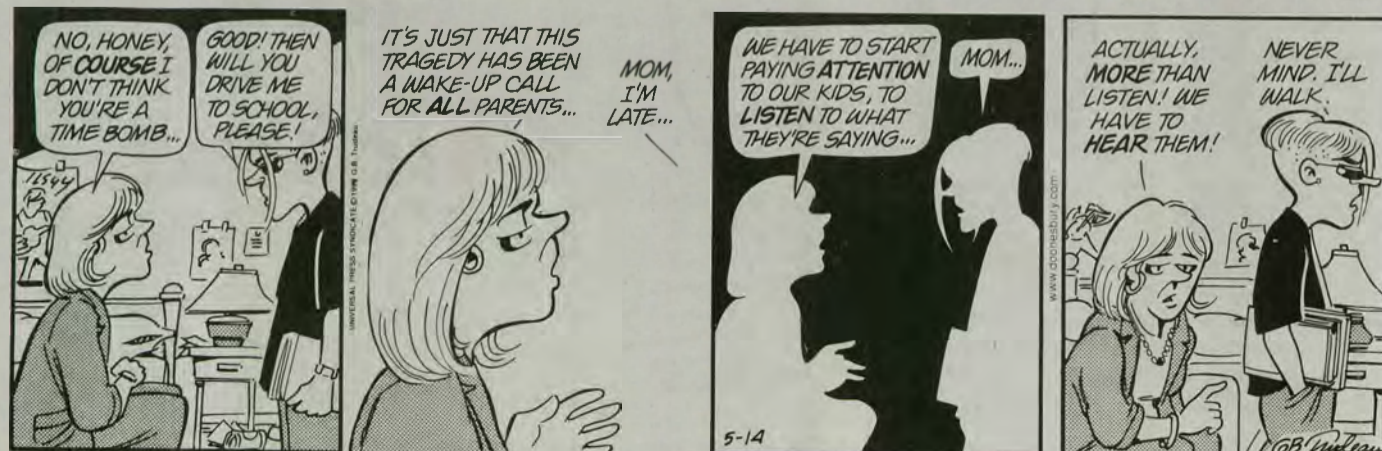
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■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Wear sunscreen.'

—Mary Schmich

■ GUEST COLUMN

Loving the Tarnished Dome

The last thing I expected was to graduate from the University of Notre Dame. The school in South Bend, Ind., was everything I was not: Catholic, conservative, Midwestern and football-obsessed. To almost everyone in my family, these images screamed incompatibility and misery for a Protestant, Southern girl like myself. This was a place where 90 percent of the population could never imagine having a woman lead a church service. The student body was used to snow, wind, shovels and scrapers. Notre Dame was the antithesis of everything I had experienced or imagined.

But I was determined. The more I read about Notre Dame, the more I was convinced it was where I could finally find myself. And after visiting, I felt that stereotypical sense of home — everything seemed to fit somehow. I could see myself walking in front of the Dome, meeting friends in LaFortune, singing in the Basilica. I could survive the frigid weather and the Midwestern town. This was the place.

To me, college offered an escape from the high-school world I hated where perfectly roamed the hallways in impenetrable cliques and determined the fate of the masses with the point of a manicured finger or the flip of straight, blonde hair. I was not one of them: too smart, silly and unremarkable to ever be considered "popular."

I signed the acceptance letter and started over. I joined clubs and went to mixers, flirted shamelessly and made sure that no one guessed I had never had a date in high school, had never been drunk before that party in 915 Flanner Hall. For about three weeks, I led the perfect life of a Notre Dame freshman.

But even nine dance dates in one semester could not quash the loneliness I felt as the novelty of community bathrooms and bunkbeds started to thin. I kept telling myself that there was no reason to be unhappy with this place, this school where no one knew I used to binge on peanut M&Ms and Oreos on Friday nights while the rest of my classmates were hanging out at football games and movies together. I had moved my stuffed animals and my preppy wardrobe 13 hours and 4 states north of Atlanta, but my mind had not yet left high school. I was surrounded by everything I had ever wanted — the popular crowd, the parties, the camaraderie — and by everything I thought I had been missing. No one had told me that sometimes the middle of the crowd is the loneliest place to be.

Blaming Notre Dame for my unhappiness was the easiest thing to do. Instead of admitting that being part of the crowd was not the magic solution guaranteed to erase any traces of life

before arrival in South Bend, I used every little thing I disliked about Notre Dame as a reason to transfer. Parietals. Gray skies. Catholicism. Conformity. Of course I knew about all of these things before I arrived, but they suddenly seemed like the perfect reason to leave. I refused to entertain the thought that perhaps I was the only person responsible for the misery, that every other university I had turned down had its own set of real and imagined faults just like the ones I saw surrounding the Golden Dome.

There isn't one particular moment that made me decide to give Notre Dame a second chance. It might have been the way the light fell on the water one lonely night around the lakes, or the way my voice floated in the Basilica during my first Chorale concert. Slowly I realized I was judging Notre Dame by the same impossible standards that had been used to judge me in high school, criticizing all the unimportant parts without considering the completeness of the whole. Notre Dame was not there to be perfect, it was there to help me discover the beauty of imperfection.

Some of the most important lessons a college can teach are those of independence, dissent and change. Ideas of infallibility can only breed close-mindedness, and Notre Dame, far from infallible, will always be in the process of finding herself. She still clings to the narrow view that discrimination based on sexual orientation is tolerable. She is still over-protective of her children to a fault, even as they reach adulthood. But could we have ever learned as much about ourselves in a place we never fought with, a place that was always right?

I always used to roll my eyes when my parents told me that one day I would realize they were right. Sometimes I still do. But as I stand to leave this place, I finally understand what they meant. Somewhere in the middle of everything, between the days I almost packed my bags and the moments I wished graduation would never arrive, Notre Dame was right. All those things I disagreed with here made me a stronger person, full of indepen-

dence and opinion. And those things that I loved — many that will only be realized years after graduation — are the lessons Notre Dame and I learned together.

In the middle of the chaos, it seems, this University and I found each other.

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Heather MacKenzie



■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Professor O'Hara Bids Farewell

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my prayers and best wishes to the members of the class of 1999. Commencement is a time of many mixed emotions. Pride in your achievements, excitement and apprehension about new beginnings, happiness and sadness all come together as you prepare to leave.

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

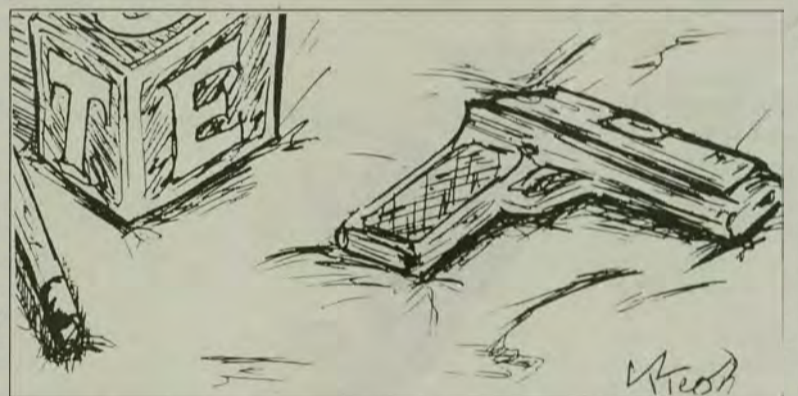
For those of you leaving with graduate and professional degrees, I hope that you will carry with you the best of our traditions as they relate to your discipline. If you bring to your chosen field a strong set of ethical convictions and a commitment to justice, you will represent the very best of Notre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

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

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

Professor Patricia A. O'Hara
Vice President for Student Affairs
May 10, 1999

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR



What I Learned From My Kids: Growing Up Deteriorates Society

Children represent one of the most fulfilling passions in my life. I work and volunteer in day care. Yeah, I know guys are supposed to appear tough and not become completely vulnerable at the sight of an infant, but whatever that makes me, so be it. I am not going to deny myself the single most rewarding part of my day to fit into a stereotype or be like the other guys.

At one of the daycare centers where I volunteered, I am the only male out of two dozen employees. When I started, parents often looked twice at me, and one even commented, "That's nice of you," as if I was doing mandatory service against my will. None of that bothers me. I sincerely love children, and we have a lot to learn from them.

I watch these kids of all different races, nationalities and religions interact so well with one another, recognizing everyone else as equal friends. Beyond name, every other characteristic is irrelevant. After attaining perfection at such an early age, something drastic occurs: They grow up. These innocent, all-loving children become tainted in this world saturated with racial crimes, religious wars and discrimination.

What happens to us between the ages of 3 and 23? We learn to look down on those different from us because we live in a world which contaminates our most important resource. Fortunately, "we" does not apply to all of us, but it does reflect much of society. Considerable progress has been made, but we still have a long road ahead before we recapture that perfect state we held as mere children.

Every time I consider this three-year-old's utopia, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of hope. I also scorn current society. Treating everyone as equals is not a new concept for us. It's just one we've long since forgotten.

Mike Miazga
Senior
Off-Campus
April 10, 1999

■ GUEST COLUMN

Why I Won't Miss ND

When I think about what the last four years have meant to me, I realize that I wouldn't change a thing. Don't get me wrong — I still had those days when I wished I had gone elsewhere, but I stuck with it. After all, if I had not stayed here, I would not have made the friends I have grown to love and call my family. Without these friends, I would not have been able to survive this pseudo-community people call Notre Dame.

I came to Notre Dame with the intentions of being loved and respected as I had been in my small town of Pearsall, Texas. The people of our church, who happen to be primarily Mexican-

American, treated everyone with love and respect. When choosing to come to Notre Dame, I declined to go to other prestigious universities solely because Notre Dame was the No. 1 Catholic school in the nation. I figured since my church from Pearsall was so loving and accepting of me, Notre Dame, being Catholic, would also be loving and accepting. Boy, was I fooled.

Not only being Mexican-American but being gay on this campus has been a nightmare. I have never been more insulted by people who consider themselves to be followers of the Catholic tradition. Tradition is constantly being uttered throughout this campus and tradition is what I have received. The tradition of racism and hatred, that is.

I remember my freshman year when there was a racial war going on in The Observer. I am sure everyone can regurgitate the words of Fred Kelly and Tia Likely and all the others who thought it would be nice to bash every race but their own. Native Americans were referred to as "savages" and white people were referred to as "white devils." I have never been so embarrassed to be a part of this University. I was mistaken to believe that coming to a Catholic university I would be living in a community in which people loved one another. I was wrong.

After the racial tension my freshman year, things got worse. People began to hear that I was gay and felt that they could harass me whenever they felt like it. I would study in my room and overhear people outside my room announce to others that the room I lived in was where the homosexual lived. Then I started receiving insulting and threatening phone calls. I ended up taking those who harassed me to Residence Life. Nothing, of course, came out of it. They ended up getting a slap on the hand and told never to do that again. Go figure. At this University people can get away with just about anything if it is against people of color or homosexuals.

I thought I had found a niche at this University where I could let out all my frustrations and express myself any way I wanted. I'm a theatre and English major, so I figured I could either express myself through my writings or performance. Wrong again, ladies and gentlemen. Not only was it sad, but it was humiliating to work with some people in the film, television and theatre department. Everyone usually

considers the theatre majors as the most open-minded of all students. Don't be fooled, though. Some of my peers can be the biggest jerks and small-minded people at times. And let's not forget those

who teach us. I tired of those professors who thought they were all into multiculturalism and felt that because they had two or three people of color in their class that they are down for the fight against racism. Time after time, I've been asked why people of color do not audition for plays. The answer is simple: People of color who do audition never get cast and if they do get cast, it is always a small role. And let's not overlook the plays that are performed here. How many are written by people of color or homosexuals? I've realized that the only way one is performed is if another person of color directs one.

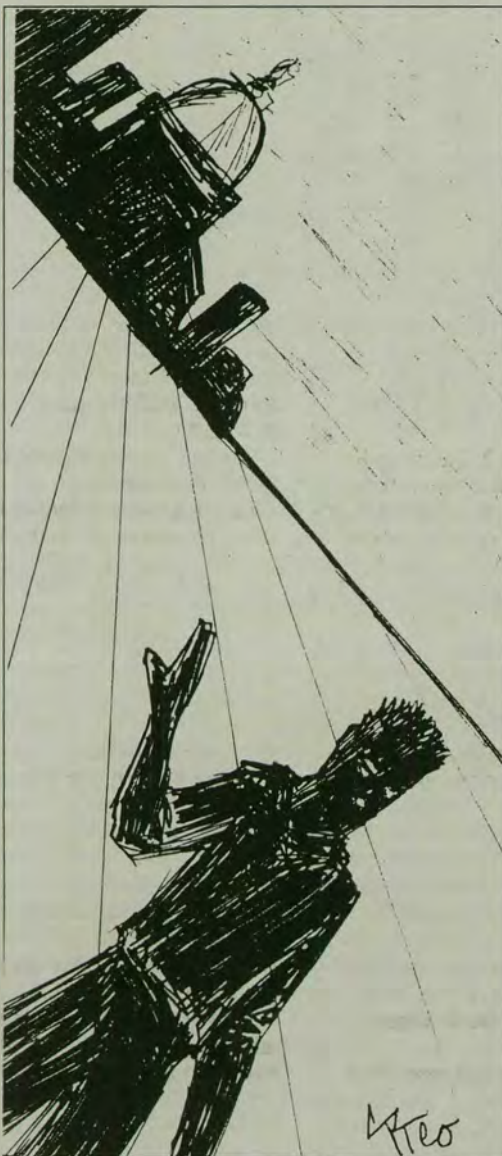
I have had my good times, though, with my friends. That is one thing that I give Notre Dame credit for. It doesn't take much to be my friend. You have to open-minded and a good listener basically. My friends have taught me a lot, especially since they all come from different backgrounds, religious traditions and ethnicities. I pity those who went four years without getting to know a person of color or a homosexual. I know there are many of you out there who have missed out on wonderful friendships. So stop being deprived and get ready for a big slap in the face in the real world.

I won't miss Notre Dame. And I won't miss most of the Domers either. People need to grow up and learn to love one another. Remember that it is Jesus' greatest commandment. Domers need to learn how to dress and dance, too. I'm so glad to be leaving this horrible place; I'm not so glad to be leaving my friends. I pray that Notre Dame changes for the better.

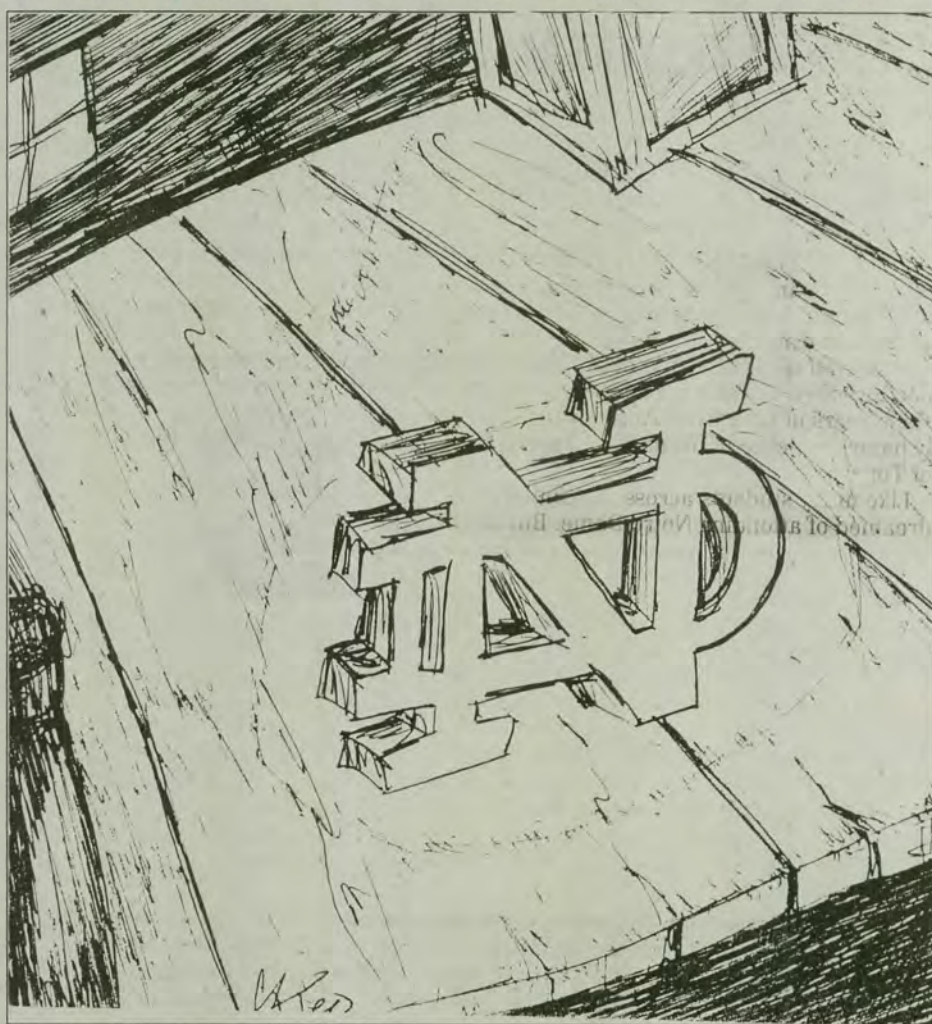
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Ricky Ramón



■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Despite Creepy Traditions, Notre Dame is the Place for Me

Today, I feel compelled to write this quick little letter that is, I'm afraid, not at all controversial and lacking in all debate. It's simply something I feel like sharing with my fellow Domers. Kind of a shout out to those who find Notre Dame amusing. Take from it what you will.

