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An education in faith

♦ Non-Catholic students say they benefit from keeping their faith at a Catholic university

By ERIN LARUFFA
News Writer

When Ayana Fakhir visited college campuses as a high school senior, she decided Notre Dame needed her most.

Fakhir, a practicing Muslim, thought she could add a new perspective to the predominately Catholic student body.

"Understand there are people who do not think like you do," Fakhir said. "I'm glad I was here to educate other people."

Fakhir is one of the University's 1,218 non-Catholic undergraduates. Between 70 and 80 percent of Notre Dame applicants are Catholics, according to admissions counselor Moira Schrader. If all things are equal, Schrader said, a Catholic student usually will be admitted before a non-Catholic.

Because so many students are Catholic, Fakhir must often explain the Muslim cus-

oms. Many students come from areas where there are few Muslims, Fakhir said, so their lack of understanding comes from a lack of education.

"I've faced a lot of ignorance here," she said.

Her headscarf, she explains, is not a fashion statement, but a practice she has abided by since age 6. According to Muslim doctrine, Fakhir must cover her head in public. She is also prohibited from wearing tight or short clothing.

Instead of going to the Basilica on Sundays, she worships at a South Bend mosque on Fridays and prays five times a day in her McGlinn dorm room.

Fakhir also finds ways to fit her religion into the Catholic community. Meat in the dining hall, she said, is "not lawful." Although Food Services offers to make certain meats available for her, she often prepares food in her room sent from her parents in Ohio.

Notre Dame's religious atmosphere also helps non-Catholic students learn about a new religion.

In a social psychology class discussion, freshman Anne Liddy, a Lutheran, noticed

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MARY CALASH/The Observer

Freshmen Anne Liddy and Maureen Doyle are both Lutheran. The roommates attend Catholic Mass but abstain from receiving communion.

Campus celebrates, recognizes American veterans



MIKE HARRIS/The Observer

Students, administrators and ROTC representatives attended the tri-military Veteran's Day Retreat Ceremony Thursday at Stonehenge.

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

Two F-16s piloted by service veterans flew over Stonehenge as the last few strains of the National Anthem floated through the air, marking the opening of the tri-military Veteran's Day Retreat Ceremony Wednesday evening.

Tim Roemer, Democratic representative of Indiana's 3rd District, the district in which the University is located, and Father Theodore Hesburgh, University president emeritus, addressed the crowd. The audience was comprised of members of the South Bend community, veterans, students and the cadets and midshipmen of Notre Dame's ROTC program.

"Freedom is never free," Roemer said. He then read the famous letter sent to Lydia Bixby of Boston from Abraham Lincoln after he learned she lost five sons on the battlefield. The letter served as a major source of inspiration for the movie "Saving Private Ryan."

Before introducing Hesburgh, Roemer said, "Remember that

we've had thousands of 'Private Ryans' we must not forget."

During his brief remarks Hesburgh praised the members of ROTC both past and present.

"You are part of a long tradition, a tradition written in stone on the other side of this monument," Hesburgh said in reference to Stonehenge, which bears a Latin inscription meaning "we are for peace, we are for our country."

Hesburgh praised the 500 Notre Dame men and women who have died, making the ultimate sacrifice, to uphold their belief in God, Country and Notre Dame.

"These men and women, the products of Notre Dame ROTC, went out with courage and died with courage," Hesburgh said.

Many students weathered the first cold afternoon this week to pay tribute to America's war veterans.

"I came out for it because my dad is a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserve and all of my great-uncles served in World War II, and I think it's a nice tribute," said junior Dominic Caruso.

INSIDE COLUMN

Groovy activism

Despite the many ideological differences between people on this campus, most of us agree to disagree with the conditions of many U.S. factories in foreign countries, affectionately known as sweatshops. While our objections might have different reasons behind them, we would all like to see safer, more humane treatment of sweatshop workers.

It's only logical to therefore question the role of our University with regards to the production of Notre Dame clothing and other paraphernalia. Campus activists rightfully protested Notre Dame's role and called for disclosure by the University. Now the administration has chosen to take part in a monitoring agreement with the Fair Labor Association, with monitoring by — gasp — PricewaterhouseCoopers. You can imagine how much this steamed many activists, who do not trust corporations in the first place.

Maybe the malcontents have a point — why should Notre Dame employ an accounting firm with experience and expertise? We must not forget that they are still a corporation, so they can't possibly be very nice. I believe I have the solution, one that will involve really nice guys with business know-how.

I propose to let Ben and Jerry and their company monitor these factories. Ben and Jerry's, as you know, is an ice cream giant with no auditing or even monitoring background of any sort. These are the same guys who wrote a book which told us, among other things, how many far-out things we could do if we "simply" cut the military budget in half.

Based on what Ben and Jerry have shown in writing and speech, they represent two idealistic utopians unconcerned with the hard, simple facts of life. They have great intentions and kind hearts, but lack the general intelligence to understand world issues. This makes them perfect for the job. I can only imagine what progress we would make by bringing these burned out flower children out to replace those greedy corporate pigs at PWC. Hearing their report on the worker conditions would be enlightening to say the least.

"Well, Jerry and I went to these factories man, and they were way out like in Thailand, and... hey Jerry, my speech is turning colors! Oh, anyway man the conditions there are really bad. Hey Jerry, dude, you've got like, five arms!"

"Settle down, Ben. Sorry about that, folks. What Ben meant to say was, all we have to do is like, make the suits do all the sewing, and then put the little man up in the corporate office. Dig it, man."

I can understand many of the misgivings of sweatshop activists who have little reason in their minds to support corporations. I do hope that their objection to PricewaterhouseCoopers is due to something the company has actually done and not simply a general dislike of big business.

The opponents of this appointment might have a valid point when they call for a more open policy, one which discloses the location of factories and gives less of an impression that there's anything to hide. But they must keep in mind that "big, evil" firms like PWC are some of the most respected, reputable firms in their profession, and deserve better than the undying cynicism of a few corporation-haters.

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

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Student Union ticket office robbed
November 15, 1972

A robbery cost the Student Union over \$200 in cash. A \$1500 check was also taken, but it was cancelled. There were no suspects. The money was taken from a desk during office hours and the door was not locked. Jim Schneid of the Student Union said that they had narrowed the time of theft to a 15-20 minute period between 3 and 4 p.m.

Students to pay \$1,400 for food fight
November 12, 1987

A damage bill of \$1400 was given to the Hall Presidents' Council by Univerity Food Services to cover expenses for a food fight in which 800 Notre Dame students participated. The bill was to cover the cost of broken dishes, wasted food and paying employees to clean up. No matter how the bill was divided it all came from the student body, said student body vice president Laurie Brink.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Three homemade bombs explode at MSU

Nine homemade bombs were found outside of Philips Residence Hall at Michigan State University Wednesday morning. Three of the bombs exploded some time between 11 p.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday, MSU Police Detective Tony Willis said.

The bombs did not injure anyone, Willis said. He explained that the bombs allegedly were constructed with household chemicals in 20-ounce plastic Gatorade bottles.

A Philips resident discovered the bombs in the courtyard between Philips and the connecting Snyder Residence Hall.

A staff member in Philips then informed MSU Police of the explosives.

The police arrived at the scene Wednesday at 8 a.m. with the Michigan State Police bomb squad,

"It makes us have to be more careful"

Ashley Dehr
MSU student

which operates out of Lansing. MSU Police evacuated residents living in the basement and the first floor of Philips whose rooms were adjacent to the courtyard.

Willis said police have no suspects, but he explained that MSU Police will first focus its investigation on Philips residents and expand from there.

In addition to determining what chemicals were used to make the bombs, MSU Police are attempting to identify a suspect by using fingerprints found on the bottles.

Any suspect found guilty of making the bombs could be charged with a felony offense of possession and creation of an explosive device, which carries a minimum sentence of four years in prison.

Mohamad Pedram, who lives on the second floor of Philips near the courtyard, said the bombs were "pretty loud, like gunshots."

Philips resident Ashley Dehr said the idea that the bombs were placed in the courtyard, where many students often play football, concerns her. "It doesn't make us feel safe," Dehr said. "It makes us have to be more careful."

Willis said yesterday's discovery is not connected to prior incidents at Philips. On Oct. 20, a female student at Philips was assaulted when a man entered her unlocked residence hall room.

Hate slurs found at Dartmouth

HANOVER, N.H.

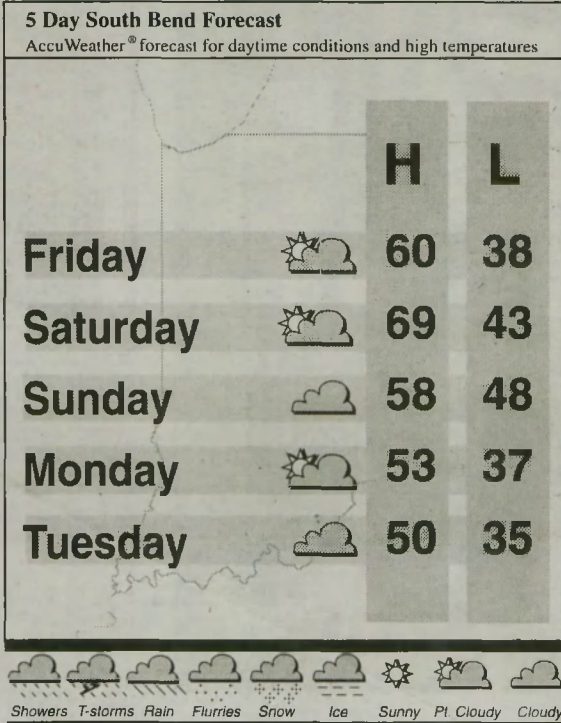
The Hanover Police and Safety and Security are investigating a string of anti-Semitic slurs repeatedly discovered on a student's door in Topliff residence hall over the past two weeks. At 10:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, a Topliff resident discovered the slur "KKK, Kill Kosher Kykes" written with a dry-erase marker on the message board of Charles Gussow — the undergraduate advisor of first-floor Topliff. On Tuesday, Gussow returned from his morning class to find the phrase "Hitler was a great man" written on his board. On Saturday, Oct. 30, two other Topliff residents discovered the slur "Jews Suck" on Gussow's board. Following the discovery in October, Gussow — who is Jewish — contacted Safety and Security, who began investigating the incident. Safety and Security notified the police on Tuesday after the discovery of the second incident, and both departments are currently conducting independent — though cooperative — investigations. No suspects have been charged in the incidents, and it is not yet determined whether the three incidents are related.

Yale student disappears

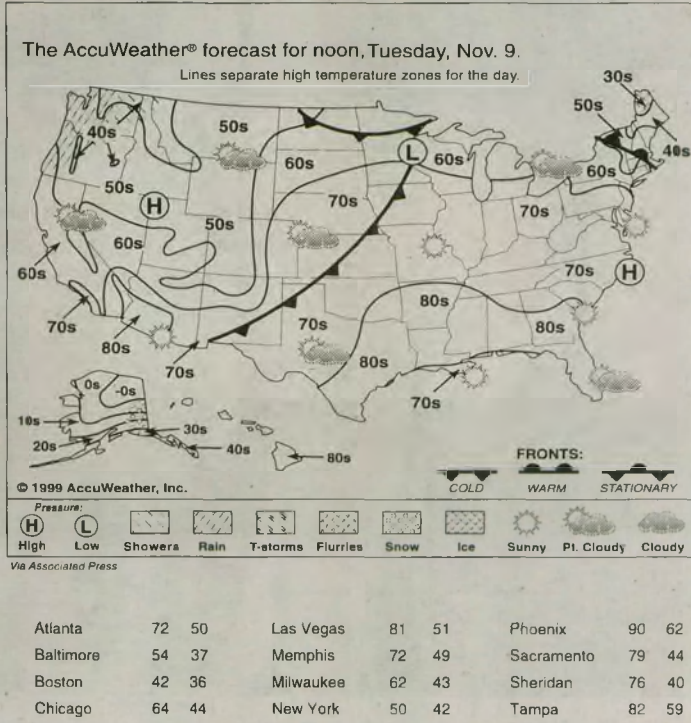
NEW HAVEN, Conn.

When Branford senior Gregory Norris last saw his mother and father, on Parents' Weekend in mid-October, he was anxious about what he was going to do when he graduates. He was unsure about his future. His father suggested he travel or perhaps join the Peace Corps to help collect his thoughts about how he wants to spend the rest of his life. "His time at Yale slipped by a lot quicker than he thought it would," his father, Jerry Norris, said from his home in Omaha, Neb. Perhaps Norris has taken his father's advice to heart. The economics major has been missing since Halloween and although friends say he may have considered harming himself, they said this week they feel he will return eventually. "Something just snapped and he ran away," his father said. "Kids do that sometimes." School officials confirmed Wednesday that whatever has happened to Norris he has done to himself and has not been the victim of a crime. "I hope he picks up the phone and calls someone, but until then it's all on his terms," said his sister Carrie Norris, a sophomore at the University of Arizona.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Saint Mary's attracts local youth in mentoring program

By MOLLY MCVOY
News Writer

It was Thursday morning and Marilyn Shelton was getting ready for chemistry lab with professor Toni Barstis. Shelton was going to learn about pH and test the acidity of all kinds of household products.

Shelton, however, is not a chemistry major. She's not even a student at Saint Mary's. She is a seventh- and eighth-grade teacher who brings 18 pre-teens from St. Adelbert's with her to the lab.

The middle-schoolers participate in CoSTEP, a science outreach program at Saint Mary's.

"The kids have learned things that they would never be exposed to at our school," Shelton said. "It's things they need to know."

The college received a \$1 million grant from the Lilly Endowment College Preparatory Program, which includes "Science Power Labs." Three of these power labs are in session at the College this semester.

Nancy Nekvasil, a Saint Mary's physiology professor, teaches a lab for home-schooled students and one for students from Navarre, a public grade school in South Bend.

The labs — developed mainly for at-risk students without access to extensive science equipment — are taught jointly by a professor and Saint Mary's biology and chemistry students.

The labs, held weekly, have taught students everything from how a frog's heart beats to how many calories are in a peanut.

"Because they're so excited about everything, it helps us realize why we're doing science," said junior Christine Diana, a teaching assistant.

"It gives them the chance to do things they don't normally do, like performing hands-on experiments with common, everyday things they can relate to," she said.

The grant comes from Ely Lilly, an Indiana-based drug company. Ely Lilly had a substantial profit

from the sale of Prozac and wanted to use it to help Indiana students. The company's three goals in forming the endowment were to get Indiana residents in college, keep them in college and keep them in

Indiana after graduation.

The students from St. Adelbert's are seventh and eighth graders who come on Thursday mornings to learn chemistry, see the College and even enjoy dining hall lunches.

"We don't have this much science equipment at school," Elizabeth Andrysiak, a St. Adelbert's student said. "We don't really get to do science that's this hands-on very often."

The goal of these labs is not only to give students the scientific background that will be necessary once they get to high school, but also to get them excited about college in general.

"The idea is to get them here, get them some lab experience and get them to want to go to college," Barstis said.

The labs are working, according to those involved. The teachers have seen an improvement in the students' scientific language, writing and ability to use instruments.

"It's certainly interesting and neat to hear them begin to speak more

scientifically," Nekvasil said. "It's amazing how far they've come," agreed junior Emily Koelsch, a teaching assistant.

"William [a St. Adelbert's student] said to me, 'Why do our experiments get easier every week?' I told him that they were understanding it so much better," she said. "They love it. They have so much fun."

The labs are not the only facet of this endowment. As part of the outreach, the Saint Mary's community hopes to get as many students and teachers involved as possible.

During the summer, Saint Mary's hosts the Saint Mary's Science Teacher Institute. One- and two-week sessions are held to introduce elementary school teachers to new scientific curricula and experiments they can use in their classrooms.

Deborah McCarthy, Joseph Bellina and Doris Watt, professors from the College, ran the sessions this summer. The elementary school teachers performed college-level experiments as well as experiments they could use in their classrooms. At the end of the sessions, each teacher received a kit of materials and texts valued at \$300.

"What we wanted to do was

to make [the teachers] be in the exact position their students would be in both to create empathy for them and an understanding of what this inquiry-based science is," McCarthy said.

"This is showing them, especially through mentoring, seeing the professors and the TAs, that 'You could do this.'"

Toni Barstis
chemistry professor

The Eureka Science Academy is also held at the College during the summer as part of this program.

Fourth

through sixth graders attend a three-week day camp where the students go on nature walks, learn about the local wildlife and explore their community.

Sixty students participated in the program and came to six Saturday follow-up sessions during the school year.

"The goal of this program is to improve their reading, writing and thinking skills, especially in science," Barstis said.

The Eli Lilly endowment will last for three years, and power labs, the teacher's academy and Eureka will continue as well. The College is already receiving requests for the upcoming sessions. Everyone involved is excited to be a part of the outreach.

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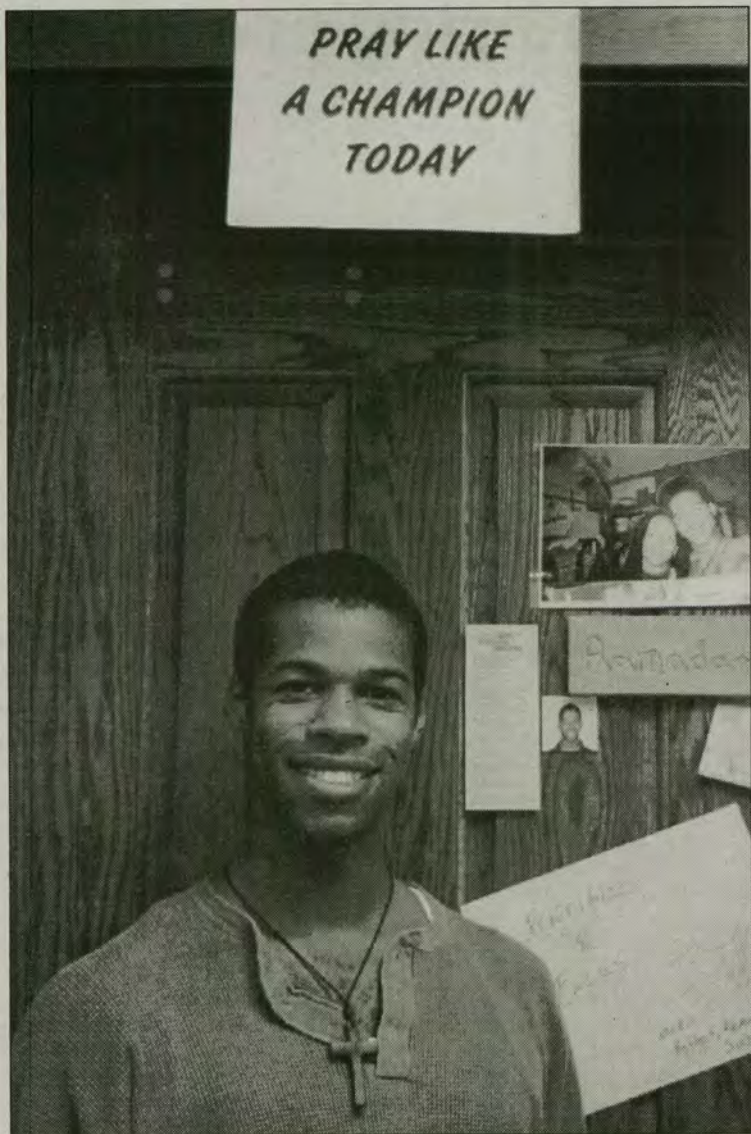
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Ramadan Ameen, a senior theology and engineering major, converted from Islam to Catholicism in high school.

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that most of the students were not personally affected by divorce, likely because of their Catholic upbringing. Her classmates seemed reluctant to discuss the effect of divorce on children, Liddy said.

Her roommate Maureen Doyle, also a Lutheran, found students were more apt to evaluate an argument in class based on Catholic teaching. "Most people just assume everyone here is Catholic," Doyle said.

Fakhir sees strengths in learning from a Catholic perspective.

"A lot of people use God and the Bible ... as a topic of conversation [in their classes]," Fakhir said. "I think it's a positive [aspect]."

Discussing God would be "taboo" at a public university, she added. "[That discussion] helps [students] to evaluate who they are."

Despite practicing a religion different than most here, Notre Dame has not altered Doyle's Protestant faith.

"[Notre Dame] has such a good moral standing," Doyle said. "I knew I could come here and still practice my faith. ... I like going just to worship in general."

Doyle and Liddy attend Catholic Mass now, though nei-

ther participates in communion. Both notice the importance placed on the Eucharist in Mass.

"Equal importance seems to be placed on everything [in a Lutheran service] ... It is not focused on the communion," Liddy said.

Liddy's mother had reservations about her daughter attending a Catholic university.

"My mom was a little bit worried," said Liddy. She explained that her mother was concerned about the Catholic Church's positions on topics such as abortion, birth control and homosexuals, which vary from the Lutheran stance.

But being exposed to Catholic views helped Fakhir grow as a Muslim.

"It was an opportunity to become stronger in my own faith," she said about attending Notre Dame. "Islam is my life. I wanted to remain Muslim."

Notre Dame's Catholic atmosphere potentially could have weakened her dedication to Islam. Now, she has to work harder to remain "steadfast," she said.

Ramadan Ameen, a senior who converted in high school to Catholicism from Islam, finds support and role models to strengthen his faith.

"Here, there's a lot of support for the Catholic lifestyle," Ameen said. He also said students must seek out religious experiences, but added that at many other universities such opportunities are not available.

The concepts of chastity, charity and love are also important to Ameen's religious life. He said he believes doing community service is actually doing work for God.

During his junior year, Ameen took a theology class about miracles, which covered only the Catholic approach to the topic. He said, however, that he wanted to learn about other religions' perspectives of the course's themes.

The exploration of other religions challenges Catholics and helps them to define themselves in their own religion, said Ameen, an engineering and theology major.

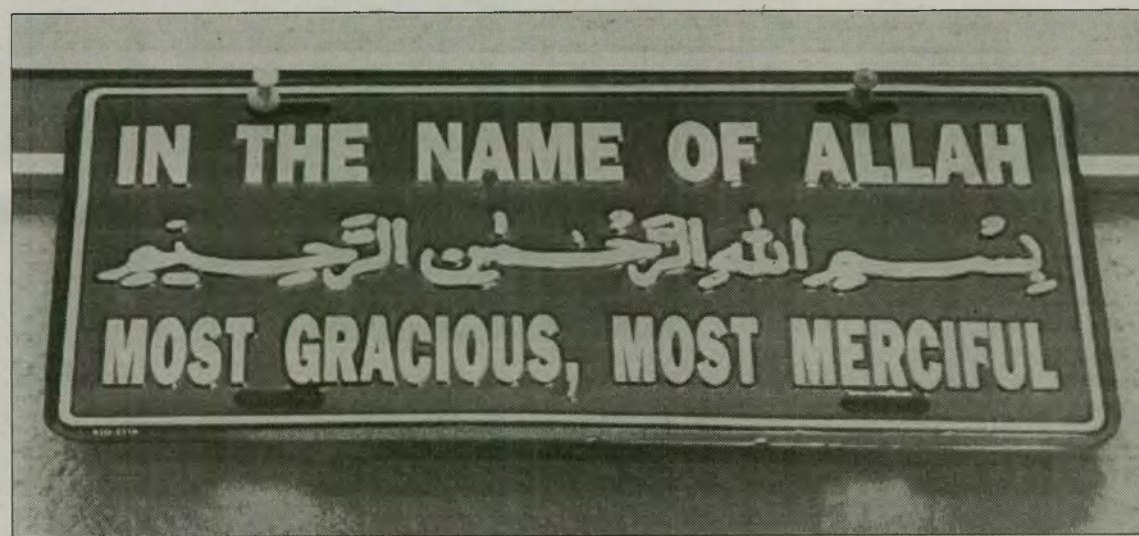
However, he said there is not enough religious discussion in most engineering classes.

"There's no room for God in F equals ma," he said. He added that classes should instead learn how to use engineering principles to better society.

"Notre Dame's job is to produce good Catholic citizens for America," said Ameen.

"Islam is my life. I wanted to remain Muslim."

**Ayana Fakhir
McGlenn senior**



Ayana Fakhir said she wanted to keep her Muslim religion while attending a Catholic university. Keeping her faith, she said, has helped her to educate students about her religion's beliefs. This sign adorns the wall of her McGlenn dorm.

CLARIFICATION

An article in Thursday's Observer reported that, at a Saint Mary's Board of Governance meeting, students are waiting for Student Activities Board approval for a study day proposal.

Students have already received endorsement from Student Activities Board for the proposal.

The Observer regrets the error.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Compromise plan rejected

BELFAST

Northern Ireland's major British Protestant party, narrowly voted Thursday against a compromise plan designed to make the Good Friday peace accord work. The Ulster Unionists' secret 14-13 vote marked a severe setback at a critical moment for Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble, who has spent the past 10 weeks trying to resolve his party's confrontation with the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party. The rejected draft proposals, mediated by American diplomat George Mitchell, hinged on a conciliatory but noncommittal statement offered by the Irish Republican Army. According to Ulster Unionist sources, the outlawed group's statement emphasized commitment to its 1997 cease-fire — but made no overt promise to disarm as the Ulster Unionists have long demanded. Talks among Mitchell, Trimble and Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams resumed after the vote.

Banner doesn't fly with NAACP

COLUMBIA

The NAACP stood firm in its plan to boycott South Carolina until the Confederate battle flag is removed from the Statehouse dome, snubbing the governor who offered to fight for a Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday if the tourism boycott was called off. The boycott will begin with the new year and "will be augmented by other action as necessary," the NAACP said in a written statement. At least 80 groups have canceled conventions and meetings in the state since the boycott was announced. South Carolina is the only state to fly the rebel banner above its Capitol. Its opponents maintain the banner is a symbol of racism and slavery. Supporters say it represents Southern heritage. Democratic Gov. Jim Hodges proposed the holiday-for-boycott swap Wednesday during an Equal Opportunity Day banquet.

Afghan men protest U.N.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan

Scores of Afghan men rallied against the United Nations and the United States Thursday in a second day of protests against pending economic sanctions, officials said. Bearded men shouted slogans in the capital of Herat province Thursday, condemning U.N. sanctions, which will go into effect Sunday unless the Taliban religious army turns over suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden to stand trial on terrorism charges. Demonstrations were also held in the western town of Farah and U.N. staff in the eastern town of Khawst have been advised to brace for similar demonstrations on Friday, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said in New York. On Wednesday, thousands of men burned U.S. flags and threw stones and bricks at U.N. offices in southern Kandahar, the Taliban headquarters. No one was injured, said Stephanie Bunker, a U.N. spokeswoman in neighboring Pakistan.

COLUMBIA



Members of the Colombian police bomb squad investigate the remnants of a car bomb that detonated on Thursday. No one has claimed responsibility for the bomb, which exploded in a Bogota commercial district.

Car bomb kills eight, injures 45

Associated Press

BOGOTA

Reviving memories of a bloody era when drug lords sowed terror to avoid extradition to the United States, a car bomb ripped through a Bogota commercial district Thursday, killing at least eight people and injuring 45.

The shrapnel-packed bomb, placed in a red Mazda sedan and believed detonated by remote control, destroyed a two-story house and a restaurant on a wide avenue and blew out the windows of banks, stores and apartment build-

ings nearly a quarter mile away.

It was the Colombian capital's worst blast since the wave of terror by the Medellin cocaine cartel in the late 1980s and early 1990s aimed at stopping the extradition of its members to the United States. The campaign only ended with the cartel's 1993 demise.

The new attack came a day after the Supreme Court approved the second handover in a week of a major alleged drug trafficker to the United States — and Colombians feared it was a blunt warning to the government not to go ahead

with more than three dozen planned extraditions.

"You get the feeling the wolf is raising its ears again," said Miguel Maza, a former head of the state security agency. Maza headed the agency in 1989, when a bomb placed by traffickers leveled its headquarters, killing 80 employees in the single most devastating attack of the era.

Colombia is the world's No. 1 cocaine exporter and a growing heroin supplier. U.S. officials have pressured authorities here to extradite drug kingpins for trial in U.S. courtrooms, where they face much stiffer sentences than in

Colombia.

This violent country's leaders have traditionally been loath to do so and there has not been an extradition for nine years. But President Andres Pastrana pledged to resume handovers after his election last year, hoping for U.S. support in confronting the illegal drug trade and leftist rebels.

Pastrana responded to Thursday's bombing defiantly, signing decrees hours later that would extradite to the United States a Colombian and a Venezuelan accused of being major drug traffickers.

ITALY

Apartment collapses, traps families

Associated Press

FOGGIA

A six-story apartment building came crashing down upon 24 sleeping households in southern Italy on Thursday, trapping them in a 15-foot-high heap of concrete and dust. Only one family escaped intact, fleeing with seconds to spare after a frantic attempt to save their neighbors.

