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London Program increases student enrollment

By SARAH HANSEN
News Writer

After a massive reorganization effort within Notre Dame's selective London program, nearly 120 students may gain the opportunity to study abroad in 1998, up from the present maximum enrollment of 90 students.

"It seems a logical time to do this," said Father Timothy Scully, vice president and senior associate provost of the University.

"In the fall of 1998, we will open an outstanding new facility in London on the northwest corner of Trafalgar Square. With this new space, we intend to

expand substantially the number of students able to study in London."

The University's new London facility, constructed in 1906 and located at 1-4 Suffolk St., originally served as the home of the Oxford and Cambridge Men's Club and most recently was occupied by the British School of Osteopathy.

The reorganization plan also includes a more diverse curriculum, enabling students from colleges other than Arts and Letters to attend.

"We hope to involve more students with majors in the engi-

neering, business administration and science colleges which previously haven't been able to

ed to direct the reorganization. Assuming the title of director of the undergraduate London program, Gutting plans to maintain the popularity of the London program while further developing its academic rigor.

"Dr. Gutting has done a phenomenal job taking the Arts and Letters program through a difficult early period to its present national reputation for high academic standards and popularity among students as a most rewarding experience," said Michael Francis, assistant provost for

international studies.

The London curriculum has changed as a result of Gutting's vast experience as a consultant and reviewer of humanities and study abroad programs at other prominent United States universities.

Her contributions include the requirement of three in a series of one-credit courses in ballet, art, music, opera and theater.

Assuming Gutting's position of director of undergraduate studies in London will be Paul Bradshaw, professor of theology at the University.

"It's helpful finally to have a permanent faculty person in London to direct matters there," added Francis.



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FATHER TIMOTHY SCULLY

SENIOR ASSOCIATE PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY

send large numbers to London," Scully explained.

Anastasia Gutting, head of the Arts and Letters London program for over a decade, is slated

■ ON OTHER CAMPUSES

Vandalism on campus similar to crime at IUSB

By HEATHER COCKS
News Editor

As part of the investigation into Thanksgiving break's vandalism on campus, Notre Dame Security/Police considered the idea that the crime might be related to a similar act at Indiana University-South Bend.

On Nov. 22, vandals slashed seats in one of IUSB's auditorium classrooms, cutting up cords and projector screens, according to Marty Gurse of IUSB's security division.

"We have been in contact with Notre Dame police to share information, but there's nothing yet to suggest a connection between the two events," Gurse said.

As of Sunday, neither IUSB nor Notre Dame Security had pinned down a suspect.

"I guess we cannot determine whether there's a connection until someone is caught," said Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security, adding that he plans

to stay in touch with IUSB as the investigation proceeds.

"We're actually thinking that the vandalism here [seat-slashing and paint vandalism] was two separate acts," Rakow said. "If people were prepared to damage a lot of things outside with paint, why wouldn't they have done that inside as well? So we're probably looking at two unrelated incidents here."

He said several students telephoned the office with tips; in an effort to find more clues, Notre Dame Security plans to contact people that it knows remained on campus during the Thanksgiving holiday, he added.

Any students with information about the vandalism should contact police at any time, Rakow said, offering the Notre Dame Security Web site as a method of giving anonymous tips.

Called "Silent Watch," students can submit information about any campus crime by filling out a form on the Internet.

The Web address for Silent Watch is <http://www.nd.edu/~ndspd1>.

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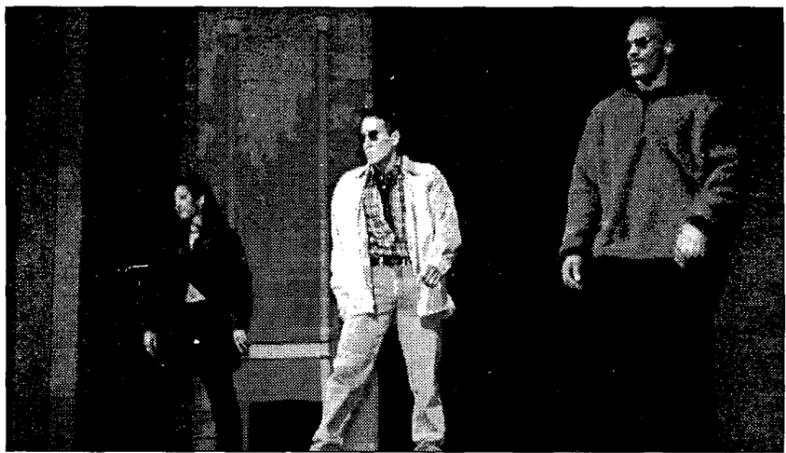
■ MULTICULTURAL BEAT



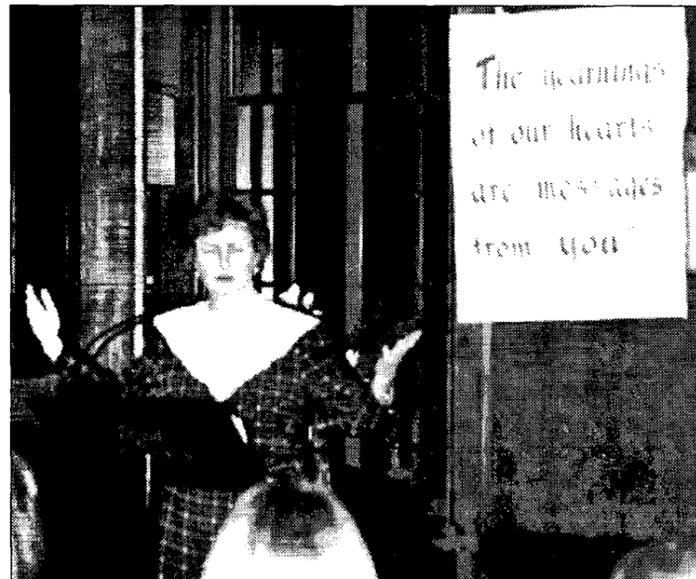
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ASIAN ALLURE

Student models of all races and ethnicities turned the Washington Hall stage into a runway on Saturday night for the second annual Asian Allure. The program featured members of FASO, VSA, IAND and the Hawaiian Club, who gave cultural dances and presentations.



Livingston prompts listeners to address sexuality



Patricia Livingston, former associate director of the Center for Continuing Formation in Ministry at Notre Dame, discusses sexuality.

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
News Writer

As part of the ongoing effort to further the dialogue of issues of sexuality, Patricia Livingston delivered a lecture at Saint Mary's College last Thursday to help people improve their understanding of the various aspects and feelings that go along with sexuality.

Livingston, a counselor, nationally known speaker and former associate director of the Center for Continuing Formation in Ministry at Notre Dame, began the lecture by introducing what she referred to as the "framework" of the evening. This framework was based on a quote by James Carroll that says, "The yearnings of our hearts are messages from God."

"In our churches and societies, sex is not dirty, but it was put in us by God himself," Livingston said. She also emphasized a desire to learn about one's own sexuality when discussing the issue of sexual preoccupation as part of growing up.

Livingston then focused on three aspects of sexuality: primary, genital and affective. When thinking of primary sexuality, Livingston encouraged people to realize what it means to be male or female.

"We must learn that our bodies are not suitcases we carry around, but rather they are who we are," Livingston said.

Livingston also asked members of the audience to address their sexual orientation. "We need to ask ourselves whether we experience ourselves more as homosexuals or as hetero-

sexuals," she said. If one is homosexual, "the issue then becomes one of how can I live, accept and embrace my sexuality with integrity."

Genital sexuality, Livingston claimed, is an aspect of sexuality which involves desires, urges and physical reactions. Livingston emphasized that many people question the place of this aspect of sexuality in their lives.

"All of us will have different seasons and cycles; but culture, hormones and life experience all play an important part in our genital sexuality," Livingston said.

Finally, she spoke about different ways that people express closeness towards each other as part of affective sexuality. She added that many

INSIDE COLUMN

Leave Poor Matt Alone

Socrates: "If we harm a horse, do we make it better, or worse?"

Polemarchus: "Worse, by Zeus!"

Some say that the novelty of ousting student body president Matt Griffin from office will lead many to sign the Lingenfelter petition.

David Freddoso
Assistant News Editor

This is true. Once someone starts the ball rolling, everyone will think that this is one big joke at Griffin's expense. It won't be difficult to get 50, even 75 percent of the students to sign.

But does he deserve to be removed?

The Scholastic editors say yes, because Griffin's alleged antics make him a poor "vox populi." Because people do not take him seriously, they say, students have "lost their voice" in their ongoing war of words against the administration.

Then again, who is at war? Is student government really supposed to be a political body which represents the students' opinions before the "powers that be?"

I answer: No. Student government officials represent no one other than themselves.

Sure, we elected them. (Or at least, those who bothered to vote elected them.) That does not change the fact that there is only one kind of person who runs for or becomes involved in student government. Our officers, for the most part, all have the same ideas and the same opinions. They form what is essentially a university-funded clique. Now and then, instead of going to Bridget's together to get trashed, they try to get in the administration's face and lead a rally about something or other.

These are our leaders.

The ideal student government, on the other hand, has just two functions. It sets a virtuous example which leads the students to admire their officers, and then it gives the students perks for which they are grateful. President X, whom we elect next term, should be a good looking, cheerful guy (or gal) who just shows up everywhere demonstrating his (or her) genuine magnanimity by giving us neat stuff, like kazoos, extended dining hall hours, etc.

President X would have no political agenda. If there are rallies on campus, he will be in the library studying to get straight A's. He really would be our representative, though not in any political sense — a sort of poster boy whom we would trust and whose fortunes we would count as our own. He would be like a Pericles or Lincoln without a war to fight (hopefully better looking than Lincoln, though).

If you are in student government, then you probably think I am joking. But I respond: People would probably take my model of the Student Union at least as seriously as they take yours, if not much more.

Instead of picking people who have great "political" ideas like the demolition of Stepan Center, maybe we will just choose "the good man" to rule in the next election: highest GPA, best character. You really can't go wrong if you elect someone like that.

I just hope that someone from outside the clique tries to run for office this time.

Now, if you have read this far, you are probably wondering why I began with a quote from Plato. Here's why. Look at the accusations against Griffin: the drinking, skipping Mass, skipping his retreat, mismanagement, etc.

If all this is really true (and I hope it's not), then we shouldn't impeach the poor guy. Just let him be: he's probably miserable enough as it is, and he poses no real threat to anyone.

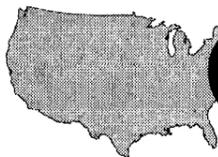
Don't harm the poor guy: it can only make him worse.

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Outside the Dome

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Texas police bust A&M freshmen for vandalism prank

AUSTIN, Texas

While the Longhorns weren't able to stop Texas A&M University from winning the Nov. 28 football game, UT police were able to stop four Aggies from vandalizing the campus early Tuesday.

UT police officials said Thursday they won't press charges against four members of the Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets arrested outside the Lila B. Etter Alumni Center after attempting to vandalize the building's statue of Bevo and steal the Texas flag above it.

A UT police officer apprehended A&M students Ben Rogers, Pete Underwood, George Myers and Jordan Essary at 3:20 a.m. before they were able to vandalize the brass Bevo statue with graffiti, said UT Police Captain Silas Griggs.

The four freshman corps members — or fish, as they're called in College Station — told police they were going



to permanently emboss the score of the Texas-Texas A&M game, 27-16, onto the statue. No damage occurred.

"This happens every year," Griggs said. "It's something we look for and expect. Not just with A&M, but any

school we play. But I'm sure our students do the same thing too."

Griggs said no charges would be filed against the corps members, citing that there was no monetary or substantial loss to the property.

Essary said the corps members were not at the alumni center for more than 10 minutes before the officer arrived. He said he and his friends planned to write the 27-16 score with Brasso, a spray used to shine metal.

"The whole intention was to Brasso the score on, like what we did when we won 13-0," Underwood said, referring to an incident in 1916 when Aggies successfully branded the score 13-0 onto the live UT mascot.

But Neil Sheffield, a UT senior in architectural engineering, called the attempted prank unoriginal.

"It's been done. They need to come up with something new," said Sheffield.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Former student to be tried for murder

LOS ANGELES

A judge ruled Thursday that there is sufficient evidence to proceed with the trial of Linda Chu, the former USC student charged with killing her newborn baby last spring. Chu, who was enrolled as a sophomore majoring in business last spring, stipulated that she was the biological mother of the baby in the pre-trial meeting held in the Los Angeles County Court building, said prosecuting deputy district attorney Cheryl Newman-Gaines. The body of the newborn baby was found in a plastic grocery bag in the trash receptacle of Century Apartments on the morning of May 7 by a USC maintenance worker. Chu allegedly gave birth to the baby by herself in her apartment at Century after concealing her pregnancy by wearing baggy clothing. Evidence that the baby was alive at birth and then strangled was presented at the two-hour pretrial hearing, said Los Angeles Police Department Det. Steven Hales, supervisor of the Child Abuse Unit. Chu's former roommate at Century Apartments identified several items found with the baby.

YALE UNIVERSITY

Billing errors plague med school

NEW HAVEN, Conn.

A glitch-plagued accounting system coupled with complicated health care billing practices has caused the Yale School of Medicine another headache. Last Tuesday, Danielle Baum-Smith testified in Hartford that the medical school billed her more than \$11,000, despite the fact that she received Medicaid and was not responsible for the charges. Baum-Smith had received a letter asking for payment for the treatments which Yale provided between 1988 and 1994. Eventually she received a court order declaring that \$252 be deducted from her paycheck. Yale was able to resolve the ongoing dispute only half a year ago, and the University returned the money, Yale's director of public affairs B. Jay Cooper said. As a response to this and other billing errors, Yale will completely revamp its billing system for the second time in four years.

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

ID numbers appear on Internet

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

Information recently acquired by the Old Gold and Black newspaper indicates that student identification numbers were available over the Internet for an unknown amount of time. The ID numbers are no longer available. Reportedly, the information became available when campus personnel inadvertently changed the file attributes of a file named "itcpq.txt," accidentally making the information accessible over the Internet. Anyone entering a student name into the university home page's search engine several weeks ago would have received the "itcpq.txt" file as a possible hit. Clicking on the file name would have then revealed the last names, identification numbers and card numbers of every student on campus in addition to those of many faculty members. Such numbers are used to keep track of expense accounts and meal plans, tracking the fate of millions of dollars of students' money. Students have obtained the information at least twice, as the Old Gold and Black has received two identical copies of the file in question.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

New policy protects animal rights

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

In the near future, you'll need Florida State University's permission if you want to use chickens at student events. After chickens were killed at a fraternity function last spring, Kathy Keen, president of FSU's chapter of Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, joined Edward Dandrow, a student senator and former senate president, and FSU administrators to create an animal rights committee. "That incident triggered me to think that this shouldn't be allowed to happen," Keen said. The committee crafted a provision that would bar students and student organizations from using animals for anything except educational purposes. "Obviously, a fraternity couldn't just bring chickens because they thought it went with the theme," Keen said. "... (People) couldn't have a rodeo or an alligator wrestling contest on the Union Green."

SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Monday	36	24
Tuesday	39	29
Wednesday	40	31
Thursday	36	27
Friday	36	26

Shows: Showers T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

NATIONAL WEATHER

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Monday, Dec. 8.
Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.

FRONTS: COLD WARM STATIONARY

Pressure: H L HIGH LOW SHOWERS RAIN T-STORMS FLURRIES SNOW ICE SUNNY PT. CLOUDY CLOUDY

Aspen	35	18	Dallas	66	46	Manhattan	46	29
Baltimore	47	29	Detroit	37	26	Omaha	34	27
Boston	44	27	Juneau	35	32	Phoenix	60	42
Charlotte	46	35	Key West	73	66	Pittsburgh	38	28
Cincinnati	36	33	Los Angeles	60	48	Seattle	45	37

■ SECURITY BEAT

Crime Stoppers offers \$1,000 for information

Observer Staff Report

South Bend Area Crime Stoppers, Inc., has joined the investigation of the Nov. 29 campus vandalism by offering up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the acts of vandalism.

"Our Security/Police organization is investigating the incident with the utmost diligence, and we are most appreciative of Crime Stoppers' assistance in offering this reward,"

said Father William Beauchamp, executive vice president of the University, in a recent press release.

"The crime was an unprecedented invasion of our campus, which is not only our place of study and work, but also home to many thousands of us — students, faculty and staff," he con-

tinued.

Approximately 150 student, faculty and staff cars parking in University lots, along with buildings, benches and other areas, were defaced over the Thanksgiving holiday, and University officials are continuing their investigation of the matter.

Anyone with information regarding the vandalism should

OUR SECURITY/POLICE ORGANIZATION IS INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENT WITH THE UTMOST DILIGENCE.'

FATHER WILLIAM BEAUCHAMP
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

call 288-STOP or 1-800-342-STOP.

Callers will be given a code and can remain anonymous.

Anyone wishing to contact Notre Dame Security/Police directly regarding the incident may call 631-5555.

People with information can also get in touch with Security electronically with e-mail at ND.ndspd.1@nd.edu or by clicking on "Silent Watch" on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nd.edu/~ndspd.1>.

And that's why they call it the blues ...



- Blues Festival 1997 -

Musicians let their emotions flow at Friday night's annual Student Union Board-sponsored Blues Festival. The event, which took place in the LaFortune Ballroom, featured performers including Christian Parilla, Stomper Bob and the Off the Wall Blues Band with Dave Meyers who traveled from Chicago to be a part of the event.



The Observer/Thi Link Choknacki

■ STUDENT ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Saint Mary's to participate in world-wide College Bowl

By KARA KEZIOS
News Writer

A kick-off for the January College Bowl contest was among

the issues discussed at the Saint Mary's Student Academic Council last Tuesday.

Under the guidance of SAC member Genevieve Morrill, this

is the first year Saint Mary's will participate in the competition, which is played at colleges and universities throughout the world.

In the contest, teams answer trivia questions relating to such topics as sports, math, history and current events. The winning team goes on to compete in a regional competition held Feb. 20-22.

The Saint Mary's region covers most Indiana and Illinois

schools, including Purdue, Notre Dame, Valparaiso, the University of Illinois and Indiana University.

The winner of the regional competition advances to nationals in April at the University of Texas-Dallas. The winner of this round goes to England to compete in the All-Star tournament which will be televised in Britain.

Student government officials and faculty will compete in the kick-off Wednesday at 7 p.m. in

Carroll Auditorium — "buzzers and all," according to SAC chair Lori McKeough. Students are especially encouraged to come to the event if they are interested in signing up to compete in the contest.

"We're all excited about this competition. We want to give everyone a chance to show off what they know. It will be a lot of fun and maybe bring a little bit of campus rivalry," McKeough said.

24 HOUR

COMPUTER ACCESS

Are you looking for cluster computers late at night, but your favorite cluster is closed? Don't forget that the OIT has computers available 24 hours daily in the following locations:

- *CCMB 210 25 Mac, 10 Sun
- DeBartolo 133 38 Mac, 40 Windows
- *Fitzpatrick 177 99 Sun, 12 Mac
- *Nieuwland 203 52 Sun
- *Nieuwland 132 12 Mac, 12 SGI
- *Riley 211 15 Mac

*You might need to enter a door code to enter these clusters. If you need to know a door code, bring your valid ND, SMC, or Holy Cross ID to any staffed cluster and ask the cluster consultant for the code.



1998-99 Assistant Rector Applications for University Residence Facilities Are Now Available

Office of Student Affairs
202 Hurley Hall

Completed Applications must be submitted by *February 13, 1998.*

For more information, call the Office of Student Affairs at 631-5550

■ AUSTRALIA

Chutes fail, two Americans die

Associated Press

Sydney, AUSTRALIA — Two Americans and an Austrian attempting a sky dive at the South Pole died Sunday when their chutes failed to open properly, sending them plummeting to the ice.

The victims were among six sky divers on a jump organized by Adventure Network International, which has been flying tourists to the South Pole since 1988.

A 36-year-old Seattle resident, Steve Mulholland, was among those killed, Seattle

media reported. His girlfriend, Beth Melius, told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer she heard about Mulholland's death from his parents in Indiana, who were contacted by company officials.

Mulholland was a former employee of Antarctic Support Associates, the civilian contractor that supplies and staffs U.S. Antarctic bases, and was one of the organizers of the South Pole skydiving trip.

"It was just a sky dive. For him that's a walk in the park. He jumps off 300-foot objects. This was nothing I even wor-

ried about," Melius told Seattle's KIRO Television.

The company refused to release names of the victims pending notification of relatives.

All the jumpers were men, Michael McDowell of Adventure Network said by telephone.

The six jumped from a Twin Otter aircraft at about 8,500 feet, McDowell said.

Two hit the ground without their parachutes ever opening, and the chute on the third did not open fully, McDowell said.

Clinton threatens use of nuclear weapons

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Turning U.S. nuclear policy toward an emerging threat, President Clinton has

decided the United States will consider using nuclear weapons against attackers who hit American forces with chemical or biological weapons.