It seems somedays there are a million little things that drive me absolutely insane about Notre Dame and make me wonder where the heck I am and what I have done to myself coming here. I read The Observer so I know others feel the same way. See, I am a junior transfer, or at least that was how I introduced myself until I survived my first semester without immediately failing out (which was nice).

Now I consider myself a fully actualized Domer and I am immensely proud of this fact. One of the perks of being a full-fledge Notre Dame student is that now I can write to The Observer and share my mundane views with you and I am enjoying this privilege. I came here having gone to Saint Louis University my freshman year, then studying in Ireland my entire sophomore year. Yes, this is my third university in three years — back off. Anyway, as the year is coming to a close, I have been asked on more than one occasion how I feel about my new school, what my impressions are having been to two other colleges and if I have any regrets.

Well, I am one of those people who openly mocks what seems to be all that is Notre Dame. Lots of things amuse me about the way things run here that maybe shouldn't if I am to consider myself a true Domer. I own very little Notre Dame apparel or paraphernalia, and you won't see me wearing shamrocks on my face at the football games. I have no idea what the words to the famous Fight Song are or the Alma Mater, and don't even ask me where our football team stands in the rankings. The fact that every local news television station seems to revolve around what's happening on campus is creepy. The old-school relations

between sexes on campus are entirely weird to me. I shouldn't even go into the whole phenomenon of single-sex dorms and parietals. The fact that the RA on duty jangles keys every night as a code at parietal time to get you bad boys out has put me over the edge more than a few times. I am not a regular frequenter of the famous Notre Dame SYR — or Rolfs for that matter. The dorm mascot thing is odd to me, too. I think I'm a Purple Weasel of some sort, but I haven't really grasped the meaning of this yet. The list goes on and on. Don't let my avoidance and occasional fear of these traditional Notre Dame characteristics fool you though; I consider this school mine and I regret nothing in transferring here.

Notre Dame is not parietals and shamrock stickers to me, and these little personal annoyances cannot ever truly change the bigger picture for me. While I may not seem to represent the typical Notre Dame student, and I may cringe at the sight of the ultra-Domers, don't doubt that I have as much love for this place as the guy next to me in NDH wearing the full Notre Dame sweat suit. To me, and I imagine most, the Notre Dame degree embodies hard work, overcoming intellectual challenges and becoming a well-rounded person. Notre Dame will always have a special place in my life as a goal I had in mind and a goal I worked hard to achieve, and it will continue to be a source of confidence as I seek to achieve new goals and face new challenges.

So while the obsessive outward worship of Notre Dame by more than a few alumnus and students may frighten me, I must say I still dig it here for all its bizarreness. So in short, even though I jest, I have no regrets and I love this whole creepy place.

And that's all I have to say about that.

Nora Daly
Junior
Pasquerilla West
April 15, 1999

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

God, Canada, Notre Dame

As graduation draws near, the University has gone to unusual lengths to tell the story of six particular students: Tao, Christopher, Goran, Benoit, Emm and Jamiko. In a recent University press release (7 May 1999), I noticed that Anthony "Canada" Cecutti's story did not appear. Yet his story is one that must not go untold.

In the fall of 1995, as freshman were arriving on a beautiful campus in northwestern Indiana to begin what would become the four most memorable years of their lives, Anthony (or "Canada" as he has been appropriately named because of his nationality) was beginning college at the University of Toronto.

Like many students across the United States, Canada had always dreamed of attending Notre Dame. But like so many who have demonstrated high scholastic aptitude, dedicated community involvement and exemplary character, Canada was not afforded that opportunity.

It took another year before Canada got the chance to transfer to Notre Dame and fulfill his lifelong dream. The obvious comparison that one might draw is that Canada is simply another "Rudy." While they both transferred to this University and are both referred to by their nicknames, this is anything but the case. Canada is not Rudy; more accurately, Rudy is no Canada.

The story of Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger is one that sparks images of a kid who might not have belonged at Notre Dame. But his love for this University, along with persistence, was enough to make his dream come true as the popular 1993 movie "Rudy" demonstrated. The story of Anthony "Canada" Cecutti sparks images of a kid who should have been at Notre Dame from the beginning, but who was able to respond positively to negative circumstances and still realize his lasting dream.

When Canada finally got to Notre Dame the next year, he was presented with a new challenge: becoming part of Notre Dame while living off-campus. It was not until the following year that he had the opportunity to fully experience what it meant to be a part of the Notre Dame community. As a resident of Sorin College, he had to deal with the awkwardness of trying to assimilate himself into a small environment where deep bonds of friendship had been formed well before he had arrived at either Notre Dame or his dorm.

The challenges of being a transfer student are great. How many of us have heard other students question whether a particular transfer student even belonged at Notre Dame? How many of us have assumed that transfer students must be "less" or they would have been here from the beginning?

Yet while this constantly goes on, few stop to realize that the path of transfer students is perhaps more difficult than those who started their college experience at Notre Dame. For someone whose lifelong dream it is to come to Notre Dame, being granted admission is only the beginning of realizing that dream. The biggest challenge is being accepted as a peer among the students who started here as freshmen.

Yet after little more than a semester, Canada was able to earn the friendship, respect and trust of those who surrounded him. He was selected to be a Resident Advisor in Sorin when the odds were clearly against him.

To assume that the road toward success for a transfer student isn't filled with many obstacles would be a mistake. As Canada would tell you, it is not easy to be an outsider looking in at Notre Dame when our community is so close. It is even more difficult to become an insider in this community when being labeled as "different." But he was able to do it while keeping a smile on his face and keeping his chin held high. The rewards and the memories for making such an effort will last Canada a lifetime.

Canada's involvement in service to both the campus and the local South Bend community has also not gone unnoticed by those who know him. This year, for example, Canada was the recipient of the two highest awards given annually to graduates from Sorin College: the Sorin Hall Spirit Award and the Jay Kelly Memorial Award, which is given to an outstanding senior who exemplifies what it means to be a part of the Notre Dame and Sorin College community. Yet Canada is an unassuming individual who does not seek attention but naturally gains it because of his concern for others — the kind of person that makes you remember why Notre Dame is different from Georgetown or Duke.

For those who know Canada, it was not a surprise to hear that after graduation, he will not immediately head to medical school. Instead, Canada will spend his next year — like nearly 200 other members of the Class of 1999 — engaged in a year of service. He will live and work with the extremely poor and homeless of South Bend who face addiction issues at Life Treatment Centers. He demonstrates what author Kevin Coyne meant when he wrote: "College students, by nature, are inclined to think they can change the world, but Notre Dame students are more inclined than most actually to try" ("Domers," 1995).

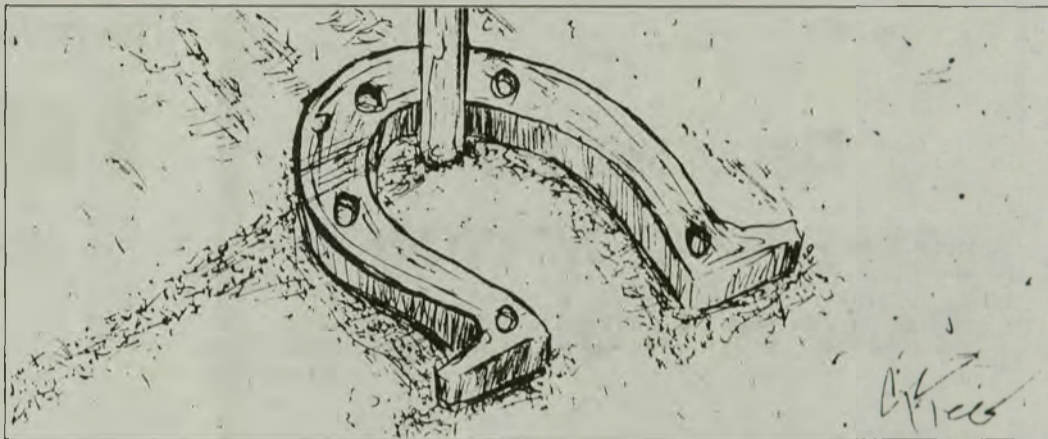
As the Class of 1999 prepares to leave Notre Dame, Canada's story reminds us that so many of us take our time here for granted. Few graduating seniors would be able to tell stories of more difficult paths that led to this weekend. And yet even fewer graduating seniors have demonstrated to the same extent as Canada what it means to be a student here.

When Canada graduates on Sunday, he will take with him a tremendous story of overcoming difficult circumstances to succeed. For someone who may have arrived behind most of his graduating class, he leaves much farther ahead in the game of life. He recognized the value of a Notre Dame education when it would have been easier to simply be complacent and graduate from the university where he started.

The greatest benefit of Canada's story is that it reminds all of us of one clear reality: no matter what happens in the future, the Notre Dame experience is one that can never be taken away from any of us. For at least one time in our lives, we were all students under the lady atop the golden dome.

Nick Tyszk
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May 11, 1999

■ LIFE AT ND



The Company Picnic

"Klank!!"

"Oh no!! Not again!!"

Nobody could believe it! My dad had landed another ringer!! His team went wild with excitement. I suppose I shouldn't have been surprised. Horseshoes had always been one of his favorite games.

I remember people shouting, "Next time, we want Mel (Sr.) on OUR team!" How could my brother, sister and I be any prouder? Dad was the most popular guy at the company's family picnic!!

As Mel, Jr., I tried my best to be a chip off the old block. Unfortunately, my 11-year-old arms just weren't strong enough. I tried flicking the shoes with one hand, like Dad, and almost broke my wrist. I even tried overhand, to the horror of many people who had to take off running when the flung shoe careened off the ground at some weird angle toward them. How my father could flick the darn things all the way to that distant pole with one hand, I never understood. I was sure he was the strongest guy in the world.

Adding to his popularity, it was Dad's birthday. People would come up, finger poised on a beer-can trigger, yelling, "Hey Birthday Boy, (shplit) how about another cool one?"

He also just had a great personality, keeping everyone at the picnic rolling with his humorous one-liners. One couple in particular really seemed to bond with him and my mom. Whether it was horseshoes or other events, they never strayed far from the life of the party.

The real praise came when it was time to eat. If you're from New Orleans, you'd better know how to cook. Sure enough, there was my father on the grill, helping to cook barbecue — one of his specialties. Ribs, chicken, burgers and 'dogs. MMMM mhh!! He made sure everything was cooked just right.

After eating, full bellies craving rest gave in to the efforts of Dad and others to get people — especially the kids — involved in games. My brother, sister and I had a TON of fun. For the first time ever, we ran a three-legged race; then a potato sack race! One glorious event after another.

My sister even won a race. Dad caught some home movies of that one. Sadly, I haven't seen those flicks in about 15 years — before the gears died in our beloved movie projector. I still recall many times, though, waiting for my father to adjust that blurry picture until the filmed memory would pop into focus, and we'd all yell, "There!! No, go back. Right there!! Ahhhhhh!!!"

Now, when you're 11 years old, you think your parents are about as important and powerful as the American president. We'd never heard of a personnel "supervisor," but we did know this: Dad does it, so it must be important. Seeing him in action at the picnic only served to convince us that he, in fact, ran the entire company. (It didn't matter that he'd mentioned his "boss" several times.) Yes, we felt proud. We really had a good time.

When early evening crawls around in the Big Easy, however, even kids run out of steam, especially when the mosquitoes awaken. Long before people started to pack up the picnic site, we were begging our parents to let us go sit in the car until it was time to leave. Finally, they agreed.

Settling in with windows half-mast, we scratched newly-acquired mosquito bites while talking about the day's events and

prizes we'd won. In fact, a couple of us had won Bazooka bubble gum, so we began amusing ourselves by reading wrapper jokes to each other.

Suddenly, I noticed — just a few cars away — the friendly couple that had bonded with my dad for much of the picnic, laughing on the way to their car. "Hey look, it's that ONE lady," I started to say, excited that we might have a chance to say goodbye.

I began waving, for they were approaching quickly, until they were just close enough for us to focus on their conversation topic:

"He said it was his birthday, but I wasn't gonna kiss no NIGGER!" she laughed to her husband. We froze, silent. They carried on,

oblivious to us. White sandals clicked against talcum seashells that paved the path; voices blurred out of focus, and then they were gone.

It was a long, long silence.

Within our reclusive sanctuary, the world

suddenly seemed smaller. We looked at each other, expressions bewildered. Our father had been so happy that day; he had more fun than he'd had in a long time. "Let's not tell Dad," we agreed. We didn't want to spoil his birthday.

Sure enough, when our parents finally arrived, Dad was still beaming. Closing the door and starting the engine, he asked if we'd had a good time. We assured him that we had. I think he smiled peacefully all the way home that night.

We have never shared that incident with my father or mother.

Life is a natural incubator. To our chagrin, what we say or do in darkest corners may one day germinate into the light, like hidden dandelions rooting in black earth. We can't assume that hurtful comments, made seemingly out of earshot, will not still find their target. The fool's remedy for wicked seeds is to bury them in the dark; better to get them out in the open, where they can be crushed. So I say to you, when we hide the notion that racism exists in our day, is it really gone or are we actually incubating it, multiplying it deep within. Do we become carriers of an illness we should have seen the doctor about yesterday? If it's the latter, how will it then manifest itself? Perhaps in an off-hand comment to a confidant? We must get racism into the open if we ever hope to deal with it, to permanently crush it.

That woman probably went home thinking about how "integrated" they were for fraternizing at a picnic with her husband's black co-worker and family. She was a coward! She'll never know how much she hurt that co-worker's children.

I'm still proud of my old man, though. I realize, now that surely he knew his co-workers. Truth is, he actually put up with such insults daily just so we could have a better life.

No, he's not as important as the president ... he's MORE important. After all, he taught me how to play horseshoes.

For that, I'd gladly be his partner any day of the week.

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■ Scene ASKS ...

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AT NOTRE DAME IN THREE WORDS.



"Alcohol. Parietals. Friends."

Erin Evans
Farley Hall

"These are [the] days."

Missy Tushak
McGlinn Hall



"Food. Folks. Fun."

Brian Freneau
Carroll Hall

"Fat Shirley's Truckers' Special."

Johanna Ward
Welsh Family Hall



"Friends. Church. Diarrhea."

Beth Lawler
McGlinn Hall

"I Love ND."

Anna Susalla
Breen-Phillips Hall



Beware, graduating seniors. It is time to relinquish the

THE UNFORTUNATE ADULT

By MICHAEL VANEGAS
Scene Editor

Less than four years ago, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame welcomed the Class of 1999 to good ol' South Bend. This weekend, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame wave a long goodbye to the same students, who after four years are older (duh), smarter (hopefully) and wiser (depending on a student's weekend habits).