Wakened by the sound of the building shaking itself to pieces, the family of five ran apartment to apartment, ringing doorbells and pounding on doors. The

effort nearly cost them their lives, said building superintendent Luigi Lacontia, who ran from the building with the family at the last minute.

"I took a step back, thinking I could see someone stick their head out the window," Lacontia said. "Instead, I saw the entire building crumple."

By nightfall, authorities had accounted for only 17 survivors out of the 70 to 75 people believed to be inside. The latest, a young man, was pulled out more than nine hours after the last survivor had been found. After a day of seeing only covered bodies on gurneys go by, the dusty search crews stopped

digging to applaud the rescue, shouting, "He's alive!"

Searchers recovered 13 corpses, wheeling them out under green sheets with broken limbs dangling.

Paramilitary police Capt. Antonio Di Spazio said he feared about 50 people had been killed.

Many may have died on the stairs, trying to escape.

Authorities suspect a structural failure brought down the 30-year-old building. Some residents said workers had been renovating a garage underneath; Di Spazio said that would be investigated.

In Rome, politicians urged

Parliament to push through a proposed law that would make buildings subject to periodic inspections.

"It is absurd that cars must undergo periodic checkups while buildings don't," said Cristina Matranga, a lawmaker for the opposition Forza Italia party.

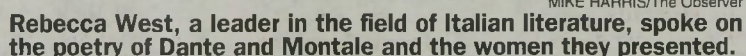
Emergency crews evacuated an adjoining building in the neighborhood, a cluster of tidy, well-kept apartment blocs in the city of 150,000. Awakened in the night by the crash and then by screams, neighbors packed balconies to watch the day-long rescue effort.

Market Watch: 11/11

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Stern: Varied memories create paradox

By KATE STEER
News Writer

Memories are created to serve many purposes, good and bad, said Steve Stern in a lecture Thursday. Memories glorify, tear down, unify and separate, he said.

Stern, who hails from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, visited Notre Dame to speak about the image of Chile under the Pinochet regime.

"Memories are a process. They are the bridges that people build with the past," Stern said.

This process, which started in 1973 when the Pinochet regime came into power and continued until he stepped down in 1998, has resulted in many conflicting concepts of the period.

Stern pointed to three divisions of this time period, which each represent different ways of thinking about the past.

"Between 1973 and 1983, in the 10 years following the military coup, emblematic memories were tried out and pushed into public domain," he said. Memory as salvation is the main concept that represents these 10

years.

The next period, from 1983 to 1988 is characterized by a memory free-for-all. During this time, it is unclear what memories were adopted.

"The period between 1988 and 1998 is a time of the final makings of memory as impasse," Stern said. When people look back now, these are the memories that are extant.

"When people reflect on the years under Pinochet, or on any period, they focus on memory-knots," Stern said. "These are symbolically charged people and places that shake us out of our unthinking flow of daily life."

Memory, Stern said, is like a box. A closed box represents times when there is a deliberate attempt to deny or create memories to embody certain ideals or emotions.

"From 1978 to 1983, there is a closed-box mentality," he said. "Memory is an institutionalization of a long-term future for the regime."

When the box is open, he said, there is an ability to deal with the true memories. The release of truth in the case of Chile

caused the revelation of the dictatorship.

"The struggle over memory created a profound impasse — a breach between cultural and military memory," Stern said. This conflict makes reconciling with the past very difficult for the people of Chile.

"How many of these crises of memory can the culture withstand while making their democratic transition?" he asked.

The nature of memory and the different ways of viewing the past have created a paradox in Chilean culture, he said. The people create an ordinary, tranquil, amnesia-ridden culture where the truth and tumult of the past are denied. A few weeks later there is a massive convulsion of the people in reaction to factual memory, he added.

"Methodologically, it's the human performance, the reactions that give us our picture of Pinochet's Chile," Stern said.

Stern's lecture, "The Memory Box of Pinochet's Chile: Truth Struggles and the Age of Politicide, 1973-1998," was sponsored by the Kellogg Institute.

Alumnae provide career advice

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

As a small women's liberal arts college, Saint Mary's College offers the advantage of strong alumnae relations with students.

"Alumni networking is very valuable," said director of Alumnae Relations Barb Henry. "Although we don't have a percentage, we know a good number of students get a job through an alumnae."

On Monday, a business department panel discussion with former Saint Mary's students gave advice to current students planning to pursue business careers.

"I believe that the alumnae took a genuine interest in the concerns of the attending students and provided them with useful advice," said student

Shana Jackson, who helped organize the panel. "The alumnae did an excellent job of providing interested students with insight as to what they encountered upon graduating and entering the work force as well as things they encountered upon first starting out in their fields."

The alumnae spoke about the importance of good communication, persistence and responsibility. When entering the work force, speakers advised students to set priorities and to stay involved with activities outside of work.

"You can have an academic degree, but it takes more than that to be successful," said Joann Searfoss, an associate for Crowe Chizek and Company LLP. "Ambition plays a big part in it. Don't stress for the job you have, but the job you want."

"I would say in order to be successful, you need to first realize what success means to you," said Erin Emig, who works with AIDS Ministries. "You have to have ambition and persistence. No one is going to hand it to you."

Cathlynn Howe said that it is very important to contact as many people as possible when investigating a certain job.

"Try to get internships and try and contact alumnae," said Howe, who works for Eli Lilly and Company.

Thursday, the Counseling & Career Development Center and the student government board, co-sponsored a Showcase of Careers with representatives from 40 organizations, some of whom were alumnae.

Many alumnae believe contacting students at Saint Mary's is an important aspect of their jobs. Alumnae want to give students helpful advice for any career they choose.

Mary Ellen (Mosher) DeRicco, a Saint Mary's alumna, now works for School District U-46. The Showcase of Careers was her second visit to Saint Mary's to recruit students.

"I know what kind of educa-

tion I received here, and those are the kind of teachers we would like to hire," DeRicco said.

Technology Services Group is a small consulting firm located in Chicago. This is its first year recruiting at Saint Mary's.

"I am really excited to be back here," said alumnae Sarah Wolfert. "Our company sees the benefits of working with a small college."

The interaction with alumnae helps not only the alumna looking for a comfortable start-up base, but also companies of alumnae looking for qualified graduates.

"It's extremely important because students feel comfortable with alumnae and alumnae

are familiar with Saint Mary's and can give the students information for working at their companies," said Jolanta Szumial, career services secre-

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Joann Searfoss
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tary. Jen Pelic, a 1999 graduate of Saint Mary's, now works for Arthur Anderson, and accounting and consulting firm. Since Arthur Anderson works directly with Saint Mary's, she did not have to contact alumnae about the job.

Instead, when they found out Pelic was interested in working for the company, the alumnae contacted her.

"When you're dealing with alumnae, you feel a lot more comfortable," Pelic said. "They're willing to answer questions honestly and students can get the inside of the company."

Pelic says that one of the reasons her company recruits Saint Mary's students is because they are excellent in writing and communication skills.

"We have that well-roundness that some other colleges lack," Pelic said.

Many students, as well, feel that alumnae interactions are helpful. Junior Colleen Carey said it's great to have alumnae to contact if necessary.

"Since I'm a junior, I'm just trying to get an idea of what I want to do," Carey said. She plans to contact alumnae in the future.

Marie Wartinbee, a senior, plans to do alumnae resource networking on the Internet. "There is a powerful connection between students and alumnae," Wartinbee said. "The networking is phenomenal. It is one of the strengths of this campus."

Alumna Mary Lauck works for LaPorte Government. She not only tries to recruit students but also to educate them about prison ministry and social work.

"I am working as an advocate for children and single mothers," Lauck said. "How do you know where you are going to be 20 years from now?"

Lauck said she never imagined herself where she is today and said she is "not done." It is an important job of alumnae to help students with their futures, she said.

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The Mara Fox Fun Run, an annual event sponsored by Lyons Hall, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 13. The Run is in honor of Mara Fox, a Lyons Hall freshman who was killed by a drunk driver on Nov. 13, 1993. The event, open to all, includes a campus run and breakfast, and participants receive Fun Run T-shirts.

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Blue Chip will deal out proceeds

U-Wire

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. Michigan City Mayor Sheila Brillson drives a hard bargain.

That's what officials with Boyd Gaming Corp. would undoubtedly say concerning the company's new deal to pay the city a portion of receipts from the Blue Chip Casino there.

Boyd had been negotiating with Blue Chip Casino Inc. to acquire the property, and beefed up its promised payment to Michigan City in order to boost the chances that the sale would go through.

It did. "I would say it's a most significant improvement," said Brillson.

Under the deal, Boyd will make payments based on a sliding scale, subject to a minimum \$1 million per year.

In addition, the casino will make annual \$300,000 payments until a competing gambling business comes within 80 miles of the riverboat, and buy an abandoned public-housing

development adjacent to the casino, demolish the buildings and donate the land to the city for use as a park or other recreational facility.

The company promised to make charitable contributions, as well.

"[The deal] shows what good partners they will be," Brillson said.

It also may show how anxious Boyd was to cement the deal. The Indiana Gaming Commission approved the sale on Monday, just hours after both sides reached the new agreement.

Among all of Indiana's riverboats, the payment and incentive package to Michigan City from Blue Chip Casino Inc. was the skimpiest, amounting to one-half percent of adjusted gross receipts.

That would have produced a

single \$750,000 payment to the city this year, Brillson said, which is one-third less than the owners of Grand Victoria Casino & Resort pay Rising Sun, Ind. in economic development incentives, for example.

At the time the original deal was inked, the casino argued that it was facing imminent competition from Indian land-based casinos in Michigan, which, they argued, would squeeze earnings.

But that never materialized, Brillson said. Instead, the Blue Chip Casino has been one of the most profitable in the state.

Said Ron Gifford, a lawyer helping Michigan City: "Our goal is to more fairly share in the revenue, to take into account the revenue of the boat."

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Ron Gifford
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Wedding trial key to Church future

♦ United Methodist Church charges minister for marrying gay couple

By KEVIN O'HANLON
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — As the Rev. Jimmy Creech prepares to be tried a second time by the United Methodist Church for performing a gay marriage, many feel the future of the nation's second-largest Protestant denomination hangs in the balance.

"It is not about me. It's about institutionalized bigotry and the church using its institutional power to enforce discrimination and persecution of gay and lesbian people," Creech said. "The trial is an act of violence against gay and lesbian people."

A jury of 13 ministers will decide Creech's fate after a two-day trial set to begin Wednesday in Grand Island.

Creech and his supporters say that if the church does not become more open to gays and lesbians, many of its 9.5 million members could leave, possibly forming a new denomination.

"It's almost inescapable that someone is going to be gone," said Rev. Gregory Dell, a Methodist minister in Illinois who is serving a suspension for performing a same-sex ceremony. "The other side has been saying, 'The differences are too great — you have to go.'"

Creech first drew the ire of church officials in 1997 when he performed a union ceremony for

a lesbian couple in his Omaha congregation.

In a case that drew international attention and plunged the United Methodists into a debate over church doctrine, Creech was tried and acquitted by a church jury on charges of disobeying church rules.

Creech was not reappointed to his pulpit and is on a voluntary leave of absence. He lives in North Carolina, but he still is a member of the Nebraska clergy and is answerable to Nebraska Bishop Joel Martinez.

Creech's second trial stems from a "union ceremony" he performed for two gay men in Chapel Hill, N.C., earlier this year.

But there is a difference this time.

At the time of Creech's first trial in Kearney, the church's ban

on performing same-sex commitment ceremonies was listed in the denomination's Social Principles, which are printed in the Book of Discipline.

There was debate over whether the Social Principles carried the weight of church law, like the Book of Discipline.

The church's Judicial Council, which interprets the Book of Discipline much like the U.S. Supreme Court interprets the Constitution, has since ruled that the Social Principles carry the weight of law.

While Creech believes it is wrong to deny rights to gays and lesbians, the Social Principles state: "We affirm the

sanctity of the marriage covenant that is expressed in love, mutual support, personal commitment and shared fidelity between a man and a woman ... Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers and shall not be conducted in

"It's going to be a very critical General Conference."

Kathryn Johnson
Methodist Federation
for Social Action

our churches."

Other denominations have struggled with the issue of homosexual practice. Earlier this year, for example, leaders of the 2.6-million-member Presbyterian Church rejected a measure that could have led to the ordination of non-celibate gays and lesbians.

Creech said he will defend himself this time around.

"I believe that this whole process is not legitimate, and I do not intend to cooperate fully with the process of the trial," Creech said.

If convicted, Creech faces a wide range of possible punishments, including dismissal from the United Methodist clergy.

The issue is expected to be considered by the church's General Conference, which is to meet next year in Cleveland. The conference includes clergy and lay delegates from across the nation, and is the body that sets church policy.

"It's going to be a very critical General Conference," said Rev. Kathryn Johnson, of the Methodist Federation for Social Action in Washington D.C.

Creech agreed.

"If the General Conference does not begin to change the direction it's been going, there are going to be large numbers of people who are going to leave," he said.

Baptists cut funds to U. of Richmond

♦ Move comes after school passes anti-discrimination policy

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va.

Virginia Baptists will end annual contributions to the University of Richmond because of what one leader calls "tacit approval" of homosexuality.

At its annual meeting this week, the Baptist General Association of Virginia approved a "new relationship" with the private university. The group on also voted to forfeit the right to appoint a university trustee.

The group is upset over the university's new anti-discrimination policy, which bans discrimination against homosexuals.

The ban lends "tacit approval" to homosexuality, said Reginald McDonough, executive director of the Baptist association.

The Baptist association passed a resolution at its 1993 meeting declaring homosexual behavior "sinful and unacceptable for Christians."

In a statement, University President William Cooper thanked the Baptists for their past support and pledged to continue working with them on a Baptist heritage center set to open on campus next year.

The university was founded in 1830 by the Virginia Baptist Education Society as a training school for ministers. The relationship between the school and Southern Baptists has been strained in recent years on issues such as coed dorms and dancing on campus.

McDonough said the association's vote simply recognized that the university and the association were moving in different directions.

The association agreed to phase out annual financial contributions to the school over three years. The donations have amounted to about \$235,000 — less than 1 percent of the university's budget — in recent years.

Young takes reigns of U.S. church council

By THOMAS SHEERAN
Associated Press Writer

CLEVELAND

Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young is taking the top leadership job of the National Council of Churches at a time when the organization is struggling with budget and staff cuts.

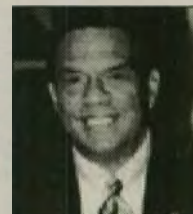
Young, who also served as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, will serve as president of a group representing 35 denominations

with more than 50 millions members.

The ceremony today was scheduled at the Catholic Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, highlighting the improved relations between Protestant and Orthodox churches that form the council and the non-member Roman Catholic Church.

That would have been unthinkable when the council was created 50 years ago, said the Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, the council's top administrator as NCC general secretary.

Young, 67, will give the NCC a boost as a high-profile leader. The civil rights leader, United Church of Christ minister and former congressman worked in the NCC youth department early in his career.



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Gore uses holiday for U.S. leadership push

U-Wire

DES MOINES, Iowa
Warning about isolationist trends sweeping through Congress, Vice President Al Gore is using a Veterans' Day speech to argue that the United States must reassert its role as an international leader.



Gore

Gore also was calling for increased defense spending while using the issue to sharpen differences with Bill Bradley, his rival for the Democratic presidential nomination. But he said "the change we need requires more than just strong defense."

"It also requires American engagement with the world, and it requires American leadership," Gore said in remarks prepared for delivery today.

In the speech, Gore laments Senate rejection of a nuclear test ban treaty that he said was "sacrificed on the altar of partisan politics" and pointed to what he argued were troubling trends in Congress.

"More and more each year, engagement abroad means a political struggle here at home," he said. "When even free and fair trade agreements that deepen the ties among nations become political footballs, we threaten our very stability and security."

Gore credited the administration with helping to build a new consensus behind increased military spending, but said agreement was lacking on the need for effective diplomacy.

"We have rebuilt a consensus in our country for a strong national defense policy, but we also need a national consensus on the other great pillar of American foreign policy — waging peace through serious and sustained diplomacy," Gore said.

He also argues for combining diplomacy and military policy

in one package.

"Diplomacy together with military might is how we fight the spread of nuclear weapons in the world," Gore said. "It is how we are breaking up deadly drug cartels and crime syndicates around the world."

The address is the latest effort by Gore to paint Bradley as too liberal to win the White House, as well as cast himself as a leader on the world stage.

Bradley, a former senator, recently told a disarmament group that he saw no need to boost military spending, although his spokesman did not rule out pay or benefit increases.

"Military spending should be adjusted as needed to protect America's most vital and important interests. I believe current levels would suffice if the Department of Defense was led and managed effectively," Bradley replied on a candidate questionnaire circulated by Star.PAC, an Iowa-based group.

Officials agree on Medicare increase

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

An agreement reached by White House and negotiators on \$11 billion in Medicare payment increases for health care providers includes provisions that would also impact the pocketbooks of some beneficiaries.

As hospital outpatient departments get extra money from Medicare under the deal, for example, there would be a new limit on the out-of-pocket costs that beneficiaries must pay for outpatient tests or surgery.

"For people who have big bills it could be an important change," said Patricia Smith, a lobbyist for the AARP, the nation's largest organization of older adults.

Medicare hospital outpatient copayments currently vary, often exceeding the standard 20 percent that beneficiaries pay for most other services. That disparity was already scheduled to be fixed, with the government gradually paying more over the next few decades.

Under a tentative agreement reached Wednesday by lawmak-

ers, outpatient copayments also would immediately be limited to the same amount as the deductible for inpatient hospital care, \$776 in 2000.

Details are still being worked out, but lawmakers have discussed a July 1 date for the change to take effect.

Another part of the overall Medicare deal would lift annual caps on Medicare's rehabilitative therapy coverage.

The annual caps — a combined \$1,500 for physical and speech therapy and a separate \$1,500 for occupational therapy — took effect this year and have created financial hardship for some elderly and disabled patients whose needs quickly exceeded the limits.

Under the agreement, the caps would be lifted for two years while a study of patient needs is conducted.

Other changes with a direct impact on beneficiaries include extended coverage of anti-rejection drugs used after organ transplants and increased payments for Pap smears to ensure that women covered by Medicare have access to the lat-

est technology.

Still, the bulk of the \$11 billion that would be distributed over five years under the deal reached Wednesday would go to health care providers without directly affecting beneficiaries' wallets.

The agreement comes after months of heavy lobbying by caregivers, who argued that cuts imposed by Congress in 1997 to help balance the federal budget have put too big a squeeze on the fees they get to care for the elderly and disabled.

"With this legislation, we help insure that America's seniors receive high quality health care they deserve by restoring needed funding to hospitals, nursing homes and other health care providers," said the Senate Finance Committee chairman, Republican William Roth of Delaware.

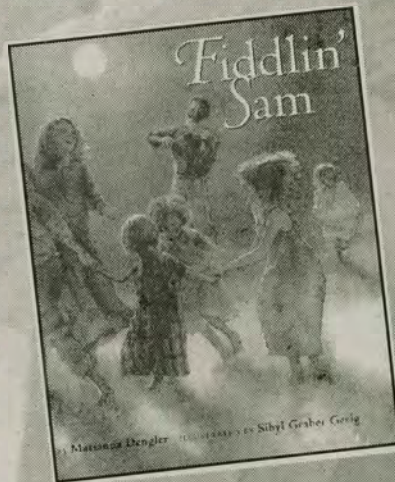
The cash relief package is the only action Congress plans to take this year on Medicare, although both Democrats and Republicans want more dramatic changes, such as adding new prescription drug benefits for senior citizens.

NOVEMBER EVENTS!

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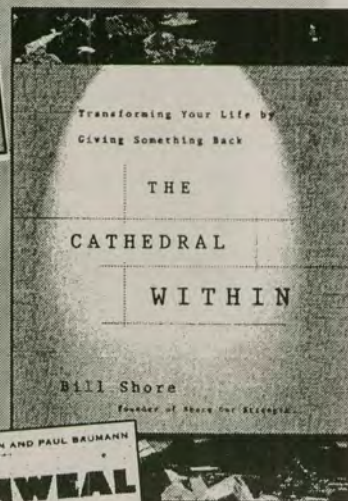
Illustrator Sibyl Graber Gerig discusses the art of children's book illustration and signs copies of her newly collaborated book with author Marianna Dengler, entitled *Fiddlin' Sam*.



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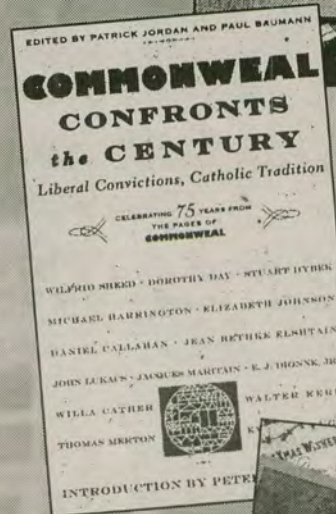
Bill Shore, founder of the non-profit organization "Share Our Strength," which has raised more than \$82 million to support antihunger & antipoverty worldwide since 1984, will discuss these issues and sign his new book *The Cathedral Within* at the Hesburgh Center of International Studies. Books provided by the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.



Wednesday, November 17

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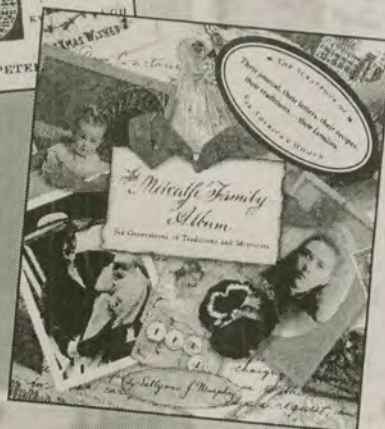
Paul Baumann, Executive Editor of *Commonweal* magazine, will discuss and sign copies of the newly released anthology *Commonweal Confronts the Century*.



Thursday, November 18

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Sallyann J. Murphey, author of *The Metcalfe Family Album*, joins us to discuss and sign copies of her acclaimed new book. This is a story of six generations of women and the ties that bind them.



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Group works with farmers to become 'Partners in Progress'

U-Wire

FARGO, N.D.

It started as a challenge to his neighbors over a cup of coffee eight years ago. Sitting around a table at a morning prayer group, Levon Nelson told his friends they needed to do something to help struggling farmers.

"There were four or five farm families in our area that were looking at going out of business and I said, 'We've got to help them. What do we do?'" Nelson said.

The challenge in 1991 soon became Partners in Progress, a nonprofit group of farmers who volunteer their time — and often their own cash — to help other farmers stay afloat.

"We've had an amazing amount of success," said Nelson, a full-time Mayville farmer who also works at two area banks. "I

think it has a lot to do with the fact that the people who provide most of the help understand the tremendous need others have at a certain time in their life."

Since its inception, he says, Partners in Progress has helped more than 240 farmers in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota turn their operations around, saving several dozen from foreclosure.

Like state agricultural mediation services, Partners in Progress works with farmers to help them better manage their farms. Those who can afford to pay for the services are expected to do so.

But Partners in Progress goes far beyond what a farmer would get from mediation services. Its roots deep in the spiritual beliefs of its founders, the group seeks out farmers who can afford to help those in desperate need of financial assistance.

In eight years, other farmers — often total strangers — have loaned their own money or co-signed for loans totaling more than \$2.8 million.

"They're putting themselves on the line often for total strangers," Nelson said. "They're putting up money they've earmarked toward retirement and

other things.

"What's really miraculous is that of all that money farmers have loaned, they've not lost a penny," he added. "Not one farmer has missed a payment."

What the non-denominational group expects in return is simple.

"When you get back on your feet, you're expected to make your own contribution," he said. "As proof that this type of thing works, the people who receive the help are very anxious once they're on their feet to offer help themselves."

Three years ago, four different farmers came together through the program to help Arnie Woodbury, who farms near Wyndmere.

"I was overextended," he said, "too much in debt, couldn't pay my bills."

He met with Nelson, who rec-

ognized that Woodbury had potential to be a profitable producer but needed help turning his finances around.

"We make the money available to the ones we think can be turned around," Nelson said. "We're not going to throw good money after bad."

The organization found two farmers to co-sign bank loans that Woodbury couldn't get on his own because of his debt load.

"One guy I sold a bull through 20 years ago came forward and co-signed a loan," he said.

Two others loaned their own money directly to Woodbury at low or no interest.

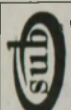
The program, Woodbury said, gave him the chance he needed.

Woodbury continues to pay the loans back and has joined Partners in Progress as the president of the board of directors, doing his part to help others.

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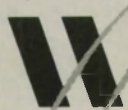
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'Old Sparky' under seige

Associated Press

STARKE, Fla. Florida lawmakers, who have an almost religious devotion to the state's electric chair, may try to protect "Old Sparky" from a U.S. Supreme Court review by giving condemned inmates the option of death by lethal injection.

Ghoulis images of executions in Florida's electric chair have led the nation's high court to consider whether the state's method of execution is cruel and unusual punishment.

The court is scheduled to hear arguments in February.

Florida House Speaker John Thrasher, a Republican, has said if the state gives death row inmates a choice, the Supreme Court may drop the case.

When the court agreed to consider the constitutionality of California's gas chamber a few years ago, it dropped the review when the state added the lethal injection option. Lawmakers are even considering calling a special legislative session to address the issue.

The electric chair, which has been used in Florida to execute

240 men and one woman over 75 years, carries a deeper meaning than other forms of execution, said Deborah Denno, a Fordham University professor and death penalty researcher.

"Execution methods are symbols of bigger things. The electric chair is a symbol of retribution and extreme vengeance," Denno said. "The electric chair is 'death penalty plus.'"

Electric chair opponents cite several examples of what they consider "botched" executions in the last decade. Flames shot from the top of Jesse Tafero's head in 1990 and from behind the face mask of Pedro Medina in 1997. Photographs taken in July of Allen Lee Davis showed a large blood stain covering his white burial shirt.

Pictures of Davis' swollen, bloodied face taken after his execution were posted on the Florida Supreme Court's Web site, resulting in more than a million visits. The Davis pictures are evidence in the Supreme Court appeal.

Old Sparky was replaced before the Davis execution with a new chair that, like the 1920s original, is made of oak and has the same electrical system.

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Deborah Denno
professor

New rules alter organ allocation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Controversial new rules changing the way scarce organs are allocated for transplant will take effect by January under an agreement reached by the Clinton administration and members of Congress who originally hoped to delay the changes.

The rules issued by the Department of Health and Human Services would force the United Network for Organ Sharing, which runs the transplant system, to send organs to the sickest patients first, no matter where they live.

The current system is based largely on geography and supported by many transplant centers whose lucrative programs depend on locally donated organs.

The network and its allies have strenuously fought the changes since they were first proposed nearly two years ago. But now the network plans to go along with the new rules — and propose a new way to distribute donated livers by early next year.

"We're prepared to honor the time frames and the provisions of the regulation,"

network spokesman Joel Newman said Thursday.

Without congressional action, the new rules would take effect next week. Under the agreement struck late Wednesday, they will take effect after 21 days of public comment and another 21 days for HHS to review those comments.

The clock will begin once the spending law is enacted, possibly as soon as next week, meaning the regulation would take effect near the end of December or in early January.

The agreement was struck late Wednesday after HHS Secretary Donna Shalala came to Capitol Hill to personally press the case and make clear that she would not budge. She was backed in the negotiations by Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who represents transplant programs in Pittsburgh that are likely to benefit from the new rules.

But the key, participants said, was Rep. John Porter, R-Ill., who chairs the Appropriations subcommittee that governs HHS. Porter now supports the HHS plan after vigorously opposing it last year. He changed his mind after Illinois got into a nasty dispute with Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas: Wisconsin and its neighbors did not want to share their livers with Illinois, even for the sickest of the patients, as the network had ordered on its own.

The dispute prompted Illinois state officials and

transplant centers to change their position and support the HHS rule, and Porter followed suit.

Rep. David Obey, the top Democrat on the Appropriations Committee, also was backing the wishes of his home state of Wisconsin in trying to stop the regulation. He said Porter's switch made that impossible.

"The White House wasn't going to give, Shalala wasn't going to give, so we lost," Obey said Thursday.

Originally, the regulations were supposed to take effect last year, but Congress delayed them twice. Last month, HHS hoped to address some of the concerns by issuing revisions making it clear that organs would not be wasted by being shipped coast-to-coast or futilely transplanting them into dying patients.

However, the new version still gives the HHS secretary ultimate power to approve or veto any allocation scheme, and it still requires an overhaul of the current system.

But the fight isn't really over. Legislation pending in the House could strip HHS of most of its authority to oversee the transplant network, and if it became law, it could nullify these new rules.