Clinton

The policy, made explicit in a classified presidential directive, marks the administration's first instruction to the Pentagon shaping a nuclear strategy against the increasingly worrisome possibility that nations such as Iraq might turn chemical or biological arsenals against U.S. troops.

A senior Clinton administration adviser said Sunday the policy conforms with two decades of White House statements on the possible "first use" of nuclear weapons. But it adds presidential weight to the emerging concern about "rogue states" that has replaced the nuclear terror of the Cold War.

Approved last month by Clinton, principal elements of the "Presidential Decision Directive," or PDD, were reported Sunday by The Washington Post. In many respects, the directive follows long-standing policy on nuclear weapons, including continued support for the nuclear triad —

bombers, land-based missiles and missile submarines — and basic reliance on nuclear weapons as a mainstay of national security.

The document breaks new ground by abandoning the concept that the United States should plan for a protracted nuclear war that it could "win" and by allowing nuclear targets to expand the list of potential targets that could be struck in China in the unlikely event of war with that nation.

"We felt that the concept of protracted nuclear war never had a great deal of credibility," Robert Bell, a senior member of Clinton's National Security Council staff, said Sunday in response to reporters' in a 1981 Reagan administration directive.

"There was an anomaly," Bell said: "The president's own guidance to the Strategic Command ... was unrealizable."

Senior military officers have been warning that arms reduction agreements no longer make such a conflict even feasible, let alone winnable. As a result, Clinton ordered his reassessment last February.

Worries about all-out nuclear war have been replaced by concerns that an adversary such as Iraq might use chemical or biological weapons against U.S. forces.

As a result, Bell said, the presidential directive discusses in far greater detail than in past directives responses the United States should have available.

Sexuality

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times, the family surroundings in which people were brought up influence the level of affection displayed toward others.

The ways in which these three aspects of sexuality are interconnected can have either positive or negative influences on a person, according to Livingston. In an example of how affective sexuality influences the primary, Livingston said, "If you are loved, you get more beautiful, there is a light in your eyes, a glowing in your skin, and you walk with a certain grace."

Livingston then gave another example of how loneliness may oftentimes have a negative effect on people.

"If we are lonely, we eat peculiarly. It's not about filling your stomach but trying to fill your heart. Also, casual sex

often results from feelings of loneliness," Livingston said.

On the issue of casual sex, Livingston believes that the Catholic Church offers insight. "The best wisdom from the Catholic tradition is that sex is not trivial. It matters. It is meant to be life and love-producing. It is holy," Livingston said, adding that the media often portray the message of sex as trivial.

In all three areas of sexuality, Livingston said that college provides tremendous pressure in all of the areas.

"I think college campuses are force fields of hormones," Livingston said. She emphasized that existing pressures, particularly for women, include looking good, pondering one's career, marriage and issues of sexual orientation.

After the lecture, students, including Saint Mary's junior Liz Wisniewski, expressed approval regarding Livingston's message.

"I think she hit so many areas and presented them well. Personally, she hit on a lot of issues I am currently struggling with and offered answers as possible solutions," Wisniewski said.

Kelly Curtis, a junior at Saint Mary's, said, "Tonight's discussion was open and candid. As a way to open up discussion on issues of sexuality, I thought this was an excellent presentation."

Judy Fean, the director of Campus Ministry, felt that the lecture was another step toward continuing the dialogue on sexuality at Saint Mary's.

"I do think discussion has been opened, and this is another way to create an environment in which women can talk about relationships, intimacy and what it means to be a woman," Fean said.

She added, "At a Catholic college, we are called to seek who we are as God's creative people."

guide to campus laundry



The halls listed here, open their laundry facilities to non-hall residents on these specified times and dates.

Thanks to participating Rectors, Rectresses and Halls.

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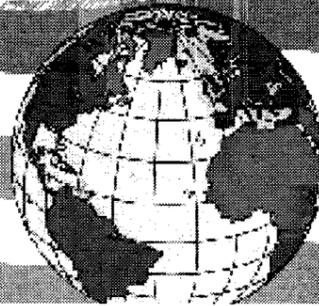
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Republicans upset over Reno's decision

WASHINGTON

Republicans threatened Attorney General Janet Reno with contempt of Congress on Sunday in connection with her decision to forgo an independent counsel's investigation of White House campaign fund raising. One GOP senator, Orrin Hatch of Utah, said he's asking FBI director Louis Freeh to bypass Reno, his boss, and investigate allegations of Democratic impropriety in fund raising. "I have no doubt that the political appointees in the department who have been influencing her are doing nothing but protecting the president," Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Hatch said on CBS' "Face the Nation." Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, shot back: "Was it protecting the president when she appointed four independent counsels that all took aim at the White House?" Before the cameras were turned on, Glenn flashed Reno a thumb-to-forefinger OK sign and told her he admired her for standing up to her principles on the independent counsel decision.



Reno

Israeli labor strike settled

TEL AVIV, Israel

Hard-pressed union and government negotiators struck a deal Sunday to end a nationwide public-employee strike that had shut down much of Israel for five days. The walkout by more than 600,000 workers had stranded travelers at the national airport and closed banks, post offices, kindergartens and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Histadrut union leader Amir Peretz announced Sunday that a meeting with Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman produced a compromise over pensions, sending strikers back to work late Sunday. The massive protest had been prompted in part by a Finance Ministry proposal to roll back a pension agreement signed by the previous Labor government. Army Radio said talks on ways to honor the agreement would begin immediately. The government has already agreed to cancel plans to retroactively tighten the conditions of retirement savings plans, the radio said. "I hope the citizens of Israel have understood the need for this strike despite the hardship it brought about," Peretz said. Neeman maintained that "most of the things agreed upon now could have been worked out days ago without the need for such a crippling strike." Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he was pleased that the work stoppage was over, Israel TV reported.

Russian cargo plane crashes after takeoff

One hundred tons of aviation fuel ignite; 62 dead, others suffer burns

ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRKUTSK, Russia

The crew of a military cargo jet said nothing before their fiery crash to provide clues to what had gone wrong, Russian safety officials said Sunday, baffled by the disaster in a Siberian city.

Investigators were studying at least eight scenarios for Saturday's crash — including contaminated fuel or inadequate de-icing in the 5-degree weather — but had few leads as to what actually happened, said Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu.

"We're not trying to hide. We're just trying to get you the truth," Shoigu said.

The jumbo jet-sized air force plane, carrying 23 people, crashed about 20 seconds after takeoff, plowing into a five-story apartment building and clipping an orphanage with its wing.

The 100 tons of aviation fuel in its tanks exploded, engulfing surrounding buildings in flame.

"There was fire. Flames. There were no people. Nothing but flames," said Galina Dmitrovna, one of the first emergency workers to arrive.

On Sunday, 1,400 rescue workers searched the charred wreckage, hunting for more victims beyond the 62 adults and children confirmed dead.

Twelve people — including four children — had been hospitalized with burns. Many were in serious condition, officials said.

Pools of aviation fuel dotted the ruined neighborhood, and the stench of burned wood and fuel hung over the area.

Residents climbed among the fragments of their homes, looking for belongings. Ice covered many of the gutted apartments — water from firefighter's hoses had frozen in temperatures that fell to 20 degrees below zero overnight.

One woman, whose husband was missing, sobbed as she pointed at the burned shell of her apartment.

"All I can find are my kitchen knives," she said, begging people to find her husband.

Most of the remains found so far were minute or badly burned, making identification almost impossible, investigators said.

"When I say we have a fragment, it



AFP Photo

A firefighter hoses the still smoldering remains of a building which was damaged by a Russian Antonov AN-124 "Ruslan" cargo plane that crashed into a housing area in Irkutsk II, an industrial suburb of this Siberian town.

means we have something like an elbow," a distraught Shoigu said.

He denied Russian media reports that the pilot radioed he had lost power in two engines just seconds after taking off.

"They didn't manage to say anything about what was happening," he said of the crew.

The 11-year-old An-124 had just passed a safety inspection in November, officials said.

Scenarios being considered included the possibility that the plane was loaded with substandard fuel that caused the engines to stall; the cargo may not have been properly secured and could have broken loose during

takeoff; pilot error or improper de-icing.

The plane's black box flight recorders were recovered and sent to Moscow, but air force officials said it would take days to analyze the data.

All An-124s have been grounded until the cause could be determined, a Defense Ministry spokesman said. He declined to give his name.

President Boris Yeltsin ordered an investigation and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin toured the crash scene Sunday, promising aid and new homes for the survivors. Russian military prosecutors opened a criminal investigation.

SOUTH AFRICA

Apartheid era killers seek amnesty

ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOHANNESBURG

The confessed killers of a black civil rights leader were to resume their quest for amnesty Monday in the Indian Ocean city of Port Elizabeth, where Steve Biko last was seen alive.

At September hearings before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, former apartheid police described how officers slammed Biko's head into a wall in 1977 and chained him crucifixion style to a gate for 24 hours.

Biko died within a week,

after being driven naked and without medical attention 660 miles to the Pretoria prison.

Five former policemen have admitted accidentally killing Biko. Their testimony was interrupted to allow a national celebration of the 20th anniversary of Biko's death on Sept. 12.

Biko was labeled a terrorist by the apartheid government for preaching that blacks should take pride in their culture and fight for control of the country. His death provoked international outrage and mobilized the

anti-apartheid movement at home.

His short life — Biko was 30 when he died — was the subject of the 1987 film, "Cry Freedom," starring Denzel Washington.

Biko's alleged killers applied for amnesty earlier this year from the Truth Commission, a panel investigating apartheid-era political crimes. It can grant amnesty to people who make full confessions of political crimes.

An inquest after Biko's death exonerated police. Longtime anti-apartheid lawyer George Bizos, who represented Biko's family

at the inquest, has been hired again by the family to oppose amnesty.

Col. Harold Snyman, who led the team that interrogated Biko, and Capt. Daniel Siebert testified in September. Another applicant, Lt. Col. Gideon Nieuwoudt, has applied for amnesty in 10 other killings.

Snyman's lawyer, Quiryn Spruit, was expected to request that a different panel hear his client's application, saying the present panel is biased because it denied Snyman amnesty in a separate case.

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Board reveals cause of '96 crash

Overheated fuel likely led to disaster

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Temperatures in TWA Flight 800's center fuel tank were likely well above explosive levels even before the jumbo jet took off, the National Transportation Safety Board said Sunday.

Thousands of pages of information representing what has been learned since the July 17, 1996, tragedy were released a day before the NTSB begins a week-long hearing into the explosion today. All 230 passengers and crew members aboard the 747 were killed when it crashed off the coast of Long Island.

The documents indicate the NTSB is armed with facts it will use to pressure the Federal Aviation Administration to adopt potentially costly recommendations to reduce temperatures in fuel tanks to prevent other explosions.

The NTSB revealed the results of tests last July in which it used another Boeing 747 to try to duplicate the conditions faced by Flight 800.

During the simulation, the agency found temperatures in

the nearly empty center fuel tank before the plane took off were as high as 145 degrees, much higher than the 100 degrees at which an explosion can be touched off.

"This is the big issue," said Peter Goelz, an NTSB spokesman, saying a full two days of this week's hearings likely will be needed to focus on the issue of volatility of vapors and fuel in fuel tanks.

Goelz said his agency was encouraged when the FAA last week agreed to take a closer look at NTSB recommendations made a year ago to reduce the volatility of vapors. The FAA has insisted that the problem can be resolved by eliminating any ignition source near the tank.

"Our most important product in the end is our safety recommendations," Goelz said. "Our job is to make recommendations so that these accidents don't happen again."

The reports showed the NTSB has conducted hundreds of tests, including firing 105 gunshots at aluminum material to determine the type of hole that would be cut by a high-velocity object. The holes were unlike most holes found in the Flight 800 wreckage.

The FBI investigated the possibility that a bomb or a missile brought down the plane. But two weeks ago, it suspended its probe after finding no evidence to support a criminal theory.

Dylan, Heston among honorees

Kennedy Center honors achievers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Political opposites Bob Dylan and Charlton Heston shared the spotlight Sunday as the Kennedy Center honored them for lifetime achievement.

The rebel rocker and Republican actor-activist sat with centrist President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, as well as three other honorees, soprano Jessye Norman, screen siren Lauren Bacall and ballet star Edward Villella, for a gala two-and-a-half-hour performance to be aired Dec. 26 on CBS.

Clinton did not note the dis-

parate political views of Dylan and Heston, but praised all the honorees as "artists and Americans who have had an indelible impact on the performing arts and the national character."



Dylan

"Tonight we pay tribute to five men and women who have spent their lives living their hearts and lifting our hearts," Clinton said at a pre-ceremony White House reception in the festively decorated East Room.

Dylan, whose folk-rock embodied the anti-establishment sentiment of the 1960s, was idolized by young radicals devoted to the civil rights movement.

"Throughout a career spanning nearly four decades, Bob Dylan has been perhaps the single most influential and continually compelling presence in American popular music, and the foremost songwriter of our time," says the Kennedy Center citation.

Heston, 73, was a radio-gunner on bombers in World War II. He once turned down a chance to run against former Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., and said he could have won.

"I'd rather play a senator than be one," he explained.

Nonetheless, Heston has spent plenty of time around politics. He campaigns for Republican candidates and is a spokesman for the National Rifle Association. Last month in Washington state, he helped defeat a proposed law that would have put new restrictions on gun ownership.

■ CAMBODIA

Leader urges end of violence

Associated Press

PHNOM PENH — A newly returned opposition chief led thousands of marchers Sunday in Cambodia's largest demonstration in years, urging an end to the blood-soaked nation's chronic political violence.

For Sam Rainsy, it was a peaceful, sometimes joyous repeat of a march that ended in disaster last spring, when a grenade attack killed 16 protesters and wounded more than 100 others, including Sam Rainsy.

Sunday's procession tripled in size as it wound through the capital's suburbs, drawing in disabled soldiers and saffron-clad monks among the marchers. At times, supporters bounced the opposition leader on their shoulders.

At the climax, about 3,000 Cambodians clapped and chanted, "Peace! Peace! Peace!"

Sam Rainsy — who returned to Cambodia last week for the first time since an armed coup this summer — urged Cambodia's warring factions to call a cease-fire.

He appealed to all politicians to "compromise and to resolve all national issues by peaceful means."

In July, Second Premier Hun Sen ousted First Premier Prince Norodom Ranariddh, ending four years of relative peace in a country wracked by violence since 1970.

Ranariddh and many of his followers remain in exile or in remote border areas, where they are battling Hun Sen's forces.

Sam Rainsy gathered considerable popular support as an independent critic of the Hun Sen-Ranariddh coalition government, accusing it of widespread corruption and human rights abuses.

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Storms ravage Pacific coast

Seven-inch flood causes death of hiker

Associated Press

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. The marquee on the movie theater said it all Sunday: "The Rainmaker" and "Closed."

This art colony was busy cleaning up a day after a powerful Pacific storm dumped more than 7 inches of rain here, flooding mobile home parks and dropping snow in the Southern California mountains.

At least one death is being blamed on the storm.

In northern Los Angeles County, searchers found the body of missing hiker Karen Tellez, 40, in the snowy Angeles National Forest. The woman became separated from friends Friday and is believed to have died of exposure.

Most injuries from the storm were minor. Rain-related traffic accidents Saturday caused two deaths in the Los Angeles area.

Bulldozers pushed mud out of downtown Laguna Beach, where runoff turned into a torrent that threatened the stability of an oceanfront boardwalk. Light rain fell through the day and was expected to continue through Monday.

"Everybody was sandbagged and everybody knew it was coming," said Mike Janson, an employee at Johnny Rocket's restaurant.

"But ... the firefighters said the sandbags would have had to be 3, 4, 5 feet high to keep what was coming down from the canyon out of the doors."



Source: Accu-Weather

AP/Wm. J. Castello

Inches of mud were inside the restaurant.

In Laguna Beach, sandbags proved useless when the storm saturated hillsides and sent torrents of brown runoff from the steep canyons into the streets and stores of this arts community.

No damage totals were available, but many stores remained closed Sunday.

The California Department of Transportation workers used bulldozers and heavy equipment to clear mud from state Highway 133, a main downtown street, which remained closed.

Laguna Beach, which draws a worldwide audience for its annual arts festival, is no stranger to natural disasters. An October 1993 fire damaged or destroyed 441 homes. Losses were pegged at \$528 million.

The two-day storm flooded or damaged dozens of homes in several counties, including more than 20 in neighboring Riverside County.

Dozens of people were forced to flee two Huntington

Beach mobile home parks as water rose several feet deep.

Amtrak's San Diegan train service south of Los Angeles was restored at midmorning Sunday. Flooding had damaged tracks between Los Angeles and San Juan Capistrano the day before.

A new but weaker system moved into the Sierra Nevadas on Sunday, where it was expected to dump 6 to 12 inches of snow.

Mountains farther south were expected to get up to 2 inches of snow as well, the weather service said.

Up and down the streets of Laguna Beach's business district, shopkeepers worked with hoses, brooms and scrapers to push mud out of sodden shops.

"When you live in California, this is the bottom line," said Robbin Maddox, assistant manager of the Big Dog sportswear shop, which had two inches of mud on the floors.

"You get fires, and floods and mud slides and it's a beautiful place," said Maddox.

Gore offers plan to ease global warming

Associated Press

KYOTO, Japan Vice President Al Gore, faced with European demands for concessions in negotiations on global warming, offered new U.S. "flexibility" Monday on cutting gas emissions.



Gore

But Gore, addressing the 150-nation climate conference, said the United States would not "promise what we cannot do."

The vice president's remarks nonetheless set a conciliatory tone for the remaining two days of meetings.

After consulting by telephone with President Clinton early Monday, Gore said, "I have instructed our delegation to show increased negotiating flexibility — as long as basic principles of the U.S. position are preserved."

In his public address, Gore offered no detailed changes in the U.S. proposal.

He urged delegates that the Kyoto session is only a first step in protecting the atmosphere. "If we get off to the right start here, we can quickly build momentum as we learn together how to meet this challenge," he said.

European governments, environmentalists and others had been looking for a more ambitious U.S. offer on reducing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that trap heat in the atmosphere. "The United States can do much more," Ritt Bjerregaard, the European Union environmental commissioner, said earlier in the day.

Without taking sides, Japan's prime minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, preceding Gore to the podium, said only "high-level political decisiveness" will produce "an agreement which can be handed down to future generations with pride."

Differences between Europe and America over cutback targets stood as a major obstacle to completion of the Kyoto Protocol, an unprecedented global agreement to control energy use in the 21st century.

Environment ministers from scores of other countries were to address the historic conference Monday and Tuesday as the pace picked up toward a Wednesday conclusion.

The U.S. vice president, long a champion of environmental causes, landed before dawn Monday on a lightning one-day visit to Kyoto, and headed straight to a breakfast meeting with the U.S. delegation to review the status of the negotiations.

During his flight from Washington, he gave no assurance the conference would produce an agreement acceptable to the United States.

"It's a very tricky situation and success is far from assured. ... A lot of issues are undecided," he told reporters.

Gore's Japan trip followed a Saturday stopover at the Florida Everglades, a region scientists say might eventually be threatened by the rising waters of global warming.

Negotiators in the highly technical Kyoto talks were juggling a bagful of adjustable features — timetables, reduction levels, the gases to be covered — in an effort to find a U.S.-European compromise.

"The differences are not enormous. They're capable of being overcome in the next few days," said U.S. Senator Joseph Lieberman, an observer at the talks.

But the Connecticut Democrat was less optimistic about another dispute: the U.S. effort to win concessions from developing nations on emission reductions, a feature the Senate demands for eventual ratification in Washington.

The 10-day conference wraps up two years of negotiations to strengthen the 1992 Climate Change Treaty, by setting legally binding limits on 34 industrial nations' emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, mostly byproducts of fossil fuel burning. The United States produces 24 percent of global carbon dioxide.

International scientists reported in 1995 that global temperatures had increased about 1 degree in the past century, apparently in part because of the greenhouse effect.