When these graduating seniors were wee freshman, it was expected that they not know exactly what they were doing. Come Monday, however, these college graduates will have to face a shady future of solving the problems that life shoots their way. After four years of concentrating solely on getting decent grades and planning weekend extravaganzas, it is now time to enter the realm of uneasiness that all young people face: Adulthood.

Now it is clear that a vast majority of the Class of 1999 already has its immediate futures planned. Some are continuing their educations at law, medical or graduate schools. Some have had jobs lined up since autumn. A certain militaristic sect of the student body has known its future since freshman year, and it will be continuing ROTC training in the real armed forces. Wherever the members of the Class of 1999 may be headed, they certainly have a whole life of adult-related situations to wade through, with hope that they reach the end of their lives with some degree of happiness and satisfaction.

Each and every graduate of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame's Class of 1999 will be facing a few challenges along the journey of adult life. And though everyone progresses at different rates, it is inevitable that challenges will at least cross the minds of these graduates at some time throughout their lives.

Just as maps of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's were presented so many times during freshman orientation, so must there be a guide to the segment of one's life that is dauntingly titled adulthood.

The Freewheeling 20s

It is suggested that the next eight or nine years be spent trying to perfect a recipe mixing the seriousness of the real world with the craziness of college life. This time in a person's life is perhaps the only time that this craziness is still accepted. At the same time, it is also expected that young adults try to establish an emotional and financial foundation that will aid them in their middle age.

To understand the importance of the freewheeling 20s, one must only look at the cultural phenomenon of Must See TV Thursday.

One of the main reasons why "Seinfeld" was so successful throughout its long run was that it portrayed the pathetic lives of four adults in their 30s and 40s. The quartet of Jerry, Elaine, Kramer and George exhibited, in its greatest form, the immaturity that is the college person.

But when it came to respect, Jerry and company commanded none. The combination of middle age and immaturity is not acceptable in American society. The fact that "Seinfeld" was a ratings success and its simple identity as a comedy suggest that the pathetic nothingness of "Seinfeld" is merely an object of American ridicule.

If the characters were transplanted into their 20s, say, as the sextet of "Friends" are, then the respect they would gain would be abundant. Because they are young and because they are still learning the little lessons of life, Rachel, Ross, Monica, Joey, Phoebe and Chandler prove that the freewheeling 20s define the transitional part of one's life that falls between hardcore adulthood and late adolescence.

So don't get too serious on Monday, as the fun will continue in this altered state.

The Definitive 30s

Some time during this decade of one's life, a career should already be established. Thus, when the graduates of '99 reach this point in their lives, the center of their thoughts should be family. After 10 years of sleeping around, practicing safe sex to avoid the "family way" and disregarding any serious feelings about spending one's whole life with that special someone, the 30th birthday should be the first time that marriage and kids cross the minds of the Class of 1999.

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Of course, things could not possibly be right (i.e. morally acceptable) without marriage. So, one must prepare for years 30-39 by adequately finding a mate during the late 20s. During the 30s, it is necessary first of all to commit to a relationship. Then, if desired, one can go through a courtship period in which one can make sure that the chosen mate is indeed Mr. or Ms. Right.

But there may be some out there who might want to marry their college sweethearts. Perhaps, since most of the graduates to whom this guide applies come from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, these college sweethearts also come from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. With the end of one's collegiate career requiring a transfer to some kind of life decision-mode, it might seem the perfect time for these couples to commit to marriage.

This is wrong.

A couple must realize that people change after college, just as they changed after high school. So one must beware of the consequences of such quick commitment. One must wait for their 30th birthday until such commitment is plausible.

To get married, one has many options concerning their wedding arena and presiding officer. They include a courthouse wedding with a Justice of the Peace, a boat wedding with a captain, a church wedding with some kind of priestly figure or, of course, a Las Vegas wedding with an Elvis impersonator. Any of these will suffice when it comes to making that ball-and-chain official.

The best place to start manufacturing the kids that make a family complete is during the honeymoon, which should follow the wedding immediately. With a honeymoon, the happy adult couple can enjoy a weekend, a week, or a couple of weeks of steamy, insatiable love-making. One may also call this sex or consummation, but inevitably, it is procreation.

Nine months later, a baby should pop out of the female partner of the marriage. Considering that the Class of 1999 enters adulthood in the midst of what some people call "progressive" times, it would be wise for the male and female partners to share the duties of raising their offspring. This will ensure both security between the married couple and within the entire family, as the heavy responsibility of raising a child will at least be fair, and each child will know both mother and father as equal members of a family unit.

Pertinent references here would be "Mad About You" and "Home Improvement." The family situations presented in these shows are perfection.

"The Brady Bunch" and "Who's the Boss," on the other hand, are terrible models for the perfect family, as the unorthodox creation of the family situation — consolidating two families with different hair colors, and inviting a New Yorker maid with Alyssa Milano as a daughter to be a father figure — do not comply with this guide to life.

So graduates, look forward to getting married, having moral sex and making babies during the thirty-something decade.

The Downward Spiral

During the 40s, a person can look forward to watching his or her kids grow up into teenagers. This will cause stress. One must only remember one's own adolescence to realize the gravity of raising a teenager.

Then, one August afternoon, the Class of 1999 will drive down the Indiana Toll Road and into South Bend. After taking that reminiscent glimpse of the Dome or the Le Mans Tower, the legacy will continue as freshman orientation repeats itself, this time with the Class of 1999 on the other side of the emotional washing machine that comes during that weekend.

After this point of separation, parents become dual loners in a downward spiral through middle age, in which flashy red cars become central, and into senior citizenship where a dependence on Depends is an unfortunate possibility.

Then comes death, in which all remember the perfect life which each member of the Class of 1999 lived through with this guide to life. So read this carefully, and take each word for truth, as it is sure to bring about happiness and satisfaction throughout the entirety of 1999's graduating classes.

Scene ASKS ...

DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AT SAINT MARY'S IN THREE WORDS.



"Transparent dangling carrots."

Anne Baughman
Le Mans Hall

"Chem-is-try."

Andrea Guyon
Le Mans Hall



"Money well-spent."

Amber Fraiser
Holy Cross Hall

"Change. Growth. Persistence."

Molly Donnellon
McCandless Hall



"Challenging. Frustrating. Feminism."

Molly Hodak
Le Mans Hall

"Senior Bar Pumpies."

Colleen Murphy
Le Mans Hall



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Football

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led by Deke Cooper and Jimmy Friday came up with a stop that kept alive the Irish hope for a major bowl invitation.

"When you can stop a 1,500-yard rusher [Cloud] four straight times inside your own five-yard line, somebody is looking out for you," said senior receiver Malcolm Johnson.

The 30-0 victory over Navy was the day Denson put his name in the record books. His 107 yards — the 22nd time he has surpassed the 100-yard barrier in his career — put him ahead of Allen Pinkett as the all-time leading rusher in Notre Dame history.

"The greatest thing about getting this record is that it's a team record, something we can all share," said Denson. "I'm fortunate to have a cast like I do."

The final home game of the season pitted the ninth-ranked Irish against a talented LSU Tigers squad. Although the Irish came back from a two-touchdown deficit to post a 39-36 victory over the Tigers, it was the final moments that were most memorable.

With three seconds remaining in the game Jackson was hit by Tiger linebacker Arnold Miller and strong safety Clarence LeBlanc while attempting to execute a safety in the endzone. The senior quarterback suffered medial collateral ligament damage in his knee that would sideline him the next week against USC and severely limit him in the bowl game.

"It's all about Jarious. That's what I feel. I just feel bad for him," said Davie following the game. "I mean, here's a kid who plays his heart out, running quarterback draws and counters and all those things, and he gets hurt taking a safe-



Senior tailback Autry Denson prances into the endzone during Notre Dame's 35-28 loss to Georgia Tech in the Toyota Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. Denson and the rest of the senior class were 0-3 in bowl appearances during their careers.

ty at the end of the game."

The duo of junior Eric Chappell and freshman Arnaz Battle could not replace Jackson the next week against USC. The Irish were unable to amount a threatening offense

against the Trojans in a 10-0 defeat.

The loss against the Trojans denied the Irish any chance of playing in the Bowl Championship Series, but their postseason chances were not

completely erased. The Irish accepted an invitation to the Toyota Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., on New Year's Day against Georgia Tech.

Donning green jerseys for the first time since the 1995 Fiesta Bowl, the Irish battled the Yellow Jackets before succumbing, 35-28. It was an end of an era for a group of talented seniors, one which saw them leave without a sin-

gle bowl victory. While the seniors never achieved postseason success, they did help lay the foundation for a strong Irish program in the future.

"I think [the program] is in good hands with the coaches and the guys that are coming back," said tri-captain Mike Rosenthal after the loss to Georgia Tech. "They are guys that know how to work, know how to win and know how to get things done."

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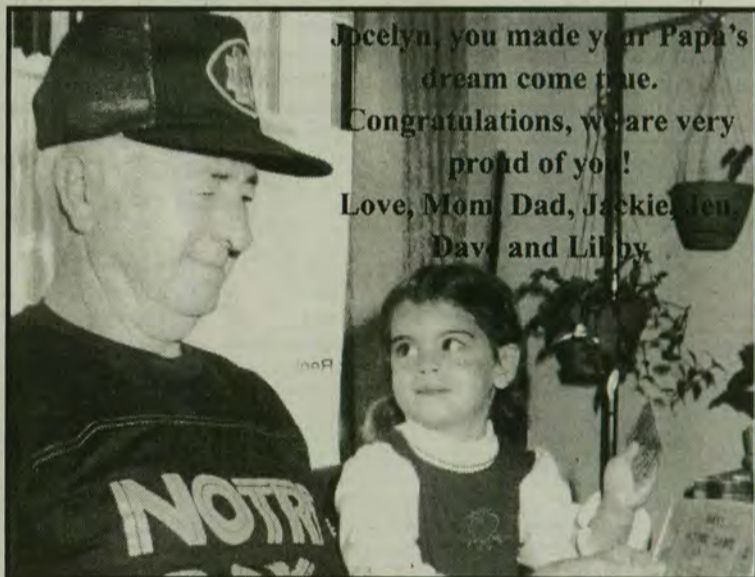
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■ WOMEN'S SOCCER

Portland boots Notre Dame from NCAA tourney

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

After making four-straight NCAA semifinal appearances, the luck of the Irish finally ran out on the Notre Dame women's soccer team this season.

The Irish repeated as Big East champions for the fourth-consecutive season, but came up just one win shy of yet another Final Four appearance. Portland came to Alumni Field

on Nov. 24 and ended Notre Dame's season, as well as its 45-game home unbeaten streak, with a 2-1 victory. The Irish had won the last five meetings between the two soccer powerhouses, but that day belonged to the Pilots.

"This time it was our turn," said Portland head coach Clive Charles following the game. "In the past few years, Notre Dame got the breaks. We have lost in nearly every conceivable way to them. Today, we got our foot on

the ball at the right time and they didn't."

Junior Jenny Heft, who set the single-season record for goals scored with 28, had the lone score for the Irish in the game. Portland sophomore Vanessa Talbot made the difference in the game, scoring the game winner with less than three minutes remaining in the contest.

While the Irish didn't reach their goal of getting back to the NCAA Championship game, the season was still a success. The Irish suffered a disappointing 5-1 loss to top-ranked North Carolina early in September and had a midseason set back with a 3-2 loss to unranked Seton Hall, but still went on to win 20 games for the fifth-straight season. Notre Dame defeated top-seeded host Connecticut 1-0 in the Big East championship game to claim their fourth-straight conference title.

Sophomore Anne Makinen scored the only goal of the game with less than 10 minutes left to play. She was named the tournament's most outstanding player for the second-straight season and was later named a finalist for the Herman Trophy.

Senior Monica Gerardo enjoyed another successful season for the Irish, setting the school record for career goals (73) and points (190).

Seniors Gerardo, Shannon Boxx and Laura Vandenberg will all be missed, but the Irish suffered its biggest loss when two-time national coach of the year Chris Petrucelli announced on Dec. 31 that he was leaving Notre Dame to accept the head coaching posi-



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Sophomore Meotis Erikson and the rest of the Irish squad won their fourth-straight Big East championship with a 1-0 victory over UConn.



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Anne Makinen scored the game-winning goal in the Big East championship game and was named a finalist for the Herman Trophy.

tion at Texas.

"He took a fledgling program and built it into a national power," said athletic director Mike Wadsworth. "We are grateful to him for the contributions he has made during his nine years at Notre Dame."

Those accomplishments include a 175-22-10 record and the 1995 National Championship.

Baylor's Randy Waldrum has accepted the challenge of following Petrucelli as the third

Irish head coach in the program's history.

"I am looking forward to the challenge and making the change," said Waldrum, who led the Bears to their first-ever Big Twelve championship. "Chris Petrucelli did a great job and those are tough shoes to fill."

Waldrum recently named Tulsa head coach Amy Edwards to his staff. Edwards played and served as an assistant under Waldrum.

■ VOLLEYBALL

Irish spike Hoyas for fourth-straight title

By BILL HART
Associate Sports Editor

Heading into the 1998 season, the Notre Dame volleyball team had big shoes to fill.

The departure of four seniors, including two honorable mention All-Americans, would be a difficult loss for any team. The Irish, however, were able to return to their usual prominence, winning the Big East tournament and advancing to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

While the Irish had a tough time in a tournament-heavy first half of the season, the team got back on track when the Big East regular season approached. The Irish started off the season with wins over Seton Hall and Rutgers, but saw their 78-match conference winning streak halted with a five-game loss to Connecticut. The streak was the second longest in NCAA history and dated back to 1991.

Notre Dame quickly got back on track with conference wins over St. John's, Providence and Boston College. The Irish finished out October in style with a 3-1 win over Syracuse at the Joyce Center that gave head coach Debbie Brown her 200th-career win at Notre Dame.

The Irish kept up their chase for the regular season title until late in the season, defeating Georgetown and

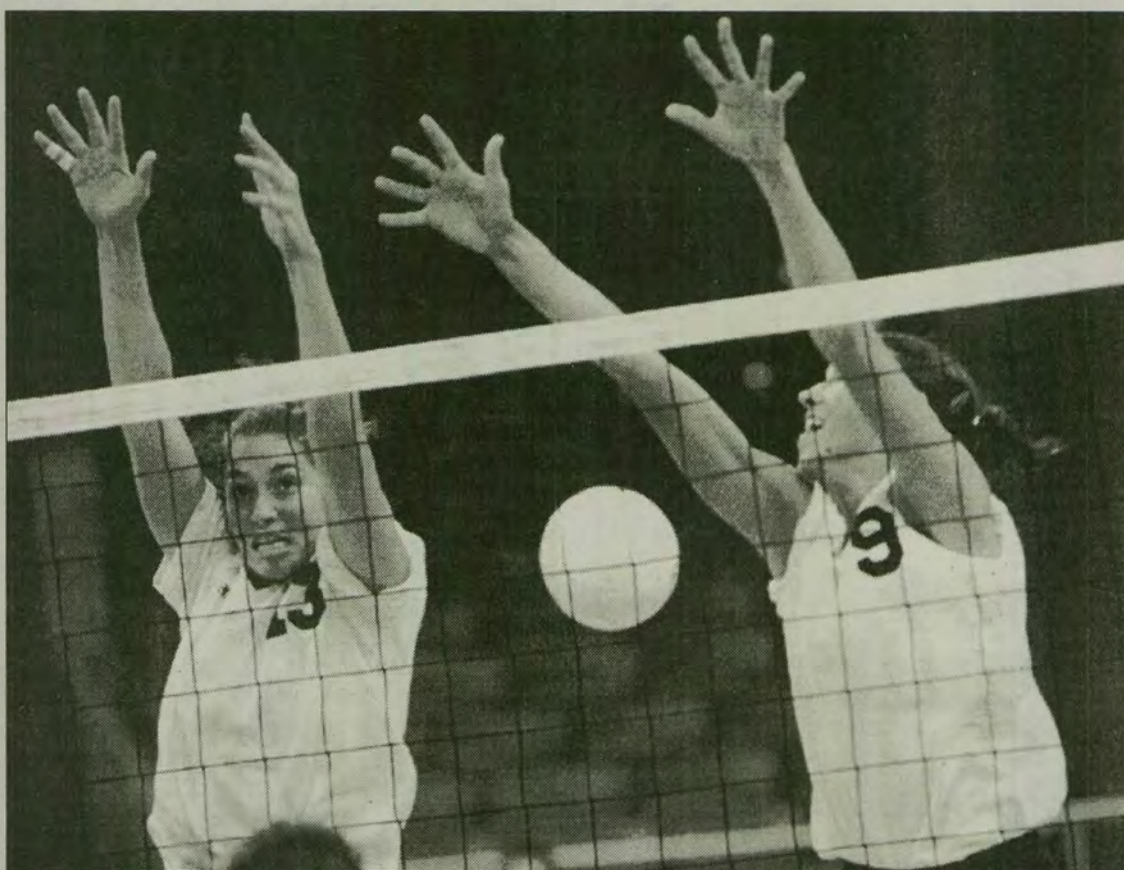
Pittsburgh and later falling to West Virginia on the final day of conference play.