Shalala has said she would recommend a veto. Also, Louisiana has tried to stop the HHS regulations in court in a case that could be revived. South Carolina has threatened a lawsuit as well.



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College bookstores sue Varsitybooks.com

By RACHEL OSTERMAN
U-Wire

HANOVER, N.H.

In another lawsuit against Internet retailers, the National Association of College Stores is suing Varsitybooks.com, accusing the on-line bookstore of false and misleading advertising concerning textbook discounts.

The association, which represents about 3,000 stores around the country, including the Dartmouth Bookstore and Wheelock Books, is claiming that while Varsitybooks.com advertises textbooks at up to 40 percent off of "suggested list prices," only a small percentage of their books come at that price.

According to the association,

in the textbook industry, where publishers sell their books to college stores and offer only a suggested student price, there is no such thing as a universal retail price. Instead, college stores sell textbooks at a markup price of their choosing.

The case, which is being filed in a federal court in Washington D.C., should be settled before this January, the next major book-buying season.

"I think that [the association] has an excellent chance because students are being misled regarding the number and percentage of books that come at the discount," said attorney Reed Freeman. "In this case, the false and deceptive claims reach every single college student in the country by being on the Internet."

Schools that bar ROTC keep aid

By MIKE WERESCHAGIN
U-Wire

MINNEAPOLIS

A recent change in a federal budget provision allows colleges and universities to bar ROTC units and military recruiters from their campuses without fear of losing federal student aid.

But officials say it is unlikely that the University of Minnesota will



Frank

act on the change and remove military staff or programs from campus.

The military recruitment provision was tacked onto the U.S. Department of Defense fiscal-2000 budget late October. It nullifies the most controversial part of the Solomon Amendment of 1996.

The amendment required federal agencies to cut all funding to colleges and universities that bar military recruiting from their campuses.

Under the new provision, federal student aid is no longer at risk.

Federal research grant money, however, can still be refused to colleges that violate

the federal policy.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., added the language to the spending bill because he said ratification of the Solomon Amendment as it stood was a mistake.

"Punishing students for a university's policy is completely unfair," Frank said. "In most cases, they have very little say in how their college deals with military recruiting."

A spokesman for retired Congressman Gerald B.H. Solomon said the amendment author was pleased the correction was made last month. He added that the original budget stipulation was never intended to punish students for a college's actions.

Entire FAFSA available on Internet

By TINA HONG
U-Wire

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

A Department of Education plan is encouraging more college students to apply for financial aid online by enabling students to send in their entire Free Application for Federal Student Aid form electronically.

Tony Starks, Federal Student Aid representative from the Department of Education, said that although the online FAFSA form has been available for four years, this is the first year electronic signatures could be used to fill out the application completely online.

The new Electronic Access

Code can be used by applicants as a personal identification number acting as a signature.

University Financial Aid Director Yvonne Hubbard said

that previously even on-line applicants "still had to print out a signature page, sign it and send it out."

Hubbard said the University's Office of Financial Aid advocates online financial applications for a variety of reasons.

"The key here is that [the on-

line financial aid applications] make it very fast," she said. "The paper FAFSA took four to six to eight weeks to process because the information was keyed in."

"This is a response by the Department of Education to expectations of today's students"

Yvonne Hubbard
financial aid director

"Sometimes the information was written in incorrectly. Online, it is incredibly accurate and edits can be made right there," she added.

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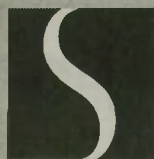
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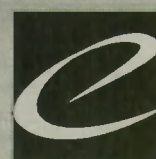
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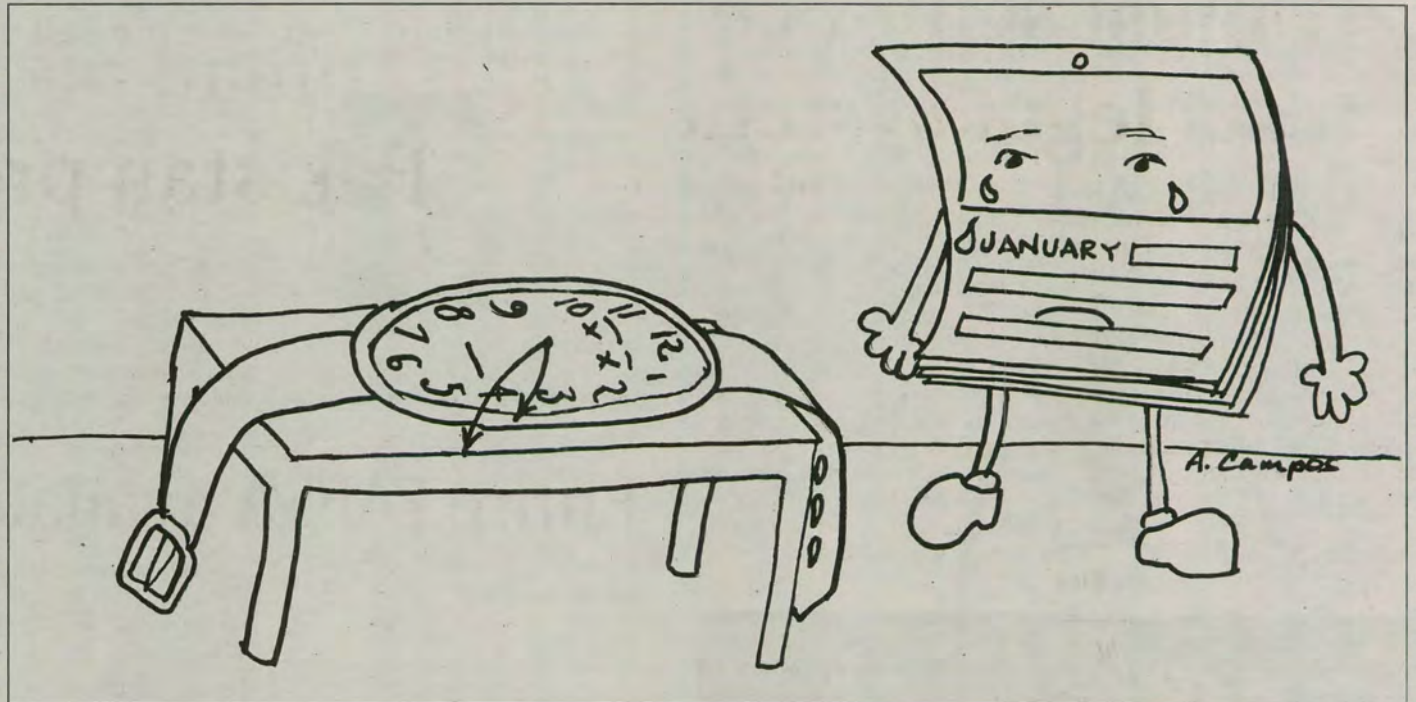
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Live each day as if it were your last

The recent death of my friend Father Robert Griffin coupled with such tragic and sudden incidents like the crashes of Egyptair 990 and the Mexican Taesa flight have made this November's Thanksgiving season an introspective one. What must it be like for those who lost entire families in those accidents? What would they say to their lost ones if they had one more chance to speak to them?



Gary J. Caruso

Capitol Comments

I regret that I have not spoken to Father Griffin for years. I can only wonder what I might have said had I seen him during my visits this past football season. I can barely speculate about what we said when last we spoke years ago. I had a few opportunities in the past few years, but did not venture across the quad to greet him when our paths crossed. Now that "Griff" is gone forever, I will never be able to share a story with him about my dog, Potamus, or tell him of my experiences with President Clinton. Griff, forgive me one final time.

I have come to the realization that we should live today like it is the last day of our lives. Had I practiced that policy, I would have spoken to Griff at least three other times. It is sobering to recall that I had failed to guard against my last time with several people since I graduated from Notre Dame.

About 20 years ago, my Notre Dame friend, Kevin Walsh, had his name listed in the Alumni magazine's obituary column. He was a freshman when I was a senior and we both worked at the campus radio station. We were the

irreverent ones, always upsetting the student managers. To this day, I do not know how he died. I have always regretted that I did not say more ... just one more time before he died. He was as true and loyal a friend as any trusting dog is of his master. Kevin, forgive me again.

Twenty years ago my Grandma Ciccone passed away. She was 88 at the time but for years before her passing, I contemplated the event and was ready for the news every time the phone rang at some strange hour. Some of my college friends had met her and felt her love and generosity. It would have been nice for Kevin Walsh to have met her, but they both left this world about a year apart. I take comfort in thinking that Grandma probably has baked Kevin several loafs of bread by now.

My grandma was of strong Italian stock that withstood pain and age until one day in late summer. That spring she had almost gone into a diabetic coma and had lost her eyesight, but she made a strong recovery. During her recovery, I went to visit her, held her hand and spoke to her. Although she was blind, she knew who I was, and by mid-summer was out in the yard with her garden. She told me that the doctors could not find her problem because she had "brown sugar."

I was lulled into thinking that she would survive — maybe until the year 2000. I daydreamed about how they would have to change her headstone which had a 19 inscribed next to my grandfather's inscription which read 1953. However, in the early afternoon on Aug. 4, 1979, as my mother and I were hanging new wallpaper in our kitchen, the call came that my grandmother "had gone to join the angels." Despite all of my prior preparation, I was not prepared. Grandma, forgive me for passing your cemetery all those times and not stopping to pay my

respects.

Last Tuesday, I watched the final episode of MTV's Real World in Hawaii. In their "Real World," the participants in the house were able to say their goodbyes for as long as they wanted. They culminated the last few days together with events both public and private. And while their parting may have been painful, they were able to bring closure to their relationships. They were making the most of their last time together.

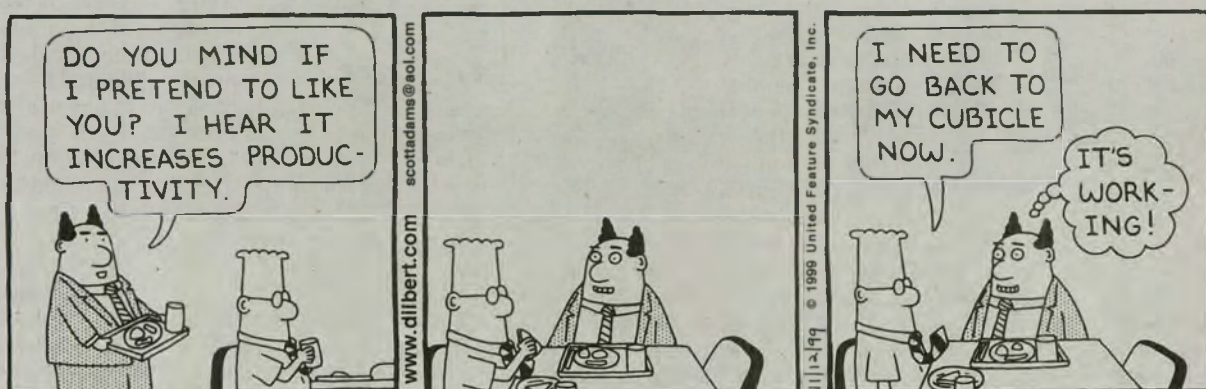
Last night I watched "Saving Private Ryan." The scenes when a soldier died and his buddy pulled "the letter" to be sent home seemed to give some closure to the dead soldier. However, the scene when the medic is dying in the hands of his comrade haunted me. Just prior to his death, the medic keeps calling, "Mommy, Mommy, Mommy." I wonder if he too had let his last time with his mother slip by.

For me, it has been an interesting few weeks. I have been with the president on two occasions and Vice President Gore last Monday. I am peeping first-hand through a hole in the cloth of history — a perspective few are privileged enough to witness. Yet I would trade it for my life 20 years ago when Father Griff offered advice, Grandma Ciccone baked bread and canned peppers and Kevin Walsh sent me an outrageously irreverent Christmas card.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This passion, and the death of a dear friend, would go near to make a man look sad."

William Shakespeare
"A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Unjust sentence tests legal system

Now that the Middle East is back at the top of the news, we can expect discussion of the case of Jonathan Pollard, the Navy intelligence researcher who pleaded guilty of giving secrets to Israel and was sentenced in 1987 to life in prison. The standard view is that Pollard is a "traitor" who did great damage to the security of the United States; that he got off lightly and should have been shot; and that the proceedings against him were fair. The reality is different. While I wrote part of Pollard's brief in the Court of Appeals, I do not want to rehash the case. But let me note some strange aspects you may not hear about in the media.



Charles Rice

Right
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Wrong?

Pollard and his crime are reprehensible. But never before has an American citizen received a life sentence for spying for an allied nation; the usual sentences range from two to eight years. In 1992, the Court of Appeals, by a 2-1 vote, upheld the denial of Pollard's move to withdraw his guilty plea. "[I]t cannot be said," concluded the court, "that justice completely miscarried." Judge Williams, in dissent, called the sentencing "a fundamental miscarriage of justice." We can mention here only one point.

In the plea agreement, the government made three promises to Pollard, including an implicit one not to seek a life sentence. "The government," Judge Williams said, "complied in spirit with none of its promises; with the third, it complied in neither letter nor spirit." In the agreement, the only reference to statements the government might make to the sentencing judge in camera, i.e., off the record, was that "representations concerning [Pollard's] cooperation [with the government after his arrest] may have to be made to the Court in camera." Instead, the Government submitted in camera a 46-page classified memo by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger which focused not on Pollard's "cooperation" but on the claim that Pollard did great damage to the United States. Weinberger, who was indicted for perjury on Iran-Contra and pardoned by President Bush, claimed in September 1999 that the sentencing judge himself made a "formal official request" that Weinberger submit that secret memo.

Pollard's attorneys were not told that the judge requested that memo. They received only a censored version of it although both of his attorneys had full security clearances. Defense attorneys have no absolute right to see such sentencing materials. But the only reference in the plea agreement to in-camera submission was to information favorable to Pollard with respect to his cooperation.

Would Pollard have signed the

plea agreement if the government had said that it would present to the court in camera, not information on Pollard's "cooperation," but allegations about the damage Pollard did to national security, allegations which Pollard would have no real chance to rebut because he would not be allowed to see them in full? Pollard is an unworthy character who betrayed his country's trust. But if they can blind-side a Pollard, they can do it to any of us.

Weinberger also submitted an unclassified statement which said it was difficult to "conceive of greater harm to national security" than that done by Pollard and that his punishment "should reflect the magnitude of the treason committed, and the needs of national security."

While Weinberger's statement, said Judge Williams, "did not expressly endorse a life sentence [it] implied an appeal for the maximum. Weinberger's reference to treason took the point further. Whereas treason carries the death penalty and involves aiding the nation's enemies, Pollard was charged with espionage, carrying a maximum of life imprisonment and encompassing aid even to friendly nations."

The emphasis in the case through the signing of the plea agreement corresponded to the indictment's explicit charge only that the information Pollard conveyed "would be used to the advantage of Israel." Once the agreement was signed, the government shifted its emphasis from Israeli benefit to damage to the United States. It was a bait and switch. It was not illegal. But it is cause for concern because government officials have waged a media campaign to keep Pollard in prison on that basis, that his spying did great damage to the United States, an offense for which he was not explicitly indicted and against which he now has no real chance to defend himself.

A Washington Post editorial last January asked, "Cannot a way be found to pierce some of the secrecy and provide the public with a better means of judging whether fairness was achieved in this case? [Pollard] is in the position of having his fate determined in part by materials to which he had no access and proceedings of which he was not a part."

The test of a legal system is not how it treats the best among us, but how it deals with the worst. Pollard's punishment is beyond the usual. He is kept in prison through leaked and unrefutable media assertions that go beyond the charge on which he was explicitly indicted. This is a case of permanent imprisonment for undisclosed reasons of state security. The 20th century has seen too many examples of that practice. It should not be imported into the law of the United States.

Professor Rice is on the law school faculty. His column appears every other Friday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ahmad misinterprets Pakistan presentation

Under the heading, "Taliban's abuse of women's rights is not peace" columnist Nakasha Ahmad (The Observer, Nov. 11, 1999) gave a wrong picture of what I had said in my presentation on Oct. 28 at the Hesburg Center concerning the coup in Pakistan.

Ahmad attributed that I am supporting the policies of Taliban in Afghanistan vis-a-vis the women population of that country. To put the record straight, while expressing my views about the Taliban rule in Afghanistan I had said that, "we tend to overreact to the situation in Afghanistan while undermining the fact that since 1995 till the present, more than 90 percent of Afghanistan which is under the control of Taliban is peaceful."

I was trying to prove the fact that, unlike the days when the Soviet troops had occupied Afghanistan and in the post-Soviet withdrawal period when infighting among warring Afghan factions had played havoc by killing millions of Afghans, one can see peace and stability in that country.

Whether the peace is the "peace of the graveyard" or is "genuine" was not discussed by me. To be precise, I was simply

narrating the fact that Afghanistan of today is more peaceful than it was couple of years ago.

Similarly, I did not discuss the issue of the violation of human rights or the rights of women by the ruling Taliban. Moreover, in my presentation I had made it clear that I don't support the policies of Taliban, particularly those implemented by them against religious minorities and women.

I am surprised that Nakasha Ahmad misinterpreted my contention and wrote in her column that, "Dr. Ahmar exhibits a rash disregard for the rights of women that I find, quite frankly dangerous." It is strange that she didn't ask me a question or make a comment before she wrote her column. If we follow the norms of intellectual honesty, then she should have at least sought clarifications from me instead of writing a column which is totally untrue and devoid of basic honesty.

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Follow your heart, reclaim your purity

In Father Jim Lies' Campus Ministry column on Nov. 11, he wrote about chastity and applauded those students who have chosen virginity and proclaim it. I am proud to be one of those students, but I would like to remind Father Lies that virginity is not the only valuable possession young people can lose through immature dating relationships. Purity is just as difficult, if not more difficult, to commit to than virginity is. You can call it "getting action," "booty" or "play." You can say what base you got to. You can use all sorts of crude terms. But we all know what we're talking about — that shady area which occupies virginity but not purity. I'm willing to bet the majority of us have participated in it. And I'm willing to bet I'm not the only one who regrets it. "We will not say more with our bodies than we mean with our hearts." It sounds like a good enough prescription. Perhaps it could be a bit better with the reminder tacked on that we don't always know what we mean with our hearts. I was once in a relationship which, at the time, felt wonderful. He was my first boyfriend and he seemed to adore me and everything was sugary-sweet. Was it love? Not even close. It was two immature teenagers who just wanted a relationship for the sake of a relationship. So we went out for five months and

did things that we thought a "relationship" entailed — things which I could not, even with my most convoluted logic, describe as pure or even good. Frankly, I am disgusted and ashamed when I look back on it. When I think about the things I did with, and to, my body ... when I think of how shallow and

insincere that relationship was ... I still have not forgiven myself.

Has he? I don't know. I haven't seen him for almost a year and a half. I don't think I could look him in the eye. I know this story sounds familiar to too many of my fellow students. And the most painful thing about it is that this situation has gone unaddressed so many times. Virginity is, in a way, mainstream. We hear about it relatively often and are encouraged to pursue it and reclaim it.

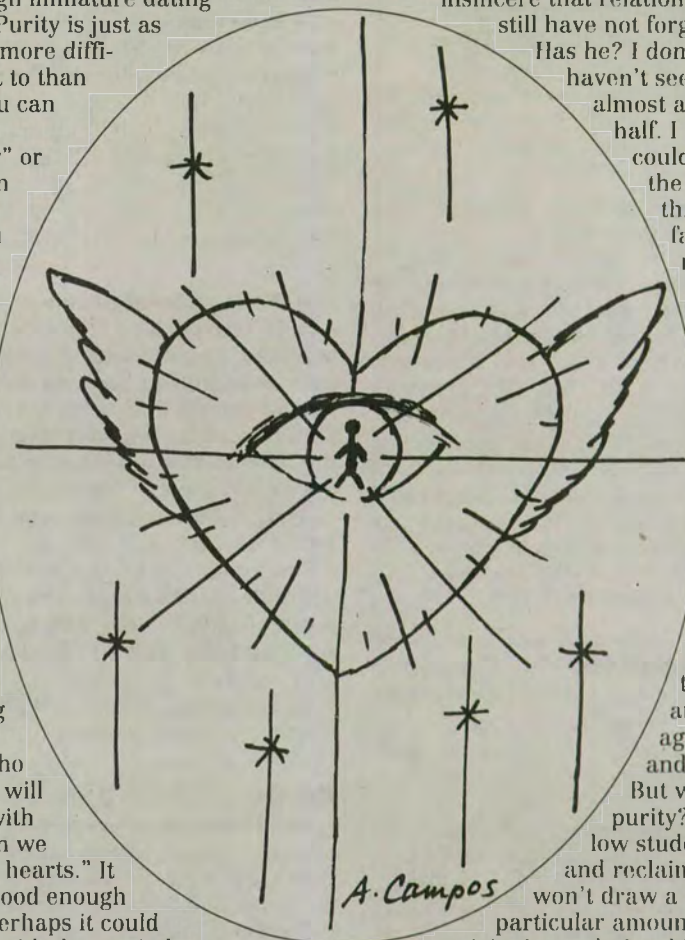
But what about purity? I urge my fellow students to pursue and reclaim that too. I won't draw a line and say a particular amount of physical activity in a relationship is OK, and this amount is wrong. I think we all know in our hearts. If you ever feel like you might be going too far, stop. Stop right there. You may regret it far more than you'd think.

Sheila Payne

Freshman,

Cavanaugh Hall

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MARY CALASH/The Observer

Everyone uses restrooms. But not everybody has the pleasure of using nice restrooms. Yes, not all bathrooms are nice.

The male perspective: Best and worst of restrooms at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's

There is one sure-fire way to revive a lagging conversation on this campus, at least among men.

"Football?" you might say.

Maybe, I shrug.

"Religion then. Or perhaps politics?"

Yawn, I wickedly retort, and double yawn.

"Hmmm," you say. "Hmmm, what ever could it be?"

Ah, that is the question, say I, and the answer is simple. Restrooms.

From the youngest of freshmen, to the most ancient member of the administration, there is a common thread that weaves between us all, and it all lands squarely in the toilet.

I know, I realize, that many are reading this and thinking, "Oh that is just gross. This is just beyond worth reading. What is Cappy Gagnon going to think about this?"

And maybe you're right. Maybe you're right. But maybe you're wrong.

You see, the restroom is something so much larger than it initially seems. The restroom holds the mirror up to the world and says, "This is who you are! This what you value!" and sometimes, "This is who you value!" One can watch America's history change by watching America's restroom. Whether it was the site of racial segregation, of teenagers tasting their first taste of smokey rebellion or sometimes, these days, of a unisex experiment, the restroom has been a reflective surface in which we can view ourselves. And that, my friends, is what makes this article worthwhile.

The Best at Notre Dame

Main Building: Need it even be pondered, considered for a second even, that the best toilets on this campus would not be found underneath the Golden Dome?

No, not really.

Upon entering through daunting wooden doors to this utopian water closet, one is surrounded by the sensation of ... of cleanliness, of refreshment, of renewal, of this sudden and all-encompassing yes-ness. This bathroom has somehow captured the essence of a York Peppermint Patty.

It is the only public bathroom on campus, perhaps in the world, that actually made me feel cleaner for having seen it. Bright white lighting and tiles, delightful wood paneling on the stall doors, a small gold ornament between each pair of hot and cold knobs on the sinks. A water fountain right inside the restroom itself! To be frank, Heaven with toi-

lets.

Hurley Hall: I tell you what, if you're out walking about South Quad, and nature calls you to powder your nose, the vastly emptied Hurley Hall is not a bad choice to take advantage of. Windows that open up to a courtyard; one can hear the birds chirping away. Marble stalls. Plenty of privacy. It is old-fashioned in many ways, yes, but I tell you what: Classy comes together with Privacy to make Clavacy, and though I don't know what that means precisely, it is probably really good.

The Best at Saint Mary's

You are over at Saint Mary's, you're a man, and you need to go real bad.

Pardner, you are largely out of luck, but if you do have to choose, may I suggest that you head on over to the first floor of the Moreau Center for the Performing Arts. Plenty of spacious stalls and numerous sinks; and an adjoining room designed for changing clothes and applying stage makeup, should the need arise. Not a great restroom, but believe me, you can do horrendously worse.

The Worst at Saint Mary's

Holy Cross Hall Lobby: As long as Saint Mary's is in the focus, attention should be turned to one of the worst bathrooms in North America. It is actually less a bathroom than it is a toilet sauna box. When one opens the door to this toilet sauna box, located in the lobby of Holy Cross Hall, the hot breath of Hell rushes out and smacks you in the eyes.

You expect to see large men in towels seated inside, but realize they must have melted. A pipe inside the tiny box is apparently the source of hot water to the entire campus, and much of northern Indiana. A vastly unpleasant experience, this bathroom. It's worth the walk to Moreau.

The Worst at Notre Dame

The Hesburgh Library Basement: This is touchy, risque, but it cannot be avoided. During your freshman year at Notre Dame, at one time or another, at least one person will tell you to never, ever use the restrooms in the basement of the library. These people are not mistaken. It has a reputation that now plays a more distinct and unclouded role in Notre Dame lore than Father Sorin or the Four Horsemen ever will. I had never been in these restrooms myself until it came time to write this article, and I did so hesitantly.

And people, the bathroom is a sacred place. I don't have to tell you that. Leave sex in the bedrooms, the restaurants and the

baseball stadiums. Men and women, hetero- and homo-, it makes no difference. We're all brothers and sisters, and we all know this: that the bathroom is for evacuating our bowels and emptying our bladders. When I'm getting ready to do my business, I do not want to look over at the toilet paper holder and read that some stranger is, "Hot to lick low-hangers." No. No I don't. Be ye man or woman, I care not for your desire to lick low-hangers. The disturbing scrawl in the basement is enough by itself to make it one of the worst.

O'Shaughnessy Hall: The O'Shag bathrooms (not a clever reference back to the library) are quite horrid. The urinals themselves have two strikes against them right off the bat.

First of all, they are shaped like the lower half of Sammy the Pelican's mouth. You can't do that into a pelican! Especially now that I've pointed it out. Secondly, there are no dividers between the urinals, and as they are the jutting, low-placed pelican mouth variety of urinal, there is little chance of hiding anything, if my drift is captured. And believe me, I am not raising the complaint out of my own insecurity. It's the self-esteem of the rest of the guys on campus I'm worried about.

And, to top it off, the rest of the bathroom is prison-like, particularly in the windowless first-floor location, where everything is crud-nasty, and a fella has to pretty much curl up in the toilet bowl to get the stall door open far enough to leave the foul thing.

Honorable Mentions

The Eck Visitor's Center: Always one of the best-cleaned facilities on campus.

LaFortune: The hypochondriac special — so full of sensors that if you manage to open the door with your foot on your way out, you haven't had to touch a single thing that wasn't yours in the first place.

Decio Hall: Neat, tunnel-like enclosure leading to urinals.

Dishonorable Mentions

The Hesburgh Library Tower:

Incessantly reek of candied urine, toilets flush like rocket launch, and not exactly spacious.

The South Dining Hall Basement: Lord, the unnatural stench of the place.

Saint Mary's Dining Hall Basement: Gack! **Basement, Holy Cross Hall:** Bathroom designed, according to outside source, in such a manner that every noise created in bathroom is not only audible, but amplified in hallway outside of restroom.

Alumni/Senior Bar: Reasons too abundant and obvious.

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Restrooms are not just about relief, the

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Wash those hands. Especially if handling food. Sinks are a common inclusion in restroom technology.

The female perspective: American pop culture and the women's lavatory

Did you ever notice those checklists on the back of restroom doors? Filled with some manager's dutiful check marks at half-hour intervals, you'd swear it was some efficiency boast for that restaurant, shopping mall, whatever.

Toilet paper. Check.

Paper towel. Yep.

Clean floor. You know it.

Those check marks, those initials ... they make the bathroom what it is.

Notre Dame doesn't play those reindeer games. The women's bathrooms are always clean. In the same way moving to the country lulls you out of lock-the-car-door mode, Notre Dame breaks you of checking for toilet paper before you choose your stall. It's there. Really.

Not only are there paper towel dispensers, there's usually a roll hanging out by the sink for the lazy and/or near-sighted. And right next to it is a hand dryer, so you can customize which resource you want to squander. Best of all, we don't need to rely on the check marks of strangers to boost our confidence; it also frees this reviewer to focus on what really matters ...

Most Slapstick Restroom

Forgiveness and cat-like reflexes help a lot when you frequent the second floor women's restroom in O'Shaughnessy Hall. Things can get dicey in the three-foot vestibule and often, in that brief moment when I take that one step after the first door closes behind me and I prepare to face the post-bathroom world, I think of that great old Soul lyric: "Nowhere to run to, baby. Nowhere to hide."