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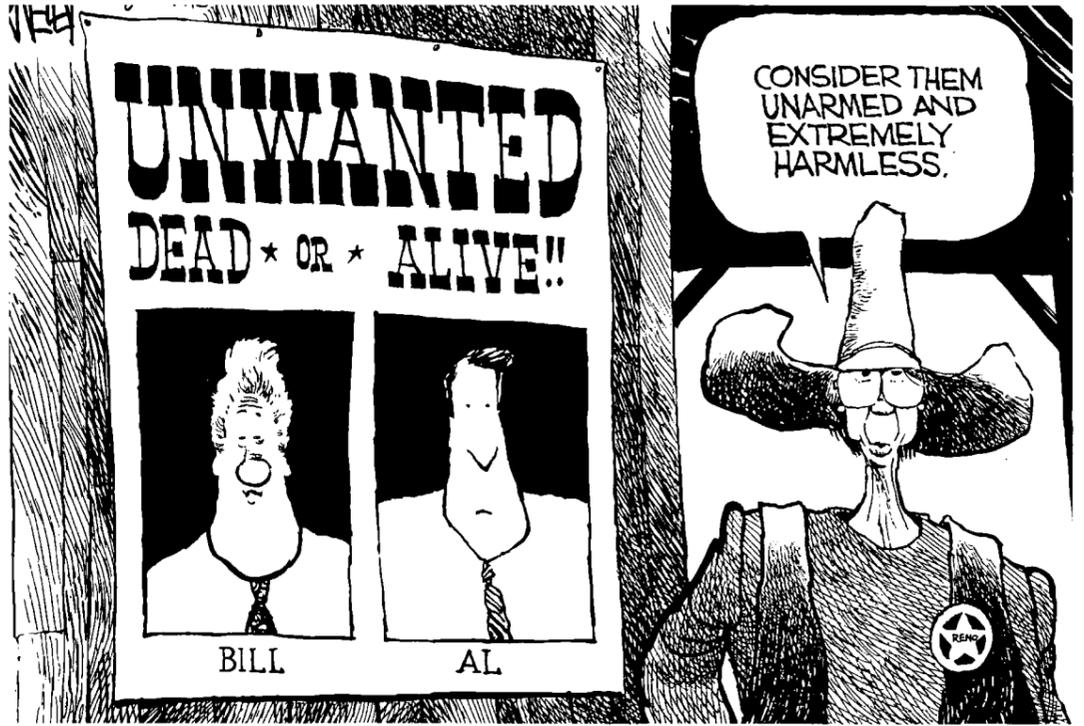
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■ GUEST COLUMNIST

Call Me Carmen San Diego

Let's play a little game. Let's call it "Where is in the World is Carmen San Diego?" Ready ... Here is hint No. 1.

Carmen, a stranger in a strange land, walks into what appears to be a normal public bathroom. She opens the stall door, and begins to sit down on the toilet.

However, she is quick to notice that there is no toilet. In place of a toilet there appears to be a porcelain hole in the

Erinrose Murphy

ground with pipings and a flush handle rising up out of the hole. She is confused about how to use this contraption, but she supposes it is better than the electronic toilet that will clean you after you have finished relieving yourself that she encountered last week.

Haven't figured out where Carmen is yet? Then here is another hint. Carmen gets on the subway. She sits down and ignores the people staring at her without actually looking at her. Some of the glares are curious and some are unfriendly, but she has been through this routine every day for the last couple of months so she is not bothered by this unwanted attention. After settling in for the ride, Carmen looks up at the crowd growing larger and larger with each stop on the subway line. Among the passengers though, Carmen notices another stranger in a strange land. This stranger has a cold though, and needing to blow his nose, he pulls out a handkerchief to do the job. Carmen cringes because he is about to do a no-no in this strange land. Here, handkerchiefs are only used to wipe the sweat off your face on a hot day or for drying your hands after washing them in the public bathroom

where hand dryers and paper towels are a rarity.

Still confused about Carmen's location? Ok, then it is time for the final clue. Carmen decides to go out to a restaurant with her friends. They pick a quaint looking restaurant and go in. After taking off their shoes, they are seated by their waiter. The room smells of smoke, but this is not unusual because in this strange land smoking is allowed in any building, whether it be an office building, a school or a restaurant. Carmen and her friends are craving some good ol' spicy Mexican food, so they each order a taco. Thinking that they had done a good job translating the menu, they are shocked when the waiter brings out their orders. Last they knew a taco did not have eight tentacles and live in the sea. Hmmm ... I guess they forgot that in this land a taco is an octopus and tacos are Mexican food. Sometimes making a word plural can make all the difference in your appetite.

Those of you who figured that Carmen is in the Land of the Rising Sun were probably here last year or the year before. Those of you who did not, do not fret, these are the kind of stories they usually do not tell you before you do study abroad. Now time for the final Jeopardy question. Have any of you figured out who Carmen San Diego is?

I think that I will leave that answer for another time, but first some advice to those of you who come to the Land of Sticky White Rice and Chopsticks. Be careful not to grab every flier handed out to you at the subway entrance. Chances are that you may be grabbing discount tickets to the infamous love hotels where businessmen take their mistresses or directions to the opening of a new drag queen club. Sayonara or as we say here while waving with both hands "jaanee, bye-bye."

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■ GOD 'N' LIFE

The Purpose of Advent

With the coming of Thanksgiving, the "holiday season" begins, with its round of parties, shopping and decorating. The Catholic Church, and a number of other Christian denominations, observe Advent during this time — a different way of preparing for the Christ who comes at Christmas.

Living Advent in the weeks before Christmas goes far beyond the usual customs of charity: donating money to the Salvation Army bell ringers, giving coast to Goodwill, or participating in food drives. This kind of charity should, ideally, be practiced year 'round. Advent is a time when we can look at the past, apply it to our present, and set the course for our future — eternity.

We can take a moment to review how we prayed in our younger days, and if that style of conversing with God worked better for us than how we do it now. Prayer doesn't have to be steeped in formal recitations. It is more of the exchange between a toddler and his parent — the toddler asks and the parent gives what is needed. Or, it can be compared to the relationship between friends, a sharing of good and bad, and a source of strength and encouragement. If we've reached the point where God is an impersonal "out there" sort, Advent may help us see how the Divine is always in us and with us.

As the semester winds down, it is natural to assess our present situation. Some students might be so exhausted from the rigors and stress of classes that they don't want to return after break for the spring semester. Others may be graduating and wondering, "What next?" There may be a few who try to forget all that and just enjoy the holidays. The present, however, with its daily opportunities to serve, to grow, to live, cannot be ignored.

Advent places the present squarely before us. More than ever at this time of year we see need, and we can determine how best to meet that need on a regular basis. Volunteering, private projects, even dorm sponsored activities can give continual aid over the 12-month period. If others don't seem willing to handle the organizational duties, take the initiative and do it! Proof of God's love is the way we find strength to "beat the odds" when we think it's impossible.

And, as we learn from our past and use our God-given talents in the present, we will create a future, both individually and collectively, that is brighter. Like tilling the earth and fertilizing combine for flowers to grow, so taking a look at the broad spectrum of our lives will enable us to grow spiritually.

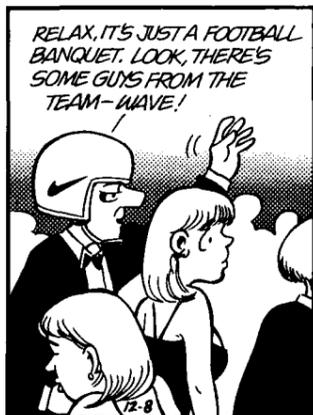
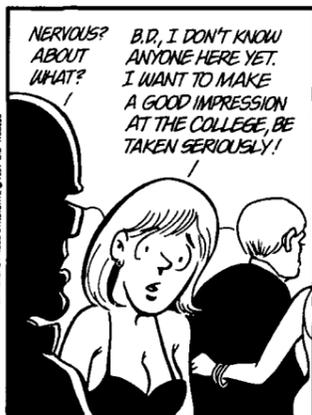
Amid the hustle and bustle of the next few weeks, remember to celebrate Advent. It's surprising how much more meaningful Christmas will be.

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Man is the only animal that blushes, or needs to."

—Mark Twain

GUEST COLUMNIST

Evidence Suggests that Jesus was Black

"The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.'"
— Matthew 7:13-15.

Have you ever tried arguing with seven-year-olds? When they know something, they know it, and there's nothing you can do to convince them otherwise.

Five years ago, for Christmas, I and my fiance's daughter drew the manger scene from Luke's gospel. When Martell began looking for a crayon, "cray'm" as she

Mel Tardy

always put it, to color in Jesus, I handed her a brown crayon. Bewildered, she then said, "No, Mel, I need a cray'm for Jesus ... you know, JESUS!" I replied, "I know Marty. Use the brown one."

Then, in her seven-year-old way, Marty tried to break things down so I could understand: "Noooooo, Mel, JESUS! You know, the baby?! ... in the manger?! I need a WHITE CRAY'M, Mel!" Abruptly, I sighed, then explained "Marty, Jesus wasn't white. Jesus lived in Africa and had the same color skin that WE do ... maybe even darker. Use the brown crayon." Caught off-guard, she replied, "Mel, Jesus wasn't no African! Jesus is white! We have pictures at school, and He's white!" "Well, the pictures at school are wrong, Marty." "Mel! How come every picture of Jesus, he's white? LOOK!! ... on your WALL!" she shouted, pointing behind me. Sure enough, there was my Sacred Heart picture, with a fair-skinned, thin-haired Jesus. I stared solemnly at the image, before which I'd said many a prayer, thinking "How could you do this to me, God? How can I possibly explain this now!"

When I was first presented the idea that Jesus was African — and dark-skinned — I similarly thought: "Oh, now the Afrocentrics have gone too far!" I was 26 years old, Catholic, and recently rejuvenated by a trip to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia. Still, I decided to allow this faith challenge, seeking resources to help establish the truth; for if truth and untruth collide, only truth will emerge unscathed. This is what I've found:

We know that one lie inevitably breeds more lies. Yet we, as "educated" men and women, believe that Jesus was white (i.e. European), based on "lies" — flawed assumptions. Scholars haven't challenged this because the lies are so heavily layered, one could dig deep and still reach the same conclusion. Nevertheless, calling ourselves "well-educated" without challenging the assumptions risks sharing a history footnote with scholars who doubted Darwin, Copernicus, or Galileo. The Catholic Church burned Galileo's books and arrested him for heresy. Why? He taught that the earth orbits the sun — contrary to Biblical notions that the universe orbits the earth!

Similarly, we assume that humans and civilization originated in Europe (i.e. the world revolves around Europe). This is incorrect. Cheikh Anta Diop's book, "The African Origin of Civilization" (1974), meticulously argues that humans and civilization originated in Africa; probably dark-skinned Nubia (ancient Ethiopia, now Sudan; just south of Egypt). From there, Africans populated the world. Caucasians likely arose when the fourth glaciation stranded nomadic tribes in Europe.

A second assumption is that Egypt, or "North Africa," was Caucasian. Diop claims civilization migrated up the north-flowing Nile River, from dark-skinned Nubia, to establish Upper Egypt (oddly, positioned below Lower Egypt on "upside

down" Eurocentric maps!) According to Herodotus, Egypt was a significant civilization as early as 10,000 B.C., long before significant Caucasian civilizations. Negroid people then dominated Egypt's history, evident with artifacts like Tutankhamen's tomb and the Sphinxes (although Napoleon later did "corrective surgery," blasting off the African noses and lips of Sphinxes when France invaded). It's hard to argue, given Egypt's prominence and proximity (few hundred miles with no natural barriers), that the "Near East" (never referred to as Africa) could arbitrarily be designated "Caucasian" without this flawed assumption. True, Greece conquered Egypt around 300 B.C., and Rome did likewise around 70 B.C. Still, African slaves and descendants, during 400 years of American slavery, were often forced to beget children with Caucasian slavemasters, but later generations — albeit a shade lighter — retained the dark, Negroid features of their African ancestors. Thus, a mere 300 years of Greco-Roman rule would not have "whitened" Egypt by the time the Holy Family hid there from Herod, in effect, "passing" for Egyptian.

A third flawed assumption is that the Bible supports a light-skinned Jesus. William Mosley, in "What Color Was Jesus?" (1987), says "Ezekiel, Daniel and Revelations depict God Himself or the Son of God with hair like 'wool' and with bodily parts the color of 'brass' and 'amber.'" Africans have hair like wool or brown skin like brass or "bronze," but Europeans do not. Moreover, Mosley uses genealogical tables in Matthew and Luke to trace Jesus' lineage back to Ham, son of Noah and father of Cush [Ethiopia], Mizraim [Egypt], Put [Libya] and Canaan [ancient Palestine]. Scholars generally agree each of the latter to be dark-skinned Africans.

Next is the question we began with: Why are all "pictures" of Jesus white? First, early Christian artists, influenced by Greek Hellenism and pagan art, often painted Christ (from the Indian "Krishna," or "Black One") white and beardless, as in the Greek's Apollo. When Rome converted, Christians emerged from catacombs with a Greco-Roman image of Christ. Then, Christianity — with its "white Jesus" figurehead — became a galvanizing force for the splintered, nomadic white populations in Europe. The Crusades — by whites — affirmed the light-skinned Jesus in people's minds. Moreover, Roman (Byzantine) popes had artists like Donatello, Leonardo, and Michelangelo prominently (albeit, not maliciously) affix such images to structures like the Sistine Chapel. (Michelangelo even depicted Asians as Greco-Roman). In essence, they created God — and everyone else — in THEIR own image.

Second, Cain Hope Felder's book, "Stony The Road We Trod" (1991), claims the Babylonian Talmud, unlike it's contemporary sources, added the mysterious story of pious Noah placing a curse upon his grandson, Canaan; cursed because Canaan's father, Ham, stumbled upon his naked, drunk father, Noah. The "crime" hardly justifies punishing Canaan's innocent offspring to eternal servitude. Indeed, why condemn Canaan's offspring to dark skin when he and his Hamitic brothers were already dark-skinned! A later version extended a similar curse to Cain, an ancestor of Canaan. Suddenly, this accepted "version" of the Old Testament, introduced perhaps a few hundred years after Christ, had all dark-skinned people originating from the sin of an ancestor!

Scholars suggest such curses subconsciously made Caucasians disassociate themselves — and Jesus, or "God" — from blacks. Slowly, they undermined the significance — and histories — of the "accursed" dark-skinned people (motivation for our second assumption?) Moreover, these biblical passages were later cited by Christians to justify slavery, subjugation of "barbaric" African peoples and guilt-free plundering of Africa's many riches: gold, ivory, land, animals and oil.

Before you say that sounds far-fetched, remember, a slightly different reasoning — "Jews killed Jesus" — was used by

Christians to justify anti-Semitism, leading to centuries of bitter Jewish persecution and, eventually, the Holocaust. Speaking of Jews, wasn't Jesus Jewish, and aren't Jews light-skinned? Yes, but early Jews were much darker, arising from an admixture of Canaanites (dark-skinned Africans) and nomadic white tribes. During the above persecution, Jews fled to Northern Europe (i.e. Poland), assimilated quite readily, and grew European in appearance and orientation. Centuries later, following the Zionist movement, their descendants returned to the Middle East, settled in Palestine and created Israel.

Finally, not all "pictures" of Christ ARE white!! Hundreds of paintings and sculptures portray Madonna and Child, and other biblical people, with dark skin. Some scholars insist they are the dark-skinned Egyptian goddess and son, Isis and Horus. Others claim the artifacts were damaged by smoke, ala Rembrandt's "The Night Watch." Many works have been misguidedly "restored" with Caucasian tints, or washed to the point of destruction, in attempts to scrub away "dirt."

Still, significant evidence survives to support the dark-skinned theory. For example, Lucia Birnbaum's book, "Black Madonnas" (1993), documents that St. Luke (author of the familiar Christmas story) was an artist, whose surviving paintings of the Virgin Mary are all dark-skinned! Also, says Birnbaum, "Before the Byzantine era, in the Catacombs of Priscilla at Rome, the earliest depiction of Mary is brown: 'Hers is a rich cocoa color that has withstood the centuries ...'" Still another example is the famous Shrine of the Black Madonna in Czestochowa, Poland.

Despite such arguments, people rarely concede. Instead, they counter with "What difference does it make?!" Well, if it makes no difference, why not clearly state the truth! Is it too difficult kneeling before an image the West has symbolically oppressed? Offering a blue, red, multicolored or abstract image of Jesus, instead of a brown one, is cowardly. It merely avoids the issue and perpetuates the lies for future generations.

How silly would Hitler have looked proclaiming Aryan supremacy if everyone knew Jesus, son of God, had brown skin? How else could Christian America have morally justified slavery and racism? Undeniably, events of the past 1900-plus years would have been different had the West not adopted the above assumptions. When my fellow dark-skinned peoples wallow in poverty and underachievement, yet ironically reject Jesus — the "blue-eyed God of crusading Whites" — it matters. Moreover, when my Caucasian brothers and sisters believe that they can morally ignore institutional racism in the Catholic Church without consequence — it matters.

Notre Dame boldly to be "a place where the Church can do its thinking," but if we refuse to consider evidence suggesting a Black Jesus, we are no better than those learned scholars of Galileo's era, nor even seven-year-olds. I believe that we, at Notre Dame, CAN boldly, scholarly, and spiritually reflect on the truth, because I've allowed — and survived — such challenge myself. I loved Jesus when I thought He was "white." My love for Him has not grown nor lessened simply because I now believe He entered the world "black." Jesus' message of eternal salvation remains the same, as does "a rose by any other name." I will keep the faith.

Nevertheless, I pray that, one day, the Child from the manger who disappeared into Egypt will emerge again. One fine, Christmas morning, while serenely gazing upon nativity scenes, perhaps the truth will indeed set us free.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Controversy Just One of Many 'Jokes'

Can't we all just get along? This new Notre Dame controversy about Matt Griffin's impeachment is a classic. I particularly loved Thursday's Observer, in which the Student Senate questioned Jeremy Lingenfelter about the validity of his claims — especially since they and Matt Griffin had already said they were true in previous interviews. At least all the actions in question were committed at the beginning of the year, because that obviously makes it all better. Further, I'd like to point out to everyone that without Matt Griffin's leadership and innovation, there would be no Campus Hook-Up. Go Jeremy! I, for one, am tired of the Hook-Up cutting into my 'Right Reason' reading time.

Perhaps my favorite part of this little farce is the conspiracy of this year, in which Jeremy is the frontman for nefarious Student Senate forces. Matt, perhaps foreseeing a modern-day 'Ides of December' in which he is (back)stabbed by his own senators on the steps of the Dome, uses mean words to uncover his detractors. I can hardly wait for tomorrow's insightful Observer front page to see how the story unfolds!

I personally don't care if Matt Griffin shows up for a Student Government meeting wearing a dress and high on crack. Let's be honest — student government and Student Senate are only so useful. The only mourner if neither existed would be The Observer, whose in-depth coverage of student government's various plans to condemn the administration and form committees to offer resolutions and recommendations (historically shown to never accomplish a damn thing) makes for terrific college journalism. Heck, by removing such articles, we could allow more room for aspiring campus cartoonists!

But, you all ask, what's your point? Can you be proactive? Absolutely. I propose a fundraiser: An Ultimate Mud-Wrestling death match between Matt and Jeremy. We construct a chain-link octagon in Stepan, with all interested Student Senate dissidents standing by slinging mud (masks will be available to those of you who weren't roused from anonymity by Matt's harsh language). Pre-title bout entertainment could be a Jarvis-Ron QB Challenge and a Davie vs. Holtz Sega college football match-up. To draw the SMC contingent, we could get those two ND sophomore girls in a dunk tank outside Stepan at \$1 a throw.

That ought to clear up just about every 'controversy' on campus. We could donate the admission money to the Generations campaign so our tuition increase can be reduced to only three or four times the rate of inflation. I bet more than 15 percent of the student body would show up for this baby.

What a joke. Don't blame me — I voted for Booker.

Brian Miller

Senior

Carroll Hall

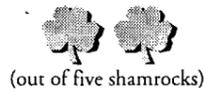
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'Midnight' Madness?

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil

Directed by Clint Eastwood

Starring John Cusack and Kevin Spacey



(out of five shamrocks)

By MIKE MCMORROW
Accent Movie Critic

The first and last shots from "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" are the best. It opens with a montage of fade-ins and fade-outs of Savannah, Geor., and ends with a shot of a statue in a garden in Savannah (the statue shot is in the opening montage). The statue is of a goddess holding two bowls, each supposedly symbolizing good and evil. We are set up, therefore, for some sort of payoff to support the film's ending and beginning. And perhaps we get something of the sort. But "Midnight" does not have the energy or uniting drive to get us from those virtuoso opening and finalizing shots, and that is a most fundamental problem.

The film stars John Cusack as a New York writer, named John Brisco, who has been hired by a magazine (by the name of Town and Country) to review the infamous Christmas party of the very wealthy art trader Jim Williams (Kevin Spacey). Brisco goes to Savannah to the home of Williams, and goes to the party and develops an interesting relationship

with Williams. During the party, Williams gets in a quarrel with one of his outside workers named Billy — Billy wanted money for booze and drugs, but Williams refuses. After everybody from the party has gone home, Billy is murdered, admittedly by Williams. But here's the catch: Williams claimed self-defense. He claims that Billy fired at him first. Nevertheless, there are no witnesses, and Williams is

indicted for murder. The Cusack character, all along, has been watching from both the outside and inside.