The loss pushed the team down to third place in the Big East, but they were able to finish off the regular season with a 3-0 win over Toledo.

The team's success during the season was reflected in the Big East regular season awards. Senior captain Lindsay Treadwell captured a spot on the conference first team, while sophomore Christi Girton captured second team honors. Freshmen Marci Bomhack and Kristi Kreher, took spots on the Big East all-rookie team, more than any other school.

While the Irish were in the unfamiliar role of a three-seed in the conference tournament, they battled their way to an unprecedented fourth-consecutive tournament title. Following an outstanding comeback from an 0-2 deficit against Connecticut, Notre Dame soundly defeated top-seed Georgetown 3-0 in the championship game. Bomhack was named tournament MVP, averaging 3.3 kills and 3.3 digs per game over the weekend.

The postseason run gave the Irish a chance to continue their season at the NCAA tournament in Stanford, Calif. In the tournament, Notre Dame defeated Eastern Washington in the first round in four games, 15-2, 13-15, 15-11, 15-11, before falling to eighth-ranked host and



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Lindsay Treadwell (left) and Jo Jameyson (right) go up for a block in a game at the Joyce Center. Treadwell earned a spot on the All-Big East first team for her outstanding play in the conference tournament

defending national champion Stanford in three games. The loss finished the season off with an 18-13 mark.

"Overall the season was very good," Brown said after the game. "We had a lot of ups and downs, but the team persevered when others would have just folded. Hopefully, we'll learn some-

thing from being here."

Treadwell capped off a tremendous senior year by being selected to the 1998 GTE Academic All-District V women's volleyball first team as well as the AVCA All-District team.

Treadwell holds the Notre Dame record for career-hitting percentage (.293) and

ranks in the top 10 in 11 other career categories.

While the loss of Treadwell and Audra Duda to graduation will be a sad sight for many Irish fans, the guidance and aid they have given to a talented but relatively inexperienced squad should help the Irish reach new heights in upcoming seasons.

■ HOCKEY

Irish come up one win shy of NCAA tourney berth



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Notre Dame had its first winning season in eight years as it compiled a 19-14-5 record, including wins over Michigan and North Dakota.

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

During the 1998-99 college hockey season, Notre Dame put its name back on the map and into the national rankings, thanks in large part to six talented and dedicated seniors.

Benoit Cotnoir, Aniket Dhadphale, Scott Giuliani, Craig Hagkull, Forrest Karr and Brian Urick helped lead the Irish to its first winning season in eight years (19-14-5). By posting an impressive 15-11-4 mark in the CCHA, Notre Dame achieved its season-long goal of earning home ice for the first round of the CCHA playoffs and finished just one win shy of the first NCAA tournament bid in school history.

In addition to providing the on-ice heroics and off-ice leadership necessary to achieve team goals, this year's graduating class also set a new standard in Notre Dame hockey for individual achievement.

Defenseman Cotnoir became just the seventh Irish player in history to earn All-America honors, and the first since 1983. Cotnoir was also the first

Notre Dame player ever given First Team All-Conference honors in the CCHA, in addition to earning Honorable Mention on the conference's All-Academic Team.

Left wing Dhadphale earned All-Academic Honors in the CCHA after earning Honorable Mention his junior season. Dhadphale also finished his Notre Dame career fifth on the school's all-time list with 25 power play goals.

Team captain Urick finished second on the team and eighth in the CCHA with 41 points, a season good enough to earn him Honorable Mention on the All-Conference Team. Urick leaves Notre Dame a member of the prestigious 50 goals/50 assists club, and his 13 career game-winning goals leaves him first all-time in that category along with current Irish head coach Dave Poulin.

Goaltender Karr earned CCHA All-Academic Honors as well as being selected an Academic All-American. While logging the second-most minutes in school history for one season, Karr's 2.58 goals-against average stands as the lowest single-sea-

son total in modern Notre Dame history. His career mark of 2.89 also stands first all-time.

In order to assess the importance of his first class in the overall scheme of his program, head coach Dave Poulin stated that it doesn't all come down to numbers and awards.

"I look at the on-ice factors, but I look at the off-ice leadership as well," Poulin said. "I look at a player like Scott Giuliani, who was able to play an extremely difficult role for four years, and that is of the support player who doesn't get a lot of the glory of playing in games. I look at Craig Hagkull, who played a lot early in his career and less later on, which is maybe even more difficult."

By season's end, these two role players each got their chance to contribute. Giuliani got a start at forward in the most crucial game of the regular season — the home finale against Northern Michigan — Notre Dame's closest rival in the standings. Hagkull notched an assist on the go-ahead goal in the single biggest win in school history against No. 1 North Dakota.

When these six seniors arrived four years ago, a goal of home ice in the CCHA playoffs or of a possible NCAA Tournament bid would have been considered unattainable.

"It was a group that made the decision to come to Notre Dame when the program was at a very different stage, and yet they were able to meet the expectations that increased considerably," Poulin said.

Following up on two nine-win campaigns in their freshman and sophomore seasons, this senior class helped lead the team to four wins over NCAA Tournament-bound teams in their junior year.

Last season, the team managed four wins in five ties against teams that went on to the NAAs, including a road tie versus [then] No. 1 Boston College and a road victory versus No. 1 North Dakota — the first win in Notre Dame hockey history against a top-ranked opponent. Following the win over North Dakota in early January, the Irish got back on track by going 4-1-1 in the next six games, before what would become the biggest home game in our four years: the Michigan game.

After taking a 2-0 lead into the third period against the defending national champions, the Wolverines clawed back to tie the game midway through the third. Then, with 4:42 remaining and the power play winding down, Aniket Dhadphale's rebound goal gave the Irish a huge 3-2 win over their rivals from Ann Arbor.

What this class will be remembered for most is for finally giving Notre Dame a national contender in the sport of hockey. However, as coach Poulin pointed out, their accomplishments as a group amount to much more than just wins on the ice.

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
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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Best regular season in history ends in early NCAA exit

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Associate Sports Editor

For a team that built a strong postseason in recent years — three straight NCAA tournament berths, a first-ever Final Four appearance in 1997 and a run to the Sweet 16 in 1998 — the 1999 Irish will be most noted for their regular-season accomplishments.

Despite amassing a 23-3 regular-season record, one of Notre Dame's best-ever squads was unable to realize similar success in the postseason. Needing an 11-2 run against 12th-seeded Saint Mary's in the final five minutes to win their first-round contest in the NCAA tournament, the Irish were unable to slip by LSU two days later.

Turnovers led the Irish to a 74-64 loss to the Tigers and forced their earliest exit from the tournament since 1996. After averaging 19 turnovers per game all season, coach Muffet McGraw's squad amassed 27 against a quicker and more dominant LSU defense.

"We hurt ourselves," McGraw said after the game. "We had too many turnovers and poor free throw shooting. We're one of the best free throw shooting teams in America and we were missing them."

But the story was just beginning as the Irish left Baton Rouge, La., the site of their first- and second-round contests. The Irish expected to be among the top 16 seeds before losing point guard Niele Ivey to a season-ending knee injury in the Big East tournament. Instead, the

eighth-ranked Irish drew a No. 5 seed in the West entering into the championships. The Irish were none too pleased that LSU, ranked No. 18 in the AP polls at the time of the seedings, was given a spot above the Irish and homecourt advantage for the first two rounds.

"I don't think there is any question that the selection committee shows favoritism and we need to stop that," McGraw said. "If we're playing at home, we're moving on."

The early exit from another run to the Sweet 16 was made even more sour considering the road the Irish traveled. They set the tone with a stretch of non-conference wins, including against then-No. 6 UCLA (99-82), then-No. 6 Duke (84-57), and then-No. 25 Illinois — all in a span of 10 days. The season was made all the more promising by the strength of Notre Dame's schedule and the early successes. A 3-0 start pushed the Irish into the top 10 with a seventh-place ranking, tying the school's all-time record.

"We've looked at this season as a season of opportunity," said McGraw after the UCLA game. "We looked at our schedule and every time we turn around we're playing another ranked team. We feel that for us to be ready in March we have to see these teams early. It gives us a chance to see where we are."

But the Irish were shaken up after amassing a 6-0 start in their first Big East conference game. Facing top-ranked Connecticut at home proved that the Irish were not invincible as they suffered a 106-81 routing

at the hands of the Huskies. The Irish fell to 0-9 all-time against the Huskies.

Unable to replicate their non-conference start, the Irish began the Big East season in a rut that saw Notre Dame barely get by a mediocre Villanova team (63-62) and then end December with a 78-65 loss to Boston College.

The changeover into 1999 was like night and day for the Irish, as they raced out of the slump with an 11-game winning streak and refocused the Irish picture of a run in the conference and national championships. McGraw and her team were certain that this was one of the best teams to take the court at Notre Dame.

But again, another top Big East foe foiled the Irish run, this time in the form of the Scarlet Knights. Rutgers halted the Notre Dame streak at 11 as the Knights made sure that the Irish would have no part in the top two conference spots.

Instead, the Irish entered the Big East tournament in February as the No. 3 seed behind Connecticut and Rutgers.

Villanova served as the warm-up for Notre Dame in its first game in the tournament as Notre Dame played to an 83-53 win and a trip to rematch Rutgers in the semifinals. The loss just two weeks earlier to the Scarlet Knights was all the motivation the Irish needed to pull off an upset.

"That motivated us," team captain Sheila McMillen said after the game. "Coming off that game we knew we didn't bring our game. But everybody



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Freshman Sherisha Hills started in place of the injured Niele Ivey in the Big East and NCAA Championships.

brought what we had tonight."

The Irish opened up the first half with 43 points against a Rutgers defense that had not allowed more than 35 points in the first half all season. McMillen and Ivey led the way with seven three-pointers in the half, giving the Irish a 43-28 midpoint lead that they never gave up, pulling away with a 68-61 win. But it was in this game that the Irish lost Ivey for the rest of the postseason when she suffered a torn ACL.

With three teams in the top 10 nationally — Connecticut, Rutgers and Notre Dame — it was still the Huskies who domi-

nated the Big East. They defeated the Irish for the second time this season in the conference championship en route to their sixth-straight title, handing the Irish a 96-75 loss.

Despite the earlier-than-planned exits from the postseason, the best-ever Irish record speaks for itself, as do the individual accomplishments of several players. Sophomore Ruth Riley became the first Irish player to lead a NCAA statistical category with a 68.3 field goal percentage while McMillen and Ivey also were among the leaders in three-point and free throw percentage.

■ WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Eight swimmers qualify for NCAA Championships

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team continued to dominate the conference by winning the Big East championship for the third-straight season.

While the Irish began with losses to Stanford and Miami, the season soon picked up with victories over Army, Air Force, Purdue, Pittsburgh and Miami of Ohio.

During the next two months, the women competed in the Minnesota, Notre Dame and Rainbow Invitationals, placing second, third and first, respectively.

The highlight of the season, however, was the third-consecutive Big East title win. Scoring a record number of points, the Irish set seven team records and six Big East records at the meet. In addition, head coach Bailey Weathers was named

Big East coach of the year.

An unprecedented eight athletes went on to represent Notre Dame at the NCAA Championships, where the team placed 23rd. Five Irish athletes turned in All-American performances.

Although the Irish expected to place higher, they were not disappointed with their performances.

"A lot of people improved this year, and that's what it's all about," said senior Brittany Kline.

"Our team was so close this year," senior Meghan Eckstein said. "We all came together, and because of that, we made so much progress both in and out of the water."

Aside from new records and improved times, an increased level of training in and out of the pool characterized the season.

"We really stepped up in our training as far as doing more

weights and more dry-land before practice, and it all paid off," Kline said.

"The best part of season was definitely watching everybody swim fast in the end and knowing it was all worth it," Eckstein agreed.

At the start of their careers at Notre Dame, this year's seniors faced a challenge when Weathers was hired in 1995.

"The first year was almost

chaos," Kline said. "We didn't even know we were getting a new coach, and we didn't know what to expect from him."

That year was also the team's first in the Big East conference.

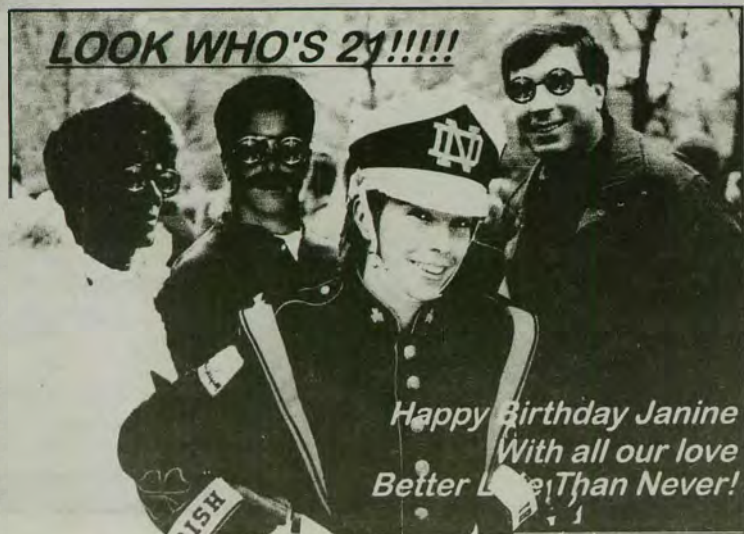
"It was hard for our class when all of our goals and commitment levels hanged," captain Anne Iacobucci said. "It was hard for us when we came

in as freshmen for different reasons than Bailey had in mind."

In the end, the team adopted Weathers' long-term goals of bringing the team into the national spotlight.

According to Eckstein, it paid off.

"We've done a complete 180 since freshman year, and we know it has a lot to do with Bailey coming in," she said.



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■ SOFTBALL

Belles overcome changes

By TRACY HARBOR
Sports Writer

By battling through multiple coaching changes and injuries, the Belles softball team has shown that hard work does pay off.

The Belles finished the season 16-24 overall record and posted a 7-9 conference mark.

The players had a rocky start in the season, finishing pre-conference play with an 8-12 record and wins over Concordia. They opened conference play splitting a doubleheader against Hope College.

The next few weeks of conference play were tough. However, the arrival of good weather signaled the beginning of a better season for the Belles. They won doubleheaders against Calvin, Kalamazoo and Goshen, before splitting a doubleheader against Albion in a very close game.

"This season has had its ups and downs, but I think we have not only learned a lot from mistakes that we have made, but we have become a very close knit team," said sophomore pitcher Anne Senger. "We are going to try to end with one last win and start looking ahead to the next season. We have a lot of talent on this team and we should be tough next year."

The senior leadership from Diane Andrews and Sarah Martin was especially important this season.

Andrews played shortstop and second base throughout the season. Andrews ranked in the league with a .342 batting

average and has 13 hits, with five RBI. She played her freshman, junior and senior year, starting at almost at every position at some point during her career.

"I will miss the sport a great deal and the girls even more," said Andrews. "Although we have had numerous coaches, which has basically been a roller-coaster ride since freshman year, we have found strength in each other and that is something I will never forget."

Martin played outfield throughout the season. Martin has been strong defensively and offensively. She had 14 hits with nine RBI and a double for the season.

While the seniors were great leaders, the juniors also played a key role in the Belles successful season.