Why?

Because when the other door swings in, I am living it. Those initiated know: You can't pin your back against either wall — you'll get hit in the face. If you jump back against the door you just exited, it too will swing inward and you will probably land square on your tail-bone and skid across the really clean tile floor.

This isn't to say I don't like it. Sure I've taken a doorknob in the gut, but I've also been the giver of that gift. It's not that bad and in a slightly more alert world, I'm sure it would never happen. I've never even skidded across the floor, but I have heard myself squeal like a geek in surprise. In some ways, this bathroom is a tribute to Harry Houdini, old Jerry Lewis movies and "Three's Company's" physical comedy virtuoso, Jack Tripper.

Most Arrested Development-Inducing Restroom

Speaking of geeks, I remember also wastoids, dweebies and weirdos, and suddenly I am back in eighth grade and it's 1987. The girls' lav was the place to hog the mirror, crimp your hair, apply more Electric Youth perfume and start a fist-fight, all in the three minutes between Civics and Wood Shop. There is no Notre Dame equivalent, but a more refined '90s version may just be any of the women's restrooms along the main hall in DeBartolo, before classes begin and especially, early in the semester.

Despite the fact that these bathrooms are quite roomy, there have been times when I had to rely on the agility I developed in the Slapstick Bathroom just to navigate my way to a stall. Hands are washing, ponytails adjusting and someone with a bulging book bag strapped to her back is invariably waiting for her friend, right in the middle of it all. I'm awkward and I catch myself, looking in the big, shiny mirror, head down, slouching, frowning and I'm trapped in "My So-Called Life: The College Years."

1950s Glamour Fantasy Restrooms

And you thought college was coffee and khakis. If you've ever yearned to travel through time to wherever sophisticated ladies gave their tiresome dates the slip by saying, "I'm going to powder my nose," you are not alone.

Ah, the thought of retiring to the "lounge" equipped with all the things we modern women associate with bathrooms, plus a snazzy extra room with tiny couches and lighted vanity mirrors! You could just sit and gossip with your new bathroom friends, re-apply your lipstick, even smoke a cigarette (how unladylike!). Okay, these days, few of us smoke and certainly not in campus buildings, and when we do run into our friends in the bathrooms, we generally grunt something about being busy, then move on. But these museum-like spaces do exist, even if it would take stringing yet another iMac so we can check our e-mail through them to get us to sit down.

The women's restroom in the basement of the library has a lounge area, as does the one-staller just inside the main entry of O'Shaughnessy. My favorite, though, is the one that actually has "Women's Lounge" written right on the door! It's near the English Office on third floor of O'Shag. It's mostly for women who work in the offices nearby, so the door is usually locked.

You just have to believe me on this one.

In addition to two toilet-and-sink combo-

stalls, there's a wooden table with chairs around it and two Nagahyde-covered "chaise lounges," if you will, that sort of remind me of where I woke up after I had my wisdom teeth yanked. Bring your Hot Pot and you can live there.

Action Restroom

Not all restrooms can be about serenity and making new friends, though. Some require athletic prowess, like the women's restroom in the Hammes Bookstore. It really is a nice bathroom: tasteful but not intimidating, clean and often ambitiously fresh-scented, like that store at the mall that wants you to think you are at a farmer's market, even though you are buying bath gel. The faucets are automatic. Comforting, isn't it, knowing you don't have to touch any germ-ridden handles to get that water?

Things get a little trickier: the toilets are also self-flushing, a concept that sounds even more thoughtful than the no-touch faucets. It is, until the water really starts whirling. Honestly, my first experience with this bathroom had me admiring the vigor of that flush. I thought: whirlpool. I thought: fountain. A second later, a thin jet of (clean, but still) water casually shot out of the toilet, a few drops hitting me on the shoulder.

Moral of the story? Scramble away. It's no fluke, either; it happens all the time. By now, I guess you could say I respond automatically.

Celebrity Wanna-Be Bathroom

If you love celebrity magazines like I love celebrity magazines, you also love features on dreamy stars and their digs. I've been "at home" with so many actors and musicians, I drool like Pavlov's dogs every time I see brushed-stainless steel used in decorating kitchens and bathrooms. So sleek and cool, but somehow so not like the industrial kitchens where I've slung many a burrito in my time, the dull gleam of expensive appliances and counter-tops paints my heart gunmetal gray.

I guess that's why I pick Reckers' women's restroom as my very favorite. I also love the faux-rough tile walls and the fact that this space is very dim for a bathroom. It's the un-bathroom and the one I admire most. Ironically enough, on the back of the door there is a check-list that I all but declared superfluous earlier in this review. Maybe it exists in some parallel Notre Dame universe where bathrooms contain no '80s flashbacks, no chaise lounges and no Jerry Lewis.

On second thought, that's crazy.



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are about comfortability.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Stanford upsets Duke with 10-0 overtime run

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Michael McDonald's two 3-pointers keyed Stanford's 10-0 run in overtime and the 13th-ranked Cardinal held on for an 80-79 victory over No. 10 Duke on Thursday night in the opening game of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic at Madison Square Garden.

Stanford will play the winner of the second game between No. 1 Connecticut and Iowa in Friday night's championship game.

The Cardinal outscored Duke 8-2 over the final 39 seconds of regulation to force overtime.

Chris Carrawell made two free throws 33 seconds into the extra session to give Duke its final lead and McDonald, who scored eight points, started the run with the two 3s. David Moseley's layup and Jason Collins' dunk gave Stanford a 78-70 lead with 2:03 left.

Carrawell then scored seven points in Duke's 9-2 run to close the game but it wasn't enough.

Carrawell's tip-in made it

80-79 with eight seconds left. Stanford freshman Casey Jacobsen missed two free throws with 4.6 seconds left and Moseley grabbed the rebound of the second but was called for traveling.

Duke had another chance, but Nate James' 25-footer bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

Moseley led Stanford with 20 points and Mark Madsen, the only returning starter from last season, had 15.

Carrawell, one of two starters back from Duke's team that reached the NCAA championship game last season, finished with a career-high 28 points, while Battier, the other, had 19 and freshman Jason Williams added 13.

Carrawell's previous best was 19 points against North Carolina as a sophomore.

Ryan Mendez and Moseley each hit 3-pointers in Stanford's run to close regulation.

After Jarron Collins' layup tied it 68-68 for Stanford with 3.8 seconds left, Duke missed a chance to win in regulation when Battier's last-second jumper bounced off the rim.

LPGA

Pak putts way to one-stroke lead

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS

No longer under a spotlight so glaring it made her sick, Se Ri Pak quietly went about her business Thursday and wound up with a 6-under 66 for a one-stroke lead after the first round of the LPGA Tour Championship.

On a still, sunny day just off the Las Vegas Strip, Pak birdied five of the first seven holes on the back nine of the Desert Inn Golf Club, then capped her round with a solid save of par on the 18th hole.

Janice Moodie of Scotland birdied three of the last four holes for a 67, while six-time winner Karrie Webb got off to a solid start in her bid to clinch player of the year and smash the LPGA Tour's season scoring average.

Webb struggled coming in but still managed a 68 and was tied with Kelly Robbins and Lorie Kane. Juli Inkster, paired with Webb, bogeyed the final hole and was at 70.

The year has belonged almost exclusively to Webb and Inkster, who between them have won 11 tournaments and three of the four major championships. They also are the only two players to surpass \$1 million in earn-

ings.

Pak remembers what it was like to have everyone watching her every move. Just last year, she took the tour by storm as a 20-year-old by winning back-to-back majors and four times during a season that left her physically and emotionally spent.

She has won three times this year, but has been somewhat lost amid the success of Webb and Inkster.

"Did they forget about me? Maybe," Pak said, flashing a smile that showed how much control she has of her life. "This year, Julie and Karrie, it is their season. They play so good and play so strong. I don't mind trying to follow them. Having fun out there, all season. Feel more relaxed. Just enjoy it more."

When she's not overpowering a golf course, Pak has been making the transition to freedom from parents who "keep looking at me like little baby" and a Korean press that used to chronicle her every step.

She is cooking and doing her own laundry, making her own schedule and staying out as late as she wants. She no longer has an entourage around her to tell her what to do and when to do it.

Pak took control of her life

by dumping swing coach David Leadbetter and firing her Korean manager, turning over her affairs to IMG.

"Everything is perfect. Better than last year," she said.

And, as she showed Thursday, she can still play.

None of her six birdie putts was longer than eight feet, and had nothing more than a 9-iron for her approach shots on the back nine.

"Just every hole, I do my best," she said. "Sometimes it works, sometimes it not work. But today, I just feel so good."

Webb has felt good all year. Along with winning six times and getting her first major championship in the du Maurier, she has only finished outside the top 10 in three out of 24 tournaments this year.

The result is a 69.45 scoring average, a mark so astounding that Webb could afford four rounds at 81 and still beat the record of 69.99 that Annika Sorenstam set last year.

"Now I can shoot an 85 one day," she said. "I'm not really thinking about that. Obviously, I want to play well this week, to have as low a scoring average as I possibly can and set the record ... and see how long it takes for someone to break it."

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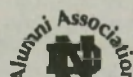
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Boggs calls it quits after 18 seasons

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. Rather than pack his bags and leave home again, Wade Boggs decided 3,010 career hits were enough.

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays didn't offer the 41-year-old third baseman an opportunity to play for them again next season, so he accepted a chance to move into the front office with duties as an advance scout and evaluator of young talent.

Saying he had been spoiled the last two seasons by being able to live year-round in the area where he grew up, Boggs consulted fellow 3,000-hit club members Robin Yount and George Brett, as well as some current players and friends, before turning to his dad, Win, for some fatherly advice.

"I asked him if I could catch Pete Rose," the career hits leader with 4,256. "He said: 'Son, you're not going to be able to play that long.'"

Boggs, the only player to hit a home run for his 3,000th hit, said the conversation on a fishing outing in North Florida essentially sealed his decision.

He considered the possibility of playing a year or two with his fourth major league team, but concluded the future was brighter as an assistant to Devil Rays general manager Chuck LaMar.

"This is all new. I know how to get a hit. I know how to catch a ground ball. I know how to throw a baseball. Those

three areas, I've had to master since I was 18 months old," Boggs said at a news conference at Tropicana Field. "At the age of 41, I'm starting something new, different and exciting."

Boggs played 18 seasons in the majors with the Devil Rays, Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees. He became the 23rd player to reach 3,000 hits on Aug. 7, homering off Cleveland's Chris Haney just a half-hour's ride from where he grew up playing Little League ball.

A month after reaching the plateau, the 12-time all-star and two-time gold glove winner had season-ending surgery to repair torn cartilage in his right knee.

The Devil Rays faced a deadline Wednesday to exercise a \$1 million option on the contract he signed two years ago when he returned home to help Tampa Bay launch an expansion franchise.

He entered discussions with the team last month, thinking he still had a future as a player. But Tampa Bay, wanting to exercise a \$250,000 buyout, pushed for him to head in another direction, clearing the way for the team to upgrade at third base through a trade, free agency or younger players within the organization.

"You see so many players who try to hold on and try to stay in the game," Boggs said. "For one reason or another, they were not as fortunate as I was to obtain a World Series

ring or something along those lines to allow me to walk away."

Boggs was selected to 12 consecutive All-Star games from 1985-96, the year he finally won a World Series championship with the Yankees. He also was the only player this century with seven straight 200-hit seasons, set an AL rookie record with a .349 average in 1982 and hit .300 better in 15 of his 18 big-league seasons.

He hit .301 with two homers and 29 RBIs in 1999, joining Ty Cobb, Lou Brock and Roberto Clemente — all Hall of Famers — as players who retired after hitting .300 in their final season.

"It wasn't an easy decision because an athlete can always look in the mirror and say OK, I can still play. Deep down inside, probably I thought I still could," Boggs said. "But why not go out on top. I've always said: 'I'll never embarrass myself in this game.'"

Asked to recall the biggest moment in his career, Boggs said there were two that he treasured equally.

"Riding the horse at Yankee Stadium," he said, recalling the World Series celebration following his greatest accomplishment as a member of a team. "And kneeling down and kissing home plate after I hit the home run for the 3,000th hit."

He joked that perhaps the happiest people about his decision to retire were his wife and kids.

Williams earns AL Manager of Year award

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Jimmy Williams is a lot better at managing than he is at talking about what he does.

"I just try to listen to our kids, not talk at them or to them," he said Thursday after winning the American League Manager of the Year award for leading the Boston Red Sox into the playoffs.

"It's a two-way conversation. I let my eyes evaluate what I see."

Despite the loss of Mo Vaughn, Williams led Boston to the AL wild-card berth. For that, he received 20 of 28 first-place votes and five seconds for 115 points from the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"As far as I'm concerned, this is a team award," Williams said. "It's pretty special."

Oakland's Art Howe was second for keeping the Athletics in contention until September despite a \$25.2 million payroll, 24th among the 30 major league teams. He got five firsts, 19 seconds and three thirds for 85 points.

Joe Torre of the World Series champion Yankees, last year's winner, was third with 21 points, followed by Johnny Oates of the Texas Rangers with 18 and Mike Hargrove, fired by the Cleveland Indians after losing to Boston in the playoffs,

with 13. Hargrove will manage Baltimore next season.

Boston had been expected to struggle after Vaughn left as a free agent and signed with the Anaheim Angels.

"Certainly Mo was an integral part of this ballclub in the past years, but wasn't with our team," Williams said. "He was with another team, and you have to move on. We weren't trying to replace Mo. Maybe some other players could step up and do a little more here and a little more there. Basically, that's what happened. A lot of different people stepped up."

Boston, 22 games behind the New York Yankees when it won the AL wild-card in 1998, finished only four games back this year, improving from 92-70 to 94-68.

The Red Sox pressed New York in September, sweeping a three-game series at Yankee Stadium and closing within three games during the final two weeks.

After the votes were cast, the Red Sox overcame a 2-0 deficit to beat the Cleveland Indians in the best-of-5 first-round series, then lost to the Yankees in the AL Championship Series.

"The thing I felt good about was being down 0-2 and coming back and watching these kids win," he said.

Williams wouldn't look ahead to trying to catch the Yankees next season.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Trade deal returns Ashby to Phillies

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Andy Ashby sees returning to Philadelphia as an opportunity to take care of some unfinished business from earlier in the decade.

"The thing I look at most is to come back and try to redeem myself," said Ashby, acquired by the Phillies late Wednesday from San Diego for pitchers Carlton Loewer, Steve Montgomery and Adam Eaton.

Ashby returns to the Philadelphia organization that signed him as a non-drafted free agent in 1986. He spent the last six-plus seasons with San Diego and posted a career-best 17 wins against nine losses in 1998 during the Padres' march to the World Series.

"When I left here in '93, I said I didn't have bad feelings toward Philadelphia," Ashby said.

"I totally understand the business part of it. If you don't do your job, things are going to change. I didn't pitch well when I was here."

That's not completely true.

On June 15, 1991, just five days after his major league debut, Ashby became the first Phillie ever to strike out the side on nine pitches in a start against Cincinnati. He also became just the 11th pitcher in

major league history to accomplish the feat.

Less than 24 hours before this trade, Ashby didn't know he would be coming back.

"I thought it was going to be another month or July before anything would take place," Ashby said. "Me and my wife were talking last night. Next thing I know, it's 11:00, the phone rang and K.T. [San Diego General Manager Kevin Towers] said we have a deal done."

"I said, 'Where is it?' He said, 'Philly.' In a way it was hard, because I have all the respect in the world for San Diego."

"It's been a pretty interesting couple of weeks. But I'm happy it's over with. I'm happy to be back in Philadelphia."

Ashby stands to make a base salary of \$5.9 million in 2000 and can become a free agent at the end of next season. However, he hasn't given much thought to his contract status.

"Right now, I'm just glad to be with a team," said Ashby. "I really haven't had the opportunity to become a free agent. The past two weeks I know what it feels like, though. The past couple of days, it's been pretty crazy ... Right now, I'm just trying to get my feet wet and get back and do what I have to do to get ready for spring training."

Griffey wants to be closer to home

Associated Press

DANA POINT, Calif.

The great Griffey chase goes on, at least to Anaheim and the winter meetings, and maybe beyond.

The general managers' meetings ended Thursday with Ken Griffey Jr. remaining the property of the Seattle Mariners, who are attempting to comply with the slugger's wish that he be traded closer to his Orlando, Fla., home.

Three big trades were made this week, including Thursday's five-player deal sending 1996 AL Cy Young winner Pat Hentgen from Toronto to the St. Louis Cardinals. Otherwise, GMs laid the groundwork for future deals, many of which could come at the winter meetings Dec. 10-14 in Anaheim.

Three facts about the Griffey talks that emerged here are that about 3-4 teams could be serious players in the sweepstakes, getting Griffey will cost plenty and there's a concern about giving up a lot only to face the prospect of having Griffey leave as a free agent after the 2000 season.

St. Louis Cardinals GM Walt Jocketty said he had dinner one night this week with Mark McGwire, and the subject of the two sluggers playing in the same lineup came up.

"We'd love to have him here, but he [McGwire] also realizes

that we have to stay competitive," Jocketty said.

Seattle GM Pat Gillick said he had three conversations regarding Griffey on Thursday, but none were as good as an apparently intriguing offer that the Mariners rejected on Wednesday.

"We told them at the time that we rejected it," Gillick said. "We kind of reflected on it overnight. It's interesting."

"I think we can go back and restart it," he said.

Gillick wouldn't be more specific, other than to say the team that made that offer had met previously with the Mariners.

The four teams believed to have the most serious interest are Griffey's hometown Cincinnati Reds, the New York Mets, the Cardinals and the Houston Astros, although the latter two are believed to be on the periphery.

Cincinnati GM Jim Bowden said Wednesday that Seattle would want all the Reds' best players for Griffey, effectively making them non-competitive after coming within one victory of the playoffs.

But Bowden clearly is intrigued with the prospect of landing Griffey. The Reds made five offers to the Mariners here, all of which were rejected. The Reds, who rebuffed three Seattle offers, did not speak with the Mariners on Thursday.

So where do the Mariners go

from here?

"I just think we have to be patient, let the things kind of churn," Gillick said.

Gillick said the Mariners aren't disappointed they haven't moved Griffey yet.

"We're fine. I think you've just got to kind of stick with it. Hopefully something will materialize," he said. "If it doesn't, we'll just keep the guy. For the 2000 season, hopefully that could be a good situation. It might not work out in the end."

Jocketty said the Cardinals waded into the Griffey talks, "and we kind of waded out quickly, too."

"I think it's going to be a little rich for us. The problem is the uncertainty whether Griffey would stay after next year. If you have to give up top-level players — and it would be top-level players — that's pretty tough to do."

Jocketty noted that a lot of people didn't know whether McGwire would stay with the Cardinals after they traded for him during the 1997 season.

With Griffey, "it's a pretty big gamble. We're talking about much greater players than we gave up for McGwire."

Toronto, meanwhile, made its second big deal in four days, sending Hentgen and left-handed reliever Paul Spoljaric to the Cardinals for left-hander Lance Painter, catcher Alberto Castillo and minor league pitcher Matt DeWitt.



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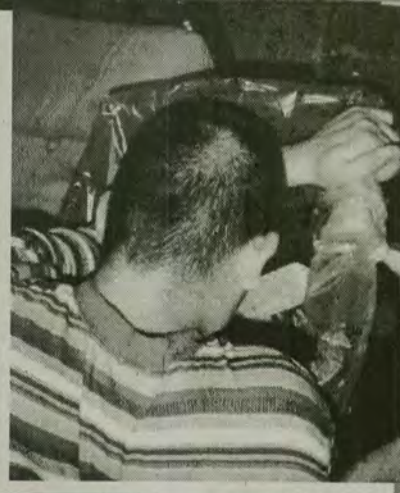
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BOXING

Holyfield-Lewis bout makes for hard sell

Associated Press

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Boxing is not an easy sell at the moment, something the people behind Holyfield-Lewis II are finding out only too well. The feds are crawling all over it. The scent of corruption is in the air. Even honest fights don't smell much better.

People are being dragged in front of grand juries. Large men wearing sunglasses and bearing subpoenas turned up at Don King's office doors not too long ago.

Last week, prosecutors charged International Boxing Federation president Dr. Bob Lee and other officials with taking bribes from promoters and managers to fix rankings almost from the day he hung an "IBF" shingle over his door.

And now the politicians are getting into the act. After decades of promising to do something about boxing, this week they actually did, sending the Muhammad Ali Boxing Act to President Clinton's desk to be signed into law. It won't "get rid of the bandits and parasites in this sport," as Ring Magazine breathlessly reported, but it might do some good down the road. And at least it's a start.

Problems inside the ring are at least as daunting. There aren't many fights out there with the "ka-ching" of a big pay-per-view event. The hope that a welterweight might take over evaporated just about the time Oscar De La Hoya was polishing the dull edges on his uninspired loss to Felix Trinidad.

Among the heavyweights, the news hasn't been good. The spectacle of Mike Tyson is wearing thin. A core audience would pay to see him brush his teeth, but most people draw the line for his fights at premium cable. The casino crowd doesn't turn out like it used to, either, and cleaning up after him is less and less worth the expense or the bother. George Foreman is too old. David Tua and Michael Grant aren't there yet.

Things are so bad that one of the wise guys on "Sports Center" closed a recent piece recapping all the bizarre inci-

dents in boxing the last few years by practically begging "Fan Man" — the goof who tried to parachute into the middle of the Holyfield-Riddick Bowe fight a few years ago — to reprise his act. Which brings us back to Holyfield-Lewis II.

It was the fight everybody wanted to see — the first time. It turned into a farce.

Holyfield is that rare athlete who can be called a "warrior" without exaggeration, but he can be awkward and for a battle to occur, his opponent has to bring it. Lewis didn't — he wouldn't shed his cautious skin — even if he did do more fighting than Holyfield when they met in March at Madison Square Garden.

It was one of the least memorable fights ever, followed by one of the worst judging episodes ever, and then, by some of the lamest alibis you ever heard.

Holyfield blamed a virus and leg cramps — but only after his advisors ruled out "The dog ate my homework."

World Council judge Larry O'Connell of Britain, who scored the fight 115-115, apparently had trouble with the math. "When someone said my scorecard added up to a draw, my heart sank," he said. "I was surprised as anyone."

Eugenia Williams, the IBF judge who scored it 115-113 for Holyfield, was called before a New York state Senate committee investigating the bout. After a week of insisting she saw what she saw, Williams told the committee that maybe she was stuck looking at the back of a ring-side photographer too often — and that, after watching a replay, she would have scored it differently.

So naturally, you'd think Williams would be rushing out to ringside in Las Vegas to work it this time, or at the very least, one of the first on her block to order the pay-per-view.

Think again. Nevada regulators have insisted on providing the judges and Williams has a prior commitment.

"The children come first," she said Thursday, standing in the doorway of her Atlantic City, N.J. home.

In this case the "children" are not hers, but rather the amateur boxers she trains at the Police Athletic League gym next door. They are scheduled to fight Saturday night in a competition in Upper Darby, Pa., and that's where she'll be.

NFL

Stewart focuses on Steelers' success

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

His statistics aren't overwhelming, his confidence is skin-thin fragile at times and he often seems more intent on preventing mistakes than with making a big play.

To Kordell Stewart, the self-critical but not always self-confident quarterback, the thing that matters the most is the Pittsburgh Steelers are winning again, even if they aren't winning the way they did in 1997.

In those days, Stewart was a dangerous scrambler and an effective downfield passer, one who would risk an interception to possibly complete a long touchdown pass. Throwing and running for 32 touchdowns, he was largely responsible for the Steelers reaching the AFC championship game.

Two years later, Stewart is a changed man and a changed quarterback, perhaps because the Steelers have changed offensive coordinators three times in as many seasons.

Confused and distracted during a five-game losing streak late last season, Stewart has played much better during a three-game winning streak that again has the Steelers (5-3)

thinking playoffs.

Though he remains among the NFL's lower-rated passers, Stewart has two touchdown passes and no interceptions during the streak. He hit his first six passes for 93 yards before the rain began in a 27-6 victory Sunday in San Francisco.

"I'm not turning the ball over, I'm completing passes and doing the things I need to do as a quarterback," said Stewart, who didn't throw a touchdown pass in his last four starts last season.

Although content at times to throw safe, short passes, Stewart's pass completion percentage of 60.2 percent would rank as the highest in team history. One reason for his comeback, Stewart said, is his growing relationship with offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride.

"Sometimes he gets real excited about some things," Stewart said. "But he's always trying to push me to a limit. That's the way he is. If I complete a pass, he still tells me, 'Don't lay it down now, keep working, keep working, you can have a great game.'"

Gilbride worked hard last spring at building a relationship with Stewart, something that never developed between

Stewart and former coordinator Ray Sherman, who is now in Minnesota.

"Kevin's always trying to push me to the limit, and he says there really is no limit," Stewart said. "You can keep getting better as the days and weeks go by. He wants me to understand that just because you have a good game or throw a few good passes, there's no reason for you to not keep doing it week in and week out."

Stewart excelled in Chan Gailey's offense in 1997 in part because of their close relationship.

Stewart and Gilbride interact differently, but Stewart said that doesn't mean he enjoys working with him any less.

Gilbride decided to open up the offense in San Francisco, confident that Stewart wouldn't make poor reads or costly mistakes.

"I told him I thought it time to turn it over to him and let him win a game for us," Gilbride said. "I thought he responded beautifully."

Now, Stewart must show he can play as well at home, where the Steelers are 1-2, as they do on the road, where they are 4-1. The Cleveland Browns (1-8) visit Three Rivers Stadium on Sunday.

NBA

Houston season heavy with loss

Associated Press

HOUSTON

The Houston Rockets opened their season with losses at the polls, on the court and in the ticket booth.

It's been downhill from there. The Rockets, off to their worst start since 1992, lost their fifth straight game Wednesday night, 89-88 to the Los Angeles Lakers.

"I don't know. We just got to get it together," rookie point guard Steve Francis said.

"Everybody's angry, but

there's going to be a time when the Rockets are going to start winning some games."

Houston went in following losses to the Milwaukee Bucks, Utah Jazz, San Antonio Spurs and Orlando Magic. Wednesday's defeat included a second-quarter wrestling match between Shaquille O'Neal and Charles Barkley that led to both getting ejected.

Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich was angry his team failed to capitalize on O'Neal's departure.

"If we have to sum up what's happened so far, that's been

the key," he said. "We have not taken advantage of ... situations when they're in our favor."

Houston plays the Lakers again on Friday night.

"Of course I'm concerned," Barkley said after the loss to Orlando. "If you're not concerned, you're a fool."

On Nov. 2, voters rejected a proposal to build the team a new \$160 million arena. As ballots were being counted, the Rockets lost their season opener 98-93. That night also saw the end of the Rockets' string of 148 consecutive regular-season sellouts.

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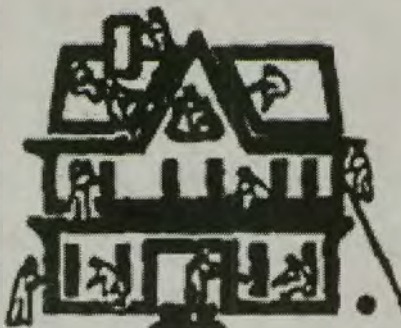
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INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Master P wraps up deal with Stingrays

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Where do multimillionaire entertainers go to live out boyhood dreams of playing professional sports?

Apparently, San Diego.

Rapper Master P, whose real name is Percy Miller, agreed Thursday to a one-year contract with the San Diego Stingrays of the new International Basketball League.

Earlier this year, country music superstar Garth Brooks joined the San Diego Padres for spring training.

It's not about the money, they say. It's about playing ball.

"If it brings publicity to San Diego and their professional leagues, that's good," said Miller, whose album, "Only God Can Judge Me," is currently one of the top sellers nationwide.

"I'm doing this because it's my dream to play in the NBA. This is going to help me get there."

Miller, a 6-foot-4 guard, has twice been rejected by the NBA. He was with the Toronto Raptors in training camp, but was waived in October. He was cut by the Charlotte Hornets during preseason tryouts last season.

"The NBA wasn't ready for me as a person," Miller said. "Some people were fearful of my success. Because of the money, they wondered, 'Is he going to show up? Is he going to practice?' It's like a liner note above my name:

"What's he going to do?"

For Jim Sims, Stingrays president and general manager, the answer is simple.

"He's in San Diego so he can clean up the things he needs to do so he can make it in the NBA," said Sims, who described Miller as a good shooter. "While he's here, he'll help the league, he'll help the Stingrays, he'll help the community and he'll help himself."

IBL contracts are for one year, with an option. The maximum salary is \$100,000. Sims wouldn't disclose Miller's salary, but he said it would be near or at the maximum. However, the money will go to the IBL's college tuition program.