So there's the setup for "Midnight." It is not uninteresting, and the setting is especially pleasing. Savannah, from what we see, is a town that looks like a huge antique shop — filled with ancient houses, all looking restored. There are many other characters who give Savannah an especially macabre feeling. There is the showgirl/comedian who tries to most humorously seduce every-one she meets. There is the juror and town nuisance who attaches files to him with a string. There is the voodoo queen who takes Spacey and Cusack out to the cemeteries and tries to recall the dead. This is all done in sort of a cryptic atmosphere. One thing "Midnight" does succeed in doing is to create an isolated world — one which sets its own standards for normality.

I enjoyed many of the cinematic aspects of "Midnight." The frame to frame transitions are graceful, and many of the camera angles prove themselves to be quite interesting and fresh. But the reason that I give it such a negative review is because all these different

elements cannot find a right fit for each other; the film plays like a jigsaw puzzle in which some of the pieces fit together, but they cannot form a whole. After contemplating the enigmatic aspects of the film (how does a voodoo queen relate to an art-dealer involved in a murder?), I can try to force a fit. But Clint Eastwood, the director (yes, that Clint Eastwood) does not draw any direct connections for us. Well, "isn't that our job?" you might ask. To an extent, yes. But, you have to realize that a movie needs a central drive that is powerful enough to carry two and a half hours of screen time. And this "central drive," of which I speak, needs to act like a pen that draws some sort of direct link through all the events in the movie. And with "Midnight," the pen is out of ink.

The performances are credible. But his is not a movie that can be saved by the characters (one of the first movies that I have ever seen where this statement applies). Cusack and Spacey are fine in their roles. And the supporting characters all have fun in making their characters shine in their isolated moments. But, as I have spoken of before, those moments are genuinely

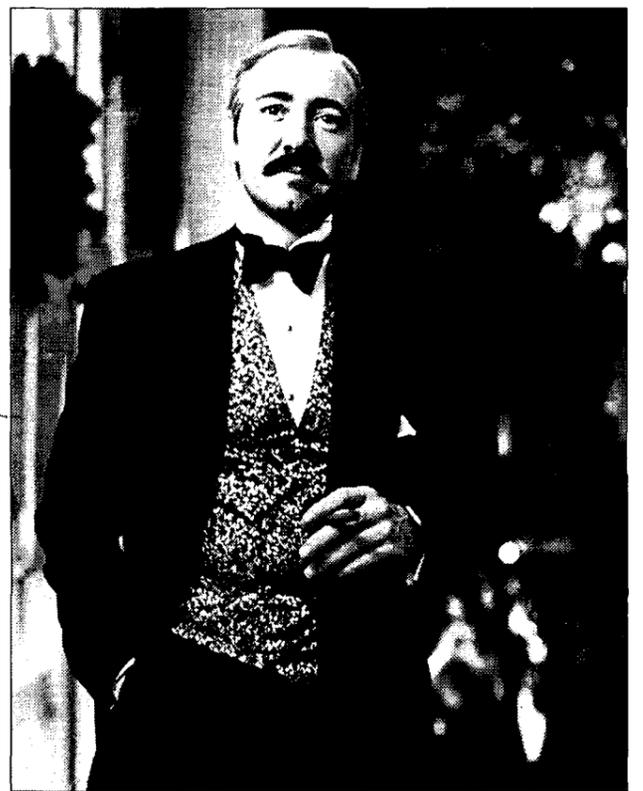


photo courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures
Kevin Spacey portrays wealthy antiques dealer Jim Williams in "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil."

isolated. "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" is perhaps the most interesting "bad" movie that I have ever seen. Either Eastwood should have taken that pen and drawn some connections between his scenes and ideas, or perhaps he should have taken that pen and crossed "Midnight" off his list before the printer even finished printing off the screenplay adaptation.

Agent Wallace Ritchie: License to laugh

The Man Who Knew Too Little

Directed by Jon Amiel

Starring Bill Murray, Joanne Whalley, Peter Gallagher, Alfred Molina



(out of five shamrocks)

By JOHN BARRY
Accent Movie Critic

There are three kinds of movies. There are those where you can say "Yes, I recommend to you, my friend, that you go see this movie. It is good for such-and-such a reason." Your friend might not be clear on what you mean by "such-and-such," but being your friend, and not wanting you to stretch your vocabulary to come up with a better and more coherent description, he or she will think "Okay, I'll part with the \$3.75 and give it a shot," and there's really no risk involved. Specific examples of such a movie would be "Anything with Julia Roberts, Except 'Mary Reilly.'"

The second kind of movies are those where you tell your friends "If you ever speak of going to see that movie again, we are no longer friends." An example of such a movie would be "Home Alone III." Although not yet released, and with my lack of telepathic capabilities, my Inner Critic can still instantly tell that it is the kind of film that you would suggest to your professor after he/she just announced that the mean for the exam was a 75 when you know perfectly well that it could NOT have been higher than a 12. If I was told that I either had to watch "Home Alone III" or listen to the Hanson album straight through, I would have to choose to spontaneously combust.

And then there's the third kind of movie, where it's just a big "O.K." neither worthy of RUSH TO THE THEATER NOW AND BUY ALL REMAINING TICKETS nor LEAVE THIS PLANET TO AVOID SEEING IT! "The Man Who Knew Too Little" is funny in parts, but only after a slow start. Yes, this movie has "Video Rental" written all over it.

"The Man Who Knew Too Little" is about an engineering

major who fell so far behind in his classes that during the approaching finals week his only consolation and shred of hope was the saying "'D' is for Diploma!" Just kidding — sorry about letting my personal problems affect my article. Seriously though, the film is a comedy of errors where an innocent man ambles his way through a dangerous espionage scheme, never knowing the reality of the situation.

Bill Murray plays Wallace Ritchie, a child-like American, who never got any closer to his dream of being in film than working for Blockbuster Video, or visiting his brother (played by Peter Gallagher) in London. Wallace's brother wants to get him out of his house and away from his dinner guests, so he signs Wallace up for "Theater of Life," a group which performs in the actual buildings and streets of London with one audi-



photo courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures
Bill Murray and Joanne Whalley run headlong into trouble in the secret agent slapstick "The Man Who Knew Too Little."

ence member at a time, as they become part of the story. This is Wallace's big chance to perform, to show off those acting skills.

Wallace receives a phone call which he thinks is the start of the theatrical performance, but instead it entangles him in a real-life drama. Much of the film's humor comes from Murray's total cluelessness: his inability to see what is really going on around him, and having a great time doing it. In "What About Bob?" he thought that Richard Dreyfuss's attempt to kill him was the ingenious new "Death Therapy." Not quite as funny, Murray this time thinks that all of the real spies, call girls, and politicians are just actors. He stumbles through one near disaster after the next, thinking it was all

timed just perfectly by the actors, as the real bad guys think that Murray is a master spy. The dialogue is cleverly written so as to make sense with respect to both how Murray sees the situation and how the real spies see the situation.

The film starts off a little slow, as I more than once was tempted to ask those around me "This is a comedy, right?" But eventually things get rolling, and the film is amusing. A scene in which Murray improvises as a Russian dancer had the entire audience laughing quite hard, as it was the film's climax in both plot and humor. While this movie isn't at the caliber of Murray's Saturday Night Live sketches, it will provide that unique entertainment expected from a Bill Murray movie.

OVERALL: It's a funny movie, and I did enjoy it. If you're as big a fan of Murray as I am, then this is definitely worth seeing.

WOULD I RECOMMEND IT TO MY FRIENDS?: Yes, but my friends are smart enough to know that I would like anything with Bill Murray in it, unless of course he has anything to do with "Home Alone IV" or "Hanson The Movie: Cat-Fight with The Spicegirls." But I respect Mr. Murray enough to believe he would never do such a horrid thing.

ACTING: Well, no, Murray doesn't act: he's just Bill Murray, and that non-chalant ambling is what makes his performance great. As for the supporting cast, they're just kind of there so Murray can have someone to exchange dialogue with and react to, so I guess that they're not worth mentioning (besides saying that they're not worth mentioning, which I suppose is really a form of mentioning).

DID YOU SEE ANY GOOD PREVIEWS?: Yes! My favorite part, as always, was the previews. Over Christmas break, you should all go see "Titanic," "Tomorrow Never Dies," and "Scream 2." Unfortunately they also showed the preview for, you guessed it: "Home Alone III," which was enough to make me want to mimic Oedipus Rex and gouge out my eyes. They almost ruined the entire movie-going-experience!

I LIKE CAR CHASES. WILL I LIKE THIS FILM?: Yes! There's one of the funniest car chases I've ever seen — definitely a highlight of the movie. I know that it's hard to think of a car chase as "funny" instead of "exciting" or "like my first driver's test," but trust me, it's humorous stuff.

MORAL OF THE STORY: I urge you to start a petition to ban bad previews before good movies. Also, I think "Home Alone III" is Matt Griffin's fault. And I think I have Mr. Lingenfelter's support on this crucial issue.

TO VIEW OR NOT TO VIEW: I'm not urging you to just study for finals all next week — especially since my classes are almost all graded on a curve — but I'm just saying that there are better films out there now that are worthy of the Big Screen viewing, and you can save this film for video.

1997 Women's Soccer
Final Four

Connecticut Notre Dame
2-1

Player of the Game

Jenny Streiffer

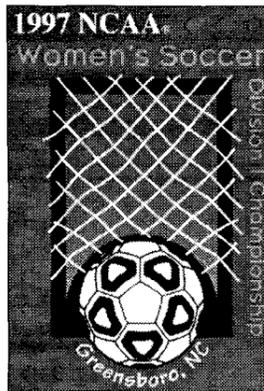
The sophomore forward scored ND's only goal on a spectacular diving header.

Key Stat

UConn scored on two of six shots while the Irish converted only one of 28.

Quote of the Game

"Today we got beat by the game." — Chris Petrucelli



Nothing's finer
in Carolina

The Tar Heels shut down UConn 2-0 in Sunday's final to continue their amazing domination of women's collegiate soccer.

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Irish Insider

Huskies end Irish season

Notre Dame fails to reach the title game for the first time in four years

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
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GREENSBORO, N.C.

The Irish witnessed their dream season collapse into a nightmarish end.

It seemed like a recurring nightmare to Irish goalkeeper LaKeysia Beene as she once again faced a one-on-one with Connecticut's Sara Whalen.

Just 23 minutes ago, she had faced the exact same situation. This time Beene charged out of goal to cut the angle of an accelerating Whalen, but fell a few inches shy and witnessed the game-winning goal sail past her outstretched arms. The Huskies went up 2-0 to secure a chance to play for the title. Later on Notre Dame would rally but still fall short, 2-1.

"I don't think the story of the game was their goals," Notre Dame head coach Chris Petrucelli said. "The story was our inability to finish our goals."

Notre Dame had numerous opportunities in the first half to jump out to a commanding lead. Ironically, the Huskies had only a minuscule amount of chances. Whalen capitalized on the team's first offensive opportunity by tucking a goal in between the post and Beene.

"I don't think a question of motivation was even there," senior tri-captain Kate Sobrero said. "Obviously in the first half, they only crossed midfield three times and scored once. They got lucky."

Luck was a major factor in Friday's finish. The Huskies had a total of six shots on goal and converted on two of them. Notre Dame took 28 shots at Connecticut goalie Heather Stone, but only one went in. Stone saved nine of those while the rest missed the mark.

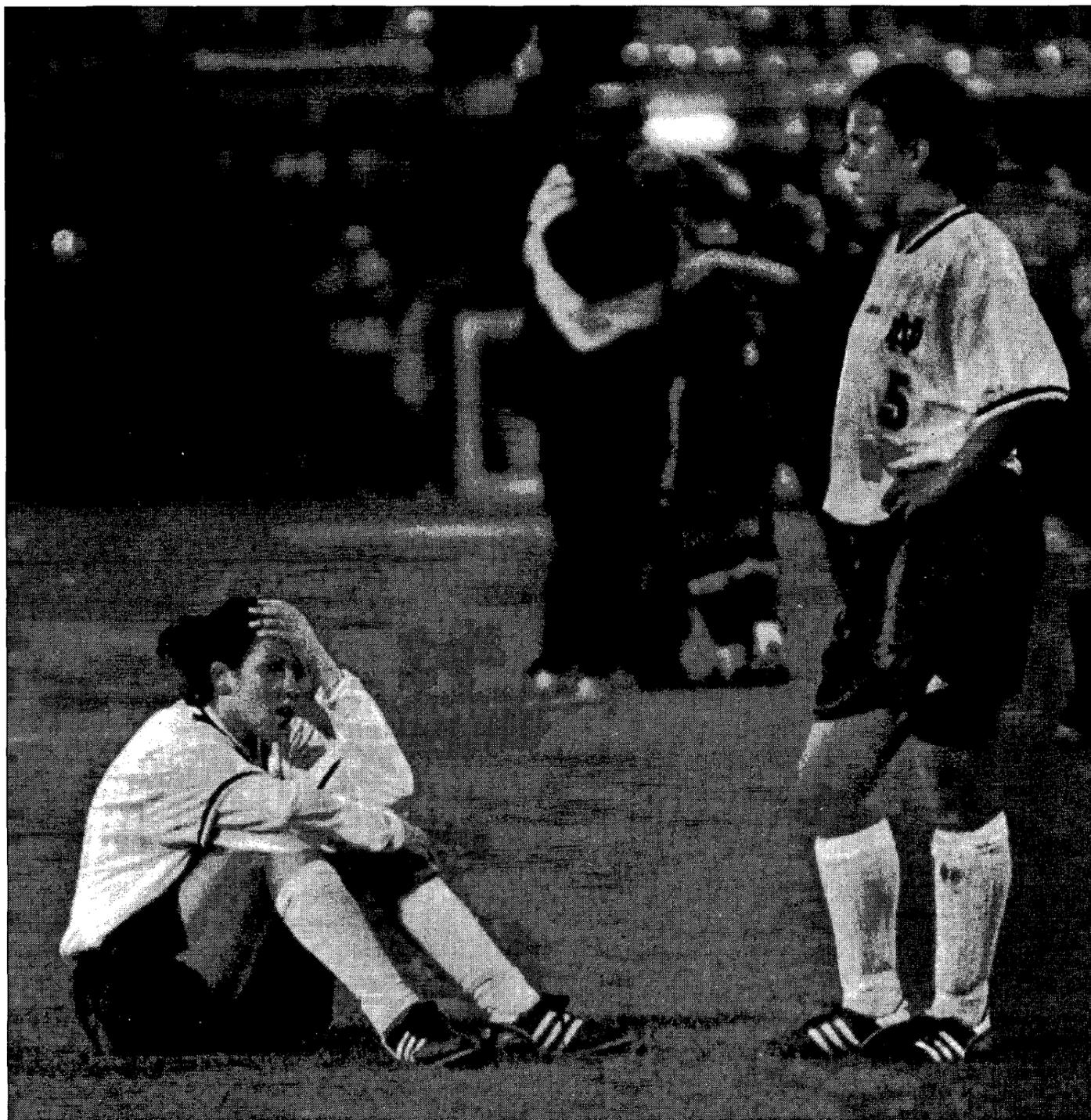
"We did a good job of making the goalkeeper look real good today," Petrucelli said. "We hit a lot of balls at her. I don't know that she had to dive to save them all. And she had some help from the post."

Stone's play in Friday's game landed her on the all-tournament team, along with defender Carey Dorn, midfielder Jennifer Tietjen, and Whalen. Also, Whalen was named first team all-American.

In the past, Whalen anchored the Huskies defense but most of this year she spent on offense. Her goals on Friday gave her a team-high 64 points. She scored 21 goals and had 22 assists this season.

"I don't believe we overlooked them," Petrucelli said. "We played well. We played with emotion and passion. This wasn't a case of us overlooking Connecticut."

While the Irish may have not overlooked the Huskies, they may have underestimat-



While Connecticut coaches and players celebrate in the background, Notre Dame's Monica Gonzalez (left) and Shannon Boxx react to the end of their season immediately following the 2-1 loss to the Huskies.

The Observer/John Daily

IRISH INSIGHT

*Even without a championship,
Irish still one of the best*

GREENSBORO, N.C.

As the final second ticked off the game clock at University of North Carolina at Greensboro Soccer Stadium Friday, a frustrated Irish team stared in disbelief.

The Connecticut Huskies had just handed the Irish their first loss of the season, a 2-1 defeat in the NCAA Final Four.

No one could believe their eyes — Notre Dame, arguably the nation's best women's collegiate soccer team, was going to be watching the rest of the tournament from the sidelines.

Even Connecticut's Sarah Whalen, whose two goals



Allison Krilla
Sports Writer

helped the underdogs slay the mighty Goliath, admitted that this year's Notre Dame squad had the edge over perennial powerhouse North Carolina.

So what happened to the Irish that fateful December afternoon?

Absolutely nothing that they could control.

The Irish team that had beaten the Huskies twice already in 1997 played 90 minutes of dominant soccer, keeping pressure on Connecticut goalie Heather Stone for a majority of the game. But on that day, the players that amassed 134 goals in Notre Dame's previous 24 contests could manage only one tally.

Notre Dame outplayed, outthustled and outshot Connecticut, but its luck just ran out. The crossbar and

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Tar Heels shut out Huskies to capture 14th NCAA title

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C.

Cindy Parlow and Robin Confer scored goals to beat Connecticut 2-0 Sunday and lead North Carolina to its 14th NCAA women's soccer title in

the 16 years that the NCAA has staged the event.

The Tar Heels wrapped up an undefeated 27-0-1 season in style, peppering Connecticut goalkeeper Heather Stone with 20 shots and allowing only five shots on Tar Heels goalie Siri

Mullinix. The shutout was the 22nd of the season for North Carolina, tying a school record for most in a season.

The Tar Heels outscored their opponents 16-1 in their five matches in the NCAA tournament.

After the Huskies dominated the opening five minutes of play, UNC seemed to find its rhythm at the 40-minute mark and dominated play the remainder of the first half, outshooting the Huskies 8-2.

The Tar Heels got on the scoreboard at 20:03 when junior forward Cindy Parlow scored her first game-winning goal of the season.

The goal was set up by sophomore midfielder Lindsay Stoecker, who was a last-minute addition to the starting lineup when first-team all-American midfielder Laurie Schwoy could not play because of a pulled hamstring. Stoecker served a ball into the Connecticut box where it was flicked by the head of freshman forward Raven McDonald. Parlow finished off the play when she volleyed the ball out of the air past Stone.

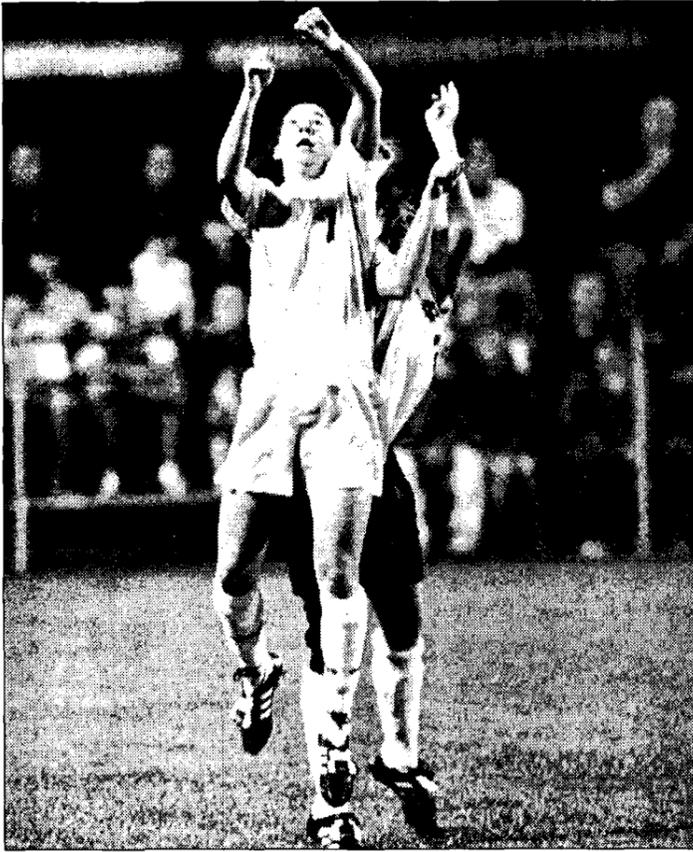
Confer, who scored with two minutes remaining in the match, was named the most valuable offensive player of the NCAA tournament. She also scored the deciding goal in North Carolina's 2-1 semifinal victory Friday over Santa Clara.

Confer's goal came on a 25-yard blast after collecting a pass from Nel Fettig and drib-



The Observer/Brandon Candura

North Carolina goalkeeper Siri Mullinix allowed only one goal in two games to lead the Tar Heels to their second straight championship.



The Observer/Brandon Candura

Robin Confer, shown here in action against the Irish in September, snagged offensive MVP honors at the NCAA championships in Greensboro.

bling to the right of center to beat defender Carey Dorn.

Stone finished with eight saves for Connecticut. Mullinix was credited with three saves, and named the tournament's most valuable defensive player.