Elsie Hall, a junior who plays outfield throughout the season, batted .316 with two RBI, four singles, one double and one home run for the season.

Trish Klockner, a junior playing shortstop and second base has been strong offensively and defensively. Klockner had 13 hits including 10 RBI, eight singles, four doubles and a home run.

The sophomores and freshmen also had many highlights along with several league rankings in batting averages and pitching ERA.

Looking to next season, the Belles have many strong returning seniors, including both pitchers and a strong defense.

■ CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK AND FIELD

Deeter, teams run to success

By BRIAN HOBBS
Sports Writer

It was a season of high and low strides for the men's and women's cross country and track teams during 1998-99.

The season began in the cool air of the Midwest autumn, as both the men's and women's cross country teams placed first at the Wolf and Kettle Invitational in Elgin, Ill. At that meet, junior JoAnna Deeter led the women's squad with a first-place finish, while sophomore Ryan Shay led the men, placing second.

The following week the Irish competed at the National Catholic Championships, placing first overall in both the men's and women's races. Deeter again led the women with a first-place finish while freshman Luke Watson stepped to the forefront for the men, placing fourth.

As the season continued, Deeter proved to be a force to be reckoned with. She won the next two invitationals the Irish competed in, before taking second at the District IV meet. The victory qualified her for the NCAA championships, where she earned All-American status with a 14th-place finish.

Junior Patti Rice also proved her mettle for the Irish this season, as she was the second Irish runner across the line in all but one meet. As a team, the women finished third at the Big East Championships and fourth at the NCAA District IV meet.

On the men's side, Shay and Watson proved that underclassmen can come right in and compete at the collegiate level, as they were the first and second Irish runners across the line nearly every meet. Shay was the lone Notre Dame qualifier for the NCAA Championships, placing 229th at the meet in Lawrence,

Kansas.

As a team the men's squad took a disappointing third at the Big East. A week later they narrowly missed an at-large bid for the NCAA Championships, placing eighth at the District IV meet. This marks the first time ever that the men's squad failed to qualify for the NCAAAs.

The track and field teams opened their indoor season the weekend of Jan. 15-16 at the Purdue Invitational. Junior Marshaun West began his team MVP season by taking first in two events — the long jump and the 200-meter dash. Senior Mike Brown also began a successful campaign in the pole vault, taking first with a leap of 17 feet, 1.5 inches.

The focal point of the indoor season for the teams was the Big East Championships. The men placed second this year, while the women improved upon a ninth-place finish in 1998 to take third.

Leading the way for the men was West, who took first in the 200-meter dash in an NCAA-qualifying time of 21.42 seconds. West finished second in the long jump, also qualifying for NCAAAs. Brown claimed the crown in the pole vault for the third year in a row with a jump of 16 feet, 2 inches. Shay took home a gold in the 3000 meters while placing second in the 5000.

On the women's side, Deeter lost a close race in the 5000 to competitor JoAnna Dupree, finishing .70 seconds behind Dupree's winning time. Englehardt placed second in the high jump, going 5 feet, 10 inches while Grow took second in the 400, running a time of 55.56 seconds.

At the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis, Ind., Deeter placed third in the 5000 with a time of 16 minutes, 10.16 seconds while West took

seventh in the long jump, with a jump of 24 feet, 10 inches. Brown tied for sixth in the nation in the pole vault, clearing 17 feet, 10 inches.

Also earning All-America status were Englehardt and Senior Antonio Arce. Arce posted a time of four minutes, 13.32 seconds to take sixth. Englehardt's jump of 5 feet, 8 inches earned her 13th place.

After the NCAA Indoors, the team took a short break before beginning the outdoor season at the Stanford Invitational. Deeter made it a grand opening meet as she set the school record in the 10,000 meters, finishing fourth at 32:53.95. Senior Nadia Schmiedt was able to rebound from injuries during the indoor season to take third in both the 110-meter hurdles and the 400-meter hurdles.

After over a month of preparation, the Irish traveled to the Big East Outdoor Championships. They matched their Big East Indoor finishes as the men again took second and the women third.

Leading the way for the men again was West, who took home the Outstanding Track Performer award after winning the 200 in 21.53 seconds while taking second in the 100 with a time of 10.72 seconds. West also was part of Notre Dame's fourth-place 400-meter relay team.

Brown finally was able to capture an outdoor title in the pole vault after finishing fourth last year with a vault of 16 feet, 4 inches. Also contributing for the Irish was junior Chris Cochran who won the 400 in a career-best time of 46.86 seconds. Cochran also placed second in the 200, 1/100 of a second behind West.

On the women's side, Englehardt set a meet record in the high jump, clearing an impressive 5 feet, 11.25 inches.

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

'98-'99 squad falters in Big East

By BILL HART
Associate Sports Editor

With the departure of first-round NBA draft-pick Pat Garrity and the arrival of a highly touted freshman class, the Notre Dame men's basketball team began the 1998-1999 season as an inexperienced squad.

The Irish kicked off the season in up-tempo style with buzzer-beater results. Against Yale, a three-pointer by senior captain Antoni Wyche in the final minute followed by two free throws by freshman David Graves with 3.8 seconds on the clock gave the Irish their first victory, 64-62.

Six days later, two free throws with one second remaining gave Vanderbilt a close win over the Irish.

After three difficult games at the Carr's Great Alaska Shootout, an off-balance one-hander by junior Jimmy Dillon pushed a see-saw battle against Indiana into overtime.

Despite close games with almost every opponent, the Irish found themselves at 2-5 with postseason hopes beginning to fade.

After some regrouping, a five-game winning streak that included a victory over Providence put the squad back on track heading into conference play. Following a loss to Villanova in a rescheduled game, Notre Dame bounced back with a 71-68 victory over Miami snapping a seven-game Hurricane winning streak.

The greatest test for the team came in mid-season, when an ankle injury kept Troy Murphy on the bench for three conference games including a crucial two-game home stand against Seton Hall and Rutgers.

Despite the loss of their scoring leader, several players were able to step up for the Irish.

In the team's first Murphy-less game against Villanova, freshman Harold Swanagan had a career-high 22 points in an 85-58 loss. Against Pittsburgh, Wyche and Phil Hickey provided enough offense for a 59-56 victory.

While a 2-4 stretch to close out the season proved damaging, the Irish ended the home season on a high note with a 78-59 win over Boston College. Hickey scored a career-high 21 points in his last home game.

While Irish fans still had NIT hopes alive at Big East tournament time, Seton Hall dashed their dreams as they closed the season with a 79-69 victory over Notre Dame.

"We were hoping to make a run in the tournament and probably earn an NIT bid," said Murphy. "I learned a lot this year and had a lot of fun but it's still disappointing to lose."

Although they did not get a postseason tournament bid, the Irish did garner their share of accolades, mostly on the shoulders of Murphy.

The freshman was named Big East rookie of the year and earned a spot on the Big East all-second team and a unanimous selection on the conference all-rookie team.

Murphy filled Garrity's shoes well, averaging 18.9 points and 9.7 rebounds per game. The latter statistic made Murphy the first freshman in Big East history to hold the conference rebounding title.



The Observer/Jeff Hsu
Senior Phil Hickey provided veteran leadership on a young but talented Irish basketball squad.

The biggest headlines came less than a week after the final game of the season. Head coach John MacLeod resigned and Matt Doherty, an assistant at the University of Kansas, was chosen as his replacement.

While the graduation of Hickey and Wyche with fellow seniors Dennis Carroll and Paul Rainey will cause a loss of

manpower on the squad, the seniors' hard work and dedication is already paying off in the form of an exceptional recruiting class.

Notre Dame basketball's Class of 2003 — Matt Carroll, Mike Monserez and Ivan Kartelo — provide Irish fans with plenty of reasons to be optimistic for the seasons ahead.

■ MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish shock Big East, capture 2nd

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

After a fourth-place finish in last year's the Big East championships, the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team finished its season on a high note and stepped into second place in the Big East.

In addition, Tim Welsh and Caiming Xie were named Big East and diving coach of the year, respectively.

On their way to upsetting Syracuse by one point at the Big East championships, the men broke 14 team records, included in the 16 they broke throughout the season. They also achieved three NCAA championship consideration times.

"The thing that sums up the season as a whole was the last relay at Big East," captain Chris Fugate said of the 400 freestyle relay that secured second place for the Irish in the final seconds of the meet. "That was the peak of our season, to achieve what we achieved. It all came to a height there and it was just incredible."

The team's dual meet record of 4-4 would not have led to predictions of a second-place finish. The season began with a pounding from then-defending national champions Stanford.

The Irish were 2-2 for dual meets heading into December's Notre Dame Invitational. There, the team set four school records and crushed No. 12

Florida State to win the meet.

The seniors were pleased that their four years at Notre Dame ended with a climactic victory at the Big East meet.

"It seemed like everyone knew what their job was both in the classroom and in the pool," Mike Doyle said. "Everyone did what it took to go fast."

Part of the men's success came with a team grade point average of 3.225, the nation's second highest for men's swim teams.

When reflecting on their four years at Notre Dame, many swimmers noted the difference in attitude as the biggest change.

"Our freshman year, being on the team was more of a partying thing," Vince Kuna said. "Since then we've curtailed the partying and focused on getting faster as a team."

"I think our team has really focused on getting faster over the years and making a commitment to do better and it's shown," Fugate said. "The culture of the team was elevated to a new level to help it swim faster."

The senior class in particular is often recognized as initiating the change.

"Ever since our freshman year, we were really the dominant class," captain Steele Whowell said. "I think the closeness of our class and our leadership skills both in and out of the pool have brought the team to where it is."


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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Doherty replaces MacLeod as men's basketball coach

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

After eight seasons under the Dome, head basketball coach John MacLeod announced his resignation on March 9, making way for a long search process that resulted in the hiring of Kansas assistant Matt Doherty on March 30.

The Irish were just 106-124 with MacLeod at the helm and failed to qualify for postseason play during the past two seasons, which put the coach's job in jeopardy.

"I feel like we were able to make major contributions to the growth of Notre Dame basketball," MacLeod said. "I think everything is in place for Notre Dame to make a positive move. I appreciate the opportunity to work here at Notre Dame and I wish the best for the young men who are part of the program."

MacLeod's eight-year tenure was the fourth longest in school history. He led the Irish to the postseason twice during that span, with bids in the NIT in 1991-92 and 1996-97. The Irish advanced to the championship game in '91-'92 and MacLeod was named Big East coach of the year for the '96-'97 season. MacLeod played an influential role in Notre Dame's decision to join the Big East, but after back-to-back mediocre seasons, MacLeod resigned allegedly under pressure from University officials.

The ensuing search process involved names like Xavier coach Skip Prosser, Seton Hall's Tommy Amaker and Princeton's Bill Carmody, but

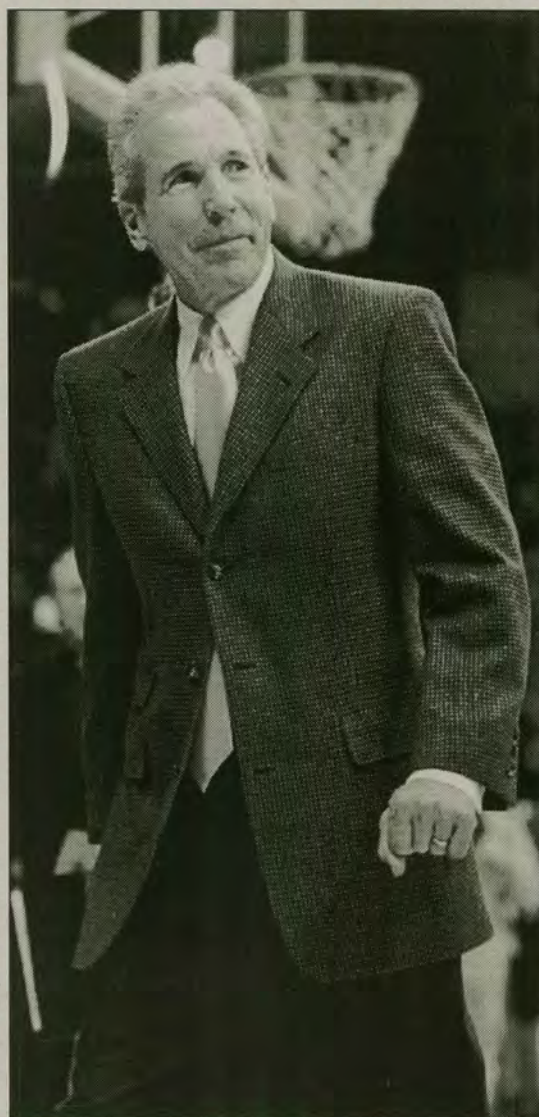
Utah coach Rick Majerus emerged as the frontrunner. However, as a possible deal neared, Majerus withdrew his name, apparently amid speculation about his character by University officials Father Edward Malloy and Father William Beauchamp.

Eventually Doherty, who was barely mentioned during the secretive search process, was chosen as MacLeod's successor and named the 16th Irish head coach in a press conference on March 30.

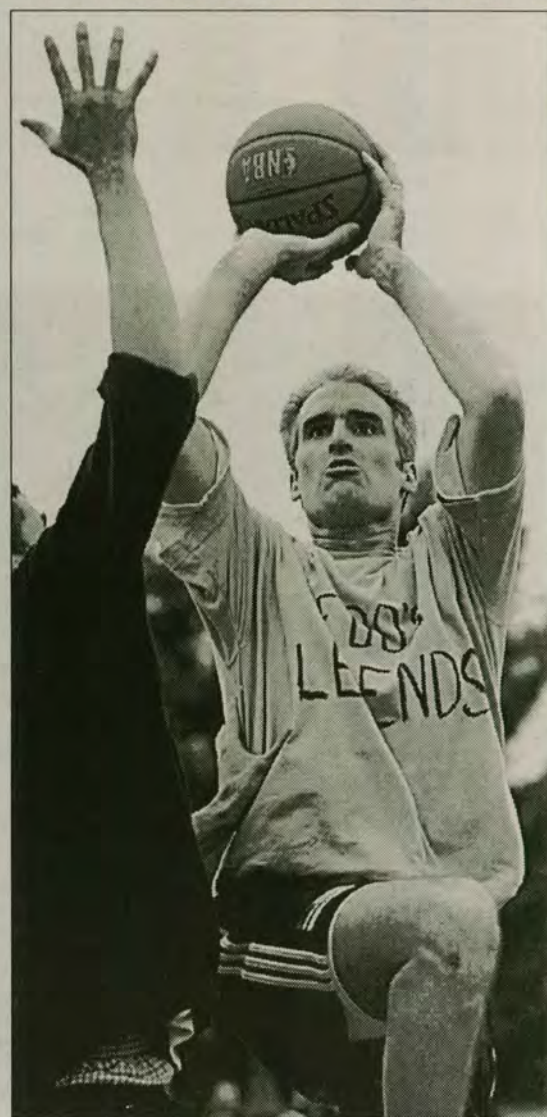
"Sounds pretty good to me," said an emotional Doherty after the announcement. "This is a very proud moment in my life. Everything Notre Dame stands for and represents is how I try to live my life. I've been very fortunate to be involved in several championships, but this ranks right up there, if not the highest professional accomplishment of my career."

Doherty's career has its fair share of highlights. He played alongside Michael Jordan and James Worthy on North Carolina's 1982 National Championship team and helped lead Kansas to the 1993 Final Four as an assistant under Roy Williams. Aside from his seven-season stint at Kansas, Doherty was also an assistant at Davidson from 1989-1992.

"Matt brings to Notre Dame a tremendous basketball background," athletic director Mike Wadsworth said on the hiring. "He's extremely mature, he's very knowledgeable as far as the game is concerned and he has a proven track record as a recruiter."



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John MacLeod resigned as head coach of the men's basketball team after eight seasons and only two postseason appearances. Athletic director Michael Wadsworth hired former University of Kansas assistant Matt Doherty as MacLeod's replacement. Doherty has already become a student favorite through his participation in Bookstore Basketball as a member of Lebo's Legends.

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SMC hires four new coaches

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's athletics hopes to find increased stability and recruiting efforts with the hiring of four new coaches for the 1999-00 athletic seasons.