Miller, who has an endorsement deal with Converse, has also agreed to supply sneakers to all eight IBL teams, he said.

The Stingrays drafted Miller in July and retained his signing rights. Coach Smokey Gaines said Miller will probably play about half of the 64 games, allowing him to pursue NBA stints.

Miller's so serious about making the big leagues he's giving up music to focus on basketball.

"I'm ready to work just like everybody else," said Miller, who wore the rapper uniform — jogging suit and diamond-studded gold chain — to Thursday's news conference, but proudly held up his No. 7 Stingrays jersey. "This is my job now. It's my chance to prove to the world that I can play basketball and

why I should be in the NBA."

One of his demands was the No. 7 jersey, in honor of his boyhood idol, the late NBA great "Pistol Pete" Maravich, who played for LSU. Miller grew up in New Orleans.

Miller will make his debut on Nov. 20, when he will guard Magic Johnson in a game against Johnson's All-Star team. The league, which starts its inaugural season Nov. 26, includes franchises in Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Cincinnati, Trenton, St. Louis, Richmond and Baltimore.

Miller, 29, said he always wanted to play basketball, but he got into "gangsta rap" after "losing my brother to the streets" and to support his family.

Miller built an empire that earned him a Forbes magazine ranking of the 10th wealthiest entertainer in 1998 — \$56.5 million, a couple of million more than Brooks.

His label, No Limit Records, had six albums on the Billboard Top 100 last year. He also owns a clothing line, a real estate company and a mall. He produces films. He has his own action figure.

Last year, Miller sold his financial interest in a sports agent business, No Limit Sports. The company represents New Orleans Saints rookie Ricky Williams, a San Diego native; Denver Nuggets guard Ron Mercer and Los Angeles Clippers guard Derek Anderson. Miller said the company will soon represent him.

An all-state high school player in Louisiana, Miller's collegiate career at Houston was cut short by a knee injury. Before signing with the Hornets, he played with the CBA's Fort Wayne Fury.

NFL

Staubach advises Aikman to stay put

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas

Although Roger Staubach left the Dallas Cowboys to avoid any more blows to his head, he doesn't believe Troy Aikman should retire after two concussions in eight days.

"Someone didn't tell me to retire," the Hall of Fame quarterback said Thursday. "I wanted to remember why I retired. I was 38. If I was 33, I wouldn't have retired."

Aikman, who turns 33 a week from Sunday, will miss a game because of a concussion for the first time in his career Sunday when Dallas plays Green Bay. Aikman has had seven concussions in his 11-year career.

With three Super Bowl victories, tens of millions of dollars in the bank and a wedding just months away, a case could be made for Aikman to walk away from football while he still can.

Staubach said the only way he could imagine Aikman even thinking about retiring would be if doctors say he should.

"Some people don't realize how intense Troy is," Staubach said. "He's got Michael Jordan's mentality on winning. Backing away is not going to be easy."

"Besides, he's still playing great. I think he has another Super Bowl or two in him."

Staubach was still playing well in his last year, 1979, but he was concerned by the

number of concussions he'd suffered over 11 seasons. With backup Danny White capable of replacing him, Staubach did what he thought was best.

"I had one doctor who said I should and one who said there was no medical reason why I should. But I felt it was time," said Staubach, who led Dallas to four Super Bowls, winning two.

Aikman became a Cowboy a decade after Staubach left, but the two have become good friends. They've talked about lots of things, including concussions. The circumstances around Staubach's retirement hasn't been a topic of conversation.

"We've never discussed anything about it," Staubach said.

Staubach has had that discussion in recent weeks with Steve Young, the San Francisco quarterback who has been told by doctors he should retire after long-lingered effects from his most recent concussion.

"He asked me what my thinking process was, what I went through, what my feelings were, how much I missed it," Staubach said.

Staubach spoke to Aikman a few days after he took a helmet-to-helmet hit from Indianapolis' Jeff Burris on Oct. 31.

"We talked strictly philosophically about dealing with a season when you're inconsistent,"

Staubach said. "I told him it reminded me of our '75 season when we made the playoffs as a wild-card team and went to the Super Bowl."

The hit by Burris left Aikman more susceptible to another concussion when he played

Minnesota on Monday night. Sure enough, Jerry Ball dumped Aikman on his head and the headaches and dizziness returned — only this time, they were more intense.

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NFL

Nolan comes under fire for Redskins' poor defense

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Washington Redskins defensive coordinator Mike Nolan is asked the question so much it probably sounds like a broken record.

How could the Redskins' defense, a potentially dominant unit featuring six former No. 1 draft choices, be ranked among the NFL's worst?

"The perception is that when you pay guys a lot of money ... you try to get a return on what you pay for," Nolan said.

"But you have to play together, no matter what you pay somebody. It's my responsibility and the responsibility of the other coaches on defense for us to get them to play together. That's where we're falling short."

The Redskins (5-3) have been carried this season by one of the league's best offenses.

But they're allowing 402.3 yards per game, nearly 50 yards more than anyone else team except the expansion Cleveland Browns, who are at 389.7. In Sunday's 34-17 loss to Buffalo, the Bills, who had been struggling offensively, amassed 413 yards.

The Redskins have yielded 3,218 yards. By continuing on that pace with eight games left,

they would finish 257 yards behind the NFL record set by the Baltimore Colts in 1981.

Opposing runners are finding cracks in a Redskins starting defensive line composed entirely of first rounders: Marco Coleman, Kenard Lang, Dan Wilkinson and Dana Stubblefield.

Inconsistency is one problem. In the past month, the Redskins played poorly on defense in losses to Dallas and Buffalo, while putting forth solid efforts in victories over Arizona and Chicago.

"You can't play good one week and terrible the next," Lang said. "That just doesn't happen."

Nolan said the pass coverage, primarily on third downs, needs to improve. The Bills converted nine of 15 third-down opportunities, controlling the ball for 41 of 60 minutes.

"Against Buffalo, there was a lot of one, two and minus-yard run plays," Nolan said. "But then all of a sudden they'll complete a pass to the tight end down the middle and the ball's back alive. You get them in third down and the quarterback runs and gets a first down and keeps it alive. You kind of shoot yourself in the foot when that happens."

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Huff, the team's radio analyst, questions why middle line-backer Derek Smith is being pulled in third-down passing situations.

"Your best hitters and tacklers are linebackers, and Smith is out of the game," Huff said.

"We're in an age of specialization, and he's standing on

the sideline. You can't make tackles from there."

Criticism is nothing new for Nolan, son of former NFL coach Dick Nolan. He's heard tons of it since the season opener, when Dallas recovered from a 21-point, fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Redskins 41-35 in overtime.

Speculation that Nolan's job was in jeopardy intensified when the Redskins hired 72-year-old Bill Arnsparger four weeks ago.

Nolan is hanging on with the help of coach Norv Turner, who reportedly has asked trigger-happy owner Dan Snyder several times not to fire Nolan.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Iowa stuns UConn in Classic upset

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Iowa, with a new coach and almost a whole new team from last season, stunned top-ranked and defending national champion Connecticut 70-68 Thursday night in the opening round of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic at Madison Square Garden.

The Hawkeyes looked like the veteran team, opening a 16-4 lead on the way to a 36-21 halftime advantage as the Huskies shot just 26 percent and had twice as many turnovers (14) as field goals.

In the second half, Connecticut looked more like the team that returns three starters from the national champions, and even took the lead once.

But the Hawkeyes refused to fold.

Iowa will meet No. 13 Stanford in Friday night's championship game.

The Cardinal beat No. 10 Duke 80-79 in overtime Thursday night.

Jacob Jaacks had 20 points for Iowa, Dean Oliver added 14 and Kyle Galloway had 11.

Khalid El-Amin, focus of a newspaper story earlier in the day about a possible NCAA violation involving a borrowed car, had 26 points for the Huskies, all but two in

the second half.

Connecticut beat Iowa 78-68 in the second round of the NCAA tournament last year. The Huskies went on to win four more games and the national title, while Iowa didn't play again until Thursday night.

The Hawkeyes' start had a sellout crowd of 19,548 silent. The noise level picked up along with the Huskies' defense and shooting in the second half, but Iowa wouldn't fold.

Albert Mouring's 3-pointer with 7 minutes, 6 seconds to play gave Connecticut a 55-53 lead, but sophomore Kyle Galloway, who missed last season with a back injury, hit a 3 with 6:33 left and Iowa didn't trail again.

El-Amin scored on a drive with 57 seconds left to get the Huskies within 67-65, but Jaacks hit one of two free throws with 32 seconds left. After two missed 3s by Connecticut, Ryan Luehrmann made two free throws with three seconds to go. Kevin Freeman's 3-pointer with .5 seconds left only made it closer.

It was the 22nd consecutive season-opening victory for Iowa and the second time in four years the defending national champion lost its opener. Kentucky lost to Clemson to open the 1996-97 season.

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NBA

Harrington scores 17 in fourth to put Pacers over Magic

INDIANAPOLIS Reggie Miller scored 21 points and reserve Al Harrington had 17 of his career-high 19 points in the fourth period to lead the Indiana Pacers to a 116-101 victory over the Orlando Magic on Thursday night.

The Pacers broke open a close game in the second half, shooting 67 percent (20-of-30) from the field. For the game, Indiana shot a season-high 57 percent from the field.

Darrell Armstrong led Orlando with 22 points, while Indiana had six players finish in double

figures. Jalen Rose and Travis Best contributed 17 apiece.

The game was tied 10 times and there were eight lead changes before Indiana moved ahead to stay 62-60 on a hook shot by Rik Smits.

The Pacers led by as many as nine points in the third quarter and took their first double-digit lead as Orlando went nearly three minutes without scoring to start the fourth quarter.

A 3-pointer by Miller ignited a 14-3 run by Indiana to start the final period. Harrington had seven points in the run.

Orlando's only points came on a 3-pointer by Chucky Atkins with 9:16 to play.

With Harrington leading the way, the Pacers went on to lead 99-82 with 6:39 to play.

Orlando, which had won three straight, never got back into contention and trailed by as many as 21.

Seattle 109, Cleveland 103

Gary Payton had 27 points and nine assists and Vin Baker scored 24, leading the Seattle SuperSonics to a victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Payton, who needed medical treatment for a tight back at halftime, scored 12 points in the third quarter and hit a key jumper in the final three minutes as the Sonics held off a Cleveland rally.

Baker, able to push his way around inside against the smaller Cavs, added 13 rebounds and Horace Grant had 10.

Shawn Kemp led Cleveland with 22 points despite 8-of-23 shooting and Andrew DeClercq had a career-high 19 points.

The Cavs had won 27 straight games when scoring over 100 points, but couldn't catch the Sonics down the stretch because of some costly turnovers and poor shot selection.

Brent Barry had four 3-pointers and added 17 points for Seattle, which has won nine straight over Cleveland, including the last five at Gund Arena.

Trailing by 10 points, the Cavs pulled within 96-93 with 3:40 left when Danny Ferry grabbed a loose ball and dropped a 12-foot baseline jumper.

Barry's 3-pointer from the right side put the Sonics back up by six before Bob Sura's 3 on Cleveland's next trip closed it to 99-96 with 2:58 remaining.

Payton made the biggest basket of the game with 2:37 left by knocking down a 17-footer near the foul line.

After rookie Andre Miller's free throw made it 101-97, Grant hit a jumper with one second left on the 24-second clock and Barry made a foul shot when Kemp committed a technical foul.

Payton was late coming out to the floor for the second half after getting an electrical treatment for his back, and Shammond Williams started for him. Once Payton checked in, he scored six straight points in a 9-0 run as Seattle took control.

Barry's 3-pointer capped the spurt to give Seattle a 70-63 lead. After the Cavs closed within three, the Sonics went on an 11-0 run to push the lead to 83-67. The Sonics opened a 36-28 lead after one quarter, making 6-of-8 3-pointers in the period.

Cleveland's bench, just like it has in the first four games this season, brought the Cavs back. When rookie Trajan Langdon made his second 3-pointer of the second quarter, Cleveland had tied it at 48-all with 4:50 left.

DeClercq, who finished with 16 points on 7-for-11 shooting in the first half, scored Cleveland's next five points as the Cavs took a 60-56 lead at the break.

Toronto 123, Detroit 106

Doug Christie scored 24 points and Vince Carter added 22 points and 11 rebounds as the Toronto Raptors won their fourth straight game over the Detroit Pistons.

Christie and Carter were among seven Raptors in double figures. Kevin Willis (18 points, 13 rebounds) and Antonio Davis (10 points, 11 rebounds) also had double-doubles.

Grant Hill led Detroit with 25 points, but shot just 6-for-22. Jerry Stackhouse had 21 points.

The Pistons, who never led in losing their home opener loss to New York last Friday, did not start out any better against Toronto. The Raptors scored the first four points of the game and never looked back, rolling to a 41-28 lead after the first quarter.

Toronto increased its margin to 53-32 early in the second

before the Pistons made a run.

Six points from Stackhouse and four from Hill led a 14-4 surge that pulled Detroit within 59-48. The Raptors recovered, though, and were ahead 74-57 at halftime.

Detroit rallied again in the third, pulling to 88-78 before Christie's 3-pointer ended the run.

Toronto led 98-87 after three quarters, and put the game away with an 8-3 run at the start of the fourth.

Miami 128, Dallas 105

Jamal Mashburn, a former first-round pick of the Mavericks, scored 34 points and the Miami Heat beat Dallas for the 15th straight time.

Miami, which has won three in a row overall, has not lost to Dallas since a 114-110 defeat Dec. 10, 1991, at Reunion Arena.

The 128 points were the most by the Heat since they scored 129 against Detroit on April 23, 1995, in the regular-season finale.

The Mavericks, who have lost three in a row, got a season-high 23 points from 7-footer Dirk Nowitzki.

Tim Hardaway had 16 points in 27 minutes and Alonzo Mourning added 18 in an abbreviated stint for the Heat. P.J. Brown had 15 points and 11 rebounds, and reserve guard Anthony Carter had 10 assists.

Miami led 45-36 when Mashburn scored the team's next 11 points. That evolved into a 21-6 burst that extended the Heat's lead to 66-44 with 4:31 left in the first half.

Mashburn shot 13-for-19 from the field in 31 minutes. It was his highest-scoring game for Miami, though his career high of 50 came with the Mavericks in 1994. After Shawn Bradley hit a rare 3-pointer, Cedric Ceballos hit a running jumper to cap off a 16-6 run that cut Miami's 27-point lead to 90-74 late in the third quarter.

Mashburn hit a spinning drive that turned into a three-point play and then had a tip-in that helped the Heat open up a 97-76 lead after three quarters.

Mashburn scored four points and Hardaway hit a 3-pointer to give the Heat a 9-0 lead.

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NASCAR

NASCAR enjoys ride as ratings soar

Associated Press

The moonshine-running Good Ol' Boys could never have imagined this: a sport born on dirt tracks in the backwoods of the South is now worth \$2.4 billion in TV rights.

During the '90s, television ratings for NASCAR have risen while those for other sports have fallen. Sponsors annually pay up to \$12 million to racing teams to have their logos emblazoned on their cars. There have been no holdouts, lockouts or strikes to turn off its wildly enthusiastic fans.

Thus, it's no surprise that NASCAR has quadrupled its TV income and will get \$400 million annually under the new six-year deal with Fox, NBC and TBS announced Thursday.

"This sport has taken gradual steps up and along the way there have been some big leaps and bounds. This is one of those," said Jeff Gordon, NASCAR's biggest star.

"But this is probably the biggest leap it's ever taken," he said. "It's neat to be part of it. I'm enjoying the ride."

NASCAR fans cross just about all demographic lines and include those who rooted for Richard Petty, the retired driver known simply as "The King," all the way down to the younger generation's idols such as Gordon and Tony Stewart.

Their interest has fueled a building boom in the sport that has added gleaming new speedways in Texas, Las Vegas and near Los Angeles and expanded and refurbished old ones.

"NASCAR has shown explosive and huge growth on the upside. It is the success story of the '90s," said David Hill, president and CEO of Fox Sports.

Mike Helton, senior vice president and chief operating officer of NASCAR, said the historic

TV agreement was made possible by the sport's longevity and continuity.

Helton said the sport, which was formed in 1948 by the late Bill France Sr., has outgrown its bucolic image.

"All that evolution has debunked that old redneck stereotype," he said. "I think we can stand pretty tall and feel real good about the age range, economic level and the male-female balance that we have now. It all comes from exposure."

Bill Croasdale, media buyer for Western Initiative Media, agreed that the NASCAR audience has grown beyond its Southeastern roots in recent years. "It's started to catch on

everywhere," he said.

The races are particularly appealing for young men between ages 18 and 34, a group that is difficult to reach via television.

The TV deal, which begins in 2001 and runs for six years with NBC and TBS and eight years with Fox, is about four times what NASCAR is making under its current

agreements.

Those cover many separate deals for races, most of them negotiated by the tracks on which NASCAR races, with CBS, ABC, ESPN, TNN, TBS and NBC.

Sunday's inaugural Winston Cup race at Homestead-Miami Speedway will be the first ever broadcast by NBC, while Fox has yet to show its first NASCAR race. TBS televised races earlier this season at Pocono International Raceway and Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.

In 1985, NASCAR received just \$3 million for the TV rights to 28 races. In 1999, total TV revenues were estimated at \$100 million for 34 events.

"This puts us in line with the other major league sports. It should have happened sooner," said seven-time champion driver Dale Earnhardt.

The new deal gives NASCAR more money annually than baseball and hockey get from their national TV deals, but less than the NFL and NBA.

The NFL is in the second year of an \$18 billion, eight-year deal with CBS, Fox, ABC and ESPN; the NBA is in the second year of its \$2.64 billion, four-year contract with NBC and Turner Sports; baseball just completed the fourth year of a \$1.7 billion, five-year deal with Fox, NBC and ESPN; and the NHL is in the first year of a \$600 million, five-year contract with ABC and ESPN.

Baseball, the NBA, and NHL also receive millions of dollars annually in local television deals.

If there has been any knock on NASCAR in the recent past, it has been that the races have been spread across too many outlets, often making it difficult for fans to figure out where and when the races were being telecast.

"The change for NASCAR fans is it will be easier to find races each week on network television," said NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol.

In fact, France noted that, although a precise schedule is yet to be determined, beginning in 2001 "about 70 percent" of the races will be on network television.

With the races consolidated under one TV contract, advertisers will be more likely to buy multiyear packages that will let them appear on all of the races.

Fox, along with cable partners Fox Sports Net and FX, will get the first 18 weeks of the NASCAR season, while NBC and TBS will split the second half.

The season-opening Daytona 500, the sport's premier event, will alternate each year, with NBC getting it in even years and Fox in odd years.

Helton said he sees no end in sight for the spectacular growth of NASCAR.

"What we have in our favor, in an odd kind of way, is we're taking our sport from rural areas to urban areas," he said.

TENNIS

Williams wins in semifinal round

Associated Press

VILLANOVA, Pa.

Venus Williams overcame a slow start to roll past 16-year-old qualifier Daniela Bedanova of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-1 Thursday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the Advanta Championships.

Williams, seeded third, will meet unseeded Sandrine Testud of France on Friday.

After falling behind 4-2 in the first set, Williams swept the final four games, coming more to the net to force play, and capturing the first set when Bedanova's forehand sailed over the baseline.

Williams jumped to a 2-0 lead in the second set, before having her service broken for the second time in the match. She broke back when Bedanova double-faulted, then wasted little time finishing off her hard-hitting but overmatched oppo-

nent.

"I just dropped my serve a couple of times," Williams said. "But I've been in that situation of being down a break before. I was able to keep my calm and take my time."

"She was definitely hitting hard. But I was definitely volleying better. After the U.S. Open I worked on my volley. I don't think I missed one tonight."

"It was a good match for my first time," Bedanova said. "I learned I can play with such a player like her."

"But I have to do a lot of improving — in everything. I have to move better to play in a baseline match like that."

Earlier, Nathalie Tauziat of France rallied from a 5-2, third-set deficit to beat Jennifer Capriati 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 in the second round. Tauziat, seeded fourth, meets local favorite Lisa Raymond of Wayne, Pa., on Friday.

Testud beat seventh-seeded

Dominique Van Roost of Belgium 6-4, 6-4.

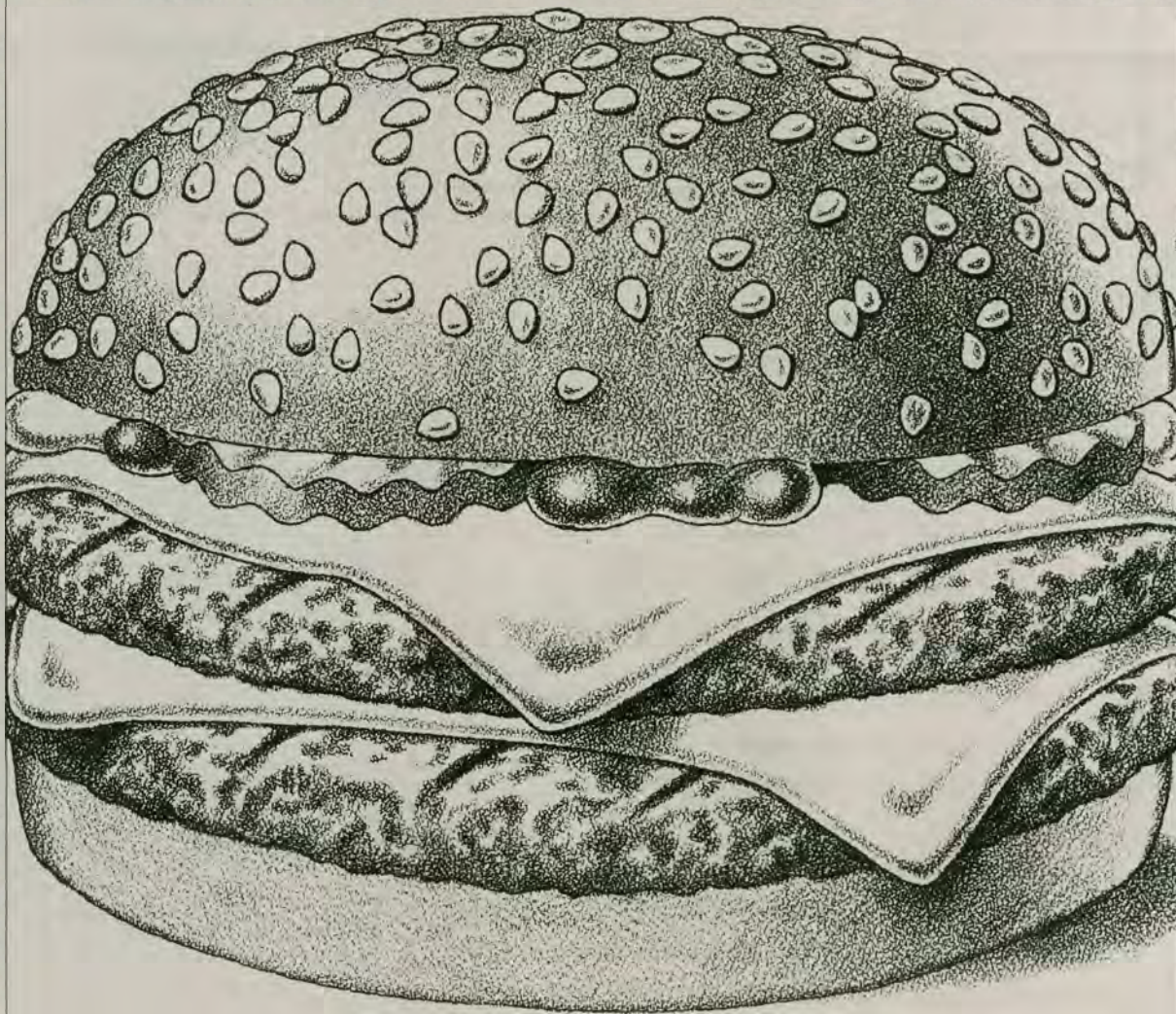
Amy Frazier beat 17-year-old Belgian Justine Henin 7-5, 6-4 to keep alive a slim hope of making the 16-woman field for the upcoming Chase Championships in New York. Frazier must now beat the top player in the world and No. 1 seed here, Martina Hingis, on Friday night to bump Arantxa Sanchez Vicario from the field.

Capriati's loss to Tauziat, after she seemed in command in the final set, officially eliminated her from contention for the Chase.

"At 5-2 on her serve, I had a really bad line call go against me," said Capriati, who beat Tauziat the previous five times they played. "From that point on, she didn't miss a ball."

"She played really well. It wasn't like I didn't have chances or was playing terrible. That's just the way tennis is. It has a snowball effect," Capriati said.

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NHL

Senators fall prey to Predator offense in 2-1 loss

Associated Press

KANATA, Ontario
Greg Johnson and Robert Valicevic each scored to give the Nashville Predators a 2-1 victory Thursday night over the Ottawa Senators.

Valicevic broke a 1-1 tie late in the second period as the Predators rallied to win their second game in as many nights and halt Ottawa's three-game winning streak.

Wade Redden scored for Ottawa, which lost for just the second time in 10 home games.

Mike Dunham made 31 saves for his fifth win of the season.

Ron Tugnutt stopped 21 shots and lost to Nashville for the first time in three career starts.

Redden opened the scoring 1 minute, 24 seconds into the game when he took a pass from Magnus Arvedson at the top of the left faceoff circle and beat Dunham with a low shot just inside the far post.

Nashville tied the game at 14:32 of the first on the power play after Joe Juneau was called for hooking.

The Senators were caught changing lines when Predators defenseman Kimmo Timmanen fed Johnson in full stride up the middle. Johnson beat Tugnutt to the glove side for his third goal of the season.

With less than four minutes remaining in the second, Ville Peltonen picked up a long rebound in the Ottawa zone and his wrist shot deflected off Valicevic's leg past a screened Tugnutt.

Ottawa outshot Nashville 11-2 in the third period but couldn't get the equalizer.

Philadelphia 4, Carolina 1

Eric Lindros, Eric Desjardins and Sandy McCarthy scored second-period goals to lead Philadelphia over the Carolina Hurricanes.

Mark Recchi added an empty-net goal with 45 seconds left, while Valeri Zelepukin and John LeClair added two assists for the Flyers, who are 9-2-1 after going 0-5-1 to start the season.

LeClair has 10 points in his last six games, the longest current scoring streak in the NHL.

Bates Battaglia scored the only goal for the Hurricanes, who have dropped two straight but still have the best road record (5-4-3) in the Eastern Conference.

Ron Francis had an assist for Carolina, moving him past Gordie Howe into fifth place on the NHL career list with 1,050.

Battaglia put the Hurricanes ahead 1-0 with a power-play goal at 6:03 of the first period, tipping the puck off the left skate of Philadelphia goaltender Brian Boucher from right of the crease.

The Flyers pulled even one minute into the second period when Lindros one-handed a shot from the doorstep that skidded past the outstretched glove of Carolina goaltender Arturs Irbe.

With Philadelphia on a power play, Lindros fed Desjardins with a cross-ice pass and the Flyers' defenseman one-timed the puck past Irbe's glove side at 11:10.

Zelepukin, playing his 500th NHL game, triggered Philadelphia's third goal of the period.

He picked up a loose puck deep in the Flyers' zone and fed Daymond Langkow, who found McCarthy for a wrist shot off Irbe's pads at 15:10.

Boucher, a rookie making only his third start of the year, made 10 saves as Philadelphia outshot the Hurricanes 37-11, Carolina's lowest shot total of the season.

Philadelphia defenseman Chris Therien received eight stitches in his chin after being hit with a puck off the stick of Carolina's Sami Kapanen early in the second period. He returned to play in the third period.

The Hurricanes, who have the fewest penalties in the NHL, were assessed 10 minutes in penalties against the Flyers.

Irbe had blanked the Flyers 2-0 in Philadelphia on Oct. 7 in the teams' only previous meeting.

Montreal 2, Anaheim 1

Martin Rucinsky scored for the fourth straight game and Sergei Zholtok got his first goal of the season as the Montreal Canadiens stopped a nine-game winless skid with a victory over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Jeff Hackett stopped 24 shots as the Canadiens won for the

first time since beating Buffalo on Oct. 16. Montreal had gone 0-8-1 in that span.

The victory was also just Montreal's second at the Molson Centre this season.

The Canadiens, who have the second fewest points in the league with 10, have scored more than two goals in just three of 17 games this season.

Matt Cullen had the lone goal for the Mighty Ducks.

Rucinsky opened the scoring 10:21 into the first period when he completed a give-and-go passing play with Trevor Linden by sliding the puck past Mighty Ducks goaltender Guy Hebert.

The Canadiens took a 2-0 lead 3:47 into the second period when Zholtok beat Hebert from the slot after taking a pass from Jim Cummins.