The game marked the third time the Tar Heels and Huskies have met for the NCAA championship. North Carolina won 2-0 in 1984 and 6-0 in 1990, and is now 52-2 overall in NCAA tournament games.

Carolina's all-time record in 19 years of varsity play, all under the tutelage of head coach Anson Dorrance, 46, is now 417-16-11.

The game was played before a crowd of 9,460 at the UNC-Greensboro Soccer Stadium, the largest crowd ever to view a college women's soccer game.

In its 19-year varsity history, North Carolina has now won 15 national championships, including the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) title in 1981 and 14 NCAA crowns.

Sunday's national championship effort was led by Carolina's tough defense and by a pair of all-star forwards — Parlow and Confer — who each contributed a goal to the winning effort.

For the season, UNC outscored its opponents 117-8. With the 27 wins, Carolina also set a school record for victories in a season.

Connecticut finished its season at 23-4-0 with the loss. The Huskies came into Sunday's match as the No. 3 seed in the NCAA tournament and the No. 5-ranked team in the NSCAA poll.

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ed the amount of revenge which the Huskies were seeking after losing 6-1 to the Irish in the Big East championship.

"We know we have something to prove to everyone," Connecticut senior Sarah Barnes said about wanting revenge. "That was a nationally televised game, so we want to prove ourselves. Sometime you slip and don't play your best game. We know that is what happened [in the Big East championship]."

Prior to the semifinal game, Connecticut's Whalen felt that speed would be the key.

"They can't match up against our speed if we use our speed in the right way," Whalen said. "Most teams play a slower, more possession game. Our team likes to go forward. I think that if we are using our strategy correctly, then we are going to be hard to stop."

The strategy worked well for the Huskies. The pure speed of Whalen led her team to victory. Petrucelli knew early on that Whalen would be a factor in the game.

"It is interesting to match up with them because you never know where Whalen is going to play," Petrucelli said prior to Friday's game.

The bright spot came for the Irish during the 76th minute of play when sophomore Jenny Streiffer soared through the air and connected with senior Holly Manthei's corner kick to give the Irish a glimmer of hope. It was Streiffer 20th goal of the season. Her spectacular goal and overall performance landed her on the all-tournament team. Manthei also was named to the all-tournament team.

Prior to Streiffer's goal, Petrucelli substituted in freshman Monica Gonzalez and sophomore Jenny Heft to give the Irish more offensive threats on the field. Despite all the added offensive fire power, Notre Dame could not convert on their opportunities.

"Sometimes you get beat by your opponents and sometimes you get beat by the game," Petrucelli said. "Today we got beat by the game."

■ ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Manthei, Streiffer add Blue and Gold to all-tourney team

Carolina tops the list with six players selected

By DAN CICHALSKI
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GREENSBORO, N.C.

While Notre Dame's women's soccer team could not bring home its second national championship last weekend, the Irish also left North Carolina with only two players selected by the media for the all-tournament team.

Senior midfielder Holly Manthei and sophomore forward Jenny Streiffer represented the Irish in Greensboro after the team left with a 2-1 semifinal loss to Connecticut.

Manthei sent the crossing pass in front of the goal that Streiffer dove for and headed into the net for Notre Dame's only goal in the 1997 Final Four.

Santa Clara — also a 2-1 semifinal victim, to eventual champion North Carolina — was represented by the two players responsible for the Broncos' only goal.

Forwards Mandy Clomens and Jacqui Little teamed up for the Santa Clara goal that gave the Broncos a 1-0 lead in Friday's first semifinal game.

Four Connecticut Huskies made the team, based on the performance against Notre Dame. Members of the media had to turn in their nomina-



The Observer/Brandon Candura

Notre Dame's Kelly Lindsey (left) tries to keep the ball away from Connecticut's Sara Whalen. Whalen scored both goals against the Irish Friday afternoon to earn a spot on the all-tournament team.

tion sheets following Friday's semifinal games.

Sara Whalen, who scored UConn's two goals; goalie Heather Stone, who stopped nine Irish shots; defender Carey Dorn, who pestered the Irish offensive arsenal all afternoon; and midfielder Jen Tietjen, who assisted on

Whalen's second goal, made up the Connecticut contingent on the all-tournament team.

Not surprisingly, North Carolina placed the most players on the team.

Goalie and Greensboro native Siri Mullinix headed the list, and was also named defensive most valuable play-

er of the tournament. She was joined by forwards Cindy Parlow and Robin Confer, who earned the tournament's offensive most valuable player honor.

Midfielder Tiffany Roberts and defenders Staci Wilson and Lorrie Fair rounded out the roster.

Huskies prove they came to play

Whalen, Stone carry UConn to final matchup with UNC

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GREENSBORO, N.C.

In just three Big East seasons, Notre Dame and Connecticut have developed quite a rivalry in women's soccer.

With Friday's 2-1 Husky upset over the Irish in the NCAA semifinals, that rivalry just got more intense. The victory was only UConn's second against Notre Dame, the first coming in the teams' first meeting in 1995; after that, the Irish won six straight before this season. In 1997, Notre Dame benefitted from a little bit of luck in the 1-0 regular-season victory, and a lot of firepower in a 6-1 triumph for the Big East title.

"I think my players and I feel we accomplished something great today," Connecticut coach Len Tsantiris said. "We beat the odds. I thought Notre Dame and Carolina were the best teams, but on a given day it's who's going to play. We played well enough to win, and we had some outstanding defending. We were lucky."

That luck appeared in the form of two UConn goals by senior Sara Whalen on just six Husky shots, and one Irish goal on 28 shots — and at least six of those ricocheted off posts or the crossbar.

But luck was not the only factor. It was a well-played game on both sides. At the very least, it was an evenly-played game; Notre Dame may have even had the edge.

But the Huskies would not break under the Irish pressure.

"The last two games that we played Notre Dame this year, we tried to match up with them and we did fairly well," Tsantiris said. "We saw what happened the last couple games that we played them. Today we tried to pack (the defenders) in and it worked. We have great speed on the outside and up front. I thought we'd be able to penetrate, but I wasn't sure how tough our defense would be."

The defense turned out to be tough enough to force the Irish to take screened shots, many of which were either right at Husky goalie Heather

Stone or right at the posts and crossbar.

"It was a lot of pressure and I think we kept our heads and broke down their attacks again and again," Stone said. "You always play for the moment, and until the ball is in the net, they haven't scored."

In holding the Irish offense to just one goal, Connecticut shut down an attack that averaged 5.63 goals per game heading into Greensboro. Even Notre Dame's 28 shots were two below the season average. The Irish certainly had their chances, but Connecticut sucked them up.

"I think seeing Heather as an addition to our team has helped us," Tsantiris said. "She hadn't played with our team until August. We knew that her athletic ability and the mental part of the game were there. I felt she would be the one to emerge this season, and she did. She did a great job. She felt comfortable playing and came up big today. I think everything was there today for us."

The Huskies did have it all there, scoring two goals against a team that gave up only seven others during the season. North Carolina is the only other team to find the back of the net twice in one game against the Irish in 1997.

And no player had as good a game against the Irish in 1997 as Whalen did.

"I was going to the goal early in the game and dribbled one ball out of bounds," the senior all-American said. "And after that, I promised my teammates that I wouldn't miss another chance like that. On the first goal, Jen Carlson got a great pass through and I was able to break down the left side. The second goal was similar, and Jen (Tietjen's) ball was very tactical and had a great pace on it, which is difficult to do with that pass."

Everything came together despite Notre Dame's persistence and relentless pressure. The Irish controlled the ball and the pace of the game for much of the contest.

"Notre Dame is a good team," Tsantiris said. "We like to possess the ball, and you have to have the post. Notre Dame did a good job of not letting us possess the ball and go forward with it. We have always practiced to defend players coming through us, but we didn't practice to defend inside the box. Actually, Notre Dame forced us back there. You have to do what you have to do."

The Connecticut Huskies did what they had to do: They won.

NCAA Division I 1997 Soccer Championship



Connecticut 2, Notre Dame 1

At Greensboro, N.C.

Connecticut	1	1-2
Notre Dame	0	1-1

First Half

41:01 — (UC) Sara Whalen goal from four yards (assisted by Jen Carlson).

Second Half

64:37 — (UC) Whalen goal from six yards (Jen Tietjen).

76:01 — (ND) Jenny Streiffer header from four yards (Holly Manthei).

Goalies (Saves) — Connecticut, Heather Stone (9); Notre Dame, LaKeysia Beene (1).

Fouls: Connecticut 19, Notre Dame 11.

Yellow Cards: Connecticut, Jen Carlson (69:08), Sara Barnes, 78:28.

Corner Kicks: Connecticut 0, Notre Dame 10.

GAME QUOTES

Notre Dame head coach Chris Petrucelli on his team's semifinal loss to Connecticut: "Sometimes you get beat by your opponents, sometimes you get beat by the game. Today we got beat by the game."

Petrucelli on the play of Connecticut goalie Heather Stone: "I think we did a good job of making their goalkeeper look real good (on Friday). We hit a lot of balls at her. I don't know if she had to dive to save a ball, and she had a lot of help from the post."

Holly Manthei on the team's feeling being down by one goal at halftime: "I think the whole game, we felt like we were in it. If you were to compare this game to last year's (NCAA) semifinal, when we went down two goals, there was obviously a drop in our mentality last year at halftime. But there wasn't that feeling at the half. We kept plugging away for 90 minutes, and there wasn't a minute of this game where we dropped our heads and said, 'This game's over.'"

Petrucelli on the quality of the opposition in this tournament: "I saw some of the (North Carolina-Santa Clara game), and after watching our game, I'm very biased about this, but I thought we were the best team here. Unfortunately, we're not playing anymore."

Connecticut head coach Len Tsantiris on his team's strategy against the Irish: "The last two games we played Notre Dame we matched them up. But I thought we would try to put four players in the middle and Sara Whalen and Naomi (Stone) in the front. I didn't know how patient our players would be because we had to constantly defend against Notre Dame. But for the last three days we worked on it, our players felt comfortable and it worked."

Huskies forward Sara Whalen on what it means to beat Notre Dame and play for the national championship: "We're all really excited, but personally I feel that Notre Dame has the edge over North Carolina. So going into the final game on Sunday, I think we're all going to be completely inspired and in awe of the situation."



The Observer/John Daily
Notre Dame freshman Anne Makinen gets a head up on a Connecticut defender in Friday's semifinal contest.

Insight

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posts wore Husky blue and white, deflecting half a dozen Irish shots away from the net.

While Chris Petrucelli praised his team's effort, you couldn't help but hear the sadness in his voice for what could have been. The 1995 Irish national championship team took the post-season by storm with heart, desire and a gutsy overtime performance in the final game. But this year's team had all that and more — it had talent that was second to none.

Talent to the tune of three 50-plus point scorers and three more 40-plus point scorers, with freshmen Anne Makinen and Meotis Erikson and sophomore Jenny Streiffer leading the way. Talent in the form of senior all-American defenseman Kate Sobrero and rising stars Jen Grubb and Kelly Lindsey. Talent in the shape of the nation's career leader in assists, senior Holly Manthei.

Then what was it that left Manthei and Sobrero with tears in their eyes and the already soft-spoken Streiffer even quieter?

Dreams of a national title placed just beyond their reach in a game that wasn't supposed to end this way.

Before the game, seniors Manthei and Sobrero spoke of the team chemistry and its legitimate shot at the title.

But it was fate that had other plans for this Notre Dame team. Sometimes there are circumstances beyond your control — the outcome of Friday's game was one of them.

What you do when things don't turn out the way you expect is what affects your life.

Instead of looking at the end of the season as a loss, and the end of Manthei's, Sobrero's and Julie Maund's careers as a disappointment, let's look at what was accomplished.

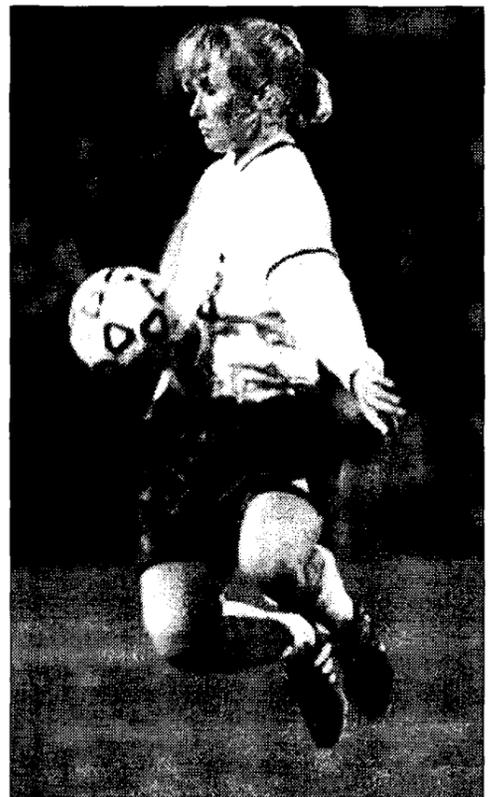
For four straight years the Irish reached the NCAA Final Four, following a first-round tournament loss in 1993, Notre Dame's first trip to the Big Dance.

These last four years have brought Notre Dame's women's soccer program into the national spotlight. Notre Dame is uttered in the same breath as North Carolina in elite soccer circles. North Carolina has now won 14 national championships in the 16 years of the tournament's existence, while Notre Dame women's soccer program has only been around for 10 years.

This season may have ended with a loss to the Huskies, but the legacy of Irish soccer has just begun.



The Observer/John Daily
 UConn's Sarah Barnes (9 in blue) and Heather Stone (with braid) celebrate with another teammate just after the clock expires on the Irish Friday. Notre Dame's Monica Gerardo (far right) and Jenny Streiffer (far left) leave the field after wrapping up a 23-1-1 season.



The Observer/John Daily
 Anne Makinen jumps to trap a ball Friday afternoon. The freshman midfielder led the Irish with 23 goals and 58 points in 1997.



The Observer/Brandon Candura
 Kara Brown (left) races with Jen Laccone for possession of the ball Friday. Despite controlling the ball for most of the game, Brown and the Irish could only score one goal on their 28 shots in the 2-1 loss.

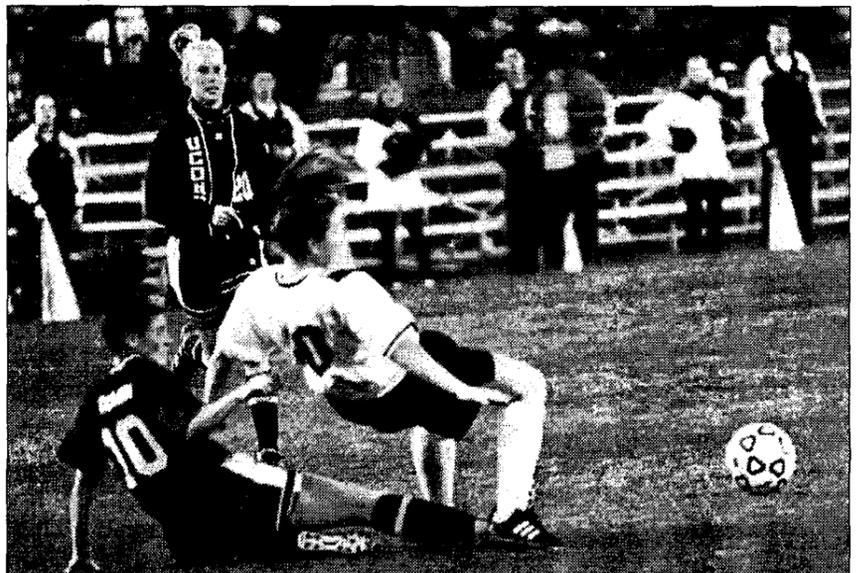
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The Observer/Brandon Candura
 Notre Dame senior Holly Manthei (right) set up the lone Irish goal Friday to end her career with an NCAA-record 129 assists. Her 34 assists this year are the second-most in a season, 10 short of her record of 44 set last year.



The Observer/Brandon Candura
 Jenny Streiffer outruns Sarah Barnes (9) and Chrisy McCann (10) in the semifinal match between UConn and Notre Dame. Streiffer broke through the Husky defense to score Notre Dame's only goal with 14 minutes left in the game. The diving header was Streiffer's 20th goal and 58th point of the season.



The Observer/John Daily
 Freshman forward Meotis Erikson (in white) is slide tackled from behind by Connecticut's Chrisy McCann. Erikson was one of several Notre Dame players who nailed the goalposts with shots more than once in Friday's loss.

The Soap Opera Wrap-up

GENERAL HOSPITAL

By GENEVIEVE MORRILL
General Hospital Correspondent

General Hospital delivered some major action this week. Stefan skulked around the grounds at Serenity before gaining the courage to approach Katharine. He explained all the dirty details to her and expected her to jump into his arms. He is most confused when she does not. Kathy tells him where to go and he refuses. Way to hang in there buddy! She finally gave into Stefan's wiles after he admits that he loves her. They then proceed to get naked and go for it. Memo to the producers: billowing chiffon and tons of candles make for an inferno and I'm not talking about the lovers. After their night of love, they decide to date. How quaint, sex then dating!

Luke tried to get the scoop of Alexis and Stefan's fight, then called her little sister. Seems he has been digging. Alexis is Natasha. She tried to play dumb but has her mother's ring. Her mother, Kristin Bergman, was a famous opera singer. She retired to have her lover's baby and four years later was found with her throat slit and vocal cords torn out. Since the knife was in her hand, her death was ruled suicide and no one ever found out what happened to her daughter. Alexis only remembers the Cassadines and believed that she was the daughter of Alexei and Sonya Cassadine Davidavitch. Luke tells her the "interesting history" about the ring and how the stones supposedly protect the wearer from harm. She tells him that if Helena ever discovered that she raised her husband's illegitimate daughter and that she is a threat to Nik's inheritance, she will be dead too.

Alexis refuses to allow Luke to use her against Stefan. She desires more time to come to terms with everything and discover her mother's murderer before Helena is alerted. Luke offers her the chance for revenge. A Spencer and Cassadine teaming up? Lock the doors and hide, it could get ugly.

Tess and Jimmy watch Mac and Felicia and seem to want to take over Mac's life, but we are still not clear on that. Tess and the faux Mac try to get information from Felicia and the real Mac.

Tony tries to get information about Lorraine, but it is like squeezing blood from stone and our Dr. Jones is not the sharpest knife in the drawer. He offers her a job in exchange for the real scoop and she reads him the riot act about controlling Carly and not trusting her. Bobbie admits to Carly that she doesn't want her around and Carly tells the witch that no matter what she's got the baby and therefore Tony.

Lucy pitches the new campaign to Brenda as a television special, "Behind the Scenes with Brenda" or some such nonsense where Brenda will share hair care tips. Not being a fool, Brenda wants to approve all of the questions beforehand. The producers are fine with that but want to focus the special on her twisted relationship and nasty break up with Sonny. That guy gets more air time off the show than he ever did on it. She freaks and fires the guy.

Lizzie convinces Lucky that Sarah is in danger. The only danger is in her head, as Sarah is receiving several doses of Nikolas' loving. Hey if that is danger bring it on! Sarah and Nik decide that they are not ready for sex and figure out that Lizzie planted the condoms.

Jason is still holding on to his territory by allowing the organization to think that he killed Sonny and that he will be ready if there is another move against him or Brenda. Luke will have the party of the year on Monday and by the end of it bullets and fists will be flying. So tune in and don't worry about those finals ... Nik and I will see you next semester.

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES

By NAOMI FREEMAN,
KRISTINE HOWARD,
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Days of Our Lives' Correspondents

Happy Holidays, DAYS fans! Since this is our last column of the year (and Kristy will be abroad next semester), we'd just like to thank everyone who enjoyed reading our updates. It's nice to know that there are others who obsess about this show as much as we do. Now, to bring everyone up-to-date on the events in Salem since Thanksgiving:

John and Roman both planted kisses on Marlena during the Break, hoping to rekindle their romances with Doc (unbeknownst to each other). Unfortunately for John, it seems that a Roman/Marlena reconciliation is in the works. Eric and Kristen both pressured John to step aside, and he made the mistake of letting Roman see his frustration. This prompted the ever-clever Roman to question John for details of his "marriage" with Kristen. Privately, John and Marlena both lamented that they must continue to deceive the sick Roman. To maintain the ruse, Marlena even gave John his engagement ring back. Ouch!

The big story is still Jennifer's kidnapping, Jack's escape, Travis' homicidal tendencies, and Peter's mosquito bite. After a series of misadventures we don't even CARE to describe, Jack found out that Jen was being taken to the Grand Canyon and that she and Travis were traveling in disguise. Jack survived a car accident, being held at gunpoint, and Laura's hysterics (via telephone) to discover that the rendezvous spot with Peter was probably this cabin down in the canyon. At the same time, Peter himself was making his travel plans and fending off a nasty case of jungle fever that apparently gives him the strength to rip a sink out of the wall. Look out Jack!