Soccer, volleyball, tennis and softball will change leadership hands in '99-'00, joining what athletic director Jan Travis calls "a top-notch coaching staff."

Dan Stevenson takes over as head tennis coach, bringing a history of national competition to the role. Stevenson, a member of the 1960 Notre Dame national championship team, currently holds national and regional rankings for the men's over-60 tennis division.

"I think we'll see this program move up a notch," Travis said. "[Stevenson] brings personal playing experience, so I think we will also see a change in strategy."

After several coaching shifts during the past season, the softball program will seek stability in returning head coach Joe Speybroek, who created the Saint Mary's softball program in the 1980s. Speybroek also began the Notre Dame softball program.

"We definitely will see a change in the level of ball that the girls will be playing," Travis said. "Since my tenure at Saint Mary's, we haven't had a coach with this knowledge of coaching and the knowledge of the game."

Jason Milligan will take over as head soccer coach for the fall season after contributing as the assistant coach for the 1998-99 season. Milligan's coaching experience includes coaching the Junior Irish Soccer club. He was also a three-year starter for Bethel College's top ranked team in the NCCAA in 1998.

Recruiting efforts are expected to be his strongest contribution, Travis said.

"[Milligan] has the time for recruiting, which is important because we need to increase the squad size," Travis said. "He has enthusiasm, and combined with his recruiting, we should see him take the program to another level."

Rhanda Shields, 1998-99 assistant volleyball coach, will take over as head coach in the fall and is expected to continue the growth of the program.

"She has a wealth of playing experience, and with her enthusiasm, should continue to add to the program," Travis said.

Shields has coached the Louisville Volleyball Club and has worked with the Saint Mary's volleyball camp. She was also a four-year scholarship winner at the University of Louisville, where she was a four year varsity letter winner.

The hiring of the coaches marks the end of a season-long process.

"It's a great way to end 1998-99," Travis said.

■ ROWING

Irish begin new tradition of excellence

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

For a team in its inaugural varsity season, the women's rowing team competed with the grit and skill of seasoned competitors.

The novice eight boat never finished lower than second place. The boat finished second to Wisconsin at the Midwest Championships on May 2.

"Our novices experienced great success and improvement this past season," said head coach Martin Stone. "With all of them moving up to the varsity team next year, it will only help increase the speed of our varsity boats. Our novice team this year set the precedent for our future novice programs."

The varsity eight improved all season, advancing to the finals at the Midwest Championships behind two Wisconsin teams. The team placed third at the April 17 tri-meet against Ohio State and Michigan. The boat also finished second at the March 7 tri-meet against Michigan State and Creighton.

Another successful group on the team was the lightweight eight boat, which finished the season ranked 12th in the nation. The team



The women's rowing had an excellent inaugural season. Under the leadership of head coach Martin Stone, the team placed well at many top competitions.

placed third at the Midwest Championships.

"Having our lightweight eight boat ranked nationally gives a great deal of credibility to our program and is a tribute to how hard our athletes worked during the entire year to make themselves better," said Stone.

A testament to the success of the program, freshman Michelle Olsgard was one of 12 athletes invited to participate in a Freshman

Rowing Developmental Camp at the ARCO Olympic Training Center this June.

"This is a great honor and privilege for Michelle," said Stone. "As a first-year program, this means a great deal to have someone with Michelle's talents selected for this camp. She worked extremely hard this season and I look forward to having her move up to the varsity level next year."

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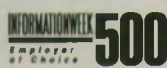


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■ TRACK

Larger Belles squad finds greater success in '99

SMC wins its first ever MIAA conference meet

By MOLLY McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's track team had nothing short of a record-breaking season.

Fielding one of the largest teams in recent history, the Belles broke school records and won their first conference meet ever.

"The entire season was an incredible one," said sophomore Kara Bergeman. "We only had six people last year and we still did very well. This year we had four times as many people as last year and we did awesome. I feel very lucky to be surrounded by the talent on the track team."

Their success in conference meets may have been partly due to the tough competition they faced from the start of their season. They began their season at the Wabash Invitational and the Huntington Relays where they faced Division I, II and III schools. The Belles were very competitive and placed in the relays and individually.

Saint Mary's field team immediately was outstanding, led by junior Allyson Treloar in javelin.

Treloar finished the season undefeated in dual meets and finished second in the league championship. There, she not only qualified for nationals, but also broke the school record with a throw of 123 feet, 10 inches.

The Belles' first win in the MIAA came against Olivet and Albion in April.

The Belles ran very strong at this meet and beat Olivet soundly 90-40. As in all of the records and wins this season, Sarah Gallagher and Stacy Davis, both seniors, led the way for Saint Mary's.

"She was an excellent leader and inspiration for the team," said junior Sharis Long of Gallagher. "She truly led by example and will be greatly missed."

Gallagher was named the scholar athlete of the year by Saint Mary's this spring.

The Belles went on to finish their season on a very high note, beating

Defiance in their last dual meet and finishing fifth at the MIAA conference championships. At the championships, freshman Erica Burket and junior Ashley Dickerson also broke school records. Burket placed fourth in the

100-meter hurdles and broke the record with a time of 16.22 seconds. Dickerson, another part of the field team, broke the record in discus with a throw of 107 feet, 9 inches, which earned her an eighth-place finish.

KARA BERGEMAN
SOPHOMORE

As always, the short sprints and distance runners,

who were consistent all season, fared well at the league meet. As in almost every meet, Davis won the 100. Sophomore Genevieve Yavello, who was named the most valuable runner by the team, placed 10th in the 3000 meters and ninth in the 1500 meters. Freshman Melissa Goss also placed 13th in the 500 meters.

"The track team had an outstanding season, performing very well in the conference," said Yavello. "We were led by our captains Stacy Davis and Sarah Gallagher, who made contributions to our team both on and off the track. We will really miss them both next year."

The seniors will surely be missed, but the team has a lot of young talent. Team members said they are confident that the youth will make next season as successful, if not better, than this one. Over half of the team was composed of freshmen and sophomores that will be called upon — under the leadership of the rising seniors — to lead the Belles in another record-breaking season next year.

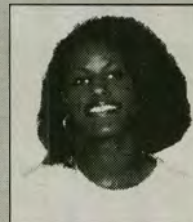
Stacy Davis led Belles with speed, enthusiasm

By MOLLY McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior Stacy Davis' record speaks for itself.

She has qualified for NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships and the

Outdoor Championships for three consecutive years. She holds the school record for the 100-meter dash (12.04 seconds), 200-meter dash (24.96 seconds), 55-meter dash (7.16 seconds) and 60-meter dash (7.82 seconds).



Davis

She was named first team All-MIAA this season and was an All-American as a sophomore. Her sophomore year she placed fourth in the nation in the 55 and third in the 100 as well.

"Stacy is the Saint Mary's definition of a scholar athlete," said junior teammate Claire Burke. "She is not only intelligent, humble and strong, but she looks out for her friends and teammates."

Even more than her records, Davis' affect on her team speaks volumes.

"She looked so intimidating, but as it turns out, Stacy is the nicest, most sensitive, caring person," said freshman teammate Stefanie Roth. "Not only is she an outstanding runner, she would do anything for anyone on the team if they were in need."

Davis has run for the Belles for three years and her impact was felt every season. This season, she beat almost every one of her competitors in the 100 and carried that energy to the MIAA championships where she won the 100 again, qualified for nationals again and was named first team All-MIAA.

"Being on the team with Stacy was awesome," said sophomore Genevieve Yavello. "We knew we could always count on her for first place. At conference, I was in the bleachers cheering for her, and I heard several awed comments from other people about 'that runner from Saint Mary's.' It made me proud to hear that and know they were talking about one of my teammates."

The MIAA is not the only group of people to recognize Davis' talents. Her teammates have twice named her MVP, Saint Mary's awarded her the the Saint Mary's College Athlete of the Year Award in 1997 and she won the Saint Mary's Director's Award this spring.

Davis has earned the college's respect and the respect of her fellow teammates.

"Stacy Davis is by far the greatest runner that I have ever gotten the opportunity to run with," said senior co-captain Sarah Gallagher. "Every time she gets in those starting blocks, you know you will see a great race and Stacy will always come out on top. She has a natural ability and works hard to remain at the level that she is at."

Even other athletic teams at Saint Mary's respect Davis' ability.

"Every time we got on the bus, no one would sit in the very back seat, because it was Stacy's," Roth said. "I knew our team knew this, but when we had to ride with softball once, no one sat back there and I couldn't figure out why. Then I heard someone whisper, 'Oh, that's Stacy's seat.' All I could do was laugh."

Davis will be missed not only for her first-place finishes and the points she earns for the Belles, teammates said, but for the dedication and enthusiasm she brought to the Belles.



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■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame wins fourth-straight Big East title

By WES JACOBS
Sports Writer

While Notre Dame's classes and finals may have ended a week ago, the women's tennis team's work is just beginning.

The 12th-ranked Irish will host the NCAA Championship tournament's first and second rounds of the Midwest Regionals this weekend. In the first round, Notre Dame will face unranked Illinois-Chicago, who received an automatic bid to the tournament by winning the Midwestern Collegiate Conference crown to earn its first-ever NCAA bid.

The other first-round matchup will pit No. 19 Florida State against No. 39 Iowa, who the Irish defeated earlier this year, 8-1. Whichever of the four teams still stands at the end will advance to the round of 16 at the University of Florida.

"We're really excited to be selected as a host of the first and second rounds," said Irish head coach Jay Louderback. "There are three talented teams coming to Notre Dame so it should be three great matches."

Notre Dame has beaten UIC in each of their five previous meetings, but the two teams have not played since the 1985-86 season. The Flames, seeded 49-64, will be making their second trip to Notre Dame this season, after competing in the Eck Classic in September.

"We're really excited right now," said Irish senior All-

American Jennifer Hall. "We just have to go out there and play to win. Everyone's playing their best right now, so we feel like we can compete with anyone."

Florida State enters the NCAA Championships with an at-large bid on the strength of a 21-6 record. The Seminoles boast the nation's 91st-ranked player, freshman Alida Gallovits. She is also ranked 47th in doubles with sophomore Nanette Duxin.

In the teams' first meeting in 1996, the Irish beat the Seminoles 6-1.

Iowa comes to South Bend with a 16-8 record and received an at-large selection to make its first-ever NCAA appearance. Freshman Toni Neykova and junior Shera Wiegler are ranked 38th in doubles. The Irish beat the Hawkeyes 8-1 earlier in the year at home and they have won all four meetings with Iowa, who is seeded 33-48.

After Notre Dame's exciting Big East championship win over Miami nearly three weeks ago, which advanced the team record to 22-6, the Irish have had the luxury of a long break. While it has provided rest for the players, it has also forced everyone to remain focused.

"We've been practicing hard this week to get tournament tough," said sophomore Michelle Dasso. "If we stay focused, the break will help us, because I think everyone needed a break."

No changes are expected in

the lineup for Notre Dame when they take the courts on Saturday. Ranked 10th nationally, Dasso will remain as the No. 1 singles player, with Hall right behind her. Senior Marisa Velasco will occupy the No. 3 slot, and freshman star Becky Varnum will be at No. 4. Sophomore Kelly Zalinski will continue her strong play at No. 5 and Lindsey Green is expected to finalize the singles lineup.

Doubles will remain strong for the Irish, with 8th-ranked Dasso and Hall anchoring the lineup. Velasco and Varnum will follow, while Green and Zalinski will complete the impressive lineup.

This tournament also presents Notre Dame with the end of an era. Two stellar seniors will be taking the courts for the final time — Velasco and Hall. Hall has compiled a record total of 115 singles wins and 90 doubles wins, making her Notre Dame's all time leader in singles and combined wins. She broke Mary Colligan's 13-year-old record earlier this year. Hall became the first Irish player to reach 100 wins under head coach Louderback on Feb. 19, when she beat UCLA's Annica Cooper 7-5, 6-3.

Velasco currently stands one win away from breaking the 100-win plateau, with a 99-45 career singles record.

"Right now, we have only one goal left to accomplish," said Hall. "The next two weeks really will define our season. Marisa and I want to go out winners."



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Jennifer Hall and the women's tennis team won the Big East title for the fourth-straight year.

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■ BASEBALL

Sluggers split two-game series with Hurricanes

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's Alex Shilliday, Chris McKeown and Aaron Heilman combined for a one-hit shutout of the second-ranked Miami Hurricanes on Wednesday to record perhaps the biggest Irish victory in the history of Frank Eck Stadium.

After dropping a 5-3 game to the Hurricanes on Tuesday night, the Irish scored the game's only run in the bottom of the first inning when sophomore second baseman Alec Porzel drove in freshman Steve Stanley with a single to center field.

Shilliday, McKeown and Heilman threw a gem, combining for 15 strikeouts to lead the Irish to victory. The lone Hurricane hit came with two strikes and two outs in the ninth, preserving Miami's 2,078-game streak of not being no-hit.

Heilman pitched the final five innings to earn the win and improve to 10-2 on the season. The sophomore All-American, but struck out seven batters to break Frank Carpin's 41-year old record for strikeouts in a season. Tom Farmer took the loss for Miami.

"I'm just so proud of our kids, particularly because of the way

that they came back from a heartbreaking loss the night before to find in themselves a way to win a game like they did tonight," said head coach Paul Manieri, whose team has now won 10 one-run games in '99. "We've played so many close games all season that our players have the confidence and experience to perform under tremendous pressure. Our pitching was superb and the plan

that [pitching coach] Brian O'Connor mapped out worked to perfection."

With the win, Manieri's squad improved to 40-12, marking the 11th-straight season that the Irish have won 40-plus games in a season. Miami dropped to 36-12 and saw its scoring streak snapped at 248 games (sixth-longest in NCAA history).

Miami rallied from a 3-2 deficit on Tuesday night with

three runs in the eighth inning to defeat Notre Dame in the first game of the series.

Last season, the Irish dropped a three-game series to Miami by a combined score of 62-8.

Notre Dame will now prepare for the Big East tournament which gets underway May 19, in Trenton, N.J. The Irish are favored to win the tournament, despite losing to Rutgers in last year's championship game.

■ MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame preps for NCAA tourney

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

The 30th-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team will be competing in its ninth-consecutive NCAA championship on Saturday when they take on No. 19 Harvard in Terre Haute, Ind.

"They're a good team," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "They've been ranked between 11 and 20 all season, but I think it'll be a close match. I'd give them the edge in doubles and at the top of the singles lineup, but we're as good, if not better, at four, five and six."

The No. 1 singles match will be a showdown between Notre Dame's Ryan Sachire and Harvard's James Blake. Blake is the top-ranked singles player in the country, while Sachire is currently ranked third. Blake defeated Sachire 6-3, 7-6 (7-2), in this season's Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Championships.

"Obviously that will be the match of the tournament," head coach Bob Bayliss said. "I think Ryan has a reasonably good chance if he plays well. He's been working hard all week and is really excited about the match."

Notre Dame received an automatic bid with a dramatic

come-from-behind victory over Miami at this year's Big East Championships in Coral Gables, Fla. The Irish fell behind 3-2 late in the match before rallying with a pair of 7-5 third set victories to beat the Hurricanes on their home court, 4-3.

The Crimson earned a spot in the 64-team field by winning the Ivy League crown.

Harvard has won three of the four meetings between the two schools. The lone Irish win came in the 1998 Blue-Gray National Classic.

Brian Patterson returns to the Irish lineup at No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles. Patterson was unable to compete at Big East due to a toe injury he suffered at practice.

"Patterson's 100 percent now," Bayliss said. "He hasn't played [competitively] since April 13, so he may be rusty early on, but I know he'll play hard."

Several other Irish players have missed practices over the past two weeks due to illness, but Bayliss hopes to have a healthy squad come Saturday.

Host Indiana State and 10th-ranked Baylor will square off in the other first round match-up, with the winners of both matches playing on Sunday.

The Irish are 8-8 in NCAA tournament play in the '90s.

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■ SOFTBALL

Irish finish perfect in Big East, capture first title



Angela Bessolo gave up just one hit in three innings against Connecticut Sunday to earn a save in the Big East Championships.

ND sweeps Big East regular season, 16-0

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

After finishing the regular season with a perfect 16-0 conference record and winning three straight tournament games, the Notre Dame softball team won its first Big East softball championship, defeating Seton Hall 5-1.