Anaheim drew to 2-1 as Cullen beat Hackett through the legs 9:16 into the second.

The Mighty Ducks outshot the Canadiens 25-24.

All three goals were scored at even strength as referee Dan O'Halloran called just three minor penalties in the game, two against Montreal in the first period and one against Anaheim in the third.

Boston 4, Toronto 3

P.J. Axelsson scored with 1:02 remaining in overtime and Dave Andreychuk scored two third period goals, to rally the Boston Bruins to victory over the Toronto Maple.

Axelsson took a pass from Darren Van Impe, and back-handed a shot over the left shoulder of Toronto goaltender Curtis Joseph.

Dave Andreychuk tied the game at 3 with just under four minutes remaining after converting a pass from Jason Allison and beating Joseph.

Ray Bourque added three assists for the Bruins, who have won five straight at home and are unbeaten in their last seven home games.

Andreychuk is tied with Jaromir Jagr of Pittsburgh for the league lead with 13 goals in 17 games and is only two shy of his total from last season.

Andreychuk also moved into 17th on the career goal-scoring list passing Maurice "Rocket" Richard.

With the Bruins trailing 3-1 and on the power play, Andreychuk poked a shot past Joseph while falling down, cutting the Maple Leafs lead to one goal.

Andreychuk, spoiled the return of former Bruin Dmitri Khristich, who led the team with 29 goals last year, and was second on the team in scoring.

The Bruins decided not to resign Khristich after they refused to pay a salary arbitrator's award of \$2.8 million, thus making him a free agent.

Khristich signed a four-year deal with Toronto in October.

Joseph had 32 saves for the Maple Leafs, who are winless in their last four games.

Khristich gave Toronto an early 1-0 lead, when he slipped the puck past goaltender Byron Dafeo at 14:37 of the first period.

Jonas Hoglund made it 2-0 when he scored his team-leading ninth goal of the season at 17:48 of the first period. With the Maple Leafs on the power-play, Hoglund converted a cross-ice pass from Yanic Perrault and scored just inside the left post.

The Maple Leafs had not scored a goal in their previous 15 power-play opportunities.

Anson Carter cut Toronto's lead to 2-1, when he poked in a rebound off the stick of Mikko Eloranta past a sprawling Joseph at 4:24 of the second period.

Dafeo, who was originally acquired with Khristich in 1997 in a trade with the Los Angeles Kings, had 16 saves for the Bruins.

Sergei Berezin scored the Maple Leafs second power-play goal of the game when his slap shot sailed by Dafeo at 11:53 of the second period, giving Toronto a 3-1 lead.

New York 5, Washington 4

Tim Taylor scored 1:04 into overtime to give the New York Rangers a come-from-behind victory over the Washington Capitals.

Calle Johansson scored off a pass from Adam Oates to give the Capitals a 4-3 lead with 13:21 left in the third period.

But Petr Nedved tied the game for New York with 19 seconds left in regulation to set up Taylor's game-winning goal.

Nedved and Michael York both scored two goals apiece for the Rangers. Oates had a goal and an assist for Washington, scoring his first goal since the Capitals' 66th game of last season.

Johansson also had a goal and an assist, his 300th assist as a Capital. Scott Stevens is the only other Washington defenseman to reach that total.

Despite the win, the Rangers came up empty on all four power plays. They have gone scoreless on all 35 extra-man chances in road games and scored on only four of 76 power plays this year.

Both teams scored on their first shots of the game. Ken Klee gave Washington a 1-0 lead 2:33 into the game by beating New York goaltender Mike Richter with a slap shot from just inside the blue line.

Nedved tied the score four minutes later 30 after taking a nice feed from Jan Hlavac and firing a shot past Olaf Kolzig from between the circles.

Washington then was awarded a penalty shot after a Ranger fell on the puck in the crease with 56 seconds left in the period. However, Richter stopped Richard Zednik's low shot.

Oates gave Washington a 2-1 lead with his first goal of the season 4:50 into the second period. Joe Sacco gave the Capitals a 3-1 lead when he knocked in the rebound of Johansson's shot at 12:59 of the period.

New York cut the lead to 3-2 one minute later when York broke in alone on Kolzig, who got a glove on the shot, but it trickled over the line. York then tied it with 1:10 left in the period by poking a perfect crossing pass from Theo Fleury past Kolzig.

The Capitals outshot New York 34-23.

Los Angeles 5, Colorado 2

Ziggy Palffy and Marko Tuominen stunned Patrick Roy with goals 52 seconds apart on consecutive shots in the first period as the Los Angeles Kings beat the Colorado Avalanche.

Palffy also assisted on the first goal of the season by Len Barrie and Vladimir Tsyplakov scored his first two goals of the year, helping the Kings improve their record to 10-4-4. It is their best start since 1992-93, when they went to the Stanley Cup Finals.

Los Angeles is six games over .500 for the first time since April 18, 1998. The victory was the Kings' first in three games since losing Jozsef Stumpel and leading goal-scorer Luc Robitaille for several weeks because of injuries.

Chris Dingman and Jon Klemm scored for the Avalanche against Kings backup goaltender Jamie Storr, who played consecutive games from start to finish for the first time since Feb. 6-10 of last season while Stephane Fiset nurses a bruised right hand.

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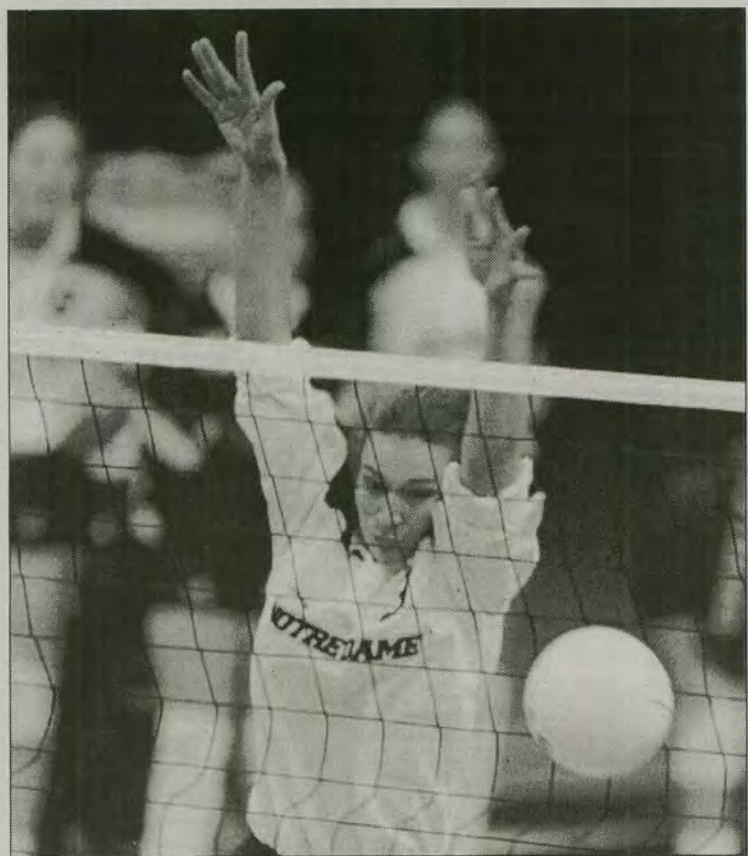
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The Irish need wins against Georgetown and Villanova this weekend to secure the top spot in the Big East.

Irish look to net two wins against Hoyas, Wildcats

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team, one of four teams to have already secured a place in the Big East tournament, plays its last two regular-season games this weekend against Villanova and Georgetown.

With two wins, the Irish can claim first place in the Big East.

The Irish (16-6, 9-0) head into the weekend with a six-match winning streak, led by junior outside hitter Christi Girton, who was named Big East player of the week last week, after impressive matches against Illinois State and Syracuse.

Girton is the team leader in kills per game and digs per game, while second in hitting average.

On Saturday, the Irish face a Villanova team in search of its first conference win of the season.

The Wildcats (9-18, 0-9) have not beaten the Irish in six tries. Villanova is led by middle blocker Breen Eddinger, who averages 4.15 kills per game.

The Georgetown match figures to be the opposite for the Irish. Georgetown (23-3, 8-1) is only one loss behind the Irish in the conference standings.

This match is important for both sides. If both teams win their first matches this weekend, the Georgetown-Notre Dame contest will determine the Big East tournament's top seed and whether the Irish win the regular season conference title.

Last year, the Hoyas shared the regular season Big East title with Connecticut and made it to the championship match, where they lost to Notre Dame. The Irish hold a perfect 7-0 mark against Georgetown, including two victories last year. That record will be on the line Sunday afternoon, as will the

Hoyas current nine-match winning streak.

Yulia Vyturina and Kiran Gill, players who led Georgetown a year ago, also lead them this year. Vyturina, named the preseason Big East Player of the Year, is first on the team in kills per game with a 4.91 average. Gill was also a first team all-Big East selection in 1998.

"We are going into this weekend expecting to win both matches," said sophomore Irish outside hitter Kristi Kreher. "We want to play with enthusiasm. Georgetown is probably the hardest competition for us this year and we have really worked in practice on shutting down their two outside hitters. Our focus has been on defense and our side of the court."

Kreher will contribute to the Irish defense with her average of 2.34 digs per game. She has also been an offensive force, averaging 3.06 kills per game on a .306 hitting average this year.

Two more players the Irish depend on reached milestones in their careers last week. Mary Leffers reached the 1,000-career-kill mark against Illinois State, becoming the 10th Irish player ever to do so.

Her co-captain, Denise Boylan, also totaled her 3,000th career assist against Syracuse. The junior setter has 3,005 assists and needs just 28 more to pass former Irish player Taryn Collins for second all-time.

The Big East tournament begins next Friday in Pittsburgh, where the top six teams compete for the title. Both Notre Dame and Georgetown will have first-round byes as the top two teams in the conference.

The winner of the championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

The 1999 Division I women's volleyball selection show will take place on Sunday, Nov. 28.

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to Adrian Jarrell that went for 32 yards and knotted the game at seven.

"The reverse is something we thought could go," Holtz said. "The way they pursue. That was a big touchdown for us."

That touchdown seemed to ignite the entire Irish team. The offense marched the ball down the field on its next possession before B e c t o n scored on a 26-yard run with 10:42 left in the second quarter.

The Irish took a 14-7 lead and never trailed again.

After being picked apart by Ward on the first drive, the Irish secondary enacted revenge on the Seminoles third possession.

Covington picked off a Ward pass and the Irish took over near midfield.

The interception was the first thrown by Ward in 159 attempts.

The Irish took advantage of the turnover with a six-yard run by senior safety/goal line running back Jeff Burris. Burris' touchdown pushed the Irish lead to 14. The score was 21-7 at halftime.

The Irish continued their dominance at the start of the third quarter as Kevin Pendergast kicked a 47-yard field goal to give the Irish their biggest lead of the game at 24-7.

The Seminoles, however, came roaring back after the field goal.

Warrick Dunn caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from Ward to cut the deficit to 10 with 4:45 left in the third quarter.

Scott Bentley hit a 24-yard field goal pull the Seminoles within seven in the fourth quarter.

Burris answered the field goal with an 11-yard touchdown run and push the Irish lead back to 14, 31-17.

After a 20-yard touchdown pass to Kez McCorvey, the Seminoles defense stuffed the Irish offense and got the ball back for its offense with 51 seconds left in the

game.

Ward lined up his offense trailing by seven points at his own 37-yard line.

The eventual Heisman trophy winner calmly led his team down the field until the

Seminole stood at the Irish 14-yard line with 10 seconds left.

Ward's first try for the end zone was batted down by defensive end Travis Knight. With just three seconds left, Notre Dame called a time out to set its defense for the final play of the game.

With the No. 1 ranking on the line, Ward took the ball from center and rolled out of the pocket under pressure from the defensive line.

Ward spotted Kevin Knox in the end zone, but his pass never reached the receiver. Wooden knocked the ball to the earth, and Florida State tumbled from the top of the poll.

"When he scrambled to my side, I said over and over 'Just stay home,'" Wooden said after the game. "We knew if everybody stayed in their zone and did their job, it would be fine."

Every thing was fine for Irish fans that day. For the first time since 1990, Notre Dame was at the top of the polls and talk of a national championship was unavoidable.

No one imagined the "#1" sign illuminated at the top of Grace Hall would go dark less than a week later.

"I've got no excuses. Notre Dame won the game. They deserved to win. They did the things to us I was afraid they would do to us."

Bobby Bowden
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CROSS COUNTRY

Irish goal of top NCAA spot rests on district meet

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Everything the Irish cross country squads have been working toward this season — a berth in the NCAA championship meet Nov. 13 — comes down to how well they run this weekend in the district meet.

The top two teams in each district receive automatic spots at nationals, while several at-large teams will be selected to round out the field, based on their performance Saturday and

throughout the season.

The men should have no reason to worry about being left out of nationals, as they are ranked eighth in the nation.

"Our goal, honestly, is to be in the top three," said Irish men's head coach Joe Piane. "If you're first or you're third, the reward is exactly the same — going to the NCAAs."

Notre Dame's men's squad has beaten some of the top teams in the nation this year. The Irish captured the Big East Championship, took sixth in the Pre-National meet and won

their own Adidas/Notre Dame Invitational.

However, two teams in Notre Dame's district are ranked ahead of the Irish. Wisconsin is sixth in the country, while Michigan is seventh.

"Basically, our main goal is just to qualify for nationals and however we can do that is just the main objective," said sophomore Luke Watson.

Junior Ryan Shay has paced the Irish all season long; his role should be no different this weekend.

"He can certainly be in the top five," Piane said. "He could be even higher than that."

"What we don't need is for one guy to win it," added Piane. "We need four to five guys to run well."

The added distance may help the Irish in competition. Both districts and nationals are run on a 10,000-meter course, while the regular season races were 8,000-meters.

"We've trained all year long for the 10,000," Piane said.

In the Pre-National meet, Shay finished just six seconds behind the victor and was closing on the leader at the end. Shay thought he might have won the race with a little more distance.

Watson finished third at the Big East Championships and has been a consistent second runner for Notre Dame.

"I just want to be top five to top 10," Watson said. "Obviously our performance at the Big East was pretty strong. We're confident; we're ready for districts."

Fellow sophomore Marc Striowski has also performed well throughout the season.

Senior Ryan Maxwell brings experience to the field, as do his classmates John Dudley, Sean McManus and Mike Griewe.



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Ryan Shay looks to lead the Irish in the district meet this weekend and secure an NCAA championship meet berth.

While the men's squad is all but assured of running in the NCAA Championships, the women must finish in the top two at districts to earn the right to continue their season at the national level.

"Our goal is to finish in the top two in order to get an automatic bid to the NCAAs," women's head coach Tim Connelly said.

The Irish will have their hands full with the competition. Wisconsin is one of the best teams in the nation. Other teams which pose a threat include Michigan, Michigan State, Butler, Akron and Marquette.

"I think if you look at the teams in the race, Wisconsin is clearly the top team in the race," Connelly said. "And then there are three or four teams that can compete for the next spot."

"I think realistically the teams we have to worry about are Michigan and Michigan State," added Connelly. "If we run as well as we did at the Big East, we have a good shot at finishing second."

Senior Allison Klemmer is in peak form and has picked up

some of the slack on the team since All-American JoAnna Deeter went out with an injury. Klemmer placed fourth at the Big East Championships, a career best. If she places among the top four individuals in the region, she will receive an automatic spot in the national meet.

"She's been an All-American twice on the track," Connelly said. "And she's running better than ever."

Rookie Jennifer Handley has shined for the Irish this season, but may be missing from the lineup Saturday due because of injury.

"It's up in the air a little bit because of Jennifer," Connelly said about the lineup.

Seniors Patty Rice and Erin Luby will join Klemmer in the race for an NCAA berth, as will junior Chrissy Kuenster. The other spots have yet to be determined, but among the possible contenders are juniors Valerie Siqueria, Bridge O'Brien and Erin Olson, and senior Nicole LaSelle.

Saturday's race may be the end of the line for the 1999 Irish, or just a pit stop on the way to a national title.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Notre Dame rested after bye, ready to take on Dayton

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Eleven years ago, Dayton beat Notre Dame, 6-0, in the worst defeat in Irish history, scoring more goals than any other Notre Dame opponent — ever.

This Sunday when the Flyers travel to Alumni field to take on the fifth-seeded Irish women's soccer team, they will find 1999's edition of the Irish vastly different than '88's team.

In 1988, Notre Dame was in its first season of soccer competition and did not boast a single all-conference player or anyone with experience on any national teams.

1999's Irish, with seven All-Big East players and a wealth of international experience, is so different that the team doesn't even know about the trouncing they experienced at the hands of the Flyers in 1988.

The home-field advantage and an extra week of practice will give the Irish a step up on the Flyers.

Dayton advanced to the second round with a 3-2 victory over Evansville Wednesday night while Notre Dame had a week off thanks to a first round bye.

Both of these factors help the Irish, according to head coach Randy Waldrum.

"I think it's a huge advantage to have that week off," Waldrum said. "You can take a day or two to get away from it for a while. Because I think you are getting to the point in the season where kids are getting tired of each other and they need a little time off."

The Irish took Monday and Tuesday off before returning to practice on Wednesday. The chance to play at home and maintain a normal practice routine will also play a factor this weekend.

"For us here, I think the fan support is great — that's an extra player for you," Waldrum said. "I think playing at home gives you an advantage because you sleep in your own bed and the kids are used to the week, where on the road you are sleeping in a hotel bed and your regi-

ment of getting up and getting around is different."

The Irish enter the NCAA Championships in good physical shape with no injuries to starters or major players. Only backup goalkeeper Sani Post, who has a broken hand, will not be able to play against the Flyers.

"I think we are in pretty good shape," Waldrum said. "I think this time of the season you get a few bumps and bruises here and there and we are trying to attend to those situations, but overall I think we are OK."

"For us here, I think the fan support is great — that's an extra player for you."

Randy Waldrum
Irish head coach

Last weekend, the Irish shut down the nation's leading scorer, Seton Hall's Kelly Smith, and its chief Big East rival, UConn, en route to win-

ning its fifth Big East Championship. While Dayton is neither a big rival nor possesses a top player, Waldrum does not believe his team will have any trouble getting prepared for the Flyers.

"Looking back at the past, this team has not had any problem for preparing for each round," Waldrum said. "I think it is our job as coaches to make sure they are ready to play as well as they are capable."

The Flyers are lead offensively by Missy Gregg, who has tallied 23 goals this season.

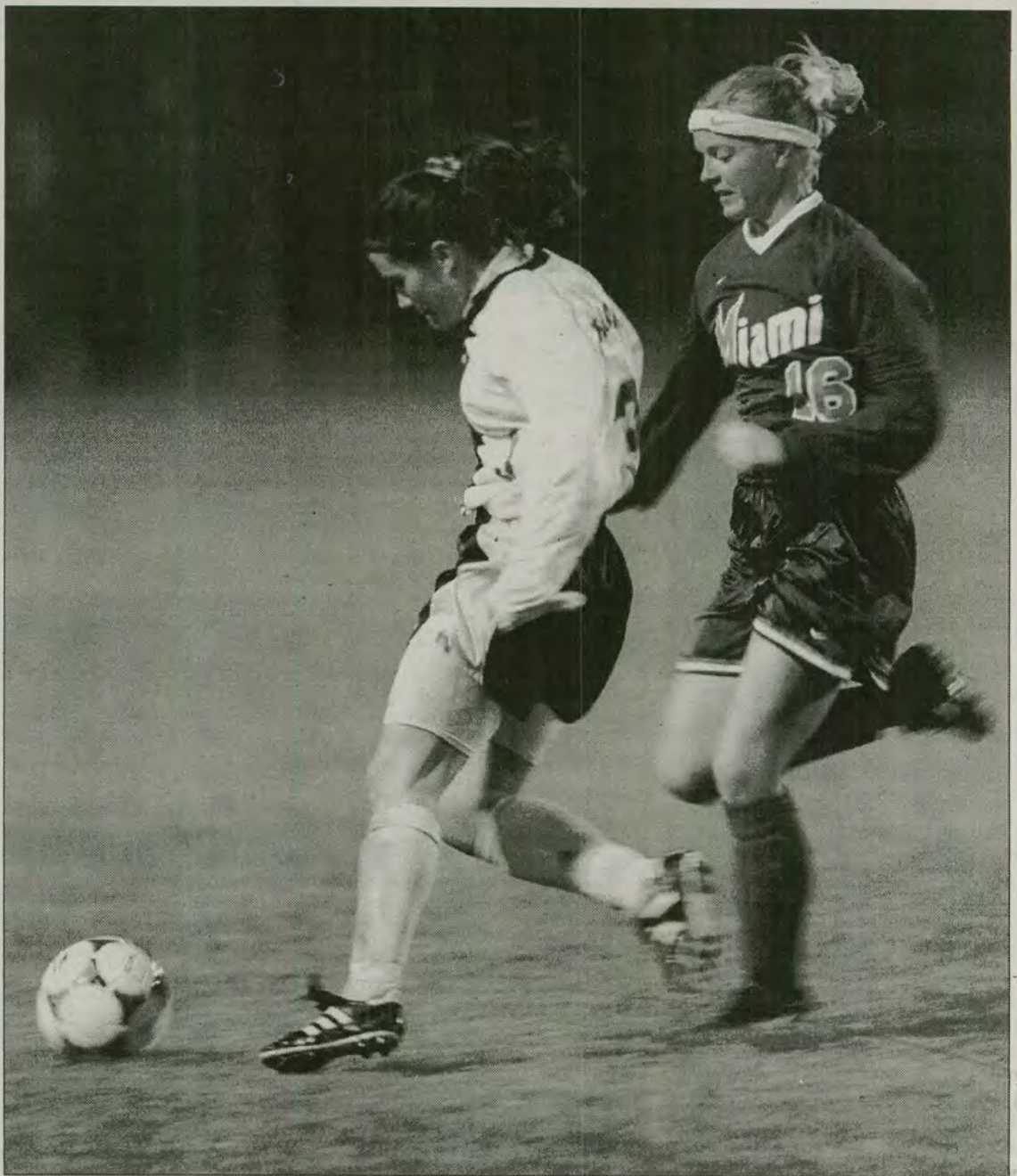
She scored two goals in the team's win over the Purple Aces in the first round and picked up an assist for the Flyers on Wednesday.

The Irish are led by a talented group of seniors, offensively and defensively. Senior Jenny Streiffer leads the Irish in scoring as she closes in on becoming the second player in history to score 70 goals and 70 assists in a career.

Currently, she has 68 goals and 71 assists for 207 career points — an Irish record.

All-Big East defenders Kara Brown and Jen Grubb combine with goalkeeper LaKeysia Beene to lead a defense that has held opponents to less than one goal per game.

The Irish begin their journey toward San Jose, Calif., and the Final Four at 1 p.m., Sunday, on Alumni Field.



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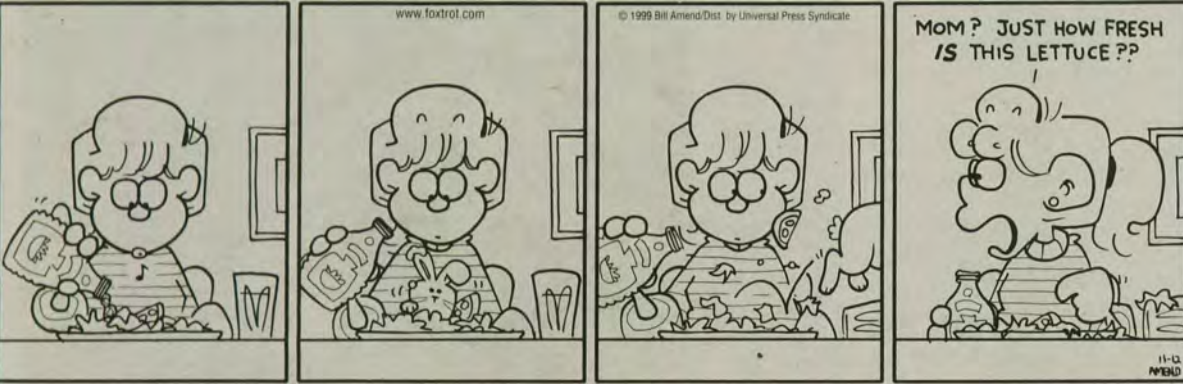
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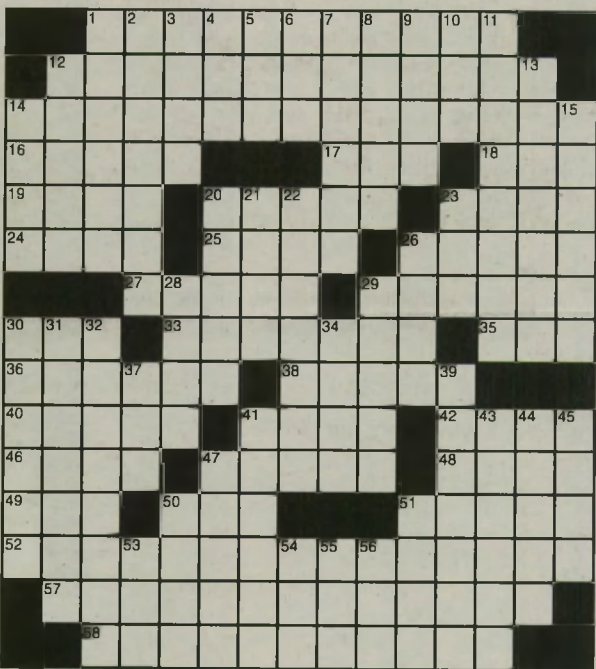


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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Marathon races past Notre Dame in 105-81 victory

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame turned the ball over 17 times in the first half and Marathon's Darnell Hoskins lit up the scoreboard all night long as Notre Dame lost its second exhibition game 105-81 despite an early 12-point lead.

"It wasn't, obviously, a great effort, and I think it was my fault because I set the tone," said first-year Irish head coach Matt Doherty. "I talked more about Ohio State than Marathon Oil. I didn't prepare our guys mentally to play a game tonight."

The Irish discovered they needed more than sophomore Troy Murphy to win as Marathon proved a much tougher opponent than the International Select All-Stars, whom the Irish defeated 94-79.

Notre Dame leapt to an early lead behind Murphy, who scored nine of the first eleven points for Notre Dame. Sophomore forward David Graves also played a role as the Irish went up 24-12 with 12 minutes, 2 seconds to play in the first half.

However, it all went downhill from there for the Irish. Within 10 minutes, Marathon had turned the game around to claim a 13-point advantage which it never relinquished.

"I think we came into the game lackadaisical," Murphy said. "Our preparation wasn't the same as the first game. The 10-point lead was the worst thing that could have happened to us."

Once Marathon began to take

control of the game, the Irish never recovered.

"They started hitting shots and it's hard to regain momentum," Doherty said. "It's hard to turn the switch on and off."

There was no room for the Irish to be complacent as Marathon shot 15 for 30 from behind the arc and only gave the ball up seven times in the contest.

Even more significant was the play of Hoskins, who played the entire game, tallying 39 points and adding 13 assists for Marathon.

Hoskins' 39 points nearly dashed the single-game record in the JACC by a Notre Dame opponent. The record of 40 points was set in 1978 by Loews Moore of West Virginia.

"It's good preparation for us before Ohio State because Hoskins is a quick guard," Doherty said.

Hoskins martialed the Marathon offense, doing everything necessary to secure the victory over Notre Dame. He shot 15 of 27 from the field, including seven of eight from downtown, only improving Marathon's already-potent shooting.

"I give them credit," said senior guard Jimmy Dillon of the Irish. "They shot the lights out. There was nothing much we could do. We've got to search ourselves."

Doherty was surprised by Marathon's ability to hit nothing but net.

"I don't think you can anticipate many teams shooting like that, but they did," Doherty said. "It is an attention-getter. You hope you don't need those to motivate the guys."

Murphy, a pre-season First-Team All-Big East selection, did

his part for the Irish, putting up 28 points. He dominated the boards for Notre Dame, bringing down 14 of the team's 31 rebounds. However, Murphy didn't score during the Irish drought in the first half, going without a bucket during the final 12:02.

"One of our goals coming into the game was to have less than 15 turnovers," Murphy said. "And I think we had more than 15 in the first half."

The Irish came out more motivated in the final few minutes of the second half, but it was too late to overcome a 28-point deficit.