Back in Salem, Lucas rebuffed Sami's offer of friendship. After giving Carrie a big promotion at Titan, Kate was forced to give Sami one as well. The Queen of Mean might be in danger, though, because Franco seemed a little suspicious of his new partner in crime. If she doesn't keep up her end of their bargain, everyone's favorite male model might have to teach her a lesson. Could Franco already be stalking Sami?

As usual, Bo and Hope continued to walk in on each other in compromising positions while still mooning over each other in private. Billie started to get nervous as she prepared to testify against Max, thinking he will reveal she had been hooked on drugs again. (Do we care???) Unfortunately for her, Hope has already run into Max at the jail and learned the truth about Billie's mysterious Roman "food poisoning."

As she strays farther and farther from the Road of Sanity, Kristen tried to coax Susan into giving her little Elvis, saying it's the only way to protect him from DiMera influence. For some reason, Kristen thinks that she can use her step-dad's spawn to recapture John's love. While out buying baby things at Salem place (a slightly premature decision, in our opinion), Kristen then ran into Marlena, who was immediately suspicious of her nemesis' purchases. Meanwhile, thanks to some sage advice from Celeste and Sister Mary Moira, Susan decided to lay low at the convent. Stefano doesn't know where she is, but Kristen does!

Well, as they say, "like sands through the hourglass, so are the days of our lives." Good luck on finals everyone, and stay tuned for the appearance of Eileen Davidson's FOURTH character: Thomas Banks! Happy holidays!

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Top Ten At the Box Office

1. Flubber
2. Alien Resurrection
3. The Rainmaker
4. Anastasia
5. The Jackal
6. Midnight in the Garden ...
7. Mortal Kombat: Annihilation
8. I Know What You Did Last Summer
9. Bean
10. Starship Troopers

Source: Reuters

Top Ten Video Rentals

1. George of the Jungle
2. Men in Black
3. Face/Off
4. Chasing Amy
5. Liar, Liar
6. Jingle All the Way
7. Breakdown
8. Speed 2: Cruise Control
9. Operation Condor
10. Batman & Robin

Source: Blockbuster Video

■ NFL

Bears claim third victory of disappointing season

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Alonzo Spellman made a tackle and was booed. Bryan Cox sacked the quarterback and was booed. Rick Mirer merely entered the game. More boos.

So much for home-field advantage. Despite getting such nasty treatment from their own fans — those who showed up, anyway — the Chicago Bears played their best all-around game this season in beating the Buffalo Bills 20-3 Sunday.

"It's tough here in Chicago. If you have a winner, this is the best place in the world to play. But like anybody, no one wants to see mediocrity," said Erik Kramer, who atoned for two first-quarter interceptions by passing for 270 yards and two touchdowns.

"I don't want to be a part of it and I don't blame them for not wanting to see it."

Mediocrity would have been a kind word to describe the Bills (6-8), who were ripped by coach Marv Levy after failing to get a touchdown against the NFL's most generous defense.

Buffalo gained only 160 yards, looking nothing like the high-powered offensive team that made the playoffs in eight of the last nine years and reached four Super Bowls.

"It's the worst we've played that I can remember," said Levy, whose team has lost four of its last five games. "Never, never, not in the 12 years I've been here" have the Bills played so poorly.

The loss, combined with victories by New England and Miami, eliminated the Bills from the playoff race.

Chicago (3-11) has allowed 380 points, the most its 78-year history, but played well defensively for the second time in three games. After giving up at least 20 points in each of their first 11 games, the Bears have sandwiched two solid defensive performances — this game and a 13-7 victory over Tampa Bay — around a 55-20 Thanksgiving loss at Detroit.

Many Bears credited an impassioned Saturday night talk by coach Dave Wannstedt, who is fighting for his job.

"It was one of the best speeches he's ever given," defensive tackle Jim Flanigan said. "He told us that we've got nothing to lose, that we should have fun and make plays."

Kramer, one of several potential free agents, said Wannstedt told numerous players that they were "auditioning" for 1998 jobs.

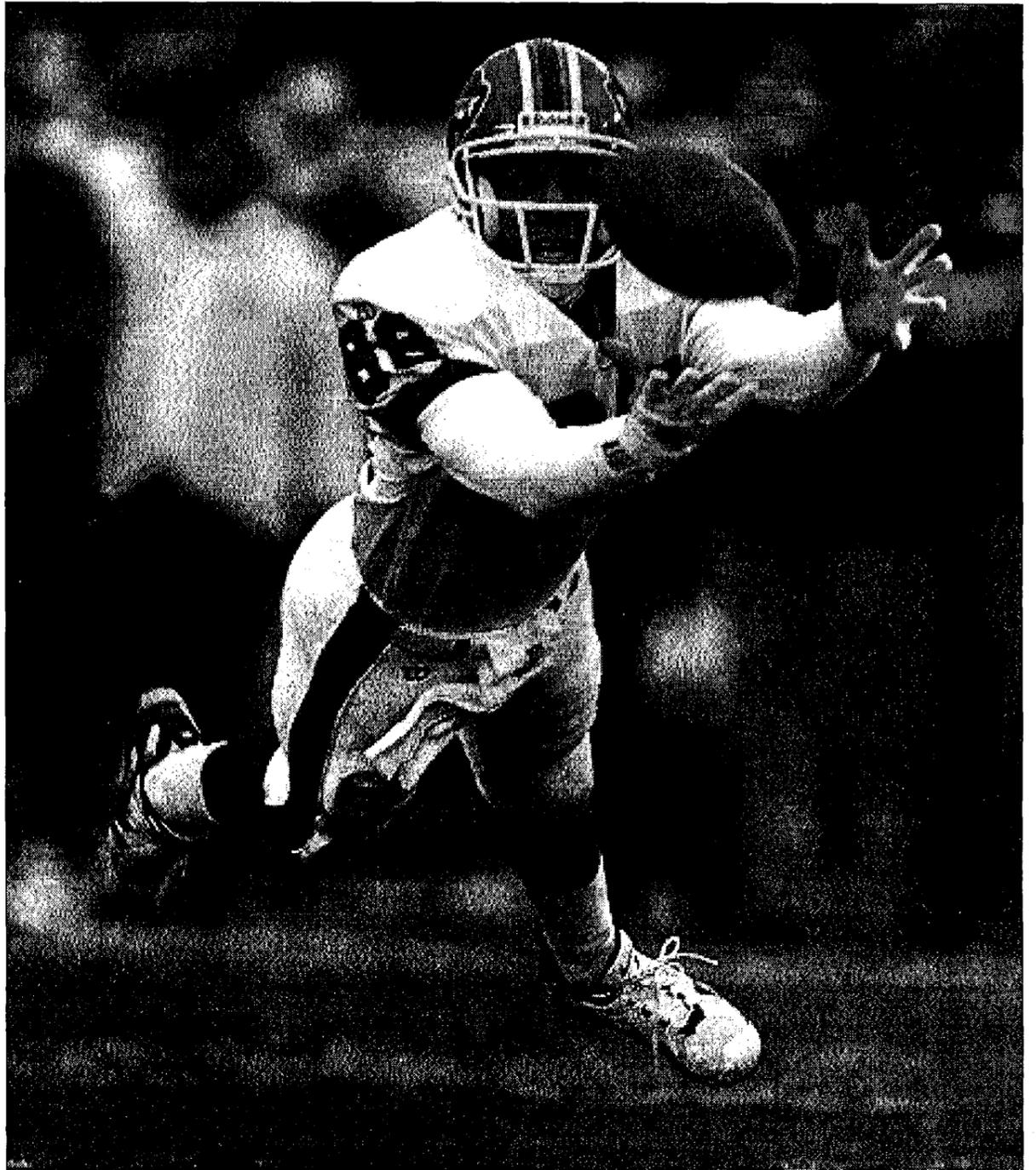
The Bears were bolstered by the return of Spellman, who missed the previous nine games with a shoulder injury. During his absence, Spellman was suspended by the team for refusing to undergo recommended surgery and suspended by the NFL for failing to take a steroid test.

The league action is under appeal, and Spellman said he has since passed the test, but he still was booed when his name was announced after making a second-quarter tackle.

"I don't think I have to win over fans," Spellman said. "Fans look at the way you play and judge you by your character off the field. And I think I've passed all those tests."

On the following play, Cox was booed when credited for a sack; fans consider him an overpaid troublemaker. Mirer, a bust since being acquired in an offseason trade, got razzed when he trotted into the game in the fourth quarter to mop up for Kramer.

Paid attendance was 66,944 but that included 27,160



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The Bills could only complete 13 of 32 passes on a day where nothing seemed to go right for Buffalo.

no-shows, perhaps fitting for two non-contenders playing in freezing weather at Soldier Field. It was the fans' last chance to boo the Bears this season because the two remaining games are on the road. Chicago finished 2-6 at home.

The Bills, averaging an AFC-low 15.7 points, couldn't take advantage of Kramer's early mistakes. Todd Collins had a miserable day, consistently missing open receivers and completing 13 of 32 passes for 138 yards.

"He had a bad day but he wasn't alone," Levy said. Collins, in his first season as Jim Kelly's successor,

called it "probably the most frustrating game I've played."

Kramer, meanwhile, rebounded strongly. His 23-for-33 performance included second-quarter touchdown passes of 30 yards to Ryan Wetnight and 3 yards to Ricky Proehl. Kramer also connected with Curtis Conway seven times for 115 yards.

Raymont Harris rushed for 59 yards before leaving in the third quarter with a broken left leg. He finished the season with 1,033 yards, becoming the seventh back in Chicago history to reach 1,000.

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Betsy 4, Mike 0 -- rematch?! Anytime, baby!

Who's playing Nebraska in Miami?!

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■ NFL

Dolphins hand Lions loss with last second field goal

Record-breaking day for Detroit's Barry Sanders

Associated Press

MIAMI

The Miami Dolphins turned another record-breaking game by Barry Sanders into a heart-breaker for the Detroit Lions.

Olindo Mare's 42-yard field goal on the final play gave Miami a 33-30 victory Sunday night despite Sanders' 137 yards rushing.

Sanders, who carried 30 times, broke Marcus Allen's NFL record of 11 consecutive 100-yard games and took over the league rushing lead from Denver's Terrell Davis.

"Sanders is probably the best back that ever played, and we got a win against him," Miami defensive lineman Shane Burton said. "That's big."

The Dolphins (9-5) remained tied with New England for first place in the AFC East, and they could clinch a playoff berth with a win Sunday at Indianapolis.

Detroit (7-7) lost for the first time in four games but stayed in the running for an NFC wild-card slot.

Dan Marino moved Miami 54 yards in six plays in the final 68 seconds to set up Mare's fourth field goal.

"Ooohhh, man alive," an exhilarated coach Jimmy Johnson said at the start of his postgame news conference.

"Y'all stunned? We were on the edge of our seats. When we had to have it, Dan Marino was fantastic."

Marino went 4-for-4 for 46 yards in the final drive.

"It's something we work on all the time — going down and

getting the field goal with no time left," Marino said.

"I've just seen him do it so many times," said Detroit quarterback Scott Mitchell, a former backup in Miami. "You've just got to hope something bad happens. That's really all you can do."

Trailing 30-22 with 5:32 left, the Lions drove 96 yards in 13 plays to tie the game with 1:14 to go. Herman Moore caught a 16-yard touchdown pass and a two-point conversion pass from Mitchell.

Marino threw two touchdown passes and Miami forced five turnovers, while Detroit blew two extra-point attempts.

"We made it hard on ourselves," Mitchell said. "You just can't turn the ball over against Miami."

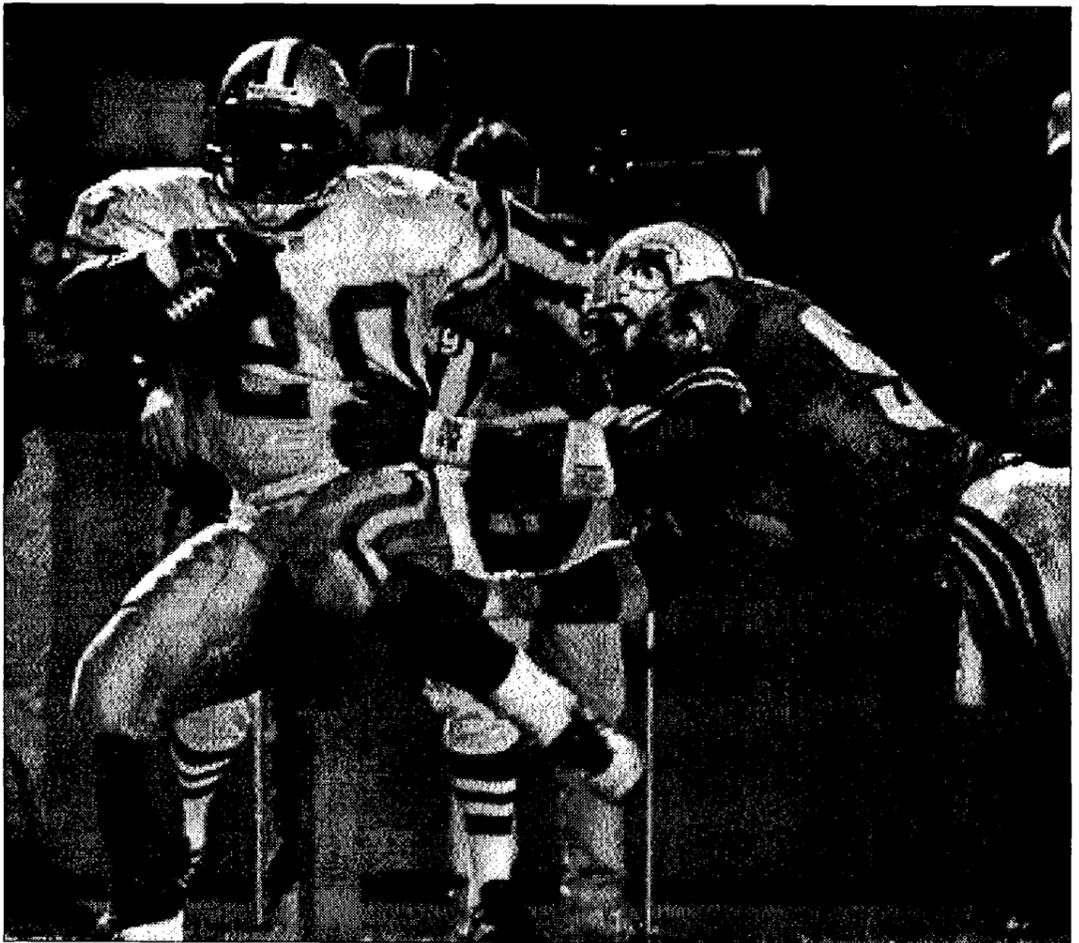
Marino completed 24 of 39 passes for 310 yards, including touchdowns of 27 and 23 yards to Troy Drayton. Marino also had an interception returned for a touchdown for the third time in three games.

Detroit's Bryant Westbrook made his first career interception and raced 64 yards to make the score 23-22 with 14 minutes remaining.

"He got a good jump on the ball and made a great play," Marino said. "You have to give him credit. All I know to do is to keep going 100 mph, and things worked out."

Following Westbrook's score, the Lions blew their second extra-point attempt in a row when holder John Jett mishandled the snap to throw off kicker Jason Hanson's timing, and his attempt bounced off the right upright.

On the previous try, a bad snap by Tony Semple forced Jett to attempt a desperation pass, which fell incomplete to leave Miami with a 23-16 lead. Semple was subbing for



KRT Photo

Barry Sanders' 137 yards rushing broke the NFL's record for consecutive 100-yard rushing games.

snapper Mike Compton, who hurt his hand in the first half.

"Our special teams play was just atrocious," Lions coach Bobby Ross said. "That and turnovers were the difference in the game."

Three Detroit fumbles cost the Lions a potential touchdown and led to two Miami field goals. Mitchell fumbled twice — giving him 14 this year — and was intercepted twice in the fourth quarter by Terrell Buckley.

Marino moved the Dolphins 57 yards in the final 49 seconds of the first half to set up Mare's 33-yard field goal for a 20-10 margin. Mare also connected from 19 and 21 yards.

The Dolphins mounted touchdown drives of 70 and 76 yards on their first two possessions. Marino hit Drayton with a 27-yard TD, and Karim Abdul-Jabbar scored on a 1-yard run on fourth down.

Mitchell hit Johnnie Morton with a 35-yard touchdown

pass to trim Miami's lead to 23-16 in the third period.

Dolphins running back Lawrence Phillips, hoping to restart his troubled career, dressed but didn't play. The former first-round draft choice was cut by St. Louis last month and signed with Miami last Tuesday.

"I wanted to play him if the opportunity presented itself," Johnson said. "I'm looking for Lawrence to be a player for us next year."

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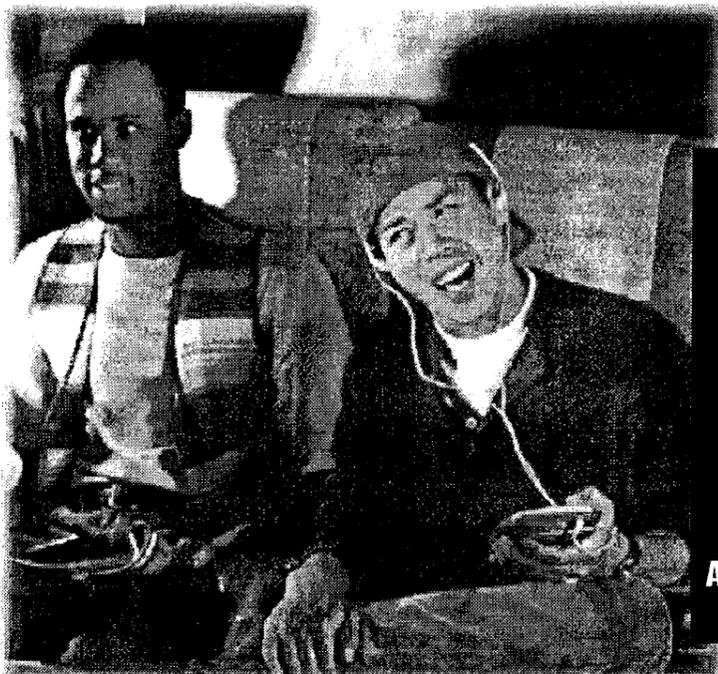
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■ SAINT MARY'S BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's winless in Roundball Classic

By ANGELA OLSEN
Saint Mary's Sports Editor

Despite a strong effort, the Saint Mary's basketball team could not emerge from the annual Saint Mary's College Roundball Classic with a victory.

The Belles hosted Huntington College, Bethel College, and Indiana University-South Bend (IUSB), the defending champion, during the weekend tournament held at the Angela Athletic Facility. The Belles lost both their matches, dropping their record to 2-4. The championship game was played on Saturday afternoon between Bethel College and IUSB with IUSB coming away with a 85-70 win.

On Friday night, the Belles faced Bethel College to kick off the tournament play. Bethel walked away with a 74-54 win after a second-half scoring lapse by Saint Mary's. The Belles played with Bethel the first half, and at halftime, Saint Mary's was trailing by a mere point.

Senior co-captain Julie McGill was a force throughout the game. Besides 19 points, McGill had 13 rebounds and five blocked shots. "McGill is always really strong," praised Saint Mary's assistant coach Lynn Wolfinger. "She works really hard no matter what."

At the start of the second half, things took a turn for the worse for the Belles. Head coach Dave Roeder's squad got off to a bad start to begin the second half of play, and for the first eight minutes, the Belles failed to score. In the meantime, the Lady Pilots found the basket and built a huge lead.

"We weren't creating opportunities for ourselves," commented senior co-captain Brenda Hoban. "Our mistakes started to catch up on us, and they started to capitalize on what we were doing wrong."

Turnovers were a major problem for the Belles. The squad committed 34 which the Lady Pilots converted into 29 points.

Senior point guard Darcy Nikes finished with eight points, five rebounds, and three assists. Hoban finished with eight points and eight rebounds.

The Belles faced Huntington College on Saturday afternoon for the consolation title. Saint

Mary's played an aggressive game, but could not pull out the win, losing in overtime, 76-67.

Huntington jumped out to an early lead, but the Belles continued to put pressure on the Foresters throughout the half.

"We were ready to play with our heads on today. Yesterday [against Bethel], we weren't even in the gym," Nikes said Saturday.

Hoban hit two key three-pointers for the Belles to keep her squad close. With seven minutes to go, Saint Mary's enjoyed its biggest lead, 22-18. Huntington quickly took back control and at the half the Belles were down 26-30.

Huntington forward Amy Bechtel created problems for the Belles all afternoon. The sophomore scored a game-high 27 points and took down 14 rebounds.

The second half was a see-saw battle for control. Both teams were connecting with the basket, and no one held a lead greater than three points throughout the half. With the score tied with 12 seconds to go, Saint Mary's brought the ball down the court but could not get the ball into the hoop.