The Irish finished the season 38-18 overall.

Sophomore Jennifer Sharron led the pitchers with 16 wins, going 9-0 in conference play. She also led the team with a 1.07 ERA, 145 strikeouts and kept opponents to a .194 batting average against her. She also threw back-to-back one-hitters in the concluding weekend of Big East play.

Senior Angela Bessolo finished the regular season 14-5, 7-0 in conference. She also led all pitchers with 30 appearances throughout the season.

Offensively the Irish were tough to stop this year. Seven players finished with batting averages higher than .300 while the team had a .306 average.

Shortstop Mel Alkire led the team in eight offensive categories. She posted teams highs in at bats, hits, homeruns, RBI, total bases, slugging percentage, on base percentage and sacrifice flies.

Catcher Kris McCleary had seven home runs on the Irish squad that set a Notre Dame record with 26 homeruns in one season. First baseman Amy Lemire had a team-high 14 doubles, and she and third baseman Jarrah Myers were among the team leaders in batting average.

The young squad was successful partly because of its senior leadership. Laboe

and McCleary captained the team led on the field. Bessolo proved to be a stellar example on the mound, often coming through with outstanding efforts.

"As seniors, our main goal was to end the season on our own terms, and we still have a chance to do that," said Laboe, who played in all 54 games. "We wanted our team to be on the same page and work together. We want to have the most successful softball season at Notre Dame."

"We wanted to leave knowing that we did our best to build the program," she continued. "The program expects great things from the underclassmen and we would like to comeback one day and know that we helped them achieve their potential."

The emergence of several key freshman contributors proved vital for the Irish. Showing a healthy future for Irish pitching, Michelle Moschel went 5-3 for the season and posted three consecutive victories over Bowling Green and Toledo. She finished the season with a 2.30 ERA with 53 strikeouts to only seven walks.

An offensive threat, Myers started every game at third for the Irish. Jenny Kriech started 53 games in right field and took over the lead-off spot for the Irish. She stole a team-high 10 bases in 13 attempts.

Freshmen Rebecca Eimen and Kathleen Hoag also fared well. Hoag started 35 games and Eimen, who emerged as the starting second baseman, started 30 games. Both received Big East rookie of the week honors during the year.

"Everyone was equal," said McCleary. "We were always pulling for each other — win or lose — and we developed a bond. We were playing for each other rather than ourselves and that was important."

Notre Dame wins tournament

Observer Staff Report

The Notre Dame softball team captured its first-ever Big East Championship Sunday with a 5-1 win over Seton Hall in Storrs, Conn.

The win gives the Irish the Big East's automatic bid in the NCAA tournament. The Irish will be making their fourth NCAA appearance under head coach Liz Miller.

The Irish entered the Big East tournament as the No. 1 seed and defeated fourth-seeded Connecticut 4-1 on the backs of Notre Dame pitchers Jennifer Sharron and Angela Bessolo. Sharron gave up just one run in four innings to pick up the win, while Bessolo yielded only one hit in her three innings of

relief to earn the save.

In the second game on Saturday, the Irish rallied from a two-run deficit to defeat the two-time Big East Champion Boston College Eagles, 9-4. The Irish bats exploded in the fifth inning, as they scored four runs on three hits.

In the championship against Seton Hall, the Irish jumped out to an early 1-0 lead, while Bessolo pitched strong. She gave up just one hit while striking out seven, before being replaced by Sharron.

The Pirates managed to score their lone run to tie the game in the top of the sixth, but the Irish struck back with two runs in the bottom of the sixth. Jarrah Myers' two-run double put the Irish in front for good.



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■ MEN'S LACROSSE

No. 12 Irish set for rematch with No. 5 Hoyas

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

After a one year hiatus, the men's lacrosse team returns to the familiar territory of the NCAA tournament to face a familiar opponent in the Georgetown Hoyas on Sunday in Towson, Md.

The Irish saw a six year tournament appearance streak snapped last year when they compiled a 5-7 record and failed to earn a tournament bid. In 1999, however, a mixture of talented sophomores and senior leadership has led the Irish to a 8-5 record and a 12th seed in the NCAA tournament.

"Especially after last year, it was important for us to get back to the tournament this year," senior midfielder Brad Owen said. "We didn't make it as juniors. We had a really good team last year and everyone expected us to go far. But for some reason, everything didn't come together. So this year, the team is really young and we wanted to prove to the NCAA that we could make it back."

The team has gotten stronger as the season wore on. The players adjusted to playing together and the victories have piled up.

"We play well together," Owen said. "In our first game against Penn State, we didn't play well together because we were so young, but the young guys have really stepped it up and we have learned to play together."

Most of the youth on the team is found on attack and in the midfield. Attackman David Ulrich and Tom Glatzel rank one and two, respectively on the points list for the Irish, while midfielder Todd Ulrich finished the year with 22 points — good for fourth on the points list. Glatzel and Ulrich have each been named Great Western Lacrosse League players of the week this year.

Despite being called upon to play such a critical role in their first NCAA tournament game, the sophomores are not nervous.

"There are a lot of sophomores on the team and we have been put in pressure situations before," said Ulrich, who hails from Baltimore, Md. "I am a little nervous about playing at home in front of all my friends and family, but I am also deeply excited."

The pressure situations and game experience that the sophomores have faced this year make their youth no longer a liability, according to Owen.

"They are pretty much juniors now," he said. "They are really experienced. They have played in 15 games — including our scrimmages — so that's not going to be a problem. They are going to be excited about playing in front of a big crowd in Maryland, but they will be ready."

The sophomores have received veteran leadership from co-captain Chris Dusseau. Dusseau has led the Irish in goals in each of his four years under the Dome. This year he set a new career high with 31 goals.

Dusseau has been especially deadly for goalies the past three games. After the team dropped three straight to Georgetown, Hofstra and Ohio State, the Irish needed to win all of their last three games to secure a bid in the NCAA tournament.

Dusseau stepped up his play to a new level, scoring a career-high five goals in the 15-7 win over the Army. Just one week after his career-high performance, Dusseau scored a new career-high six goals in the



Irish's first-ever win over Massachusetts. Dusseau earned his second GWLL player of the week honors of the year for his performance.

In the home finale for the seniors against Harvard, Dusseau added two more goals to give him 13 goals in his last three regular season games.

The hero of Harvard game, however, was another sophomore. Midfielder Steve Bishko scored two goals in the last three minutes — including the game-winner with three seconds left — to give the Irish a dramatic come-from-behind victory.

Bishko was named GWLL

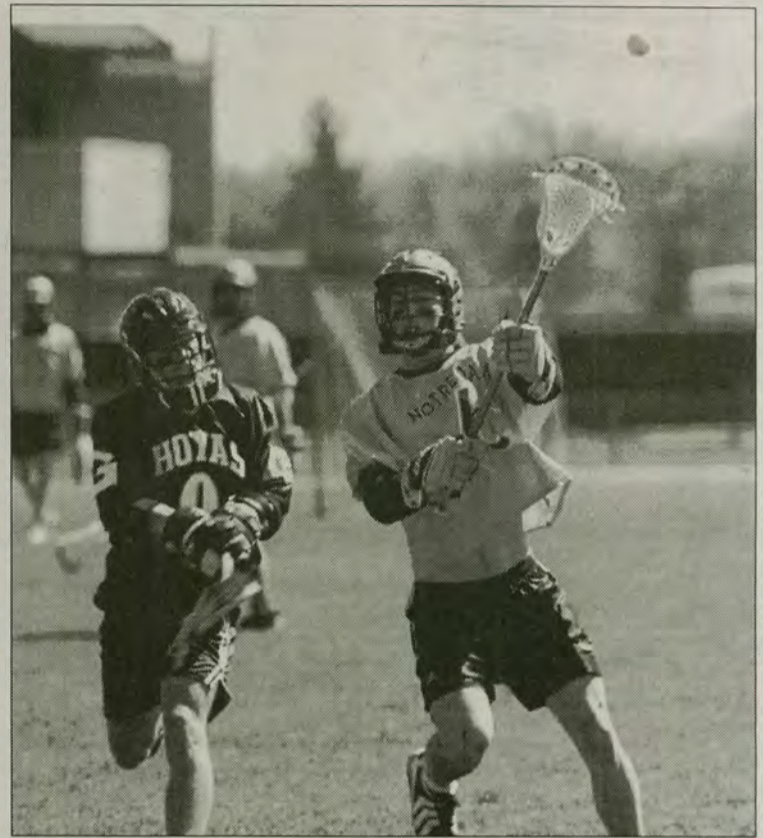
Player of the Week for his heroics against Harvard.

Against Georgetown in the first round of the tournament, the Irish will be looking for revenge after an earlier loss to the Hoyas. In their April 10 match-up, the Irish jumped out to an 4-1 first quarter lead before being out scored 11-4 over the last 45 minutes.

"We have to concentrate on playing for 60 minutes rather than just one half well," Ulrich said. "Georgetown is a really good team so it is going to take a full 60 minute effort."

Despite being seeded behind Georgetown in the tournament, Notre Dame is confident that it can defeat Georgetown in the first round, especially since the Irish have faced the Hoyas already this year.

"We are more confident, but we are not overly confident," Ulrich said. "We know that they are an excellent team and they have improved since the last time we played them. So we know we have our hands full, but we are also confident in ourselves so we know we can beat them."



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Stedman Oakey and the Notre Dame lacrosse team travel to Towson, Md., Sunday to take on Georgetown in the NCAA tournament.



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Samreta excels in the water

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Assistant News Editor

When junior Michelle Samreta heard her name announced as athlete of the year at the Saint Mary's varsity athletic banquet, she knew that she was stepping into some big shoes.

Following senior track standout and three-year winner Stacy Davis, Samreta wasn't sure she'd be able to fill them.

"I was extremely surprised," said Samreta, a three-year varsity swimmer. "It's an honor just to follow her — she is one of the most excellent athletes to ever come through Saint Mary's. To even be considered to be close to that level is amazing."

But following an athlete of Davis' caliber also gave Samreta a role model, she said.



"Stacy has shown all Saint Mary's athletes what hard work and dedication can do," Samreta said. "I just want to be able to follow her dedication."

The award celebrates an athlete who boasts NCAA rankings, regional rankings, school records, a high level of performance in the regular season and academic and extra curricular achievement.

Winning the award above nominees Julie Norman (basketball), Joe Wagner (soccer), Erica Burkett (track), Suzanne Martin (volleyball), Angie Meyers (volleyball) and Agnes Bill (volleyball), Samreta's edge came from her overall achievement said head swimming coach Jini Cook.

"[Samreta] is a leader both in and out of the water," Cook said. "She has done a fabulous job with leadership both in and out of the water. She wants Saint Mary's voice to be heard both in the MIAA conference and nationally and that means a lot to Saint Mary's."

Samreta, who served as the vice president of the Student Athletic Council and the Saint Mary's 1998-99 MIAA student conference representative, is also running for the MIAA national representative to the NCAA for 1999-00.

"The position gives greater visibility to Saint Mary's athlet-

ics, as well as the MIAA," said Samreta, who will learn her status in August. "Having a national Saint Mary's representative shows that Saint Mary's is serious about sports, which we need."

After breaking her own record in the 100-yard breaststroke twice and in the 200 breaststroke once, Samreta finished the season with a national ranking of 39th in the 100 breaststroke and fourth in the MIAA conference. She was also named co-MVP for the swim team.

Samreta, a junior elementary education major, was the class treasurer for student government for the past two years and is involved in Campus Ministry and the education club.

Samreta also co-sponsored the Indiana Make-A-Wish foundation this past summer.

Samreta will serve as co-captain of the Belles swim team again next winter and looks to defend her school records for a third year. Breaking them, however, isn't her main goal.

"If I don't get athlete of the year, if I don't get MVP, if I don't make the papers, I don't really care," Samreta said. "They're great awards, but I just want to better my times. My goal is to keep my mental focus. If I can do that, I'll know that I did my best."

'SHE HAS DONE A FABULOUS JOB WITH LEADERSHIP BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE WATER.'

JINI COOK
SWIMMING HEAD COACH



Photo courtesy of Jini Cook
Saint Mary's junior Michelle Samreta holds school records in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke.

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FOUR YEARS IN REVIEW

Friday, May 14, 1999

BIGGEST SPORTS STORIES

#1

of the 1995-99 academic years



November 20, 1996

Holtz leaves Notre Dame

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

Despite consistent success over the course of the 32 games he coached at Notre Dame, Holtz's only national championship came in 1988 when the Irish defeated West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl to complete a 12-0 season.

Holtz led the Irish to near misses in 1989 and 1993 but an loss to the Miami Hurricanes and a last second Eagles field goal spoiled any hopes of a second title.

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

2 Women's soccer wins championship



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

The Irish also ended North Carolina's dynasty in the semifinals by beating the Tar Heels 1-0.

Dec. 4, 1995

3 Women's hoops reach Final Four



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

In the Final Four, Notre Dame made an early exit, losing to Tennessee.

March 7, 1997

4 MacLeod resigns coaching position



After eight years and no NCAA tournament appearances, men's basketball head coach John MacLeod resigned.

MacLeod, who was named Big East coach of the year in 1997, led the Irish to the NIT finals in 1992 and the quarterfinals in 1997.

MacLeod's final record at Notre Dame stood at 106-124.

March 6, 1999

5 Davie takes the helm

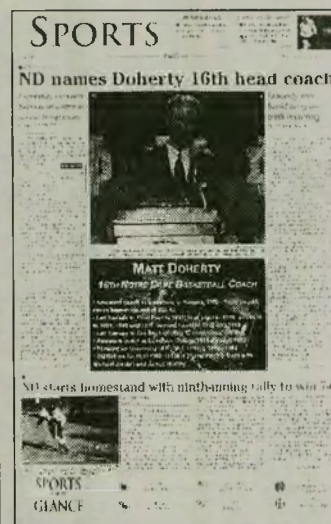


Irish defensive coordinator Bob Davie accepted the head coaching job less than one week after Lou Holtz announced his resignation.

Davie is only the second head coach to be hired within the ranks of the Irish staff. He became the 26th head football coach in school history.

Nov. 25, 1996

6 Irish hire Doherty

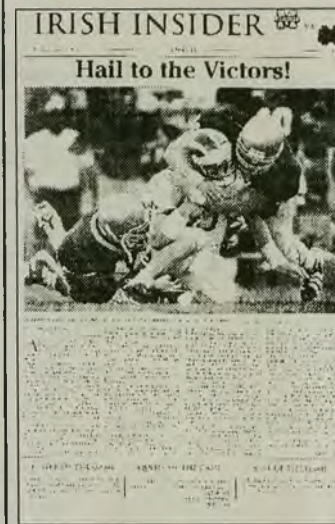


After an exhaustive search by athletic director Michael Wadsworth, former Kansas assistant coach Matt Doherty was named head coach of the men's basketball team.

Doherty became the 16th men's basketball coach in school history following John MacLeod's resignation.

March 31, 1999

7 Notre Dame defeats Michigan

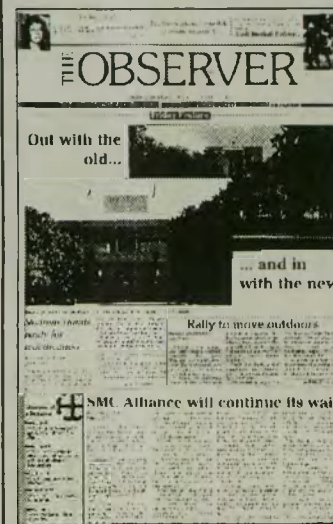


Defending national champion Michigan saw its chances to repeat as No. 1 come crashing down as a stifling Notre Dame defense and high-powered offense crushed Michigan, 36-20.

Led by tailback Autry Denson's 162 yards, the Irish ended the Wolverines' winning streak.

Sept. 7, 1999

8 Renovated stadium opens



After two years and \$50 million of construction, Notre Dame Stadium was rededicated with 21,000 new seats, a new press box and a new facade.

The House that Rockne Built increased its capacity to 80,016. Each of these seats was filled as Notre Dame defeated Georgia Tech in the first game in the renovated stadium.