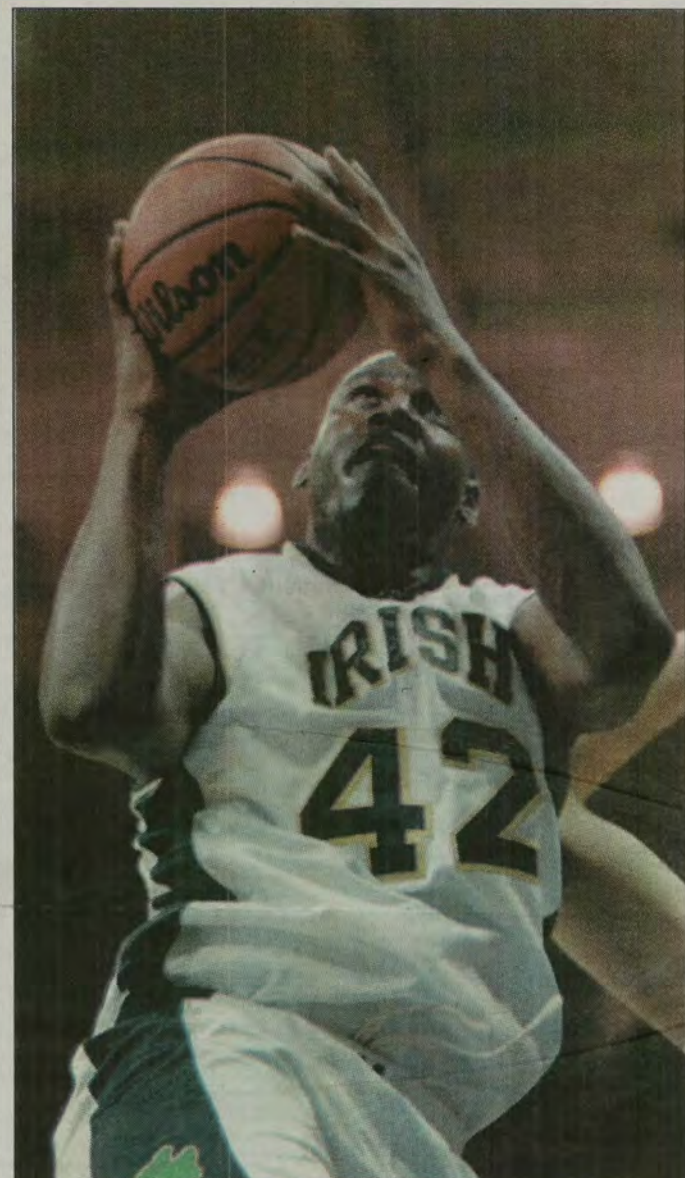
"It's just pride," said Dillon. "It would've been real easy to lay down then."

Freshman guard Matt Carroll, who contributed 12 points for the Irish, was disappointed with the Irish response to Marathon's play.

"I think we've just got to take care of the ball and play strong with it," Carroll said. "I guess it just goes to show when you face diversity, you've got to come up and face it and we didn't do that tonight. It's lucky it was tonight and not next Tuesday."

Four players were in double digits for both teams, as sophomores David Graves and Harold Swanagan joined Murphy and Carroll with 16 and 11 points, respectively, for the Irish. Besides Hoskins with double digits for Marathon, David Harrison and Mark Davis put up 19 points, and William Trawick added 13.

The Irish will play their first regular-season game of the season Tuesday, taking on No. 6 Ohio State in the first round of the pre-season NIT.



JOE TURNER/The Observer

Forward Harold Swanagan gets a look at the basket in Notre Dame's second exhibition loss of the season.

FOOTBALL HISTORY

Irish heat up November of '93 with key defensive stand

Editor's note: Notre Dame's journey to achieve designation as the 20th century's greatest college football team is marked by 10 milestones, one in each decade since 1900. The Observer examines these moments in a 10-part series that appears on Fridays.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Hardly anyone outside of South Bend thought the Irish could do it.

Charlie Ward was too good.

The Seminole defense was too fast. The Irish were too slow.

There was no way that

Florida State's march to the 1993 National Championship could be stopped in South Bend.

Perhaps only the Notre Dame players and ESPN college football analyst Beano Cooke could have foreseen the 31-24 victory that vaulted Notre Dame to the top of the polls for the first time since 1990.

"There are two teams you don't bet against at home in November, the Russian Army ... and Notre Dame," Cooke said in the weeks leading up to the game.

The Seminoles had spent the week before the game mocking Notre Dame tradition and downplaying the mystique of Notre Dame Stadium.

Before their Friday workout

in the stadium, the Seminoles ran onto the field wearing Irish green hats with Florida State written on them in gold and a shamrock on the side.

The Irish took this gesture as an insult, according to safety John Covington.

"I saw what they were doing and I got a little ticked-off," he said.

"They came in here to our stadium, shooting their mouths off. They shouldn't do that."

While the home crowd and the Irish mystique surely played

a factor in the game, quarterback Kevin McDougal's leadership, running back Lee Becton's 122 yards rushing and Shawn Wooden's last second deflection

of Ward's touchdown pass played a bigger factor.

Seminole head coach Bobby Bowden could not defend his team's loss. Notre Dame simply out-

played Florida State. "I've got no excuses," he said after the game. "Notre Dame

won the game. They deserved to win. They did the things to us I was afraid they would do to us."

Mainly, the Irish buried the Seminoles in a 24-7 hole with nine minutes, 41 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

After Florida State jumped out to a 7-0 lead just nine seconds into the game, the Notre Dame offense answered with a scoring drive of its own.

The Irish moved the ball to the Seminole 32-yard line thanks to runs by McDougal and Becton.

Then Irish head coach Lou Holtz reached into his bag of tricks and pulled out a reverse

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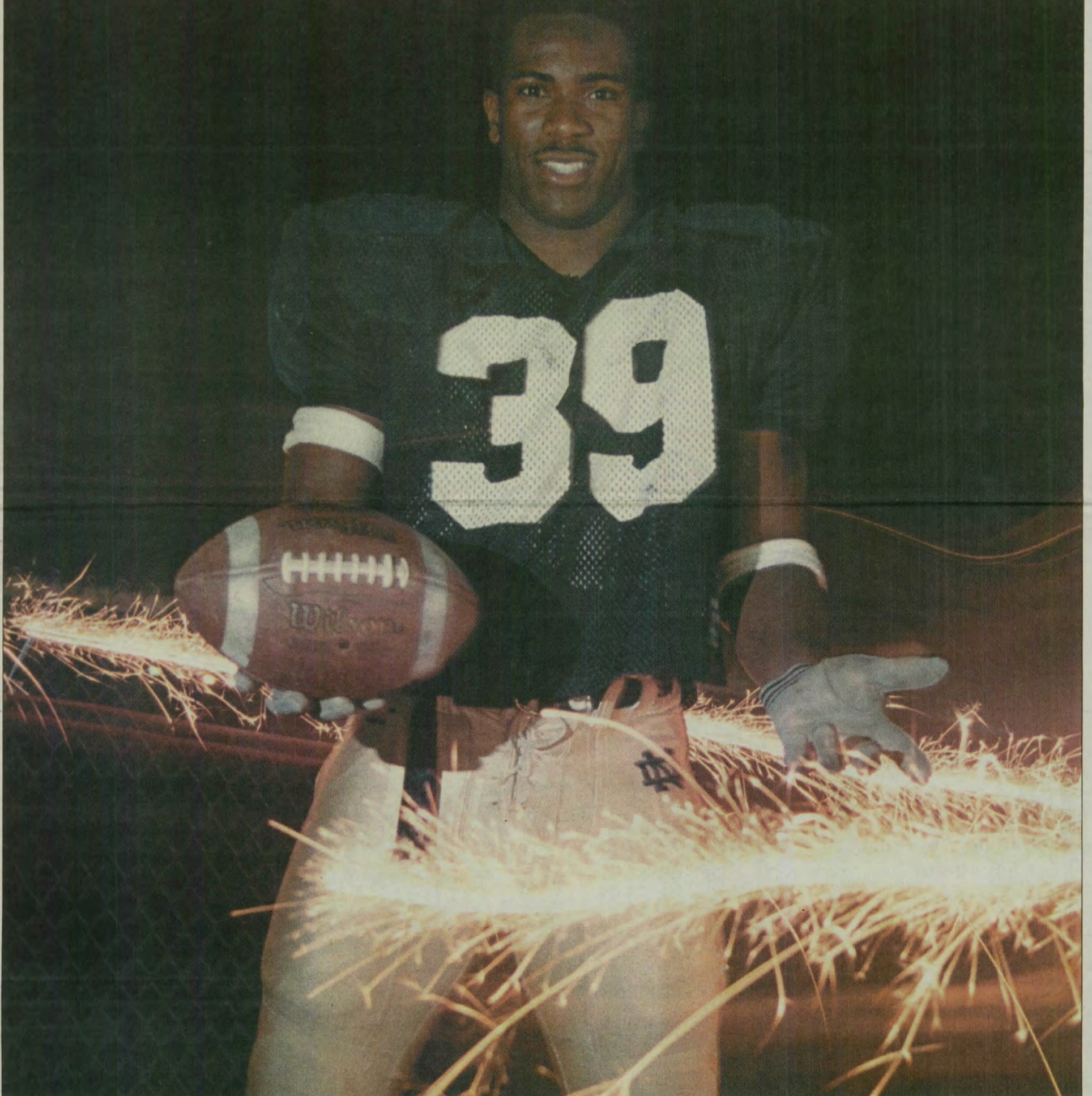
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Notre Dame at Pittsburgh

Sparkling the defense



JEFF HSU/The Observer

Anthony Denman's good nature off the field translates into enthusiasm and intensity on the field second leading tackler on the team. The junior from Rusk, Texas, is improving every week after switching from outside to inside linebacker in the spring. For more on the Irish ignitor, see page 5.

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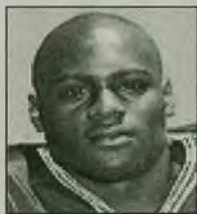
game hype



Bob Davie
Irish head coach

"We know what we have to do. It's just a matter of going out and get the job done."

"We are the kind of team that has got to play perfect to win."



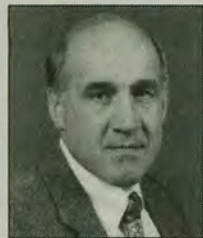
Julius Jones
tailback



Grant Irons
defensive end

"We would have liked to have won that Tennessee game but that game is over ... this is the most important game now."

"We know they are going to be excited because there is a lot of tradition involved in playing the last game in Pitt Stadium."



Greg Mattison
defensive coordinator

Irish look for victory in Steel City

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame and Pittsburgh square off in the final game at Pitt Stadium Saturday with the Irish looking to end their five-game skid on the road.

"[We have to] go win a football game on the road," head coach Bob Davie said. "It is something we haven't been able to do. We have played five good teams, all five in tough situations, but the bottom line we have lost five straight games on the road."

The Panthers have lost four of their last five games and need to win out to be eligible for a bowl.

And if that is not enough motivation, the Panthers are sure to be fired up for the last game in Pitt game.

"I know they are going to be energized from it, their players, because you can't help it. They are going to have 300-some players at that game. They are setting up a lot of festivities surrounding the game. That helps you a little bit. It is going to be a big game for them," said Davie.

It will also be a big game for the injury plagued Irish. Notre Dame is coming off a disappointing 38-14 loss at Tennessee.

"I think [it's important for us] to bounce back after a loss," Davie said. "This football team, I think, over the last couple of years has

proven to be pretty resilient. It is a little bigger challenge right now because we have got some injuries, but to be able to bounce back from a loss, that is the great thing about sports, great thing about college football. You have an opportunity each and every week to go out there and get things rectified."

Davie, however, downplayed the long list of injured Irish players.

"Sometimes we all talk about the negatives a lot more than we talk about the positives," Davie said. "We got a lot of positives right now on this football team, got a lot of good players. The challenge is to go win a football game; get this thing back on track."

Tailback Julius Jones and flanker Joey Getherall have emerged as serious offensive threats for the Irish.

Getherall leads the team with 28 catches, while Jones is second on the team in all purpose yards. Quarterback Jarious Jackson averages 220 yards passing and nearly 50 yards rushing per game.

The Irish defense is led by linebacker Anthony Denman (second on the team with 63 tackles) and a strong defensive backfield.

Pittsburgh, on the other hand, stands at just 4-5 on the season, with all five coming against some of the nation's top programs.

The Panthers fell to Penn State 20-17 and lost to No. 2



JEFF HSU/The Observer

Grant Irons, shown here against Tennessee, may miss the Pittsburgh game with a leg injury.

Virginia Tech, 30-17. Last week, Pittsburgh was blown out by Miami, 33-3.

Quarterback David Priestly leads the Panthers offensive attack.

He has two talented receivers in Latef Grim and Antonio Bryant. Grim leads the Big East in receptions

and receiving yards. Kevan Barlow averages nearly 70 yards rushing per game. Redshirt freshman Ramon Walker leads the Panther defense with 113 tackles.

Notre Dame holds a 40-16-1 lead in the all-time series between the two teams.



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EYE ON THE ENEMY

Pitt boasts dangerous receiving duo

By BILL HART
Associate Sports Editor

Emotions will be running high when the Irish take on the Panthers, but it won't be solely because it will be the final home game for 19 Pittsburgh seniors.

The Panthers will play their final game at Pitt Stadium, home to the Pittsburgh football since 1925.

With over 400 games played over the span of 75 years, one can bet that the Panthers hope to end the stadium's long history on a high note.

"I don't know how significant that is for our football team," coach Bob Davie said. "But I know [their players] are going to energized from it, when you have players like Ross Bronner and Luther Bradley come back. It's going to be a big game for them, so it will be a challenge because of that."

Part of that challenge will be stopping the most productive receiving tandem in the Big East — junior Latef Grim and freshman Antonio Bryant. Grim leads the conference and ranks 14th nationally in receiving yards with 98.4 per game.

A clutch player, he turned in two

of the best performances of his career against Penn State and Virginia Tech. Against the latter, he riddled the Hokie secondary with a career high 12 catches for 188 yards.

"I thought Latef really stepped up," Pitt coach Walt Harris told the Pitt News after the game. "I was very proud of what he did."

While Grim has been known to take his game to a higher level when the situation calls for it, Bryant has been one of the biggest surprises for the Panthers this season. Going into this weekend's game, he ranks fourth in the Big East and 34th nationally with 83.2 receiving yards per game.

Against Virginia Tech earlier this year, his 215 receiving yards set a Pittsburgh freshman record and was the best performance by any Big East receiver this season.

Before the Panthers were routed 33-3 by Miami, the pair each recorded 100-yard receiving efforts in three straight games, against Boston College, Rutgers and

Virginia Tech.

"Both of [their receivers] have great speed," Davie said about the pair. "Both of them run great routes and have good hands."

Like its receiving corps, the Panthers have relied on a quarterback tandem of David Priestly and John Turman for close to the entire season. Both signal-callers have played in all nine Pitt games this season, with Turman starting five of the past six games.

For as little playing time they get overall, each has compiled over 900 passing yards, with Priestly reaching the 1,000 yard plateau two weeks ago.

Fortunately for the Irish, however, the two players' offensive styles vary little.

"The quarterbacks are both pretty similar players," Davie said. "One of them started early, while the second one started late. But they are very similar guys, both drop-back style quarterbacks and very accurate."

"Both of [their receivers] have great speed. Both of them run great routes."

Bob Davie
Irish head coach

fast facts

ABOUT
PITTSBURGH

- ◆ Location: Pittsburgh, Penn.
- ◆ Enrollment: 31,776
- ◆ Colors: blue and gold
- ◆ Nickname: Panthers
- ◆ Conference: Big East
- ◆ Fight song: "Hail to Pitt"
- ◆ Mascot: the panther
- ◆ Saturday's game will be the last game ever played in Pitt Stadium. The Irish enjoy a 21-8 record against the Panthers in Pitt Stadium.
- ◆ The last time Notre Dame returned a kick for a touchdown was against Pittsburgh in 1997.

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PITTSBURGH REVIEW

'Canes blow away Panthers

Associated Press

Second-ranked Penn State could not do it. Third-ranked Virginia Tech couldn't do it. No. 22 Miami did it, and very easily.

Kenny Kelly ran for a touchdown and threw for one and the Hurricanes pulled away with a 23-point fourth quarter in a 33-3 victory Saturday over Pittsburgh.

The Hurricanes (5-3, 3-0 Big East) rallied from deficits of 28 points and 13 points to win the previous two weeks, but another comeback wasn't needed after Kelly's 1-yard sneak put them ahead 10-3 in the second quarter.

"We were tired of coming into games and starting slowly," said middle linebacker Nate Webster, who made two interceptions. "We came in and started fast. We didn't come out soft."

Pittsburgh (4-5, 2-4) played Penn State and Virginia Tech tough in losses, with David Priestley throwing for 407 yards last week against the Hokies. But Pitt's offense shut down after Priestley injured his right shoulder while throwing an interception in the second quarter. He didn't return.

"That really threw us off and really broke us from our rhythm," running back Nick Goings said of an offense that has rushed for 60 yards in its last two games.

"Any time you lose a player who is producing like David Priestley is," Pitt coach Walt Harris said. "You're going to take a few steps back as a team."

Each of Pitt's three quarterbacks threw an interception, and Antonio Bryant, who had 216 yards receiving against Virginia Tech, was held to two catches for 20 yards. Latef Grim, the Big East receiving leader, had seven receptions for 85 yards and was the Panthers' only productive offensive player.

"The defensive backs came in with the purpose of stopping those receivers," Miami cornerback Markese Fitzgerald said. "We made a pact to stop those receivers and we did. We knew would win if we did."

Pitt never made anything happen as John Turman replaced Priestley to go 10-of-22 for 101 yards and an interception. It was a bad day all around for the Turman family, his mother required medical treatment after being hit by a golf cart that shuttles Pitt personnel around the stadium.

Andy Crosland also kicked field goals of 28 yards on Miami's first possession, one kept alive by Kelly's 14-yard throw to Moss on third-and-9, and 26 yards in the fourth quarter. Kelly was 13-of-33 for 236 yards and a touchdown and was helped by a running game that generated 190 yards.

"We came in here with the idea to be patient and see what worked," coach Butch Davis said. "Our defense continued to create turnovers, and defense is what makes things happen on this team."

James Jackson had 69 yards on 16 carries despite playing with a sore ankle and freshman Clinton Portis carried 20 times for 131 yards, including a 37-yard touchdown.

"I thought the key to our passing game was the running game," Kelly said. "Once we got it started, we were able to have a passing game."

Portis ran for 104 yards last week as Miami scored 28 second-half points to rally past West Virginia 28-20. The week before, Miami staged the biggest comeback in Big East history, recovering from a 28-point deficit to beat Boston College 31-28.

The Hurricanes played without freshman running back Jarrett Payton, who was in Chicago for the memorial service for his father, NFL career rushing leader Walter Payton, who died last week.

"We definitely missed Jarrett Payton, both as a player and a friend," Davis said. "We missed him and we dedicated this game to him."

Kelly keyed the Hurricanes' first touchdown drive, hitting Daniel Franks on a 43-yard completion, then finding Santana Moss for 19 yards on fourth-and-12 after Davis disdained the field goal. Kelly scored four plays later to finish the 73-yard drive.

"I really thought we came here with a sense of urgency and consistency," Davis said. "You always come in here expecting a bare knuckles fist fight."

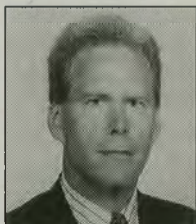
The Hurricanes didn't get one in a game that ultimately became a tuneup for next week's game at Virginia Tech.

Davis also chose not to kick a field goal again on fourth-and-1 from the Pitt 9 early in the fourth quarter and Kelly got the yard. On the next play, Kelly hit Franks in the right rear corner of the end zone for a 17-3 lead that was far too much for Pitt's stalled offense to make up.

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Oct. 30	NAVY	W 28-24
Nov. 6	at Tennessee	L 38-14
Nov. 13	at Pittsburgh	
Nov. 20	BOSTON COLLEGE	
Nov. 27	at Stanford	



Bob Davie
head coach

third season at
Notre Dame

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Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Deke Cooper	FS	6-2	220	SR
2	Carlos Pierre-Antoine	ILB	6-3	245	SO
3	Armaz Battle	QB	6-1	215	SO
4	Jamaar Taylor	WR	6-0	200	FR
5	A'Jani Sanders	FS	5-10	197	SR
6	David Givens	SE	6-1	217	SO
7	Jarius Jackson	QB	6-1	228	SR
8	Anthony Brannan	OLB	5-10	215	SR
9	Raki Nelson	FL	5-11	180	SR
9	Dwayne Francis	DB	6-0	189	SO
10	Deveron Harper	CB	5-11	187	SR
11	Jay Johnson	SE	6-0	191	SR
12	Tony Fisher	RB	6-2	225	SO
13	Nick Setta	K/P	6-0	160	FR
14	James Caputo	P	6-1	193	SR
14	Dan Novakov	QB	6-3	210	FR
15	Clifford Jefferson	CB	5-9	182	SO
16	Glenn Earl	DB	6-1	185	FR
16	John Shingler	TE	6-2	252	SR
17	Joey Hildbold	P/K	5-11	175	FR
17	Jeremy Juarez	FB	5-11	250	JR
18	Joey Getherall	FL	5-7	176	JR
19	Jim Sanson	K	5-9	187	SR
20	Gerome Sapp	DB	6-0	210	FR
21	Javin Hunter	FL	6-0	185	SO
22	Julius Jones	RB	5-11	185	FR
23	Chris Yura	RB/DB	5-11	195	FR
24	Albery Poree	DB	5-10	185	FR
27	Jason Beckstrom	DB	5-10	185	FR
28	Donald Dykes	SS	5-11	197	SO
28	Mike Grady	FS	5-11	200	SR
29	Justin Smith	FS	5-11	190	JR
30	Rocky Boiman	OLB	6-4	245	SO
32	Terrance Howard	TB	6-1	193	SO
33	Courtney Watson	RB	6-2	205	FR
34	Ronnie Nicks	ILB	6-0	240	SR
35	David Miller	K-P	5-11	190	SO
35	Tim O'Neill	TB	5-5	163	SO
36	Tom Lopienski	FB	6-1	259	SO
37	Ron Israel	SS	6-0	205	JR
39	Anthony Denman	ILB	6-2	230	JR
39	Chris Leck	SS	5-9	192	SR
40	Jason Murray	FB	6-1	260	JR
40	Brendan Farrell	ILB	5-9	232	SR
41	Joe Ferrer	OLB	6-2	235	SR
42	Shane Walton	CB	5-11	185	SO
44	Grant Irons	DE	6-5	272	JR
45	Joey Goodspeed	FB	6-0	250	SR
46	Andrew Dempsey	TE/DE	6-2	252	JR
47	Mike McNair	FB	6-0	242	SO
48	Johnathan Hebert	SE	5-11	199	SR
50	Cedric Hilliard	DL	6-3	295	FR
51	Tyreo Harrison	ILB	6-2	235	SO
52	Jeff Faine	OL	6-3	310	FR
53	Lamont Bryant	DE	6-3	265	SR
54	B.J. Scott	C	6-3	285	SR
55	Jim Jones	OG	6-3	307	SR
56	Pat Ryan	LB	6-3	220	FR
56	John Crowther	LS	6-2	245	SO
57	Justin Thomas	LB	6-2	230	FR
57	Luigi Rao	LB	5-10	208	JR
58	Brendan O'Connor	OG	6-2	292	JR
60	Darrell Campbell	DL	6-4	245	SO
61	Mike Zelenka	FB	6-0	218	JR
62	Casey Robin	OT	6-7	311	JR
63	Brennan Curtin	OL	6-8	295	FR
63	Mike Tribe	ILB	5-10	220	JR
64	John Merandi	C	6-3	300	SR
65	Sean Milligan	OL	6-4	285	FR
66	JW Jordan	C	6-1	277	JR
67	Ryan Gillis	OL	6-3	315	FR
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77	Brad Williams	DT	6-4	288	SR
78	Jordan Black	OT	6-6	313	SO
79	Sean Mahan	OT	6-4	285	SO
80	Gary Godsey	TE	6-7	255	FR
83	Patrick Reynolds	WR	5-11	184	SO
84	John Owens	TE	6-3	246	FR
85	Antwon Jones	DT	6-2	283	SR
85	Mark Rule	WR/QB	6-2	218	SR
86	Dan O'Leary	TE	6-4	260	SR
87	Jabari Holloway	TE	6-4	260	JR
88	Bobby Brown	FL	6-2	193	SR
89	Gerald Morgan	TE	6-4	261	SO
90	Lance Legree	DT	6-1	296	SR
91	N. VanHook-Drucker	DE	6-2	271	SR
94	Andy Wisne	DT	6-3	270	JR
95	Ryan Roberts	DE	6-2	260	SO
98	Anthony Weaver	DT	6-3	270	SO
98	Eric Glass	DT	6-4	252	SR
99	Jason Ching	DE	6-3	267	SR

IN POSITION: running backs



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Julius Jones soars over the Oklahoma defense. Jones is one of only two healthy tailbacks for the Irish this Saturday.

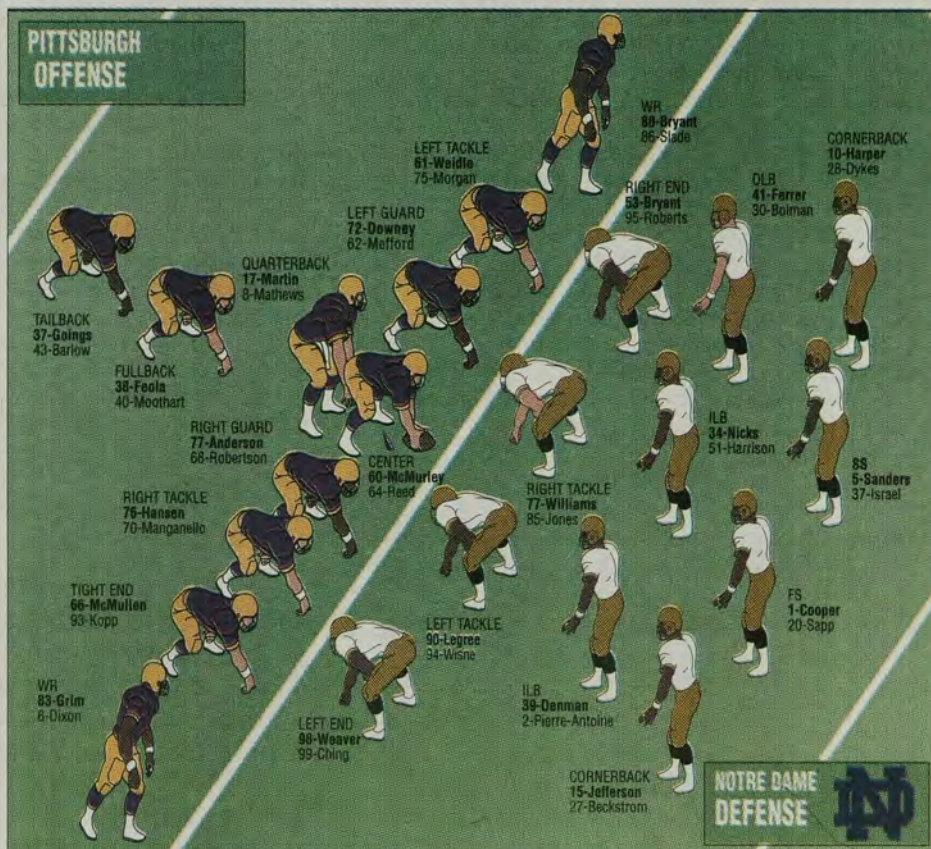
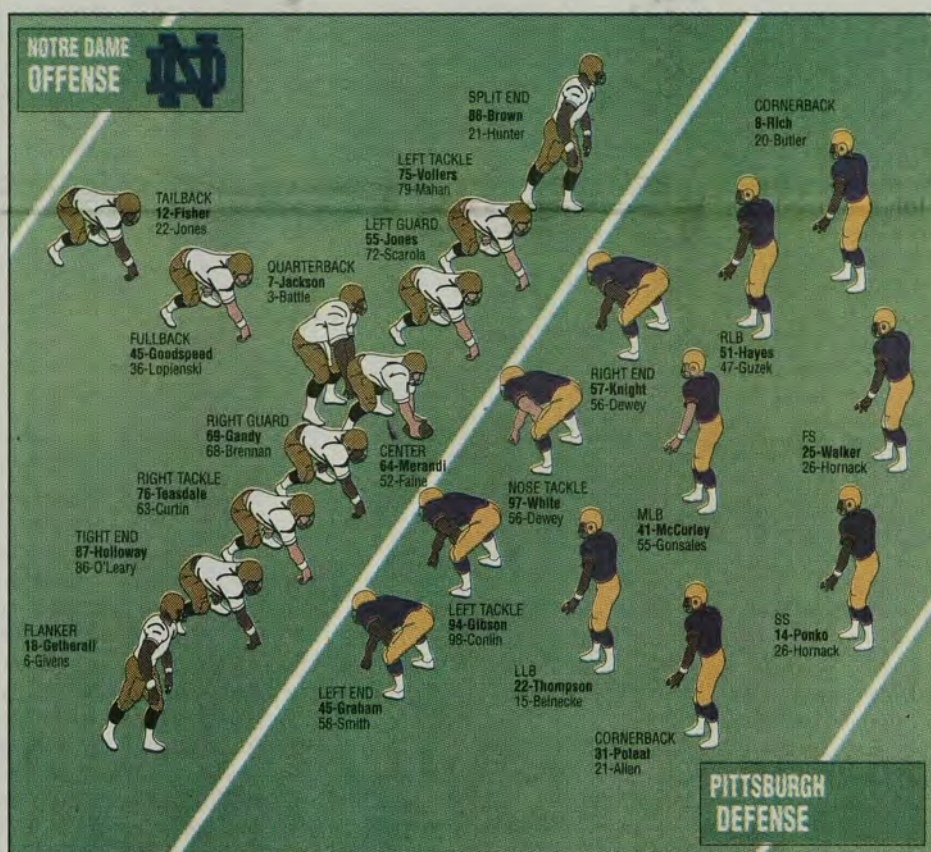
Jones, Fisher only two options

Observer Staff Report

After having to decide between four quality tailbacks all season, head coach Bob Davie is down to just two options heading into Pittsburgh. With Tony Driver suspended and Terrance Howard injured, only freshman Julius Jones and sophomore Tony Fisher remain on the

Irish depth chart. Jones, however, is not completely healthy. He wore a knee brace in practice this week after spraining his knee against Tennessee.