Tied at 62 points, the game went into overtime. "The team really gelled today; that's really a difference from what we did last night," said Wolfinger after the game.

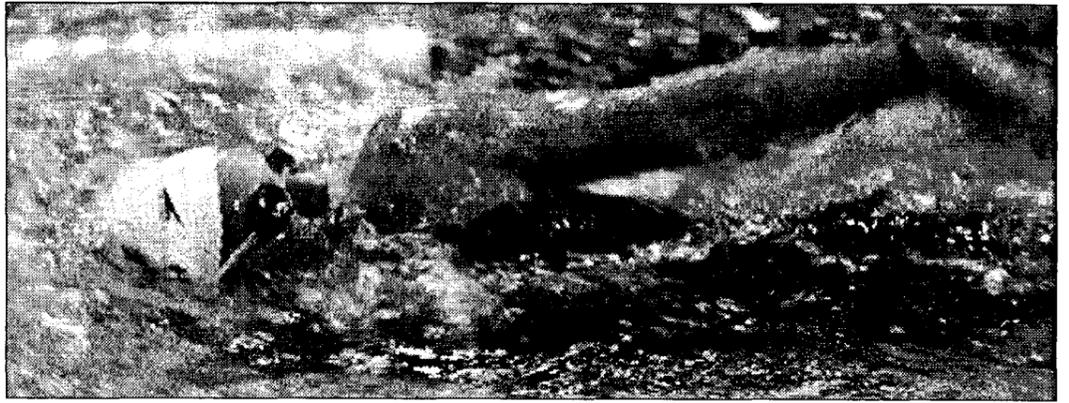
Huntington could not be stopped, however, in the overtime play. The Foresters jumped to an early lead and never looked back. The Belles could not find the basket and kept putting the Foresters on the free throw line.

"We didn't take care of the ball," said Nikes. "These things are so fixable it's frustrating."

The Foresters hit their shots and created a lead too big for the Belles to even challenge in the last minute. "We didn't execute the way we should have," commented Wolfinger.

Hoban finished the game with a team-high 17 points in 37:07 minutes of play. Also scoring in double figures for the Belles were McGill with 15 points and 16 rebounds, freshman Julie Norman with 14 points, and Nikes with 13 points and nine rebounds.

■ SWIMMING



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

The Notre Dame women's swimming team took second place at its own invitational last weekend.

Women take second at Invitational

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team captured second place at the Notre Dame Invitational as it finished with 753 points to a strong Michigan squad, which took first place with 1,035 points.

Notre Dame senior Linda Gallo continued to shine for the Irish as she set pool and meet

records with her time of 16:44.91 in the 1,650-yard freestyle. Gallo's time also bested the NCAA B Qualifying mark in the event. Sophomore Gina Ketelhohn was the only other winner for the Irish as she won the one-meter diving competition with 372.70 points. Notre Dame sophomore Shannon Suddarth again swam well as she finished second in the 200-yard breaststroke with

a time of 2:19.75.

Records fell once again on the third day of the Notre Dame Invitational. Besides Gallo's record, five other pool and meet records were set, all by the Michigan women. Michigan swimmers set records in the 200-yard backstroke, 100-yard freestyle, 200-yard breaststroke, 200-yard butterfly, and the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Irish pick up pair of home wins

By MATT YUNG
Sports Writer

Recently, the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving teams picked up a pair of home wins against West Virginia and Air Force. The Irish edged Air Force 131-110 and smothered West Virginia 151.5-73.5.

The two victories illustrate exactly how far Notre Dame has come in a year. In 1996, the Irish lost to both West Virginia and rival Syracuse, but this year, the team bounced back to defeat both conference foes.

Notre Dame's 400 medley relay team (Chris Fugate, Steele Howell, Ryan Verlin, and Ron Royer) flamboyantly won the opening race and gave the Irish

a huge momentum boost. In the day's second race, freshman James Scott-Browne emerged from the pack and destroyed his own school record in the 1000 free-style, dropping over 10 seconds to a spectacular 9:25.74.

Scott-Browne sped to another victory in the 500 free-style, while sophomore teammate John Lubker followed in second, as he also did in the 1000 free.

Senior Ron Royer combined brute strength and finesse in his blazing 21.5 second 50 free-style win. Junior Scott Zumbach recorded yet another Irish victory by edging out an Air Force swimmer in the 200 individual medley. Junior Chris Fugate won the 200 backstroke in 1:54.63, putting the proverbial

icing on the Irish's cake. Sophomore Herb Huesman looked untouchable, winning both the one and three-meter diving events, while recording the eighth best Irish three-meter diving performance of 319.87.

Freshman butterflyer Scott Koziar commented, "We focused on Air Force and expected the meet to be closer, but we blew them out. We just stepped it up."

Coach Tim Welsh also anticipated faster times from the Air Force Falcons, based on their high altitude training in Colorado Springs, an elevation of nearly 6,000 feet. Koziar credited much of the team's success to the leadership of the upperclassmen, team unity, and an excellent work ethic.

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such negatives as the emotional and home-crowd advantages for LSU, offers the Irish the best opportunity to improve their ranking, something that Notre Dame officials have consistently stressed.



The Observer/Katie Kroener
Bob Davie and the Irish accepted a bid to return to Louisiana again and face LSU for a second time in the Independence Bowl.

A game with the Tigers was also the only chance that the Irish would have had to crack the top 25 in the final rankings. LSU is ranked No. 15 in the nation in both the Associated Press and coaches' polls, while the Irish fall somewhere around No. 30 according to the number of votes they are currently receiving.

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Harris, followed by an ace moments later. Arkansas closed to 13-6, but a wide attack forced game point for the Irish. The Razorbacks battled back from game point several times, but Harris finally pushed home the winner to give Notre Dame a 2-1 edge.

Facing elimination, the Razorbacks fought hard in the final game. After taking a quick 7-3 lead, Arkansas used its offensive power in an attempt to hold off the Irish squad. The lead was stretched to 13-10 when Lee managed a crosscourt slide attack to give the team possession.

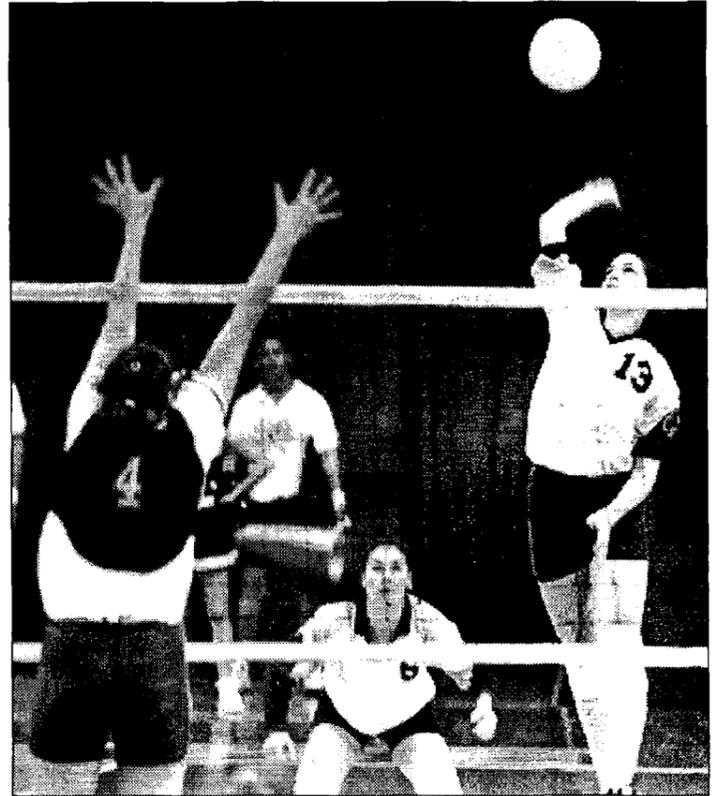
Two kills from Treadwell and Lee brought the game to within one point, while two blocks gave the Irish a 14-13 lead. Arkansas battled back from three match points before tying the game, but a quick hit from Girton gave Notre Dame possession.

A joint block from Treadwell and Girton gave the Irish the lead for good before Lee knocked down the final kill to finish off the stunning upset.

"Arkansas was a very good team," Treadwell remarked. "But they seemed a little flat. It seemed like they weren't playing as if it was the last match of their season, and that's the way we were playing."

Notre Dame was once again led by the duo of Lee and Harris, who each had 19 kills. Leffers overcame a rocky start in the first game to post 15 kills, while Treadwell tallied 13 kills on a team-best .321 hitting.

Girton, after being in a recent hitting slump, helped the cause



The Observer/Joe Stark
Lindsay Treadwell played a key role in the team's wins over Liberty and Arkansas, an upset victory that put the Irish in the regionals.

with eight kills. With the loss, Arkansas ends its season at 30-6, as well as an 18-match winning streak that stretches back to Oct. 5. It also marks the first loss at home for the Razorbacks since midway through the 1996 season, a total of 18 home contests.

The win against the Razorbacks also ends three years of Notre Dame defeats at the hands of nationally-ranked opponents. The last time the Irish volleyball team defeated a ranked team was a 3-0 victory over then-No. 15 Colorado on Sept. 24, 1995. Ranked opponents have accounted for all

eight Notre Dame losses this season.

"It was a really exciting match," Brown said about the win. "We fell behind, but we were able to come back very well. We played with more emotion during that match than we have all year. Our intensity and emotion were key in the win."

Notre Dame, now 25-8 on the season, will head to the Central Regional for the first time since 1995. The team will head to Madison, Wis., next weekend to face No. 4 Wisconsin, who defeated the Irish early in the season in four games.

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish undefeated in Big East

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

For the first time since entering the Big East conference, the Notre Dame men's basketball is undefeated in conference play.

The Irish defeated Pittsburgh 73-69 at Fitzgerald Field House on Saturday to win their first Big East game of the season and their first conference opener in three years. More importantly, it was only the third conference victory on the road for the Irish in 21 total tries.

The Irish victory was propelled by the play of forward Pat Garrity, who had a game-high 28 points and 15 rebounds. It was no surprise to see the 6-foot-9 senior lead the Irish; however, the manner in which he did so looked like something straight out of the movie *Hoosiers*.

Garrity scored Notre Dame's final five points of the game

from the line and claimed every defensive rebound of the last two minutes of play.

Garrity's performance even left his opponents in awe.

"Now you know why he was [Big East] player of the year last year and why he's going to be player of the year again," Pittsburgh's Vontee Cummings commented. Cummings' performance, although overshadowed by Garrity's, was nothing to dismiss.

Despite a crucial five-second call against him with 33 seconds left and a score of 70-69 in favor of the Irish, Cummings, who is also a contender for Big East player of the year, led the Panthers with 27 points and five steals.

Still, the Irish used their big men — Garrity and junior center Phil Hickey — to overpower the Panthers and come up with the win.

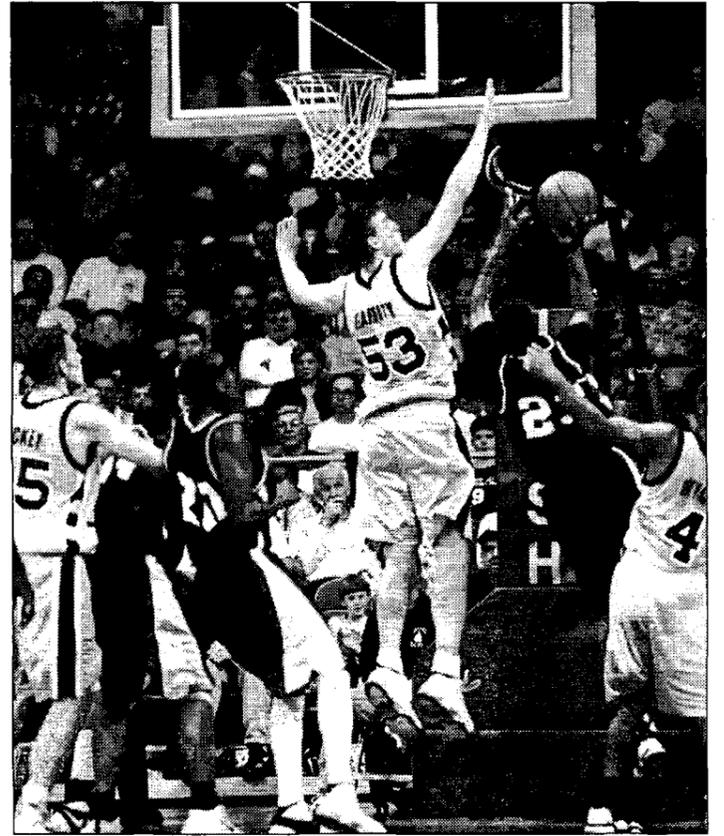
Hickey contributed 14 points and seven rebounds to the

Irish effort, but more importantly, he was able to rebound from an airball at the free-throw line with 2:11 left in the game and help secure the win for the Irish.

The Irish held the lead for nearly all of the game, but Pittsburgh was relentless in making a run at it. The Panthers were able to cut the deficit to three in the last five minutes of the game, but with the aid of Garrity's late-game performance, the Irish were able to hold onto the win.

The victory over the Panthers served as a confidence boost for the Irish as a team — one that will hopefully carry them into their next conference game when they host St. John's at the end of the month.

"We know what our record on the road is, so this one is huge," Hickey said. "It gives us confidence. It gives us a chance to put a nice little streak together now."



The Observer/John Daily
Senior forward Pat Garrity once again showed why he was named pre-season Big East player of the year, scoring a game-high 28 points.

■ NBA

Cavs hold off late Laker rally

Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. Wesley Person scored 22 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers withstood a furious fourth-quarter rally to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 94-84 Sunday night for their eighth consecutive victory.

The Lakers lost for the first time at the Forum this season after eight victories. The Cavs' streak includes six straight road wins.

Kobe Bryant almost single-handedly brought the Lakers back, scoring 14 of his 21 points at the start of the fourth quarter when they trailed by 19. While Bryant was hot, Cleveland managed just five points over the first seven minutes of the period.

The Lakers are the highest scoring team in the NBA, averaging 108.2 points, but they never got going against the Cavs, who are holding opponents to 42 percent shooting. Los Angeles was even worse, shooting 36 percent.

Elden Campbell, who struggled against 7-foot-3 Cavs rookie Zydrunas Ilgauskas, hit a

jumper and Eddie Jones made two free throws to cut Cleveland's lead to 83-79 with 2:18 remaining.

Person gave the Cavs some breathing room with a 3-pointer that increased their lead to 88-80 with 1:02 to play.

Down the stretch, Cleveland managed without Shawn Kemp, who fouled out with 3:48 remaining. Ilgauskas sat down

after picking up his fifth foul with 4:08 left.

The Lakers struggled after Bryant cooled off, making just four field goals in the final 5:38.

Cleveland blew out the Lakers in the third quarter, twice taking 23-point leads. The Cavs opened with a 20-6 run, including eight by Person, for a 68-47 lead that triggered widespread booing by Lakers fans.

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■ HOCKEY

Irish skate to victories over Western Michigan

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team had a huge weekend, as head coach Dave Poulin's team steamrolled Western Michigan for two Central Collegiate Hockey Association victories. The Irish (8-6-2 overall, 5-5-2 CCHA) have no CCHA games remaining before their Christmas break, and Poulin



Karr

was happy to head into the break batting .500.

"It is huge to get these two wins this weekend and head into the break at 5-5-2," he said. "For the CCHA, that is a good record, and if you look at our schedule, we have played some of the toughest teams in the league already."

Freshman Dan Carlson played a major role in both wins, scoring the game-winner on Friday night and starting the scoring barrage on Saturday night.

"Carlson was just terrific," Poulin said. "On our third goal, he just went and got the puck no questions asked. He

went and got it."

"I'm feeling more confident about myself," the freshman forward said. "The pace of the game was the biggest adjustment I had to make. The game moves a lot faster at this level."

Carlson was moving fast Friday night, as was freshman Matt Van



The Observer/Joe Stark

On Saturday, captain Steve Noble iced the win with his third-period goal. His senior leadership along with outstanding play of the freshmen propelled the Irish to victory.



The Observer/Joe Stark

The hockey team picked up a pair of wins this weekend, improving its record to 8-6-2 on the year.

Arkel struck first for the Irish, and 21 seconds later, Carlson scored, giving the Irish a quick 2-0 lead. From there, the Irish defense took over, allowing the Broncos only 12 shots on net. Junior Forrest Karr turned away all but one, and the Irish skated out of Kalamazoo with a 2-1 victory.

The Boys of Winter, who at an average age of 19 years and 11 months are the second-youngest team in Division I hockey, stormed out to a 3-1 lead in the first period. Again, it was Carlson who got things rolling. During a Bronco power play, he stole the puck off a Bronco defender and walked in on Bronco goalie Matt Barnes and blasted a shot past him for a 1-0 Irish lead.

"I took a shot right away," Carlson explained, "and I don't think that he was ready for that."

But the Broncos tied the game on an egregious defen-

sive mistake. Two Irish defenseman collided near the blue line, yielding a Bronco breakaway. Senior goaltender Matt Eisler made the initial save, but the rebound found the back of the net for a 1-1 tie.

Junior Brian Urick answered minutes later, deftly grabbing a pass out of the air with his hands and waltzing in on Barnes. Barnes made the initial save, but Urick's second-effort beat a sprawled-out Barnes.

Junior defenseman Benoit Cotnoir later scored on a slap shot just inside the blue line that traveled through traffic and somehow found its way past Barnes.

"It was a rough period for us," Bronco head coach Bill Wilkinson. "Every time we made a mistake, bang, it was in our net."

But Wilkinson's Broncos kept coming. They scored with eight seconds left in the

second period, leaving the Boys tentatively clinging to a 3-2 lead.

An intense third period ensued. But in the end, senior captain Steve Noble responded with the game-icing goal. "That was great senior leadership by Noble," Poulin explained. "You just love to see that."

Sophomore sensation Ben Simon, who has been Mr. Consistency for the Irish this season, set up the goal with a beautiful play.

He and Noble came into the Broncos' zone on a two-on-one, with Simon carrying the puck. He held it as long as possible before dishing it to Noble, who had only to redirect it into the net.

"We took advantage of our chances tonight," reflected Poulin. "We were very opportunistic. This win felt good. We worked hard for it, and we deserved it."

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish spent by Sales' performance in loss to UConn

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

"I think Nykesha Sales was the best player in the nation today."

That was how Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw summed up Saturday's loss to the second-ranked Connecticut Huskies. UConn's superstar had a perfect game, hitting all 10 of her field goal attempts for 21 points in just 26 minutes as she paved the way for the Huskies' 78-59 victory.

"I think she did everything a good player is suppose to do," McGraw said of Sales' play. "She got to us right from the get go, and we didn't have an answer for her."

Sales ignited UConn in the early going, scoring eight points in the first four minutes of play. The Huskies did most of the damage from the paint on easy looks, as they had 31 points with 9:38 left in the first half.

In the first 10 minutes, Notre Dame was plagued with something that had been a problem in the past several games — turnovers. McGraw's squad turned the ball over 12 times in the first half with most of those coming in the first 10 minutes.

The Irish found themselves on the short end of a 33-16 score with just over eight minutes left, but they managed to take Sales out of the game. Sales picked up her second foul in just eight minutes of play in the first half and was forced to watch on the sidelines.

Sophomore guard Niele Ivey and senior co-captain Mollie Peirick led the Irish on a 14-2 run to end the half down by just five. Ivey and Peirick both had seven first-half points.

"I was really pleased with Niele Ivey today," McGraw said.

"I thought she did a great job coming off the bench and giving us a spark."

In a physical and sometimes sloppy game, in which the teams totaled 46 turnovers, Ivey was a spark on both ends of the court with 11 total points and six steals.

"I've been in a slump since the beginning of the season," Ivey said. "It [the slump] started with my defense. I got a

couple steals and got some confidence and did some things that I hadn't been doing, and I've been trying to regain my confidence from being out all of last year."

Notre Dame went into the locker room with all the momentum after Julie Henderson scored on a layup as the buzzer sounded in the first half to bring her squad to within striking distance.

"I feel that we came out less intimidated, and we had a lot of energy and that showed in Niele's confidence," forward Kari Hutchinson said. "I think these games will be beneficial for us."

But the second-ranked team in the nation answered the Irish challenge. The Huskies came out of the locker room and went right back to where they were most effective — working the ball inside to Sales. Sales played 18 minutes of the second half which completely changed the flow of the game.

"I think they are a completely different team without her on the floor," McGraw said.

When UConn's leader came back on the floor, Notre Dame lost its leader as Peirick, who had a team high 13 points, was forced out of play for the first five minutes of the second with a bloody nose.

"I thought it hurt us when Mollie Peirick went out of the game," McGraw said. "We need to have her on the floor. She's our leader and has been doing a great job in that role."