Sept. 5, 1997

9 USC ends ND's 13-year streak



The Trojans outscored the Irish 21-6 in the fourth quarter to complete a dramatic comeback to send the Irish home with a 27-10 defeat.

Fourth-quarter turnovers led to the Trojan rally that ended Lou Holtz's career as head coach with a loss. It was Holtz's first loss to the men of Troy.

Dec. 3, 1996

10 Petrucelli steps down as coach

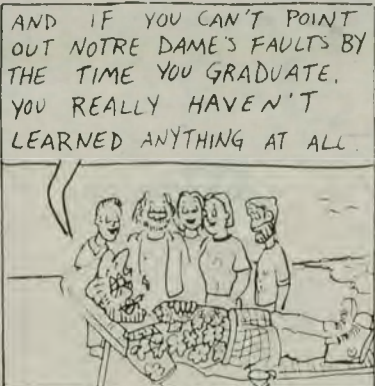
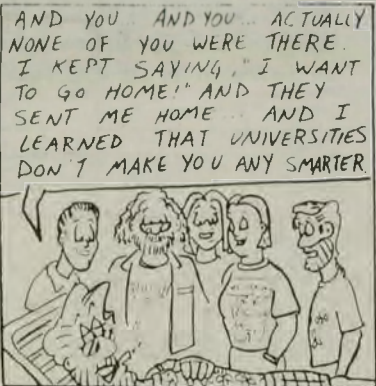


Chris Petrucelli, who led the women's soccer team to the national championship in 1995, resigned as head coach to accept the head coaching position at the University of Texas.

Petrucelli was twice named national coach of the year during his tenure with the Irish.

Jan. 22, 1999

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You need to get to know more prominent people. Networking clubs or organizations will help you meet some key players in your field. You can get ahead if you're given a chance to show your worth. ☉☉

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The changes happening all around you can't be that bad. Take a second look. There is probably an opening for you if you are willing to take on a challenge. Don't sell yourself short. ☉☉

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your abstract way of looking at things will be mighty attractive to someone with vision. Don't hold back. State your beliefs, and don't worry about those who think you're ahead of your time. ☉☉

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Depression regarding older relatives will be upsetting. Don't take on the family's responsibility by yourself. Enlist the help of others even if you have to bully them into it. ☉☉☉

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your partner's mood swings are causing you grief. It's not easy to live with the uncertainty that your lover may not want you anymore. You may have to play his or her game in order to put

an end to it. ☉☉

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your dietary habits may need a bit of adjusting. If you haven't been feeling well lately, it may be due to your life-style or something you're consuming. ☉☉☉

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The time to get out and experience new things is now. Move and groove with your newfound friends. Learn from the company you keep, but don't spend too much trying to keep up. ☉☉

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You need some time to yourself, but if you neglect your mate, you're likely to end up in a dispute. Try to talk him or her into a day of rest and relaxation for two. ☉☉

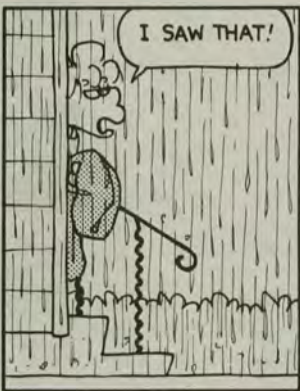
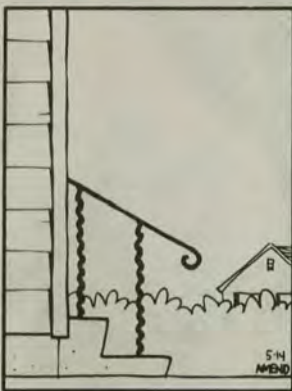
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Choose your words wisely. Some family members will not agree with you. Gossip will create problems. Don't twist words around or exaggerate. You're not likely to win in the end. ☉☉

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Empty promises will cause friction. You can make things work if you don't rely on others to help or support your actions. Limited financial funds may stifle your plans. ☉☉☉

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your erratic behavior will leave your family feeling uncertain and confused. Try to explain your actions and let them know that you need a little time to yourself. ☉☉

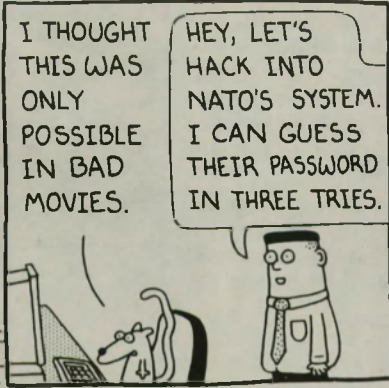
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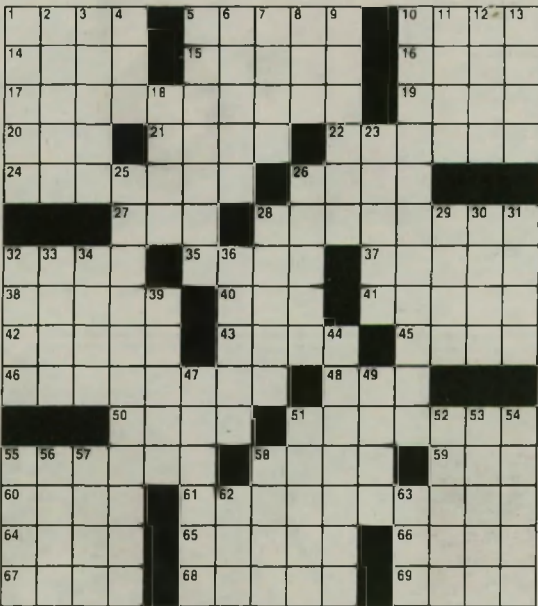
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- 55 Snake-haired woman of myth
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- 59 — de France
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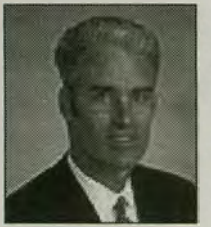
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SPORTS

New Man in the House

■ The replacement of John MacLeod by Matt Doherty highlighted an up-and-down season for the men's basketball team.

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■ FOOTBALL

Jackson leads Irish to Jacksonville

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Returning from a mediocre 7-6 season and an off-season marred with off-the-field controversy, Notre Dame faced a 1998 season full of questions about whether head coach Bob Davie and first-year starter Jarious Jackson could handle pressure.

To make matters worse, the season began with a showdown with defending National Champion Michigan. The Wolverines returned nine starters from a defense that allowed a paltry 9.5 points per game on its way to a perfect 12-0 record. Ranked fifth in The Associated Press preseason poll, the Wolverines came into Notre Dame stadium confident that they could plow through the Irish.

Notre Dame, however, proved them wrong. From Autry Denson's 58-yard run on the first Irish offensive play to an improbable 35-yard touchdown pass from Jackson to Raki Nelson that gave the Irish a 10-point lead in the third quarter, the day belonged to the Irish.

"At some point, you better step up and win a big game ... and this confirms to the players that this will work," said Davie following the 36-20 victory. "This is the biggest win I've ever had, right here."

The following week against Michigan State the tides turned for the 10th-ranked Irish. After a 45-23 loss to the 0-2 Spartans, people questioned the strength of the Irish.

Davie was noticeably distraught with his team's performance, particularly after letting up 42 first-half points.

"I'm embarrassed; this football team's embarrassed," said Davie after the game. "There's not going to be a whole lot of talk about it. I think we came in here expecting to play well

and we didn't. We had no chance because of our execution."

The Irish responded from the defeat at Michigan State in a 31-30 home victory against Purdue. The win began a charge that would see the Irish record eight-straight victories.

Every game a different player seemed to step up his game. Against Purdue, Tony Driver's two interceptions in the final minutes put the Irish in position to mount a dramatic comeback.

It was the fullbacks' turn to shine in the next two victories. Jamie Spencer's career-high 80 yards rushing propelled the Irish to a 35-17 victory over Stanford. Joey Goodspeed gained 109 yards on four carries in sweltering heat and a hostile environment in a 28-9 drubbing at Arizona State.

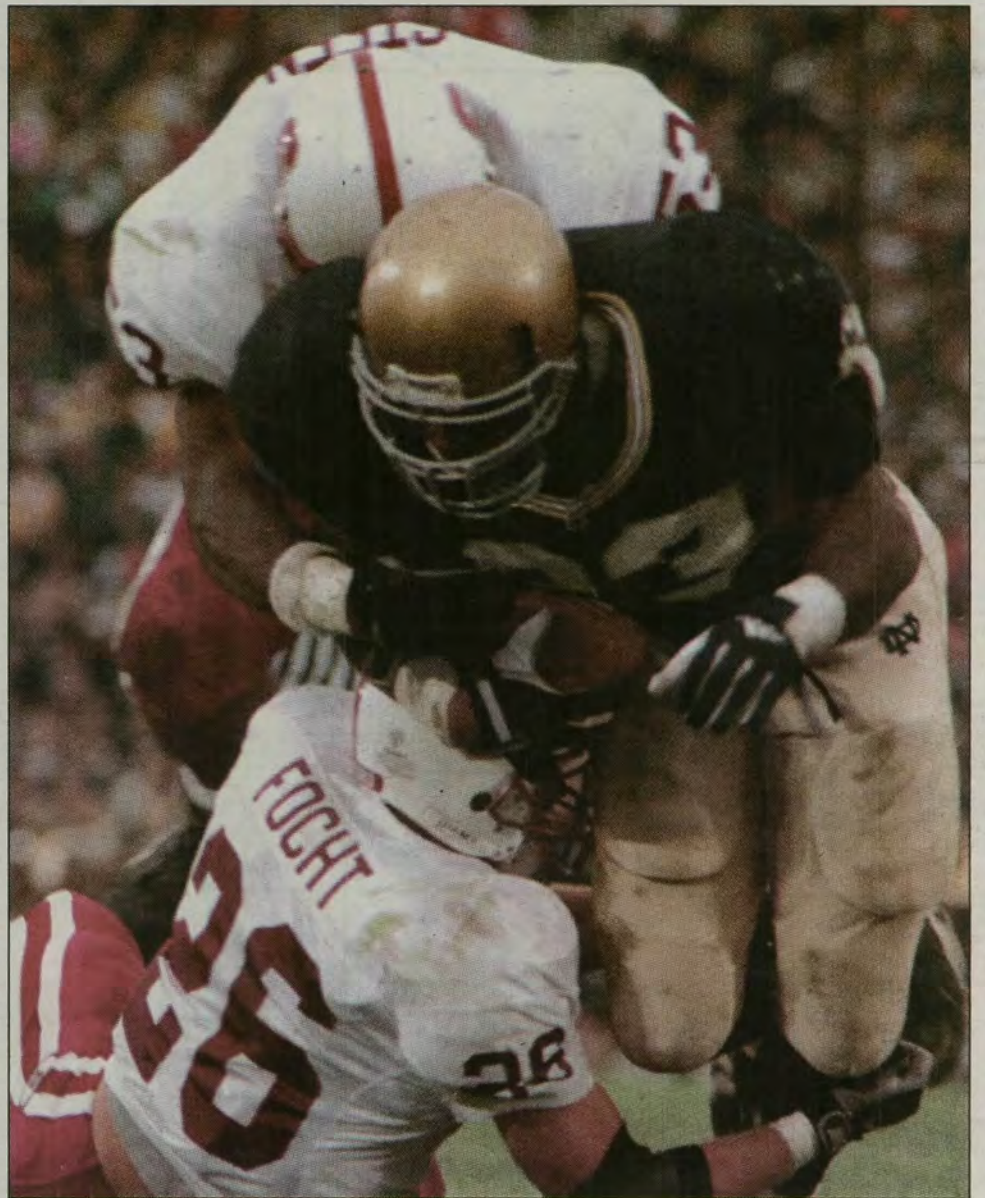
"It was old fashioned Notre Dame football," said Goodspeed after the victory. "This is what we're used to playing and it feels good to just go out and dominate a team like that."

Sanson proved to be the hero against Army. After a see-saw battle, his career best 48-yard field goal with 1:06 left on the clock clinched the 20-17 Irish victory.

The two mainstays on offense, Denson and Jackson led the charge against Baylor on Halloween. Denson turned in a stellar performance, tallying a career-best 189 yards in the 27-3 Irish win. Jackson utilized his multi-dimensional game with 199 total yards, including 66 on the ground.

The following week's 31-26 win against Boston College will be remembered for the goal-line struggle that became known as "The Stand."

With the ball on the one-yard line and four downs for the Eagles to score the decisive touchdown, the defense



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Senior fullback Jamie Spencer was the hero of the Stanford game as he rushed for a career-high 80 yards in Notre Dame's 35-17 victory over the Cardinal.

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The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Shelia McMillen set a new record for three-point shooting as she rewrote the Irish record book en route to leading Notre Dame to its best regular season in history.

McMillen sets standard for long-range excellence

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

While the Notre Dame women's basketball team wasn't able to make it back to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament, Sheila McMillen led the Irish to their most successful regular season in history.

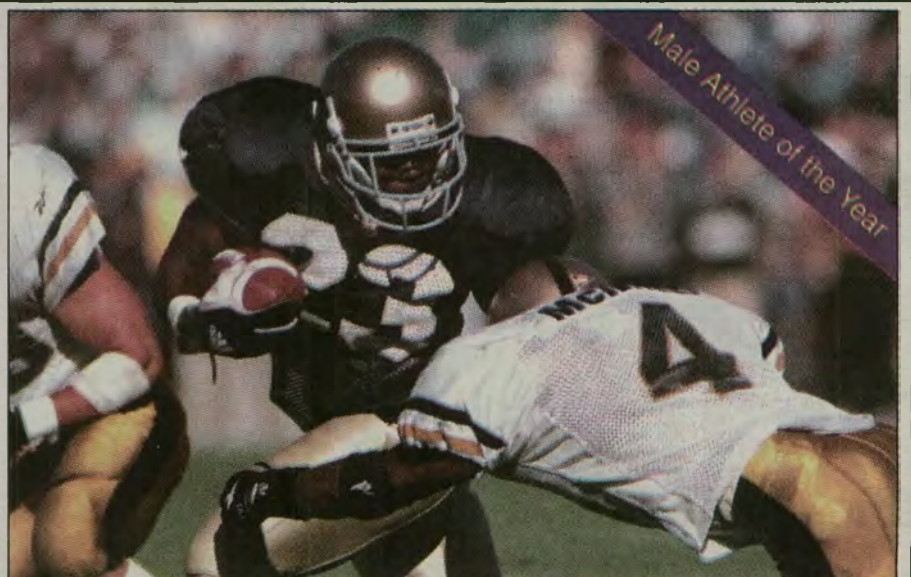
The shooting guard served as the lone captain on Muffet McGraw's squad and set several school records on her way to earning second-team all-Big East honors.

McMillen was among the national leaders in two categories, finishing fourth in three-point field goals made and eighth in

free throw percentage.

The senior standout constantly brought fans to their feet at the Joyce Center with her deadly jump shot. McMillen eclipsed Beth Morgan to enter the Irish record book for career three-pointers and most three-pointers in a season.

McMillen averaged 15.4 points per game in her senior season and was selected to compete in the State Farm Women's Three-Point Shooting Championship during the Final Four. She has also been invited to attend the 1999 USA Women's University Games Trials to be held May 19-24.



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Autry Denson became the all-time leading rusher in Notre Dame history with 4,318 yards to surpass Allen Pinkett.

Denson rushes his way into Irish legend, record books

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Passing such greats as George Gipp, Jerome Bettis and Allen Pinkett, Autry Denson amassed 1,176 yards to raise his career total to 4,318 yards and become the all-time leading rusher in Notre Dame football history.

The senior from Lauderhill, Fla., emerged as an offensive threat his freshman year when he picked up 695 yards and started three games. His sophomore campaign marked his

first of three 1,000-yard seasons. In four years under the Dome, he scored 43 touchdowns, good for second place all-time. His 15 touchdowns in 1997 were the fourth most ever by an Irish player in a single season.

During his record-breaking romp, Denson picked up numerous awards. The Associated Press honored him as a second-team All-American while Football News named him an honorable mention All-American. He was also recognized as one of six semifinalists for the Doak Walker award as the top tailback in the country.