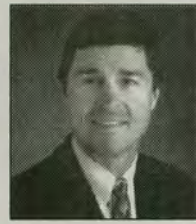
Fisher and Jones should take advantage of their increased number of carries this week to establish themselves as the best two backs on the team for the rest of the year and next season.



1999 VOLUNTEERS

Schedule

Sept. 4	BOWLING GREEN	W 30-10
Sept. 18	at Penn State	L 20-17
Sept. 25	KENT	W 30-23
Oct. 2	TEMPLE	W 55-24
Oct. 9	SYRACUSE	L 24-17
Oct. 23	at Boston College	L 20-16
Oct. 30	at Rutgers	W 38-15
Nov. 6	VIRGINIA TECH	L 30-17
Nov. 13	MIAMI	L 33-3
Nov. 20	NOTRE DAME	
Nov. 27	at West Virginia	



Walt Harris
head coach

third season at
Pittsburgh

career record:

23-44

at Pittsburgh:

12-20

against Notre

Dame: 0-1

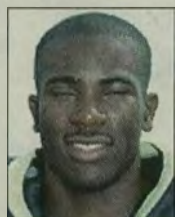
Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Dinkins	DB	6-4	235	SR
2	Kody Miller	LB	6-1	215	SR
3	Taron Gray	DB	5-10	185	FR
4	Chris Curd	WR	6-3	195	FR
5	Kenny Ketchen	WR	6-1	200	SR
5	Rick Hathaway	DB	5-10	180	FR
6	Julius Dixon	WR	5-10	170	SR
7	Shawn Robinson	WR	6-1	170	FR
8	Demetrius Rich	DB	5-10	170	FR
9	Matt O'Connor	QB	6-3	205	SR
9	Brian Oleksa	DB	5-9	165	SO
10	John Tuman	QB	6-4	215	JR
11	David Priestly	QB	6-4	200	SO
12	Rod Ritherford	QB	6-3	195	FR
13	James Beabout	P	5-11	190	SR
14	Mark Ponko	DB	5-10	200	SO
15	Brian Beinecke	LB	6-1	210	FR
16	Greg Debolt	P	6-0	185	SR
17	Corey Humphries	DB	6-1	190	FR
17	Brian Petrillo	P	6-0	175	FR
18	Jay Junko	WR	6-4	200	FR
19	Amir Purifoy	LB	6-2	235	SO
20	Robb Butler	DB	6-0	185	FR
21	Chiffon Allen	DB	5-10	170	SR
22	Karim Thompson	LB	6-0	200	SR
23	Brennan Carroll	TE	6-3	240	SR
24	Torrie Cox	RB	5-9	185	FR
24	Jacob Lininger	LB	6-3	225	FR
25	Ramon Walker	DB	5-11	190	FR
26	Seth Hornack	DB	5-11	195	SR
26	Scott Virag	TE	6-2	235	FR
27	Aaron Price	DB	6-0	185	FR
28	Gary Urschler	DB	5-9	195	FR
29	Joe Vaglia	FB	5-10	205	JR
30	Brandon Byrd	WR	6-2	185	SO
31	Hank Poteat	DB	6-0	190	SR
32	Lousaka Polite	FB	6-0	220	FR
33	Mike Camilleri	RB	5-11	210	SR
34	Brandon Williams	RB	6-0	215	SO
35	Nick Lotz	PK	6-2	210	SO
35	Ben Johnson	DB	5-9	170	JR
36	Brad Nida	K	5-10	190	FR
37	Nick Goings	RB	6-0	215	JR
38	Chris Feola	FB	6-1	230	SR
39	Nick Cole	LB	6-2	230	SO
40	Mark Moothart	FB	6-0	235	SO
41	Scott McCurley	LB	6-0	215	FR
42	Mark Gurgol	FB	6-1	230	JR
43	Kevan Barlow	RB	6-1	235	JR
44	Rickey Mendenhill	FB	6-0	230	SO
45	Julian Graham	DL	6-3	260	SR
46	John Parker	LS	6-1	220	SR
47	Brian Guzek	LB	6-2	225	FR
48	Lewis Moore	LB	6-2	245	FR
49	Colin Bovich	LB	6-2	230	JR
50	George Pesisl	DL	6-0	235	FR
51	Gerald Hayes	LB	6-3	230	FR
52	Mike Hostetler	OL	6-2	240	JR
53	Ken Kashubura	DL	6-4	235	SR
54	Keith Featsent	DL	6-2	260	SO
54	Nick Pietracatello	OL	6-3	245	FR
55	Ryan Gonsales	LB	6-2	240	SR
56	Brandon Dewey	DL	6-4	250	SR
57	Bryan Knight	DL	6-2	225	SO
58	Ryan Smith	DL	6-4	245	FR
59	John Farrell	C	6-4	280	JR
60	Jeff McCurley	C	6-5	290	JR
61	Ethan Weidle	OL	6-6	300	SR
62	Matt Mefford	OL	6-3	270	FR
63	Darrell McMurray	DL	6-4	290	FR
64	Chad Reed	OL	6-3	275	FR
66	Penny Semaia	OL	6-5	320	FR
68	Timothy Robertson	OL	6-5	270	JR
69	Kurt Johnson	OL	6-1	260	FR
70	Joe Manganello	OL	6-4	290	FR
71	Patrick Simone	OL	6-3	280	JR
72	Khiawatha Downey	OL	6-4	295	FR
73	Mark Browne	OL	6-5	285	SR
75	Matt Morgan	OL	6-6	290	FR
76	Ryan Hansen	OL	6-7	295	SR
77	Bryan Anderson	OL	6-5	295	FR
78	Mike Heinz	WR	6-1	190	JR
79	Paul Sepe	DL	6-3	250	JR
80	Antonio Bryant	WR	6-2	195	FR
81	Dan LaCarte	DL	6-4	240	FR
82	Kris Wilson	TE	6-3	230	FR
83	Latef Grim	WR	6-0	185	JR
84	R.J. English	WR	6-3	200	SO
86	Lamar Slade	WR	6-4	195	FR
87	Tim Stein	WR	5-8	175	JR
88	Kirk McMullen	TE	6-4	260	SR
90	Claude Harriott	DL	6-4	225	FR
91	Nigel Neal	DL	6-3	290	JR
92	Charles Steffy	DL	6-2	280	FR
93	Ben Kopp	TE	6-4	280	SR
94	Demond Gibson	DL	6-4	300	SR
95	Mike Bosnic	TE	6-7	285	SO
96	Mo Rodgers	DL	6-4	270	JR
97	Mike White	DL	6-3	280	JR
98	Joe Conlin	DL	6-5	270	SO
99	Scott Friedman	TE	6-5	280	SO

Denman leads 'trill' 'backers

♦ **Junior inside linebacker ranks second on team in tackles**

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer



Denman

Anthony Denman awoke early one fall morning during his freshman year in 1997. Looking outside his dorm room window, he noticed snow on the ground. Initially, Denman thought class was canceled and he could get some more rest.

Then he realized he was in South Bend.

It was quite the culture shock.

"The first day I saw some snow on the ground was my freshman year in September," Denman said. "And I had to go to class. In Texas if it gets 20 degrees you don't even go to school, even if it's not snowing. They don't ever cancel school here. I had to get used to that."

Since that day, Denman has adjusted quite well to his new life up north.

Now a junior and the Irish's second leading tackler with 63 tackles on the season from his inside linebacker position, Denman has become one of the top defensive players on the team.

Denman joins Tyreo Harrison, Ronnie Nicks and Rocky Boiman to form one of the more athletic quartet of linebackers the Irish have ever had. Denman, Nicks and Harrison are all natives of Texas, and Texan roots have played a major role in their friendships, both on and off the field.

In fact, Nicks hosted Denman on his official visit as a high school senior while Denman served as Harrison's host in 1998.

The linebackers have their own nickname for themselves. The Texas trio has even gotten Boiman, who hails from Ohio, to join in with the name.

"We call ourselves the Trill 'backers,'" Denman said. "Trill means true and real. It's a Texas thing."

Tyreo Harrison, Ronnie Nicks and myself assimilated Rocky Boiman into the Trill backers. We're going nationwide with it."

Though they haven't caught the attention of a national audience just yet, the junior from Rusk, Texas, has proven to be an integral part of an improving Irish defense.

A year ago, the 6-foot-2, 233-pound Denman played behind tri-captain Kory Minor at outside linebacker. This year, with the graduation of Bobbie Howard and Jimmy Friday from the inside positions, Denman was asked to switch positions.

position: inside linebacker

year: junior

awards: defensive MVP of '99 Blue-Gold game, Texas all-state selection as senior in high school

notables: has second-most tackles for the Irish this season with 63, leads team with three fumble recoveries

It didn't take long for Denman to make an immediate impact.

The junior, in his first game at his new position, garnered defensive MVP honors at the Blue-Gold scrimmage in the spring. In that game Denman recorded six tackles and a sack and returned an interception 34 yards.

Denman said the change wasn't too difficult.

"It was kind of easy," he said. "At outside linebacker you take on the tight end, but inside I have to use my quickness to avoid blockers and make plays all over the field. It hasn't been too hard."

Besides his tackle total, Denman has also recovered three fumbles, including a 31-yard return for a touchdown against Kansas. The junior has forced two fumbles as well and added a sack for the 5-4 Irish.

Denman's play has not gone unnoticed.

"Since I have been here [1994] I would say he is probably the most explosive player we have had at that inside linebacker position," Davie said. "He and [Kinnon] Tatum [who played for the Irish from 1993-96], but he is probably a little bigger than Tatum."

His teammates have also seen the impact Denman has on the Irish defense.

"For us he is irreplaceable because of the type of player he is," teammate and friend Grant Irons said. "He has done a great job through out this year with the intensity he provides and the enthusiasm he shows on the field."

His duties this year also include calling plays in the huddle. His combination of talent and personality has thrust Denman into a role as a leader of the defense.

"Any time you are a linebacker and you are in front of that huddle, you have to be a leader," defensive coordinator Greg Mattison said. "He's been the one who is communicating things to the other guys."

The influence of Minor has helped Denman adjust to his



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Junior linebacker Anthony Denman recovers a fumble in Notre Dame's 25-24 victory over Southern California.

leadership position.

"Kory was a great leader," Denman said. "Every time he came to practice, he practiced hard. He was a great inspiration."

Though he tries to lead by example, Denman also knows that at times he must be vocal.

"I try to lead by example," Denman said. "I don't tell the other guys what to do but I just try to make plays and leave it there."

"But sometimes when we're getting driven upon, I tell the defense to turn it up a notch," Denman added. "You've got to get them going."

Besides being a leader on the Irish team, Denman believes he also has an obligation to be a leader at home as well. With two younger brothers, Charlvn and John, Denman knows his lifestyle has a major influence on their lives.

"I pride myself by living by example," Denman said. "I've got two younger brothers — I want to be a good example to

them. I don't want them to see me doing something bad."

Since his days at Rusk High School, Denman has shown his talents at a multitude of positions. Besides linebacker, Denman played running back, quarterback, defensive line and fullback during his high school career. As a senior, Denman rushed for 1,250 yards and 12 touchdowns from his running back position while making 85 tackles on defense.

"It has been a bit of a transition," Davie said. "He came here as tailback out of high school. So he has gone from the tailback to outside linebacker to inside linebacker. But one thing you learn, good football players are good football players. They can play anywhere."

The Irish will need the talented Denman to continue to play well when they travel to Pittsburgh on Saturday. A week ago Denman recorded a team-high 13 tackles in the 38-14 loss to Tennessee.

In order to put itself in the

best possible scenario for the postseason, the Irish need to win their final three games of the season. Denman believes his team has the right attitude to do just that.

"The attitude now is that we're going to beat Pitt, Boston College and Stanford," Denman said. "It's not even going to be close. We're going to blow them out. That's my attitude personally."

Though he now lives in South Bend, Denman will always be true to his home state. Even if his teammates give him a hard time.

"Texas has the best football ever, of any state," Denman said, "even Florida or California. Texas is the best."

And if Denman's Rusk team ever played against his fellow Trill backers in high school?

"If we would have played them we would have beat both of their teams," Denman said. "Both Kilgore [Nick's school] and Sulphur Springs [Harrison's school]."

up close & personal

WITH ANTHONY DENMAN

birthdate: Oct. 30, 1979
hometown: Rusk, Texas
major: MIS
dimensions: 6-foot-2, 230 pounds
high school: Rusk High School
dorm: Alumni Hall

the people who have helped me the most since I've been at Notre Dame: family, Grant Irons, Don Pierce
a word to describe him of the field: wig-splitter
a word to describe him off the field: trill

if I could play another position on the other side of the ball it would be: tailback
most stimulating class at Notre Dame: psychology 252
athlete he admires: Emmitt Smith

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AROUND THE NATION



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Anthony Thomas, shown here in this year's game against the Irish when he ran for 138 yards, leads the No. 16 Michigan Wolverines into State College, Penn., to battle the No. 6 Nitany Lions of Penn State this Saturday in a critical Big 10 battle.

No. 6 Penn State looks to get back to winning ways

Observer Staff Report

While No. 6 Penn State's bid for a national title was dashed by Minnesota last Saturday, it must regain its focus before the No. 16 Michigan Wolverines come to Happy Valley or the Nitany Lions could find themselves in second place in the Big 10 with no chance at a Rose Bowl bid.

Since losing to the Michigan State Spartans on Oct. 9, the Wolverines have won close games over Illinois, Indiana and Northwestern to improve to 4-2 in the Big 10. While Michigan's Rose Bowl chances are slim, it can still play the spoiler role against Penn State.

LaVar Arrington and Courtney Brown, who could go 1-2 in next spring's NFL draft, lead one of the nation's top defenses against a well balanced Michigan offense. The A-Train, Anthony Thomas, has scored 14 touchdowns for the Wolverines and rushed for over 1000 yards to lead the ground attack while sophomore David Terrell have caught 53 passes to spark the passing attack. Terrell isn't the only receiving threat for the Wolverines. Marcus Knight, Aaron Shea, Marquise Walker and Thomas have also caught more than 20 passes so far in 1999.

While the Penn State defense is strong, its offense is questionable. Head coach Joe Paterno alternates between Kevin Thompson and Rashard Casey at quarterback. Thompson is the better passer but Casey adds spark and athleticism to the offense. Chafie Fields is both quarterbacks' favorite target. He has caught 31 passes for 592 yards and six touchdowns in 1999.

No. 19 Miami at No. 2 Virginia Tech

The Hokies look to prove they are worthy of their top two ranking in the polls after coasting through a schedule that included such cupcakes as Div I-AA James Madison, Alabama-Birmingham and Rutgers while just barely beating a West Virginia team that lost to Navy at home.

While Virginia Tech steadily climbed in the polls this year, Miami has rebounded from a poor start to put itself in position for a BCS berth. After beginning the sea-

son with a win over Ohio State in the kickoff classic and a win over Florida A&M, Miami dropped three straight to Penn State, Florida State and East Carolina to fall to 2-3. Since that time, Miami has beaten up on weak Big East schedule to improve to 6-3 and a first place tie with Virginia Tech in the Big East.

Virginia Tech is led by a stifling defense that features two of the best defensive linemen in the country in John Engleberger and Corey Moore. While the Hokie defense has always been strong, their offense is now at a level where it is no long a liability. Led by one of the most explosive players in the country, quarterback Michael Vick, the offense can put points on the board in bunches.

The Hurricanes feature an athletic quarterback in Kenny Kelly whose favorite target has been Santana Moss and a bruising running back in James Jackson.

No. 8 Mississippi State at

No. 11 Alabama

Quick, name the only undefeated team in the Southeastern Conference. Nope. Not Florida. Or Tennessee or even Georgia. The only SEC team without a blemish on its record is the Mississippi State Bulldogs. Jackie Sherrill's squad has benefited from a schedule rich with sub .500 teams and has yet to face a real threat. That changes this Saturday when the Bulldogs travel to Tuscaloosa to take on the Crimson Tide in a battle for the top of the SEC West.

Alabama, which dealt Florida its only loss on the year, relies on Heisman trophy candidate Shawn Alexander for much of its offense. The senior is both a rushing a receiving threat out of the backfield who has scored 14 touchdowns on the ground and four through the air.

The Bulldogs rely on a defense that returns seven starters from 1998 with the front seven especially strong.

A win over MSU would most likely give Alabama a berth in the SEC title game with a BCS slot on the line while the Bulldogs must start off the toughest part of their schedule with a win over the Crimson Tide. Mississippi State plays a tough Arkansas team and No. 18 Mississippi in the following two weeks.

AP Poll

team	record	points
1 Florida State (66)	9-0	1,746
2 Virginia Tech (4)	8-0	1,656
3 Tennessee	7-1	1,599
4 Florida	8-1	1,523
5 Kansas State	9-0	1,495
6 Penn State	9-1	1,328
7 Nebraska	8-1	1,296
8 Mississippi State	8-0	1,288
9 Wisconsin	8-2	1,206
10 Texas	8-2	1,085
11 Alabama	7-2	1,006
12 Marshall	9-0	947
13 Georgia Tech	6-2	853
14 Georgia	6-2	825
15 BYU	8-1	805
16 Michigan	7-2	749
17 Michigan State	7-2	680
18 Mississippi	7-2	508
19 Miami (Fla.)	5-3	486
20 Minnesota	6-3	357
21 Southern Miss	6-3	310
22 Purdue	6-4	288
23 Washington	6-3	213
24 East Carolina	7-2	99
25 Ohio State	6-4	89

other teams receiving votes: Texas A&M 70, Louisiana Tech 60, Boston College 55, Oklahoma 30, Virginia 20, Oregon 15, Stanford 11, Clemson 9, Oregon State 9, Syracuse 6, Arkansas 5, Western Mich 5, Utah 4, Fresno State 3, NOTRE DAME 2

ESPN/USA Today Poll

team	record	points
1 Florida State (57)	9-0	1,472
2 Virginia Tech (1)	8-0	1,394
3 Tennessee (1)	7-1	1,333
4 Florida	8-1	1,282
5 Kansas State	9-0	1,270
6 Nebraska	8-1	1,120
7 Mississippi State	8-0	1,115
8 Penn State	9-1	1,100
9 Wisconsin	8-2	1,012
10 Texas	8-2	992
11 Marshall	9-0	773
12 BYU	8-1	766
13 Alabama	7-2	764
14 Georgia Tech	6-2	739
15 Michigan	7-2	684
16 Georgia	6-2	656
17 Michigan State	7-2	563
18 Mississippi	7-2	432
19 Miami (Fla.)	5-3	379
20 Southern Miss	6-3	253
21 Minnesota	6-3	152
22 Washington	6-3	145
23 Texas A&M	6-3	141
24 East Carolina	7-2	138
25 Boston College	6-2	137

other teams receiving votes: Purdue 108, Ohio State 65, Stanford 39, Oklahoma 34, Arkansas 31, Colorado State 23, Syracuse 20, Virginia 18, Louisiana Tech 14, Oregon 14, Louisville 13, Western Michigan 13, Clemson 11, NOTRE DAME 3

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Indiana at Minnesota.....12 p.m., Ch. 46

Iowa at Wisconsin.....3:30 p.m., ABC

Auburn at Georgia6 p.m., ESPN2

Miami at Virginia Tech....7:30 p.m. ESPN

Kentucky at Vanderbilt9 p.m., ESPN2

the inside edge

ND records: 5-4
A.P. rank: NR
coaches' poll: NR

Pitt records: 4-5
A.P. rank: NR
coaches' poll: NR

Series Record

Notre Dame leads series

40-16-1



quarterbacks: David Priestly is very efficient, but Jarious Jackson is efficient, mobile and has a stronger arm. Priestly is also hampered by a shoulder injury.



running backs: Julius Jones is a bit banged up but will play. Kevan Barlow and Nick Goings are powerful backs for Pitt.



receivers: Raki Nelson is still out for the Irish so the Panthers get the advantage with Latef Grim and Antonio Bryant as big play threats.

EVEN

offensive line: Losing Jordan Black sets back the Irish line after consistent improvement. The Pitt line is also weak, however.



defensive line: Grant Irons is banged up and will probably not play, but Anthony Weaver and Lamont Bryant are playing some of their best football of the year. Demond Gibson leads the Pitt defensive front.



linebackers: Anthony Denman gets stronger and quicker every week for the Irish. The Pitt linebackers have not been impressive in 1999.



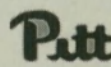
secondary: Ramon Walker and Hank Poteat lead a potent Pitt secondary. Notre Dame's youth at defensive back was exploited by Tennessee in the nickel situations.



special teams: Poteat is also a threat as a returner. The last time the Irish returned a kick for a touchdown, however, was against the Panthers in Pitt Stadium.

EVEN

coaching: Walt Harris has taken a program that had fallen on hard times and turned it into a team with bowl potential every year. Bob Davie made some gutsy decisions in last week's loss to Tennessee.



intangibles: The Panthers will be fired up for senior day and the last game in Pitt Stadium. The Irish will be looking for that elusive road victory.



Overall

Some of the greatest players in Pitt football history will gather on the sidelines this Saturday to honor Pitt Stadium in the last game ever to be played in the stadium. Luckily for the Irish, the 1999 Panthers are just a shadow of the Pitt glory days and Notre Dame should have no trouble picking up its 21st win in 30 trips to Pitt Stadium.

IRISH EXCHANGE

Irish must play well enough to win

I think Bob Davie summed it up best at this week's news conference, commenting on the Tennessee loss, when he said, "We should have won that game if we would have played well enough to win."

It must have been Yogi Berra day at Notre Dame, but I think Davie hit the nail on the head. It's just too bad that it took this long to figure that out. I guess this means that on many occasions we've lost a game because we have not played well enough to win. I guess the next logical step is to figure out why we've been unable to win.

Some of the diehard Irish "fans" have said that Notre Dame needs to abandon the strict admissions policies that recruits must pass so that the Golden Dome can more resemble a penitentiary — or even worse, a state school. Sounds like a good tradeoff, academic respect for a winning football team with players more concerned with using college as training camp than as an opportunity to earn a degree. But then we'd have to get rid of all those coffee-table books and posters that boast Notre Dame's tradition and goals of excellence.

But is Notre Dame really lacking the ability to recruit some of the top players in the country? Only if Notre Dame's two-straight top five classes is considered not good enough. If we can pull in players considered to be in the top five, why can't the Irish develop into a team that's anywhere near the top five?

It might have something to do with the fact that the Irish are one game away from being at .500 and fighting to land a berth in the Insight.com bowl. Tennessee simply showed everyone that the Irish are on a different level than the top teams. The talent is still there for the Irish, it just seems that every other team is turning the talent into a solid unit. The best the Irish can hope for a solid quarter of play.

Somewhere between the high-



Anthony Blanco

football columnist



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

The Irish defense wraps up Volunteer tailback Travis Henry in last week's loss to Tennessee.

ly-touted recruiting classes and the schooling we receive at the hands of opponents lies the coaching staff. And maybe here-in lies the answer to the wisdom of playing well enough to win.

Inconsistency has made for some memorable moments this season in the nail-bitters against Oklahoma, USC and Navy. But I think we could have all done without blunders and bad calls that cost us the Michigan, Purdue, Michigan State and Tennessee games. Davie's accepting responsibility for what went wrong in those games sheds some light on the team's struggles.

The Irish knew that stopping Tee Martin was crucial if we had any chance to upset the Vols. As has been the case all season long, the opponent's quarterback has had nothing but success against the defensive backs. Pittsburgh's duo of John Turman and David Priestley probably won't have the same success that Martin did, but that's not saying much when Tennessee scored three pass touchdowns. Part of playing well enough to win must be stopping the oppo-

nent's quarterback from having a career day.

How successful is running the deep offense that offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers brings to each game when we aren't even successful running the ball? Freshman Julius Jones has shown flashes of excellence this season, yet was held to just 46 yards last week to lead the team. A running game should resemble more than Jarious Jackson's one-man ground attack — which has often been the case this season. Pittsburgh probably won't put the same pressure on defense that the Vols did. It might be a good idea if the Irish used that to their advantage.

With the last road win for the Irish coming in last season's November matchup against Navy and the prospect of not making a bowl bid only two losses away, the Irish now more than ever need a flawless effort from its coaches. Hopefully, Davie will have a more to say following this weekend's game.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Irish can't beat good teams, Panthers

The final game at Pitt Stadium is finally here, and the Panthers get to face the most overrated school in the nation. The only good thing about Notre Dame is Pittsburgh native Bob Davie. Every year, we're forced to see the Irish gracing the top 25, only to be forced out after a few losses in September and October.

The first thing Irish fans will bring up is the strength of schedule. That's great, but if you can't beat the good teams, why do you play them year after year?

Until we were 21, we thought Notre Dame was the fifth service academy. All those tough contests against Army, Navy and Air Force must have forced Notre Dame Athletics Director Michael Wadsworth to change to Michigan and Michigan State, thinking he might get some victories. Nope, good thinking, though, Michael.

With all those Big Ten teams on the schedule, you'd think the Irish were a member of that conference. I say, go right ahead, and quit ruining the Big East's bowl chances.

The Big East is not a strong conference, but there are some quality teams. There's talk of Boston College not making a bowl game, even with seven victories, which will include a Nov. 20 beating of the overrated Irish.

I bet NBC is real happy that they are locked with Notre Dame on a television schedule through the year 2005. No wonder they've dropped behind CBS in the ratings. That big win over Navy probably drew as many viewers as Pitt's big ESPN-regional battle against Kent.

Last week was real nice, too. As if we needed any more proof that Notre Dame is overrated, Tennessee beat up on Davie's troops, 38-14.

Pitt is not overrated. They are not underrated, either. People think Pitt stinks and

they do. Period. The Panthers do not have millions of wannabes wearing Notre Dame merchandise, claiming to be fans. What's so great about Notre Dame?

So they've had some great teams. So has Pitt. Why don't they get a national television contract for all of their home games? WB will be pursuing a contract with Pitt in the near future, if you go by results.

The hallowed ground of Pitt Stadium will say goodbye to college football after Saturday's game against the Crying Irish. The players are not too concerned with the end of the stadium, but the fans are. What better team to play than the Whimpering Irish? A victory would put us all over television, since beating Notre Dame is supposed to be special, even though four teams have already done that this year.

It's old news. Notre Dame loses, Notre Dame still gets into a bowl, because of the name.

I'm sure it's hard for the Irish players to get motivated for this game, knowing a 56-0 loss would assure them a spot in the Gator Bowl.

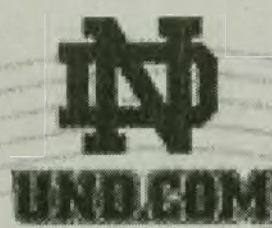
Things should be no different on Saturday. Notre Dame will come in, destroy Pitt and get national recognition because they overcame the odds of playing the last game at Pitt Stadium to win.

In the event that Pitt wins, it's supposed to happen because of the emotional high of closing a 74-year old stadium.

It's a no-win situation when you play Notre Dame, just as it always is. If Lou Holtz's South Carolina team beat Notre Dame, it would be because he's a good coach, right? Nope. It's because he got all fired up about playing against Notre Dame.

Spare me. When will this national fascination for a mediocre football team end? Maybe when the Irish join the Big Ten and lose seven games every year for the next millennium.

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