The Huskies scored the first nine points of the half. Finally, Sheila McMillen's jumper with just under 16 minutes left broke the ice in the second half. Despite a couple of three-pointers from Peirick, Ivey, and Hutchison, Notre Dame could not put together a run as UConn had the answer for every threat, and the Irish could not get over the turnover bug.

"It's a problem that we're having, and it's been a problem," McGraw said about the turnover issue. "We're working on that, and it's a mental thing. I think when we're in a stretch like we are right now with a lot of traveling and tough competition for a young team, we're really testing their mettle right now."

The Huskies enjoyed 49 percent shooting from the field, while the Irish shot just 36 percent and the team's leading scorer, Sheila McMillen, had a difficult time finding open looks, finishing with just five points.

"I definitely think they defending her very well," McGraw said. "They did what they needed to do to shut her down."

After Connecticut's nine-point run to start the second half, the two teams battled each other the rest of the way as the lead remained around 14 points for most of the second half.

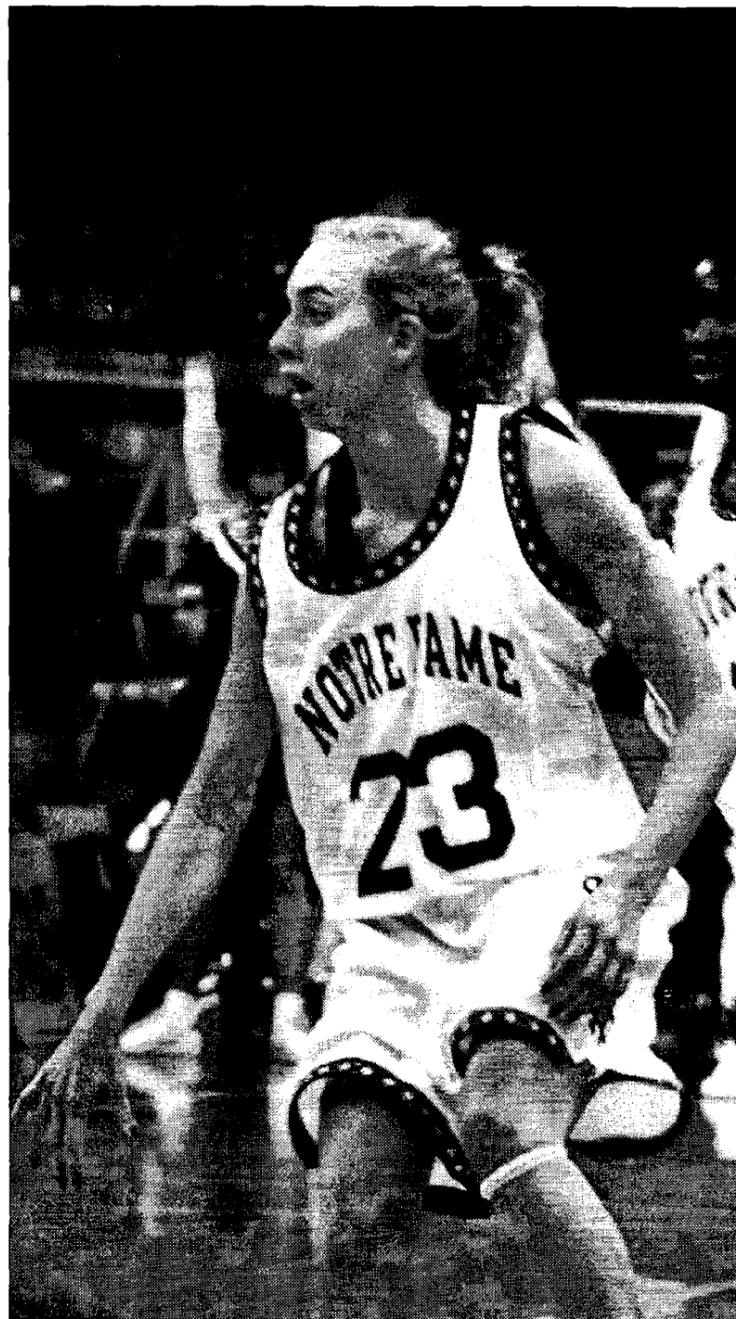
Things will get a bit easier for the Irish, though not much.

Notre Dame will take on two more ranked opponents as it travels to Wisconsin tonight before returning home on Wednesday when it hosts Purdue. Hopefully for the Irish, they will be able to build on this effort against Connecticut.

"In spurts, we did a lot of good things as a team," McGraw commented. "I think we can learn from this."

"I think it was a real good experience because we learned that we can play with these big teams," Ivey said. "But we need to get control of the turnovers, and I think we beat ourselves tonight."

"We had a couple spurts and then we'd turn it over and then we'd put our heads down. I think we can learn a lot from this game and get our heads back up and play hard against all the other tough competition that we have on our schedule."



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Mollie Peirick, who normally wears No. 3, had to change her jersey due to blood from a blow she sustained in the loss to Connecticut.

RENAISSANCE at Rockne's

Georgia's "Ramblin' Wreck,"

'Neath I-r-i-s-h H-a-l-o - D-e-c-k,

RENEWED ROCKNE'S STADIUM!

Oh LIGHT! GOLDEN DOME!

Proud e-l-e-v-e-n t-i-m-e-s home -

The NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

SORIN to SIEGFRIED -

C-a-m-p-u-s - w-i-d-e s-y-n-e-r-g-y

HAILS the THIRD MILLENIUM!

"Renaissance at Rockne's" - a visual Fight Poem in tribute to Notre Dame, its people and programs at this time of Thanksgiving. . . For Michael '95, Nancy '96, and Caroline Fenocketti. ©1997 Leon Fenocketti.

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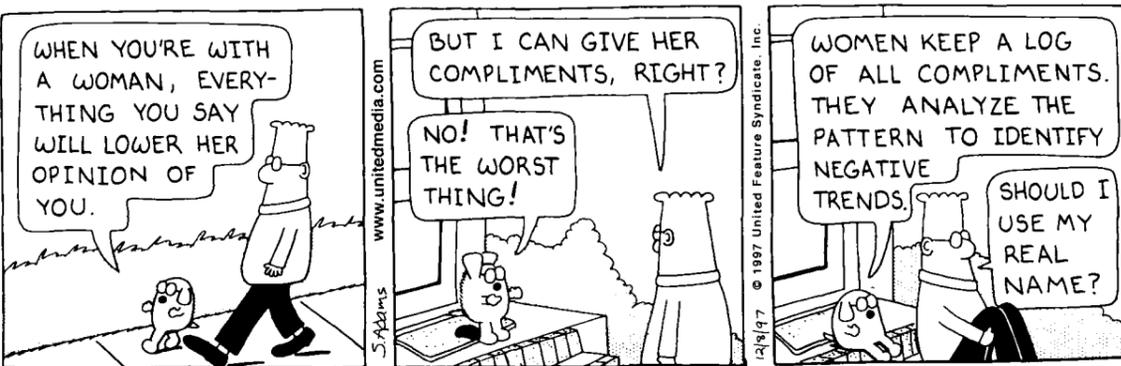
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YOUR HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

Aries: Your face is your fortune today, and your heart is on your sleeve. You can easily make your future happen. Remember that people will notice everything you do.

Taurus: Expect to be frustrated by forces beyond your control. The things you most want to complete are stalled beyond moving. Instead of seeking to distract yourself, turn inward to calm down.

Gemini: This is a good day to gather friends and acquaintances into an activity-oriented group. Your leadership skills put you in charge of the proceedings. Make something happen quickly today.

Cancer: Do not expect those who wield power over you to be rational today. Just do the job you were hired or contracted to do. Without seeming to linger, take the time you need to get it right the first time.

Leo: The Aries Moon puts a fire under you and sends you springing into action. Start making real plans about something you've just been thinking about. Everything turns out fun today, even the serious stuff.

Virgo: Be careful what you eat, and be careful whose story you believe. Stomachs and egos are especially sensitive today. Ask for proof if a friend confesses an unbelievable secret.

Libra: Check the details of all

legal issues today. Question the motives of a bully. Whether in business or in the supposed comfort of your relationship, you could be up against a force more powerful than you imagined.

Scorpio: Other may accuse you of excessive hair-splitting today. Let them complain — it is better to be safe than sorry when it comes to details. Use this state of mind to catch up on your filing and record keeping.

Sagittarius: Today is a time for romance and creativity. If you are not already having fun, what in the world are you waiting for? Children and young adults prove to be your best teachers.

Capricorn: Today your focus is on personal property. A real estate deal may be on shaky ground that conceals a money pit. If you must change something in your empire, consider rearranging the furniture.

Aquarius: Communication will be problematic today. Meetings are missed, advice is misunderstood, and e-mail vanishes into a black hole. Minor car and computer troubles somehow make you glad to be alive.

Pisces: Your sudden burst of materialism and ambition surprises everyone — even you. You understand that you have been denying certain needs for far too long. Others recognize your knowledge in new ways.

■ OF INTEREST

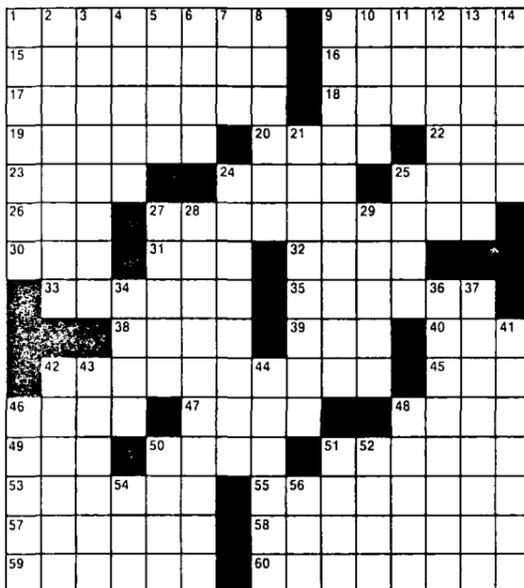
Campus Ministry is seeking members for its 1997 Community Christmas Choir, which sings at the Christmas midnight Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus. All ages are welcome, and rehearsals will be held on the four Mondays preceding Christmas, Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in room 102 of the Earth Sciences building behind the Basilica.

Notre Dame Shenanigans, the University's only singling and dancing ensemble, will present their annual winter concert on Tuesday, December 9, at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

■ MENU

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| North | South |
| Beef Stroganoff | Chili |
| Chili | Spinach Lasagna |
| Pork Cutlet Sandwich | Hamburgers |
| Stir-Fry Seafood Medley | Onion Rings |
| Fiesta Beef Fajitas | Baked Lasagna |

- ACROSS**
- 1 Righteousness to a fault
 - 9 Market grp
 - 15 Schubert song
 - 16 City near Syracuse
 - 17 Judged, in a way
 - 18 Denver athlete
 - 19 Storage areas
 - 20 Ref. book
 - 22 70's extremist grp.
 - 23 "___ Three Lives"
 - 24 Former TV co-host
 - 25 Funeral stand
 - 26 Cyberspace abbr.
 - 27 Fakes
 - 30 Ship's heading
 - 31 ___ Hill (James Monroe's home)
 - 32 Ashby of the 80's Astros
 - 33 Fat, in France
 - 35 North Dakota native or city
 - 38 Mother of Levi and Judah
 - 39 Bank acct. entry
 - 40 Not classical
 - 42 Comfort, in a way
 - 45 Cinch
 - 46 Not
 - 47 Hungarian patriot Nagy
 - 48 Bangkok money
 - 49 Germany's Dortmund-___ Canal
 - 50 Quite a while
 - 51 Actress North
 - 53 Fortune
 - 55 Less relaxed
 - 57 Japanese floor covering
 - 58 Olympics sport discontinued after 1908
 - 59 Hit song of 1968
 - 60 Swore
- DOWN**
- 1 Sci-fi enemy
 - 2 Like some speeches
 - 3 Airport employee, at times
 - 4 Fix
 - 5 Caper
 - 6 More than upsets
 - 7 German pronoun
 - 8 More angry
 - 9 Cool
 - 10 "... some kind of ___?"
 - 11 Line part: Abbr.
 - 12 Eats with enthusiasm
 - 13 Astaire and others
 - 14 Its capital is Doha
 - 21 Iraqi, most likely
 - 24 Net
 - 25 Join
 - 27 Trig function
 - 28 Is smart
 - 29 So much, musically
 - 34 Oil of ___
 - 36 Beekeeper
 - 37 Fast food request
 - 41 Faded (out)
 - 42 "Hippolyte et Aricie" composer
 - 43 Sham
 - 44 Phoebe's sister on "Friends"
 - 46 Salamanders
 - 48 Castilian kisses
 - 50 "Look ___"
 - 51 Faction
 - 52 Wonderland character
 - 54 Chou En-___
 - 56 A Turner



Puzzle by Rich Norris

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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■ VOLLEYBALL

Irish advance to regionals with upset victory

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

After two losses to highly ranked opponents ended the longest winning streak of the season, many doubted whether

Notre Dame's volleyball team could carry the momentum to move far into the NCAA tournament. However, in a way typical for the Irish, the team answered its critics with two impressive wins as it advanced



Harris

to the NCAA Central Regional. The Irish began their quest for postseason excellence with one of the most dominating post-season wins in the program's history, defeating the Liberty Flames in three games, 15-9, 15-3, 15-2.

The Flames jumped out to an early 8-4 lead in the first game before the Irish offensive stormed back, led by senior hitter Angie Harris. Despite strong back row attacks by Liberty, the Irish proceeded to go on a 11-1 run to take the first game. After regaining its composure, Notre Dame went on a 9-0 run to open the second game, and used the momentum to take the third

game easily.

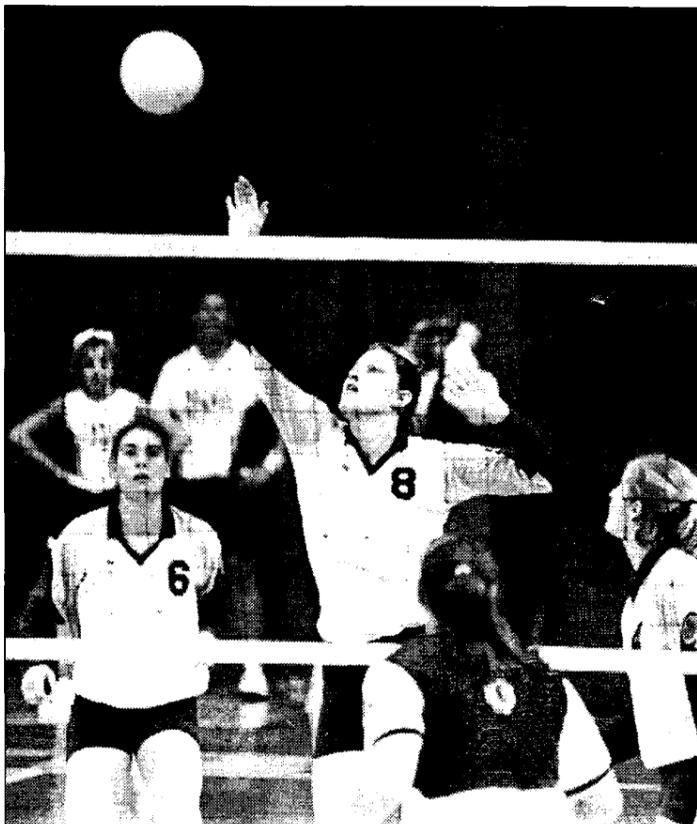
Harris led the Irish with 17 kills on .371 hitting. She was aided by fellow senior Jaimie Lee, who totaled 14 kills on 31 attempts. Notre Dame's middle blockers continued to make a strong impact, as junior Lindsay Treadwell had seven kills on .462 hitting while Mary Leffers totaled eight kills and four blocks. With the loss, Liberty ends its season at 26-9 on the season.

"I think we had some first-game jitters," head coach Debbie Brown said about the match. "Liberty gave a great effort — they didn't give up and that was good for us to see. Once we were able to settle down, we were fine."

The win against the Flames set up a Saturday clash between the Irish and eighteenth-ranked Arkansas. The Razorbacks defeated their state rival Arkansas Little-Rock in another lopsided match, 15-11, 15-3, 15-3. However, in one of the most surprising upsets of the tournament, the Irish overran the Razorbacks in four games, by a score of 9-15, 15-7, 15-10, 16-14.

The opening game was tied at 6-6 before Arkansas went on a seven-point run, highlighted by three straight service points from Razorback Kim Storey. The Irish attempted to rally but were unable to battle back from game point as the host team took a quick 1-0 lead.

In the second game, Arkansas kept its momentum and took a 5-1 lead before a balanced Irish offensive came



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Mary Leffers totaled eight kills and four blocks in the Irish's three-game sweep of Liberty.

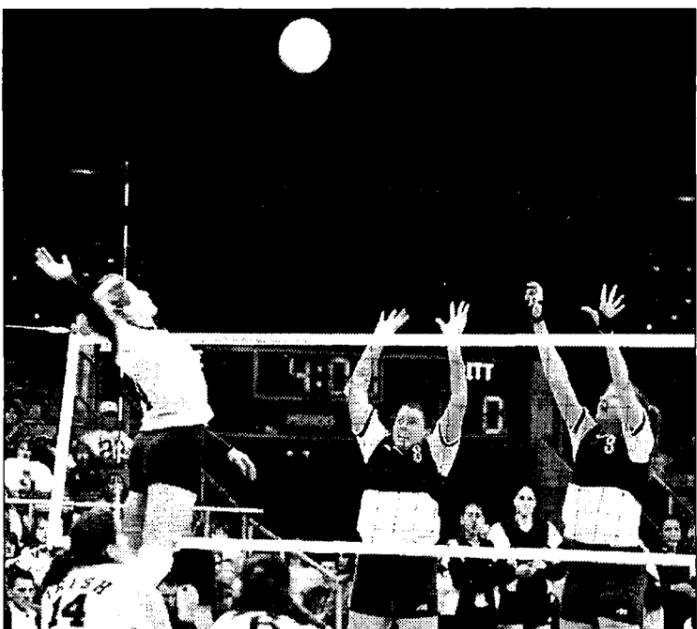
storming back. Leffers took advantage of an overpassed set to give the team possession, followed by a kill by Treadwell.

After an Arkansas timeout, Leffers and Treadwell sustained the rally with a joint block while a kill from Harris pushed the Irish ahead 7-5. Lee served six straight points for the Irish, followed by four straight points from Leffers, for a 13-5 Irish lead. Moments

later, a long attack by Arkansas completed the 13-0 Irish run. After a stalled comeback by the Razorbacks, Notre Dame evened the match at one game apiece.

In the third game, both teams battled to a stalemate before the Irish tallied eight straight points and 11 of the next 12, sparked by a kill from

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The Observer/Joe Stark

After losing the first game, Jaimie Lee and the Irish stormed back to win the final three games against Arkansas.

■ FOOTBALL

Notre Dame heading back to Bayou for rematch

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

In a decision that surprised some and disappointed others, Notre Dame accepted an invitation to the Poulan Weedeater Independence Bowl on Sunday. The game will be played on Dec. 28 in Shreveport, La., and will showcase a rematch between the Irish and Louisiana State.

The Independence Bowl was believed to be the most probable post-season contest for the Irish until it became evident that LSU would be the Irish opponent. Judging from statements made by Irish athletic director Michael Wadsworth during halftime of Notre Dame's final home game versus West Virginia, it appeared that any bowl scenario that would create a rematch situation for the Irish would be avoided.

Of the remaining bowls to which Notre Dame had a chance of receiving a bid, the

Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., was the most prestigious and most coveted by Irish supporters.

Junior tailback Autry Denson was also excited by a potential invitation to play in his home state of Florida on



New Year's Day.

"I hope we go to the Gator Bowl, bad," commented Denson. "We'd get to play a higher-ranked team."

Before Sunday's announcement, he expressed his lack of interest in another showdown

with LSU.

"As far as playing LSU again, it would be a good game but we've played LSU," Denson explained. "Usually when you play a game in a season, its like a chapter in a book. Once you get past it, you don't go back. You don't read chapter three, then go back and read chapter one again. I'd like to play someone else, but I'd just be excited to have a chance to play."

When it was announced that North Carolina would not be invited to an Alliance bowl, however, the Tar Heels were automatically slotted to play in the Gator Bowl, removing any possibility of a Jan. 1 game featuring Notre Dame. Carolina is required to make the trip to Jacksonville because of its commitment as the No. 2 team in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Independence Bowl contest with the Tigers, despite

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Poulan WEED EATER



**Shreveport, Louisiana
December 28, 1997**



vs. LSU,
Independence Bowl,
December 28, 1997,
Shreveport, La., 8 p.m. (ESPN)

at Wisconsin,
NCAA Regionals,
Saturday, December 13,
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball, at
Wisconsin,
Tonight, 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball,
vs. Marathon (Exhibition)
December 9, 7:30 p.m.

at Wisconsin,
December 10, 7 p.m.

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